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**CONFLICT IN IRAQ**

## Military airport seized; weapons cache found

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces battled the tattered remnants of Iraq's army for control of downtown Baghdad on Tuesday, crushing a counterattack and seizing a military airport. Saddam Hussein's fate was unknown after an attempt to kill him from the air.

Inside the capital to stay, some Army units routed Iraqi fighters from a Republican Guard headquarters. Others discovered a 12-room complex

inside a cave, complete with white marble floors, 10-foot ceilings and fluorescent lighting.

Marines battled snipers as they fought deeper into the capital from the east. They seized the Rasheed Airport and captured enough ammunition for an estimated 3,000 troops. Ominously, they also took a prison where they found U.S. Army uniforms and chemical weapons suits possibly belonging to American POWs.

The toll on civilians from four days of urban combat was unknown. But the World Health Organization said Baghdad's hospitals were running out of supplies to treat the burns, shrapnel wounds and spinal injuries caused by the fighting.

Two cameramen were killed and at least three others wounded when an American tank fired a round into the Palestine Hotel, headquarters for hundreds of journalists. Commanders said

hostile fire had been coming from the building, although the journalists said they witnessed none.

Separately, the Arab television network al-Jazeera reported that a U.S. warplane attacked its office on the banks of the Tigris River, killing a reporter.

On the city's northern side, Army forces set a Republican Guard barracks ablaze. Warplanes flew their bombing runs unchallenged, and

smoke poured out of the Ministry of Planning building in the city's center.

"We are continuing to maintain our ability to conduct operations around and in Baghdad, and remove them from regime control" said Capt. Frank Thorp, a spokesman at U.S. Central Command.

State-run Iraqi television was knocked off the air, depriving the regime of a key source of influence over a population thought increasing-

ly eager to help the forces of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Four days after Americans first penetrated the Baghdad outskirts, the city showed the effects of the war. Civilians roamed the streets with Kalashnikov rifles in hand, uncollected garbage piled up, and there were long lines at the reduced number of gasoline stations still open.

There were also military losses for

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**SJSU has won seven of the last 11 meetings**  
By Tammy Krikorian  
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan baseball team earned its third win in as many games, defeating the University of California Berkeley 5-2 Tuesday afternoon.

San Jose State University used five pitchers for the game. Senior Andy Cook started the game, freshman Brandon Dewing recorded the win, and by the end of the game, freshman Matt Winck would earn his first save.

Cal was first to score, putting one run across the plate in the top of the first inning, but Spartan first baseman Jordan Bergstrom put SJSU in the lead in the bottom of the inning with a double to right center, sending home second baseman David Pierson and third baseman Kevin Frandsen. Pierson and Frandsen both reached base on singles up the middle.

Left fielder Markum King took the plate next, singling to left field and sending Bergstrom home.

The score was 3-1 Spartans going into the second inning, as Dewing came in for Cook.

In the bottom of the third, catcher Aaron Bates was walked on a full-count, loading the bases. While designated hitter Nick Guerra was at bat, all runners advanced on a wild pitch and Bergstrom, who reached base when he was hit by a pitch, came home.

With the bases still loaded and no outs on the board, right fielder Jon Heuerman reached on a fielder's choice, and although a double play was made, King was able to score, bringing the game to 5-1 Spartans.

The Spartans started the top of the fifth inning strong when Bergstrom

## Spartans Golden in win over Bears



Spartan first baseman Jordan Bergstrom attempts to tag out Cal infielder Conor Jackson Tuesday at Blethen Field. San Jose State University split this season's series, 1-1, against UC Berkeley.

LEFT: Spartan pitcher Matthew Winck pitched during the eighth and ninth innings earning his first save of the season.

made a diving stop for an out, but SJSU was unable to stop Cal left fielder Justin Nelson from driving a home-run over the right field fence.

The Spartans maintained a strong defense throughout the game, assisted by Heuerman's diving catch in the eighth inning and Frandsen's diving stop in the ninth.

Winck took to the mound for innings eight and nine, allowing one hit, no walks and no runs to earn his first save.

The Spartans series against the Bears began in 1933, and Cal leads 80-37-3. The Bears defeated the Spartans 4-3 earlier this season in Berkeley.

Tuesdays win improved the Spartans record to 18-17.

Doug Thurman, associate head coach for the Spartans, gave much of the offensive credit to Bergstrom for his two-run double in the first inning.

"Bergstrom established the day," Thurman said. "He just went with the pitch, and that's how you score those first hits. He broke the ice for everybody."

Frandsen agreed, acknowledging

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## Students unsure about women in combat

By Wendy Lopez  
Daily Staff Writer

Note: The SJSU Iraq War Survey had a ±4 percent margin of error.

When asked if women should fight next to men in frontline combat, San Jose State University students revealed mixed reactions, according to a survey performed by sociology students studying quantitative research methods.

The campus community also shows mixed reaction when asked the same question.

"Society resists the idea of women joining the military because they are used to seeing women fulfilling motherly roles," said Erika Jackson from the SJSU Women's Resource Center. "(People) are socialized to see women as mothers."

Society is concerned with how much the family is going to change if a woman is not going to stay home and take care of the children, she said.

"Men should take responsibility and take care of their children if a woman decides to join the military," Jackson said. "There should not be a reason that keeps women from joining the military."

Monica Jimenez, a senior majoring in finance, said women should be able to go fight in a war if they have good

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## SJSU authors showcase books

By Daniel Hartman  
Daily Staff Writer

The bookstore played host to a book tour Tuesday, showcasing San Jose State University faculty members who have published books within the past year.

Bookstore Director Court Warren said the event was a combined effort of the Spartan Bookstore and the Clark Library.

The social gathering where cheese and wine were served included books from SJSU alumni such as Parwana Mujadedi, who said she just recently published her own book.

"I went to a publisher, and they said I would have to wait nine months for the book to be published, and I couldn't wait that long," Mujadedi said. "The book seen through the eyes of an Afghan in America informs about my culture and religion."

Mujadedi said she left Afghanistan when she was 5 years old. She said she was in Austin, Texas just after Sept. 11 where she was harassed for her Middle Eastern appearance.

Mujadedi said the book was her first and included a chapter on women in Islam and the struggles they face. She said traditionally marriages are arranged in Afghanistan

but times are changing, and there are ways to get around the norms.

She said all her friends were international students when she attended SJSU. Many of the other books on display were used as textbooks.

"(Of the books here) there are at least 15 and maybe twenty used as textbooks here at SJSU," said Tony Sanjume, who works at the bookstore. "Some of the authors have become administrators, but most went through being on the faculty."

Jan English-Luech from the anthropology department said her book, "California in the Silicon

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## Alcohol screening on Thursday

By Huong C. Pham  
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students will know their drinking limits Thursday, as they are encouraged to participate in the National Alcohol Screening Day that is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pacific room in the Student Union.

This event, "What Are Your Limits? Be in the Know," not only provides a screening that will help students evaluate their drinking behavior but also raises awareness about the consequences of drinking and alcohol related symptoms, problems and treatment, according to the Student Health Center.

"The general screening will have a 15 to 20-minute presentation that will continuously play while the students are waiting to take a survey," said Margaret Tam, Prevention Education Program coordinator at SJSU. "The survey is about 5 to 10 minutes long and then scored by a clinician who will discuss the results with the students."

There will also be two other screenings, one for athletics, which is held from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., and another screening for the SJSU campus residents scheduled to take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

According to Screening for Mental Health, Inc., the screening is made available for local communities as well.

Though this is the fifth year that National Alcohol Screening Day is

being held nationwide, the event is marking its third year at SJSU, Tam said.

The program is funded by several agencies, such as the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Tam added.

The screening is free of charge and a \$2 drink coupon from Spartan Shops will be given to all students, who complete the screening.

## Silence to represent need for equality

By Veronica Mendoza  
Daily Staff Writer

Today some students and faculty members will be silent to bring attention to the issue of mistreatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

The San Jose State University "National Day of Silence," is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance at SJSU.

"In a way, it's a protest," said Wiggys Sivertsen, a former faculty adviser for the campus organization. "It highlights that bad things happen when people are silent."

The first day of silence was held in 1996 at the University of Virginia to bring awareness for the need to create safer schools for people of all sexual orientations, according to the National Day of Silence Web site.

In 1997, the day of silence spread to other colleges and universities and was renamed the "National Day of Silence," according to the Web site.

"This goes on all over the country, not just SJSU," Sivertsen said.

A participant in this year's day of silence is Casey Dickey, a junior majoring in music and sign language interpreting.

"I'm a bisexual just coming out, and I think it's a good way to stand up for who I am and what I believe in a subtle, quiet way," Dickey said.

Dickey said she believes that silence can make a big impact because it is a change from the loud war protests people are used to.

Dickey found out about the event through her alternative lifestyles class taught by Sivertsen.

Sivertsen said she encourages people to participate but will not be taking part in the event this year because she is also the director of counseling services and needs to communicate with students.

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## Give him a hand



Daniel Mendoza warms up before dancing in the Urban Arts Club in the Spartan Complex Monday. The Urban Arts Club meets Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

# opposing views:

## Should sporting events continue during times of war?

**YES | We need sports to distract and entertain in wartime**

**NO | Trivial pursuits like sports detract from war effort**

Do we go to games or watch sports on television since war began on Wednesday, March 19? Yes, sports activities are important to us as students at San Jose State University because we believe that somehow we all win when together we achieve a higher knowledge. We tend to thrive and grow on sharing, building and living a community, group memory.

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JANINE STANHOPE

Together we have a need to value learning and respect life in a safe, creative environment. I deeply grieve the death of a wonderful, close family friend who unbearably died from a form of cancer Tuesday, and she was the one of the best of us all. I prayed that she would be able to live a longer life. We all sorrowfully grieve the deaths of those who have died during times of war. Several radio talk show hosts urged the listening public to join in and voice their disapproval, while in their cars, during the first several days of the war. Some people honked, and others waved at anti-war signs as the radio played anti-war songs, but as this went on, we also drove down Tenth Street to the softball game against University of Illinois-Chicago at SJSU field on March 20. Since then, thousands of people have prayed and have met worldwide to demonstrate for and against the war. Monday night, the evening news covered an angry, anti-war demonstration held at the port of Oakland. The best part of that news broadcast was the story about how well the Giants played against the Padres at a packed Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco. Everybody prays that this season Barry Bonds might learn how to catch as well as he hits. I'm sure he will. Sometimes the games should stop briefly in light of tragedy. Scott Stoessel recalled in a recent article a vivid scene from the past of the Taliban, who used the largest stadium in Kabul to execute prisoners. He also recalled that football season was delayed for the week after the tragedy of Sept. 11. It was the best choice to have a time out. He specifically noted how Pierre Salinger advised NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle to delay the games for two days following the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Rozelle decided to proceed with the games. Critics apparently called it a public relations disaster, Stoessel said. It was not the time. When is the appropriate time to schedule a sporting event during any time of war? Scheduled time-out delays in memory of the people we loved so much and who are gone were good decisions after 9/11 and Kennedy's assassination. I am so sad today, and I know I will miss my friend that I have lost so terribly for a long time. After a sorrowful impact, it is best to take time out, and then take the time to watch our favorite teams play ball because that is what we need to do.

Janine Stanhope is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Perhaps the sentiment that war "puts things in perspective" is what fuels the arguments of people who believe sports should not continue while our country is at war. Although we have the right and the need to get on with our everyday lives, does the faux-battle of sports not seem insignificant and pointless when troops are half a world away in situations most of us couldn't imagine if we tried? What does a victory or loss mean in a game compared to that in war? Are sports distraction or denial? (Or the story of "what good do distraction and denial do when the problem is still there?") It's the little picture taking over. I do it all the time. When difficult things are happening in life, I look to the small things to make me happy, albeit superficially and temporarily. While these things distract me, the large, important problems still loom. So I look for something else to build up in my mind, trying to convince myself it's of some significance. I get caught up in it, hoping it will somehow change the bigger picture, but it never does. People get stuck on their little planets of which the center, god and only inhabitant is themselves, without much care for the planets outside of their own galaxy. So long as we feel safe here at home, the reality of what is going on only reaches us in movie-like blurbs of footage when we get home and switch on the TV. It is a surreal battle unless someone we know is involved. To move beyond protests and yellow ribbons and become truly invested in what is going on, whether or not one supports the motives of the war, is to try to put oneself in the shoes of the soldier, an innocent in Iraq or the parent of a casualty of war. These family members and friends of those killed in the war know both the prize and the price of fighting. Their loved ones are paying with their sanity and lives for us to continue buying dodgy hotdogs, plopping down on the couch to watch ESPN and getting worked up over overtime in relative peace. Anyone feeling guilty yet? No? I think we do our best to suppress it. Still, I doubt I am the only one who, despite putting out of my mind what is going on while going to concerts, having fun and getting on with my own life, feels more than a tinge of guilt even when I'm just at the computer or driving to school. One can argue that sports are America, sports are patriotic and sports bring people together in difficult times. During the "time-out" from sports, respect and patriotic honor for the people fighting for America would bring a different kind of unity. The break from sports while there are Americans fighting in Iraq would be just that, a break. It is not sports' finale, and we would get on with our lives in other ways in the meantime. Ultimately, it's a show of respect, not necessarily for the government or the war itself, but for the people who are doing a job few are willing to do so that we at home can have some sense of security.

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KIMBERLY LAPHAM



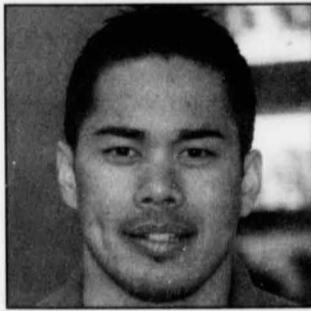
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## campusvoices



*"Yes. (Sports) keep our minds off of the death and destruction of war."*

Janice Placido  
junior, public relations



*"Being a sports fan, you would want to see sports continue. It takes your mind off of the negativity."*

Louie Licad  
junior, business marketing



*"Yes, to get everyone's mind off the war. We should continue our lives and live one day at a time."*

Wajma Rahim  
senior, marketing



*"With everything that's going on with the war, sports are one way to help show support for the troops. It shows that everyone is behind them."*

Michael Douglas  
junior, criminal justice



*"Yes, for sure. It distracts you from the crisis that's going on. It reminds you of what life should really be about — peace."*

Juan Gonzalez  
graduate student,  
counselor education



*"Definitely. We have to continue with our lifestyles to keep sane. It's a way to keep our minds off of everyday drama."*

Rosemary Workman  
sophomore, biological science

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OUT OF THE SHELL

# We have the freedom and the need to be informed

Sunday I saw a man wearing a shirt that read, on the back, "Except for ending slavery, fascism, nazism and communism, WAR NEVER SOLVED ANYTHING."

I couldn't tell if the wearer of the shirt was pro-war or anti-war, but I was intrigued. I wondered if the shirt was meant to be sarcastic, or if he actually believed what it said.

I don't claim to be an expert on world politics, or even on U.S. politics, but it amazes me how many people in this country are ignorant about what goes on outside their tiny little worlds.

The last time I checked, China was still a communist country (although some have argued that it's moving toward fascism).

Slavery also exists in places such as Sudan, Bangkok, Bosnia-Herzegovina and America. Yep. The CIA estimated in 2000 that 50,000 people annually are trafficked as sex slaves, domestics, garment and agricultural slaves.

According to iAbolish, a project of the nonprofit corporation American Anti-Slavery Group (which was founded in 1993 to monitor contemporary slavery worldwide), there are, by conservative estimates, 27 million people enslaved globally.

I heard a pro-war song on country radio last week, but its only argument in favor of the U.S. conflict in Iraq was the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

I wonder if the author of that song actually believes that we are in Iraq to fight terrorism.

I wonder if they know that Osama bin Laden received training and weapons from the CIA to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the '80s or that the Afghan jihad was backed with American money.

Don't they know that the hijackers went to American flight schools? And that they used box cutters to take over the plane? There were no weapons of mass destruction involved.

Sept. 11 was a terrible tragedy, and I don't mean to minimize it, nor endorse terrorist acts, when I say that there are plenty of reasons for other countries to hate our government.

I was born and raised in America and am thankful for all the freedoms it has provided me.

My grandpa fought in World War II, and one of my uncles fought in Vietnam.

I grew up believing that "Sailors Have More Fun" and that America was the greatest country in the world.

When I was in sixth grade, during the Gulf War, I stood proudly on Main Street in my hometown wearing a red, white and blue sweater - pinned with a yellow ribbon -

and holding a sign that read, "Honk for our Troops."

I still support our troops, and I still love this country.

I love baseball and apple pie.

I love that I have the freedom to write this column, criticizing my government, without having to fear for my life.

I have the right to choose my religion, or choose not to have one.

I have the right to vote for the leader of my country (although, in Bush's case, I doubt there was a real choice).

Sadly, the same freedoms I enjoy have been taken away from others through actions of our government.

Here are a few examples of questionable behaviors: In 1982, the United States provided Saddam Hussein with billions of dollars in aid for weapons to be used against Iran. In 1983, the White House secretly gave Iran weapons to use against Iraq. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait with weapons from the United States and the Soviet Union. In 1991, President Bush entered Iraq and reinstated the dictator of Kuwait.

This is just a small sample from a long and intricate list of U.S. actions that have led to the loss of millions of

innocent lives.

Too much information is out there for one person to know it all, but it is important to learn as much as we can.

The world truly can be a better place if individuals took the time to educate themselves on global and local issues.

Ignorance is not bliss. Millions of people, in our country and around the world, are suffering.

The first step to getting involved is education.

We have to dig deeper, past what we are fed by the media. Mainstream media is controlled by huge media conglomerations that are willing to sacrifice journalistic integrity for the almighty dollar.

This war is not being fought to liberate the Iraqi people.

George W. Bush classified more documents in two years in the Oval Office than any other president in the history of the United States.

He is risking lives for oil and for money.

Before you decide to endorse his policies, please take the time to find out the truth.

One person can make a difference.



TAMMY KRİKORIAN

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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](http://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 971-1070.

**Career Center**  
Drop-in from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

**Prevention Education Program**  
"What are your alcohol limits? Get in the know" on April 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For

more information contact Margaret Tam at [margetam@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:margetam@email.sjsu.edu).

**Student Gerontology Organization**  
"Careers in Aging" will take place today from 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Mosaic Cross Cultural center. For more information contact Abbie Layton at 313-6639.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Alliance**  
National day of silence. A panel discussing discrimination against minority groups will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information contact Erika Escobedo at 376-3311 or email at [glbta\\_sjsu@yahoo.com](mailto:glbta_sjsu@yahoo.com).

**International Programs and Services**  
Study abroad fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 9 at the Seventh Street plaza. For more information contact Kari at 924-5931.

**DisABLED Students Association**  
General meeting - "Adaptive physical education - what's in it for me?" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Spartan Complex

room 9. For more information contact Patty Watkins or Stacie Haro at 924-6041.

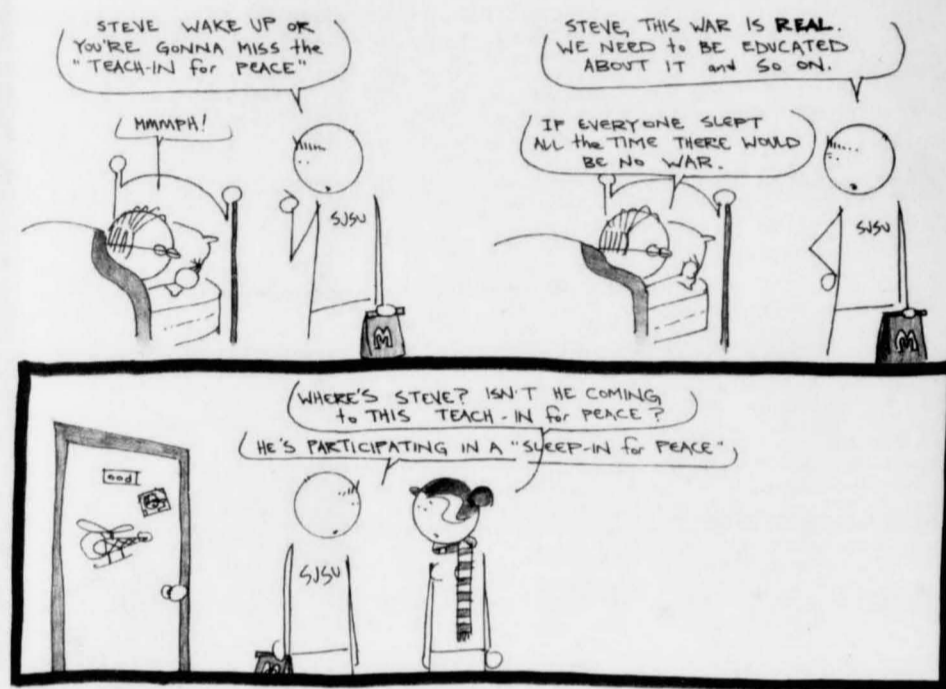
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**SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Join the Alpha Omega group for food and fun from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday in the Omega Lounge at the CCM. For more information contact Orshi Fejer at 938-1610.

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# BOOK | *Compilation to be available in new library*

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Valley," is an investigation of people from the Silicon Valley working in the tech field.

"The book is really cutting edge," English-Luech said. "It has only been out for a year, and it is already being used as a textbook around the world."

Kimb Massey, from the television, radio, film, theater department at SJSU, presented a reader that she said she wrote with a cultural and gender appeal to represent the areas of the media that are neglected.

"The table of contents is arranged first by pages, then by different cultures and women's studies," Massey said. "It is used (at SJSU) as a reader to go along with a Mass Communication textbook."

Del Coates, professor of production design at SJSU, showcased a book by the title "Watches Tell More Than Just Time."

"(I used) aesthetics as an aspect of an information theory to determine whether you like or dislike a product," Coates said. "This is because a product tells more about a society than people think."

Special Collections Coordinator for the Clark Library Stephen Groth said he attended the event to get a feel for books he was going use and to compile a complete collection of textbooks and other publications written by SJSU faculty.

"I want it to be as comprehensive as possible," Groth said. "It will go back to the days of normal school in the late '80s and early '90s when the schools no longer had enough funds



The Spartan Bookstore sponsored an event Tuesday honoring several authors whose books are used in classes at SJSU. The event offered an opportunity for the public to mingle with authors.

Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff

to establish such a compilation." Groth said the collection would be held at the fifth floor of the new Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Bob McDermand of the Clark Library said they were planning on

closing down on May 23 to allow for the opening of an interim library on May 27.

# WOMEN | *Personal relationships may affect opinions*

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reason to go.

"If women want to be on the front line for equality purposes and are doing it for the people, they should be able to go," Jimenez said. "I personally would not want to go fight."

Mike Le, a sophomore majoring in criminal administration of justice, said it is a woman's decision to want to participate in a draft. Women who want to be a soldier and fight should be able to, he said.

Hilda Salazar, a graduate student in special education, said she wonders about the possibility and need of women taking part in the draft if there is a need for a draft.

"I have always been an advocate for women's equal opportunity," she said. "When it comes to war, women were not meant to participate."

Traditionally, women have been the primary, nurturing caregivers, she said.

Women should stay at home to take care of their children.

Le said the Bush administration needs to take more action and needs to fix the situation between the United States and Iraq.

"Ground soldiers are needed for war defense," Le said. "Ground soldiers should be used for defense instead of ground evasion."

Bob Slye, a junior majoring in music education, said military troops should not be on the battlefield. War should not take place, he said.

"I do see why Bush wants to go to war with Iraq," Slye said. "I do not support the war, but I do support our troops."

Before the conflict started, Slye said he did not see weapons of mass destruction as an immediate threat. The media and the Bush administration did not provide enough information to go into battle, he said.

"I felt consumed by the large amount of information given by the media

when the conflict started," Slye said. "There was always something on TV."

Salazar said Bush was granted executive authority to go to war after the attack on Sept. 11. During this time, Americans approved of war because they were in an emotional state of mind, she said.

Though some survey participants agreed the Bush administration did not provide enough justification to go to war, 48 percent agreed the United States should attack Iraq if weapons of mass destruction were found.

Some participants and students shared different points of views on media coverage.

Salazar said the media loves to sensationalize issues covered in the news as a reason why she does not follow mediated coverage on the conflict. She said she reads newspapers to keep well informed.

Kristy Hageman, a freshman majoring in music, said the media should not

always tell the public all the details of what happens in Iraq and problems the Bush administration may be dealing with.

"People can only handle so much truthful information," she said. "When making a decision, it is people in charge who decide what is the best decision based on what they know."

Jimenez said she is too involved in school to follow news updates on the conflict with Iraq.

"I do not know anyone on the battlefield," Jimenez said. "I do not have a personal attachment on the issue like most people do."

Not knowing anyone on the battlefield is a reason why Jimenez said she does not pay attention to the news as much she should.

According to students who participated in the survey, almost 60 percent agreed the U.S. media did not provide "full and fair coverage" on the Iraq situation.

# N. Korea says security council action could worsen crisis

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned Tuesday that any actions taken against it when the U.N. Security Council meets to discuss the communist regime's nuclear ambitions would undermine attempts to resolve the crisis peacefully.

China said the world body has no business discussing Pyongyang's suspected nuclear weapons program. On Monday, Chinese diplomats blocked efforts by some council members to draft a statement condemning North Korea.

"It is not appropriate for the United Nations Security Council to get involved in these issues," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said. "No related parties should take actions that would further complicate this matter."

The council eventually could discuss imposing sanctions against North Korea if a political solution is not found. China and Russia have said they oppose sanctions.

North Korea has warned that it would regard international sanctions as a declaration of war.

South Korea's Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan urged North Korea on Tuesday to agree to multilateral talks to resolve the crisis.

"If North Korea joins the multilateral talks, it will be able to seek talks with the United States for a security guarantee and have opportunities to

discuss economic aid," he told parliament.

South Korea distributed a confidential briefing paper on the nuclear standoff during Tuesday's meeting of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Manila, Philippines. The paper, a copy of which was made available to The Associated Press, said the world must prepare for North Korea to try to escalate tensions.

North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons "will not be tolerated, but our government firmly believes that the nuclear issue must be resolved peacefully through dialogue," the paper said.

South Korea said it would pursue

economic projects with the North to help ease tensions and the humanitarian suffering there.

Pyeongyang insists on direct dialogue with the United States to negotiate a nonaggression treaty.

But Washington wants to settle the crisis through multilateral channels, saying North Korea's ambitions threaten not just American interests but also those of Russia, China, Japan and South Korea.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov told the ITAR-Tass news agency that the situation on the Korean peninsula was "extremely dangerous," and said he supports the U.S. call for multilateral talks to end the crisis.

# More SARS cases reported, not yet on official tally

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Public health officials in at least three California counties have reported potential new cases of the mysterious respiratory illness known as SARS — though state officials had not added the cases to the official list of suspected infections on Tuesday, saying they don't meet the "case definition" of the illness.

SARS, or sudden acute respiratory syndrome, has sickened more than 2,600 people worldwide and led to over 100 deaths since it was first identified in November.

On Tuesday, California health officials put the total at 36 suspected cases statewide, down from 38 on Monday — two cases which had been suspected as SARS were determined to be caused by other ailments and removed from the list. Either figure gives California more than a quarter of all suspected cases in the United States.

At the same time, health officials

in at least three counties identified three more potential cases.

In Bakersfield, a woman in her 70s was briefly hospitalized last week on suspicion of SARS after returning from a trip to China.

Dr. Boyce Dulon, Kern County's director of disease control, said Tuesday his department is trying to

track down anyone who may have come in contact with the woman while she was showing symptoms — particularly anyone who sat near her on the return flight.

Symptoms include a fever of 100.4 degrees or more and plus respiratory difficulty. The illness is thought to have originated in main-

land China or Hong Kong, and only people who have recently traveled in Asia or been in direct contact with someone who has been considered at risk.

# SILENCE | *National event*

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"I tend to try to encourage people to take part in it," Sivertsen said.

Another of Sivertsen's students and a participant in the day of silence is Shalla Mirkhani, a fourth year administration of justice and sociology major.

She described the event as owning up to the category that many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are put into.

"We've always been silent," Mirkhani said. "It's the whole don't ask, don't tell policy."

She said in order to communicate, the participants of the event will carry pieces of paper with a statement describing why they are choosing not to speak.

According to a National Day of Silence flier given to students at SJSU, there will be an information and pledge sheet table located in front of the Student Union from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

That will be followed by a "Break the Silence," event located at the Student Union Amphitheater.

There will also be a panel presentation titled "Discrimination against Minority Groups," from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union.

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