

opposing views:

YES | Skateboards do not cause more danger than bikes on campus *Should rules regarding the use of bikes and skateboards on campus be the same?* **NO | The rules are necessary to protect pedestrians and skaters**

Tainted with the stigma of being regarded as a nuisance and associated with troublemakers for as long as I can remember, skateboarders have never had it easy.

Bikes on the other hand, as annoying as they are, do not share the same fate as its four-wheeled counterpart.

According to campus law, bikes are restricted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, but they are permitted along the area of Paseo De San Carlos, Seventh Street Plaza (except between Clark Library and the Engineering building), the Ninth Street Plaza, Eighth Street between Paseo De San Carlos and E. San Salvador Street.

"Either outlaw bikes and skateboards totally from campus grounds or give them both the same kind of time and place restrictions."



SUNITA VIJAYAN

Meanwhile, skateboards are banned from the premises of campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Both of them have wheels. Both of them are modes of transportation. Both of them are regarded as professional sports.

Yet, in spite of it all, I don't see any equality between these two transportation styles on campus.

Whatever happened to a fair and just trial?

Riding a skateboard should not be any more of a crime than riding a bike around campus. Sure, there is that safety issue everyone talks about but then what makes bicycles so special to be given a different set of laws when they have the potential to cause equal if not more injury?

Either outlaw bikes and skateboards totally from campus grounds or give them both the same kind of time and place restrictions.

What I don't get is why bikes and skateboards are considered separate when both are able to cause equal damages? If anything, I'm more fearful of getting run over by a bike. As it is, I've had several near mishaps in the past.

You might say, hypothetically that is, if the complete restriction on skateboards were to be overturned and skateboarders be given the same rights as bicycles have, would the masses then abuse this beautiful campus grounds we have by turning it into a mock skate park? Would that then create chaos and danger for our fellow students?

Just take a look at how the bicycles on campus are faring under the restrictions that are in place. There seems to be more bikes on campus than ever and yet all is fine on campus. There is no chaos or danger to be seen.

I know safety is the main thing that is placing skateboarders in the hot seat but who is to say bicycles are any safer to us strollers around campus?

If I'm not mistaken, the reason why there are restrictions at all is because of a lawsuit in the mid 1980s against the school's negligence in establishing safety laws. According to campus history, an individual was riding his bike across the grass near Tower Hall on the north side of campus, when he ran into a clothesline, which had hit him in the neck.

Let me get this straight.

So the bicycle had started it all and yet the skateboard (which I might point out is not mentioned anywhere to be involved in this historical incident) is being prosecuted for crimes it has not committed.

All I'm saying really is to give skateboarders on campus a break and to cut them a little slack. As it is, you can't stop them from moving around campus, as I've seen with my own eyes quite a few people doing so illegally.

If the same regulations granted to bikes were given to the skateboarders, wouldn't you think campus grounds would be a lot safer for pedestrians as well as for the skateboarders?

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Rules and laws come from somewhere.

They don't just pop into existence and, one hopes, they aren't just random dictates imposed by a governing body.

And fortunately, people have the opportunity to question and challenge any rules that they feel are unfair. It's the American way.

San Jose State University has restrictions on where bicycles can be ridden on campus. The use of skateboards, inline skates and similar products, however, are banned entirely.

Why is there a difference, especially when it's not hard to spot skateboarders riding around campus?

In September 1989, Gail Fullerton, then president of SJSU, issued a directive on bicycle and skateboard safety.

Capt. Bruce Lowe, the university police information officer, said the directive was issued in response to a bicycle accident that led to a lawsuit against SJSU in the 1980s.

The directive was based on recommendations from studies done by three committees. It established rules pertaining to bikes and skateboards — rules designed to protect people.

It would be easy to assume that the protections are for pedestrians and others that a rider might encounter.

In the directive, it is stated that one purpose is to "reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians that bicycles and skateboards pose ..."

But in the same sentence, a second purpose is then stated, "... to reduce the risk of injury to persons riding skateboards in areas not intended for that purpose."

So part of the intent is to protect skateboarders from themselves.

Is it hypocritical that the directive says nothing about bicyclists posing a potential risk to themselves?

Maybe. Because bikes are used by some people as their primary means of getting to school, it makes sense to have provisions permitting their use on campus rather than to ban them entirely.

Unlike bikes though, skateboards and roller blades are not widely acknowledged as means of alternative transportation.

Instead, one reason people use them is to get around campus quickly and conveniently. Another reason is to just plain fun.

And it's the "have fun" crowd that makes the ban necessary.

SJSU is not a skate park. Sorry, but you have to go have your fun elsewhere. (Granted, there might be a major shortage of places to do so, but I don't think that's the university's concern.)

Allowing skateboards on the campus at any time would potentially create some big problems for the school from the "have fun" crowd. Two that come to mind are a skateboarder getting injured while "riding" skateboards in areas not intended for that purpose and damage to school property.

So the school prohibits the use of skateboards.

In any society, rules and laws must be made to take gray issues and address them in a black-and-white way. And you can't get more black-and-white than a ban that's in effect 24/7.

This may seem unfair to people who want to use their boards to get across campus. And if you want, you have the right to question and challenge that ban.

I would give you one word of warning though: Pendulums swing both ways.

You might succeed in changing the ban on skateboards. But be aware that one accident, followed by one lawsuit, could be all it takes for there to be not only a return to the ban on skateboards but also a substantial increase in enforcement of the ban.

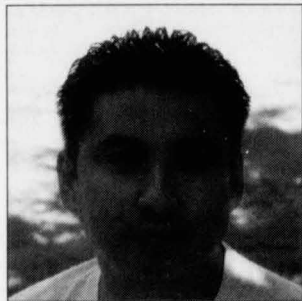
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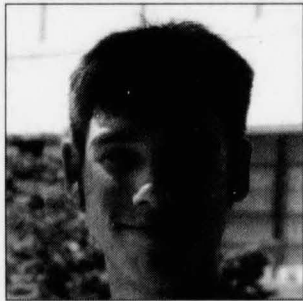
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campus voices



"Yes, because both are equally dangerous, especially as packed as this campus is. I don't want someone cruising by at 10 mph."

Mario Andrade
senior, biology



"There shouldn't be any rules as long as people are courteous. Be courteous. That goes for walking too."

Matt Kwong
junior, history



"Yes, they should be the same. The rule is based on danger. Bikes and skateboards can both get into accidents and cause trouble."

Brooke Joupperi
junior, occupational therapy



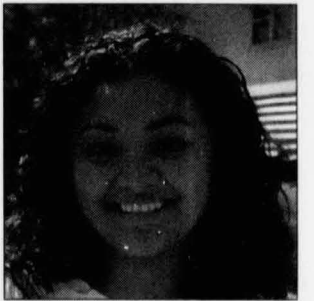
"I see no problem with it. As long as they are not running into everyone and unless they're not riding in a huge crowd."

Nikki Cruz
freshman, nursing



"Yes, there are times when I'm walking and I see skateboards and it's scary. But it's fair to let them both use skateboards and bikes for the same reason."

Suzanne Tringali
senior, political science



"Yes, the same regulations should be in place. Just as bikes can hurt people, skateboards can too. As long as they're careful and they're not getting into peoples' ways."

Karen Barquero
sophomore, hospitality management

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NOT RANTING, JUST VENTING

Have some class, show some courtesy

Etiquette. This is a word that many college students have forgotten. Some of you have heard of it, but do you know what it means?

According to Dictionary.com, etiquette is "rules governing socially acceptable behavior."

Hmmm, socially acceptable behavior. Certain things I have witnessed while at San Jose State University wouldn't be considered "socially acceptable" by any means.

For instance, we have really nice weather around this area, and many of us take advantage of that fact with a nice pair of flip-flops or sandals.

But for some reason at SJSU, students tend to think that this gives them the right to slip their feet out of their footwear.

Nothing is more disgusting than watching the person sitting next to you rubbing and scratching their feet.

Another aggravating thing about people wearing sandals is the need to slip them off in class and just letting their feet touch the ground.

You wear flip-flops around the showers at the gym so you won't catch athlete's foot, but you'll rub your feet all over the classroom floor. That can't be good, considering hundreds of students walk on those floors day after day.

If you absolutely need to tend to your feet, please do it in the bathroom.

Speaking of bathrooms, it seems that a few SJSU students are out of touch with bathroom etiquette.

I really can't speak for the boys, but I can say that plenty of the female facilities on campus aren't all about sugar and spice.

Ladies, if the wastebasket next to the sink is full, chances are there is another one nearby. I know it's really hard to walk three feet across the room, but

there is really no need to throw your paper towels on the floor.

Some of you might argue by saying, "That's what janitors are for."

A janitor's job isn't to pick up after a bunch of college students. Their job is to keep the facilities clean and looking nice. There's a difference.

Besides, you walked into a clean bathroom and you should keep it that way.

Another thing that cannot be overlooked is when you walk into a stall, only to find a little surprise waiting for you.

It's not that hard to pull the toilet handle a second time if it didn't flush right the first time.

In fact, the person after you will appreciate not having to look at any of that nasty stuff.

Although the bathroom is lacking etiquette, it's not as bad as the classroom.

As college students, we all know that being late to class is going to happen at least once. But there are students who are always late.

Every day, it's the same people who nonchalantly trickle in 10 to 15 minutes late, disrupting the lecture with their clicking high heels, squeaking tennis shoes and let's not forget, the unzipping of their backpacks.

It seems that some of our peers have no concept of time.

We know that these people are going to walk in late, but each day we get annoyed and give them the evil eye in hopes that they'll finally come in on time.

And if coming in late wasn't bad enough, it never fails; a cell phone will start ringing.

It's not just a regular ring tone either.

It's one of those obnoxious ones that sounds like the laser guns from the flea market that my little brother used to play with, or it's a song the radio played out.

And what's even worse is that some people actually have the audacity to take a call in the middle of class.

Is it really necessary to pick up the phone just to say, "Dude, I'm in class ... I'll call you back."

I have two words for those people: "voice mail."

It's this amazing little device that allows people to leave you messages when you can't — better yet, shouldn't — answer the phone.

It's common knowledge that some classes are less stimulating than others, and one must go to drastic measures to stay awake.

Chewing gum to keep yourself occupied is nice, but popping it and snapping it while the professor is giving a lecture is extremely rude, not to mention irritating.

If you get tired of the gum, please don't stick it under the desk. Wrap it in a piece of paper and throw it away after class.

Now, we all know that sitting in class all day can cause us to have an appetite, and some professors are perfectly fine with their students eating in class.

But if you're going to eat in class, the proper thing would be to not make too much noise.

The faster you open up that Snickers, the less the rest of your peers will have to hear the wrapper.

For whatever reason, some people think that if you open something wrapped in cellophane really slow it makes less noise, but that's completely false.

When it comes to cellophane, the rule of thumb is, the faster the better.

Come on people; let's stop the madness.

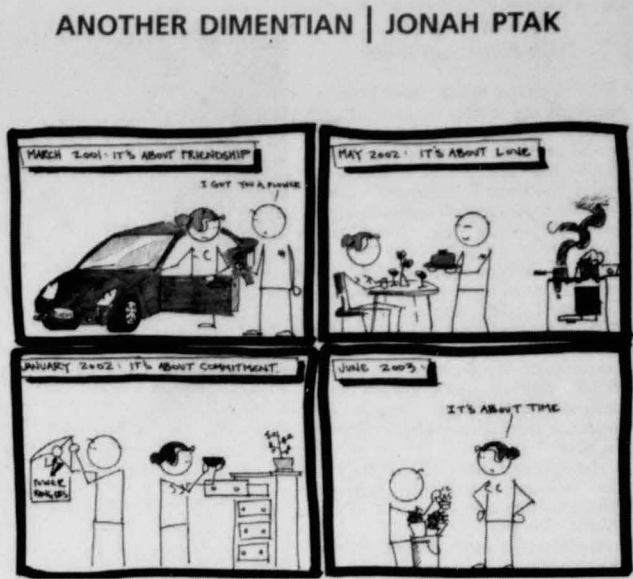
Something that I've learned in college is whatever nasty habits you have at home should stay there.

After all, what we do in the classroom does affect the people around us, and you never know who's watching.



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TODAY

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

An orientation of the worldwide organization and a Bible study will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Ohlone room in the Student Union. For more information, call Andrew Kim at 674-3000.

NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION

Ed Kashi, a freelance photographer, will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on second floor in suite B. For more information, call Carrie Jensen at 221-8715.

BLACK ALLIANCE OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Montalco room in the Student Union. All ethnicities and majors are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Pittman at www.pnate57@yahoo.com.

GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ALLIES

A general group meeting will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, go to www.glbta_sjsu@yahoo.com.

FEMINIST MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

A special meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Administration building, Room 249. For more information, call Erika Jackson at 924-5000.

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A general information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information, call Christina at 221-0484.

ENTREPRENEURIAL SOCIETY

CEO of "Friendster" is coming to SJSU to give a lecture on the successes and hardships of entrepre-

neurship from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today in the Umunhum room in the Student Union. Juliana Renovato 309-0730.

FINDING THE IDEAL PRESIDENT FOR SJSU

Interim President Joe Crowley will host a forum and answer questions in Morris Daily Auditorium from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. The entire campus community is invited to attend. For more information, call Eva E. Joice, Academic Senate, 924-2440 or e-mail eva.joice@sjsu.edu.

CAREER CENTER

An employer table with Apple Computer will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the College of Engineering lobby. For more information, call 924-6031.

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Holocaust survivor tells harrowing tale

By Tony Burchyns
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The Gestapo agents who brutally murdered her mother in front of her eyes and eventually wiped out her entire family in Eastern Europe could not destroy her faith in human goodness, said Holocaust survivor Alicia Appleman-Jurman on Tuesday during a guest lecture at San Jose State University.

"You must be wondering, now that you have heard my story, do I hate the Germans?" asked Appleman-Jurman. "No, I don't hate them — I don't hate."

Born in Poland in 1930, Appleman-Jurman came to campus to visit a small World War II media history class designed, implemented and taught by magazine journalism professor Harvey Gotliffe.

The class examines media coverage of the Holocaust and the Japanese American internment camps of World War II, Gotliffe said.

Appleman-Jurman is the first of three guest speakers with firsthand knowledge of the period's atrocities, Gotliffe said.

During her 70-minute talk, Appleman-Jurman discussed her struggle to survive as a Jewish girl in Poland at the height of Nazi aggression and intolerance.

Thrown by fellow captives from a moving prisoner train (to save her life), beaten and stomped on by Gestapo agents and threatened with execution, Appleman-Jurman said she is fortunate to be alive and she owes it to other victims to speak out about her experiences.

"I swore on my brother's grave that if I lived, I would tell the story of my family," she said.

Gotliffe said he hopes students will find such outspokenness inspirational.

"I want students to open their mouths when they hear intolerance," he said.

In addition to World War II, Gotliffe said his students would study racism and genocide in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Congo.

To deflect the Nazi hatred she faced in the late 1930s and early 1940s, Appleman-Jurman told students she relied on her proud Jewish upbringing as a shield.

"When they called us ugly names, they just sounded like raving maniacs to me," she said. "I knew who I was."

In 1989, many others found out who she was when her newly published autobiography, "Alicia—My Story," won critical acclaim and was licensed for translation and publication in seven European countries, according to the author's written profile.

The book, said Appleman-Jurman, tells the story of her escape from death



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff

Alicia Appleman-Jurman talked to a World War II media history class about her first-hand experience with the Holocaust.

and her struggle to survive in the ghettos, forests and wheat fields of Eastern Poland.

"There were times while I was writing when I would put my head down on the typewriter and cry," she said.

But she said the students she had spoken to at schools, churches and synagogues since the 1970s had urged her to write down her story, and Appleman-Jurman said she promised a written

record would be delivered.

"I didn't write the book for myself," she said. "And when my agent told me three publishers wanted it, I chose Bantam because I knew they would publish it in paperback so students could afford it."

"Alicia—My Story" includes and expands upon the points she made in Gotliffe's class, Appleman-Jurman said. "I want you to understand that we

were children just like you," Appleman-Jurman said. "We wanted desperately to live."

Appleman-Jurman said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 were bitter reminders of the pain, fear and confusion she faced during the Holocaust and, later, as a 17-year-old combat soldier in Israel during the War of Independence.

Sadly, her dream of seeing the world cured of violence has not materialized, she said.

"I want to apologize to you," she said. "I wish I could have created a secure life and a secure world for you. I wish you would not know the fear we knew, but, unfortunately, you knew it in September two years ago, and you may know it again."

Despite mounting bloodshed and terror in Israel, Afghanistan and Iraq, Appleman-Jurman said she remains optimistic that old patterns of hate will be broken.

When she finished her talk, Appleman-Jurman said no one should surrender hope.

"You have to make a pledge that every person, whatever his color, whatever his religion, must live with dignity," Appleman-Jurman said. "The minute we mistreat any (group of) people ... a Holocaust starts."

The emotional challenge of Gotliffe's course, listed as MCOM 136, makes it more rewarding, said two students.

"No matter how much empathy and sorrow you have for events when you are reading history, it really doesn't come together until you are faced with a personal account," said Sara Yates, a junior majoring in English.

Senior magazine journalism major Claire Taylor said she agreed.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to take the class," she said. "Where else would you have access to people who have been through this?"

Gotliffe said he would teach the course again in the spring.

"When I taught this class in 2002, one student told me she wanted to go back home and educate her parents and community about what she had learned," Gotliffe said.

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"Gandhi said, 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' That's what I'm trying to do."

Levin said she enjoyed the event, but thought it would have been more successful if held outside.

"It's good, but people don't know about it on campus," Levin said.

Bilal Hasan, a graduate student in industrial and systems engineering, agreed that the fair could have attracted more students if it had been outside.

"Even if you don't know, you pass by," said Hasan, a member of the Muslim Students Association. "I'm not sure that

many people on campus knew they were having such a fair."

Hasan, however, said the event was a good idea.

"(There are) many festivities of campus we overlook. Coming under one roof, you get to learn a lot about what your university has to offer," Hasan said. "Students are busy — you don't want to drop by every building."

Leslie Calhoun, a senior biology major and team leader for the Peer Health Education Program, was enthusiastic about the fair.

"It's a great opportunity for all of these organizations to network and for students to find out what resources SJSU has to offer them," Calhoun said.

"It's great — people have been going around passing around information," Jessica Martin, a senior psychology major, was working at the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance table.

"We're fighting for equal rights," Martin said. "Not taking over like people think."

Martin said the event was good in that it helped raise awareness about the organization.

"It's good to get our voice out there," she said.

Campus dietician Jen Styles said there was a great turnout of organizations from across campus.

She had a booth addressing eating habits.

"Everyone thinks about the food pyramid in the U.S.," Styles said. "There isn't just one way to look at healthy eating."

Styles said the nutrition and food science department tries to address students from other countries by printing brochures in various languages.

Lee was pleased with the event, but said if she were to do it again she might hold the fair outside and earlier in the semester.

"If you know what's out there, you know what's not there as well."

Dawn Lee,
MOSAIC
activities coordinator

The decision to hold the fair indoors, she said, was made because there would have been technical difficulties in having a microphone and podium in order to do a raffle.

Lee said that 24 items were raffled, all donated by various university departments and organizations and

private business.

Lee said there aren't yet plans to have the fair every semester, but she feels it is needed.

While MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center provides resources and services for students or groups involved in multicultural inclusiveness activities, Lee said it is important for students to understand that the center, located in the Student Union, also serves as a safe place for all students. "Our general purpose is always about raising awareness," she said. "It's important students understand there are diversity resources. If you know what's out there, you know what's not there as well."

"We have diversity in numbers, but what does that really mean and how do we interact with each other," Lee said. "In terms of interaction and understanding, are we there?"

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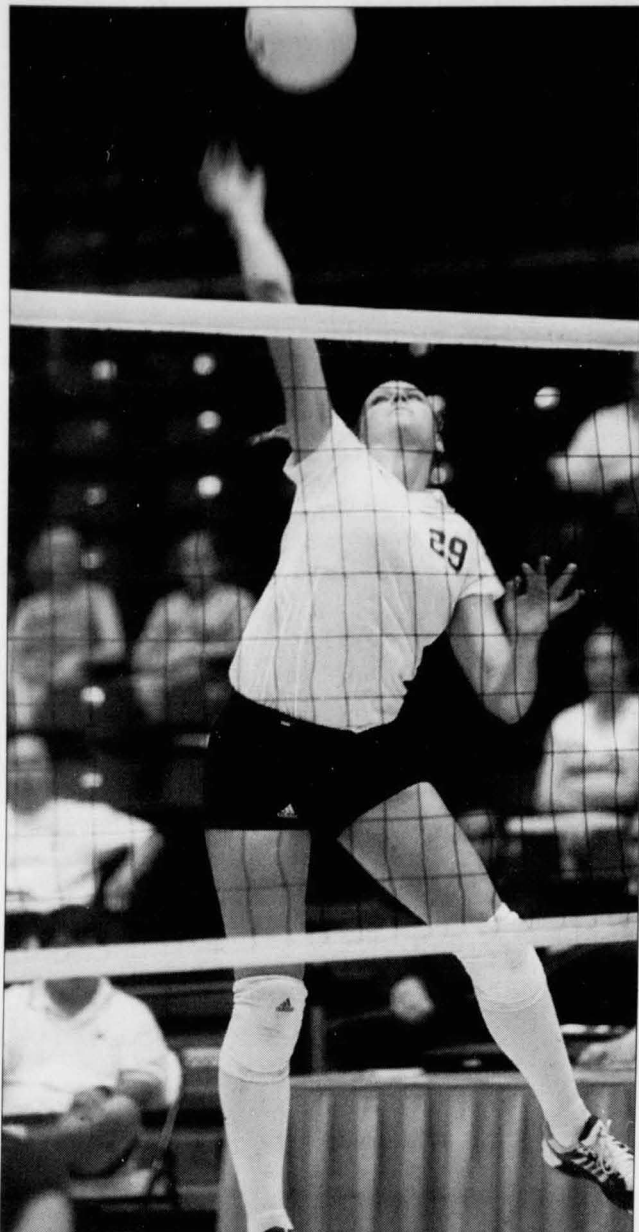
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Spartans make swing to Portland Bonds stays focused



By Michelle Meier
Daily Staff Writer

With the first Western Athletic Conference game against the University of Hawai'i, looming just three matches away the Spartan volleyball team is off to its slowest start in two decades.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL FROM THE BACK ROW

NOTEBOOK

Outside hitter Jessica Wlodarczyk said she is frustrated with the team's current record (2-6), but remains positive.

"We can dig ourselves out of the hole we're in," she said.

Thursday morning, the Spartans depart for Portland, Ore. where they are scheduled to face the University of Portland Friday and Saturday. Both matches start at 7 p.m.

The last time the Spartans met up with the Pilots was on Sept. 16, 2000 at the Mikasa Pilot Preview in Portland. San Jose State University dominated the match, 15-9, 15-7, 15-6.

Head coach Craig Choate said the results of this weekend are difficult to determine because both teams are essentially brand new.

The Pilots go into the Friday match at 7-3.

Pilots head coach Doug Sparks said his team has a goal of 20 wins this season, and he said the upcoming matches against SJSU offer an opportunity for two wins.

"I have a lot of respect for what Craig has done with his team," Sparks said. "This weekend will be a really good test of where we are."

With five returning starters, the Pilots have a lot of experience out on the court. In this season's Magnolia Tournament at the University of Mississippi, Nike Portland Preview and Boise State Invitational, four players were all-tournament picks and two were selected as tournament MVP.

Choate, like Sparks, said he is going into the matches seeking two wins.

He said the Spartans just need to play smart like it did on Saturday against Duquesne University.

"This is what it can look like," he said referring to the win.

Choate said the team has been training hard and the girls have been working for their spots.

Libero and Crowne Plaza all-tourna-

ment pick Jessie Shull said she hopes to have a good practice week and carry it on into Friday's game. She said her main focus is to work on reading the hitters.

Currently, Choate said, there is an open spot on the right side. Jessica Wlodarczyk, Kristina Conrad and Sarah Christensen are all in contention for the starting position, Choate said.

He said this week of practice would determine who plays the position against Portland.

"So far, nobody's grabbing it," he said. Wlodarczyk said she is aware of the opportunity. She said although she is more experienced as a middle blocker, she is comfortable playing the right side.

"Any opportunity I get to play the game I love I will work hard for," she said.

Choate said he is also looking at other strategies and considering position shifts.

Regardless of the game plan or the coaching advice he gives to the players, he said the end result is entirely up to the team.

"As soon as the whistle blows, I have no control over what happens," Choate said.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' teammates are leaving him alone — and that's the way the San Francisco Giants' star slugger usually prefers it.

Especially now. Bonds is grieving the death of his father, Bobby, while trying to concentrate on winning the NL West title and keeping his 39-year-old body healthy for another October playoff run.

He's also dealing with the pressure to pass his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career home-runs list.

"I'm feeling better," said Bonds, who spent a night in a Phoenix hospital two weeks ago to be treated for exhaustion and an accelerated heartbeat. "I'm just tired. Talking wastes energy."

The five-time National League MVP hit his 655th homer Monday night against the San Diego Padres, leaving him five shy of tying Mays. Bonds' hero, Hank Aaron, holds the record with 755 home runs, followed by Babe Ruth at 714.

Despite all the distractions, Bonds seems as focused as ever, blocking out

his grief when the uniform goes on. "What other choices do I have?" he said. "I'll do that in the offseason."

Bonds has hit .382 with three homers, five RBIs and 23 walks since returning to the team after the Aug. 23 death of his father.

Giants manager Felipe Alou checks with Bonds each day to find out how he feels, then determines whether to write him into the lineup. Lately, Bonds has asked to be in there, even for a day game following a night game, when he typically would rest.

Bonds wants the division crown to be locked up as soon as possible. Going into Tuesday night's games, San Francisco's magic number to win the NL West was four.

"He's doing OK," Alou said. "Every once in a while there's the tendency for us to forget he lost his dad the other day. This game is brutal, always looking forward to the win. He's doing better under the circumstances. It doesn't go away."

Giants pitcher Kirk Rueter is one of many people in the Giants' clubhouse who can relate. He lost his mother in 1994 to skin cancer, then his father died in 1996 of colon cancer.

Janean Brongersma / Daily File Photo
Spartan outside hitter Kimberly Noble hits the ball during the first game against Duquesne University at the Crowne Plaza Invitational on Saturday at the Event Center. Noble and the Spartans are scheduled to travel to Portland, Ore. to face the University of Portland Friday and Saturday.

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