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Get a job



Thomas Hardy

Sylvester the Cat "pawed" out pamphlets in front of the Student Union to promote interest in the annual Summer Job Fair, which brought 88 potential employers together with SJSU students. The event took place yesterday in a crowded Student Union Ballroom.

Job Fair in Ballroom draws 6,000 students

By Anne Hellquist
"Excellent, but sooooo crowded" were the words used to describe the Summer Job Fair by one of the estimated 6,000 students who attended yesterday's fair in the Student Union Ballroom.

About 88 different employers were set up in booths ready to talk with students about summer job opportunities.

The fair, which is an annual event, drew employer representatives from business, industry, social services, city, state, and federal government, entertainment, summer camps and employment agencies.

Recruiters from the larger companies such as Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Intel drew the longest lines of students eager to exchange resumes for business cards.

Some recruiters showed slide shows while others had set up small exhibitions in an effort to explain their companies. Companies gave out complementary pamphlets, pens, pencils, posters and pins to interested students.

Ken Stevenson from Orchard Supply said he has hired over 60 students from previous Summer Job Fairs.

"It's a very well organized event. They treat you like kings, from the moment you arrive to the moment you leave," he said.

Debra Sampson, associate director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, said she was extremely pleased with the large turnout.

SJSU students upset about bill vetoed by Deukmejian

By Tim Goodman

Vowing to continue the battle until it's won, the California State Student Association and GALA, a SJSU gay student group, accepted with dissatisfaction Gov. George Deukmejian's veto of a bill that would have banned job discrimination against gays.

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Art Agnos, (D-San Francisco) and was vetoed on Tuesday.

Curtis Richards, a spokesperson for CSSA, said the group "is extremely dissatisfied that the governor did what he did." He said the CSSA, which supported the bill vigorously, considers it a civil rights issue and will most likely continue its support until the bill is passed.

"The bill will be back next year and I anticipate the association keeping the same position."

Deukmejian vetoed the bill on

the grounds there need not be special protections for people because of their sexual orientation and said there were actually very few documented cases of discrimination.

Calling those reasons a "blatant lie", GALA spokesperson Laura Sprague said the group was "pretty disappointed" about the decision even though it expected the veto.

"I wasn't surprised at all," she said, but added it was still "real disappointing to see so much work go down the tubes."

Student body presidents from around the state called the CSSA office to voice their displeasure over the veto. At a rally against the decision, Richards said "there were some real unhappy people" and chants of "override" could be heard throughout the rally.

However, "an override is very, very unlikely," Richards said.

The bill narrowly passed both the Assembly and the Senate with votes of 41-36 and 22-16 respectively.

Agnos has stated he will reintroduce the bill and Richards said there may be hope next time because this was "the farthest the bill had gone in its eight-year history."

Those at CSSA headquarters in Sacramento were betting Deukmejian would do nothing to the bill, Agnos said, thus letting it "slide" into law. However, he acknowledged Deukmejian "has to go to a Republican convention next week and it would have been a real uncomfortable situation," had he allowed it to pass.

GALA will continue to support the bill until it passes or the necessary votes to override it are garnered, Sprague said.

"Or until we get a new governor," she said.

Volleyball fundraiser held

By Nick Gillis

In a growing effort to establish a men's volleyball team at SJSU, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is holding a volleyball-a-thon fund-raiser today in the Men's Gym.

The fraternity, and several students from the university's volleyball club, hope the fundraiser will expand interest and support, so men's volleyball can be offered here at the NCAA level.

"I think a lot of people would like to see it happen again," said Dick Montgomery, head coach of the women's volleyball team. Montgomery said that although student interest is peaking, the key problem would be hiring a coach to organize the team.

"To be successful, you'd need leadership and stability on a long term commitment, not just for a semester or two. Essentially, it's been just the students so far," he explained.

Montgomery said that he and assistant coach Dave DeGroot are currently too involved with the women's program, and could offer little time to help organize the team, but sympathized with the students' efforts.

"It's really a neat idea," DeGroot said. "The guys are really enthusiastic around here. I just wish I had the time."

Currently, the men's volleyball club is considered an extracurricular effort, and receives minimal funding from the university. Established this semester, it is playing other local schools and gradually gaining recognition. To be considered an NCAA team, it would need athletic approval and funding for necessary equipment and expenses.

Like California State University, Chico; University of California, Santa Cruz and University of California, Davis, SJSU's men's club is a member of the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA). Established several years ago, the USVBA offers local competition at a relatively low expense.

UC-Santa Cruz, however, has had success with a men's team for several years. Competing at NCAA Division 3 level, it receives modest support from the university. Although it competes at club level, UC-Santa Cruz is optimistic that the sport could catch on in the area.

"Basically, we're a shoestring operation as far as NCAA ruling goes, but nobody here is complaining," said Bill Jones, UC-Santa Cruz sports club supervisor. "Because of collegiate ruling (that ignores division levels), our team could play the likes of Stanford and UCLA. Instead, we play other local clubs that are closer to our calibre."

SJSU had a strong tradition in men's volleyball in the 1950's and 1960's. In its peak, it competed heavily on the national level and was Far Western champions in 1965. One Spartan even made the 1964 Olympic team. The program gradually declined, before folding in 1973.

DeGroot said men's volleyball suffers in this area because there are no high school programs to support it. Most women's volleyball programs in the area are thriving.

Today's volleyball-a-thon, beginning at 8 a.m., will feature 10 hours of continuous play. All interested students are invited to participate.

Bulwer-Lytton's worst to get word processor

By Netha Thacker

The expression "garbage in, garbage out" will be given a new twist when the winner of this year's Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest receives a word processor as grand prize, said SJSU English Prof. Scott Rice, originator of the contest.

The contest, which asks entrants to compose the worst possible opening sentence to a novel, is named in honor of Lord Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton, First Baron of Lytton. Lytton is best known for his opening line, "It was a dark and stormy night . . .", immortalized by Snoopy in the Peanuts cartoon.

The contest, in its third year, has drawn international attention, including coverage in the "International Herald Tribune," "USA Today" and on East Coast radio stations. Rice said he has even talked to a radio station in Dixon, Ill., "the town that gave us Ronald Reagan."

Stories about SJSU and the contest have appeared in newspapers in England, Australia, Norway and Japan. Winners in last year's contest included entrants from West Germany and England.

Last year's grand prize winning sentence was covered by the three major networks and appeared on "Nightline." The runner-up, Barbara Kroll of Pennsylvania, has had speaking engagements as far away from her home as San Diego.

Penguin Books will publish a collection of sentences from last year's contest in January. The book is titled, naturally, "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night," and will appear just in time to promote entries for the fourth annual contest.

"I think one of the good things about the contest," Rice said, "is that it encourages people to look to language for a

source of entertainment."

The contest is a parody contest, which asks entrants to demonstrate their imagination and sense of humor, he said.

"Each one of the sentences is a little act of literary criticism," he said. He also said the best sentences are written by people who have done a lot of reading and have made a lot of observations about what's good and bad.

"Then they just pack a lot of bad stuff into one sentence," he said, comparing the process to "a literary trash compactor."

"To write a really good bad sentence," Rice said, "you need just about the same skills you need to write a good sentence."

He said the overall quality of this year's sentences is higher than last year's.

Every entrant receives a reply card, acknowledging receipt of the "execrable prose" and promising to "give it the treatment it deserves." The number of prizes awarded depends on the categories of entries received.

Winners of "Dishonorable Mention" receive certificates stating their "pen is less mighty than the sword." Bulwer-Lytton was the originator of the phrase, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

All entries must be submitted on three by five cards with the author's name, address and telephone number on the back. There are two classes of competition — masters (over 18) and juvenile. Contestants may submit as many entries as desired, but all work must be original. The entries should be sent to the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192. Deadline for this year's entries is April 15.

SUBOD accused of rule violation

By Jessica Paioff

The Committee to Stop the wRECK formally presented the Associated Students Board of Directors Wednesday with what the committee believes are violations of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code.

The allegations are aimed specifically at the Student Union Board of Directors, the body that will have the primary responsibility for the administration of the proposed Recreation and Events Center.

Copies of a letter outlining the allegations were distributed to board members by committee member, Richard Ramirez.

Authored by committee head Larry Dougherty, the letter said, "It is my belief now that SUBOD did violate Title 5, Section 42403 (c) regarding use of funds to influence elections."

"To quote from Section 42403 (c):

(c) Funds of an auxiliary organization shall be used for purposes consistent with Board of Trustees ad campus policy, and shall not be used:

(1) . . . to support or oppose any issue before the voters of this state or any subdivision thereof or any city, municipality, or local government entity of any kind . . .

"At a SUBOD meeting on March 6th, 1984, a motion was passed to allocate \$1,000 for pro-REC material to advance the cause of the REC . . .

"This action by SUBOD to influence the outcome of the student vote is both unethical and illegal . . .

"I hereby request that action be taken prohibiting this misuse of funds, including a resolution banning SUBOD from contributing funds, and whatever other sanctions you deem necessary."

The board voted to postpone any action

on the matter until next week's meeting.

John Hillyard, chief of Auxiliary and Business Services in the chancellor's office, said the allegation of the Title 5 violation "has no applicability to what's going on (regarding the center)."

Hillyard represents the principle office that interprets all regulations and handles bond issues.

According to Hillyard, the Code is "a place where specific regulations adopted by the trustees become bona fide law. They're codified and gain full force and effect of the law."

"Title 5 applies only to political office, like congress, president or governor, or legal office."

"It's anything external to the campus system," he added.

Dougherty, who had not yet spoken directly with Hillyard, disagreed.

He said Hillyard had only heard the allegation from Ron Barrett, Student Union director, and hadn't heard Dougherty's argument as to why he felt there had been a violation.

Dougherty said because SJSU is a state facility, this is a state issue.

"A.S. is only recognized by the state. Money comes from state funds. We're funded just like any other state organization."

"The vote on the Rec Center is like a state bond issue," he said.

Dougherty said he did not consult an attorney before determining SUBOD's alleged Title 5 violation.

"I've interpreted the law as accurately as I know," he said. "Many times laws are wrong."

"We're talking logic and ethics, they're talking law," he said.

Attorney John Frances disagreed with many of Dougherty's arguments.

Frances is frequently consulted by the university on legal matters. He was the attorney in charge of incorporating the Student Union.

"Barrett asked whether the section of Title 5 regarding political matters would apply to the situation he described to me," Frances said.

"It does not apply to their situation. It applies to an auxiliary organization giving contributions to candidates for public office, for instance mayor or legislator, or money in support or opposition to measures on the ballot. "It does not apply to that activity."

That section of Title 5 has a history, according to Frances, and a reason why it is interpreted the way it is.

In the late 1950s, he said, some university presidents were using money generated by auxiliary organizations to make contributions to the re-election campaign of then-state superintendent of public institutions.

A senate committee of legislators investigated the auxiliaries, Frances said, and encouraged legislators to pass a law prohibiting use of auxiliary organization funds for political purposes.

In the end, the state chose to put the regulation in the Code.

"The prohibition only refers to public office outside the university for which the public votes," Frances said.

"(Dougherty's argument) is not logical to me," he said. "One interprets legislation or regulations according to the purpose they serve. There's no ambiguity in that language, and no reasonable interpretation to support his view."

Key meet for SJSU

By Paul Lloret

After three weeks of waiting, SJSU's track team will finally get an opportunity to see where it stands. Defending PCAA champion Fresno State visits the Spartans for an important conference meet starting at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at Bud Winter Field.

Track and Field

The Spartans will be trying to win their third-straight dual meet in three years against the Bulldogs. Both previous matches have gone down to the wire, with the mile relay being the deciding factor in two identical 83-80 SJSU victories.

"As I see it, we've got to win the 400 relay, which won't be easy because they're good," sprinter coach Bob Poynter said. He also said that his sprint squad is "a little unsettled, which makes it real tough."

A major question mark for the Spartans is the status of sprinter Eric Decatur, who has been declared ineligible due to some minor registration problems unrelated to academics. According to head coach Ernie Bullard, Decatur had some financial aid problems, so his fees were not paid. For that reason, his spring grades have not been officially posted, making him ineligible. However, Poynter and Bullard said that Decatur has a good chance to compete if he can get the problems straightened out.

"We've never gone into a meet with so many question marks before," Poynter said. "If Decatur's problems can be solved, we'll be a better team." The sprint coach also said that the Spartans are capable of winning the meet without Decatur despite the fact that they are a young, inexperienced squad.

"They're all novices. We have no experienced sprinters to rely on; this is the first time this year that we've been in a pressure situation," Poynter added. "Last year we swept through the sprints. We have to hope we can come through again."

Chris Duncan and Sherman Jones will be looked upon to carry the load for the Spartans in the 200 meters. Duncan has a best of 21.3 while Jones has a time of 21.7. Freshman Damon McVea is "just learning about running but is a good meet competitor," according to Poynter. McVea has a best of 10.7 in the 100 meters. Poynter also said that Mark Wilson could be a strong factor in the meet. He has a best of 10.7 in the 100 meters.

The foursome will be facing the Bulldog 400 meter relay team of George Gaffney, Sam Chance, Tony Sanders, and Terry Neely. Fresno State fastest time was a 40.7, the Spartans current best is just a shade slower at 40.9.

"Neely is very tough," Poynter said. "He upset some of our kids last year at the PCAA meet. He'll be primed." The Bulldog runner has a personal best of 10.2 in the 100 meters. His teammate, Sam Chance, leads the Bulldogs with a 21.4 in the 200 meters.

Poynter said that the meets between the Spartans and Bulldogs have always gone down to the mile relay, but that the relay "won't be the same without Decatur." Decatur has been running unattached at Spartan meets; he ran a 48.0 in the 400 meters last weekend against Nevada-Reno.

"It will be an exciting meet because every point will be a dogfight," Bullard said. "Getting a third place finish will be just as important as a win, especially in the relays. Eighty-two is the magic number. After that who cares?"

By gaining 82 points the Spartans will post their third victory of the season. SJSU hasn't lost yet; Fresno State comes into the meet with a 1-1 record, its only loss coming to UCLA in a non-conference meet.

The meet will start with the hammer throw at 10:15 a.m. Running events are scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.



Ralph Preiman clears the bar in last Saturday's non-scoring meet with Nevada Reno. The Spartans should

get a tougher test against conference foe Fresno State tomorrow in the PCAA opener.

Can Reno unseat Fresno?

NCBA Preview

By Joe Roderick

Editor's note: This is the second of a seven part preview on the Northern California Baseball Association teams. Today, a look at the University of Nevada Reno.

Not even a formidable obstacle like the Sierra Nevada can keep the curious eyes and ears of the Northern California Baseball Association coaches from noticing the rapid rise of Nevada Reno.

"I heard through the grapevine that Reno has an outstanding team," Fresno State coach Bob Bennett said.

And this from another observer: "Reno is the most improved team in the league," St. Mary's College coach Tom Wheeler said.

While Reno, currently 10-4-1 overall, is the talk of the conference, Wolf Pack coach Gary Powers would just as soon keep a low profile and let the other guys do the chattering.

"We've improved, but that was our intent when we recruited," Powers said.

Powers would like to wipe away the memories of last year's 19-28 team — a squad that finished 10-17 in the NCBA, checking in just ahead of USF for sixth place.

Reno went panning for recruits in Los Angeles, traditionally a mecca for baseball talent. Powers signed four players from the area, three from L.A. Harbor College.

From L.A. Harbor comes left fielder Waymon Brown, shortstop Tony Bloomfield and pitcher Pat Daugherty.

UNR also got second baseman Dave Savin from Skyline College and freshman outfielder Rob Richie from the Reno area.

With only four players returning, the transfers haven't had to engage in fierce competition for starting positions. Bloomfield, hitting .283 and Savin (.375) should clean up a defense that committed more errors (109) than any NCBA team. Brown, hitting .310, has won the left field job and Daugherty is the No. 2 pitcher on the staff.

If Reno had a strength last year it was a hitting attack that ranked second in the conference at .292. But the Wolf Pack were nearly powerless, hitting just 14 home runs in 47 games. By comparison, Fresno led the NCBA with 78.

Reno is at it again, hovering around the .300 mark. Three returning players — catcher Jim Puzey, third baseman Larry Beinfest and outfielder/designated hitter Ted Bello — are hitting, but not quite as well as last year.

Beinfest hit for a higher seasonal average (.375) than any conference player in 1983. But he's hitting at a .306 clip this year. Bello hit .320 last year, but hasn't come near that yet.

"He's been hurt by a leg pull for the most part," Powers said.

Puzey, who hit .317 last year, is near that clip at .306. Puzey also collected a conference-leading 16 doubles last year.

Conversely, Reno was probably near the top of the league in doubles, triples and homers allowed, while compiling a 5.72 ERA.

Led by Daugherty (2-1) and Shawn Barton (3-1), the Wolf Pack pitchers have trimmed their ERA to a less gaudy 4.06.

If the Wolf Pack are to challenge Fresno, they'll have to keep their ERA from fluctuating wildly. "Pitching — that's been the question mark," Power said. "We'll just have to see whether it remains a question mark."

Monday: St. Mary's College.



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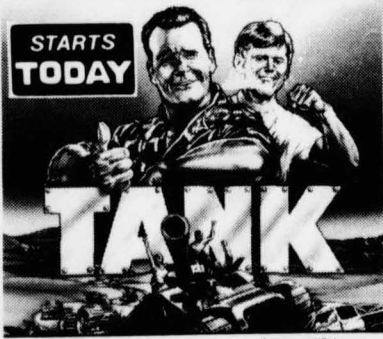
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TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT

Student dispels myths of Ireland

By Karen Salom

Being Irish means more than just having a brogue accent, drinking Irish whiskey and being an expert storyteller. It also means being warm-hearted, friendly and even a bit outspoken.

An Irish student living at the SJSU International Center describes herself as being very talkative, lively, and open. "I'm not as guarded as Americans," she said, "and I'm very frank. Sometimes, I'm too frank."

Helen Wilmot, a 20-year-old junior majoring in nursing, has those qualities of being Irish.

St. Patrick's Day, the celebration most associated with the Irish people, does not have the same significance in America that it does in Ireland.

"Americans lose something in the translation," Wilmot said.

The Irish, she explained, celebrate St. Patrick's Day as a type of "religious thanksgiving." The Roman Catholics, who comprise the dominant religion of the Irish, pay homage to St. Patrick for bringing Christianity into the world.

In Ireland, there is no school on St. Patrick's Day, she said. "We have a large parade in Dublin with celebration that includes plenty of dancing."

On St. Patrick's Day, people in Ireland do not wear green. "Green is an American tradition, and so is pinching," Wilmot said.

The Irish wear gold harps as a symbol of their people, she said.

When Wilmot first came to America, she did not like the American's traditional celebration of St. Patrick's Day. She did not understand the American meaning of the Irish holiday.

But, her mind changed as the years went by. "I think it's neat that they (the Americans) have an Irish Day. We're recognized despite our country being so small. I feel privileged." So many countries do not have a special day in America, she said.

Wilmot said she doesn't purposely wear green on St. Patrick's Day. It is not because she doesn't want to get pinched, but that she

doesn't have to wear green to feel Irish.

Born in the suburbs of Dublin, in the Republic of Ireland, she was 11 years old when her father, a doctor who specializes in spinal cord injuries for paraplegics and quadriplegics, was offered a temporary position at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

Wilmot traveled with her family to the United States on what she and her two brothers and two sisters thought was a three-month vacation.

But when her father's temporary job turned into a permanent one, a new life in a new Los Gatos home started for Wilmot and



Helen Wilmot

her family. She then began a process that would take her three to four years to adjust to American living.

In Ireland, "California was considered as a separate country from America," she said, it was the "ultimate place" to go.

It was always referred to as Sunny California, Wilmot said. California was the land where all its people were tan with blond hair and blue eyes.

Because of movies she watched that were filmed in New York City, Wilmot also perceived California to have a lot of skyscrapers.

Her perceptions quickly changed when she saw there were no skyscrapers in California. "Our new home was not even close to the beach," she said in disappointment.

She felt San Jose was too flat, spread out, and not centralized as compared to Irish cities, which were small and everyone could get to know each other.

Wilmot attended school up to the sixth grade in Ireland, where the schools were not co-ed and the children were required to wear uniforms.

"I've always had it in my head that I would go back to Ireland to go to college," she said explaining that she was always ridiculed in American schools for the way she spoke and dressed.

In reference to American institutions, Wilmot said, "The disrespect students had for their teachers used to boggle my mind."

Wilmot was also disappointed because she felt restricted.

"In California, people are restricted because you need a car to be independent and you need to be 21 to go to social gatherings," she said.

In Ireland, there is no age limit on drinking and there is "much more you can do there if you are under 21," she said, "with the restrictions here, I can't go out since I'm 20. The pub (in Ireland) is a central point where friends can meet, a hang-out."

Because of public transportation in Ireland, car ownership is not a must, she said.

"Buses here (in San Jose) are sparsely occupied compared to buses there (in Ireland)," she explained. However, the transportation in Ireland is much more expensive.

Despite the differences of California and Ireland living, she likes San Jose because the people here are very friendly.

Wilmot plans to travel overseas to practice nursing after she graduates from SJSU in December 1985.

"This area is saturated with nurses," she said. She wishes to experience work in other areas of the world.

Wilmot said she would like to return to Ireland for a visit in two years.

St. Patrick's dreams led him to colorful life

By Karen Woods

Leprechauns, four-leaf clovers and green beer. The man who inspired all this probably never heard of green beer or saw one of the little people.

However, the man who converted the pagan Irish to Christianity, St. Patrick, is remembered for using the three-leaf clover to explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God). What he said when presented with a four-leaf clover would be interesting to contemplate.

The life of the patron saint of Ireland is sketchy, with colorful legends filling in the blank spaces. He was born around 389 A.D., probably in Britain, although Gaul (an ancient region in continental Europe) is also a likely site. His father, Calpornius, was a Roman official or a deacon, depending which book one reads.

Patrick was at first christened Succat, meaning "clever in war." However, when he was 16, the future saint was kidnapped by men sailing on a fleet of an Irish king. Sold to a chieftain, Patrick was put to work herding livestock for six years.

His captivity ended after a dream in which he was told to travel two hundred miles to a place by the sea. Following the advice, Patrick caught a ship to home. But he experienced another dream, in which he heard voices

from Ireland, calling him to return.

Patrick did, after becoming a priest. He received the name Patrick after he was consecrated bishop, and sent to Ireland by the Pope for the specific mission of converting the Irish.

One well-known legend from his days in Ireland is that he cast out all of Ireland's snakes. But have you ever heard of the time he turned into a deer? On the eve of Easter during the year of his arrival, his retinue set a fire near their camp which was visible to King Laoghaire. A festival was beginning at his court, and it was verboten that anyone should light a fire before the court's Druids (pagan priests).

While the king ordered St. Patrick and his followers to appear before him, the Druids plotted an ambush. But the saint composed a special hymn to protect him and his people, called the Faed Fiada, or Deer's Cry. As it was sung, the Druids could only see a herd of deer passing by, instead of St. Patrick and company.

St. Patrick reached Laoghaire safely, and after preaching to the king's court, received permission to preach throughout the kingdom. As the Druids had predicted before to Laoghaire, that unless that fire lit by St. Patrick be extinguished that night, it would never be extinguished in Ireland. To this day, the light of faith that St. Patrick lit in Ireland still burns brightly.



Irish fare, brew featured at local pubs

By Patty Kamysz

St. Patrick's Day is tomorrow and Bay Area restaurants and pubs are planning festivities from jello-bobbing to bagpipe music.

So if you're Irish, wish you were Irish or simply want to get into the "spirit" of things there's plenty of fun to be had at the following places.

Lord John's Inn specializes in the Irish coffee, a combination of coffee, whiskey, fresh whipped cream and a lump of sugar, for the wonderfully Irish price of \$1.50. Lord John's uses Bushmills whiskey, the true Irishman's drink since Tullamore Dew closed its distilleries.

The traditional corn beef and cabbage will be served from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Later, from 9 to 11 p.m., there will be bagpipe music to help you smooth your way through the night, perhaps granting you a touch of blarney (skill at flattery) for the person at the next table—the person you've had your eyes on.

Lord John's has a Louisiana saloon ambience. It is decorated with hanging ferns, old but comfortable Victorian chairs and couches, and wall mirrors artistically graced with nubile women. It's quaint, but definitely not quiet. It was crowded last year, so come early to get a seat.

Lord John's Inn is located at 3190 The Alameda, near the University of Santa Clara.

P.J. Mulligan's, a small, rowdy pub at 19979 Steven's Creek Boulevard, is planning an all-day celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

They'll be serving green beer (for a bit o' Irish luck) corned beef and cabbage and nicely priced drinks — well drinks will be \$1.79 and other cocktails \$1.99.

There will be games and prizes, and T-shirts, garter belts and hats will be handed out as well. Bagpipe music is planned from 7 to 8 p.m.

Who Song and Larry's, located at 2950 Lakeside Drive, near Great America, is a Mexican restaurant that is also joining in the fun. This year, they will continue the "jello jump." No, it's not an Irish custom, and no, you don't have to eat it — so you can participate even if you despise the slimy stuff.

It's a pool of green jello with prizes suspended in the middle. You must climb in and fish the prize out, of which some are free dinners.

If you're looking for a more authentic atmosphere, try the Churchill Arms, A British pub and restaurant located at 20005 Bascom Ave. In addition to their bar room, they have the Tap Room off to the side for playing darts and swigging stout beers. By the way, one doesn't go to the bathroom there, one goes to the "loo".

Churchill Arms invites the public to join the "fun and frolics." This includes special Irish dinners (boiled beef and cabbage and Irish stew) and Irish music provided by the South Bay Wailing Company, no cover charge.

Duke of Wellington's, another British pub and restaurant, is larger and more extravagantly decorated, but generally not as loud. They'll serve free corned beef and cabbage and Irish coffee will be \$1.50. The pub is located at 14572 Big Basin Way in Saragotoga.

Though Americans like to engage in hearty drinking on St. Patrick's Day, they're not that far off from the Irish who visit neighbors and take neighborly shots of Poteen — an extremely potent potato whiskey, called potato mash.

Museum springs party

By Nick Gillis

The San Jose Museum of Art is throwing their annual Spring party this year in tribute to St. Patrick's Day.

The party, entitled O' Fantasy Shenanigans, will again feature music, dancing, gaming and plenty of prizes, including a week-long vacation in Hong Kong for two.

The Spring bash is one of the museum's yearly rituals. This year they opted for the St. Paddy's theme.

Although costumes are optional, St. Patrick's Day-styled garb (that means lotsa green) is encouraged.

Brace yourself. Besides the grand prize in Hong Kong, here's an idea of the consolations: A two week vacation in Maui, including round-trip airfare for two and a beachfront condominium, a weekend in Lake Tahoe, and an Atari home computer are just a few examples.

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