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U.S. and Britain agree to short extension for Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Facing almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain signaled Tuesday they would agree to a short extension of a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm or face war — but a 45-day delay proposed by six swing council nations appeared out of the question.

The Bush administration had talked of a vote as early as Tuesday, but with France and Russia threatening to veto the current draft resolution, and without the minimum nine "yes" votes, it held up action in the council.

The U.S. campaign for votes suffered another blow when a spokesman for Pakistan's ruling party said the country will abstain on the resolution. Azeem Chaudhry made the announcement as Pakistani Prime Minister Zafarullah

Khan Jamali appealed for Baghdad to be given more time to disarm, saying: "We do not want to see the destruction of the Iraqi people, the destruction of the country."

But Iraq's U.N. ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri, speaking to Security Council on Tuesday afternoon, insisted that his country has made "the strategic decision to rid itself of its

weapons of mass destruction." Iraq, Al-Douri said, "reiterates its readiness to cooperate," under the Resolution 1441, authorizing weapons inspections of Iraq. "We will convincingly respond to anyone who has any doubts about Iraq's cooperation."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the resolution would be put to a vote this week. He indicated a

readiness to compromise, but said a proposal being floated to push back the March 17 deadline by a month was "a non-starter."

"There is room for diplomacy here," Fleischer said. "Not much room and not much time."

He spoke as Cameroon's Ambassador Martin Belinga-Eboutou was announcing that he and five other ambassadors

from key council nations — Mexico, Chile, Angola, Guinea and Pakistan — would suggest an even longer deadline of 45 days and the addition of benchmarks that Saddam Hussein would have to meet to avoid war.

But U.S. officials rejected the proposal. "It's not going anywhere, there's only one resolution on the table," one U.S. official said.

CSU supports governor's budget cuts

FULLERTON (AP) — California State University supports the governor's proposed budget cuts because alternatives proposed by the legislative analyst's office would be even worse on students, a spokeswoman for the 23 campus-system said Tuesday.

A record statewide budget deficit has forced cuts to all of California's higher education institutions, including eliminating \$326.1 million from the CSU's annual \$3 billion budget.

The governor's budget assumes the CSU, the nation's largest public university system, will raise fees by 25 percent and that a third of the revenue will be diverted for financial aid. The legislative analyst's office proposes 15 percent fee increases and diverting only 4 percent of that to financial aid.

"More than 7,000 students would not receive financial aid under the LAO proposal. That would be devastating for our students who depend on that money to go to school," said CSU spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler.

"We at this point are supporting the governor's budget and not the LAO recommendation," she said following a briefing to CSU's governing board on the legislative analyst's proposals.

The CSU, with 23 campuses, has a record 406,896 students enrolled this year. Chancellor Charles B. Reed has said an additional 24,000 students are expected to enroll next year.

The governor's proposal would increase enrollment funding at CSU by about 7 percent. The legislative analyst's office has recommended a 4 percent increase.

"We believe the proposed increase at CSU far exceeds any reasonable projection of demand. Moreover, given the state's fiscal circumstances, we believe growth in student enrollment should be focused at the lower-cost colleges," the legislative analyst's report said.

The governor's budget has recommended \$166 million in increases to campus-specific financial aid programs at CSU. The legislative analyst has recommended the state provide additional Cal Grant funding, which is open to all students, rather than targeted financial aid at specific campuses.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ELECTIONS

Candidates debate issues before elections

By Rebecca Villaneda
Daily Staff Writer

Candidates for the Associated Students elections debated one another Tuesday as they prepared for next week's scheduled elections.

The first debate was between the two candidates running for vice-president. William Chang is running as an independent candidate, and Alice M. Lee is running with the Spartan party.

Lee has been with A.S. for two years as a director of campus advising affairs and director of governing affairs and is looking to take on her third term. She said her main reason for running was to complete existing A.S. projects that she helped create.

She also said she understands the duties of the vice-president and how it would be the elected candidate's responsibility to serve as the liaison between the executive board members and the directors.

Lee's opponent, Chang, said he thought electing a new person to A.S. would provide fresh ideas.

"I think there are enough people involved with the Spartan party running that can fulfill those projects that are in the works," she said.

"I'm neutral, and I believe in cooperative teamwork," Chang said. "A big part of this position is to allow all people on the board to speak when they have something to say."

Lee addressed the internal problems that are occurring within A.S. and said the key word was communication. "There have been meetings that have run for four to six hours because of problems," Lee said. "We need someone in this position to take the extra steps outside of board meetings to find out what those internal problems are."

Chang said one thing on his agenda is to see the empty board positions filled if he were to be elected.

"I would also have monthly one-on-one meetings with the directors and make sure each individual task is being performed," he said.

As a final statement, Lee said she wanted to see a united board.

"It will take a lot of work to resolve internal conflict within A.S.," she said. "I am willing to take the time out of my day to have constant communication with the board members."



Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff
Alice Lee, Arash Shokouh and Mike Nguyen of the Spartan Party participated in Tuesday's Associated Students candidates debate in the Umunhum Room.



Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff
Associated Students candidates for vice president, Alice Lee of the Spartan party and William Chang an independent candidate, debated in the Umunhum Room on Tuesday.

Election has lack of opposition

By Falguni Bhuta
Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students general elections slated to take place next week might not be as competitive as the elections last year.

Nineteen candidates will contest for the 14 executive and legislative positions this year, compared to last year's figures of 38 candidates competing for 16 positions, according to the A.S. voter's guide.

Many members of the campus community have reacted to the lack of competition among candidates for this year's election.

Alfonso De Alba, the A.S. executive director, said he thought students were

impacted by the current political and economic conditions and that could be the reason they showed a lack of interest in contesting for the upcoming elections.

"I believe that students are a lot more concerned about important issues in their lives," he said. "A war is coming up, the economy is not good, the cost of living in the valley has not dropped."

He said SJSU has a large working population that would have to concentrate more on working and earning money than participating in extracurricular activities.

De Alba said he recalled a similar situation during the Gulf War when there was not much student participation in the A.S. elections. He said it was difficult for him to predict the outcome of

these elections. "Only time will tell whether there will be a positive or a negative outcome," he said.

The only party competing for A.S. positions this year is the Spartan party. The rest of the candidates are running independently. Last year three parties ran for different positions in the elections: the Impact (Innovative Members Promoting Advocacy Change and Trust) party, the SJSU party and the Spartan party, according to A.S.

Huy Iran, the independent candidate for the position of director of governing affairs, ran as an Impact party candidate for the same position last year.

"The reason why I am running inde-

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State auditors criticize costs for PeopleSoft

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State auditors say the California State University system spent too much for new software to centralize its administration, bought it without fully documenting the need, and saddled the 23-campus system with higher long-term costs instead of saving money as originally predicted.

The report points out that a software project expected in 1998 to cost \$320 million to \$400 million may now total \$662 million over nine years ending in 2007. Auditors called the university's stated reasons for buying the software system "insufficient to justify its significant investment."

Auditors also questioned the objectivi-

ty of a process that eventually steered the contract to Pleasanton-based PeopleSoft, Inc., over Pennsylvania-based SCT.

Last year, Gov. Gray Davis vetoed intent language in the state budget to freeze funding for the project until the auditors finished the report.

State university officials Tuesday disputed cost figures in the auditor's 161-page analysis, and said the software project cost only minimally more than their initial projections.

The auditor's report unleashed a torrent of criticism from legislators and university faculty members who originally asked that auditors examine the nine-year contract.

Program teaches social responsibility

By Norikazu Ambo
Daily Staff Writer

A one-year leadership program offered by the International and National Voluntary Service Training program is designed for people who want to make a difference in their community and are willing to work for the betterment of humanity, said Scott Myers-Lipton, the director of the program.

Myers-Lipton, an assistant professor of sociology who has been in charge of the program since its inception at San Jose State University three years ago,

said the program assists "scholar activists" to analyze and solve community and global problems.

Beginning this summer and continuing to the next summer in 2004, the participants, will experience a 71-mile canoe trip in Green River, Utah, travel to the Navajo (Dine) nation in northern Arizona, live at the San Jose Family Shelter for a week and finally do community work in El Salvador.

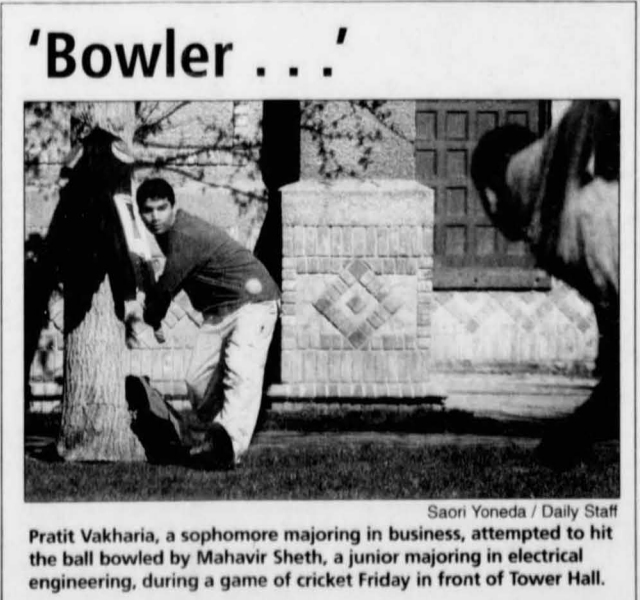
Eleven SJSU students from different ethnicities and backgrounds are taking part in the program this year, Myers-Lipton said. The next cohort of students, now being recruited, will consist of 15 to 20 students.

Annie Sayo, a senior social science major, said she participated in the program last year and her experience opened her eyes and helped her realize what leadership really is. "The program makes (participants) do work. It challenges people," Sayo said.

Despite the arduousness of turning in a paper every two weeks as part of a class requirement, she said the best thing she learned was how to organize groups and resolve conflict within her cohort.

Sayo said that, as time goes by, she realizes how the program helped her

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Saori Yoneda / Daily Staff
Pratit Vakharia, a sophomore majoring in business, attempted to hit the ball bowled by Mahavir Sheth, a junior majoring in electrical engineering, during a game of cricket Friday in front of Tower Hall.

Child nutrition panel describes careers in health

By Janine Stanhope
Daily Staff Writer

A panel of child nutrition and food science specialists gave their insight into what to expect after graduation to about 45 San Jose State University students at a professional career day forum Tuesday in the Guadalupe Room in the Student Union.

Some students, such as Linda Bloom, a graduate student in the nutrition and food science department, said the forum helped her to learn more about the nutrition jobs that are available in the field.

"I am still considering what I want to

do," she said. "I have more of an idea of what the responsibilities are in the food service industry."

Susane Head, the Career Center counselor and co-coordinator for the event served as moderator and asked the panel to define some of the job requirements and challenges the panel members face with school districts and budgets on a daily basis.

Janet McCown, a child nutrition consultant for the San Jose Unified School District and part of the panel, said networking helps to keep in touch with the people and the changes that you need to know about in the food industry.

"Make friends and network," she said. "It helps to belong to professional organizations such as the American Dietetics Association and American Schools Food Service Association."

Mary Fell, a manager of child nutrition services with the Alum Rock School District and a member of the panel, said she felt her financial management skills were important to know and encouraged students to learn the general management skills about the food industry as well.

"It's important to have people and organizational skills," she said. "Also, know the numbers, the procedures and the process."

Mari Fujikawa, a field operations supervisor with the Cupertino School District was also part of the panel. She said she works with people in 24 different schools and enjoys the opportunity to teach nutrition education to children in the classroom in addition to her daily responsibilities.

"It is important to be organized and be able to work on many projects at once, be flexible and be able to communicate with people of all different ages, cultural backgrounds and personalities," Fujikawa said.

Fujikawa said her internship led to employment and that internships can

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opposing views:

Do war protests actually influence the government?

YES | Protests give the government a clear message

NO | Protests won't sway government policies

Last Wednesday, students from more than 360 schools protested against a potential war with Iraq.

The anti-war protest, which was organized by The National Youth and Peace Coalition, was a stepping-stone for students to begin practicing their First Amendment rights by voicing their opinions.

In the '60s and the '70s, protests were more commonly practiced by college students, but as the threat of war seems to draw closer, students are starting to take action, and I'm happy they are.

There have been many war protests in the past, such as the Vietnam protests. Although the protests did not stop the war in Vietnam, they did empower people and give a clear message to the government that Americans will practice their rights when they don't agree with governmental policy.

"Protests are a practice of one's rights in America to be free to say whatever he or she wants."



VERONICA MENDOZA

Protests are a practice of one's rights in America to be free to say whatever he or she wants. Freedom of speech is what makes this country a democracy.

If there were no protests, we would simply be telling the leaders of this country that whatever they say goes.

I don't believe that the protests alone can stop a war, but it is very important to practice the ideals that this country stands for.

When President Bush was asked during a news conference last Thursday if the protests would change his mind on the war, he said no, but he also said he is happy that in this country people are able to express themselves and their beliefs.

A recent poll conducted by the New York Times and CBS News also found that about two-thirds of Americans said that Bush should take into consideration the views of the protesters.

This is important because although the protesters might not prevent a war, the protests are definitely conveying a message to the American people. It is showing that if we don't like something, we can say something about it.

Many countries such as Cuba, Mexico and even Iraq are not given the freedom to protest against their government because they face the risk of being arrested, and in some cases, they may even be killed.

Here in America, we can say almost anything as long as we don't threaten or hurt anyone in the process.

Therefore the peaceful protests that have been taking place are definitely a step in the right direction.

I doubt that protests alone are going to change Bush's stance on war, but they make a difference nonetheless. They prove a point. They show people that we will not just sit back and let the government do whatever it wants.

I also believe, however, that protests are only a step in getting your point across. Americans also need to be more involved politically in order to make change for our country.

It is important for people to write to their government representatives when they don't agree with something, and it's even more important for the citizens of this country to vote.

So, as protests against a possible war continue around the country, let us be happy that Americans are continuing to practice their First Amendment rights. This in itself makes all the difference in the world.

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Think gigantic protests can stop the Bush administration from waging war on Iraq? Think again.

Can protests bring an early halt to war?

Not if war goes well.

Will it go well?

Yes.

Face it.

Remember Afghanistan? Kosovo? Operation Desert Storm?

If there's one thing the U.S. military has learned, it's ultra-efficiency.

We're in and out before the ganja smoke clears from the first wave of peace rallies.

Gone are the days of prolonged ground-based debates.

When Vietnam dragged on with trauma and tragedy for more than seven years, huge demonstrations at home and abroad may well have helped to de-legitimize Lyndon Johnson's '60s Democrats and Richard Nixon's hard-bombing conservatives.

But wars just aren't long enough anymore for protesters to discernibly impact political and/or national psyches.

Smart bombs and precision air strikes bring fanatic enemies to their knees in weeks, not years.

On top of that, wars aren't as bloody as they used to be.

Not to be insensitive, but casualties simply do not reach socially irksome levels anymore.

Don't get me wrong. Violent death is a horrible thought, period. But only when multiplied by tens of thousands does it become a policy-changing thought.

Otherwise, most Americans are apt to stand behind their president and back military force no matter how big anti-war protests get.

History has even shown that large-casualty wars cannot always be derailed by protests.

Anti-Civil War protests in Lincoln's New York City were arguably more extreme, popular and violent — not to mention racist — than any other anti-war demonstrations in U.S. history.

But vivid New York protests did nothing, and federal troops eventually put down mobs of disenfranchised Irish protesters.

Lincoln stuck to his guns then, and Bush will stick to his now.

And it will be easy for him to do so.

First of all, there's no draft, so Iraq will not show up in mailboxes around the country.

Next, the days of the leering press are gone.

Bush's generals need not fear the media. Instead, they will welcome it and use it to pound protesters' pickets and placards into the margins.

No longer can reporters and camera crews send home ugly pictures of combat or paint grotesque portraits of military life.

Reporters are clumped into "press pools" and carefully fed measured sound bites by well-prepared, well-groomed officials.

TV networks are supplied with "juicy" footage, e.g., nosecone camera-shots of missiles hitting targets.

The result of this approach — whether you call it "propaganda" or "keep-shines clips of protests.

Well, how 'bout it?

Still bent on protesting? Go ahead, have a good time.

Just don't expect results.

And please, whatever you do, don't forget to vote.

Only half of California's registered voters vote, according to the Secretary of State.

Effective protests involve ballots, not buses.

"Wars just aren't long enough anymore for protestors to discernibly impact political and/or rational psyches."



TONY BURCHYNS

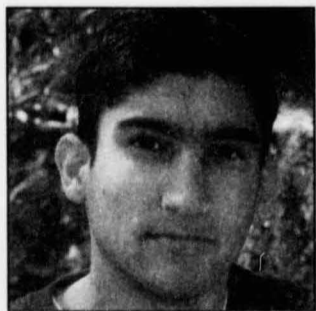
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"Yes. It creates awareness that this society's opposing (President Bush's) view. We have to tell him that not all Americans are supportive of what he does."

Anna Medina
sophomore, nursing



"Not really, because the president doesn't take into consideration what the American people say. He's just doing what he wants to do."

Suhail Ansari
senior, civil engineering



"Yes, it opens people's eyes more and shows the Bush administration that common people have their voices."

Troy Evangelho
senior, music



"No, I don't think so. Bush is going to do what he wants to do, no matter what American citizens say. He's not going to hear us."

Ambra Kelly
junior, marketing



"Yes, because it makes people come around, and it informs people."

Marla Vigil
freshman, advertising



"Not really. The government decision seems to be already made. There were protests before the Vietnam war, but the president didn't listen to it."

Michael Okoro
senior, chemical engineering

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OUT OF THE SHELL

Inconsiderate society contributes to daily nuisances

Today, I would like the opportunity to get a few things off my chest.

Is it just me, or has anyone else noticed that people seem to be getting dumber and dumber every day? Not to mention selfish, lazy and rude?

Take a look at public restrooms, for instance.

At some point or another, most of us are going to have to use one whether we want to or not. And, really, the only reason we hate using them is because they are dirty.

So, here's the thing. If we all have to use them, why not clean up after ourselves?

It's not that difficult to flush the damn toilet. If necessary, flush twice. Don't leave a little surprise for the next guest. And, I know this concept may be difficult for some of you to grasp, but it's really quite simple: Put your garbage in the garbage can.

Since we're already on the subject of natural bodily functions, have you ever wondered why things that we do naturally (urination, defecation, procreation, menstruation) are all considered taboo in conversation? And God forbid a guy happens to see a box of tampons. You would think they contained anthrax or something.

I mean these are all things we simply cannot control. They are not embarrassing. They are not funny. They are

simply a part of life.

Having said that, let's move on to the one thing that really gets on my nerves.

Cell phones.

They've just turned 20 years old. I remember the first one my dad had, about 12 years ago. It might have been mistaken for a brick if it weren't black with numbers and an antenna.

He let my sister and me call our cousins in New Hampshire from the car, and we thought we were so cool.

Technology has come a long way in the past two decades. Cell phones have become practically ubiquitous. There are very few people out there who don't own one, but to make up for it other people have several. And they're getting increasingly smaller all the time.

Here's some technology a few of you might not know about: If you purchased your phone this century, it probably has a "silent" or "vibrate" mode. This way you will know it's ringing without disturbing anyone else.

And ... brace yourself for this one ... you can actually

turn your cell phones off.

These features can be especially useful for those times you are driving, in class, in church, at a movie, at a performance, out to eat or, in most cases, while you're at work.

Cell phone use has become such a problem that the State of New York has passed a law prohibiting hand-held phone use while driving and violators can receive a fine of up to \$100.

California recently passed a similar bill, which if it turns into law, would be a fine of \$20 on the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses, starting in 2005.

New York City is also considering an ordinance that would make it illegal for cell phones to be used at any public performance. If approved, offenders would be fined.

I think we should go back to the elementary school rules. If you bring a toy to class, and it disturbs the class, it should be taken away from you. The teacher can give it back at the end of the semester.

Now, I could understand if once in a blue moon a phone

rang in class. Sometimes people make mistakes. But every day in every class, especially at the beginning of the semester, several phones ring.

For a couple of days, the teachers, very annoyed but polite, remind their students to turn their phones off. By the end of the semester, they have given up the verbal reminders, but you can't escape the death glare when a digital rendition of "Scooby Doo" blares from the second desk in the third row.

Personally, I can't believe our teachers and lawmakers even have to ask us to turn off our phones. It's embarrassing that our society has become so self-serving that we've lost all courtesy toward one another.

But then, as I mentioned before, people are getting lazier every day.

I know this sounds cheesy, but if everyone took an extra seven seconds out of each day to think about how their actions affected other people, the world would be a much happier place.



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Letter | Response to 'Cynically Optimistic'

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, America is trying very hard to begin a program of spreading a Pax Americana around the world, and so in that way, it is very much an empire. It can be argued that it has not built its empire with violence, but I'm sure there are many people around the world that would argue against it. The fact is that the United States has governed a very discreet empire for many years. The support of military coups in countries, the exploitation of workers by American companies and the removal of anti-American governments have all helped maintain the American Empire. In this way, the war that is about to be waged in Iraq is just another example of how the United States has forced its will on oth-

ers. The most significant difference is that our President no longer feels it is necessary to be discreet.

It is this difference that made your editorial an interesting read. You see, the scenario you present is not that far fetched. You make a good point that all good things come to an end. The American empire has entered the worst part of an empire's history, the time when it has begun to believe its own hype. We have entered the time where we believe in our own greatness, not in humility but out of arrogance. Like all empires, the twilight had to come sooner or later.

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Viewpoint | News media need to investigate war

Dear Editor,

The "watchdog" has been sleeping for too long. In fact, it looks dead.

Newspapers are supposed to give voice to the voiceless, yet American journalists have taken information from Bush and Co. as if it were gospel without checking in with the real "state of the union."

We need a reality check, and the onus is on the American media, and has been since Colin Powell's "weapons of mass destruction" speech more than a month ago.

Nobody is asking the right questions.

Iraq and justice are breathed in the same sentence, yet what does the invasion of Iraq have to do with justice for 9/11?

What is the connection? And is the answer justification enough for war?

Can our president actually go to war without the consent of allies, both foreign and domestic?

The answer may seem obvious, but without the backing of the American public and foreign governments, more chaos will find us.

The most vocal yet dead wrong answer to an Iraq invasion is to spread democracy.

Do newspapers really think that our government is concerned with rebuilding a new society for the cause of freedom when it doesn't even recognize its own public dissent?

These questions are pertinent to this war, yet they have not been asked often or loud enough.

We read articles about new developments on Senate floors and press conferences, about France hating us and

about Turkey not letting us in.

But not one story is written about rational and intelligent opposition from the American public.

It's no wonder France hates us and Turkey won't allow us to set up our own "weapons of mass destruction" near its city hall.

Newsflash: Bush and Powell are doing their best to ignore, if not squash, opposition.

The TV media shows the odd few protesters who get physical with cops; the ones who actually look like throwbacks from the late '60s, with long hair and a sign obviously recycled from Vietnam War protests.

But the TV doesn't reflect the frustration on the millions of young people who don't really understand the reasons for this war.

And with the frustration of youth, often comes complacency.

Or maybe we think that Martin Sheen said it perfectly for us in the San Francisco protest just a few weeks ago?

Come on.

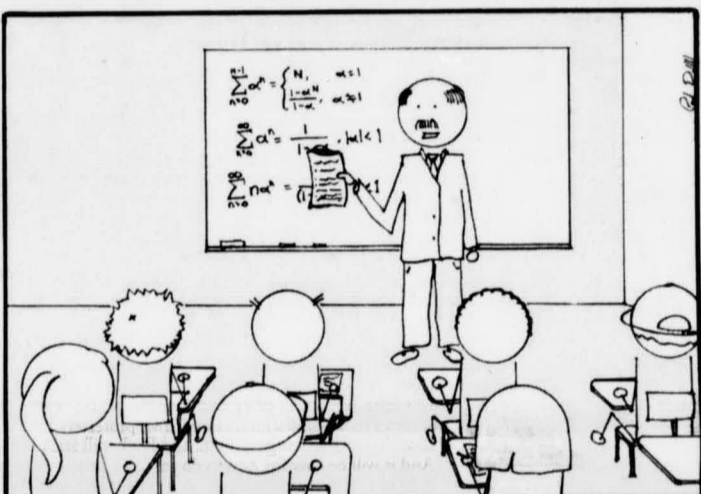
Complacency is the most prevalent but wrong solution.

This reaction will hammer the nail in freedom's coffin. Sound a bit too dramatic?

So do millions of unnecessary deaths, especially over a war that makes as much sense as an indifferent newspaper.

Anna Bakalis
senior
journalism

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SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Associated Students Campus Recreation
ASCR is offering fitness classes at 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 nutritionist, at 924-6118.

Asian American Christian Fellowship
AACF is welcoming all to our weekly fellowships. To seek Him, to 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 information contact Anh Truong at 605-9684 or visit our website at www.aacfsjsu.com.

DisABLED Students Association
General meeting is open to everyone with disability issues and concerns. Everyone who wants to advocate, come to the party. Crazy chicken strips served! Meeting will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the

Pacific room of the Student Union, next to Mosaic. For more information contact Patty Watkins or Stacie Haro at 924-6041.

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 971-1070.

Political Science Department and Pi Sigma Alpha
Dr. Ron Sylvia and Dr. Constantine Danopolous will speak on "The Chavez Phenom in Venezuela" at 1:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information contact Dr. Sharyl Cross at 924-5550.

THURSDAY

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SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Join the Alpha Omega group for food and fun from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday in the Omega Lounge at the CCM. For more information, contact Orshii Fejer at 938-1610.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Scripture reflection every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the CCM Chapel. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Nurses Christian Fellowship
Community building at 2:30 p.m. in the Pacheco Room of the Student Union. For more information contact Diane Stegmeir at 248-2997.

The Listening Hour Concert Series
Chamber Music: "Student Highlights." Outstanding students performing traditional 20th Century music: French horn, piano, flute and voice. Performances will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

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WAC women's basketball teams pack their bags for Tulsa

SJSU mid-day showdown with Fresno State today, Nevada, UTEP sent home after play-in games

By Chris Giovannetti
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The momentum is there. The history, however, is not. The San Jose State University women's basketball opens the 2003 Western Athletic Conference Tournament today against a familiar opponent: Fresno State University.



Seeded sixth, the Spartans had to win the final three games of the regular season — including road victories at the University of Texas-El Paso and Boise State University — to earn a first round bye and date with the No. 3 Bulldogs.

Tip-off at the Reynolds Center in Tulsa, Okla. is slated for 12:30 p.m. (PST). SJSU split the season series against the Bulldogs but it was the last contest, a 96-80 loss at Fresno State's North Gym on Feb. 20, that left a sour taste in the mouth of SJSU head coach Janice Richard.

"We need to at least try to play defense," Richard said on Monday. "The defensive effort wasn't there that night."

SJSU opened up a 10-3 lead three minutes into play before the Bulldogs erased the advantage. Fresno State went on runs of 12-4 and 14-0 later in the half to grab a firm lead and eventually, the win.

On March 3, SJSU was in seventh place in the WAC before defeating No. 4-seeded University of Tulsa 88-86 in overtime in the season's home finale.

The drama kept coming. Five days later at UTEP, Spartan guard Cricket Williams nailed a three-pointer at the end of regulation to send that contest to overtime. The Spartans prevailed in the extra session, 87-84. Two days later in Boise, SJSU defeated the Broncos, 71-63.

The winning streak helped keep the Spartans out of a potential play-in game, which would have been contested on Tuesday.

Instead, SJSU received a bye in the quarterfinals.

"We had to go on the road knowing that if we lose, we would have had to play on Tuesday," Richard said. "Those wins were major. We were really tired and to go into Tulsa three days later would have been tough. But we finished strong and got out of a play-in game."

On Monday, SJSU guard Cricket Williams was named First Team all-WAC for the second consecutive season. Williams once again leads the Spartans in scoring at 20.4 points per game, but Richard said she is still hurting from a ligament strained in her right (shooting) hand three weeks ago.

Picking up the slack for SJSU is guard Jessica Kellogg, who scored a career-high 32 points in the Tulsa victory and is averaging 18.3 points per game in the Spartans last three contests.

"We just been getting her the ball, telling her to 'shoot, shoot,' and she's finally doing it," Williams said. Senior forward and Second Team all-WAC selection Omelogo Udeze, who averages 12.9 points per game, leads Fresno State.

Arieta Lane scorched SJSU for 23 points in the two team's last meeting. Fresno State head coach Stacy Johnson-Klein could not be reached for comment.

"We're both 0-0 now. Whoever wants it the most will get it," Richard said. "We've got the momentum going in, and the girls feel confident. That's a big plus."

Seeded No. 4 in last season's tournament, SJSU lost in the first round to No. 5 Tulsa, 66-63.

Amber Obaze and Erica Smith were both named Second Team all-

No. 2 Rice (12-6 WAC, 15-12 overall) vs. No. 7 Southern Methodist University (8-10 WAC, 15-14 overall)

Today, 10 a.m. SMU dispatched of the tournament's lowest seed, No. 10 University of Nevada Reno, 60-49, in Tuesday's second play-in game. After opening up their WAC schedule at 5-2, the Mustangs were 2-6 in their last eight games to slump in the standings.

Meanwhile, the Owls went 9-2 down the stretch to outdistance Fresno State by one game for the No. 2 seed.

Rice player to watch: Jr. center Johnetta Hayes (First Team all-WAC, averaging 13.2 points per game, 8.2 rebounds per game).

SMU player to watch: Sr. forward Andrea Cossey (11.6 points per game).

No. 1 Louisiana Tech University (18-0 WAC, 26-2 overall) vs. No. 8 Boise State University

Today, 4:30 p.m. Boise State earned the right to face the regular season WAC champion with a 75-58 victory over No. 9 UTEP in Tuesday's first play-in game.

Ranked No. 6 in the nation, the Lady Techsters are the overwhelming favorite to capture the tournament title.

Louisiana Tech won its conference game by an average of 20.9 points, more than 18 points better than the second-best Hawai'i (2.6).

The Louisiana Tech starting lineup nearly fills out the all-WAC teams as well. Cheryl Ford, the only conference player to average a double-double this season, was named WAC Player of the Year. Trina Frierson joined her on the all-WAC First Team.

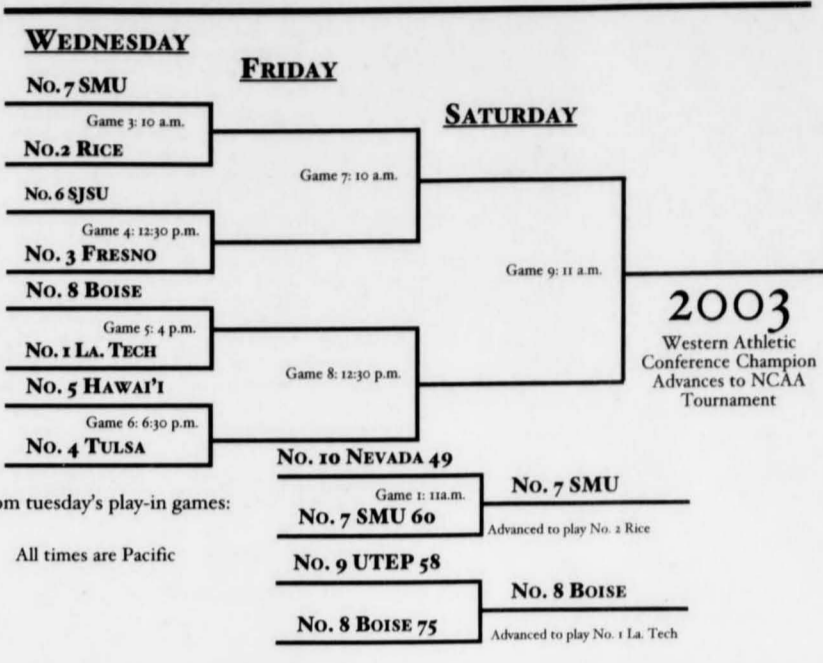
Amber Obaze and Erica Smith were both named Second Team all-

WAC and all-WAC Defensive Team. "Everyone likes the conference to be competitive and Louisiana Tech brings something to the WAC," Richard said. "They raise the bar as far as recruiting and bring prestige to the conference. But you want the league to be competitive and have everyone have a shot."

No one knows competitive better than Richard and the Spartans. SJSU came the closest of anyone to putting a dent in the Lady Techsters undefeated record, losing 66-59 at the Event Center on Feb. 9.

Boise State player to watch: Fr. forward Jamie Hawkins (WAC Freshman of the YEAR, 11.2 points

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Results from Tuesday's play-in games:
No. 7 SMU 60 vs No. 2 Rice
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per game, 5.6 rebounds per game). Louisiana Tech players to watch: Sr. center Cheryl Ford (15.3 points per game, 12.5 rebounds per game); Jr. forward Trina Frierson (14.3 points per game, 7.4 rebounds per game); Jr. guard Amber Obaze (12 points per game, 3.29 assists per game); So. guard Erica Smith (11.3 points per game).

No. 4 University of Tulsa (9-9 WAC, 14-15 overall) vs. No. 5 University of Hawai'i Today, 6:30 p.m. Perhaps the most balanced team in the field, Hawai'i has five players that average at least 9.6 points, led by forward Kim Willoughby's 11.3.

Tulsa counters with WAC scoring champion Allison Curtin, who averaged 23.2 points per game. Tulsa players to watch: Sr. guard Allison Curtin (First Team all-WAC, 23.2 points per game, 7.6 rebounds per game, 4.6 assists per game); Sr. center Alyssa Shriver (9.1 points per game, 5.8 rebounds per game).

Hawai'i players to watch: So. forward Kim Willoughby (11.3 points per game, 6.9 rebounds per game); Sr. center Christen Roper (10.1 points per game, 7.7 rebounds per game).

SJSU men's basketball team ousted from WAC Tourney by UTEP in 86-80 loss

Daily staff, wire report

Omar Duran tied a school record with seven 3-pointers, leading Texas-El Paso to an 86-80 victory over San Jose State University in the play-in game of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Tuesday.

Duran was 7-of-12 from long range and finished with 24 points. Giovanni St. Amant added 21 for the Miners (6-23).

Brandon Hawkins scored 19 and Antonio Lawrence had 16 for the Spartans (4-14 WAC regular season, 7-21 overall).

The Miners opened the game on a 9-0 run before a basket from forward Antonio Lawrence silenced the run.

With consistent perimeter shooting (5-for-7 in first half), SJSU clawed its way back and trailed 34-33 at halftime.

With 5:46 to play, UTEP forward Thomas Gehrke hit a three-pointer to give the Miners a 71-63 lead.

SJSU answered back with a three-pointer from Moises Alvarez and a jumper from the free throw line by Brandon Hawkins.

A jumper by Kareem Guilbeaux brought the Spartans within 75-72 with 1:13 to play, but Duran proved too much.

He sank his seventh and final 3-pointer with 1:00 remaining in the game to help preserve the victory.

Neither team led by more than three in the second half until a 3-pointer by Duran keyed a 9-0 run that gave the Miners a 71-63 lead with 5:57 left.

"This game was a little bit faster than we've been playing. It was in the 80s. We'd prefer a game to be in the 60s or 50s," SJSU head coach Phil Johnson said. "We didn't want to

attack tonight. We didn't really play the pace we would normally play, but we didn't really intend to. We wanted to attack, and if we had looks we would take them. I thought we had pretty good shots most of the night."

Tulsa advances to play the tournament's No. 1 seed, the University of Tulsa, on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

"It will be an honor for us to get to go against those guys," UTEP head coach Billy Gillespie said. "I don't think you want to go in as an eight or nine seed and have to play the home team in the tournament, but it's much better than not getting to play on Thursday."

Bounced from the tournament, the Spartans travel home today.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Sharks sing blues in 4-2 loss against St. Louis

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Keith Tkachuk, Dallas Drake, Cory Stillman and Eric Boguniecki all scored as the St. Louis Blues beat the San Jose Sharks 4-2 Tuesday night.

Brent Johnson stopped 19 shots to end his three-game losing streak as the Blues improved to 8-1-1 in their last 10 visits to San Jose.

Marco Sturm and Miroslav Zalesak scored for the Sharks, who lost their fifth in six games. Zalesak, recalled from Cleveland of the AHL earlier in the day, recorded his first NHL goal.

A dizzying series of moves by both teams led to several new faces on the ice. The Blues acquired goalie Chris Osgood from the New York Islanders for a draft pick and a prospect, and forward Valeri Bure from the Florida Panthers for a prospect before Tuesday's trading deadline.

The Sharks got center Wayne Primeau, while sending right wing Matt Bradley to the Pittsburgh Penguins. San Jose also traded defenseman Dan McGillis to Boston for a draft pick.

The Blues scored two quick goals in the first period. Doug Weight passed the puck from behind the net

and Dallas Drake tapped it past Sharks goalie Miika Kiprusoff with 12:16 remaining in the period.

Less than four minutes later, Stillman took a pass from Petr Cajanek and drove to the net, beating Kiprusoff to the stick side.

Cajanek, who missed the last 24 games due to a broken left fibula, recorded his first point since his two-goal game against Tampa Bay on Jan. 11.

Tkachuk, in his second game back after serving a four-game suspension, tipped the puck past Kiprusoff's glove side less than five minutes into the second period.

Sturm and Zalesak scored within 16 seconds of each other midway through the second period to put the Sharks on the scoreboard.

Sturm took a lead pass from Niko Dimitrakos and one-handed a soft shot that bounced off the far post and into the net as Johnson came out to challenge Sturm.

Zalesak took a pass off the ensuing

faceoff from Jonathan Cheechoo and beat Johnson — who missed the previous five games with a groin pull.

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Warriors bear Suns, win 113-98

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Antawn Jamison had 23 points and 11 rebounds and the Golden State Warriors kept themselves in the play-off hunt, defeating the Phoenix Suns 113-98 Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Golden State picked up a half-game on idle Houston and moved within 2 games of Phoenix for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Even to be in the mix for a possible postseason berth is amazing for this team, which hasn't been to the playoffs in nine years.

The Warriors' 31 wins are the most for the franchise since going 30-52 in 1996-97.

Gilbert Arenas added 22 points and

five assists, Adonal Foyle had 16 points and a career-high 20 rebounds and Jason Richardson and Troy Murphy scored 13 points each for the Warriors. Murphy also had 12 rebounds.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 24 points and eight rebounds, but they couldn't overcome Golden State's shooting or their own sluggishness. Phoenix was flat in every facet of the game and got outthusted, especially on the boards, where the Suns were out-rebounded 58-41.

Earl Boykins scored five points as the Warriors opened the fourth quarter with a 9-0 spurt to build a 93-73 lead. Boykins scored 10 in the final period, the ninth time he's had 10 or more in

the fourth. Phoenix lost for the ninth time in 13 games. Five of the losses were by a combined 10 points.

The Warriors know how it feels — they lost some close ones last weekend. Golden State went on the road carrying a season-best six-game winning streak, but lost at Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit. The Bucks beat them by five in overtime after the Warriors blew a 16-point lead, and the Pistons won by two on a buzzer-beater.

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pendent this year is because I got disillusioned with the fact that a lot of mud-slinging and negative campaigning ran against (the Impact party) effectively," he said. "I feel that there just needs to be more positive change, positive energy and feedback and not just name-calling."

Tran said he thought the main reason why the Impact party is not involved this year is because the environment may not be welcoming for participation. "Most of the positions are uncontested," he said. "Even the president's position is uncontested which, to me, is unfathomable."

Tran said he found out the president's post was running unopposed only after the deadline to apply had passed. By that time, he said, he had already applied for the position of director of governing affairs.

"I submitted two petitions, one after the other, to the Election Board for shifting my application to the post of president," he said. "I wanted to make the position earned and provide competition."

Tran said the board rejected his petitions because he was not a member of a party. He said the board justified this move by saying the rules were stated in the Election Regulation Manual. Tran said he thought that was "a bit unfair" on the part of the board.

Eric Velasquez, chief election officer with the Election Board said the board granted Tran and other parties equal opportunities and that there was not much they could do outside the guidelines stated in the manual. He said it is the job of the board to give a fair chance

to all candidates before the deadlines have passed.

"I have no doubt that Mr. Tran would have been an awesome candidate for the post of president," Velasquez said. "If he had applied before a deadline, that would have been fine. There would have been no questions whatsoever."

Velasquez said he thought it was unfortunate that only one student was running for president this year. He said he would have preferred more candidates for that post to give students more options and get them involved.

"The Election Board tried to give out ads in the paper, letters and fliers asking students to compete in the elections," he said.

This year, two of the 13 legislative positions, namely the positions of director for extracurricular affairs and director of students' rights and responsibilities, will not be contested, Velasquez said. He said the candidates who applied for the position did not meet the eligibility standards required by the board.

Arash Shokouh, the lone candidate running for president, said he was shocked and didn't know why he was running unopposed for this election. He said it was not a good situation because students will not get to hear different opinions.

Shokouh said he thought the reason why not many parties were competing in the election was that a lot of people from the opposing parties were not interested in participating, and they probably gave up.

"I think (the Impact party) was there last year only to accomplish its own goals," Shokouh said. "If their goal was to serve students then where are they now?"

Maribel Martinez, current president of the A.S. executive board and an Impact party candidate last year, said she thought there was no campaigning this year since most of the positions are running uncontested.

"I can only conclude that the climate on the board is not inviting to some students," she said. "Party politics is inhibiting decision making on the board."

She said about 3,200 students out of an approximate 28,000 students in SJSU voted at the A.S. general elections last year. This year she predicts there will be even fewer students voting for the general elections because of the lack of competition.

Tiffany Mattozzi, a senior majoring in political science, said although she has been a student at SJSU for five years, she normally doesn't vote in the A.S. general elections. She said she didn't know enough about campus issues to be a responsible voter.

Mattozzi said she thought it was a shame that there were so few contestants at all the positions.

"In theory, in order to have a democracy — which (the students) and the university claim to have — we have to have people participating, and we need to have open elections," Mattozzi said. "If there is no competition, then there's no election to begin with."

Frances Roth, director of the A.S. Child Care Center, said it was too bad that students were not interested in participating in the upcoming elections.

"Not too many people vote in the A.S. elections," she said. "That just reflects the general apathy in the U.S. about voting."

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Vedada Sirovica are both running as independents and Mike Nguyen is running for the Spartan party.

Baskin said his motivation for running came from the idea that Spartan party has had control over A.S. He said if there is only one party there is only one voice. He also said he wants to see more communication with student organizations especially the ones in most need of help.

"Not once did an A.S. member visit the Women's Resource Center for example, as well as other organizations," he said.

"I will attend student group meetings, like I already have been, if elected as director of campus climate affairs."

His opponent, Sirovica, said she wants to see more student involvement.

"I want to see more diversity in A.S., and I want to be the one to represent those students who are too shy and get them involved," she said.

Sirovica is an international student and said that will help her communicate with students because they will be able to relate to her. She said she also wants to see better communication between A.S. and student organizations.

"If elected, I will get to know all the presidents of each organization and let them know I am available to hear their concerns," she said.

Lastly, Nguyen listed safety and comfort as priorities he would address if elected to A.S. He brought up the issue of the hate graffiti threatening Muslims that was found in San Jose

State University bathrooms last week, saying he didn't want students to be frightened on campus.

"I want to incorporate counseling, and just overall make students feel better about being here," Nguyen said.

The position of A.S. president was unopposed.

Junior, Arash Shokouh, will step up and take the position. He was the president of the Persian Club. He is majoring in computer engineering and said he completed the goals he set when he ran for director of student fee affairs. One goal in particular, he said, was stopping credit card vendors from approaching students.

He agreed with Greathouse saying that the Child Care Center is a pressing issue.

"Because of budget cuts, we will also see cuts affecting other entities such as the Student Union and athletics," he said. "I want to see financial support without digging into the pockets of the students."

He also said he wants to see vacant positions filled and make it convenient for other board members to communicate with him by actively letting them know he is available.

The debate for the director of governing affairs was the last on the itinerary. The two candidates are Huy

Tran running as an independent and Jonathan K. Nadiranto from the Spartan party.

Tran began by saying he hears many stories about A.S., and it upsets him that people are ignoring what is really going on in the student government.

"How do people expect students to run when people are scaring them away from running?" he asked.

"I want to see all the bickering that makes the meetings go on for hours stopped," Tran said. "I want to make sure the board operates the way it is supposed to, making sure the student voice is heard."

Nadiranto said he wants to see the laws of A.S. used in a more effective way and said he agrees with Tran about the bickering that goes on in A.S.

"The bylaws have been used as a hindrance and not in a proactive way as they should," he said. "Let me be a voice for students."

Tran said if the board would operate the way it should, then the student's voices would be heard. He said the board operates certain ways because the Spartan party holds the majority on the board while there are only two positions held by Impact members.

"They should not go with the flow of things like they have," he said.

"I want to make sure the independent voice is heard."

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understand the importance of working as a group. She recalled herself as more individualistic before attending the program.

She said the program created a space to learn about social issues in different communities, both national and international, that students cannot experience by merely attending classes.

Michael Fallon, program coordinator for the Center for Service Learning, said such leadership programs are a great chance to interact with diverse people, learn global politics and "take in beyond the course work."

By allowing students to travel abroad, Fallon pointed out that students could enjoy "international and national flavor to the world."

In addition, he said that students could experience, rather than just observing, what other people's lives look like and what their needs are.

Myers-Lipton said the program provides students the opportunity to learn academic and hands-on skills simultaneously. As a part of the program, students learn skills in facilitation, consensus decision-making, group dynamics, conflict resolution and multicultural awareness.

Participants also learn the history of community activism, strategy and tactics for social change and the role of institutions in the struggle for social justice.

Four academic courses, service-learning labs and six hours weekly community work are required throughout the program, he said.

Regarding the time spent at the homeless shelter in San Jose during the domestic summer experience, Myers-Lipton suggests his students to consider why there are one million people without homes in the United States, when it is the richest country in the world.

Myers-Lipton believes that the domestic and international service trips allow the participants to become more aware of social issues. For example, he said that campesinos in Central America work for as little as \$1 a day on coffee farms, while at the same time, Americans buy lattes for \$4.

Marveling at the inequality of the social and political situation, he said, "If that's not slavery, what do you call it?"

Denise Della Santina, a biology major senior who is thinking of applying to the program this year, said she is looking forward to integrating the knowledge she learned in the class with first-hand experience.

Santina said the program intrigued her because doing community service is a way to get involved in social action. With the current political situation and an impending U.S. war against Iraq, she said students should realize "it is time to wake up and take some action."

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provide good learning experiences in areas that are important in the field.

"Interns teach nutrition education about Type 2 Diabetes," she said. "We also are going toward a nutrition-based analysis software."

Sandy Queen, the Cal-Pro-NET Center Coordinator with the nutrition and food science department and co-coordinator for the event agreed that the impact of the recent increase in Type 2 Diabetes in young children is cause for concern among nutritionists.

"It's something we've never seen before," Queen said. "The obesity rate has doubled in the last 20 years."

Queen described the main cause of Type 2 Diabetes in children as directly linked to diet and nutrition.

"The main cause of children with Type 2 Diabetes is obesity, an inactive lifestyle, and it is not vitamin related," Queen said. "Type 2 does not require insulin."

Queen said the U.S. Department of Agriculture developed a nationwide strategy to combat child obesity with the School Meals Initiative of 1996.

"The school lunch program's reduced fat consumption goal was met initially, but we're not quite there," Queen said. "It is down from an average of 37 percent of total calories from fat and now it is — at the end of last year — 34 percent and the goal is 30 percent."

Some students that attended were interested in hearing about the general skills involved in the food industry and said the advice the panel gave applied to many other fields.

Sam Lee, a senior computer science major, said he thought networking was the best advice given at the event.

"How (nutritionists) start their careers is similar," he said. "Networking in the job market is important."

Riva Huang, a graduate in the nutrition and food science department, said she appreciated hearing that many people are hired from within an organization for supervisory positions.


"It helps to know what it is like to be a supervisor," she said. "And what the jobs are like."

Emel Kayaer, a junior nutrition and food science major, said she was interested in knowing the different ways that different professional women started their careers.

"I am interested in going into sports nutrition," she said. "Or start my own business."

Henriette Oberg, a senior nutrition and food science major, said she also enjoys networking and helping to get professionals to speak at meetings such as this one. Oberg is the president of the school's nutrition and food science club that also is a co-sponsor of the event.

"Speakers help to explain how they came to their career in the food industry," she said. "I want to have children and consulting sounds interesting if you want to be on your own schedule."



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