

# Peace rally to protest bombings

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In response to the bombings in Afghanistan, a peace rally is scheduled for Friday evening to expose students, faculty and community members to a different viewpoint.

The rally, slated for 5 p.m. at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, said Vanessa Nisperos, a member of Students For Justice.

She also said there will be faculty speakers from San Jose State University and Santa Clara University, a community speaker from Muslims for Global Peace and Justice, as well as student speakers from De Anza college, SJSU, and SCU.

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In the art quad at SJSU on Thursday, a student wore a white mask with the word "dissent" written across the forehead and the mouth taped shut and walked passing out fliers for the event.

The mask was to symbolize the "media white out and the unnamed victims in Afghanistan that the United States is not telling us about," Nisperos said.

She said Friday's rally is to educate people on the other side of the bombings in Afghanistan.

She also said the American people are not being told the entire truth about the war on terrorism and the bombing of Afghanistan.

"The mainstream media is massively supporting it," Nisperos said. "I want to see that my tax dollars are not going to the bombing of an innocent country."

Lucia Espinoza, a literature student who was painting a sign said that some people might not agree with the bombings in Afghanistan but are afraid to speak out for fear of being branded as un-American.

"I think the point of the rally is to show that some people are against the war," she said.

Some students said that the whole picture is not being shown.

"I think we're being involved in a propaganda war and we need to find out the truth rather than what we're being fed by my major media networks," said Freeda Yllana, a political science major.

Some students supported the decision to retali-