University Housing moves to curb H1N1 infections in dorms

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

The H1N1 season expected to peak in mid-November, Univer-
sity Housing Services has taken preventative measures to prevent the spread of H1N1 in dorms on campus, a housing representative said.

“We have a full plan in place,” said Kevina Brown, community relations coordinator for University Housing Services.

Brown said the plan identifies stu-
dents with H1N1 symptoms and iso-
lates them if necessary.

Those educational plans have been distributed throughout the resi-
dence halls in SJSU that meet the re-
quirement of using good hygiene.

“The use of good hygiene includes sanitizing hands before using them to eat, avoiding exposure to others when sneezing or coughing, and avoiding hand contact with eyes and mouth,” Brown said.

Of biology major Oyynma Nikolde said he is not concerned about getting H1N1, because he knows how to deal with its symptoms.

“Staying fit in reality is pretty much just like the flu, it only makes a little worse,” said Nikolde, who lives on cam-
pus. “So if you know how to take care of yourself with the flu, you know how to take care of yourself with the swine flu.”

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dial staff have begun to distribute com-
mon touch points such as doorknobs,

Terrance Williams, No. 3, sits on the Spartans’ bench alone during their loss to Nevada on Sunday.

Dean of social sciences announces retirement for Fall 2010

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

The Hegstrom said he is retir-
ing at the end of the summer 2010 season after serving as dean for the College of Social Sciences for six years.

“The new dean is planned to start in Fall 2010,” said George Vasquez, associate dean for College of Social Sciences. “We plan to have some-
one chosen for the position by the end of the spring semester, but we have just begun preparing the hiring committee. The dean search will be a nationwide search.”

Hegstrom said a quality he would like to see in the new ap-
plicant for his position is an unders-
anding of the public university system.

“I think we have made some progress in the college as we deal

Whitmore rides bike for health, sustainability

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

SJSU President Jon Whitmore said he tried to ride his cruiser bicycle every week to help the en-
vironment as well as his health.

“Bike a part of my own commit-
to the sustainability project

Hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed at courtesy doors inside resi-
dence halls, and free thermometers and protective masks are also available for students, Brown said.

Although for health care facilities, including SJSU’s Student Health cen-
ter, are testing param for H1N1, it becoms increasingly important for students to monitor their own flu-like symptoms, Brown said.

“The Centers for Disease Control Web site states that H1N1 symptoms resemble the symptoms of the common flu.”

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The future of renewable energy might be in the hands of SJU students, said a SunPower Corporation official.

"My goal is to give you some sense of where you’re going with your career," said Tom Werner, chief executive officer of SunPower. "If you haven't motivated someone, you haven't done your job yet."

About 300 people attended Werner's lecture about the future of solar power in the Engineering building auditorium Thursday.

Werner won the sixth spokeshow in the 2009 Silicon Valley Leader Symposium, sponsored by the College of Engineering.

"I’m passionate about solar power and your future," began with an overview of SunPower Corporation’s history.

"Holifield said he is not concerned about SunPower's history," he said, "because it has the same contagious quality everywhere."

"I would encourage students who are thinking about changing their major, he said," Werner said students should make their own luck by working hard for what they want. He quoted "Thomas Jefferson, the United States’ third president, "I find that the harder I work, the more I want I work to have."

"We should consider what is normally reported here," he said. "I've been researching Joya for a first account of what Joya saw." He had been researching Joya for the book, "A Woman Among Warriors," published as the first account of what democracy means. "In fact, the U.S. are about to be turned upside down, he said.

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Aaron Salcido, a sophomore business administration major from Evergreen Valley College said he had been researching Joya for some time and was glad to finally be able to listen to her speech.

"She talked about everything from warlords being gone for on war, Salcido said. "There is no justice for women in Afghanistan, because they are targeted for rape or kidnapping or killing."

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"She said warlords and representatives of the Afghan parliament were pocketing $20 million from NATO and U.S. support funds, while most Afghan women were fighting for their lives to survive, with fresh food a day, and in some cases, who are investing in themseleves, because that’s what you’re doing to help others."

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When Marching band director Scott Pierson came out to talk about the SJSU football team during the Brown Bag Lunch on Thursday, he wanted to let students know that he is a part of the family.

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Sneakers screeched and bodies tumbled about the glossy volleyball court as the Nevada Wolf Pack quickly destroyed the Spartans in three consecutive sets Saturday in Yoshihiro Uchida Hall.

“We were kind of dead and flat in the beginning,” freshman setter Caitlin Andrade said. “So in the end we picked up our energy and we kept the ball in, which made longer rallies. I think it was closer in the end.”

The first set was a quick victory for the Wolf Pack at 25-18, with no rally opportunities from the Spartans and several out-of-bounds errors.

“I think we hit more balls out or in the net than they did,” senior libero Kristal Tsukano said. “… That hurt us a lot, those little errors.”

Nevada outside hitter Kylie Harrington led all players with 14 kills.

“We knew that they were going to run the ball to No. 7, Kylie Harrington, and also to Lindsay Baldwin, No. 8 — we knew that coming out,” SJSU head coach Oscar Crespo said. “I thought we served them up, so that they couldn’t do that, but they were still able to run their offense well.”

By the second set, the Spartans managed to summon some competition for the Wolf Pack with some tense, dragged-out rallies that caused Nevada to call for a timeout.

Soon after their slight improvement, the Spartans lost their focus again when a setter placed the ball right above her head, making it nearly impossible for a hitter to swoop in for the play.

Middle blocker Kylie Miraldi scored two consecutive shots, bringing the score to 18 for the Spartans and to 21 for the Wolf Pack.

SJSU gave the second set to Nevada in the end, with several out-of-bounds shots and boundary violations, handing Nevada the win at 22-25.

After the 10-minute break, the Spartans started the third set by scoring the first point, promising new energy.

Spartan freshman Taylor Japhet slammed several well-placed kills.

At one point, Miraldi spiked the ball close to the net, and it looked like it could have been a kill, but it was unexpectedly slammed straight back into her chest.

Andrade said Nevada was scrappy, which played a major role in its victory.

She said the Wolf Pack hit well and kept the ball in, which forced the Spartans to work hard to return the ball.

“At the very end we started to play better, we started making plays,” Crespo said. “That’s how we should have been playing during the whole thing, but we were very flat.”

Andrade said the Spartans could improve hitting and blocking consistency for the next match.

Crespo said more support from SJSU students might enhance the Spartans’ performance.

“I think we’ve got a decent crowd,” he said. “It could be better. It would definitely help the kids to have that, more involvement.”
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The Spartans couldn't get anything going in the first quarter as they were held to one-yard total offense while Nevada gained 156.

The second quarter didn't start off any better for the Spartans as the Wolf Pack drove down the field on an 11-play, 74-yard touchdown drive.

Kaepernick ended the drive in which Nevada rolled down chunked up plays on the ground, with a 15-yard touchdown run after breaking out of a tackle in the backfield, making it 13-0. The drive stalled on third down when La Secla overthrew wide receiver Kevin Jordan La Secla connecting with wide receiver Kevin Jordan La Secla crossing through the Spartans' run defense with Kaepernick crossing into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

By Joey Akeley

Sports Editor

Where were you, Spartans faithful?

Nevada fans showed up, the SJSU band showed up, even Krazy George showed up. But for whatever reason, you didn't show up to the Spartans' only nationally televised game.

It turned out that you made a good decision to stay away from Spartan Stadium on Sunday, because the team was mincing in action as well.

The Spartans were demolished by the Wolf Pack 62-7. It was their worst loss since Boise State beat them 77-14 in 2005, and their worst home loss in Spartan Stadium history.

It was just a nothingworth series of plays, said coach Nick Tomsen. "We didn't do anything that we could be proud of!" Maybe we shouldn't be surprised.

The last time the Spartans lost by more than 50 points was earlier this year when they lost 56-3 to USC. And they lost by 58 to Boise State final score 77-14. And by 25 to Stanford. And by 20 to Fresno State. On average, they give up 58 points per game, and they only score 14.

Nevada gained 409 yards, 542 coming on the ground, in just the first half. The Spartans offense gained 208 yards in the game. By halftime, most of the already small student section left the game to go elsewhere.

From Krazy George, who started the wave and led several chants in the first half, looked dazed during the second half. We all know the Spartans can't stop the run. But whenever Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick needed to comp- lete a pass on third down, he did. Whenever SJSU quarterback Jordan La Secla had it, he didn't.

After all, the Wolf Pack was 13 of 12 on third down conver- sions, and the Spartans were 3 of 9.

The Spartans are now 1-7. If they want the rest of their games, they will still not be invited to a bowl game. But winning one game would be a feat for the Spartans. Their last three losses have been by a combined 113 points. Competitive, they are not. Disciplined, they are not. Exhilarating, they are not.

Just ask Tomey. That was certainly the worst football game we've played in the five years I've been here, Tomey said. "I think that is a terrible indictment against me as a head coach," he said.

Several Spartans chased as Wolf Pack running back Vai Taua during a 70-yard touch- down run with 13 seconds left in the first half, bringing the score to 34-0.
Computer engineering students compete in 'Battle of the Brains'

By Ben Cadena

SJSU President Jon Whitmore walks his bike down the hallway outside his office Friday.

Three SJSU computer programming students placed 14th in a preliminary round Saturday of the 2010 worldwide computer 'Battle of the Brains'.

The Spartan Blue Team, consisting of David Alves, a senior computer science major, Vlad Dimriuc, a sophomore computer science major, and sophomore Cali Bloomer of the Spartan Gold Team also competed and placed 67th out of 77 teams in the competition.

Computer science Professor Mike Beeson, the SJSU team's advisor, said, 'I'm proud of all the guys on the teams. They composed and held their own with world-class opponents.'

University of British Columbia and Stanford won the regional's two spots at the 34th World Finals.

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The world finals will be held Feb. 1 to Feb. 6 at Harbin Engineering University in Harbin, China.

'We did well, winning a lot of the other schools, but not as well as last year,' Alves said.

He said his team placed eighth last year.

The team competition lasts five hours at University of the Pacific's Great Raymond Hall, with the 231 students confirmed off from spectators.

Each team of three could use pencils and paper, but no hand calculators, and one computer. Runners, who could not talk to their students during the competition, said the students encounter three levels of problems such as basic math and algorithm questions that needed creative strategies.

The run time for each of the 10 problems could not exceed two minutes computing time in Java, Beeson said.

Teams raised colored balloons when they completed problems.

'If we had more time we could have done better,' Alves said.

'Spartan Blue's' second round consisted of David Alves, a senior computer science major, Vlad Dimriuc, a senior software engineering major, and sophomore Cali Bloomer.

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A crummy disconnect between arcade and online games

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-whatever happened to going out and meeting people? It seems these days, while playing online games, I’m ground zero rude comments telling me how much I sucked and that I should switch to another game.

It’s the matter of even, though I was interrupting the “stalkface,” respect for names of people and for people who have filled comments.

People are funeral names with nothing else attached to them — except for their tasting voices, saying either “I thanked or calling me a “noob,” thinking that they would never see me again, let alone in real life. It’s just the way it is.

But there are just a few things from the Jewish religion that I’ve decided to keep alive in my adulthood.

Perhaps one of the most important things I have learned in adulthood, though, is what is important to your peers might not, and probably isn’t, as important as it is to you.
One-woman show tells stories about people of mixed race

By Regina Aquino
Staff Writer

Actress Christina Moses performed a collection of multi-ethnic, multi-racial narratives at Morris Daily Auditorium on Wednesday night in the play, "Mixed! A One Woman Show."

The event was organized by Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, the Women’s Resource Center and the LGBT Resource Center for the inaugural Mixed Heritage Week, according to the event’s flyer.

"There were a lot of people who were mixed, who are mixed race,” said the play was a good way to bring forth unspoken issues.

"I thought there are a lot of us mixed girls out here who normally don’t have a voice,” she said. "So the nine different characters are fictional, but I can identify with some of the issues that were mentioned in the play.

"I’m a biracial product of a biracial marriage, " she said. "You're not completely accepted by one or the other. It’s hard because you’re not completely one thing, and you’re not completely the other. So you’re not completely accepted by one or the other. You’re kind of stuck in the middle.”

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