CRIME
Concern rises over broken UPD blue lights

By Kimberly Diaz and Devon Thames

Broken blue lights on campus raise safety concerns for some students, especially those on campus at night. Lights keep breaking down particularly near the Dr. Martin Luther King Library and Campus Village.

Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily

By David Wong

Yesterday at 5:30 a.m., an SPU student was the victim of an attempted robbery on campus.

A San Jose student was walking near the ATM building near 4th and San Antonio Streets when a suspect grabbed his arm and demanded his wallet, according to an SPU police report.

The suspect then walked away, and the student ran off to call police.

The student’s name was not released due to privacy laws.

Another SPU student, who did not wish to be quoted, also said that they had seen a number of blue lights out in the past.

Sgt. Carolyn Pitts of SPU Public Relations said that the student’s report is being investigated.

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Communities and businesses lifted by soccer team's success

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The San Jose Earthquakes’ major league soccer season is over, but the community and businesses that supported the team are just now reflecting on the organization’s success on the pitch and what it means for them. The main method of transportation for Earthquakes supporters to attend matches is to take Caltrain to Santa Clara Station, which is a short walk away from the Buck Shaw Stadium, the current home venue for the Earthquakes, on the campus of Santa Clara University.

"The construction comes at a time when communities and businesses lifted by soccer team's success

We take passion to the extreme... we don't want to be associated with other supporters groups from MLS.

Dan Margarit
1906 Ultra representative

The construction of the Earthquakes’ new stadium across from Norman Mineta Airport will drive interest among youth and adults to be active outdoors because the stadium is winning. "(The Ultras) are loud and doing something to disrupt the atmosphere at Buck Shaw Stadium. They have re-established in 2008. "Most of them are one of the reasons why foreigners don’t take our league seriously, even though the level of play is pretty good. The rest of the fans are not willing to make any type of noise that would help our team, let alone visual displays."

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Military women challenge policy on women in combat

By Michael Doyle

WASHINGTON — Tali- b fighters didn’t discriminate when they wounded or killed Capt. Mary Jennings of the California Air National Guard. She was the enemy, so they shot at her and at the men flying beside her.

Now a major, and known as Mary Jennings Hegar, the decorated helicopter pilot and other female service members are opening a new front in the challenge to the military’s long-standing exclusion of women from ground combat positions. In a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday, the women say eliminating the policy is long overdue.

“This policy is outdated, and it does not match the reality of modern war,” American Civil Liberties Union senior staff attorney Arti Sulibhag said in a telephonic news conference.

The lawsuit filed by the ACLU in U.S. District Court in San Francisco is the second this year challenging the Pentagon’s policy excluding women from combat. Last May, a University of Virginia Law School team filed the first suit in federal court in Washington.

These lawsuits take simil- ar approaches, calling the military policy unconstitutional and a hindrance to promotion po- tential. Both also face simi- lar challenges. In particular, courts often are loath to interfere with military prac- tices.

The ground combat assign- ment policy is founded on the Defense Depart- ment’s assessment, based on its military expertise, of what is necessary to preserve force readiness and military effec- tiveness,” Joint Staff Department attorneys wrote in response to the Washington lawsuit, noting that “this assessment is entitled to substantial def- erence.”

The military’s policy re- garding women in combat has been a work in progress since 1948, when Congress first posted a law making women a permanent — though ex- plicitly limited — part of the U.S. armed services. By 1994, after the first Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon narrowed the female exclusion to cover personnel below the brigade level whose primary mission is to engage in direct combat on the ground. A brigade is usu- ally composed of 3,000 to 5,000 troops.

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National Guard

Last October, the House of Repre- sentatives again voted to lift the exclu- sion to allow women in cer- tain occupations to serve in battalion-level units, which typically have 500 to 800 soldiers. Individual branches are also permitted to include women from their special operations forces, such as Navy SEALs.

“Elimination of gen- der-restricted assignment policies requires deliber- ate action,” the Pentagon’s study insists. “There are serious practical buttons, which re- quire time to resolve.”

In past cases, the Supreme Court has said sex discrimi- nation is permitted only if it’s supported by an “overwhelmingly persuasive” justification that’s substantially related to “important governmental objectives.”

Combat, though, doesn’t always respect the bureaucratic niceties.

More than 280,000 wom- en have served in the military during the past decade, while the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have been fought. More than 130 have died and more than 400 have been wounded, according to the Congres- sional Research Service.

Hegar came under fire on July 29, 2009, while co-pil-oting a HH-60G Pave Hawk search-and-rescue helicopter near Kunduz Airfield in Afghanistan. Assigned to the 129th Rescue Squadron, usu- ally based at Moody Field in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hegar was overseeing the Dis- tinguished Flying Cross with Valor, as well as the Purple Heart, for her actions that day in rescuing those wound- ed U.S. soldiers.

“My story is not excep- tional or uncommon,” Hegar said Tuesday. “The vast ma- jority of men I have served with in combat didn’t care if I was a woman. They certainly don’t only about whether I could do the job.

Even with the ground combat ban in place, Hegar noted that she ended up en- gaging the enemy from the ground for about 20 minutes after her helicopter crashed. Hegar, now 36, said the pol- icy “wouldn’t have allowed” her to serve in a ground combat position, which would help save lives.

The following items are selected from the University Police Department daily crime log. Times shown are when the incidents were reported to police.

Sunday, Nov. 25

• Student Union, 11:42 a.m.: Police officers responded to a report of a robbery. The victim, a female SJSU student, was able to identify the suspect, a male non-student. The suspect was arrested for robbery, false imprisonment, possession of a weapon on a college campus, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Spartan Stadium, 6:55 p.m.: The San Jose Fire Department put out a dumpster fire.

Monday, Nov. 26

• Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 8:40 a.m.: Library security took a report for vandalism.

• Instructional Resources Center, 3:30 p.m.: An SJSU faculty member contacted police and reported that his department-issued laptop was taken from his office.

• King Library, 4:30 a.m.: A male student was cited for activating a fire alarm pull station.

• Simplinio Stadium Center, 10:30 p.m.: A report was filed for a stolen backpack.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

• Campus Village Building B, 3:42 a.m.: A male student contacted police and reported that his wallet was stolen while he solicited female students. The suspect remained the cause after his property was found.

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Over-the-top cooking show ‘Epic Meal Time’ sizzles on the Web

By Devon C. Chmelicki

The chef at Sanoma Come S centres is automatically preparing meals for hundreds of people using donuts, meat, vegetables and fries. But on a recent afternoon in Menlo Park, Calif., 20 chefs of Internet cooking sensation “Epic Meal Time” were cooking up a storm.

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Marrying young can be healthy

It never dawned on me that being engaged at 22 was seen by many people as unusual until I turned 22. I know many people in college may discreetly or not so discreetly discuss "marriages," but not me. I can’t wait to get married and I am counting down the days until I get "I do." I got engaged last May 2nd. My boyfriend told me he was going to buy his family a new SUV and perhaps even buy a boat. I decided to do some research on the topic and was actually shocked to find out how many other people felt that getting married and settling down in your early 20s is too young.

There are many articles I found that stated that getting married at 22 is too young. One article in particular that stood out to me was from Huffington Post called "Sage's Philosophy on Why I Believe Marriage Shouldn't Be Allowed Before Age 25." She said that she got married when she was 24 and got divorced five years later, the reason being she was "too mopey and impressionable" when they met and when she was 18 years old. Sage said under the age of 25 people need to discover themselves and solve their problems before they make any marriage decisions. She even said she would want to change the law so people under the age of 25 could not get married. According to the National Vital Statistics System of the Centers for Disease Control, 302,764,738 people got married in 2010 was 6.8, and the rate for people who got divorced among a population of 17,723,860 was a 1.0 per 1,000 total population.

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Being in college can be a challenge when being engaged because much of the college scene is to be single. Sometimes people say my min- ing is on the wrong path. I admit that sometimes it’s hard because a lot of my friends are single or aren’t in as serious a relationship as I am. They often wonder if I am going to get married and worry that I can’t be all the people they want me to be. They often wonder if I am getting married too early. I just keep going and see how things go.

I recently moved in new school and since I am engaged because I feel I can’t focus on graduating. It has made me realize that my friends are so much more important than my career.

Some of the other arguments I’ve come across are, "What’s the rush?" or "You should focus on your career after college." I’ve been able to get through college just fine while being engaged. I never felt like my career was on my career as well as college while being married. I understand people may say I’m being naive, but I understand that marriage takes a lot of work and I’m willing to put in that work to make it work. I’ve come across people who have said that marriage was the most rewarding thing they’ve done.

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## San Jose Gastronomy:
### Places to get great eats in downtown

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**RESTAURANT GUIDE**

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