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Doug Kelley, center, a member of the maintenance staff for the athletics department drills a hole for a bulletin board into the wall of the recently completed Koret Athletic Training Center at South Campus while staff member Joe EeVern helps hold the board up.

New center lifts curtain

By Chris Giovannetti
 DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Koret Athletic Training Center, a 10,000-square-foot facility that will house the athletic needs of more than 350 San Jose State University student-athletes, opened last week at South Campus.

The Koret facility replaces the 2,500-square-foot weight room that is inside the Simpkins Stadium Center adjacent to Spartan Stadium.

In December of 2000, the Koret Foundation donated \$1 million to get the building out of the planning stages and into construction. Ground broke March 19 for the privately funded structure, which was paid for entirely with donations.

SJSU President Robert Caret said that about 70 percent of the construction costs have been paid for. Many of those who donated large increments (more than \$250,000) have worked out plans to make the full payment in the next two to three years, he said.

Anemities in the new facility

are abundant. Besides the size difference from the former locale, the new facility has a rehabilitation and physical therapy area, a nutritional foods area, lockers and shower facilities for all athletes and offices for doctors, physical therapists and a nutritionist.

According to Chuck Bell, SJSU's athletic director, the greatest draw of the new facility may be its appeal for potential recruits.

"It's crucial that people understand why the building was built. It will help recruit the top student athletes when they visit the school. When they come here, we'll have something that will turn them on," Bell said. "We wanted to do something that would positively affect all 16 sports. We could have installed a new scoreboard, but that only benefits football. We could have added on to the diamonds, but that only benefits baseball and softball. With this, everyone benefits."

Besides recruiting, Bell cited several benefits of the center:

- The larger workout area accommodates more athletes. At

the Simpkins Center, teams and players were forced to come in as early as 5 a.m. or stay as late as midnight. More room means fewer scheduling conflicts.

- There is a men's and women's locker room. Previously, the football team occupied the only locker space.

- The Koret Center has a 1,000-square-foot rehabilitation area with doctors and physical therapists so SJSU won't have to ship injured athletes off campus. Also, injuries can be taken care of faster, ensuring a speedier recovery.

- The nutritional foods area is slated to hold all nutritional supplements. Also, a nutritionist will be brought from campus to assist athletes.

In addition, the old weight room in the Simpkins Center will be renovated into the newly named Scott Gadoway Academic Support Center to house a study hall.

The study hall that is located across the street at the Simpkins Intercollegiate Administration building will be converted into a computer room.

SJSU alumni Stan and Marilyn Gadoway donated \$100,000 for the naming rights to the academic center in honor of their son, who was killed in a parachuting accident.

At a Tuesday press conference, Caret expressed his vision to build a hall-of-fame wing in the facility that would feature photos and plaques of former SJSU athletes.

"We had three objectives when building it. First, it's a recruitment tool. When the student athlete tours the school, we want them to say, 'Wow, I want to be here,'" Bell said. "Second, when we get the kids here, we want to develop them with this state-of-the-art facility. Third, we finally have a rehab area. When our players get hurt, we don't have to send them to an off-campus facility."

John Glass, senior associate athletic director for external affairs, may have best expressed the sentiments about the new facility.

"We've been anticipating this for a long time," Glass said. "This will help give us a bright future."

AIDS Day examines at-risk groups

By Andrew Toy
 DAILY STAFF WRITER

HIV and AIDS is today's real terrorism, said Steven Millner, a professor from the African American studies department at San Jose State University.

"In the months since the Sept. 11 attacks, there have been 10 times more deaths from AIDS than from the lives lost on 9-11," Millner said.

Millner and three other guest speakers were featured at the fourth annual World Aids Day Symposium held Thursday afternoon in the Student Union.

The purpose of the event was to inform the community about the present status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, said Martha O'Connell, moderator of the event.

O'Connell said the virus has made an impact on various communities, such as the Asian, Latino and the homeless.

The first speaker, Dale Parker, from the Being Alive organization, discussed issues about AIDS in the gay and lesbian community.

He discussed the history of the disease, starting in 1981, and the failing prevention techniques.

Parker discussed the reasons for having unprotected sex and why people refuse to use condoms.

Some members responded by saying, "It doesn't feel good" and "It's too much trouble."

Francis Gallego, the HIV coordinator for Asian Americans for Community Involvement, followed with a presentation about how the disease has played a role in the Asian community.

"Asians are not usually included in the loop," Gallego said. "It (HIV/AIDS) is usually thought of as a black and white issue."

Gallego later said that he wanted to address to the audience that the disease has affected everyone in some way all over the world.

"We all have an HIV status," Gallego said. "You are either positive or negative."

He talked about the misconceived stereotype of how Asians are the "model minority."

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Teach-in topic: Mideast conflict

By Kemberly Gong
 DAILY STAFF WRITER

America's lack of knowledge about foreign policy in the Middle East was one of the topics discussed at a teach-in at San Jose State University.

The teach-in was held on Thursday in the Umunhum room of the Student Union and featured Hatan Bazian, a professor at UC Berkeley and the director of the Al-Qalam Institute for Middle Eastern Studies.

Bazian spoke about "U.S. involvement in the occupation of Palestine and its support of Israel," highlighting the inequalities of U.S. support in Arab-Israeli relations.

"It went surprisingly well," said Vanessa Nisperos, a Students for Justice member. "We didn't think there would be too many people here because it was raining, but about 50 people showed up at the height of it."

Nisperos also said that through programs such as the teach-in, people were starting to realize that there are other sides to the story, and are trying to find information about it.

Students for Justice does not necessarily endorse the opinions of the speaker, she said.

"We have people on both sides of the debate. We're not a group that necessarily embraces a particular political idea," Nisperos said. "The prin-

ciples of our work center around human rights. We try to get the information out there so people can decide for themselves what they think."

Bazian presented a historical account of the history of Palestine and the creation of both the Arab and Israeli states by Great Britain. The tradition of anti-Semitism in Great Britain, seen in the reluctance to incorporate Jews into European society, led to the splitting of Palestine into an Arab state and an Israeli state, despite large divisions in religious and cultural ideologies.

He said the United States has generally favored Israel in foreign relations, citing the large difference in foreign aid that Israel receives as compared with that given to Palestine.

Bazian also said the United States has looked the other way in regard to the lax enforcement of United Nations policies that Israel has pushed its way through.

He said the United States has taken a high-profile role in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, thus moving authority away from the U.N.

"The U.S. has presented itself as being the honest broker," Bazian said. "I agree with them when they say broker, but I don't know if I'd call them honest."

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Library filters affect content on Internet

By Joannie Sevilla
 DAILY STAFF WRITER

Susan Fuller discussed the future of the public library in today's challenging times and touched on First Amendment issues that have affected the library system by way of software programs that filter viewing of the Internet.

Fuller, director of the Santa Clara public library system, spoke to library science majors Wednesday night for the Luminary Lecture Series hosted by San Jose State University's school of library and information sciences and the American Library Association student chapter.

"The Internet is controversial, and the public library has been affected," Fuller said. "There is no intermediary to monitor the way the information is used."

Fuller said because of concerned parents, the Santa Clara library system worked with the Center for Applied Ethics to install a filter program in the computers to monitor Internet usage.

Although optional in other areas, the filter is mandatory in the children's section of the library.

"You are given the option to choose filter or non-filter," Fuller said. "But in the children's room, they don't have the option to choose non-filter. It seems to work, and it offers patrons a choice, which is what a library is all about."

The installation of a filter system in the libraries to regulate

viewing of the Internet raises issues about whether minors are excluded from enjoying First Amendment rights, Fuller said.

"Most parents agree that we want our kids to grow up responsible, happy and educated, which

is where the library comes in," Fuller said. "Where they don't agree is how that is going to happen. Who decides if minors have First Amendment rights?"

Fuller said there was a rise in youths visiting the library and

described the "gate keeper" concept of filtering as giving libraries the "Good Housekeeping stamp of approval" by parents.

Fuller said that with the Internet, libraries offer patrons a

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Paint by numbers . . .



JaShong King / Daily Staff

Hector Gonzalez, left, spray paints numbers onto the field at Spartan Stadium in preparation for Saturday's football game against Stanford University. Other members of the grounds crew move the number templates to the next yard line.

Letter

Death of children disturbs reader

A disturbing aspect of Osama bin Laden's Oct. 7 videotape was the reaction of U.S. officials to one of his charges — that the U.S. government has killed a million Iraqi children.

As far as I know, not one government official has denied the charge. Why not? It seems important to deny such an accusation.

Every time I ask someone whether they know about the charge, the response is the same: "That's ridiculous. If our government had killed a million children, we would have heard about it."

Unfortunately, the evidence suggests that bin Laden's charge might in fact be true — that for the past 10 years, the U.S. government has engaged in the systematic killing of thousands of innocent children [through sanctions].

On Sept. 30, 1998, BBC News reported, "The outgoing coordinator of the UN oil-for-food deal in Iraq said it was correct to draw attention to the 4,000 to 5,000 children dying unnecessarily every month due to the impact of sanctions because of the breakdown of water and sanitation, inadequate diet, and the bad internal health situation."

And a Reuters release dated July 21, 2000, stated, "A senior UN official, Anupama Rao Singh, country director for UNICEF, said about half a million children under the age of 5 have died in Iraq since the imposition of UN sanctions 10 years ago."

What do these reports portend for the American people, who have condemned citizens in foreign lands for looking the other way when their governments were killing multitudes of innocent people? What was the reaction of the Clinton administration to the horrific consequences of the U.S. embargo against Iraq? In a 1996 "60 Minutes" interview, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told Leslie Stahl, "This is a hard choice, but we think the price is worth it"

Ted Rudow III
credential student

Quote for the Daily:

"Almost all absurdity of conduct arises from the imitation of those whom we cannot resemble."

— Samuel Johnson

Another holiday bites the tinsel to greed

Ding ... Ding ... Ding... "Would you like to make a donation, sir?" said a woman clad in red, holding an American flag.

"Nope," I replied as I reached for my car keys. "Every penny helps," she said with hopes of getting some pocket change out of me.

I ignored her, walking quickly to my car, escaping the wrath of the evil solicitor.

Yep, it's winter and the shopping season is upon us.

The parking lots are packed, the lines are 15-deep and the number of solicitors has increased.

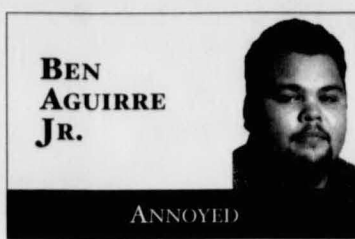
I hate this time of year. Not because of the holidays, rather the madness they bring.

"Oh sir, do you have the (insert the name of the hottest toy on the face of the earth here)..." parents used to ask me when I worked at Target.

"No, I'm sorry we're all sold out," I'd respond a countless number of times in an eight-hour shift.

But you can't blame the parents in these situations, all they are doing is fighting a battle for their kids, trying to make the little buggers happy.

So, you'd think as rational adults they'd understand that demand has increased and the supply has dwindled, tremendously.



BEN AGUIRRE JR.

ANNOYED

But of course, that's not how they react.

So, what exactly did the parents do when they hear these words?

Well, they certainly didn't smile and wish me happy holidays.

They whined. They bitched. They argued.

"Why don't you guys have it?" a bitter parent would ask.

"Because it is the hottest toy this winter," I'd say with a smile.

"Are you sure you don't have any in the back?" they'd ask.

"I don't have any more of those ma'am," I'd reply endlessly.

"How do you know?" they'd probe again.

By this time, I had lost my patience. How dare these parents question my knowledge of the god-damn toy they are asking for?

"Because there have been 25 peo-

ple in here before you asking for the same thing," I'd say.

Then they'd just turn tail and run, not even apologizing for their rudeness.

But I have left the retail field. I no longer have to deal with the questions about what I have in stock. Rather, I now have to be on the other side.

I am the consumer. I am the enemy of all retail workers.

But I don't see the point in getting up early the day after Thanksgiving just to fight the crowds and then return home tired and worn out.

I know there are some of you out there who love this.

Hell, my girlfriend is guilty of this very act, as she and her family members rose early last Friday to fight this annual battle.

I find it amusing, however, that even if people finish their shopping three weeks in advance, that they're still going to go out and spend the entire month of December shopping for "knick-knacks."

So, why exactly do the shoppers do all this early shopping?

It's because of the sales. Because in the minds of the shopper, getting up early pays off as you save a penny here, a buck there and you get a

"free" gift when you buy two of anything, or spend x-amount of dollars.

But no matter how time-consuming or painstakingly tedious it is to hunt for the toy that the child might want, there is nothing more absurd than the solicitors.

People, please do me a favor, if you're going to ask for money, be smart about it and ask me *before* I go into the store.

It does absolutely no good to ask me for loose change for some cash to help the battered women and children of America, or the poor starving kids in Ethiopia if you ask me *after* I have spent it.

Don't you love the holidays? The smell of the body odor that exudes from the 15 people who are in line in front of you.

The adrenaline rush after you find a parking spot, and then the anger you feel when someone else steals it from you.

And of course, the incessant ringing of the bell.

Ding ... Ding ...

Ben Aguirre Jr. is the *Spartan Daily* Managing Editor. "Annoyed" appears Fridays.

Letters

Holidays are a time to be thankful for family and loved ones, reader says

This year, thousands of Americans lost their lives at the hands of terrorists. Thousands more have lost their jobs. Like many others, I am grateful this holiday season for my many blessings, including my crazy family.

For the second year in a row, I was unable to spend Thanksgiving with them because I work. But I am grateful for the friends and co-workers that invited me to spend the holiday with their families.

D.S. Perez, on the other hand, doesn't realize how lucky he is.

He complains about spending time with family, about the generosity of strangers and about the food at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

In fact, the only thing he is thankful for are the shorter buffet lines in Vegas, compliments of the terrorists.

I have read your column several times during the semester, and while I admit that I have occasionally found them funny, I found this one to be very offensive and untimely.

With such a bad attitude, your family is probably just as glad you won't be joining them for Thanksgiving as you are.

Tamara Krikorian
junior
journalism

Celebrating the death of a day while living

I woke up a little dead today. My face is of a pale yellow and my eyes have lost their watery shine, they are plain matte.

My arms and legs just hang waiting for my tired body to give them an order that might motivate them to move.

After a couple of hours of immobility they start to get numb. There is a cycle to life that repeats itself faster than what we think.

One day it's your birthday the next one you die. There is nothing wrong with dying, if you know you are bound to be reborn again.

Maybe it's the feeling that we can never catch up to our current lives that makes us wake up in cadaver form. Everything around us loses its sharpness and we start looking only at the gray areas.

The list of things to do becomes so long you start scheduling your days and accomplishing nothing.

You rebel against your own rules and choose the damaging, just to make a point that you are still in control.

After all, there is nothing wrong with getting stuck looking at negative space. It's in those obscure places that we might find a dim light that might warm up our desire to get up.

Some associate this dead feeling with breaking up, with ending a semester, with losing someone close to us.

Yet it is not about sorrow or losing. It's about change. About shedding off the old fatigued layer and starting all over.

It's not when we are extremely happy that we look back and examine our lives, but in those gloomy days when PMS really kicks in.

Then we start asking all the "Why" questions: Why am I here? Why do so many things go wrong?

Why me? Why do bad things happen to good people and when will all my crappy karma come back and get me?

You think back to all the people you have loved and that



KARLA GACHET

WHERE'S MY LIGHTER?

have loved you and try to understand how it happened that they left your reality. It is so hard to let go of things that seem so unique at the time and so irreplaceable.

But the show goes on, especially when you haven't even lived a quarter of your life (if you do live to be 100 years old).

I will just look at this as one of my death days. Maybe it's part of growing old, realizing you can't just quit if you don't like the game you've chosen to play.

At the same time, you are the only one who can change the rules and make them apply to your needs.

So after doing a thorough cleaning of your eyes while watching some sappy show, someone comes up to you and makes you crack up with a stupid joke.

That's life. Those little things that pinch your nerves while you are too busy thinking about those trivial things that won't matter when you are 70 and look back on your life.

I fear so many things I have no control over that sometimes it seems easier to tell the man driving life's bus to stop because I'm getting off.

Then I remember my father's words telling me every time the sun comes up it's a new day and a new chance to start again.

Five-hundred-and-fifty-six words of straight rambling should be enough to make my editor happy and to wish myself a happy death day.

Karla Gachet is a *Spartan Daily* Production Editor. "Where's My Lighter?" appears Fridays.

Sparta Guide

Today	Tuesday
<p>Disabled Student Association Bimonthly meeting, 1:30 p.m. in the Career Center, Module F. For more information, call Stacie Haro at 924-6041 or e-mail at sjsu_dsa@hotmail.com.</p> <p>sjspirit.org Go take a hike, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Advanced registration is required. Open yourself up with the opportunity to go out-of-doors and into the world of nature. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.</p>	<p>A.S. Campus Recreation Badminton tournament, 7 p.m. at the Spartan Complex, Room 44A. For more information, call Rita Chandler at 924-6266.</p> <p>Nurses Christian Fellowship Support group mentoring, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Stegmeir at 279-6385.</p> <p>Counseling Services General process group, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, call Kell Fujimoto or Jeni Landau at 924-5910.</p> <p>Mosaic Weekly music, improvisation, meditation and cultural exchange with Eddie Gale, California Arts Council artist in residence, and periodic special guest artists, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mosaic of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-6255.</p>
Sunday	Wednesday
<p>Catholic Campus Ministry Mass, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.</p> <p>Lunch 'n' Learn Discuss Jewish-related topics, ranging from the Bible to current affairs to discussions on Israel, noon to 1 p.m. every other Monday in the Mosaic of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-6255.</p> <p>sjspirit.org Daily meditation, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Thursday at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Come join us no matter what your meditation form. There is a power and comfort in community meditation. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.</p>	<p>Associated Students Finance committee meeting, 3 p.m. in the Associated Student house, Room 102. For more information, call Julie Perreira-Rieken at 924-6257.</p> <p>Student Life Center Group dynamics and teamwork leadership workshop, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-5950.</p>

Career Center
Internship workshop, 12:30 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

sjspirit.org
University of the Spirit presents "Biography of Jesus," 7:15 p.m. in the Campus Ministry. Join us as we look at the person whose birth the Christians of the world celebrate this month. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science
Come check out the latest in body composition testing, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Central Classroom building. Students pay \$5. Staff and faculty members pay \$10. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Alliance (GLBTA)
Weekly club meeting, 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. Community, activities, support and discussion open to all. For more information, e-mail the alliance at glbta@email.sjsu.edu.

Students for Justice
Weekly meeting, 5 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. Join us as we plot world domination and progressive campus campaigns. For more information, call Vanessa at 504-9554.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Bible Trek, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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est. The United States has always been acting as a proponent of Israel."

Bazian also spoke about the media bias against Palestine and the lack of information that Americans have. Though the content could have been taken as inflammatory, the audience seemed open and receptive to Bazian's message.

"He is very well-educated," said Akubundu Amazu, a graduate of SJSU. "I thought he put out a lot of good information that wouldn't be seen in the mainstream media."

The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer period, where Bazian addressed the views held by Americans of the Middle Eastern peace process after Sept. 11.

"People are re-examining U.S. involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict, in the Middle East and in oil politics," he said.

Conversely, he said, there are

people who are content with furthering the status quo and support injustice by continuing to support Israel.

Bazian also answered a question about Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and his influence in the Middle East. He said that Arafat has been portrayed in a negative way in most of the American media, but contributed Arafat's reluctance to come to the bargaining table to the fact that Palestine has suffered so many losses.

"You cannot ask people to stop resisting when they have lost so much of their land," Bazian said, in reference to the many wars that Palestine has lost to Israel and the amount of land that has been attributed to Jerusalem that once belonged to Palestine.

Faten Hijazi, a member of Students for Justice, said that most students were uneducated or unaware of the arguments of Palestinians because they have a minority view in the United States.

Thirty percent of those at risk for HIV have never been tested, study says

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly 30 percent of people deemed at risk for HIV have never been tested, the government said Thursday in warning they could be unknowingly spreading the virus that causes AIDS.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention involved more than 30,000 people in the United States. Some 73 percent of those considered at risk for HIV said they had been tested, but only 30 percent said they had been tested in the previous year.

The results underscore a problem that has concerned health officials for years: A substantial segment of people with the virus don't realize they have it and are probably spreading it.

The study cited lack of access to testing centers and a perceived lack of confidentiality as reasons some people don't get tested. The 1999 study was released in advance of World AIDS Day, which is Saturday.

Risk factors included the use of injection drugs, trading sex for money or drugs, sex between men and blood-clotting problems. Anyone who had sex with someone in those categories was also considered at risk.

Participants were asked whether they fit into any of the risk categories. They were then asked to rate what they believed was their risk factor for HIV —

high, medium, low or none.

Among those who put themselves at high or medium risk, just 54 percent had ever been tested and only 25 percent had been tested in the previous year.

In encouraging news, about 30 percent of people in the overall study said they had been tested for HIV, up from 26 percent in 1995 and just 5 percent in 1987, when AIDS was perceived to be mostly isolated among homosexual men. Still, only 10 percent said they had been tested in the previous year.

HIV testing rates appear to be higher for blacks than for whites. More than 70 percent of blacks at highest risk for HIV in the study said they had been tested, compared with 63 percent for Hispanics and just 50 percent for whites.

The study also found that blacks were most likely to seek an HIV test because they just wanted to know their HIV status, while whites were most likely to test because it was required for a job, surgery, insurance or military service.

Hispanics were roughly split among those two reasons and testing because it was recommended by a doctor or a sexual partner.

Blacks and Hispanics have accounted for more than half of the 775,000 AIDS cases reported in the United States since the epidemic began 20 years ago.

Serial rapist to be released unless new evidence is found

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — A serial rapist who was the first man to successfully complete the state's sexually violent predator treatment program will be released Saturday unless state officials can come up with new evidence to keep him locked up.

"Barring some substantial additional development, I have no power to do anything," Marin County Superior Court Judge John S. Graham said Thursday.

Three independent mental health professionals evaluated Patrick Ghilotti, 45, and determined he was no longer dangerous.

While Graham questioned the method of evaluation, he said under the law he has no choice but to allow Ghilotti to go free on Saturday, when his current two-year commitment ends at Atascadero State Hospital.

The judge gave prosecutors until Friday to present new evidence to change his opinion.

Prosecutor Alan Charnatz said he had no such additional evidence. Carl Elder, an attorney for the state Department of Mental Health, said he would talk to hospital officials to try to find such evidence in the next 24 hours.

The district attorney's office, under pressure from Gov. Gray Davis, had petitioned the court Wednesday in an effort to keep Ghilotti in treatment for another two years.

Ghilotti, who has spent nearly half his life behind bars, has been convicted of raping four Marin County women and has admitted to raping at least six others.

A 62-year-old Corte Madera woman Ghilotti raped in 1985 attended Thursday's hearing and said she was terrified at the prospect of Ghilotti being back on the streets.

"I'm totally disappointed with the system," she said. "I'll be scared to death. I'll be looking over my shoulder. That guy's not cured."

But Public Defender Frank Cox disagreed, saying that after four years of treatment Ghilotti no longer poses a threat.

"He has learned a great deal. He has done everything required

of him. He is the valedictorian of the sexually violent predator program at Atascadero," Cox said, adding that three evaluators agreed he's not likely to reoffend.

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Report says FBI underestimates hate crimes

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The FBI severely underestimates the number of crimes of bigotry and racism, from petty vandalism to murder, a report released Thursday says.

The Southern Poverty Law Center said the FBI counts about 8,000 bias-motivated crimes in America annually, but the actual number may total 50,000.

"Obviously, there's something wrong with that system," said Mark Potok, an editor of an article in the center's Intelligence Report.

The national statistics are skewed because many police officers don't label offenses as hate crimes, and some states report having none. The Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990 calls for compiling data on those incidents, but

compliance by police and states is voluntary, the report said.

Even blatant discriminatory crimes often go ignored, the article said. It cited the cases of 19-year-old Sasezley Richardson, a black man slain in Elkhart, Ind., and Billy Jack Gaither, a gay man beaten to death in Sylacauga, Ala.

"These statistics are the basics of public policy, and we cannot effectively address hate crime without these numbers," Potok said.

The FBI acknowledges flaws in the data but says the system will improve as public and police awareness of bias crimes increases, said Maryvictoria Pyne, a spokeswoman for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services.

"We don't look at the numbers as being worthless," she said.

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Fighting begins in last city still under Taliban control

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Anti-Taliban fighters battled the hard-line militia Thursday on the outskirts of Kandahar, the ousted regime's last bastion, a key commander said. The Taliban's supreme leader declared the decisive battle "has now begun."

Witnesses described heavy bombing around the southern city over the past two days, and the Taliban reportedly hanged an Afghan man there Thursday after accusing him of helping Americans call in airstrikes.

The northern alliance's deputy defense minister, Bismillah Khan, told The Associated Press anti-Taliban fighters reached the eastern edge of Kandahar — the Taliban's birthplace and the only city

still under their control — and "there is heavy fighting going on." In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said he could not confirm or deny that anti-Taliban fighters had entered Kandahar. He indicated northern alliance troops might be in the province of the same name, which covers a large area of southern Afghanistan.

"I can accept that they have entered the province, but not in a large movement," he told reporters.

Speaking from the capital of Kabul in a series of calls, Khan said his information was based on radio communications with his commanders at the scene. He spoke in Dari and used the word "shahr," which means city, in

reporting on the location of the troops. The Dari word for province is "wilayat."

The Taliban don't allow Western journalists into Kandahar and residents could not be contacted by telephone.

Seeking to rally his followers, Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar urged his commanders in a radio message to defend their dwindling territory.

"The fight has now begun. It is the best opportunity to achieve martyrdom," a Taliban official quoted Omar as saying. "Now we have the opportunity to fight against the infidels," meaning non-Muslims. The Taliban official spoke by telephone from the border town of Spinboldak on condi-

tion of anonymity.

Kandahar residents arriving at the Pakistani border town of Chaman said the Taliban appeared determined to defend Kandahar rather than abandon it as they did Kabul, Herat and other cities.

"They gave the impression that they are ready to fight," said a man who identified himself by the single name of Ataullah.

However, Stufflebeem said it was unclear how many Taliban leaders would stick with Omar, calling the Islamic movement "fractured."

"There are some commanders who are negotiating for surrender of their forces. There are others who might take Mullah Omar's orders literally and intend to dig

defensively and fight to the death," Stufflebeem said.

In the center of Kandahar, at an intersection called Martyr's Crossing, the Taliban hanged a man they accused of pointing out potential bombing targets after he was caught speaking on a satellite telephone, the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press reported.

This week, the alliance's foreign minister, Abdullah, said the alliance was dispatching Pashtun commanders to the south to work with Pashtuns who have rebelled against the Taliban. Some Pashtuns — Afghanistan's dominant group — are now coordinating operations with the alliance, which is mostly made up of ethnic Tajiks and Uzbeks.

Forces loyal to Mullah Naqib, a Pashtun guerrilla commander in the war against the Soviets, and others allied with a former Kandahar governor, Gul Aga, have been moving on Kandahar for days. Gul Aga's fighters claim they are within 1 mile of the Kandahar airport.

More than 1,000 U.S. Marines began setting up a base in the desert of southern Afghanistan last weekend in preparation for a showdown with the Taliban.

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Coming full circle

Casey Le Blanc prepares for his final game against rival Stanford

By Mike Osegueda
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Casey Le Blanc knows a thing or two about rivalries.

Take Saturday's 40-21 football loss at Fresno State University, for example.

The senior wide receiver knows that the Spartans and Bulldogs mix as well as oil and water.

That's why he wanted the game more than anything. And he played like it, talked like it, walked like it.

The Bulldogs took notice, and defensive end Jason Stewart approached him after the game.

"Hey, Le Blanc, you sure talk a lot of shit on the field. Why do you hate us so much?" Stewart asked.

"I should hate you," Le Blanc answered. "You're our rival. I don't expect you to like us."

If there's a team Le Blanc hates just as much as Le Blanc State, it's Stanford University.

So much that earlier this week, Le Blanc was told by someone in the sports information department not to say he hated Stanford. That's locker-room material.

"I don't care," Le Blanc said. "I'm a senior. I hate Stanford."



Le Blanc

That's why he couldn't wish for a better way to end his

San Jose State University football career than the way it will end Saturday — against the Cardinal, as the Spartans go for their fourth-straight win against their cross-county rivals.

"The first time I ever put pads on in a collegiate game, it was at Stanford Stadium, and now the last time I ever put pads on it will be against Stanford," Le Blanc said. "I can't wait."

And if all goes well, his career

will be ending the same way it began in 1998 — with a win against the Cardinal.

Back then, he was fresh out of San Jose's Bellarmine High School.

In SJSU's first game of the season, he recovered an onside kickoff and returned it for a 45-yard touchdown, which proved to be crucial in the Spartans' upset victory.

Now, he's a co-captain, tied for third on the career receptions list.

Officially, he's listed as day-to-day for Saturday's game because of a knee injury he aggravated against the Bulldogs.

"I don't see anyway how I don't set foot on the field," Le Blanc said. "Maybe I shouldn't, based on the fact that I'm going to need surgery and I don't want to injure it anymore. But it's going to take coach (Fitz) Hill pushing me down on the ground and forcing me not to play."

He will need surgery after the season to repair his right knee. He had a similar surgery on his left knee after last season.

Despite the injury, Le Blanc finished the game against Fresno. He couldn't move much the next day, but he stayed in.

"I'm very proud of (him)" Hill said. "(He) gave a Spartan effort."

It's the same heart Le Blanc has displayed for four years.

At 5-feet, 10-inches, he's not the fastest or biggest receiver, but he's scrappy.

"Sure, I wish I was 6-4 and I could jump 40 inches in the air," Le Blanc said. "But I've worked hard for four years. I don't mind going over the middle and getting hit."

That's what makes him valuable. When it's third-down and eight yards to go, Le Blanc is the guy to throw the ball to. Throw it across the middle, he'll take the hit.

"If I need eight yards and he's in there, I'm not going to hesitate to go his way," said quarterback Marcus Arroyo, one of Le Blanc's roommates. "He's made a career of going across the middle, getting blasted and getting right up."

That almost wasn't the case in last year's spring game.

Arroyo threw a pass into the middle of the end zone and Le Blanc made the grab, but was met with a crushing hit from safety Larry Thompson.

"That's your spot. You got to

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make those catches," Arroyo said to Le Blanc when he got back to the huddle.

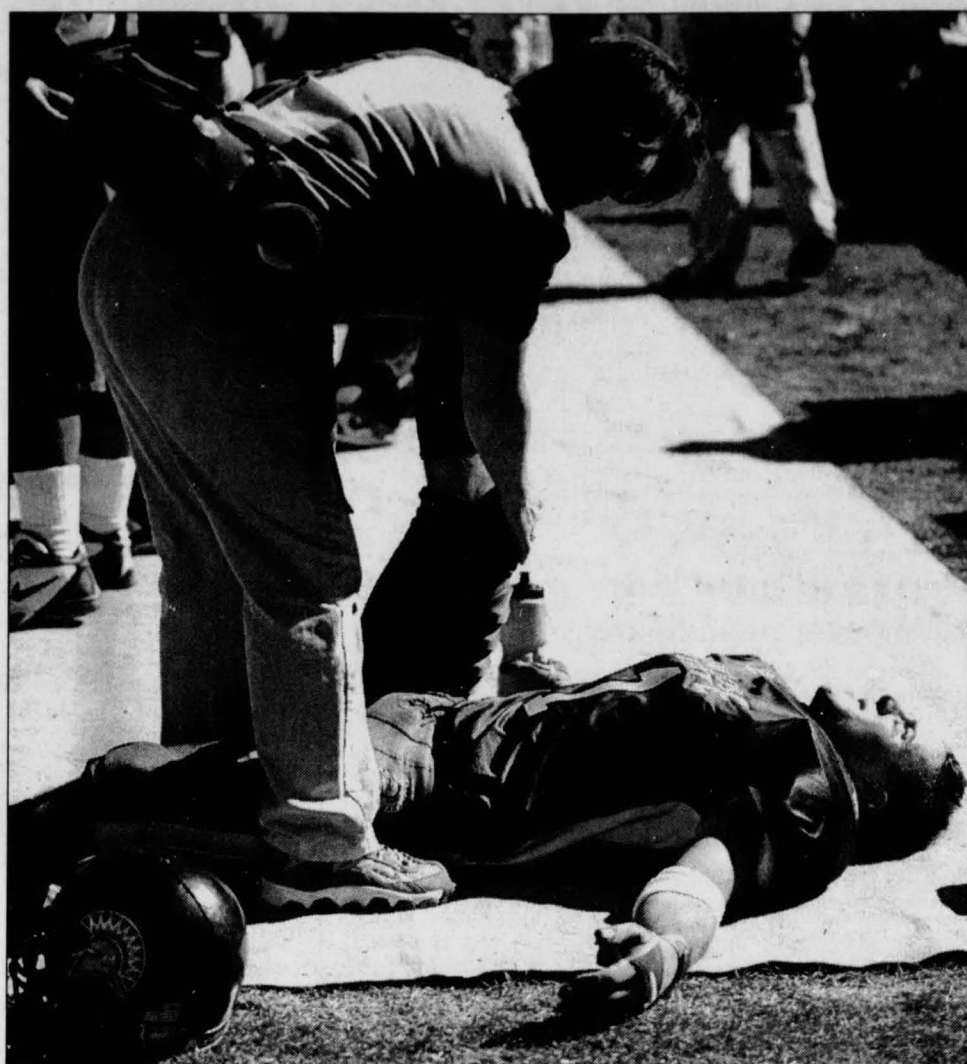
"You keep throwing me the ball, I'll keep making the catches," Le Blanc answered.

"I've had to work hard to get here," Le Blanc said. "I knew coming into college there were going to be guys a lot bigger and a lot faster. I've always tried to be the guy who does a little extra."

Out of high school, the Spartans were the only team who stuck by Le Blanc. At Bellarmine, he had to have knee surgery after injuring his anterior cruciate ligament.

The schools that were recruiting him offered a chance to walk on, but not much else.

But the Spartans, and then head coach Dave Baldwin, stuck



Ben Liebenberg / Daily Staff

Senior wide receiver Casey Le Blanc gets his leg stretched out during a game against Southern Methodist University Oct. 13. Injuries have plagued Le Blanc all season.

with Le Blanc and kept their scholarship offer.

It allowed him to stay at home and play in front of the same fans — his parents, family and friends — who had watched him earn All-Bay Area and all-section honors at Bellarmine.

There, Le Blanc first experienced football rivalries. The Bells had a hated rival in St. Francis High School.

"I didn't like anyone from their school," Le Blanc said. "I don't like their colors, I don't like anyone from their team. When I came to San Jose State, I adopted that same attitude."

"I go into games and I get ready to fight. It's adrenaline and it's football. That's the way I play the game. We got to be ready to get into a fight when we go out there on Saturday."

But all the fight, all the passion, all the spirit inside of Casey Le Blanc is coming to a crossroads Saturday.

With three knee surgeries, he doubts he has a shot to play in the NFL. So barring a miracle, he said, his football career is over.

"It's going to be tough," Le Blanc said. "I'm not sure exactly how I'm going to deal with it."

He does, however, hope to get into coaching, or the business side of football, after graduating with a degree in business management next semester.

But that can never match waking up on a Saturday morning, strapping on the football pads and getting on the field against your most hated rival.

"If we beat Stanford, all those emotions are gone. I'm moving on with my life knowing that we beat Stanford four years in a row. That's something that's never been done. That's the stamp I want to leave on this football program."

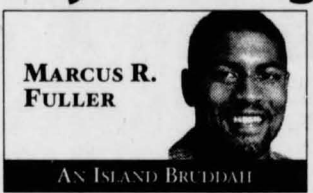
Madness, I say: College basketball upsets are sign of a revolution

The college basketball season is just a few weeks deep, but this month the country has already been ridden with enough upsets and close calls to give fans a tasty sample of March Madness five months premature.

So, who's been the biggest surprise so far?

Those who've been following the action would probably want me to crown Ball State University the upset kings after the Cardinals squeaked by then-No. 2 Kansas and trounced then-No. 4 UCLA by 18 points at the Maui Invitational. OK, they did go from relative obscurity to No. 25 in the nation, with guys like Lonnie Jones and Patrick Jackson. Who? But after a date with Indiana on Dec. 8, Ball State will go back to playing the likes of Indiana State, Akron and Toledo, and we'll never hear from the Cardinals again until tournament time.

I didn't fall out of my seat when Eastern Washington beat St. Joseph's at the Black Coaches Association Classic in Berkeley, because I knew, Top 10 or not, that the Hawks' heralded back-



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court of Marvin O'Connor and Jameer Nelson was overrated.

I admit my jaw did drop when I saw highlights of Western Kentucky's upset of then-No. 3 Kentucky, but then I realized it may have been a lucky upset when the Hilltoppers fell to Creighton this week.

The biggest shock, hands down, has been Arizona's leap from being unranked in the pre-season to the No. 3 slot in the USA Today/ESPN Poll as of Monday. Unbelievable.

That's almost as shocking as seeing Spartan true freshman Lamar Ferguson, all 5-foot-4-inches of him, rushing for nearly 200 yards in a football game this season. That was against winless Tulsa. Lute Olson's squad beat two top five teams in two days in

the Ikon Coaches versus Cancer Classic in the beginning of November.

Maryland and Florida were supposed to show the young Wildcats, who are relying on five freshmen, how Division I basketball is played at its highest level.

Instead, pro basketball reject Jason Gardner and Bill Walton's favorite son, Luke, made it seem like Arizona was actually better without its four departed starters, now NBA rookies Gilbert Arenas, Michael Wright, Richard Jefferson and Loren Woods.

Just so that no one would think it was a fluke, Arizona went to Austin, Texas and beat No. 22 Texas a few days later.

The second biggest surprise (sorry, Ball State) is North Carolina's disappointing start. College basketball is just not the same anymore when Jordan and Vince's alma mater loses to Davidson and Hampton. Hampton? C'mon. The Pirates were picked to finish seventh in the Mid-Eastern Conference. San Jose State University would surely

be playing in March if it competed against teams such as Delaware State, Norfolk State and Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Suddenly, the disparities between the elite, the mediocre and those who just plain suck is not so clear.

The consummate powerhouse field in men's college basketball has always included North Carolina, Duke, UCLA, Kansas and Kentucky for as long as I can remember. But, slowly over the years, some of these teams have either fallen from their lofty positions or are teetering on the edge.

This season, it's very obvious that the Tarheels have been knocked off the plateau. With a loss to Indiana on Wednesday, they dropped to 0-3 for the first time in 73 years. Yeah, that's right. More than seven decades ago. Before Carolina had a basketball dynasty, before future Hall of Fame coach Dean Smith, who developed Vince Carter and Michael Jordan and even before current Hall of Fame coach Frank McGuire, who led Carolina to a triple overtime victory in the

National Championship game over Kansas led by Wilt Chamberlain in 1957.

I felt sorry for Tar Heels' head coach Matt Dougherty when he said during a post-game interview that one of his kids asked their daddy why his team sucked. How do you respond to that? "Put it in perspective," like he said, I guess.

Maybe a tail whipping, or in Carolina's case total humiliation, could be what some of these top programs need to get back in to gear.

Who knows?

The last time I bad-mouthed the Tarheels, as a No. 8 seed in the 2000 NCAA Tournament, they went all the way to the Final Four.

Sharks' Rathje ends holdout, signs four-year deal

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Jose defenseman Mike Rathje, the NHL's last remaining holdout, resigned with the Sharks on Thursday.

Rathje, who missed 24 games in a sometimes acrimonious standoff, agreed to a four-year deal worth approximately \$8.25 million after a protracted late-night negotiating session between Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi and Rathje's agent, Art Breeze.

"The whole ordeal was probably the hardest thing I've had to deal with in my life, but I'm really happy it worked out," Rathje said after arriving in San Jose on Thursday night.

Rathje will begin working out with the Sharks on Saturday, after the team returns from a game at Anaheim on Friday night. Rathje, who has been working out and playing pickup hockey in Canada, expects to return to the Sharks' lineup within a week.

Rathje, a restricted free agent, staged the longest holdout in the Sharks' 11-year history. He also demanded a trade and moved his family out of the San Francisco Bay area. Just last week, he returned to clean out his house and prepare it for sale.

"There was a point when I was getting angry, and I didn't want to

come back," Rathje said.

But a face-to-face meeting between Rathje and Lombardi last week spurred a breakthrough in the negotiations, Lombardi said.

Known as a physical defenseman, Rathje has 13 goals and 90 points in 457 career NHL games. He was the third overall selection in the 1992 entry draft.

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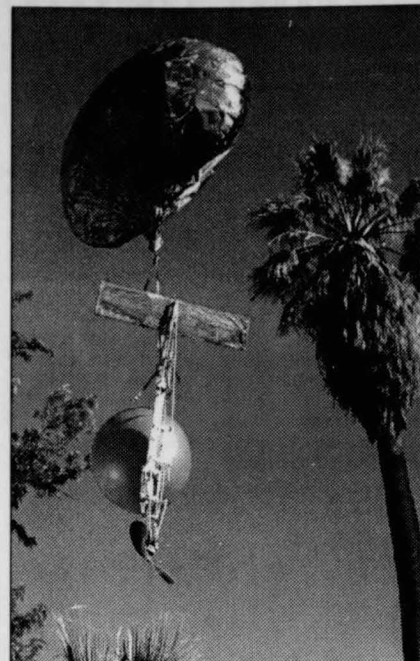
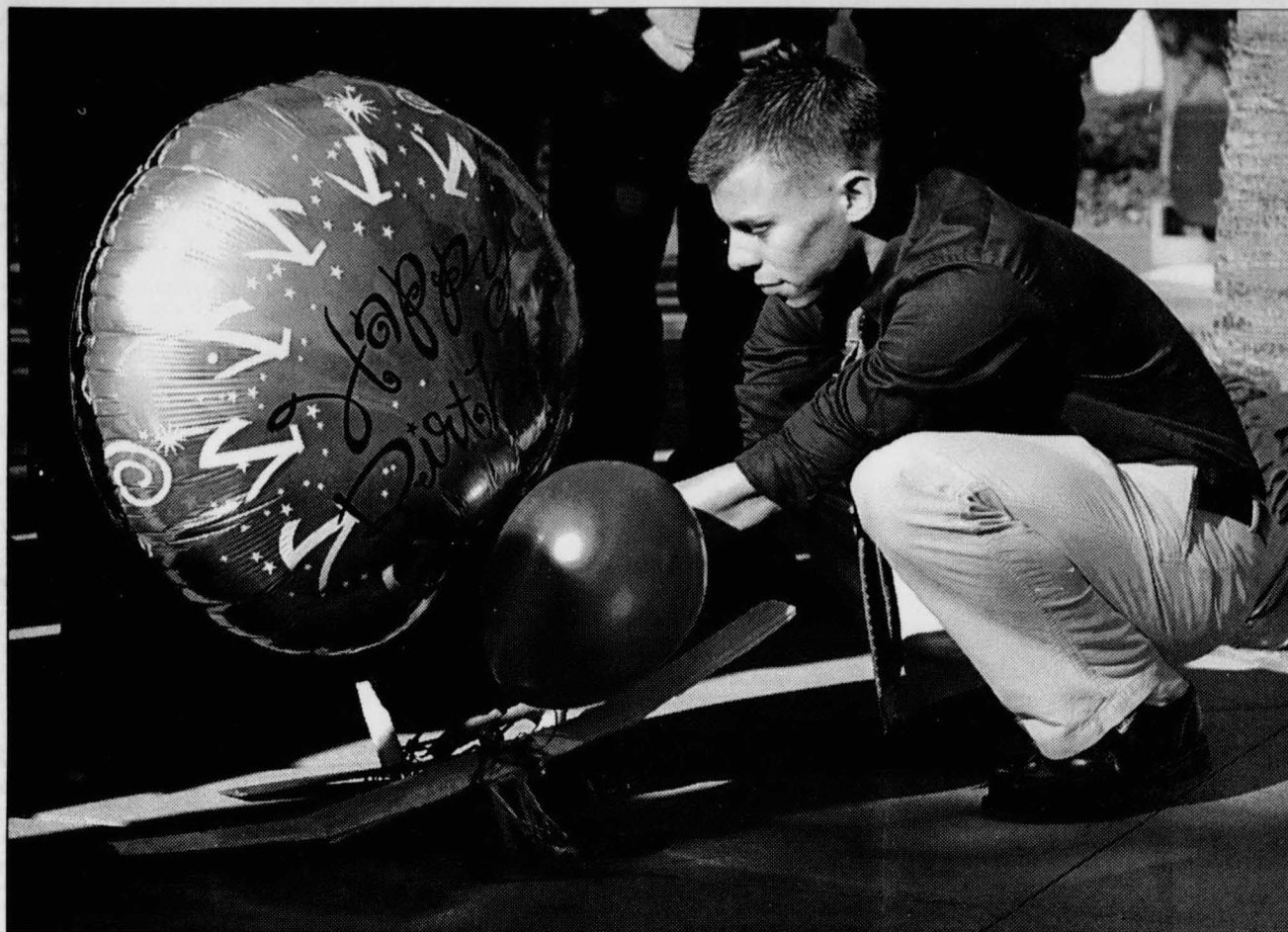
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AIDS: All races are at risk of virus

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Asians are at risk also. Not all Asians live in nice houses, get good grades and are smart in math, Gallego said.

He also stated that although the overall statistic for Asians who are infected with the disease is a low percentage, education is still needed to help control the problem.

Gallego also gave insight on how talking about sexuality and HIV/AIDS can be a difficult thing to do in the home of an Asian family.

He said that from his personal experience, as a Filipino, of how it was difficult for him to discuss his sexuality with his family.

The lack of communication to discuss issues surrounding sexuality and AIDS is part of the problem, he said.

Yolanda Engiles, from the Community Homeless Alliance Ministry, was there to discuss AIDS in the homeless community.

She talked about how it is difficult to track those who are infected with the disease in the homeless society.

Engiles brought up the fact that there are a number of children who are a part of the population that are on the street struggling to survive. This brings perspective as to how members in the audience can relate to those who don't have a home, and that the homeless are exposed to contracting the virus, she said.

The poor do what they have to do to survive. They use and share drugs. They have unprotected sex

without realizing the consequences, because the risk doesn't cross their minds, Engiles said.

Another issue that adds to the problem is that the homeless do not have easy access to medical care, she said.

Millner, of the African American studies department, was the last speaker and discussed how the disease has affected the African community.

He said 7 million people in African countries are projected to die from HIV by the year 2010.

Maricela Penaloza, an undecided freshman, said she was surprised that Latinos and African Americans make up 51 percent of the population in the United States infected by HIV. Marcus Araiza, a sophomore majoring in radio, television and film, said because he is Latino, the statistic really hit home for him.

"I wasn't really aware of how big a problem it is," Araiza said. "Now I'm aware that anyone can get it."

Araiza said that in the back of his mind, he always thought the disease was more related to the gay and lesbian community, but after the symposium, he said he learned it has affected the world.

Millner reaffirmed in his speech that HIV/AIDS is not a gay disease. He encouraged everyone present to promote the idea of getting tested.

Community members, such as pastors, need to be more open to offer routine testing, he said.

"There is no stigma in getting tested, but there is death to those who choose not to," Millner said

FULLER: Speaker says libraries are places of controversy

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world of choice that is unimaginable.

Fuller also discussed the responsibilities of choosing library science as a career and stressed the importance of librarians today.

"We have the task of assuring our patrons and helping them find what they want to find, to help them to develop tools to evaluate the information," Fuller said. "We are the voices of reason and conscience."

Fuller said that a library can be a place of controversy since it is where people have the freedom to learn about whatever they want. She described the library as a proving ground for the First Amendment and said that it is not a place for limits or restrictions.

"Access to knowledge allows people to be stakeholders in the decisions of the world," she said. "If your going into library work, controversy is part of the game."

Chako Beilin, a library science major, said she thought Fuller was encouraging.

"I haven't decided what type of library I want to work in yet, but I am leaning now towards public libraries," Beilin said. "I felt her speech was more encouraging than enlightening."

Socorro Maria Pelayo, co-chair of the American Library Association student chapter and a graduate student in library sciences at SJSU, said she felt Fuller's approach was different.

"She's a quiet crusader," Pelayo said. "It's good to hear what other people do. That's why

the Luminary Speaker series is important because it brings people from all over to give us a different perspective on what's going on in their world and how they see the profession. It gives us an idea of where we want to go."

Brent Naritomi, also a library science major who currently works for a law library, said he enjoyed Fuller's speech even

though it didn't pertain to the particular library science field he is working in.

"I'm not very knowledgeable in public library issues," Naritomi said. "I'm in a specialized law library. It's private, so we deal with completely different issues. We're not governed by public laws or issues, which really have no relevance. But I thought it was very good."

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A state appeals court on Thursday limited the defenses available to California employers whose managers are accused of sexual harassment in the workplace.

The decision, if ultimately approved by the California Supreme Court, has broad ramifications for discrimination suits filed under state civil rights laws. The decision could expose California companies to damages even if they promptly tried to rectify the alleged harassment.

The 3rd District Court of

Appeal in Sacramento said companies are not immune from such lawsuits even if they immediately take steps to end the harassment.

That ruling conflicts with a 1998 U.S. Supreme Court decision that said companies could be shielded from paying damages in federal civil rights suits if, among other things, they took prompt corrective action. The U.S. Supreme Court also said companies could be immune if an employee waits too long to report the allegations and if companies have programs to head off harassment.

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