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## A yap and then a nap



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With the afternoon sun out, finance major Teresa Wong takes a nap while 5-month-old Lucky stands watch. Lucky is a Chihuahua-terrier mix who was recently adopted from the humane society.

## Joint library: group seeks student help

By Susan Shaw  
Staff Writer

The proposed joint library may be a bad deal for students at San Jose State University, and little student input has been sought for the proposal, according to a coalition of social sciences graduate and undergraduate students led by Heather Morris and Lloyd Wiebe.

Morris and Wiebe said they have collected about 350 signatures on a petition that cites concerns about the proposal and pushes for more student input.

Wiebe, a history major, said at the heart of their concerns are incompatibilities between the roles of a city library versus a university library, including hours of operation and acquisitions.

The joint library proposed by the City of San Jose and currently being evaluated by the Academic Senate and school administrators would combine San Jose's Martin Luther King Jr. Main Library with SJSU's

Wahlquist and Clark libraries. The result would be one combined site on campus.

"I feel like there hasn't been an attempt to engage students," said Morris, a history graduate student. "We'd like to put pressure on the decision makers to tell them to please consider students."

University Library Director James Schmidt said some students are already involved.

"The question is not whether they (students) are involved," Schmidt said, "but whether that involvement could be greater."

Schmidt said there has been student representation on the joint library issue from the start, including the Provost's advisory committee, the Associated Students and the Academic Senate.

Late last fall, the Associated Students established an ad hoc committee to get student input on the joint library, according to Associated Students Community Affairs Director Joanne Elek.

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## World leaders to meet at SJSU

By Leah Bower  
Staff Writer

Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin will stop at San Jose State University Thursday to discuss Silicon Valley trade practices, according to SJSU President Robert Caret.

The two leaders will preside at an invitation only roundtable meeting at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom following the 10th session of the "Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission" in Washington, D.C., March 10 and 11.

"The commission's focus is to provide ways to improve the economic climate in Russia," Caret said. "They will be looking at all issues: the environment, trade, business, technology"

One to two dozen students,

faculty and staff will be asked to attend the meeting as observers, according to Caret, but it is unclear if the vice president and prime minister will have time to tour the campus.

SJSU could benefit from the publicity generated by the vice president's visit, according to student and Academic Senator Todd Brown.

"This will really draw a spotlight to San Jose State. It should really get the university's name out there among prospective students," Brown said.

Caret said SJSU offers one of the most exciting venues in the world for a meeting concerning technology.

"It is a reflection of our location and the role we play in the valley," Caret said. "They just called us up and said, 'We are

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## Lecturers heighten awareness

### Female spirituality a topic for living

By Yvonne Ohumukini-Urness  
Staff Writer

What place does spirituality have in women's lives?

This question was looked at from the feminist perspective by Jennifer Rycenga, professor of religious studies on Tuesday.

"Power From Within" was one of a series of lectures being presented by the Women's Resource Center as part of the 26th annual Women's Week.

"As Jennifer (Rycenga) was saying in her discussion, spirituality has always been at the center of who we are as women," said Maria Alaniz, women's studies professor.

Alaniz had her women's studies class attend the 9 a.m. lecture in the Umunhum Room in the Student Union.

"Spirituality is a topic that's not discussed, generally, in the curriculum and I feel that, in

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### Success stories give hope to women in need of help

By Yvette Anna Trejo  
Staff Writer

Senior Yanna Williams said that "Succeeding as Women Professionals in the Next Millennium," an event offered by the Women's Resource Center's 26th annual Women's Week, gave the idea that women can succeed.

According to graduate student and Women's Resource Center Coordinator Rizwana Mahmood, that's exactly what it was meant to do.

Mahmood wanted those in attendance to go away knowing that women in the past and in the present have indeed achieved great success.

Williams said hearing the personal stories of the guest speakers was

really important and allowed her to see how they've come to where they are now.

"I really enjoyed it because right now I'm in a slump in my life and this is motivating," Williams said.

One of the speakers was Los Altos Police Chief Lucy Carlton who said that by speaking she was given the opportunity to let women know there's hope.

"There are no boundaries anywhere. They need to believe that," said Carlton. "There are only boundaries in your mind."

Carlton, who is a San Jose State University graduate, said she makes it a point of giving back to the university what she received as a student in the 1960s. Carlton said that SJSU was "really the turning point

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## Business alumna lends helping hand from field for senior projects

By Cindy Scarberry  
Staff Writer

When LuAnne McKeefery, a business graduate, wanted a new design and marketing concept for her birthday kit enterprise, she remembered her college days at San Jose State University.

"I was interested in working with San Jose State students because I wanted to bring practical experience to their senior projects," McKeefery said.

She also heard about Manex, a non-profit government-subsidized consulting firm. She knew that the Bay Area firm helped other small manufacturers with less than 500 employees to be more competitive and productive. The hourly \$85 consultant fee seemed reasonable compared to national hourly rates of \$175.

McKeefery said she had no funds, however, to hire a consultant so she contacted Carlos Luna, the Manex project manager at SJSU.

"The university is a low cost resource," Luna said. "I contacted packaging and design professor

Jorge Marcondes and proposed a plan that would benefit both my client and Marcondes' students."

McKeefery estimates the services she received would have cost more than \$5,000.

Four students and two months later, the all-in-one birthday party box is complete with cake mix, party favors and decorations appropriate for eight children between three to seven years old.

The kit must now undergo testing for durability and environmental concerns. The tests will also tell whether the package needs to be redesigned, or if specifications should be rewritten and whether the package's color should be changed, according to Timi DiSalvo, one of the packaging project's students.

DiSalvo and fellow design student Jolanta Marzec are anxiously awaiting the results.

"The hardest part of the whole project was coming up with ideas," Marzec said. "It took about five to six hours of brainstorming."

Most clients have an idea already of what they want, according to Marzec. The final project becomes a

balance between the students and the client.

McKeefery already had the party theme ideas.

"I got the ideas after throwing away the cheap, annoying toys my kids brought home," McKeefery said. "I wanted to create something useful."

DiSalvo appreciates McKeefery's creativity.

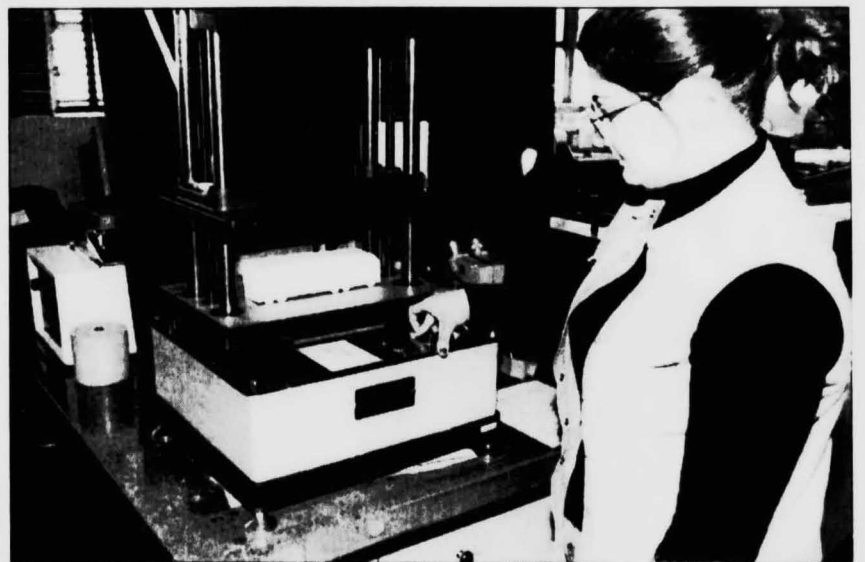
"There's either the dinosaur, or the race car or the jubilant party package theme to choose from," DiSalvo said. "We had to figure a package design that would function as a souvenir and a container for the party toys."

For the race car package, for instance, the students created a prototype of a lightweight cardboard 18-wheeler truck.

The children can decorate the truck's exterior with race car stickers and load party souvenirs into the truck's storage. At home, the child can display the "toy truck" atop the television or a bedroom chest.

Students fund their senior projects through donations from local

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Timi DiSalvo demonstrates a packaging compression test on one of PartiKit's prototypes. Throughout the development process the kit is tested for durability against shock effects from vibrations and atmospheric conditions.

# COUNTERPOINT POINT

## Are prisons doing the job they were designed to do, or have they become expensive baby sitters for criminals?

### Prisons coddle inmates with needless luxuries; get back to punishment



Mindy Leigh Griser

Prisons may have been intended to be places of rehabilitation, but they really are nothing more than expensive baby sitters, not to mention a waste of taxpayers' money.

According to the California Department of Corrections, it costs \$21,470 a year to house an inmate.

This absurd amount of money is needed in order to supply inmates with clothing, three meals a day, health care and schooling, not to mention "play time."

What do taxpayers get in exchange? Nothing but crimes committed against them.

According to ex-convicts whom I've talked to, prison is by no means a place of rehabilitation.

Brett Hamblin, who spent four years in a state penitentiary for assault with a deadly weapon, said it is up to the individual, not the institution, as to whether or not you are rehabilitated.

"If you want to make a life out of prison, you easily can," Hamblin said.

In prison, your life consists of doing the same thing every day, according to Hamblin and it is easy to not be productive.

"They don't make you do anything and they don't torture you or anything. If you want to just lay in bed all day, you can," he said.

People often imagine life in prison as being harsh and unsafe, but many inmates I've spoken to say that the only reason one would feel physically threatened is if you owe someone money for drugs or gambling debts.

Maybe if inmates were forced to work in prison, (which they are not) and live in stringent conditions, they would think twice before going out and committing a crime again.

Why should society have to pay the price for others who can't behave themselves?

Let's put them in a military atmosphere, where they are verbally humiliated and forced to take part in vigorous physical activity.

They should at least be forced to take part in mandatory work programs, such as removing graffiti or painting old buildings.

This message, which I found on the Internet, does a great job of comparing life in prison to a full-time job. I have to agree:

In prison you spend the majority of your time in an 8-by-10 foot cell — at work you spend most of your time in a 6-by-8 foot cubicle.

In prison you get three meals a day — at work you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for that one.

In prison they allow your family and friends to visit — at work you cannot even speak to your family and friends.

In prison you can watch TV and play games — at work you get fired for watching TV and playing games.

In prison all expenses are paid for by taxpayers, with no work required — at work you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.

If prison was such a terrible place, there wouldn't be such a thing as repeat offenders.

Mindy Leigh Griser is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Illustration by Lino Azevedo

### Most prison conditions punish inmates worse than citizens realize



Leah Bower

Prison is no cakewalk for most criminals sentenced to serve time.

That is as it should be.

Nineteen-year-old Shareef Cousin spends 23 hours of each day locked in a small cell with a cold cement floor, a metal bunk and a steel toilet. His meals are shoved through a slot in the door.

That is as it should be for anyone convicted of murder.

Inmates have been banned from learning judo, karate and other martial arts, and may lose access to weight lifting equipment and cable television.

Good. While so-called 'country club' prisons offer well off, white collar criminals an easy ride through prison time, most convicts suffer through terrible conditions.

As they should.

Actor Robert Downey Jr. has been let out of jail on furlough to continue working on a movie. Actor Christian Slater doesn't spend his days in a concrete cell.

That is not as it should be.

Some prisoners enjoy cable television, work-free lives, free college classes and extensive libraries. Most do not. Such high-profile inmates with plush prison lives suggest that all prisoners enjoy an easy ride for committing crimes, but that is not the case.

California prisoners from rival gangs were tossed into yards together so guards could enjoy a human version of a cockfight according to recent news reports.

The Aids Knowledge Base's web page says tuberculosis is common in prison situations, where inmates are crowded into cells that have little ventilation or recirculated air.

Inmates, such as those in the women's Chowchilla prison, have limited access to medical care. There is only one doctor on call for 4,000 inmates.

Prisoners at a facility in Maryland called "Supermax" are confined to their cells, with no access to recreational equipment, jobs or educational programs.

Some prisoners there, according to the Justice Department, were forced to stay in a feces- and urine-covered room for days wearing only underwear, leg irons, handcuffs and a waist chain.

It is difficult to pity hardened criminals, but such conditions are in no way luxurious. Women prisoners suffer sexual abuse at the hands of male guards who hold absolute power over what few privileges they enjoy. Abuse from other prisoners is also present in prisons.

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, up to 20 percent of federal inmates were victims of rape by fellow inmates.

In addition, the incidence of AIDS is 14 times higher in state and federal prisons than in the general U. S. population, with as high as 30 percent of the prison population infected with HIV.

No country club has ever had conditions like this.

Prisons should be a place for criminals to suffer as their victims suffered. Prisons should be feared.

For most people, the conditions in America's prisons are a deterrent. For those who don't fear the penal system because of their place in society, may they be unpleasantly surprised by their next visit.

Leah Bower is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Talking Heads

If you were sentenced to prison for a long time, what would you do the day before lockup?



"Have a party. It's a tough question."

Sharon Yoon  
senior  
hospitality  
management



"I would go to the beach, fishing and body boarding."

Chris Minor  
sophomore  
nutritional science



"I'd probably have a party with my family."

Olivia Gribble  
senior  
marketing



"I'd probably go for a motorcycle ride and say goodbye to friends and family."

Ken Best  
sophomore  
undeclared



"I'd probably just spend time with my family. I'd eat at Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles in L.A."

Vontay Graham  
freshman  
computer engineering



"Hide!"

Steve Dinneen  
junior  
electrical engineering

## Sparta Guide

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Sale of music books, scores and LP recordings Monday through Friday from 1 - 5 p.m. in the Beethoven Center, Wahlquist Library North, Room 318. For more information, call Patricia Elliott at (408) 924-4590.

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"Who Are You?" at 8 p.m. on the second floor of Joe West Hall. For more information, call Kujana Williams at (408) 924-8859.

**CAREER CENTER**  
**Co-op workshop** at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. **IBM Day - Employer Presentation** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Student Union Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

**CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
Daily Mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center, across from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

**CHICANO LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER**  
Open forum on the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in Wahlquist Library North, Room 307. For more information, call (408) 924-2707 or 924-2815.

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Free film: "The Story of Book 1" at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER**  
Volunteers needed for **Earthday '98**. Come to Washington Square Hall, Room 115 from 12 - 2 p.m. for informal meeting to begin organizing for event. For more information, call Jean Simmons at (408) 924-5467.

**EPISCOPAL CANTERBURY COMMUNITY**  
Dinner and discussion: "The Good News" from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Anna at (408) 293-2401.

**JAPAN CLUB**  
Japanese conversation hour at 3 p.m. in the Student Union Montalvo Room. For more information contact Naomi at naomi@pobox.com.

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**NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**  
St. Patrick's Day two for one special: percent body fat testing with bioelectrical impedance from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 103. For more information, call Jill Christensen at (408) 924-3110.

**SJSU THEATRE DEPARTMENT**  
Stage production of "I Ain't Yo' Uncle" at 1 p.m. in the University Theatre, Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, call Mary Gibboney at (408) 924-4551 or the box office at (408) 924-4555.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN**  
Student Galleries' Art Shows from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**  
"Women Unplugged" entertainment night for Women's Week from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the University Room. For more information, call Rizwana at (408) 924-8751.

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Free lecture: "Use of the Tone Scale" at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

**GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE**  
Discussion topic: "Gays Having Straight Friends" at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Juan Ramos at (408) 456-5058.

**JAPAN CLUB**  
Weekly meeting, new members welcome at 2 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 344. For more information, call Yoon at (408) 279-3338.

**KSJS 90.5FM**  
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**LINGUISTICS & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
Bake sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in front of Student Union. For more information, call Julie at (408) 924-4706.

**PRE-MED CLUB**  
Weekly meeting with guest speaker to talk about sports medicine at 12:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 345. For more information, call Shu at (408) 938-0581.

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**SJSU WOMEN'S CLUB RUGBY TEAM**  
Practice from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at Spartan Field followed by dinner meeting at Pizza Jack's. For more information, call Lindsay Robideaux at (408) 268-2749.

**THE LISTENING HOUR**  
Student highlights: voice, French horn and double bass recital with music of Mozart, Beethoven, Massenet and Saint Saens from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, call (408) 924-4631.

**Tsunami ANIME CLUB**  
Weekly meeting, new members welcome at 7 p.m. in Old Science, Room 164. For more information, call Yoon at (408) 279-3338.

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"Women's Week" panel discussion on violence against women from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Student Union's Council Chambers. For more information, call Rizwana at (408) 924-8751.

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## Lost on the information superhighway

Computers. Internet. World Wide Web. Technology.

Like a knee jerk reaction, I recoil in terror.

I am lost in this new world that has been thrust upon me, that I am told I must — *must* — know.

I eavesdrop on others' conversations, cowering in my chair so they don't mistake me as being one who *knows*.

I think maybe I can learn by osmosis and speak their speak by just listening. For many years I have tried to fool myself. But I cannot escape the inevitable any longer.

Knowing how to turn on a computer is no longer good enough. I am so behind.

I was baffled when computers went from being the toy that I used to have fun with my friends playing Q-Bert on in third grade to a necessity.

I remember when those who worked with computers — hell, *liked* working with computers — were generally thought to be antisocial misfits. Now they've created their own society — and it is the clique to be a part of.

For these so-called "computer dorks" — the ones that will make more money than God, who have sprouted from the same breeding ground as Bill Gates — they speak a different language.

They throw around terms like DIM and SIM, which in my world is Chinese food. (Sorry, that's dim sum.)

RAM is the make of Dodge van I drive, not my computer's memory.

When I hear DOS, it doesn't strike me as the operating system for PCs, it just sounds like a really bad pronunciation of two in Spanish.

In my world "hard drive" means something totally different than it does in computer-speak.

And — just for the record — the Internet sends me more "cookies" than my mother does.



Strange words like JPEG, TIFF and EDO frighten me.

These terms become like words from a foreign language that I can pepper my speech with because I have grasped their general meaning, but I still don't know exactly what they mean.

The hippie phrase of "tune in, turn on, drop out" that used to be in fashion has since been shoved to the wayside by what should be the yuppie motto of "boot up, log on, timed out."

Does anyone else feel as I do that technology is growing out of control?

That because I didn't jump on the bandwagon in the dawning of this era,

I have missed out forever?

As I attempt to merge onto the information superhighway, I find I am stuck in second gear. So I putt along in the slow lane and enviously eye those in the diamond lane.

While I attempt to get up to speed, I marvel at how every time I turn on a computer it crashes and yet I am told that this is the greatest creation of mankind.

I wonder how something that can't even differentiate between "their" and "there" in the spell check, can be half as cool as a thermostat that can differentiate between hot food and cold food.

And I muse that one day technology will advance far enough that "memory upgrading" will be passé for computers and will be a viable option for humans.

But, unfortunately, until then I guess I'll just have to keep putting along in the slow lane.

Terri K. Milner is a *Spartan Daily* co-executive editor. Her column appears every Wednesday.

## Coverage appreciated; errors clarified

I would like to start by thanking the staff of the *Spartan Daily* for their excellent coverage of Kappa Delta's 1st Shamrock Showcase Lip Sync Contest.

We were very excited about our event and it meant a lot to our chapter to have such incredible coverage.

The phenomenal amount of money raised (\$3,000) would not have been possible without the attendance and support from all of the fraternity and sorority members present.

On behalf of Kappa Delta, I would like to say thank you.

Editor's note:

The *Spartan Daily* apologizes for the errors in the Shamrock Showcase Lip Sync story.

Unfortunately, the article contained a few misprints that I would like to rectify.

First of all, the front page picture, illustrating Kappa Sigma fraternity's rendition of The Village People had incorrect names. The Kappa Sigma participants were: (left to right) Rigo Flores Tartida, Jeremy Paul Jarrett and Josh McMillian.

Our 90.5 FM judge representative was Brad Evens, morning radio personality, not Sharon Jennings, general manager.

Last, and certainly not least,

our first place winner for the Shamrock Showcase was Theta Chi Fraternity.

Again, thank you to all who attended and participated in our event. We appreciate the support from our San Jose State Greek System as well as the San Jose State community.

Hope to see you all next year.

Keri L. Weigle vice president public relations Kappa Delta Sorority

Editor's note:

In Tuesday's *Spartan Daily*, the quote, "In one of my classes, a long time ago, we had to draw a gorgeous 6-foot female model. I had to put my drawing board across my lap," was incorrectly attributed to Ian Ameling. It was actually said by Eddie Wolowski. The *Spartan Daily* regrets the error.

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Japan's gold medal winner in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Sao Okano (upper right), stands next to assistant coach Katsuhide Ando (upper left). They are standing above their sons, San Jose State University judo team members Tetsu Okano (right) and Shinseke Ando (left).

# All in the Family

## Elders pass down Olympic gold medal tradition to sons and San Jose State University judo team

By Cindy Scarberry  
Staff Writer

Isao Okano was 20 years old when judo gently made its way into the Olympics for the first time in 1964 in Tokyo. The young judoka, or fighter, won a gold medal for Japan and then retired to become a sensei or judo instructor in 1969.

Eleven years later a son, Tetsu, was born and the family tradition continued.

Tetsu, who studies international business and human performance at San Jose State University, plans to follow his father's footsteps and compete in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Unlike his father however, Tetsu hopes to strike gold for the United States Judo team.

His father said that's ok with him.

"America is my wife's country," Okano said. "I would be very happy."

Tetsu has a strong potential for placing in the national collegiate judo competition on March 14, according to assistant coach David Williams. Tetsu will first have to medal in national competition before he can win a spot on the U.S. Olympic Judo team.

"I think he'll win it this year," Williams said.

Tetsu attributes his skills and discipline to his father.

"I learned a lot about everyday life from sports," Tetsu said. "Self-control, teamwork, cooperation, the coach knows what's good."

Tetsu said he wakes at 6:30 a.m. and turns in around midnight most days. Like most of his teammates, he lifts weights and runs three days a week. He practices judo at least two hours a day, Monday through Friday.

Katsuhide Ando, coaches a renowned judo team at Nippon University in Japan and is father to SJSU judo team member, Shinseke Ando. Ando will co-coach his son and fellow team members to prepare for the upcoming competition. Ando visits SJSU each year for six weeks to train the fighters, Williams said.

Ando also coached Williams when he was an SJSU student on the judo team. Williams later went on to become an alternate on the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and is a former U.S. Open champion. Williams remembers Ando well.

"He was mean," Williams said. "He's a real bad ass."

Shinseke said it is Williams who's mean now.

"My father is too old to be mean," Shinseke said. "When I was first starting judo, coach Williams choked me two times. I asked him why are you so mean. He said your dad did the same to me when I was a student."

Ironically, judo literally means gentle ways in Japanese. The basic aim is to throw the opponent on his or her back. The opponent must land flat on his or her back with a fair amount of force, according to SJSU coach Yoshihiro Uchida.

Shinseke, who spoke limited English when he came to SJSU nearly three years ago, joined the judo team to get an American college education. Although the son of a judo champion, he had never practiced judo before.

"I was just dying the first two years," he said. "I got beat up almost every night. I didn't think it would be so hard."

Ando understood his son's challenge, but said through judo his son is able to get a good education.

"I'm very proud, but I don't care, he has to do it," Ando said. "He (Shinseke) reads now, he used to do only basketball."

Uchida, the first U.S. Olympic judo coach and SJSU judo team's head coach for the last 50 years, reinforces the importance of an education.

"Judo is more than a sport," Uchida said. "The discipline might not make a person millions of dollars, but that person will do something for the community. The student will graduate, get a degree and then will do something in the world and enhance San Jose State University."

Respect is central to judo. Rei or the bow shows respect for one's elders. The judo team members each bow before entering and exiting the gym to show respect for all those who have come before, according to Williams.

Williams hopes to promote judo in the United States. He said television coverage would help make the sport more popular in America.

"Students come to San Jose State for judo," Williams said. "San Jose State is the leader in the sport nationally and internationally."

Meanwhile Tetsu and Shinseke sweat it out in the gym. They rarely have time to think of anything else. Tetsu said he used to play the guitar when he lived in Japan and enjoyed traditional folk songs. Shinseke finds some time to drink beer on the weekends.

"One time after practice, my father took me to the restaurant across the street," Shinseke said. "We drank about two pitchers of beer."

Gotta respect your elders.

## Cauliflower ear not detrimental

By Cindy Scarberry  
Staff Writer

Cauliflower ear is a common trait among judo fighters, according to Dr. Robert Kornisch of the San Jose State University Student Health Center.

Cauliflower ear, named after the cluster-form vegetable, can be caused from a blow or repetitive friction to the flat outer part of the ear, Kornisch said. Fluid can build up causing swelling.

"It's mostly a cosmetic thing," Kornisch said. "The swelling doesn't usually cause any hearing problem."

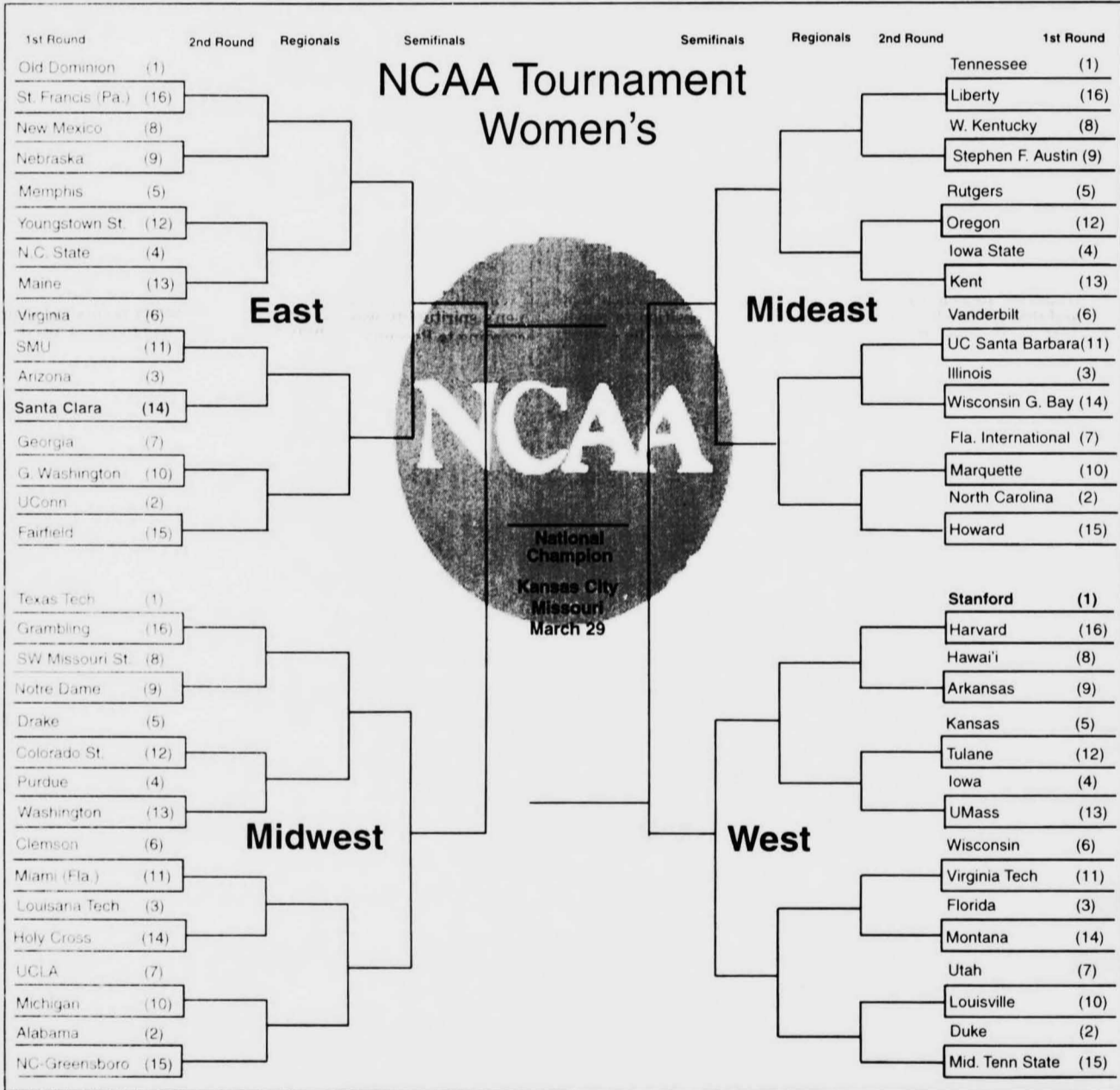
David Williams, assistant

coach for the nationally recognized SJSU team, said his cauliflower ears don't bother him.

"I can hear just fine," he said. Tetsu and his father, Isao Okano, also have cauliflower ears. Tetsu said he usually goes to his doctor and has the fluid drained.

"My ears don't hurt unless the swelling is new and if I touch them," Tetsu said.

According to Kornisch, the liquid in Tetsu's ears builds up from a collection of blood. After the fluid is removed, the ear shrinks back down to normal. However, if the swelling hardens, it can become a permanent deformity, he said.



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# Stories thicker than blood: 'Red Asphalt'

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Staff Writer

## REVIEW

The California Highway Patrol seems to have decided that images of emptied skulls and misplaced body parts are not the way to get people to follow the rules of the road.

Instead, they have opted for real life testimonies from bereaved relatives.

"Red Asphalt" was the original driver education video that got its name from the blood-stained roads portrayed throughout. The film first hit schools in the 1960s. A second one was released in the late '70s; with part three in 1989. The new version, "Red Asphalt 1998," relies less on the shock of seeing a brain splattered on the street and more on victims' testimonies.

Renee MacDonald, who watched "Red Asphalt III" and "Red Asphalt 1998" during an informal screening, found the testimonies to be more real.

"With movies like 'Faces of Death' out there, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to show a bunch of kids some movie they'll just end up laughing at," said MacDonald, who is a junior business major.

Upon watching "Red Asphalt III," it was hard to not laugh at the empty head laying outside of a truck. The laughter was not caused by the sheer comedy, but by the idiotic narration that accompanied it. Although the first two were unavailable, they surely were made with similar cheesiness.

The new version did not have a silly narrator; what it did have was relatives of victims. Seeing a victim's sister crying about her

loss is much more powerful than seeing her sister after going through a windshield.

Not everyone in attendance agreed on the proper way to promote safe driving.

The lack of blood took the human aspect out of it, according to senior Jon Robertson.

"The shock of seeing someone's empty skull is powerful," Robertson said. "I had a hard time staying interested when it was just people talking."

Art and design major Seth Miller agreed, but found the video hard to watch.

"It really grossed me out," Miller said. "The gore makes the point; the testimonies seemed more detached."

Collin Stiner thought "Red Asphalt III" was entertaining, which diminished the desired effect. Stiner thought that the new version really showcased the human aspect of a traffic accident.

"I think it's kind of sad, but lots of people like seeing gore," junior art and design major Stiner said. "By showing the victims, it shows you how real an accident is."

Other viewers did not think that a video, no matter what, would have the desired effect.

Steve Montez, who laughed during the showing of "Red Asphalt III," did not think that either video was particularly effective.

"Just watching a video is not going to make me drive any safer," said Montez, who is a sophomore. "At least the old one is good for entertainment value."

# Mike Tyson to take another hit below belt

BALTIMORE (AP) — Two women are suing Mike Tyson for \$22.5 million, claiming the former heavyweight champ verbally and physically abused them after one spurned his sexual advances during an early morning breakfast at a Washington restaurant.

Tyson adviser Jeff Wald said he had not seen the lawsuit, filed here Monday, but called it absurd. "We think it was a total setup for money," he said Tuesday. "This guy's like a target for every greedy person out there."

Sherry Cole, 30, and Chevelle Butts, 30, alleged in their lawsuit that Tyson became abusive during breakfast at a Georgetown bistro after a night out March 1.

Tyson, who served three years in prison for rape, grabbed Cole after his sexual advances were spurned, and "said something like 'Are you going to be my next victim?'" the women's attorney,

A. Dwight Pettit, said. Tyson also allegedly overturned a table during the 5:30 a.m. breakfast and cursed at Butts, who threw coffee on him.

The women are seeking damages for assault, battery, defamation and emotional distress.

Asked why the women did not file criminal charges — no police were involved — Pettit said he didn't think there was a "prerequisite to do anything criminally."

Tyson's lawyer did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The lawsuit is not the first against Tyson. In 1988, Sandra Miller of New York filed a lawsuit claiming Tyson grabbed and propositioned her at a nightclub. A jury awarded her \$100.

And in 1990, Phyllis Polaner, former aide to Tyson's ex-wife Robin Givens, filed a lawsuit claiming Tyson sexually assaulted and harassed her.

That previously filed suit is still pending.

# Isaac Asimov's son delays plea in pornography case

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Investigators sifted through computer discs and thousands of videotapes to determine whether the son of science fiction author Isaac Asimov was copying and distributing child pornography.

David Asimov, 46, delayed entering a plea Monday when charged with two felony counts related to possessing and distributing child pornography.

Although his lawyer said Asimov can make the \$250,000 bail, he remained behind bars voluntarily to see if a judge on Wednesday would grant supervised release with no bail.

Meanwhile, authorities searched Asimov's Santa Rosa home to determine what role he played in any copying or distributing alleged child pornography they claim to have found there.

Investigators said Asimov's home had sophisticated video equipment for high-speed duplicating and editing, a costly table-top scanner to create computer images, and thousands of computer discs and videos.

"It was like walking into a TV studio," Deputy District Attorney Gary Medvgy said.

Asimov's lawyer, Chris Andrian, said he does not believe his client was soliciting children for sexual acts.

"My take on the guy is that he's a reclusive introvert," Andrian said.

"If he did any of this it was in the confines of his own home ... It may have been a fantasy world," he said.

Isaac Asimov authored 467 books over 50 years, including "I, Robot" prior to his death in 1992.

# Look ma, no lines



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

Students walk through the brick and tile arches of Wahlquist Monday at San Jose State University. The area often is packed with long lines of students trying to pay fees and collect financial aid.

# Spirituality: Shamanism alive and well

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particular in women's studies, it's an issue that we need to talk about," Alaniz said.

As Rycenga spoke to the group of 25 men and women, she used poetry and prose to illustrate the all-encompassing nature of female spiritual energy.

In an excerpt from a poem by Joy Harjo, entitled "Remember," the poet entreats the reader to, "Remember that you are all people and that all people are you."

Using the song "Crucify" by contemporary artist Tori Amos, Rycenga reflected on the constraints on women's spirituality with the lyrics, "why do we crucify ourselves, every day I crucify myself, nothing I do is good enough for you."

Indigenous cultures, Rycenga noted, seemed to promote a stronger female spirit.

Many such cultures practiced a form of shamanism, in which the highest ranking religious figure, the shaman, acted as a lia-

son between the people and their deities. Often the respected position of the priest-doctor shaman was held by a woman.

Defining shamanism as "an equal opportunity employer," Rycenga explained that the role of a shaman evolved into that of a healer and the shaman held a great deal of power within her community.

With the rise of patriarchal religions, those which delegate religious power and position to males, women's spirituality was gradually redefined, according to Rycenga.

"One of the problems that feminists discovered very early on, especially in Christianity and to a lesser extent in Judaism, is the separation between the body and the mind — as between the body and the spirit — that has become part of those theologies," Rycenga said.

Sophomore Dennis Te, a political science major, saw things differently.

"They were talking about spirituality and

all, but I don't agree with all the unifying all sorts of religious principles into one because different religions have different principles," Te said. "They're going to contrast with several of them."

"It was too much spiritual mumbo-jumbo," Te said, referring to Rycenga's discussion on ecofeminism, or the feminist focus on communing with nature.

"I mean, some of her points for feminism were good, but she had too much idealism on that than actual ideas on feminism," he said.

Senior Marian Meadows, psychology major and a volunteer at the Women's Resource Center, enjoyed the presentation.

"She was really looking at the broad scope of women's spirituality," Meadows said of Rycenga's inclusion of Catholicism, Buddhism, Native American theology and Wicca. "It's good for a multi-cultural campus like ours."

# Conference: Work success

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in my life."

Lina Melkonian, assistant director of the Career Center, said that the theme of her workshop was to identify strategies for success for women in the world of employment.

She said there is a need for constant learning and upgrading of skills for people to survive in their careers.

Melkonian pointed out how the world of work is experiencing changes. She pointed out how, in years past, hard work and loyalty equaled job security, but now it has changed to where performance and skills equal employability.

"The way we conduct business is dramatically changing," said Melkonian. "We're in

the midst of change in the dynamic nature of employment and in the nature of professionals."

Mahmood said that often events focus on women being oppressed, but this time they wanted to show how women were succeeding in male-dominated fields. She said that with the changing world, women are becoming more professional.

"Today's women and the women in the future can do anything they set their minds to," Mahmood said.

Other guest speakers at the event included SJSU Vice President of Student Affairs Monica Rascoe and San Jose Police Department Deputy Chief Adonna Amoroso who is also an SJSU alumna.

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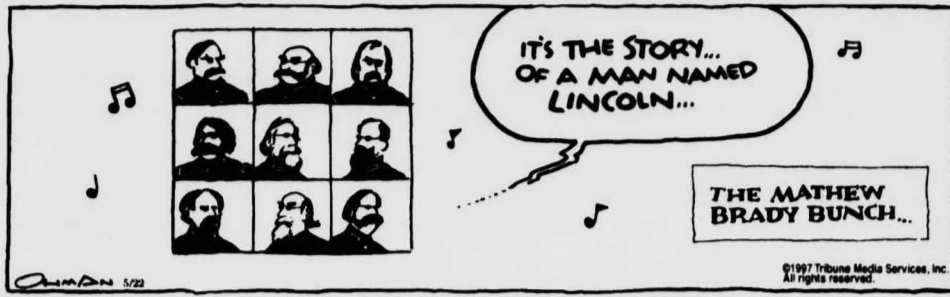
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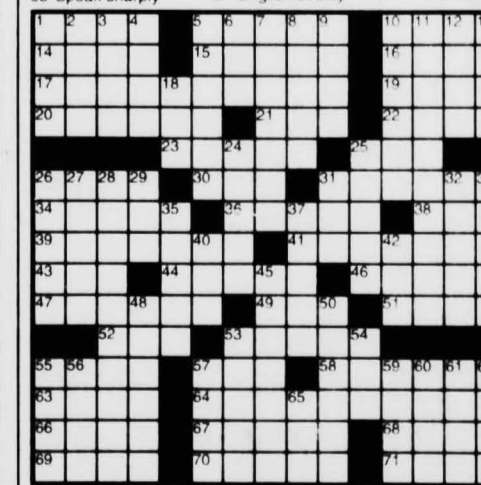
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## SJSU director passes away

By Ed Oberweiser  
Staff Writer

Andy Ramos, the director of Environmental Health and Occupational Safety, died of cancer Monday after battling the disease for more than a year. He was 60.

He first came to San Jose State University in 1990 and was immediately hired as director, said Aneceta Sharma, the acting director of Environmental Health and Occupational Safety.

"He was instrumental to the growth of the program," Sharma said. "When he first came here, the program was a one-man operation."

Ramos had nearly 40 years experience in the environmental health and occupational safety field, according to Steve Bartz, associate director of Human Resources at SJSU.

"I always felt that when I had a conversation with him, I came away with something extra," Bartz said. "He always took extra time to explain something thoroughly."

Ramos had a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of Alaska and did graduate work at the

University of San Francisco in occupational and environmental toxicology.

In addition to his staff duties, Ramos taught a required graduate course in Environmental Health every spring semester, said William Washington, chair of the SJSU Health Science

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department. Ramos received outstanding teacher evaluations throughout the five years he taught the course, Washington said.

"He did this voluntarily above and beyond his other responsibilities on campus," Washington said. "His personality and ease

in getting important information to students and his expertise in the field made him a good teacher."

Washington said Ramos used considerable outside contacts to help students obtain state and federal environmental health positions after they graduated.

In addition to his campus duties, Ramos was a consultant for the Environmental Health Committee of the San Mateo County Medical Society.

He was also a consultant for the Institutional Biosafety Committee of GenenTech Inc., a biotechnology firm, according to Bartz.

Ramos is survived by his wife, Jean, and his son, Gabriel.

The funeral will be today at the St. Albert's Church in Palo Alto at 1093 Channing St. for family and close friends at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a memorial service for Ramos at the Spartan Memorial chapel on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

The service will be followed by a reception at the University Club on the corner of Eighth and San Salvador streets from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Go get 'em



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

Cassie Rawdin, right, pursues and attempts to block the shot of Becky Garza during a practice Tuesday in the Spartan pool. Women's water polo has its next home game March 21 vs. Stanford.

## Library: Student's needs are concern for the 'joint library committee'

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Elok and fellow Associated Students Director Heather Cook and President Jeff Batuhan attend Academic Senate meetings on the joint library.

Elok said no formal process is in place to get student input outside of the ad hoc committee.

Schmidt believed more students should take better advantage of their existing representation on the library issue.

"I'd be delighted for the students to use the opportunities they already have to express their views," said Schmidt, adding he hadn't seen the petition, but had heard about it, and said he was unclear who the petition was targeting.

Morris said they weren't yet sure how and in what forum they would present the petition.

Morris and Wiebe said the coalition is particularly concerned books and materials necessary for study and research could become inaccessible if the general public objects to them.

"We're concerned some materials that are important for the free exchange of ideas and academic debate could be considered inappropriate for youngsters and will not be part of acquisition," Wiebe said.

Morris agreed. "As a graduate student in social sciences, the library is my lifeblood," she said. "Are some of the books I need for

my courses going to go away because the public thinks they are objectionable?" As an example, she said books on sexual reproduction might be hard to get.

Wiebe said they are also concerned there is a rush to approve the joint library proposal without looking at all the facts and charged there would be few benefits to the school in the deal.

"It's a great deal for the city, but not for us, and if it's not a great deal for the city, then why are we doing it?" Wiebe said.

Schmidt said concerns should be based on fact, not on hearsay.

"I say get the facts, and then see if the concerns have any validity," he said.

For example, he said acquisition policies would need to be kept separate.

"Given that they (the two libraries) get their funding from two different sources, I would be astonished to discover anything else (but two separate acquisition policies)."

Schmidt did add there may be some cases in which both libraries might be buying the same book.

In the new joint library, that might mean one book is bought instead of two. "That will free up funds for something else," he said.

Carmen Sigler, with the Academic Senate's joint library committee, said guidelines adopted by the Academic Senate in January agree with the stu-

dents' concerns. "We're recommending that the two library collections be separate and that control and acquisition be separate."

Sigler said she doesn't know if the separation issue is part of the negotiations since she is not involved in that process.

Despite their concerns, their intent is not to kill the proposal, according to Morris, just to make sure all voices get a chance to be heard and all issues are considered.

"We're not trying to knock it down. We just want to open a dialogue," Morris said.

## Birthday: Projects for businesses

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companies. Noushin Akarpur, one of the students on the birthday party package project, had already made several contacts through the Institute of Packaging Professionals.

The organization offers paid internships and networking contacts to packaging and design students, according to Akarpur.

"A lot of the people who donate funds to us were former San Jose State packaging design students," Marzec said. "We don't charge for our services because we don't want to take business away. We want to help them and they in turn help us."

McKeefery feels the project with Manex and SJSU was a positive experience.

"Luna calls me to follow up and treats me with the same respect as for a large company," she said. "It (the students and McKeefery) was a good match."

McKeefery had some suggestions, however.

"I could envision students from multidisciplinary departments working with businesses for their senior projects," she said. "In the business world, projects are done with more than one department. The senior projects at the college did not involve multiexpertise when I was a student there."

Marzec said the experience from the birthday party project will help when she enters the food packaging industry.

"This project is where theory comes together with reality,"

Marzec said. "All the pieces come together that you thought you'd never remember. We are actually doing something for somebody, not just an assignment."

McKeefery said the experience has been a "win-win" situation.

"I could be a reference on the girls' resume," she said. "I hope the engineering, marketing, sales and even your journalism schools can communicate together to form joint efforts between business and students."

The packaging and design students will present the birthday party project to members of the Institute of Packaging Professionals on April 9.

## Gore: Students to watch meeting

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considering having our meeting on your campus?"

Political science professor Ron Sylvia said he was not surprised the vice president, who may run in the 2000 presidential race, chose to visit SJSU, considering California has the most electoral votes of any state.

Each state has a certain number of electoral votes based on population. The presidential candidate who receives the majority of electoral votes wins the election.

"This is a Democratic power base," Sylvia said. "No Democrat can carry California without this area. They have reasons for coming to visit us."

According to Sylvia, the discussion of trade practices at the meeting is also important for SJSU students because so many graduates plan to live and work in the Silicon Valley.

"We account for a large share of domestic growth. Forty percent of recent domestic growth has been in high tech," Sylvia said.

Caret cautioned that security in areas of the Student Union would be tight and access to certain areas might be limited.

"No one knows they are planning to shut down parts of the Student Union. We've been asked to leave our offices for the majority of the day," Brown said.

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