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Supreme Court puts end to recounts

By Erika Coron

The U.S. Supreme Court set aside a Florida ruling Monday that had allowed manual recounts, according to the Associated Press. he same day, a state judge sed to overturn George W. Bush's victory in Florida.



The U.S. Supreme Court asked reasons for extending the deadline for hand counting ballots in certain mostly Democratic counties.

Bush said the Supreme Court ruling was "a very strong statement on our behalf." After presiding over the weekend trial that lasted until Sunday, circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls promised to rule quickly on Gore's

bid for a recount of 14,000 disput-

 ed ballots in heavily Democratic counties. The ruling in Washington led

the Florida judge to delay his own verdict on Gore's case for hand recounts of ballots in two counties Gore's lawyers said the ballots would reverse the Bush edge for the decisive 25 electoral votes in the challenged and stalled presi-

Gore said if that case was lost, it would be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court.

"I personally didn't think it would drag on this long," said San Jose State University alumna Melanie Bassong. Bassong said she never would

have expected the recount to end

up in the Supreme Court.

"I just think that every vote should be counted," said Ivan Jakic, a computer science major, who said it was unfair that the count was stopped.

"I think it's basically just a bunch of B.S.," Jakic said. "The rul-

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Coach rejects SJSU offer

By Marcus R. Fuller

DAILY STAFF EDITOR

In the aftermath of the Dave Baldwin era at San Jose State University, what remains is a disgruntled former head coach and an athletics director scrambling to find a replacement.

Baldwin, who refused to accept SJSU's offer Saturday, said it was obvious SJSU didn't want him to return as head coach of the Spartan football team.

"They offered me a contract Saturday and gave me 24 hours to decide," Baldwin said. "That wasn't

enough time with the banquet and everything going on.

The school offered Baldwin a threeyear contract extension

nave paid Baldwin him an estimated \$100

mated \$160,000 per year, which would have made him the lowest paid coach in the Western Athlet-ic Conference, according to his agent Bruce Tollner.

"Money was never an issue. The length of the contract was the issue," Baldwin added. Tollner said that the universi-

ty's offer had provisions that co for his e guaranteed a three-year

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Juggling a little more than classes



Joel Turner / Daily Staff

Professors Richard Pfeifer, front, and Brad Jackson, from the math and juggling club, which meets on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Beginning computer science department, juggled on the lawn next to the Spartan Memorial on Monday afternoon. The two professors are members of the

next semester they will meet on Wednesdays at the same time.

Clark Library extends hours during finals crunch time

By Kellie Chittenden

In addition to finals for her 15-unit class load, Huyen Ngo has two group projects to complete before the end of the

Ngo, a senior majoring in finance, said it's difficult, if not impossible, to find a convenient location and time to meet with the seven group members she works with between the two projects.

For Ngo, Clark Library's extended end-of-semester hours will be essential to completing her assignments on time.
"It would be helpful. Sometimes we

need to stay late to do the work and each person lives in a different area so it's really hard to get together," Ngo said. Clark Library will extend its normal closing time of 10 p.m. to midnight from Dec. 12 through the 14th and on Dec. 17

Alison Throckmorton, a student assis tant at the library, said she is scheduled to work during the extended hours.

Throckmorton said many of the stu-dents who take advantage of the latenight hours are from the Residence Halls.

"People aren't really writing papers. They're really just coming here to study. So if they're looking for a quiet place, they're coming here," Throckmorton

Peter Gioumousis, a graduate student in math, said he probably won't need to use the library's extended hours, but thinks the library should always be open until midnight for students.

"I think closing before midnight is ridiculous," Gioumousis said. "Back in the days when I was an undergraduate and I was doing my calculus homework, I'd go for a little run after I finished my homework around about 11 o'clock at night. Then I'd sort of drop in on the library and see if there were any books

Freshman Magdalena Gurrola is tak-ing 16 units of general education

requirement classes "In all my classes I have my finals," Gurrola said. "I have an essay this Saturday and then I have a final due on the 14th. It's a paper, five to seven pages long, which I haven't started yet. So I'm going to be cramming the day before.

On top of that, Gurrola said she's also worried about her math final and a speech for her communications class. Despite her heavy work load, Gurrola said she probably wouldn't use the library to get it all done.

"I think I'd study on my own, in my home," Gurrola said. "Or I can go to my friend's house and study and get moral support from her. We can encourage each

other to study." Gurrola said one of the main reasons she doesn't plan on using the library is because she lives in Sunnyvale. However, she said she might make the trek down to the library if there were too

many distractions at home.
"Maybe the library would work to find a quiet place if I really need to concentrate and I don't want the phone ringing or the TV loud or whatever," Gurrola

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Upcoming staff artique has holiday gifts for sale

By Emily B. Zurich

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students who want to avoid the malls this Christmas sea-son may be able to find perfect gifts for family members at the sixth annual San Jose University State

Ginny Smith, co-chair of this year's artique, said university staff members will be selling their artwork and

homemade crafts.

Smith said the artique, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the ground floor of the Student Union, is a good opportunity for students to a different side of the staff

"We wanted to show that staff are more than just their titles," said Smith, who is system administrator for the geology department and is planning to sell beaded ear-

rings.
John Hawk, the assistant

safety coordinator for the College of Science, is another cochair of the artique.

He said the event would be helpful to students who haven't had the time to buy Christmas presents yet.

"It's nice for people who haven't done their shopping yet," Hawk said. "It gives them a chance to do that." Hawk said his wife, Diane,

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plans to sell quilted "Kleenex houses" that cover tissue boxes and dispense tissues through the chimney of the

Smith said some of the other items that will be sold are paintings, knitted Afghan blankets, Christmas ornaments and wreaths, decorated Ukrainian eggs, sweet potato pies and "timeout dolls.

Nancy Bain has been making the dolls for four years and selling them at the

"They're popular at craft shows," said Bain, who is the administrative assistant for the vice president of administration and finance. "They're dolls that stand about 3 feet tall. They have their hands covering their faces. It looks like they're standing in a corner. They look like real kids.

Bain said she uses real children's clothing to dress the dolls and sells them for

\$45 or \$55, depending on the size and clothing.

She said the dolls aren't bought for children to play with, but are more decorative.

Bain said she takes custom orders from people who want to preserve their child's favorite outfit.

Smith said although money will be going directly to ven-dors this year, they are considering donating some of next year's proceeds to chari-

Admission to the SJSU Staff Artique is free.



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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Editorial

Proposed faculty housing is not a lasting solution

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Enough to be able to afford housing, especially in the Bay Area. Enough to be able to raise a fam ily in a place with adequate space and no fear of rent hikes on already overpriced apartments.

SJSU's administration, backed by the city of San Jose, has come up with what they consider to be a possible solution. At his "town meeting" last week, SJSU President Robert Caret said one possibility is to tear down Spartan Village and build

apartment or townhouse-style living quarters exclusively for faculty.

He said close to \$2.5 million is slated for redevelopment projects at SJSU, and those are mainly for the Joint Library project.

There are a couple of problems with using this money to create faculty housing.

The first is that the money could simply be given to the professors in the form of - gasp - raises. Stop complaining about how professional sports players earn more than teachers and do something

The second problem is a quality of life issue. Professors have husbands, wives, children and pets. Some of us may think of them as recluses with no families who need little more than roofs

their heads and leftovers from Tung Kee Noodle House in a minifridge. While the attempt to resolve the costly housing situation for professors is commendable, it is also

misguided. Professors are regular people who want the stereotypical houses with white picket fences and flowers in the yard where their pets can play.

With the pay they earn, that vision is impossi-

If giving professors raises is not an option, the administration should take the resulting turnover rate into consideration.

Without adequate pay, perhaps professors would opt to live in faculty housing. But for how long? How long would they be willing to live in small apartments, next door to other professors, just down the road from the college where they farther away from their co-workers than a couple feet of drywall. It's simply a matter of privacy.

President Caret, city of San Jose and other members of the administration who have a say in

the redevelopment of SJSU: Please realize the only solution to the high employee turnover rate is to give raises. All other solutions are temporary.

Paying attention required for meaningful life

ot long ago, I went to Monterey for lunch with my friend Dan. We ate at a Mexican restaurant overlooking the shore, and from where Dan was sitting, he could see two guys standing on a rock for-mation attempting to fish.

These guys were dressed in boots and yellow slickers and seemed to have all the necessary fishing gear: poles, bait, pail.

Yet, during the entire time Dan and I were at the restaurant, we never actually saw them fish.

One guy, who was holding his cell phone between his shoulder and chin, seemed to have difficulty focusing on the task at hand.

The other man, although without a phone, also appeared preoccupied.

I assume these men had intended

to enjoy the great outdoors, but they were obviously distracted. Distraction is something I under-

Anyone in the Spartan Daily newsroom can testify to the fact that I easily lose my focus.

I try to pretend that what appears to be a lack of concentration is actual-



ly an incredible ability to multi-task. But, I know it's a lie.

Even though my limited attention span allows me to follow almost every conversation in the newsroom, during this semester alone, I have misplaced my car at least half a dozen times.

Usually, I can't remember what loor I parked on, but one time I searched the Fourth Street garage, completely forgetting that I had parked on Third Street that day. If I paid attention when I parked

my car, I'm positive that finding it would not be such an ordeal. It's the paying attention that's

essential. To pay attention, one must be focused and free from distraction.

In other words, present.

People who are present stop what
they're doing and look a person in the
eyes when he talks.

When they ask someone, "How are
vay" they really want to know

you?" they really want to know.

They remember birthdays and notice if someone has changed her hair or gotten a new piercing.

People who are present are always aware of their surroundings, and they take everything in with a keen sense of observation. Thus, they have an extraordinary aptitude for reading

people.

They don't gloss over details. They live in the moment. They are awake to the world.

In my mind, this is the only type of person to be. The type of person who holds others in the highest regard.

It's not easy though. It's easier to take people for granted. It's even eas-ier to become so wrapped up in one's

own dilemmas that dismissing other people's problems becomes routine

I'm not sure what it will take to open my eyes. Sometimes I feel as though I'm the luckiest person in the

world and I don't even know it. My life is in front of me or behind me. Rarely is it where I am — at this time, in this space, with these people.

We all have busy lives, and we do important things, but can any of us say that we really live if we don't pay attention to life?

Wouldn't it be better to have fewer ictures in focus than an entire roll of blurred film?

A meaningful life is made of things that will never be captured in a photograph: The way a kitchen smells when someone cooks homemade soup, the distinct sound of a child's laugh, the silly inside jokes shared with friends

The only way to capture these things is to pay attention.

> Christina Lucarotti is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor. "Confession" appears Tuesdays.



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Today

School of Art & Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. Gallery 2: Ed Clapp, Gallery 3: Arthur King, Gallery 5: Consuelo Underwood, Gallery 8: Monica Van den Dool and the Herbert Sanders Gallery: Mary White.

Student galleries art recep-tions, all galleries, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330

SJSU Ceramic Guild (with Textiles and Glass)

Holiday sale, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m today through Thursday at the Art quad next to the Student Union For more information, call Rana Schmitz at 289-1594.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, 300 S. 10th St. RCIA: A look into the Catholic

Church, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center. Bible Trek 2001, 6:30 p.m. to

7:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Social Hall. For more information, call Father Charlie at 938-1610.

Library Donations & Book Sales

Ongoing book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clark Library, 4th floor, Room 408. For more information call the acquisitions department at 924-2705

Support group/mentoring, 2 p.m. in the Student Union, Mon-

building, Room 221. Cost is \$5 for

mation, call Sherry at 206-7599.

Meditation - guided and instructional, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30

p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center Chapel, 300 South 10th St. All

meditators are welcome. For more information, call R. Wharton at

Jo Hernandez, new exhibitions

director and special projects coor-

dinator, School of Art and Design,

curator and former director of the

author, art historian, professor,

Triton Museum of Art in Santa

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um of Art. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the

Art building, Room 133. For more

Society for the Advancement of

End of the semester party, 5

p.m. at the Tied House Brewing

Company. For more information,

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Support group/fellowship, 2

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Workshop: "Stress and Money Management, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, call Kent McLaughlin at 924-5910.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

Student Occupational Therapy

Winter clothes drive: clothes will be collected and donated for Christmas season, boxes located in Central Classroom building, Room 203.

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Meditation — guided and instructional, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center Chapel, 300 South 10th St. All meditators are welcome. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

REACH Program (Re-Entry And Commuter Help Program)

Brown bag lunch - end of the semester celebration, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Pacheco room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club

Panel discussion regarding the recent American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Food and beverages will be served. p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 004. For more information, call Marlene Elwell at 241-7471

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Final meeting of 2000 — pre-final stress relief activities, 5 p.m in the Student Union, Costanoan room. For more information, call Shanna at 938-0803.

College of Social Work

Informational meeting, 4:30 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 215. Hear more about this dynamic profession and the master of social work program. For more information, call Allan Rawland at 924-5849.

Staff Artique

Sixth annual SJSU staff artique/craft show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Ginny Smith at 924-5013.

SJSU Philosophy Colloquium

(Dept. of Philosophy) Peter Hadreas, "Husserl and the Phenomenology of Racism," 4 p.m. in the Faculty Offices building. Room 104. For more information, call Bo Mou at 924-4502.

Students for Justice

Students for Justice meeting, 5 p.m. in the Student Union sunken living room. For more information call Vanessa Nisperos at 504-9554

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Holiday gift giving doesn't necessitate credit card spending

harge it, please. Yes, to my credit card, of course. It sounds simple enough, and extremely easy to do, but don't be

As registers ring up the grand totals this holiday season, charges made on credit cards will likely be used more than neces-

According to the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, consumer spending is expected to rise this year. Based on a finding by the 2000 American Express Retail Index, an 8 per-

cent increase is expected in com-parison to 1999 spending.

Holiday spending is estimated to rise to \$1,684 per consumer this year, based on a national poll of more than 800 consumers on

According to the report, consumers said they expect to spend \$1,161 for gifts, \$197 on entertainment, \$154 on travel, \$88 on december and \$254 on the ball that he had decorations and \$84 on other holiday expenses.

Everything sounds tempting during Christmas. Martha Stewart and a host of magazines and advertisers tell us how to decorate for the holidays and illustrate the ideal gifts to buy. They even pick out exotic places to go for that much-needed vacation. But what happens after the

presents are unwrapped and the suitcases are put back into the

The National Foundation for Consumer Credit estimated that the typical amount of time for paying back debt accumulated with an easy swipe of a card dur-ing holiday shopping is four months.

So, when you don't have it and can't afford it, the next best thing can be to charge it. But, it would be a good idea to look at how much you can realistically pay

Credit card spending can be an irresistible temptation when cash is not available at your fingertips. Finding a sound argument to

convince yourself of the ills of going into debt, when a credit card is an enticing alternative to



a bare tree or no tree at all, can turn into an internal game of tug

Usually, the senseless and outof-control spending frenzy takes

It's hard to resist

It's Christmas, after all, a time for gift-giving and receiving.

When you're a student trying to get by with the basics, the hol-iday season can look like a dead-

end alley.

I recently overheard a conversation between friends. One girl was telling her friend that she reached an agreement with her new boyfriend about spending limits. They would each spend \$150 on a gift for one another.

It sounded practical enough, but all I could picture was a dan-

gling price tag. Which price would count if the gift was on sale?

I just shrugged my shoulders and walked away, mumbling to

I told a friend about my shop-ping concerns. He said, "Just be thoughtful."

Whether you have money wish you had more, one thou ful gift is worth more than dozen expensive presents placed under a tree for looks. A little thought goes a long

When it comes to plastic, you

can leave home without it.

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Quote for the Daily:

"Avoid fruits and nuts. You are what you eat."

 Jim Davis Garfield

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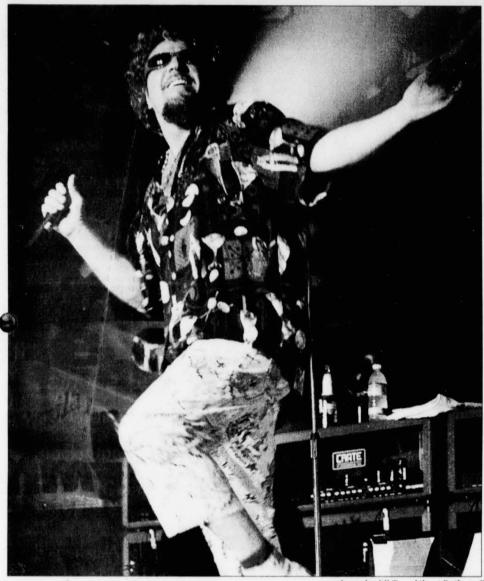
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Above, Sammy Hagar sang, played guitar, crowd of 3,000 Saturday at the Event Cendanced and drank margaritas in front of a ter.



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Left, Victor Johnson, a guitarist in Hagar's band, The Waboritas. performed in a San Jose Sharks jersey. About 60 fans stood behind the band and watched the show from the stage.

Tunes 'n' tequila

Hagar delights audience with party-time atmosphere at Event Center

By Emily B. Zurich

DAILY STAFF WRITER

An energized audience greeted Sammy Hagar with women's underwear and other gifts at the Event Center on Saturday night.

An audience member threw a banner to Hagar

that read, "Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Sammy Hagar."

Hagar tied the banner around his waist between songs and said, "Well, merry f***ing Christmas."

Hagar, who was a member of Van Halen in the

'80s, played guitar and sang with his band, The Waberitas, for the crowd of 3,000.

The concert was themed around Hagar's cantina, The Cabo Wabo, which is in Cabo San Lucas, Mexi-

Some audience members were allowed to stand on stage for the duration of the concert, often giving Hagar hugs, singing along with his songs and sharing drinks with him.

The crowd had many older fans, some sporting

the "mullet" hairstyle made famous by "achy breaky

county rocker Billy Ray Cyrus. One younger member of the audience, 22-year-old Chip McNallie, said he was out of his element at the

"It was a great concert, but I felt out of place because there were so many mullets," McNallie said.

The concert was a flashback to the '80s, as Hagar made references to marijuana smoking, drinking

and oral sex.

Hagar kept his party-boy image alive by pouring beer on the stage, dropping his pants and calling for bikini-clad waitresses to bring him

"If this ain't a party, I quit," Hagar yelled.

He then raised his glass and drew cheers from the crowd after shouting, "white trash."

"It was kinda cool ... a blast from the past," McNallie said. "He pumped up the crowd pretty good. He's real."

Hagar prompted audience members to sing along.

Hagar prompted audience members to sing along with him for a few older songs, such as "I Can't Drive 55," "Mas Tequila," and "One Way to Rock."

Dan Garcia said he prefers Hagar's older music

and thinks Hagar's audience isn't as big as it used to But that didn't stop him from enjoying the show.

"Tve been a Sammy Hagar fan forever," Garcia said. "It was great." Gina West, who came to the concert from Gilroy and has been a Van Halen fan since the '80s, said she thinks Hagar is still a good performer.

"It was the best show I've been to," West said. Sammy Hagar and the Waboritas performed for more than two hours, playing both old favorites and new songs from their studio album "Ten 13."

The concert made a new fan out of San Jose resident Stephanie Gobright.
"I wasn't a fan before, but I am now," Gobright

said. "I thought he was great.

It's not too soon to think about

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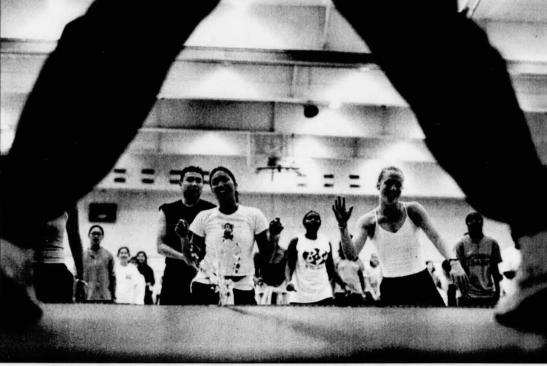
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fused participants in the Aerobicthon watched Andre Bobo perform a cardio-funk routine, a form of aerobics set to hip-hop and funk music. Most people finally got the steps down after three or four tries. The event is held every year in the winter to promote physical fitness. photos by

Jackie D'Antonio



Surviving Aerobicthon

or a girl who gets her exercise from walking up a flight of stairs five days a week to the Spartan Daily newsroom, I was surprised I survived Aerobicthon 2000.

The two-hour aerobic marathon — which occurred at 4 p.m. on Friday in Spartan Complex Central, Room 44 — has existed for close to a decade.

What could be bad about a couple of hours of Jazzercising, kickboxing, hi-lo aerobics and the like?

I quickly found out midway

through the day.
Friday's jaunt had arms flailing, legs kicking and bodies stretching to different kinds of

Which inevitably left me

drained.
Not to blame my lack of physical activity on the Daily's excru-ciating deadlines; my exercise-free days have been present since I started college.

So, when the opportunity to join the event arose, I took it in stride. I even decided to drag my boyfriend along.

My boyfriend, who jogs for aerobic exercise and lifts weights, refused when I first asked him to join the aerobic

marathon with me. After assuring him that I wouldn't force him to wear spandex and grapevine to techno-music, he finally agreed.

Dressed in windbreaker pants and tank-tops, we looked just like everyone else in the room. Give or take the handful of brave women who wore Lycra biker shorts and leotards.

Accompanied by about 200 participants, close to 10 percent were male, we all lined up in rows to get ready to strain our

The warm-up was fine. I was



Helena D. Hong DAILY STAFF WRITER

surprised to see that even though I thought people were watching my every move, no one really was. Everyone else is so involved in their own movements they couldn't care less about me.

With six more instructors and different types of aerobics to go, I was pumped.

Debra Yates, an aerobics com-petitor, dashed onto the floor with so much energy the group jumped back. Latin music blared in the background as she started the routine off with a mambo step. I picked up the step quickly and so did my boyfriend. For people who have never

taken an aerobics class before, it could be quite a struggle. But once one gets used to the rhythm of the music and gets the basic steps down, it becomes

Luckily, I have some dance experience and I like to think I catch on quickly, so it became more fun than burdening.

The section I had a love-hate relationship with was cardiokickboxing. Andrea Squarcia, a fitness instructor from local gyms, led the way with loud and forceful commands. She told us to "jab-jab-slip," which meant to jab twice and duck backward low. It made me feel like I was training for a boxing match. Although I was extremely tired, Squarcia was tough and pushed us with scenarios such as, "imagine you're blocking a punch from an attacker" or "imagine you're throwing that person on the ground after you've roundhouse kicked them."

The "hate" part came the following day when my left shoul-der burned. Jabbing endlessly with my left arm made that half of my body feel weak. But I have to admit, I loved the synergy within the group, and Squarcia herself was dynamic.

Drinks, fresh fruit and energy bars were offered throughout the event, which helped replenish my fatigued body. Carol Sullivan, founder and

coordinator of the event, intro-duced Andre Bobo after plenty of rest and reassurance that we would get through the day.

Accompanied by hip-hop music, Bobo, a cardio--funk instructor, moved the group with mellow steps.

Julie and Jeri Thurman taught "patterns." I thought it was the addest of all the sec-

was the oddest of all the sec-The Thurman twins formed

two lines and ran around the gym with colorful, 4-foot foam tubes. I'd expect an activity such as that in an elementary

school program.

In the end, I patted myself on the back for being productive and I even ran into friends that I haven't seen all semester.

The best part of the day was when my boyfriend thanked me for dragging him along. He apologized for being judgmental in the beginning and said he thor-

oughly enjoyed it. He was so glad that he took us out for ice cream

EOE

Learning the ugly side of love at beauty salon

By Erika Coron

DAILY STAFF SENIOR WRITER

A beauty salon set on an ordinary street in Paris is the backdrop for the French film, "Venus Beauty Institute.

The film, directed by Tonie Mar-shall, looks at the lives of three ordinary women and their search for love in between customers.

Even with subtitles, it's an easy film to follow.

REVIEW

The foreign film offers good acting and a story with a twist rather than the typical Hollywood glamour and glitter.

The film is set in winter and the cold comes through the screen with the austere and blunt personality of Angele (Nathalie Baye), who has had her fill of love gone bad. Middle-aged Angele doesn't

seem to belong anywhere. She frequents restaurants, and using the pretext of not being able to eat alone, manages to find a way to invite herself to eat with strangers.

But soon Angele's casual man-ner turns into a forward invitation to more than just a meal.

You get the impression she has done this before. In a dialogue that sounds like a script, she engages the newly discovered stranger in a

conversation that is meant to lead to only one thing.

Back at the salon, customers come and go and a suspicious-look-ing man is seen lurking around, apparently looking for someone at the salon.

He suddenly gets enough nerve to confess his obsession to Angele and declares his mad love for her. They make quite the mismatched pair. She immediately rejects his blunt declarations of love, but he is determined to change her mind. She is bitter and cynical about

love and swears she will never allow herself to be touched by it again. Something has made her

Andrea Squarcia, a cardio-

kickboxing instructor, led a class during the ninth annual

Aerobicthon in the Spartan

Complex on Friday.

untrusting.
If she ever did have a sparkle in

her eyes during a more youthful time, it has long since been extinguished. How Angele was able to find someone and — not just anyone, but a sculptor — to fall madly in love with her by osmosis, is beyond

my comprehension.

How she eventually fell for him after swearing never to fall prey to any of love's innuendoes is not as hard to believe.

The foreign film offers good acting and a story with a twist rather than the typical Hollywood glamour and glitter.

Although she rejects the initial attempts of her new suitor, Antoine, Angele has a change of heart.

In contrast to the apparently heartless personality of Angele, young and innocent Marie (Audrey Tautou), is just waiting to express her hidden passion.

She looks sweet and innoce and after generous tips from a older and appreciative customer, she agrees to go home with him one

day. Samantha (Mathilde Seigner), the other beautician, is lost in her own world.

She is bitter about her job and esents the owner of the salon, Madam Nadine (Bulle Ogier), for her cold-hearted business-like manner and the pretentious world she represents.

The contrast of the physical desire for beauty and the basic, raw need for love is cleverly depicted in The story-telling moves at a

good pace for a movie with subtitles, and the acting is top-notch. If you see this film, you won't feel tickled about love, but you also

won't be disappointed.

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Melissa Ciotta tried to pull loose from San Francisco State University defenders Saturday during the Silicon Valley Rugby Classic. The Spartans lost to San Francisco 20-0.

Jackie D'Antonio / Daily Staff



Junior Dustin Winn tried to break a men's and women's rugby club teams both Silicon Valley Rugby Classic at Blackford before the spring season begins. High School in San Jose. The Spartan

tackle against a player from the University competed in the tournament, which is held of Nevada at Reno on Saturday during the every fall to give athletes playing time

Tuning up

Spartan ruggers team attempt to get in gear at Silicon Valley Rugby Classic

By Helena D. Hong

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The camaraderie on the field Saturday at Blackford High School in San Jose seemed more like friends coming together than a rugby tour-

The Sea Hawk Rugby Football Club hosted its annual Silicon Valley Rugby Classic, provid-ing the Spartan women's rugby team with its last opportunity to improve before the season

opener in the spring.

The Spartans played Aptos and San Francisco women's rugby clubs and California State University at Chico.

Both the Aptos and San Francisco clubs beat the Spartans 20-0, but San Jose State University scored in the third game against Chico, leav-

ing the score 15-5.

The tournament was viewed more like a learning experience than a game-day environ-

"Our objective is to just learn how to play," said women's rugby coach Karl Laucher, "We're here only as a learning curve improvement. We're not even really concerned about the

Rugby captain Melissa Ciotta played two of the three games with both ankles sprained.

"Injured or not injured, I am a rugby player and I just want to play," Ciotta said. "It's harder for me to stand outside and watch."

Instead of discouraging her to play, Ciotta's

father and sister attended the tournament to

support her. ying no mind to the scores. Laucher said he proud of the team's effort. iotta said that the team has a lot of learning

to do before the first game of the season on Feb. "That's what all of these tournaments are

about," Ciotta said. "To let rookies get some playing time on the field." Jennifer Coakes, who played only parttime last semester, understands how it is to be new to

the game. "We're so new to the sport. We just need to get more use to the mentality, use to our positions and just learn the sport," Coakes said. "It's a learning process, and that's what the whole preseason is about."

Though scores are not calculated for the tour-

"It's great. The men's team supports the women's team whenever they can and vice versa."

> Mike McDonald. men's rugby head coach

nament, the lessons learned from each scrimmage is important.

"It's about protecting the ball, it's a team effort. When you don't work as a team, you lose," Coakes said. "Our strength? We have spirit, and

that, I think, will win everything in any sport."
Alongside the women was the Spartan men's rugby team who played fairly well, according to coach Mike McDonald.

"It's great. The men's team supports the women's team whenever they can and vice versa," McDonald said.

Dustin Winn, captain and president, said since the tournament is played in the fall the new players are exposed to so many other "That's a real big boost with the rookies,

when you see they're having so much fun they'll want to come back out," Winn said. "It's a really good bonding experience."

In 1970, Laucher was rookie himself when

SJSU established its rugby club.

"I'm as thrilled as I can be," Laucher said. "I feel this team is another contender for a national championship.

Last season, the Spartan women's rugby team took it all the way to the USA Rugby Women's Division II National Championship Tournament at Columbus, Ohio. They made it to the final four but was knocked down to fourth place in the first round against Plymouth Col-

Retired SJSU professor and co-founder of the Rugby Club in 1970, Ron McBeath said he attends quite avidly.

"As usual, a new season starts off with a lot of new players and once they develop some good rugby skills, then they'll be a much improved team." McBeath said.

Heisman final four named

TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson lone running back remaining

NEW YORK (AP) - Three quarterbacks -Drew Brees of Purdue, Josh Heupel of Oklahoma and Chris Weinke of Florida State — and running back LaDainian Tomlinson of Texas Christian were announced Monday as finalists for the Heis-

The award to the nation's best college football player will be presented by the Downtown Athlet-ic Club on Saturday night.

The four finalists are the leading vote-getters in month-long balloting by 922 sports writers, broad-casters and former Heisman winners. Balloting continues through Friday but the finalists are well ahead of other contenders.

Brees, a finalist last year, is the Big Ten's career passing leader with 11,517 yards and led Purdue to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1966. He threw for 3,393 yards this season with 24 touch-downs and 12 interceptions, and he also ran for 516 yards and five more touchdowns.

Heupel led Oklahoma to the No. 1 ranking in the country, completing 280 of 433 passes for 3,392 yards with 20 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. He has at least one TD pass in all 24 of his career games at Oklahoma and has passed for more than 300 yards in 14 of them.

Weinke led the nation with 4,167 passing yards with 23 TD passes and 11 interceptions. He is 23

with 33 TD passes and 11 interceptions. He is 32-2 as a starter at Florida State with a streak of 25 consecutive victories. He holds Atlantic Coast Conference records for passing yardage at 9,789 and touchdown passes with 79. At 28, he would be the oldest to win a Heisman.

Tomlinson led the nation in rushing for the second consecutive year and became only the seventh running back in NCAA history to run for 2,000 yards in a season. He carried 369 times for 2,158 yards — fourth highest in NCAA history — and 22 touchdowns. His 5,263 career yards is sixth highest in NCAA history.



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Volleyball team's cast takes season's final bow

By Tiffani Analla

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A record breaker, a key bench contributor, a breakout player, two fabulous freshmen, a defensive gem, and one warrior makes a list of players that defines the season of the Spartan women's volleyball team

"We had a pretty good season. We accomplished the goals we had this season," head coach Craig Choate said. "We won 20 games and made it into the first round (of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament). The only thing we didn't do was win the first round."

The record breaker was senior middle blocker Joslynn Gallop, who finished her Spartan career owning 11 San Jose State University and Athletic Conference records.

Two records include the WAC career kill which was previously held by Fresno State's Tricia Tuley, and breaking the SJSU career kill attempts record, which was held by Spartan Dawnis Wilson (1988-91.)

"Jos is down in every phase of the record book," Choate said. "She had

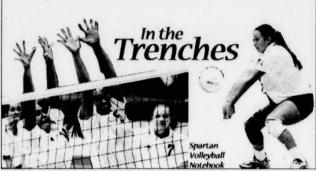
a spectacular career."

The 6-foot-1-inch senior led the WAC with a total of 630 kills, averaging 5.43 per game. She is the third Spartan to record more than 1,000 career kills and digs. The SJSU single-season record in kills that was set last year at 605 was broken by Gallop.

Gina Troxell was a key contribu-tor off the bench. The senior outside hitter was seventh on the team in digs with 147, averaging 1.43 digs per game in 103 games this season.

"We're going to miss Gina a lot," Choate said. "We're losing two people that are hard to replace.

Breakout player and second team



all-WAC outside hitter Brianna Blair was second on the team and sixth in the conference in total kills with 461. The 5-foot-10-inch junior finished second on the team with 28 service aces. Blair, a Tempe, Ariz. native, was the seventh Spartan to notch more than 1,000 career kills.

"She did some spectacular things this season," Choate said. "We played some big teams and she

showed up."

The three-year starter improved statistically each season. In her first season, Blair finished with 207 kills. Blair recorded 381 kills as a sophomore, and tallied 461 kills as a

Two freshmen, outside hitter Kimberly Noble and middle blocker Liz Hudson, will be major players

next year, Choate said.

"Kimmy hit higher on the outside than any first-year player I have coached," Choate said.

The all-WAC freshman selection had a .200 hitting percentage, which was good for fourth on the team,

while Noble was third with 320 kills, averaging 2.83 per game.

Hudson, who played in 114 games this season, was also voted to the all-WAC freshmen team. She

was second on the team in blocks per game, averaging 0.82 with a total of 94. "I'm real high on her potential to

be a fabulous player," Choate said. Another major asset for the Spartans was junior setter Savannah Smith, a defensive gem. Smith was third on the SJSU single-season list with 1,515 assists. She was third in the WAC in assists with 13.17 per game and fifth in the conference in digs, averaging 3.11 per game. "She had a fabulous year as a

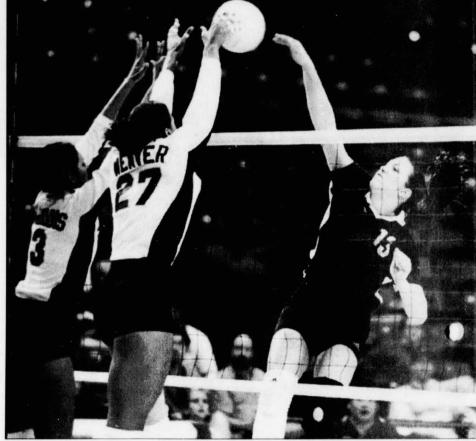
defensive player," Choate said.

And finally there's sophomore

middle blocker, Stephanie Pascucci. "She's a warrior," Choate said. "She didn't start for us. Instead of

giving up, she got furious. She was a fearless competitor," Choate said.
Pascucci provided a spark off the
bench tallying 146 kills in 84 games.

Choate's accomplishments include coaching four teams to a 20-win season during his eight-year career at SJSU. Choate's SJSU career win total of 148 ranks second to Dick Montgomery's 191 victories from 1981-89. The Spartans finished second in the WAC in consecutive seasons and had win streaks of seven and eight matches this season.



Spartan senior middle blocker Joslynn junior middle blocker Cheryl Weaver. The Gallop, right, attempts a spike, but was denied by Long Beach State University's by No. 13 Long Beach State on Nov. 30 senior outside hitter Mariah Marquis and at the Event Center.

Spartans were defeated three games to one

Spartan hockey club reliquishes Gold Rush trophy

By Kate Kositch

After holding on to the Pen-nysaver Gold Rush trophy for three years, the Spartan hockey team turned it over to Palmer College West on Saturday in a-9-7 overtime shootout at the Ice Cen-

The two-day, four-team tournament, which started on Dec. 1, originated in 1996 to bring the Bay Area teams, San Jose State Uni-versity, Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley and Palmer College, together to compete with each other.

Before Saturday's final against Palmer, Spartan hockey club head coach Ron Glasow reassured his team that the game would be phys-

"Every hit out there is going to be big time," Glasow said. "(You have to) come here ready to play."

throughout regulation and took the 5-5 battle into overtime.

Palmer, who out-shot the Spartans 53-26, had many shots on goal in the overtime period, but came up short as all of them were stopped by Spartan goalie Eric

As time expired in overtime, both teams headed into a five-onfive shootout that would decide the

championship. In the shootout, Palmer outscored the Spartans 4-2, earning the victory and the team's first Pennysaver Gold Rush championship since 1996

After the game, Glasow said the loss was just part of the season.
"This hurts us," Glasow said.

"But it's just a bump on the road."

With the loss, the Spartans are forced to win one of the their last two games to assure them a spot in national championships, "We're still in the driver's seat," he said. "Hold your heads up and

SJSU captain Alex Hidas had more encouraging words for his

"This was a great kick in the ass," Hidas said about their loss. "No team should be able to touch

us if we play our game."
Whitney said Glasow told him to tone it down while going against Palmer's notoriously aggressive "We should have won," Whitney

said. "We just didn't pull it out in

Although Lahrs was notably upset after the game, he said that either team could have won.

"It's just unfortunate that some-one has to lose," Lahrs said. "We played a team that played great." SJSU's game Friday was slow

and sloppy, but they were still able to defeat Stanford 4-3.

"We never came back from that break over Thanksgiving," Glasow

Ron Glasow of the slow-paced tempo that his team played.

Sophomore wing Jason James agreed with Glasow that the team never recovered from the break, saying it was expected.

The game remained scoreless until 10 minutes remaining in the

Junior defenseman Rashaan

Whitney flipped the puck into the SJSU continued the offensive

attack, scoring additional goals in the first and second period

After entering the third period with the game tied 3-3, the Spartans scored the game-winning goal late in the period to defeat Stan-

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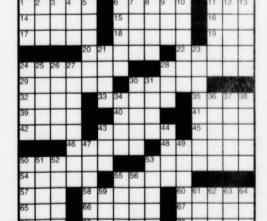
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"He could win every home game next year and still get a year taken away from his con-tract," Tollner said. "They backed out of the original offer."

Another provision threatened the reduction of two years on Baldwin's contract or a possibility of being fired if the Spartans finished 3-5 in the Western Athletic Conference.

"Next year we would have played tough non-conference opponents in the USC (University of Southern California), Colorado and Arizona State. Who's to say we wouldn't be banged up?" Baldwin said. "That would account to some losses in confer-

Tollner said he was surprised to see the entire scenario change in a couple of days.

tor Paul Arslanian. He expressed

coach within two weeks to keep from delaying the recruiting process. Bell said the school already had to cancel a recruiting visit this weekend because of the current situation. He also said he plans to have the finalists speak with the players.

"We need someone who can be a good fit with the program," Bell said. "It has to be a man who is knowledgeable of the resources here, our budget situation and manage to be successful with what we have and what talent we can find."

Baldwin said he believes his team accomplished a lot this season and he left it to the school to

"Coach Baldwin was excited about returning. He's an excellent coach and helped build up the program. They set the negotiations up to fail by not providing the three-year contract previously promised."

- Bruce Tollner, Baldwin's agent

"Coach Baldwin was excited about returning," he said. "He's an excellent coach and helped build up the program. They set the negotiations up to fail by not pro-viding the three-year contract previously promised."

Don Kassing, SJSU's vice president of administration and finance, said they gave Baldwin and Tollner more than enough time to make a decision.

"We told them 8 p.m. was the deadline," Kassing said. "We waited until 8:30 p.m., they gave the impression that they were not interested in our offer, so we

According to Athletics Director Chuck Bell, the university has received 30 to 50 calls from coaches around the country either interested in the vacancy or offer-

ing suggestions.
"It's amazing, but it's too early to release names," Bell said.
"One name Bell did mention

was Spartan defensive coordina-

interest in applying for the head coaching position in a meeting Monday, Bell said. SJSU hopes to sign a new

take the Spartan football program to another level.

"Tve done a good job for this university. We had seven wins, tied for the most in California. We had nine all-WAC players and an all-district academic All-American," Baldwin said. "We were doing the right things ... I don't know what direction the program

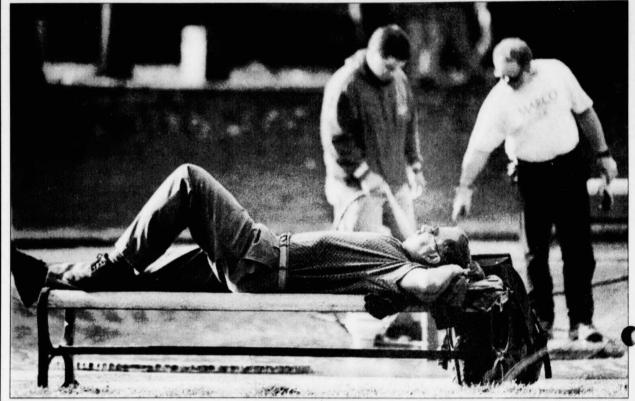
wants to go." Baldwin said he hasn't thought about where he might coach next. He is currently trying to find jobs for his assistant

As head coach of the Spartans, Baldwin was 18-27 in four seasons. This year SJSU (7-5) had its best record since 1992 when it finished 7-4.

"I have to do what's best for my family," Baldwin said. "I will be unemployed as of Friday, but I understand it's part of the coach-

ing business.
"I don't have any negative feelings about San Jose State University or about the commu-

Catchin' some Z's by the fountain ...



A man slept under clear blue skies while Paul Gomez, left, cleaned suds from the fountain on Tower lawn Monday and Gary Tarnowski, both from the plumbing department,

PRESIDENT: Gore predicts two weeks until decision

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ings and procedures are just a front for showing that neither candidate is representing himself accordingly.

Jakic added that he wouldn't want someone like that leading the country.

Monday afternoon, spokesman for the Florida Supreme Court announced that the case was "under advisement" and that seven justices would meet later in the day "to determine how they will proceed."

"If there is a new total, it moves up, it doesn't move down, and we're ahead," said James A. Baker III, the former secretary of state representing Bush in the Florida dispute. "From our standpoint, at least, it was a win.

The whole issue of the recount was a big waste of time, according to Sahun Discipulo, a nursing

"I just think that it should be over with already," Discipulo said "I think Gore is just being a sore loser." Discipulo said the whole voting issue has been in the news for too long. She said people are getting tired of hearing about it and all they want now is a presi-

think we're down, but not out," said Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland. "This was a punch that knocked him (Gore) down, but it didn't knock him out.

Republicans took a different

angle. "How many defeats nough?" said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-

In an interview Sunday night on "60 Minutes," Gore said if Bush takes office on Jan. 20, 2001, "he will be sworn in as my president,

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