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## CSU Chancellor Reed calls for budget crisis summit

By Janine Stanhope Daily Staff Writer

California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed has responded to the budget crisis by call-ing for a summit in Long Beach, scheduled to take place in two weeks. The meeting will address the \$326 million budget cuts in the CSU system and \$78.6 million; in mandatory cost

and \$78.6 million in mandatory cost increases for 2003-04 proposed by Governor Gray Davis on Jan. 10.

"Even with the proposed new revenue, the \$260 million impact will have a serious effect on all areas of instruction, academic support, student services, administrative services, facilities maintenance and repair," Reed said. "No one area can shoulder all the cuts."

University community representa-tives will attend different budget meet-ings for the one-day workshop, said Clara Potes-Fellow, CSU manager of

"Then all CSU (campuses) will have been represented in discussions about the budget," she said.

A broad range of representatives from the areas of finance from budget to labor and student groups will be able to join in the dialogue, Potes-Fellow

said.
"It will include everyone to bring comment and help in the thinking process while the budget is being discussed at the CSU system and legislative levels," she said.

Reed said the governor proposed a Cal Grant to offset the \$187 million that CSU would specifically allocate for students in serious financial need.

"I feel very strongly about the need to be sensitive that every student gets an education and that our most needing student is not impacted," Reed said.

Currently, classes are overcrowded

and unless new revenues are found, the over-enrollment funding of \$45 million proposed by the governor might compensate for the planned 5 percent

growth, Reed said.

The over-enrollment proposal is a funding projection from the expected new growth in revenue, he said.

Susan Meisenhelder, president of the California Faculty Association, appeared before the Assembly Committee on Higher Education in Sacramento on Tuesday to discuss stu-Sacramento on Tuesday to discuss stu-

dent fee policy guidelines, said Alice Sunshine, the CFA spokeswoman. "In the wake of the budget cut, the budget proposal assumes that much of

the shortfall would be offset by the largest student fee hikes in CSU histo-

ry," Meisenhelder said.
The CFA Board of Directors sent to the CSU Board of Trustees a unanithe CSU Board of Trustees a unammous resolution opposing any action on fee increases until after the release of the governor's May budget revision and its analysis by the legislature,

Meisenhelder said.
"A lot could happen between now

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San Jose Police Department riot control officers attempted to disperse a group of revelers on Second and Santa Clara streets at about 10 p.m. Tuesday during a makeshift Mardi Gras celebration in downtown San

## A fat celebration

## SJPD dissuades public from participating in downtown festivities

By Therese Bratberg

Daily Senior Staff Writer

Unlike last year, Mardi Gras celebra-tions in downtown San Jose had an uneventful atmosphere with small groups of people trotting down the

"I wanted the kids to have fun," said Raj Raman, who brought his son and daughter downtown for festivities. "It is pretty mellow tonight."

As the evening progressed, crowds of 20 to 30 people gathered on corners looking for girls willing to bare their breasts. Police officers on horses were

patrolling the streets and driving standing crowds to move. Post Street was not overfilled with hordes of screaming people, but a few were strolling down, looking for

"I am very disappointed. This is horrible," said Katy Benveniste, a freshman at Evergreen College.

She said this was her first time visit-ing Mardi Gras in downtown San Jose. "It is mellow," she said. "There's no one here. No boobs and no naked-

Benveniste said she had expected more than small crowds following a

few girls down the streets.
"I see it on TV and the streets are packed," she said. "Here, it's like I don't vant to get arrested."

Restaurants and bars also seemed to

be relaxed about Mardi Gras, although last year had been a different experience. Julio Garcia, the owner of Picasso restaurant on Santa Clara Street, said he thought there were more young people than before, but that it was much more quiet.

"It's not as crowded as last year," he said. "About this time it was horrible. Everyone was undressed."

Sgt. Cheryl Mathison from the state. Clara County. Shoriffe

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department said there were many more people last year because it was a sanctioned event.

"We're prepared if it gets wilder," she aid. "We can always hope it doesn't." Warron Eide, also from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, said because of the law enforcement, people were behaving and having a good time.

After last year's Mardi Gras of riots and bottle-throwing, the San Jose Police Department had prepared for the night with 125 additional patrolling officers.

"We are hoping there will be no row-diness and vandalism," said Sgt. Steve Dixon from the SJPD.

He said the police were patrolling downtown with special operations

Although clubs and bars were not allowed to have their festivities outside, Dixon expected a large crowd indoors. He said revelers were usually causing

rouble in groups of 20 to 30 people.

"We will be looking for those people and making arrests if necessary," he said.

Gordon Biersch, located on East San Fernando Street, celebrated with decorations, beads, a live band and shot specials.

Specials.
Courtney LaVoie, the manager, said they prepared for the night with five security guards and limited access to a capacity of 400 people.

There were a couple of fights last year," she said.

Margo Zapata, head of security at Waves steakhouse and saloon on Post Street, said it was more controlled this

year.
"It's not as much fun as last year because it separates us," she said. "It is because of the trouble that happened

## SJSU students hold Mardi Gras events

By Norikazu Ambo

Daily Staff Writer

The clamoring, cheerful crowd threw beads and tossed coins Tuesday to win games at the Mardi Gras celebration

outside the Event Center.

The event, "Mardi Gras Madness," was presented by Steve Dowling, an instructor in the department of recreation hospitality management, and six students in his class.

"It's very entertaining," said Markus Alowishus Araiza, a junior majoring in television, radio, film, theater.

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Any participants were automatically able to gain a raffle ticket to win prizes such as CDs, T-shirts, hats and one night's free stay at the Cupertino Inn.

Regarding the colorful decorations at the Mardi Gras event, Araiza said, "Pink means playful, and yellow means to win. So basically, we play to win."

There were several games available, including "bead me," where students were allowed to aim their beads at a pole for three times, and "toss me," where they could toss three gold coins in attempts to land them on the masks of Mardi Gras to win a purple raffle

"We have a winner," screamed Giles Ayupan repeatedly, a graduate biology student who helped manage the coin

Mike Neguyen, a first year hospitality management major who was one of the six members in charge of this event, tried to attract more SJSU students by shouting, "Play for free. Let's have fun." Neguyen said the hardest part of

bringing the event to the point was scheduling time for every member to meet and discuss. At the last meeting, Neguyen spent more than seven hours in the meeting preparing signs and col-

Karen Quebec, a senior hospitality management major, another member of the group, said the four weeks of prepa-ration for the event was stressful because of a lack of time.

But she said she was grateful to be able to receive enough donations to offer Tuesday's prizes even though many requests to get contributions were rejected. A list of donators such as Albertson's was showcased close to the

entrance of the Event Center.

Dowling said his students were enthusiastic about the event and were

able to raise money to provide a variety

of prizes to participants. From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dowling walked around and evaluated the event from various aspects, such as how his students led the program and promoted the event.

Neguyen said because he did not want a negative assessment, his team tried to be extra careful, making sure there was no drinking advertisement as an aca-demic program and no use of the color of red because it did not reflect Mardi Gras. Neguyen said it was a good opportunity for his team to learn how

to become better event planners.
"It's purely for fun," Dowling said. He

It's purely for fun, Dowling said. He said the party was not at all related to the religious concept of Mardi Gras.
"I'm having fun," said Michelle Hecht, a senior majoring in television, radio, film, theater. Hecht said she enjoyed watching last year's spaghetti eating contest and miniature golf game and wanted to come again to experience

Jackie Ferguson, a senior majoring in social science, said the event was enjoyable, but she would have liked if they

had more space, not just a corner of the Event Center.

## Santa Clara County to use electronic voting

**By Tony Burchyns** Daily Staff Writer

No more hanging chads for Santa Clara County voters. Punch cards are

punching out.
Despite concerns from local computer scientists, county supervisors voted last week to ditch the punch card ballot system in favor of touch-

card ballot system in ravor of touch-screen voting machines.

However, the county's chosen replacement — which won't allow voters to hold ballots in their hands and check for mistakes — could increase the risk of undetected fraud and shed doubt on the democratic process, said Sigurd Meldal, chair of the computer engineering department at San Jose State University.

"With electronic voting, the 'disconsat' between voter, and ballot

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becomes greater, which could lead to voter disenchantment and cynicism," Meldal said

One county official said he was surprised to learn that electronic voting worries some computer scientists.

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"We did not expect the negative response we got from the scientists," said Ernie Tedeschi, policy aide for Supervisor Liz Kniss.

"Apparently, the issue of electronic voting (as problematic) has been brewing in the computer science community for some time, but we'd never heard about it," Tedeschi said. The reason low-tech may be better

than high-tech when in comes to vot ing has to do with security and accountability issues, Meldal said. "It's not only a matter of (potential) fraud, but of catching mistakes," he

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## All that glitters



Pooja Sherestha, a junior majoring in accounting, and My Tran, a senior majoring in corporate finance examine jewelry at the Golden Jester jewelry booth inside the Student Union.

## Men urged to self-examine

By Wendy Lopez Daily Staff Writer

Women have been urged to seek medical attention to maintain a healthy body, men are advised to do the same.

"Men should learn from women about health care," said Oscar Battle, health ducation coordinator from the Student Health Center.

To keep a healthy body, males ought to perform testicular self-examinations once a month just as women do selfbreast examinations, Battle said.

A self-exam is a physical check up where a man touches his pelvis, looking for pelvic irregularities, according to the Education Training Research Associates in Santa Cruz, a nonprofit organization. The prostate is underneath the stom-

ach cavity and can only be reached through the rectum, he said. Penis sores and rough bumps are two things to look for on the scrotum, Battle

Changes in the skin and bumps on the penis are warning signs of a problem on women handle health concerns differ-

women handle health concerns differ-ently, Battle said. At a young age women are socialized to be responsible for their health care on a monthly and yearly basis, he said. Monthly periods and Pap smears (exams checking for cell changes in the cervix) are ways women have learned to

take care of themselves, Battle said. "Girls are taught at young age to touch themselves," he said. "We guys are

behind and we need to catch up. Women have always had good role models to help them in a lot of areas including health, said Ronald Williams, a peer health educator in the Student Health Center. Men are in need of role

In order to examine the prostate, a urologist goes through the rectum so he or she can feel it," Battle said.

A man's regular doctor can also per-form the procedure, said Anthony Mays, student and systems analyst at the health

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## opposingviews:

# Should the United States adopt English A national language can as its official language?

YES | A national language can unify a diverse nation

Unification in a diverse country such as the United States needs more than just a red, white and blue flag
We need to declare English as our official language since it is wide-

ly used in the United States — however, this does not mean that other languages or bilingual programs should be eliminated.

Currently, 27 states, including California, Florida and Hawaii, have English as their official language, according to U.S. English, Inc, an organization created to make English the official language of the course.

The diversity of languages in America is a phenomenon. Last year, we had at least 56 different languages that were spoken in the California public school system, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Arabic and many others, according to a

press release from Governor Gray Davis.

"How can we learn from each other if we don't have a common language to communicate



**HUONG PHAM** 

Yet with all these languages, this can cause a communica-tion barrier between different ethnicities. It's great to have all these different cultures and

languages, but how can we learn from each other if we don't have a common language to communicate with each

to having English as an official language such as unification by having a common language to communicate between different cultures, to emphasize the learning of the English language in the public school system which can better students in their educa-tion, and to allow everyone, specifically immigrants, to enjoy the economic and social opportunities available in this country.

According to Davis's press release, the state's English Language and Intensive Literacy Program provided school districts funding for an estimated 600,000

students who were having diffi-culty learning English.

As a result of this program and a focus on higher standards and reading proficiency, about 12 percent of English learners were reading at their grade level, based on scores of the statewide SAT-9 English Language Arts achievement test. The test is an assessment of students from elementary school through high school, the numbers are gradually increasing according to Davis.

Although government documents are translated into different lanages, the exams for the public school system are not, such as the SAT I and the English Placement Test. It is understandable that learning a new language is difficult, espe-

cially if an English learner is an adult.

The disadvantages of not having English as the official language are miscommunication, segregation, and difficulties in acquiring

For instance, my father didn't have the desire to learn English, but through a friend, he was lucky enough to have had work in a high tech company for 22 years. Unfortunately, he was recently laid off and now has difficulties acquiring a job because he lacks the English language to express himself and communicate his ideas and skills to potential employers.

Although my father is an intelligent and a skillful technician, he

doesn't know enough English. He lacks the communication skills to show prospective employers that he is a professional in his field.

So as one can see, if English became an official language in this country, there would be a common ground where everyone can start to make a difference not just in their life

but as a stronger and unified nation. As a diverse nation, we should learn about our differences, but let's start with a com-

Huong Pham is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

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## TO SPEAK ENGLISH

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## **campus**voices



"English as a national language is important in unifying. There still need to be accomodations made for people who use English as a second language."

Jacquie Heffner junior, public relations



"No. We're a diverse enough culture. We shouldn't fail to accommodate for the very diversity that makes us American."

**Dan Johnston** graduate student, biology



"Yes. I am a Latina, but there should be a standard language. If not, there is too much chaos.'

**Lucy Rodriguez** sophomore, music



"Yes. Business and education run on the English language."





immigrants.

who do take the time to learn English," he said.

trying to learn," he said.

"No. I think it should be a combination because of the variety of languages (we speak)."

#### Laina Rassmussen graduate student, occupational therapy



Rebecca Villaneda is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

NO | Our multicultural society

needs more than one language

I am proud to be from a country that has taken traditions, beliefs and cultures and created a hodgepodge society.

And we have done it without having English as our official language. In the United States we are given the liberty to practice our own ideologies as well as take from other cultures.

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To make English the official lan-guage of the United States will create more of a racist tone

throughout the country. For instance, a good percentage of Californians speak Spanish. It makes sense because Mexico is our

neighboring country. Why not

educate people and bridge any

gaps that may exist instead of con-tinuing the cycle of any stereo-

types that will reiterate them-

Keeping bilingual teachers active

in the education system will help children learn English yet allow

them to maintain their heritage. Our nation is built from people

of different ethnic backgrounds

Limiting ourselves to one idiom denies our growth as individuals and shuns those who come to our country

for better opportunities.

Louis Holsher, chair of the

Mexican-American studies depart-ment, said making English the offi-cial language will not take into

account cultural diversity.

"I think it is divisive to make

English the official language," he said. "It is already in the educational

society and that's enough. I don't

According to the U.S. Census

Bureau, 26.2 percent of the population of California is foreign-born.

And 11.1 percent of the population in the United States was born in

The statistics prove that we are a conglomeration of people, so why bother making united, multicultural people speak in a monolingual

tongue?

I do not feel it is appropriate for the government to take something so broad as language and make it so limited. How will they ever regulate what people speak?

Furthermore, there are 39.5 percent of people in California speaking languages other than English. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 17.9 percent of people in the United States speak other languages at home.

Creating a resolution to make English the official language can discriminate against those who do not speak English, restricting them from economic resources and political institutions.

By passing this we will only make it harder for those coming to our

Holsher said he thinks this proposal is a gut level reaction to recent

"People imply that immigrants do not want to learn English, but if they

go to a local junior college they will see the ESL classes are impacted and people are

Marco Pizarro, a professor in the Mexican-American studies department, said peo-ple do have a hard time learning English as they come to the United States and disagrees with the proposal of having a monolingual country.
"What's the point? We would only alienate those who come from other countries

Students who can speak more than one language have an advantage in the work It should be up to individuals to decide what they want to "claim" as their official lan-

think making it official is needed."

tions of each other.

"Yes. When people came here they spoke English. This country has been brought up on the English language."

Ge Cao senior, hospitality management

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## NOT RANTING, JUST VENTING

## Looking back upon the antics of an '80s childhood

The other day while cleaning out my closet I ran into a little piece of nostalgia — a pair of old British Knights. They were black and red leather with fancy black lace.

They were my pride and joy in the fourth grade.
For those of you who don't know what British Knights

are, you're about to find out.

British Knights were the coolest shoes to have in the late '80s. Everyone who was anyone wore them. They were available in different color combinations, and the most popular ones were made with snake skin - or so we

Seeing this old pair of shoes got me reminiscing about the days of my youth. They took me back to a time when

being stupid and dressing badly was accepted.

The summer of 1984 was the beginning of a new passion for my cousins, siblings and me. After watching "Breakin' 2 Electric Boogaloo" on HBO, we were inspired to start our own break dancing "crew."

Every afternoon we would move all of our grandparents' living room furniture, throw down one siese of president.

living room furniture, throw down our piece of oversized cardboard on the floor and bring out the jumbo sized

boombox, blaring "Egypt, Egypt."
All our grandparents heard was "Egyptian lover, Egyptian lover baby..." and every other breakin' "jam" in

That whole summer was spent learning and perfecting break dancing moves like the worm, the Russian kick, the

headspin and the flare. We even attempted the pop and

lock.
We ended every break dance battle the same way every

respected breaker would — with a "buffalo stance."

The best memory of our break dancing phase was watching our grandpa — better known as "Brother" — get on the floor and do

as "Brother" — get on the floor and do the worm. He was so plump all he could do was rock back and forth on his billowy stomach.

It didn't matter how many times he performed his rendition of the worm. We laughed every time as if it was the

We loved break dancing, but there were days we did other things, very stupid

One of our favorite past times was recording ourselves on the tape recorder. We would perform our own made up skits and our rendition of "The Price is Right." It was always a

bitter battle to see who would get to play Rod Roddy or Bob Barker. Everyone always wanted to say, "Come on down. You're the next contestant on 'The Price is Right.'"

On hot days we enjoyed running through the sprinklers on my grandparents' front lawn and playing with our "ghetto slip 'n' slide."

We wanted the Wham-o Slip 'n' Slide we saw on TV, but our parents and grandparents refused to buy one for us. They said it was dangerous.

Nothing could be more dangerous than the ghetto slip 'n' slide.

We got a gigantic garbage bag and split it open. When it was laid out on the lawn we poured Palmolive dish soap all over it and hosed it down. We put a big brick at each end so it wouldn't come off the lawn. Every person who slid on the slip 'n' slide slammed right into the brick at the

other end. It was really painful and our shoulders would be banged up, but it didn't stop us from using it. After watching the movie "Poltergeist,"

we spent many mindless hours sitting in front of the table fan reciting the famous line from the movie, "Where are you, mommy? I can't see you." It was always a contest to see who could do the best imitation. ANNELINDA AGUAYO

It wasn't just summer days we spent doing crazy things Every family get together seemed to be a reason to be stupid and get into some trouble.

One New Year's Eve at age 8, I decided to hang out with my older cousins. For the longest time I was the youngster who always tagged along with the older,

This turned out to be the most eventful New Year's ever. We all decided to smoke in my cousin "Moni's" backyard. When our little brothers "Big Happy" and "Fangis" came out to see what we were doing, we told them the cigarettes we sparklers.

somehow our plan failed and we got caught. The next morning we were all at my dining room table being lectured by our parents about the dangers of smoking. We all figured it was a good thing they didn't know about the beers we had smuggled from the ice cooler.

Seeing my old British Knights brought back a lot of good childhood memories. I loved growing up in the days of Atari and "Thundercats."

My days of wearing jelly bracelets. British Knights, leg

My days of wearing jelly bracelets, British Knights, leg warmers and New Kids on the Block clothes are gone. OK, so I wasn't the best dressed, but it was cool back then. It made me sad to throw out my beloved and treas-ured British Knights, but it felt good to know that the memories didn't live in the shoes, but in me.

Annelinda Aguayo is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer. 'Not Ranting, Just Venting' appears every other Wednesday.

## SPARTA GUIDE

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Associated Students Campus Recreation

ASCR is offering fitness classes at ASCR is offering intress classes running the Event Center. Classes running today: Spin, Abs Only, Turbo Kickboxing, Night Spin, Hi-Lo/Hip Hop, Body Pump, Cardio Kickboxing, Contact Kickboxing, Stretch/Flex/Relax. For more information and class times, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance Meetings every Wednesday in the Almaden Room of the Student

Union from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nutrition Education Action Team Free nutrition counseling by nutrition and dietetics students today from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Sport Club. For more information contact Jen Styles, campus nutri-tionist, at 924-6118.

Women's Resource Center and Feminist Majority Leadership Tickets are on sale now for the

Mar. 6 performance of "The Vagina Monologues" by and for SJSU stu-dents and staff. Tickets are available in front of the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Women's Resource Center in ADM 249. Proceeds will benefit YWCA Rape Crisis Center and Support Network for Battered Wom Students (w/ID) \$5, general \$7. For more information contact Erika or Lindsey at 924-6500.

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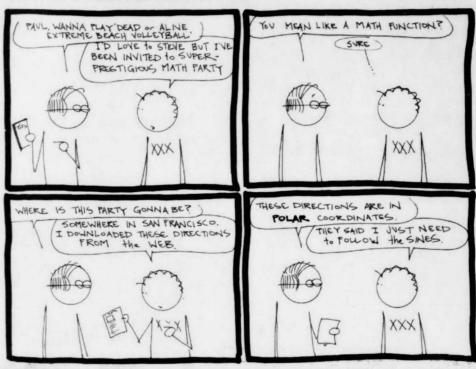
grow with Him and to have fellowship in His name, come join us every Wednesday night. We meet in the Almaden Room of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. For more infor-mation contact Anh Truong at 605-9684 or visit our website at www.aacfsjsu.com.

School of Art and Design Student galleries art exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry YFC - Youth For Christ meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information contact Kay Politan at 938-1610.

Students for Justice Weekly meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Multicultural Library (modular building A). For more information contact Christine Madore at (650) 533-1735 or 971-

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## Measure W

## Campus Smoking Policy

Currently, the University's Academic Senate is considering whether to revise the campus smoking policy. Associated Students and the Academic Senate believe that students should be included in this important decision-making process. Note: This is an advisory vote

In regards to smoking on campus, which of the options would you most prefer (please select one)?

- Ban smoking within 5 feet of the entrance of campus buildings (which is the minimum required by state law)
- · Ban smoking within 15 feet of the entrance of campus buildings (which is the current policy as SJSU)
- Ban smoking within 25 feet of the entrance of campus buildings (expanding from current SJSU policy)
- Ban smoking on campus altogether

Presently, the campus smoking policy has not been actively enforced. Should the Campus Smoking Policy be actively

- · Yes, the University should more actively enforce the campus smoking policy.
- · No, current enforcement of the campus smoking policy





## • No (no means you do not wish to have University Hour)

Note: This is an advisory vote only.

from 12p-1p when there are no classes in session?

• Yes (yes means you wish to have University Hour)

Measure X

University Hour

#### Measure Y University Hour

Several departments on campus are student fee dependent and have not adjusted their fees in several years. With the current budget crisis these departments have the difficult choice of either closing their doors, discontinuing services or asking you, the students, for a fee adjustment. While each of these departments have presented to the University leadership higher fee needs the following recommendation is being proposed by the Academic Affairs Department, Intercollegiate Athletics, Associated Students, the Student Health Center, and the Student Union as a collaborative compromise. The Academic and Athletic portion of the fee will be added to the IRA (Instructionally Related Activity) fee pool of funds and used 100% as designated. Said compromise fee referendum, if approved, would adjust student fees by approximately 3%

The University hour is a period of time in the middle of the day when there will be no classes taught. During this time, the campus

community will focus on enhancing the university spirit, i.e. clubs and organizations can schedule their meetings, programming will be

done (via the A.S. Program Board and/or student organizations),

University. The purpose of this hour would be to benefit our

campus community and help in creating a campus life. Other

has allowed for students to find involvement with their campus

Do you, the student, wish to have University Hour, a daily hour

academic departments would bring in guest speakers and lecturers, and students and faculty could interact, as they should at a

campuses that are also commuter campuses have a University Hour

(sometimes called Common Hour), which has created an hour that

Shall your student fees per semester be adjusted as follow (see below) to support the services and operations of the departments listed, beginning the Fall Semester of 2003?

See services descriptions in the voter pamphlet.

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YES - I would like my fees to increase to support the services and operations of the departments listed.

NO - I would not like my fees to increase to support the services and operations of the departments listed

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Director of Community Affairs

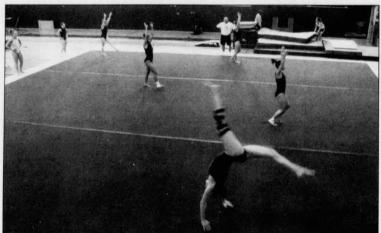
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## SJSU women's gymnastics team vaulting toward regionals



Spartan gymnast Jennifer Greene kept time for teammate Sarah Molasky as se did strength excercises after practice on Tuesday





Above: The women's gymnastics team began Tuesday's practice in the Spartan Gym with tumbling drills. Left: Spartan Gymnast Kelsey Spellacy goes through an uneven bars routine during practice. Spellacy is one of eight freshmen who joined the women's gymnastics team this year.

Photos by Karin Higgins / Daily Staff

ment on probation for two years for numerous NCAA rules violations that

included payments from agents to

The NCAA has not released its

findings yet in that investigation.

## WAC won't let Fresno State play in tournament

FRESNO (AP) - Fresno State will not be allowed to participate in next week's Western Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament after school officials pulled the team from

other possible postseason play amid allegations of academic fraud.

The WAC board of directors met by teleconference Tuesday and decided to disqualify the Bulldogs from the

The board adopted a new resolution that prohibits a member school from tournament if the school is also ineli-gible for NCAA postseason play in the same sport. playing in a conference championship

he same sport. The policy became effective imme-

Fresno State President John D. Welty announced Monday the men's basketball team will not be eligible for ostseason competition this year after school officials confirmed instances of

academic fraud.

The self-imposed penalty means the Bulldogs (20-6, 13-3 WAC) will not compete in the NCAA tournament or the NIT.

Tuesday's decision officially ends

this year's postseason play for the Bulldogs, who clinched the WAC reg-ular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the postseason tournament with their victory over Nevada on March 1.

WAC tournament begins March 11.

Fresno State spokesman Tom Uribes said even if the team were to have competed in the WAC tournament and win, the Bulldogs would not have

been allowed to advance. School officials called the WAC's

decision "a major disappointment."
"We will abide by the decision of the WAC" the school said in a statement. "In doing so however, we acknowledge the WAC's declaration of support for stringent action when a university is in violation of NCAA rules and presume that it will hold every WAC member to this standard.

Fresno State fans who purchased tickets to the WAC tournament are being offered a full refund.
In a February article, The Fresno

Bee reported that former basketball team statistician Stephen Mintz said he was enlisted during the 1999-2000 season to take part in a scheme to write papers for three members of the school's basketball team in exchange for cash. The coach then was Jerry

Welty said Monday that most of the

allegations were true.

Mintz said he wrote and delivered 17 pieces of course work in 2000 for three players — Courtney Alexander, Terrance Roberson and Dennis Nathan — and was paid \$1,500 for his

Alexander, who now plays for the New Orleans Hornets, denied in a faxed statement last month to a Fresno television station that Mintz ever wrote papers for him. In an earli-er interview with The Bee, Alexander said he had never heard of Mintz. University spokesman Mark

University spokesman Mark Aydelotte said the school would not release specific details about which allegations were true or who partici-

pated in the alleged fraud until the NCAA's investigation is complete. Alexander was unavailable for com

ment Tuesday.
The joint school-NCAA investigational academic fraud has been ongoing for several years after

Team could make NCAA tournament for first time in school history as a whole

By Janine Stanhope Daily Staff Writer

The women's gymnastics team is on a roll and may qualify for the NCAA West Regional

Championships.
"I think we're ready," said Adriana
Manago, assistant coach of the Spartan women's gymnastics team.
"We have the drive and the inten-

sity to make it for the first time in San Jose State University history. The workouts are a lot harder to ensure the girls have consistency and

ont complacency in their routines."

After winning its last three meets, the team moved closer to securing a position as one of the seven teams to compete at the regional competition, which is scheduled for April 6 in Seattle, Manago said.

"We are now just two-tenths behind Fullerton," Manago said.

"And, we're eight in the region, with a regional qualifying score of

a regional qualifying score of 193.480 after defeating UC Davis last weekend." She said the team might score

enough points during meets this weekend against Stanford University at SJSU on Friday and against Cal State Fullerton and Sacramento State University at Fullerton on

"We have more depth on the team and we have added more difficulty elements and skills to the routines," said Manago, who was a gymnast and co-captain at the West Virginia University and a former coach at the American School of Gymnastics in San Francisco. Senior Dani Albright and junior

Senior Dain Albright and junior Shirla Choy competed as individuals in the Regionals for the past two years, Manago said.

"They brought back the experience from the past two years for what it will take to work as a team to qualify" she said.

fy," she said.

Manago said Albright took 12th place at the Regionals in 2001 in the floor exercise event with a score of

"Practice for repetition and endurance will be important," said Albright, who holds school records in the vault, floor exercise and all-

Albright helped the team set a new team floor record with a new score of 49.150, breaking the old record of 49.125, set on March 2 at UC Davis. 49.125, set on March 2 at Oc Davis. She also set a new school record for the floor, scoring a 9.950 during the meet against Mountain Pacific rivals Air Force and Seattle Pacific on Friday, Feb. 14. The previous record, 9.925, was set in 2001.

"I always expect more of myself. (Head) Coach (Wayne) Wright is totally the driving force, he believes in me and he knows my potential,"

Wright recognizes a competitive, winning spirit when he sees it,

Manago said. He came to SJSU two years ago from Stanford where he was an assistant coach for six years. Stanford is now ranked among the

top 10 teams nationwide.
"There are coaches that work for subsistence, and there are coaches that work to accomplish something," Manago said. "He has a lot of drive and what it takes to compete at the

and what it takes to compete at the next level with more intensity."
Manago said Choy placed 20th overall at the Regionals with a 37.900 as an individual in 2002 and seventh with a 38.775 in 2001.
"Consistency is the key," said Choy,

who specializes in the uneven paral-lel bars and is currently ranked 13th lel bars and is currently ranked 13th in the Regional all-around standings with a 38.850. "We have been practicing about four hours every day. Coach Wright helps me to do my personal best."

Choy set a new school record on the uneven bars with a score of 9.950 during the meet against UC Davis on Feb. 7. She beat the previous record of 9.925 that she set last Jan. 31. The team also set a new record.

31. The team also set a new record overall with a score of 49.275 on the bars. The old record, 48.825, was set

"We are in one of the toughest regions in the country," Manago said. "The list includes UCLA, (University of) Oregon, Cal State Fullerton and Stanford. Also, Washington State (University), ranked 15th and Cal (Berkeley), ranked in the top 25."

ranked in the top 25."
In the past two years, Coach Wright has changed some of the ways things are done, Albright said. Manago said the team has gained more respect in the last two years. "We also have the higher start value of 10," Manago said. "Some teams have start values of 9.5 and then work their way up during a meet."

"We are the first-place team in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation conference this year," Wright said. "We have maintained first place so far and that indicates how well we probably will do at the regional championship meet — it's important

The two student athletic trainers who travel with the team said all 16 girls are ready for the meets this

"The team looks really good for the home meet against Stanford on Friday," said Shagra Thomas, a senior athletic training major and student athletic trainer for the team.

The Spartans are slatted to tumble

The Spartans are slated to tumble with the Cardinal at 7 p.m. Friday at the Spartan gym.



# allegations were made privately by several people, Aydelotte said. He said Mintz was the first person to go public with the charges. The NCAA has the option of imposing even more severe penalties once its investigation is complete. In December, Fresno State put its basketball team and athletics department on probation for two years for

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## Brown, Rice duo back in silver and black

Associated Press

Jerry Rice suggested last season he might play until he's 45. Now he has a contract that will pay him until he's

46.
"It could happen," Jim Steiner, Rice's agent, said after his client signed a six-year, \$30 million deal Tuesday that helped the Oakland Raiders with their salary-cap prob-

how he feels and how he's playing. Who knows?"

The 40-year-old Rice is the league's career leader in receptions (1,456), yards receiving (21,597) and touchdowns scored (203).



The Raiders' other venerable wideout, 36-year-old Tim Brown, also signed a restructured contract. The

Raiders, by some accounts, were as much as \$50 million over the cap.
Dallas, meanwhile, signed another veteran, fullback Richie Anderson.
He'll be reunited with Bill Parcells, who coached him with the New York

Then Parcells reached agreement with Houston tackle Ryan Young,

another former Jet.

Also, Houston re-signed inside linebacker Jay Foreman, who led the expansion team in tackles last sea-son, and Miami re-signed punter Mark Royals.

re-signed outside linebacker Anthony Simmons to a five-year deal worth more than \$23 million, including a signing bonus of at least \$7.5 million.



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## Spartans snap losing streak; prepare for weekend tournament

By Paulo Hernandez Daily Staff Writer

With a win over Sacramento State University on Saturday, the Spartan softball team made its six-game losing

streak a thing of the past.

San Jose State University won the first game of the doubleheader 3-2 and lost the second game 6-2. The split put the Spartans at 6-11 on the season.

SJSU head coach Dee Dee Enabenter said she felt the team out footbase.

said she felt the team put forth a much better effort in Saturday's games than

what she had previously seen.
"We were much better overall. That's
all that matters," Enabenter said.
Junior pitcher Kelli McCollister said she was glad the losing streak was over and felt the team was showing improve-

ment.
Junior catcher Megan Delgado said it is frustrating to lose knowing they have the ability to win.
"We expect to win," Delgado said.
The Spartans were able to produce some hits against Sacramento State, which the team had been unable to do in its last few games. SJSU collected eight hits in the first game and six in the second.

In an attempt to jump start the offense, Enabenter has been moving various players in and out of the starting

lineup.
"It's still early enough in the season where we can make changes. When we can get some consistency, we'll stay with what works," she said.

The Spartans will now turn their attention to the 17th Annual National Invitational Softball Tournament. The

## THE WINDUP

tournament will take place Friday through Sunday at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale. Eleven pating. Among the teams is last year's defending tournament champion and nationally ranked No. 9 Arizona State

University (14-3) and defending national champion No. 6 UC Berkeley (14-6). The "It's still early in the season where we can field is rounded make changes. When out by No. 17 Oregon State University (16-7), No. 22 University of Oregon (12-5), the University of Minnesota we can get some consistency, we'll stay with what works." of Minnesota 10-4-1)

Dee Dee Enabenter. SJSU head coach

intimidate

University (10-9), Virginia Tech University (3-5), University of Missouri-Kansas City (1-3) and Georgia Tech University (12-7). The teams will begin pool play on Friday, followed by bracket play Saturday and Sunday.

Sacramento

State (14-4), Santa Clara

The Spartans are poised to play well in

the tournament.

"We want to maintain our focus offensively and defensively," Enabenter said.

McCollister said the team needs to
produce runs. "We have to start scoring,
we can't continue to leave base runners,"

Enabenter said the team is trying to focus on each individual game at the tournament, rather than bunching up

the games.
"We don't want to see it as a tournament," she said.

The Spartans' coach and players said they aren't thinking about the opponents they will face at the tournament; instead they are focusing on what they have to get

done.
"If you think too
much you do yourself a
disservice. I don't want the team to focus on things they can't con-trol," Enabenter said.
"We have to go and take care of business. What the other teams

do doesn't matter." Delgado said, "We never worry about the other team."

McCollister agreed with her teammate and said, "We don't even watch the other team in warm ups. Warm ups are designed to

Heading into the tournament, the Spartans are nursing two significant

injuries. Freshman designated player Jessica Guillen has been in and out of the line-



Stephanie Miran, utility player of the San Jose State university soft ball team, attempted to tag catcher AJ Hall as she ran from second to third base during practice game on Tuesday.

up with a back injury. Enabenter said Guillen's back has not responded well to treatment. As a result, the team is look-

ing at different options.
"She's a big bat out of the lineup and

we need to go in a different direction," Enabenter said.

Sophomore pitcher Carol Forbes is hobbled by a toe injury, but Enabenter said the team expects her to return for

the first day of the tournament.

SJSU opens tournament play Friday against Oregon State and Oregon.

Games times are slated for 4 p.m. and 6

Oilers get back on track, too.
Smyth made it 1-0 at 5:43 of the

first by praying his typical game. He screened Kiprusoff and tipped in a point shot from Eric Brewer.

He finished with a plus-2 rating and

## Arenas scores 22 in Warrior victory

OAKLAND (AP) - Gilbert Arenas had 22 points and nine assists as the Golden State Warriors defeated the Indiana Pacers 107-100 Tuesday night for their sixth straight win team's longest winning streak in nearly

nine years.
The Warriors improved to 30-30, the franchise's first time at .500 since April 24, 1994. That's the same year the organization last reached the playoffs.

Ron Artest had 32 points, seven rebounds and five assists, and Jermaine O'Neal added 21 points and six boards for Indiana, which has lost six straight road games. The Central Division-leading Pacers had won the past three meetings with the Warriors.

Golden State's winning streak is the straight in April 1994, when the Warriors finished 50-32. Tuesday's victory gives them their highest win total since going 30-52 in 1996-97.

Arenas was only 12 the last time the Warriors were this good.

Jason Richardson and Erick Dampier

each had 20 points for the surging Warriors, who have won nine of 12. They are 16-6 against the Eastern Conference, including 12-2 at home. Dampier also had four blocked shots.

O'Neal scored back-to-back baskets, O'Neal scored back-to-back baskets, then Reggie Miller scored off a turnover to pull the Pacers within three, 86-83, with 8:16 left. But the Warriors, looking much like a playoff team, answered with a 10-0 run, six points by sparkplug Earl Boykins and two straight dunks by Antawn lamison.

The Warriors beat the Pacers to loose balls and controlled the boards down the stretch. Boykins had all 10 of his

the stretch. Boykins had all 10 of his points in the final period.

Dampier was fired up from the beginning against his former team.

Three of his dunks were in the first

quarter, when he scored 10 points and the Warriors shot 55.6 percent.

Last month, the 6-foot-11 Dampier

called first-year coach Eric Musselman "Musselhead" out of frustration for his playing time, but they seem to have patched things up. Musselman joked about it before the

"I got called Musselhead. It's natural to think you'd like to bench that guy and not give him any touches," Musselman said. "I think we have a good relationship."
The Warriors held the Pacers without

a field goal for more than four minutes late in the third quarter.

It has been a rare sight to see fans on their feet in the first half, if at all, in recent years here. The crowd of 16,409 was raucous not just because of all the dazzling dunks, but also in an effort to help their team get defensive stops, often hollering "DEE-FENSE!"

## Smyth returns, helps Oilers defeat Sharks goalie Tommy Salo (groin) and Mike York (broken wrist) should help the

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) - It didn't take Ryan Smyth long to make an impact for the Edmonton Oilers.

Smyth scored his 20th goal of the season and then set up Marchant's tiebreaker with remaining as the Oilers ended their nine-game winless streak with a 2-1 victory Tues Jose Sharks. Tuesday night over the San

"We needed this win," said Smyth, who injured his shoulder in a 5-4 win over Toronto on Feb. 11. "There's some teams behind us in the standings and (these were) some points that we needed."

The win came as a huge relief for the Oilers, whose 0-5-2-2 drought began when Smyth was forced out of the

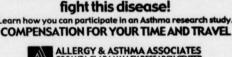
Edmonton is clinging to the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference and allowed Nashville, Los Angeles, Phoenix and, Chicago

back into contention during their winless run.

"Right now, I think it's something that we needed," said Marchant, who redirected Smyth's pass behind a help-less Miikka Kiprusoff. "Maybe this will get us going in the

right direction."
The return of Smyth, along with

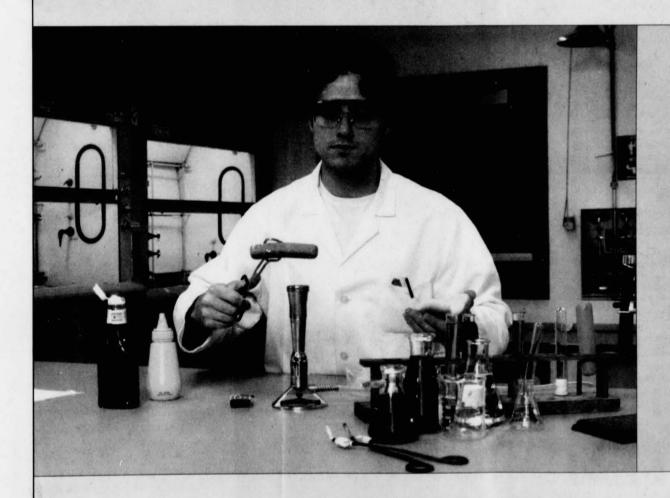
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## Saddam: United States will be defeated if it attacks Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In a let-ter marking the Islamic new year Tuesday, President Saddam Hussein said Iraq will defeat any invaders and accused the United States of trying to

turn Arabs into slaves.

"The tyrant thinks he is capable of enslaving the people and hiding the decisions, freedoms and legitimate choices (they were born with) when their mothers delivered them as free people," Saddam said in the letter, read Tuesday morning by an announcer on

Arrogance will be of no help to it."
Referring to the United States,
Saddam said: "The tyrant of this era thinks that he is an alternative to God and is His shadow on Earth. The tyrant imagines himself, God forbid, as God ... and thus his devil has thrown him into the abyss of evil."
Saddam said Iraq would be victorious

in any war.

"We believe, with the coming of the Islamic new year and with God's help, we will be victorious against the tyrant," he said. "The believers will triumph over tyranny and its accomplices."

Despite the tough talk Iraq continued to destroy banned missiles to comply with a U.N. order.

Iraq destroyed three Al Samoud 2

missiles, a launcher and five engines Tuesday, said inspectors' spokesman

Hiro Ueki. Since Saturday, Iraq has destroyed 19 of about 100 Al Samoud

2 missiles.

It also has been slicing up casting chambers used to make another missile, unearthing bombs and sending scientists to talk with U.N. weapons

inspectors. France, Russia and China urged Iraq to meet every U.N. demand in hopes of staving off war, but the United States said the actions were too little,

"Iraq is not cooperating," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday. "Despite whatever limited head-fakes Iraq has engaged in, they continue to fundamentally not dis-

U.S. officials said a vote on a new

U.N. resolution authorizing force would likely come next week, after chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei address the

and Mohamed ElBaradei address the Security Council on Friday.

The U.S.-led military mobilization entered a critical stage Monday, with B-52 bombers landing in Britain and soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division setting up camp in Kuwait.

Turkey's top politician signaled Tuesday the government may again ask parliament in the coming days to allow 62,000 American troops in Turkey, hoping to reverse a weekend

Turkey, hoping to reverse a weekend denial that upset U.S. war plans.

As U.S. generals commanding about 225,000 troops in the region declare themselves ready to attack Iraq, weapons inspectors are suddenly

weapons inspectors are suddenly receiving Iraqi cooperation on issues that have dogged them for months. Iraq met a Saturday deadline to begin destroying its Al Samoud 2 missile system, banned because its range may be slightly greater than allowed. It is slicing up banned casting chambers used to make another missile, the Al Farah.

Workers have unearthed buried bombs they say are loaded with anthrax, aflatoxin and botulin toxin, and inspectors are analyzing the contents. Iraq is readying a letter to the United Nations that proposes verifying it has gotten rid of anthrax and deadly VX nerve agent.

Iraqi scientists who helped make missiles and chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction have begun to give private interviews to inspectors, something all but three had refused to do since December. Another scientist was interviewed on Monday the fourth in as many days. The United Nations has asked to speak to more than 30 scientists since December.

Clearly Iraq is appealing to members of the U.N. Security Council, who are considering a draft resolution by the United States, Britain and Spain that would declare Iraq to be evading

The best time to press a point is when you have a meeting of the Security Council coming up," said Blix's deputy, Demetrius Perricos.

The United States expects a vote on its resolution "quite soon" after the chief inspectors, report to the council.

chief inspectors report to the council on Friday, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Monday.

France, Russia and China all pushed for more inspections instead of war.

U.S. warplanes enforcing no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq have become much more aggressive in recent days than they usually are in their routine patrols and have begun to go beyond their traditional targets of

go beyond their traditional targets of anti-aircraft weapons. Now, they are attacking surface-to-surface missile batteries they say are in range of U.S. troops in Kuwait or of positions U.S. troops could take up in Turkey.

An Iraqi military spokesman told the official Iraqi News Agency on Monday that a U.S. airstrike Sunday night killed six civilians and wounded 15 in southern Basra province. There was no way to verify the claim. way to verify the claim.

American warplanes attacked four more military communications facilities and one air defense facility on Monday, the U.S. Central Command

## Army sends armored force to Gulf; buildup now approaching 300,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's oldest armored division, "Old Ironsides," got orders Tuesday to head for the Persian Gulf as the total of U.S. land, sea and air forces arrayed against Iraq or preparing to go neared 300,000.

The commander who would lead the war, Gen. Tommy R. Franks, met at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and was to consult with President Bush at the White House on Wednesday. Last week Franks reviewed his war plan with commanders at his Gulf com-

The pace of troop movements and high-level consultations suggested the military was close to ready for the opening of what would be a multidi-rectional assault to disarm and depose

Iraq President Saddam Hussein. In addition to the U.S. troops based in Kuwait and every other country on the Arabian Peninsula except Yemen, there are five aircraft carrier battle groups nearby, each with about 50strike aircraft aboard and including 30 40 vessels armed with Tomahawk

A sixth carrier, the USS Nimitz, is en route to the Gulf to relieve the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Still to be resolved was the important question of whether Turkey would allow its territory to be used for tens of thousands of U.S. ground forces to open a northern front against Iraq. Three dozens ships carrying weaponry and equipment for the Army's 4th Infantry Division, which would spearhead the attack from Turkey, is waiting in the Mediterranean for a Turkey decision. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said a war against Iraq would be won even without Turkey's help, but he indicated he remained hopeful Turkey would change its mind.

"It will be much more difficult" to

execute the war plan without Turkish bases, "and we prefer to have Turkey with us," Myers said in an interview at the Pentagon with WMAL radio's "Chris Core Show." He said U.S. commanders have multiple back-up plans if Turkey refuses.

Speaking on the same show, Rumsfeld that of the many things that could go wrong for the United States in a war against Iraq, the one that worries him most is the "very sizable risk" that Saddam would use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. troops or neighboring countries.

In Wiesbaden, Germany, home of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored

the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division, known as "Old Ironsides," officials said the unit received orders Tuesday to deploy to the Central Command region. No dates were

Portions of another Germany-based Army unit, the 1st Infantry Division, already are in Turkey to help receive and move forward the weaponry and equipment of the 4th Infantry Division. But that is on hold pending a final decision by the Turkish government on hosting U.S. forces.

The Army also received orders this

week to deploy the 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas.

## Three more Navy ships depart from Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — After watching dozens of Navy ships deploy in recent months in preparation for a possible war with Iraq, sailors on three amphibious ships left Tuesday in this port's last planned deployment for the near future. deployment for the near future.

"Trust me, we all want to go over there and get it over with," said Capt. David C. Taylor, commander of Amphibious Squadron Six. He said the crews had trained hard and had been ready to go since late

Iwo Jima left Norfolk Naval Station on its maiden deployment, along with the amphibious transport dock ship USS Nashville. The amphibious dock landing ship USS Carter Hall left from nearby Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base.

The ships carried about 2,000 sailors and were headed to Morehead City, N.C., to pick up about 2,200 Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp

November.

A banner reading "Let's Roll" hung
from the Iwo Jima, the lead ship of

the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group. The banner also bore a quote from President Bush — "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail" — and a drawing of the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

Crew members made the banner to remind them of the purpose of their mission, said Capt. John W. Snedeker Jr., commanding officer of the Iwo Iima.

"You can actually feel the energy coming out of the Iwo Jima today, €a8733414069;47declined to say left three days early on a regularly scheduled deployment. Snedeker said he told his crew to be prepared to be

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watched from a parking lot near the pier at the Norfolk Naval Station. Ernest Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn., had been at the base since about 6 a.m. to see off his 26-year-old son, Petty Officer 3rd Class David

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) After North Korean fighter jets inter-cepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane, the communist country said Tuesday the threat of armed confrontation on the Korean Peninsula was growing because of what it called U.S. aggres-

North Korea did not comment on the interception of the plane. Its state-run media instead criticized annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises that began Tuesday, saying they were preparation for an attack. The exer-cise, named Foal Eagle, ends April 2.

This Foal Eagle exercise is escalating the danger of armed clashes on the Korean Peninsula," said Minju Joson,

"If the eagle swoops down on us, a nuclear war will break out and it is clear that the whole Korean nation"

will not escape nuclear holocaust," said the report, which was monitored by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

North Korea routinely condemns such exercises, but the belligerent rhetoric and the interception of the American plane come amid fears the North could make nuclear bombs within months.

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U.S. military officials say the annual maneuver is "defense-oriented" and is not related to the nuclear dispute.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said four North Korean fighter jets had approached the U.S. plane over the Sea of Japan on Sunday, coming as close as 50 feet. One used its radar to identify the plane as a target, but there was no hostile fire, he said. its radar to identify the plane as a tar-

Davis said it was the first such incident since 1969, when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 surveillance plane, killing all 31 Americans aboard.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush "believes that the issue of North Korea can be handled diplo-

This is a matter that we will protest and we're talking to our allies about best manner to do that," Fleischer said, adding that "North Korea continues to engage in provocative, and now reckless actions. And North Korea engages in these actions as a way of saying, pay me. That will not happen.

nappen.
In a commentary, North Korea's
Minju Joson described Bush as "a
political illiterate and a shameless
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The newspaper also appealed to South Koreans, who host 37,000 U.S.

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soldiers on their soil, to join North Korea in resisting the United States. The interception of the U.S. plane appeared to be part of an effort to pressure the United States into negotiations on chief North Korean aims: a

nonaggression treaty and economic The reckless move is a signal to the United States at a time when Washington pays little attention to North Korea's repeated demand for direct dialogue," said Lee Suk-soo, a

military studies professor at the National Defense College in Seoul. North Korea on Tuesday reiterated its demand for a nonaggression pact, saying through Radio Pyongyang that it was "to remove an unreasonable U.S. threat, not to gain something." The radio was monitored by Yonhap.

Washington, which is pregaring for

Washington, which is preparing for a possible war against Iraq, says it will

that North Korea's efforts to develop nuclear weapons are a multi-lateral issue. The U.N. Security Council is expected to debate the mat-

North Korea test-fired a missile into the sea off its east coast on the eve of South Korean President Roh Moo-

hyun's inauguration last week. On Feb. 20, a North Korean MiG-19 warplane crossed over the South's western sea border, but retreated after South Korean jets flew to the

Last week, U.S. officials said North Korea had restarted a nuclear reactor that is at the center of a suspected weapons program. The reactor could yield enough plutonium for an atomic bomb in about a year, experts say. North Korea, which has warned a

U.S. attack on its nuclear facilities at

facility near the reactor. Such a move could allow it to make several nuclear bombs within months, according to





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Tedeschi said.

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That's because the computers cannot

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The idea is to allow the machines to record the votes, but also allow voters to drop printed receipts into a ballot box for safekeeping, Mendal said.
"That way, the process can be independently audited," he said.
Tedeschi said prototypes of the county's new machines produced printouts on internal paper rolls that voters can see but connect seems.

voters can see but cannot access.

Meldal said he whole-heartedly

"We're doing what we can legally," Tedeschi said. "The (California) sec-

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Williams said the gender of the doctor

is irrelevant. A man who will only consider going to a male doctor is discrimi-

nating on the basis of gender.
Williams said men and women of color

know what it is like to be discriminated

against and they are more understanding when they visit a physician of the oppo-

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VOTING | Some question accuracy

ignored Dill's pleas, Tedeschi said.
"The (California) secretary of state is reviewing electronic voting standards, and whatever changes the state That's because the computers cannot be trusted to produce glitch-proof results, he said.

"Given the history of software reliability, I'd be very wary (of touch-screen voting machines)," Meldal said. One thing computer scientists have argued is the necessity of a paper audit trail. (mandates), we will require our vender to make at no extra cost to the coun-

to make at no extra cost to the county," Tedeschi said.

Dill now sits on an ad hoc task force—chaired by undersecretary of state—charged with reviewing paper trails and new electronic voting systems.

"This new task force, comprised of election experts, scientists and the public, will help determine what should be required from new voting technology in terms of their capability to produce paper copies of election ballots," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley in a Feb. 19 press release.

"Voter confidence—not technology—will ultimately determine the future of our electoral system," Shelley said in the release.

said in the release. Tedeschi said he is ready to trust an

agreed with efforts to dissuade state and county officials from approving voting systems that do not produce paper ballots.

Leading the crusade is Stanford University computer scientist David Dill electronic voting system.
"I can remember when people had "I can remember when people had the same (security and accountability) concerns when ATMs were introduced," he said. "Now we use them every day. Maybe it's a generational question (of comfort)."

Some SJSU students said they would walcome the speed of voting electron-"David Dill is extremely capable,"
Meldal said. "I trust him implicitly."
Last week, Dill — armed with a
petition signed by 300 computer
experts — failed to stop the board of
supervisors from formally approving a
vendor of touch-screen machines,
Tedeschi said

welcome the speed of voting electron-

"It would be easier," said Monique Barclay, a freshman biology major. "You wouldn't have to worry about

out would have to worry about punching the wrong thing or filling it out wrong," Barclay said.

Another student said communica-tion links between touch-screen

Tedeschi said. "The (California) secretary of state has the power to certify voting machines, and these machines have been approved."

But that doesn't mean the board

Another student said communication links between touch-screen machines would be an issue.

"If the machines weren't linked, than hacking wouldn't be a problem," said a

exam, Battle said.
A step is looking at the testicles and

A step is looking at the testicles and making sure that each testicle is smooth and egg shaped, Battle said.

Smoothness is a way to distinguish a healthy testicle from an unhealthy one,

Another step is analyzing the epi-didymis, the testicular tube holding sperm, according to the research organi-

For the past eight years, Battle has

worked on providing an educational out-let for men that teaches the importance

**EXAMINE** | Monthly checks suggested

medication or can schedule a further of health exams.

freshman computer science major who wanted to be identified only as Edgar. Bay Area voters should think twice before giving way to fear and para-noia, said San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer Warren Slocum.

"There's no perfect voting system — they all have their pros and cons," Slocum said. "Personally, I don't have any problems with electronic voting

Slocum said he is not as skeptical as Dill, and that electronic voting systems have been successful in other

states where paper trails aren't required.

However, he said he agrees with Shelley's sentiments about voter con-

"If the paper audit trail makes Mr. and Mrs. Voter feel like the system is accurate and accountable, then I'm for

t," Slocum said. Meldal said a "non-tech" person must be able to audit the voting system afterwards to make sure nothing's

been tampered with.

"I am a 'techie,' " he said. "But the question isn't so much whether I understand how the system works, but if the average person who doesn't understand the innards of a computer can know how the votes are tabulat-

Tedeschi said county poll workers would be ready to assist voters with the new touch-screen machines dur-ing next November's elections, but districts will provide a punch card

option.
"It will be a pilot program," he said.
A federal court has ruled that punch card voting be scrapped in California by March 2004, Tedeschi said.

"The infrastructure has not been there for me," Battle said.

Mays said men do not talk about their

health because there are uncomfortable talking about it. Men do not share health matters with one another, he said.

There is not as much acknowledge-ment and advertising toward the issue compared to women's health concerns such as breast cancer, Mays said.

Working at the health center has increased his awareness of the impor-

tance of self-check ups.
"Women are more open about their

## Hard at work



Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff

Manuel A. Loaisiga, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, studied Monday for a microelectronic

## BUDGET | CFA addresses cuts

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and the May revision," she said. "Any discussion about fee increases before we know what the budget will be is

premature."
Meisenhelder suggested the administration consider the cost of living in California and alternative-funding sources, such as a common manage-

health concerns. This is why they are more educated in many areas, not just health," Williams said.

"Looking at health factors, men know little about themselves until there is a crisis," Battle said. It is important to get a health exam to

prevent prostate cancer and abnormalities around the genitalia, he said.

Checking genitals once a month is a way to detect health problems early

said. "Layoffs are a concern, but we are urging the trustees to exhaust alterna-

ment computer project to find funds, before assigning any fee increases.

"All of our facts need to be on the table before we jump to a solution," she

tive funding sources and to act in con-cert with our elected state leaders about long-term oversight," she said about working with the student association

before complications arise, according to the research organization.

Men only visit the doctor when they

are sick, Williams said. Machismo and culture are why men seldom visit the doctor he said

Adopting good health habits at a young age will make health check-ups routine by the time they are older,

Mays' childhood involvement in sports

on the suggested guidelines process.

The announcement for the summit

was made during a student CSU tele-conference held by the chancellor on Tuesday.

Reed said the potential for across-the-board cuts in the future is some-thing he takes very seriously. "There are tough choices to make,"

helped him with the idea of seeing a doc-

"I was involved in sports at a young age and so I frequently had a health exam," Mays said. "Now that I am older, I am comfortable seeing a doctor." Men need to pay attention to their body as they would their cars, Battle said.

"The same way guys frequently take their cars in for a tune up, they should go get a health check up," he said.

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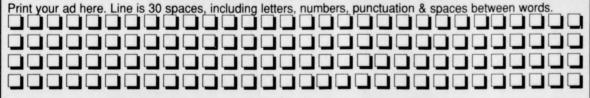
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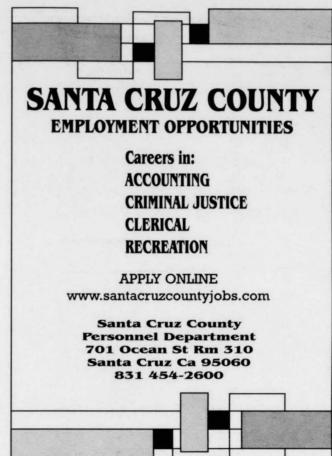
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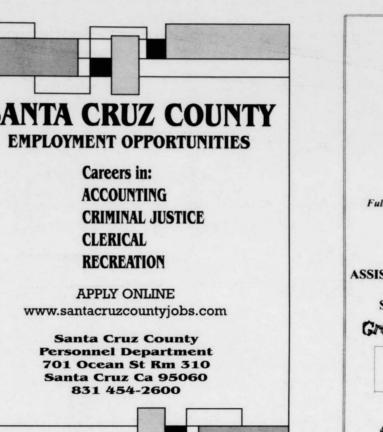
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Associated Press

Thousands of students as country walked out Wednesday to protest a war joining rallies that ranged f quiet demonstrators to creerupted into shouting match Manon Terrell, a 19-year-

omore, missed three classe part in a rally at Stanford attended by about 300 peo ing signs bearing slogans su the Middle East, not the W

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this war," said Terrell, a civil
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By Carrie Matting Daily Staff Write

Students and citizens prot war gathered in the Art Qu Jose State University on V to participate in a student st was one of 230 schools invo-organized walkout protestin

was one of 250 schools involorganized walkout protestin Anti-war fliers were passe picket signs opposing the held up. Students pounded while chanting slogans. At the chanting grew louder, th nearly 150 people grew bigg Miniature, white-colored coffins were placed along the ter of the gathering placoffins, no bigger than two had black and white pap graphs attached to the frechildren smiled in the physical while others were pictured crying. Most of the children used for these coffin disprandanourished, exposing the bandaged skeletal bodies.

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Some spectators became a ticipants when the megap opened up to the crowd. M their opinion on the war. I new chant, Ahmed Al-3 sophomore English major, s Bush, not bombs".

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By Falguni Bhut Daily Staff Write

More than 3,500 students Event Center on Wedne "Expo 2003: Job and Intern with the hopes of finding a jizers said.

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