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Breakdown by ethnicity

Associated Press
 California State University freshmen who entered in 2000, including total by ethnic group and percentage needing remedial math or English:

Ethnicity	Total	Math%	English%
White	13,350	37	28
Indian	229	48	37
Black	1,744	73	66
Hispanic	6,941	63	61
Asian	4,896	36	64
Pacific Islander	183	42	46
Filipino	2,000	47	55
Unknown	3,832	43	37
Non resident	647	36	76
Total	33,822	45.2	45.6

Source: California State University.

Remedial students face ax

By Jordan Robertson

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cora Nungaray is learning decimals and simple fractions again, skills that are usually taught in elementary school.

The freshman reluctantly agreed to take a remedial math class last semester after she failed the Entry Level Mathematics test, which is required for admission

into higher-level math classes. Nungaray, an occupational therapy major, said she's upset because she took four years of math in high school and believes she's capable of handling tougher course work.

But what really has her fuming is that if she doesn't pass her remedial class, and its competency test at the end of the semester, she might be kicked out of San Jose State University.

Three years ago the California State University system started enforcing a policy that mandates freshmen that don't pass their remedial classes by the end of their first year can be denied admission to the school. Like all other CSU campuses, SJSU has been enforcing the policy with mixed results, administrators said.

On one hand, roughly 65 percent of incoming freshmen need

remedial classes in either English, math or both, according to a study presented last week to the CSU Board of Trustees.

That number indicates that in applying to schools, an alarming number of college freshmen are lacking the basic skills that should have been taught to them years ago, the study found.

On the other hand, the study indicated that after a year of reme-

diation, most of those freshmen returned to school proficient in their subjects.

At SJSU, for example, 69 percent of freshmen became proficient between the fall 1999 and fall 2000 semesters, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Of the entire class, 96 percent were proficient, including those who did not

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A.S. loans provide book help

By Jena Torres

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Since many students don't have the money to eat a more nutritious meal than a bag of Top Ramen, when the time comes to buy books some find themselves in dire straits.

Students in financial need now have the option of getting a book loan for the semester from the Associated Students Business Office, located on the main floor of the Student Union.

Available during the first two weeks of the semester, the Book Loan Program is targeted toward freshmen and sophomores, although all students receiving financial aid may apply, said Akbar Shetty, vice chair for A.S.

Requirements for the program are a valid identification card with a current enrollment sticker, an official financial aid letter, proof of class enrollment and a letter from the International Students Office for international students, according to the description attached to the application.

Each student is given a voucher with a maximum limit of \$150 and may purchase up to three upper or lower division general education books.

The program is based on a first-come, first-served basis and can be used by students for a maximum of four semesters, according to a promotional poster.

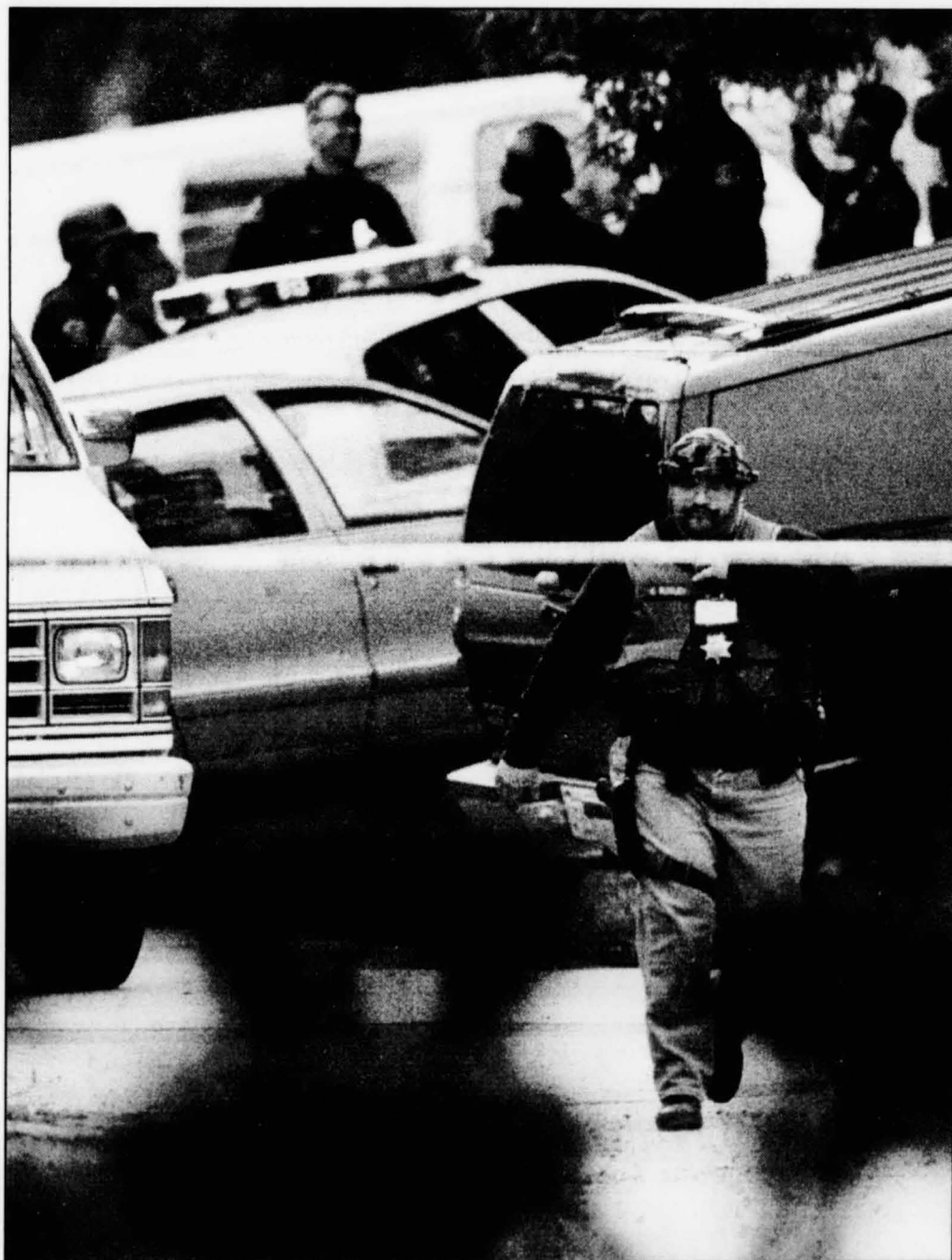
A.S. had been exploring the idea of a book loan program since last year, Shetty said.

"We began brainstorming ways to implement the program," he said. "We looked at other schools' programs, like the Fullerton Full Book Program, that supplies all books. That only benefits a small group, however."

"We came up with seven different models. One model was a full book scholarship, but we thought a smaller program

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Bomb scare closes De Anza



Chad Pilster / Daily Staff

A Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputy leaves the roped off area of De Anza College while law enforcement officials from several agencies converse in the background. The campus was closed Tuesday after a

19-year-old man who attended the college was arrested in San Jose on Monday with 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails, several weapons and a stock of ammunition in his possession.

'Columbine-style' threat evacuates college for the day

By Clarissa Aljentera

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University junior LaDonna Martinez was frightened for her safety when she found out about the bomb threat that evacuated De Anza College early Tuesday morning.

San Jose Police and De Anza campus security cleared the 112-acre Cupertino campus around 9 a.m. after suspicions of a "Columbine-style attack."

SJPD arrested a 19-year-old man Monday evening, searched his house and found plans of a possible bombing to take place on De Anza's campus Tuesday afternoon.

SJSU's campus is similar to De Anza's because both are open.

"The classroom buildings are accessible," said Martinez a child development major. "Anyone can walk off the street and go into the building. It is scary."

De Anza, located 10 miles from SJSU, has more than 25,000 students according to their Web site.

SJSU's undergraduate population is 20,000 and the total number of students is 27,000.

De Anza's campus was blocked off for most of Tuesday. Police vehicles and campus security were posted at each entrance on campus to prevent people from walking or driving on.

San Jose police were called in to search the campus but found nothing as of Tuesday evening. According to signs posted around the campus, classes are scheduled to resume today.

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Senate cans drug policy

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A list of 14 questions were brought before the floor of the Academic Senate on Monday, then shot down.

Under discussion was a policy recommendation about the special agency Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Committee.

The legislative item, Academic Senate 1131 Policy Recommendation, sought to change the composition of the committee.

More than 60 senators, university staff and students filled the second-floor room of the Engineering building for the senate's January meeting.

Akbar Shetty, Associated Students' director of governing affairs, appeared stunned by the near-unanimous vote that rejected his amendment.

The lone vote supporting the amendment was his own.

"I am standing against all the senate," Shetty said. Already opposed to the number of seats allotted to students — four seats out of a total of fifteen — Shetty sought to have the four student seats pass through the Associated Students president for review.

Shetty said he brought the questions forward in an attempt to ensure proper representation for the students.

Administrators choose the student representatives, he said.

The Inter Residential Hall Association has "no real mechanism to put forward members," Shetty said. As a result, members of the university staff end up making the selection, Shetty said.

The recommendation had previously been intro-

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David Bitton / Daily Staff

Lee Werhan, a dispatcher employed by the University Police Department for 10 years, demonstrates the new computer system being set up in the UPD building next to the Seventh Street garage.

Delays appear done for UPD home

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The University Police Department is finally set to make its move.

On Feb. 13, the communications center is scheduled to move into its new home in the Seventh Street garage. The rest of the department is slated to follow on Feb. 15 and 16, said UPD's Richard Staley, who is coordinating the move.

The old Traffic and Parking office will remain in operation throughout the move until the



new office is ready, he said.

"We will be open for business on Feb. 19," Staley said.

The move comes at the end of almost a year in delays.

Originally, the station was planned to be operational on June 1 of last year. Labor problems and last-minute changes

pushed the date back to Oct. 6. Then, county-wide union strikes and changes in inspector, fire marshal and superintendent that delayed certification of work stretched out the date further.

It was not until this week that it was confirmed that the move was finally in motion.

The old dispatch center located in the current UPD building is scheduled to remain staffed with at least one individual, Staley said. They would

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OPPOSING

Is 'Temptation Island' immoral or entertaining?

VIEWS

Fox network's new 'reality-based' show crosses the boundaries of acceptable entertainment once again

'Temptation Island' gives Americans an opportunity to learn more about the intricacies of relationships

I admit it. I was one of the 16.1 million people who tuned in to the first episode of Fox television network's "Temptation Island." I hadn't planned on watching, but that's what happens when you combine an experienced channel-surfer with a multimillion-dollar promotional campaign.

To be honest, even with all the advertising, I didn't exactly know the premise of the show before its debut.

I discovered that the four unmarried couples involved were ready to take the next step, but all had cold feet.



GEORGE MOORE

DAILY STAFF WRITER

So what better way to test their love than to separate and tempt them with "real-life" situations?

I don't know about the rest of you guys, but frolicking around a tropical island while being chased by scantily clad women is not a life I know anybody living.

Doesn't there have to be some kind of realism involved to be labeled a "reality TV" show? I think "Fantasy Island" would be a more appropriate name.

For example, in last week's episode, "Perfect 10" cover girl Vanessa jumped into Billy's arms. His partner, Mandy, was obviously upset and allowed herself to be carried off by her island beau, a situation that takes me back to my junior high school days.

After the final episode has been completed, and the television cameras have been turned off, somebody ought to air the true finale.

Here's my version: Mandy and Billy are thoroughly disgusted with one another and argue bitterly.

The next scene opens with each of them on different sides of the island, wandering the beach looking confused. "Where is everybody?" they're thinking.

Cut to the airport: Vanessa and the other island beauties are waving off reporters on the way to their flights.

The camera pans over to six familiar, sullen faces waiting to board what appears to be a very long flight home.

That's reality television. I understand it's an attempt at entertainment, but there are moral issues to consider.

The show basically tries to break up relationships to obtain ratings.

For society to casually observe this scenario hardly reinforces any form of commitment to a relationship.

On Jan. 6, the San Jose Mercury News ran an article before the show premiered, and quoted the feelings of a rabbi.

"The idea that it is sport and amusement to see if one can destroy a relationship for the purpose of securing ratings and profit is just unacceptable," said Rabbi Kenneth D. Roseman of the Temple Shalom in Dallas.

Fox is still reeling from last year's disastrous "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire," and decided to cancel any future segments, the article also reported.

Mike Darnell, the man who launched "Multimillionaire" said, "'Temptation Island' is a show like 'Big Brother' or 'Survivor' that tries to tell a story. We know it's provocative, but this is not a show about sex."

Speaking of sex, the Fox's people claim that there would be no such hanky-panky on the island, yet it was reported to the Associated Press that everyone was tested for sexually transmitted diseases prior to the show.

I don't think knowing this would bring relief to the couples — it would probably make things worse.

I have been in a relationship for almost six years, and we're planning on taking the next step soon.

I don't understand the logic of being placed in such an environment.

I certainly couldn't watch a video of my girlfriend on a date with some stranger.

And how could I feel comfortable going on a date, knowing how much it is going to hurt her?

I think Fox scrambled to come up with this show to ride on the coattails of the "Survivor" series, which is their prerogative, but I think they crossed the boundaries as to what is deemed acceptable in our society.



I find "Temptation Island" entertaining and so do 17.6 million viewers who tuned in to the show. Fox's newest, unscripted, reality-based television series stars four unmarried couples who test the strength of their relationships while staying at a Belize resort populated by single models, massage therapists and strippers.

Giving people the opportunity to answer questions about themselves and their partners, to find out if they are truly meant to be, is important for their futures.

If everyone gave him or herself this opportunity, perhaps one in every two marriages would not turn into divorce and domestic violence crime statistics would be less dramatic.

Robert Bachman of the U.S. Department of Justice bureau said that nearly two in three female victims of violence were related to or knew their attacker.

An entertainment Web site, www.mybiotch.com, asked its visitors, "Do you think what the producers are doing to these people is immoral?"

By Sunday, 68 percent of those polled answered, "No." Another question was, "Do you refuse to watch Temptation Island?" Only six percent of the people who took the poll said they refuse.

On Jan. 19, Nielsen Media Research reported an astonishing 17.6 million viewers tuned in to "Temptation Island," easily conquering its opponents "The Drew Carey Show" (12.58 million) and "Spin City" (10.23 million).

What this tells us is that America can't seem to get enough of "Temptation Island."

During the week of Jan. 17, nearly one in four viewers aged 18 to 49 watched "Temptation Island," ABC News reported.

Syracuse University TV historian Robert Thompson said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times: "Network television needed to give us something different than yet another sitcom, yet another doctor or cop show, or another lawyer show."

So, is "Temptation Island" all that bad? Gene Ondrusek, a clinical psychologist who acts as a consultant and trainer to the private and public sectors, finds benefits in testing one's romantic bonds.

Ondrusek also has a degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

"These processes will certainly galvanize relationships," Ondrusek told ABC News.

"There's the potential for coming out strengthened, and there's the potential for coming out weakened, but if these are couples that are planning long-term marriages ... it's better to understand up front than to find out later."

Ondrusek said he hopes the show will encourage dialogue between other couples and viewers regarding the boundaries of relationships.

After dealing with a long and stressful day at school or work, I can easily tune in to "Temptation Island" for entertainment and, without a problem, watch couples like Shannon and Andy be given the chance to see what they are really about.

The show could provide us with a valuable opportunity to examine the complexities of a relationship.

I enjoy Fox taking us on a profound and emotional ride through the bowels of love and lust. Giving four couples an opportunity to meet others and reunite them with their partners on the last night of their journey is fair game.

It allows them to share their experiences and decide whether or they are meant to be. More of us should be given this opportunity.



YESENIA SANTANA

DAILY STAFF WRITER

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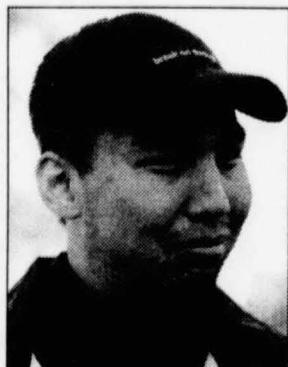
TALKING HEADS

Is Fox's new 'reality-based' show, 'Temptation Island,' immoral or entertaining?



"Entertaining. You find out if the couples are actually truthful to each other and how strong their relationship is."

— Raina Shankar
freshman
biology



"Entertaining, because there are hella hot girls, and it's interesting psychologically because you wonder what you would do if you were in the same situation."

— Marco Diego
senior
digital media



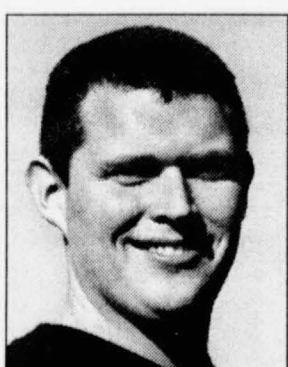
"Something can be entertaining and immoral. They are not diametrically opposed. Nice people are boring. Sorry, it's true."

— Maureen Evans
Financial Aid



"Neither. It's stupid. It seems unrealistic and cheesy."

— Melanie Buen
junior
administration of justice



"Entertaining. I personally wouldn't do it, but if they want to do it, it's their call. Anything for ratings — so it doesn't surprise me that they have a show like that."

— Matthew Aguirre
senior
liberal studies



"Entertaining. It's an obstacle course for a relationship, and it's fun to watch because it's not me."

— Samantha Nigam
sophomore
marketing

Compiled by Karen Kabiling and photos by Kristopher Gainey

No end to campus construction

Students at this university may never actually see the campus when it is not in a state of confusion.

Construction seems to haunt this place more than the ghosts that are rumored to live in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

We have the Scheller House, that decrepit pile of rotting firewood that will probably remain a permanent eyesore for years to come.

They'll never finish it. Sure, they'll put on more tarps, spray some more orange and green fluorescent paint on it and may even get it off those freakish stilts one day.

But what if they don't? What if it falls off those stilts when a strong gust of wind goes by?

Or even better, what if it sinks in the mud from all the rain?

Then they'd have to pick the darn thing up again, set it back up and spend another million dollars for the job.

Explain that one to the students of this university.

Don't forget to mention that the university would have to raise the cost of tuition to cover the cost, because the \$18 increase that is supposed to pay for a computer lab wouldn't be enough to cover the costs of the Scheller House.

Then there's the new University Police Department building.

Nobody seems to know what's going on with that.

We drive by it every single-



MICHELLE JEW

SPOILED

single day trying to find parking.

It's built. It's sitting there. But the fences remain.

Why hasn't anyone moved in yet?

Another mystery attributed to the construction gods.

The new joint library is ... well — it's a hole.

A big, muddy hole in the ground that will someday, long after everyone here has graduated, be a library.

We won't be able to use the library, but we'll pay for it.

More increased fees, another \$18 dollars, what does it matter?

College students don't have to worry about raised tuition fees — we're rich.

And a fence that was supposed to hold murals surrounds that big hole, but instead of being covered with murals, the once-empty areas are coated with graffiti.

It has become a bulletin board.

When classes resumed, students found that the Central Classroom building had metal supports on two of its sides and red tiles strewn across the roof.

Maybe they'll get rid of the stifling smell that roams the building while they're at it.

Ventilation would help, maybe change the filters in the heating and air conditioning system.

Anything to help, because that place smells the way sweaty gym socks do when they're left in a locker all week.

It's one of those lingering odors, the kind where you don't realize you've been choking until you leave the building and start gulping in the fresh air.

Now the university is proposing to build high-rise buildings and, to cover the cost, rent out the upper floors to businesses.

A good idea, perhaps — we're still not sure — but it is assuredly bad timing.

Who wants to go to a school where the pounding of a crane echoes across the entire campus during school hours?

Who wants to go to a school that is constantly in a state of construction that has no end in sight?

Associated Students, Caret, the various planning committees and the rest of the university constantly pile on more and more projects, but to what end?

More fee increases, more construction and more chaos. I want my \$18 back.

Michelle Jew is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. "Spoiled" appears Wednesdays.

SpartaGuide

Today

Student Election Board

A.S. candidate applications. Candidate applications now available for Associated Students government 2001-2002 school year. Pick up applications in the A.S. office located on the third floor of the Student Union. Applicants must attend a mandatory Candidate Orientation session. For more information, call the Student Election Board at 924-5955.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Alliance

Meeting/discussion, 5 p.m. in the Costanoan room located in the Student Union. For more information, call Shanna at 938-0803.

Associated Students

Bookloan program: apply in the Associated Students Business Office in the Student Union. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

SJSU Sailing Club

Recruiting Day: Come see one of our boats, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Seventh Street plaza. For more information, call Joanna at (650) 799-3208 or e-mail JoDille@aol.com.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Intramural soccer and basketball captain meeting. Interested in organized recreational sports? Come check us out! Soccer meeting: 2 p.m., basketball meeting: 3 p.m. in the Almaden room located in the Student Union. For more information, call Rita Chandler at 924-6266.

Kappa Sigma

Laser Tag, 8:30 p.m. at 168 S. 11th St. For more information, call the Kappa Sigma house at 279-9860.

Chicano Commencement

General meeting, 5 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center, Modular A. For more information, call David Ruiz at 924-2991.

REACH Program

Re-Entry And Commuter Help Program hosts Brown Bag Lunch — Welcome to SJSU for Spring 2001, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room located in the Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

SJSU Alumni Association

Deans' scholarships: 17 \$1,250 scholarships available to undergrad and grad students. Pick up application from any Dean's office, deadline: March 1. For more information, call Ivy Low at 924-6524.

Delta Upsilon

Broomball meet, 8 p.m. at 201 S. 11th St. For more information, call the Delta Upsilon house at 947-9169.

Thursday

Catholic Campus Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch Mass: Pray, eat and discuss any questions you have about the Catholic faith, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Social Hall. Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel located at 10th

and San Carlos streets. For more information on events, call Sister Marcia or Father Charlie at 938-1610.

Philosophy Colloquium Series

"A Kantian Intuitionism" with professor Robert Audi, Charles J. Mach Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 4 p.m. in the University Club. For more information, call Bo Mou at 924-4502.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Recital Hour Concert Series

Percussion recital: Christopher McLaurin and Kristen Lou present solos from the modern marimba repertoire and the works of J. Bach, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Concert Hall located in the Music building. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Associated Students

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Meditation — Guided and Instructional. All meditators welcome, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

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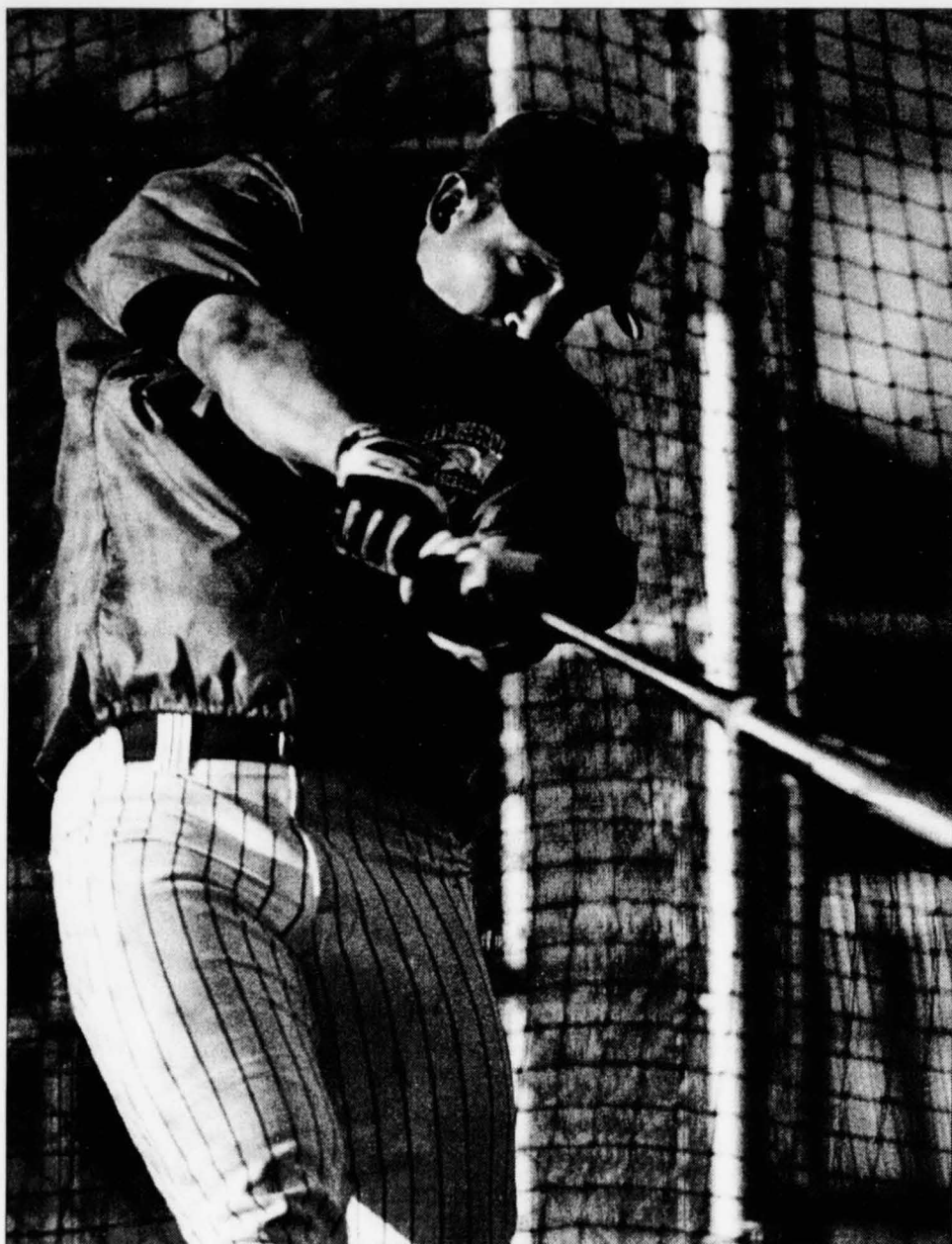
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Junior Ruiz takes a swing in the batting cages at the Spartan practice field Tuesday. Ruiz, a junior,

is the returning Western Athletic Conference player of the year.

Great EXPECTATIONS

After a College World Series berth last season, the 2001 Spartan baseball team has large shoes to fill

By Julian J. Ramos

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sam Piraro has a lot to live up to.

Expectations have never been higher for any baseball team in school history, the Spartan head coach said.

Last season, the Spartans had a share of the Western Athletic Conference title and a first-ever appearance in the National Collegiate Athletics Association College World Series last season. They finished the season with a 41-24 record overall and a 19-11

record in the WAC. "The bar has been raised for this year's team," former head coach Gene Menges said.

In his 15th season, Piraro will lead the Spartans through a schedule that he described as the toughest in school history. Nonconference opponents including Stanford University, Santa Clara University, UC Berkeley and Pepperdine University, as well as conference foes Rice University, Texas Christian University and Fresno State University will looking for a win against the Spartans. "For the first time, we are going to be the hunted," Piraro said.

To be able to make another run for the College World Series, Piraro will have to replace pitchers Joey Baker, Chris Key and Jared Sandler, who signed professional contracts.

"We lost 300 innings and 30 wins in pitching," Piraro said. "We'll have to find help there." Returning to the pitching staff are seniors Tim Adinolfi and Matt Kauffman and junior Jeremy Rogelstad, who missed most of last season due to injury.

Offensively, the Spartans return last season's WAC player of the year Junior Ruiz. The junior outfielder finished third in the conference with a .354 batting average.

"We are just as good or better as last year," Ruiz said. "If we can pick it up on offense and stay healthy, we'll be contenders."

Senior outfielder Brandon Macchi feels confident in the new players who have joined the team. Among them are junior college transfers senior pitcher Jahseam George and junior second baseman Gabe Lopez, who replaces Brian Stream. Stream transferred to Sonoma State in the off-season.

"They are solid," Macchi said. "They know what they are doing. We are deep at every position."

Piraro will depend on his veterans to share their experi-

ence of postseason play with their teammates who weren't on the team during its College World Series run.

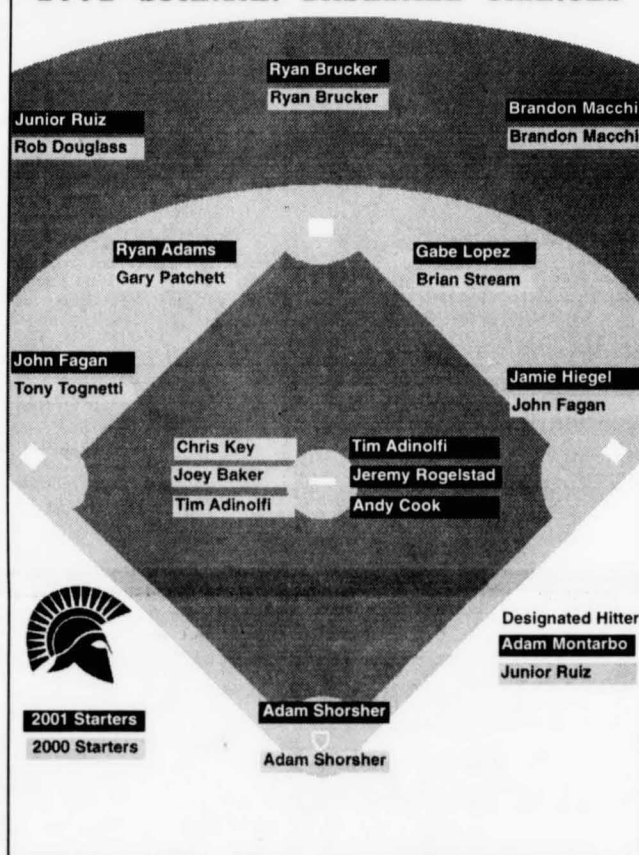
"I want the team to use their experience," Piraro said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience and they will have credibility with the younger players."

The Spartans begin their season against Cal State Hayward at 2:30 p.m. today at Blethen Field.

Piraro would like to dedicate the game, and a win against the Pioneers, to the Blethen-Chaslow family for their donation in making the field a reality.

"I want to be able to give the game-ball to the family," Piraro said.

2001 SPARTAN BASEBALL CHANGES



2001 SPARTAN BASEBALL SCHEDULE

TODAY VS. CAL STATE HAYWARD*	MARCH 8 VS. CHICAGO STATE	APRIL 27-28 AT TCU #
FRIDAY-SUNDAY VS. UC SANTA BARBARA	MARCH 9-10 VS. ILLINOIS	MAY 1 AT SAINT MARY'S
TUESDAY VS. SAN FRANCISCO STATE*	MARCH 16-18 AT RICE #	MAY 3-5 VS. HAWAII-HILO #
FEB. 9-11 AT SAN LUIS OBISPO TOURNAMENT	MARCH 20 AT SAINT MARY'S	MAY 11-13 AT NEVADA-RENO #
FEB. 13 VS. SAINT MARY'S	MARCH 23-25 AT HAWAII #	MAY 18-20 VS. FRESNO STATE #
FEB. 16-18 AT FRESNO STATE #	MARCH 29-31 AT HAWAII-HILO #	MAY 25-27 AT NCAA REGIONALS
FEB. 20 VS. USF*	APRIL 3 AT STANFORD	JUNE 1-3 AT NCAA SUPER REGIONALS
FEB. 23-25 VS. TCU #	APRIL 6-8 VS. RICE #	JUNE 8-16 AT COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
FEB. 27 AT UC BERKELEY	APRIL 10 VS. UC BERKELEY	
MARCH 1-3 VS. HAWAII #	APRIL 14 VS. HAWAII PACIFIC*	
MARCH 6 VS. SANTA CLARA	APRIL 17 AT SANTA CLARA	
	APRIL 20-22 VS. NEVADA-RENO #	
	APRIL 24 AT STANFORD	

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Spartans struggle in conference play

By Kevin Higuchi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

After dropping two home games to Rice University and the University of Tulsa, the women's basketball team will be hitting the road this weekend.

In search of a remedy for their recent skid, the Spartans are scheduled to face the University of Nevada at Reno on Friday and Fresno State University on Sunday.

Both Nevada and Fresno State recently defeated Southern Methodist University, which is currently third in the Western Athletic Conference with a record of 5-3 and 10-9 overall.

Head coach Janice Richard said that freshman guard Cricket Williams is currently not playing due to illness, but said junior guard Atari Parker will be filling in for her this weekend at the point.

"It's good for her (Parker), she gets to get the ball in her hands," Richard said.

Parker and junior guard Dana-da Smith are both in the top five in scoring in the WAC.

Smith has been averaging 20.8 points per game, while Parker has been averaging 18.5 points per game.

Freshman forward Tatiana Taylor has been leading the Spartans with 5.6 rebounds per game.

Richard said the strengths for her team are perimeter play and defense, but noted that the defense has not been up to standard, which had a direct effect on Sunday's game against Tulsa.

The second-year head coach said the team plays better on the road, as it concentrates on basketball, whereas when at home the Spartans tend to be distracted.

"They need to learn to focus regardless of whether they're at home or on the road," said Richard. "They need to learn how to isolate their personal lives from the

game." The team is playing with 13 new players and many believe that it is heading in a good direction.

"Outsiders see the program going in the right direction," Richard said. "A lot of the public are comfortable with the team's current position, but it's hard on us because we believe we could be doing much better."

Men get first WAC win

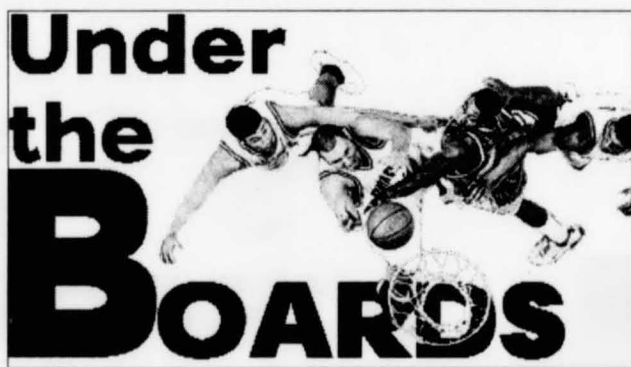
Snapping a six-game conference losing streak, the San Jose State University men's basketball team won its first Western Athletic Conference game Sunday.

The team rallied around seniors Cory Powell and Mike Garrett, who combined to score 32 points, as the Spartans went on to defeat Rice University 54-44 in Houston, Texas.

Garrett is currently leading the team in scoring with 17.1 points per game while Powell averages 13.7.

Both Powell and Darnell Williams are leading the team with an average of 7.1 rebounds.

Williams leads the team in



assists, with 2.2, while Garrett has been averaging 1.9 so far this season.

The Spartans, who are currently in eighth place with a record of 9-9 overall (1-6 WAC), are scheduled to play conference rival Fresno State Saturday.

This will be the first time the Spartans will be playing Fresno State since their 77-74 loss to them last March.

In that game, Courtney Alexander, now with the Dallas Mavericks, managed to sink a shot from

midcourt at the buzzer to give the Bulldogs the victory.

The Spartans will host Fresno State at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Event Center.

Free tickets are available to the first 1,000 students with valid student identification cards.

Tickets must be picked up from the box office at the Event Center.

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Sharks lose star center, but send two to all-star game



Chad Pilster / Daily Staff

Gary Suter (20), San Jose Sharks defenseman, and Colorado Avalanche's left wing **Shjon Podein (25)** collide into Evgeni Nabokov, Sharks goalie, as he blocks a shot on goal early in the first period Saturday, Jan. 20 at the San Jose Arena.

OSU head coach speaks for first time since plane crash

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Basketball coach Eddie Sutton, speaking with the media for the first time since a plane crash killed two players and eight other members of Oklahoma State's traveling party, hopes something positive comes from the tragedy.

"I told our team that life is so precious and sometimes we take it for granted," Sutton said Tuesday. "One thing they must understand is they better live every day like it might be the last. They certainly understand that."

"Out of this may come something that will help all of them, and that is to be a better person, do a better job in playing basketball or their studies or whatever it might be."

Sutton, wearing an Oklahoma State warmup suit, looked tired but spoke with a firm voice. He was joined by players Fredrik Jonzen and Andre Williams. The news conference followed a closed practice, the team's first workout since the crash Saturday night.

"I think these past three days have been like a long nightmare for all of us," Jonzen said. "It feels like every day you're going to wake up and Nate and Dan is going to be there."

"I think the most important thing right now is to get back in our normal routine. It was great to be back in practice."

Reserve players Dan Lawson and Nate Fleming were killed, along with sports information employee Will Hancock, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes and their trainer Brian Luinstra.

Also killed were student manager Jared Weiberg, broadcast engineer Kendall Durfey, KWTW

broadcaster Bill Teegins, pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Fahlstrom.

"The toughest thing I've ever encountered ... was when I had to call those parents and call those wives and tell them what had happened," Sutton said. "I certainly have shed a few tears."

A public memorial service is planned Wednesday, with Sutton and Williams among the speakers.

"I'm not sure exactly what I'll say tomorrow," Sutton said. "I want it to be something that they understand these people were wonderful human beings. And being a Christian, I believe they are with God right now."

"At the same time, I want everyone to understand life goes on. We have to pull ourselves together and go forward and become stronger."

The Cowboys' game Tuesday against Texas Tech was postponed indefinitely. OSU was to return to the court Saturday at home against Missouri, but on Tuesday the Big 12 announced the game had been pushed back to Monday night.

Oklahoma State's next road game is Feb. 7 at Nebraska, after being pushed back one day. The Cowboys usually travel in small, privately owned planes donated by alumni and friends of the program.

"It's going to be a while before any one of us want to get on a smaller plane, I think," Williams said.

After two days of scouring the crash site, investigators still haven't discovered any piece of conclusive evidence explaining why the plane went down in Colorado.

By D.S. Perez

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A dislocated left shoulder will keep San Jose Sharks' center Vincent Damphousse on the shelf until the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

And it's an injury the Sharks can ill afford.

Damphousse, who injured his shoulder Jan. 15 in a 3-2 loss to the Detroit Red Wings, was the Sharks' leading scorer in 44 games, with nine goals and 46 points.

Known for his playmaking skills and two-way play, Damphousse will be missed on both the Sharks' top lines, playing center between Owen Nolan and Jeff Friesen, and on the top penalty killing unit with Marco Sturm, who is among league leaders in short-handed goals with three.

After Damphousse's condition was announced, Nolan, Friesen, Sturm and center Patrick Marleau all went under the microscope to provide the offense.

"The other guys have to produce, no question about it," said Sharks head coach Darryl Sutter after a 2-1 loss to the Colorado Avalanche on Jan. 20. "Vinnie is one of the best two-way guys in the league. There's only one way to replace him: play like him."

So far, the Sharks are not sink-

ing. The team has gone 3-1-2 without Damphousse, outscoring opponents 19-13 in that span.

Last weekend the Sharks beat two of the Western Conference's elite teams, the Dallas Stars and the St. Louis Blues, in back-to-back road games. The victories kept the Sharks ahead of Dallas in the race for first place in the Pacific Division.

To generate offense, Sutter has been changing the Sharks' lines, trying to find a good top line. Friesen, Sturm, Marleau and Jim Montgomery, who was brought up from the Sharks' minor league affiliate in Kentucky, have all centered the top line during games.

"Some guys click better than others," said Nolan, who is the second-leading scorer on the club with 18 goals and 40 points. "When you lose a caliber of player such as Vinnie, everyone has to make adjustments. We need to play with more intensity, more consistency and remember that good teams suffer injuries too."

The only line untouched has been the Sharks' checking line of Mike Ricci, Niklas Sundstrom and Scott Thornton. While that line does create scoring chances — those three players have scored 28 goals between them — Sutter said it would be foolish to rely on those

defensive-minded players to drive the Sharks' offense.

"If it's only Ricci's line scoring for us," Sutter said, "we're behind the eight ball."

The Sharks have also received a scoring boost from their defensemen.

Brad Stuart, who had been in a slump with only one goal for the season, has recorded three goals since Damphousse went down, including the game winner against the Blues Saturday and a game-tying goal Jan. 22 at Edmonton. His partner on the blue line, Gary Suter, had two goals last weekend as well.

Rags, Nabby take on North America

Three Sharks have been selected to play in this weekend's All-Star game in Denver.

Two of those players, defenseman Marcus Ragnarsson and rookie goaltender Evgeni Nabokov, will represent the World Team.

Along with his partner, Mike Rathje, Ragnarsson has earned a reputation for shutting down some of the higher scorers in the league. Ragnarsson also has three goals and 13 points in 43 games.

Ragnarsson, a Swede, was

shocked to be named to the All-Star game.

"I'm surprised," Ragnarsson said. "It's good that they recognized me for my play. Maybe I should bring my offensive game ... it's usually the offensive players that get on the All-Star teams. It should be fun, and I'll take my chances."

Challenging North American firepower will be Nabokov, who is second in the league in wins (25) and in save percentage (.924).

Nabokov, who was named National Hockey League Player of the Week for the period between Jan. 22 and Sunday, had an eye-opening way of describing the feeling of being selected to the All-Star game.

"Sexy, very sensual, real good," he said. "I'm proud."

An ethnic Russian born in Kazakhstan, Nabokov said he will wear the Russian flag on his All-Star uniform.

All of the World players wear flags representing their home countries on their sweaters.

The third Shark named to the All-Star team was Damphousse, who was to play for the North American squad. Taking Damphousse's vacated spot is Simon Gagne of the Philadelphia Flyers.

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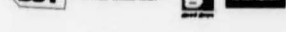
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require remediation, according to the Chronicle.

No more third chance

Last semester, 149 students were denied admission to SJSU, according to Leon Dorosz, acting associate vice president for curriculum and assessment.

Many of those students were placed on academic leave or enrolled in community college.

That number indicates that of the students that needed remediation, about 8 percent were not allowed to re-enroll this fall, Dorosz said.

That number, he said, is very similar to other campuses, adding that comparisons between schools are vague.

"Every CSU campus defines what it means to be remediated in its own way," Dorosz said.

"We have competency testing in writing and in math. Not every campus has that. When you try to compare campuses, you're comparing apples and oranges."

In addition, he said, SJSU allows students an extra semester to complete their remediation, a controversial practice that is becoming increasingly unpopular.

"A small number (of students) has been given a third semester, and CSU has asked that that go away," Dorosz said. "So that's not something that's going to be happening in the future."

There are more than two dozen remedial math and English sections offered at SJSU. The number indicates that the school is better equipped to train students than community colleges that have fewer sections, Dorosz said.

In total, the classes cost "certainly hundreds of thousands of dollars per year," Dorosz said. "But in the long run, if (the students) stay here, they certainly become a benefit to the university and the society, and that's the point."

"The remediation is not intended to be a penalty," Dorosz said. "It's intended to help them complete the requirements in math and English in their coursework."

Questioning benefits

However, some students in remedial classes don't see the benefit.

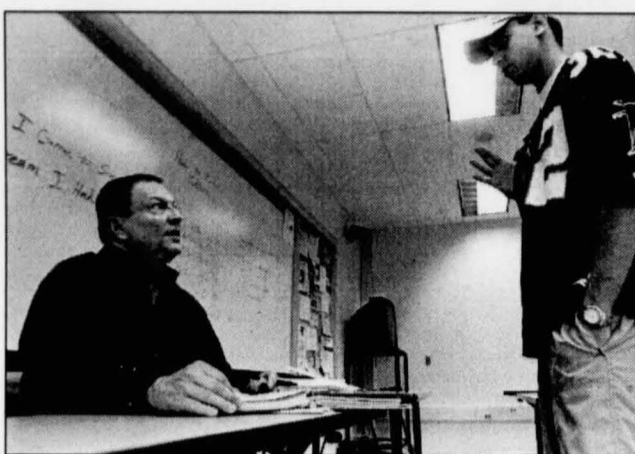
"It just makes you feel like you're not good enough to take a higher-level class here," Nungaray said. "You have to take a lower class just because of your test score. It makes you feel like you're in seventh grade again — basic algebra."

Nungaray, 18, blames her situation on stressful ELM test conditions, claiming the time limit and overbearing monitors caused her to fail.

"You get overwhelmed," she said. Heather Diggins, a nursing major, faces a different problem.

Instead of worrying about admission to the school, Diggins, a senior in her fourth year at SJSU, is afraid that she might not graduate.

The 22-year-old, who failed the ELM test her freshman year, before students were being disenrolled, said she felt "awful" when she found out about the math requirements.



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Sam Khoubier right, discussed class requirements for his LLD 2: Academic English class, a remedial course for students who haven't passed the English Placement Test, with instructor Todd Hochstatter on Tuesday. Students who fail remedial classes may be denied enrollment under current policy.

"I was just kind of floating along," she said. "I didn't really understand about my math requirements. So I took (Math) 3A, now I'm taking 3B. I guess they want you to pass the ELM, and I guess a lot of us aren't cutting the mustard and they put us in remedial classes."

The adjustment period was not easy, Diggins said.

"I felt like, 'Oh, crap. I have to take this math class?'" she said. "I wasn't looking forward to it because math was my worst subject in high school. I had bad memories of it."

Diggins said the remedial classes hold little, if any, value to students in certain majors.

"I'm a nursing major and, sure, I'll need a basic knowledge of numbers," she said. "But, and this will break my high school teachers' hearts, I don't see any applications for it in the real world."

Lecturer Greg Kalkanis disagrees.

Kalkanis, who is teaching two remedial math classes this semester, said the skills students learn in mathematics are the same ones they need for making everyday decisions.

"It might not be in their job," Kalkanis said. "It might be in the decisions they have to make, like shopping, deciding on a phone provider (you're faced with mathematical decisions.)"

Kalkanis said he believes the policy of requiring students to complete remedial courses before being admitted is fair.

"Math is a good discipline, and if the university knows that that will help the students, that mastering the discipline will help the students, then I support that," he said.

Necessary hurdles

Freshman David Cao, who is taking his second (and possibly last) remedial English class, said the school is "punishing" him for failing his English Placement Test.

At the end of the semester, the engineering major will face what may be his final hurdle toward full acceptance into the university (his class' required competency test.

"They told me if I don't pass the

LLD 2 test, I won't be accepted next semester," he said.

"I'll be upset. My family can't pay for college, and I've got a Bill Gates scholarship (the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship). He's expecting me to use his money to go to college."

Cao, who grew up in a Vietnamese-speaking family, said he doesn't feel the school is discriminating against students who grew up in families that didn't speak English.

Rather, he said, placing students in remedial classes makes them feel unwelcome at the university.

"Their self-esteem goes lower if you tell them they're not good enough for the higher class," said Cao, adding that he graduated high school with a 3.8 GPA and passed the Advanced Placement physics test.

English lecturer Judy Hilliard, who has been teaching remedial classes at the school since they began about 12 years ago, said even the most confident freshmen need help with their writing.

They may be qualified, she said. "But the thing is, when they write for me, they don't do that well," she said. "Kids that think they did spectacular in high school are often being fooled."

Hilliard, who teaches grammar and essay formats in her classes, said most students she teaches are unprepared for college writing, a fact that would haunt them in the working world if not corrected.

"I taught Business 100W for two years (people who can't write don't get promoted)," she said.

Freshman Crystal Simmons, who is taking a remedial math class, said she sees the logic in requiring the classes for some students. She said she took the news of her situation in stride, adding that she will not have a problem passing the competency test at the end of the semester.

"When they told me, I just accepted it," the 18-year-old said. "I don't have a major and I just decided to go to school so I wasn't wasting my time. And I just accepted it because math's my favorite subject, to be truthful."

UPD: After three delays, building to open in February

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help in any way they could and offer directions to the new location.

"We are doing everything we can to make sure there are no problems," he said. "We will continue to provide the best possible service we can."

Sgt. John Laws from Traffic and Parking is scheduled to move on Feb. 15, he hopes.

"When I am sitting in my new office, I will believe that we're moving," he said.

Laws' new office, on the first floor, offers a window with view of Sweeney Hall.

In contrast, his current office, in the cramped Traffic and Parking Operations building, consists of four brick walls and a door.

A technician is scheduled to hook up the computers in the new office.

"God forbid I hook up a computer," Law said.

Laws' boss, Lt. Marianne Alvarez, who will also have an office with a window, said she would enjoy her new office.

"A happy and comfortable work environment is important for employees," she said. "We will be looking forward to it."

"We're just kind of squished in here," she added.

Laws said he would appreciate having the whole department housed in one building.

It will make it easier to get a

"When I am sitting in my new office I will believe that we're moving,"

— Sgt. John Laws, UPD

fax from the police station, he said.

"I can walk down the hall and get it," he said.

Warren Lee, a dispatcher for more than 10 years with the department, said he was pleased by the new electronic Rolodex system that was being installed for each of the center's three dispatch operators.

The software, "Vesta," made by Plant Equipment, Inc., is a standard platform solution for the emergency industry, Lee said. There can be more than 18,000 phone listings on the program, he added.

To dial, the operator points to any of the numbers, clicks on it and it rings, he said.

There are direct listings for numbers such as 911, as well as the San Jose Police and Fire departments, he said. Other numbers are filed in alphabetical order, he said.

Staley said the dispatch center and Traffic and Parking offices would be located on the first floor and will share a common area

during the day.

At night there is scheduled to be a roll-up window for traffic concerns so that the dispatch center will be closed off by itself, he said.

In another section of the first floor there are holding cells, additional offices and lockers with showers.

The Emergency Operations Center is scheduled to be on the second floor with an auxiliary dispatch center next to it, Staley said. The building is created for sustained operations over a period of 10 to 12 hours.

"Where we will be able to feed and house people," Staley said.

The building will also have badge access readers.

"Any member of the general public will not be able to walk into the building unescorted," Staley said.

There will also be a badging system in place for visitors that will allow them to go into certain areas during specific times.

"It gives improved security for our police department," Staley said.

The building is an essential-service facility, Staley said. It has its own power generator, a small kitchen and an Emergency Operations Center. Several offices are fitted to handle members of the campus emergency response team - volunteer university employees - to use as offices.

"Everything is as multiple use as we can make it," he said.

BOOK LOAN: Applications available in business office

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that would benefit more students would be best," Shetty said.

A.S. expects to loan books to approximately 180 students per semester, Shetty said.

International students may also benefit from the program, providing that notification is received by A.S. from International Programs and Student Services that those students are in financial need.

"I think it's an excellent program," said Sarah Naqvi, a freshman majoring in computer engineering, who is also a member of the A.S. rules committee. "It can help a lot of students, especially

international students, who can't get financial aid. A lot of times people think international students have lots of money and can afford books, but that's not always true."

Sasha Gouliaev, a senior physics major, is benefiting from the program this semester.

"I'm taking three GE classes and the books came out to \$170. Some courses, humanities for example, require seven to eight books sometimes, and that gets to be very expensive," Gouliaev said.

"Without the program, I would be forced to go to the library and check out older editions of books that are missing new information."

Since the beginning of the semester, students have been trickling in to the A.S. Business Office to apply for book loans. Monday and Tuesday, however, many more students applied, said Fabiola Jimenez, a junior in administration of justice who works at the front desk in the office.

"Everyone who can apply should. It takes only a few minutes," Naqvi said.

Students interested in the program can bring the required materials to the A.S. Business Office to fill out an application, Naqvi said.

The office's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SENATE: Committee-change motion gets only one vote

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duced to the senate during the December meeting and returned to the Organization and Government Committee for additional work.

Monday's review of the recommendation was scheduled for a final reading, according to the meeting's official agenda.

Senate member Teri B. Thames, a counselor in counseling services, objected to the questions.

"This should have been done in committee," she said.

Senate member Bethany Shifflett objected.

The Organization and Government Committee is "bringing to us, I believe, a very good recommendation," she said.

Pam Stacks, chairwoman of the Organization and Government Committee, said the members worked on the recommendation through the fall semester.

"We did not get student feedback until the November meeting," she said.

Chairman-elect James Brent also spoke against the motion to send back to committee. If it went back to committee, it would only come back and "likely be defeated (again)," he said.

Senate member Jonathon Roth, an associate professor in history and chairman of the Curriculum and Research Policy Committee, supported Brent's position.

"My student member has never shown up to one of my meetings," he said.

Shifflett added that students had ample opportunity to participate.

Senate member Rameshwar Singh also gave his input.

"I am not trying to put down the Associated Students," Singh said.

A lot of work had gone into recommendation. "I oppose it going back to committee."

Stacks made a final comment before bringing the motion to a vote.

There were three different meetings with experts present. We did "not have benefit of (student) participation," she said.

The motion failed to pass with all but one in opposition.

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BOMB: Students concerned about safety on San Jose State University campus after threat of De Anza College attack

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SJPD arrested Al DeGuzman at his residence after a Longs Drugs photo technician saw pictures of DeGuzman posed with illegal items.

DeGuzman had possession of 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails, a sawed-off shotgun and a sawed-off rifle, according to Sgt. Steve Dixon, the SJPD press information officer. Dixon said they also found 2,000 rounds of ammunition and an audio tape stating his intentions.

"It was very clear that he would attack today at 12:30 p.m. and that he would start setting the devices at 4:30 a.m.," Dixon said.

SJSU senior Chris Crosby said an attack on SJSU could be more

likely than on De Anza.

"I wouldn't expect anything to happen at De Anza," said Crosby, an art major. "The fact that it happened there it could be more likely here."

San Jose State University sophomore Maegan Ladeau was surprised to learn of a bomb threat that evacuated De Anza College early Tuesday morning.

"I'm surprised it would happen anywhere, especially so close," said Ladeau, a sophomore in marketing. "San Jose has a lot of people and size doesn't make a difference."

According to Dixon, the 19-year-old had been fascinated with the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

The Columbine incident took

place on April 20, 1999 when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and one teacher before taking their own lives.

De Anza student Lynn Umali was unfazed by the evacuation. Umali said she tried to park her car on campus at 11 a.m. Tuesday but was turned away because police were searching the premises.

"I had to go around in circles because they cleared the campus off," Umali said. "I found out from other students that a bomb threat evacuated the whole school."

As of Tuesday night, DeGuzman was the only suspect.

He has been charged with multiple counts of possession of an explosive device, multiple counts of possession of a fire bomb and

two counts of having illegal weapons, Dixon said. The case has not been reviewed by the district attorney's office.

Dixon said that SJPD is only called to a school when there is a device found on campus, if it is a serious threat or if a school needs

help evacuating campus.

"If a device is found, we will call our bomb squad... if it is a prank, they won't call us," Dixon said.



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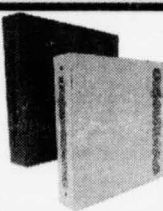
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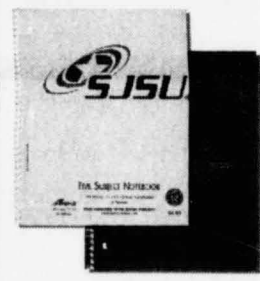
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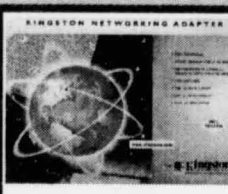
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