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Art and design students conceive future

By JaShong King
Daily Staff Writer

From the buzz of wood saws, to the roar of furnaces.

To computers and canvases, ceramics and sculpting, the School of Art and Design takes all shapes and surfaces as one of the most well-regarded programs on campus.

"The School of Art and Design is about 95 years old, and we have, at this point, about 1,900 students," said Robert Milnes, director of the school. "We are one of the largest, if not the largest academic unit on campus."

The school has programs that include art education, art history, the fine art programs of painting, sculpting, illustration, photography, along with digital media, and design specializations in interior, industrial or graphic design.

They also run seven student galleries, Milnes said. For some students, it was San Jose State University's reputation as a solid art and design school that attracted them.

"I heard about here by word of mouth," said James Chen, a senior majoring in illustration. "The teachers here have some very credible backgrounds, and they're well known in the industry."

Niem Tran, also a senior majoring in illustration, said, "This is probably one of the best kept secrets as far as art schools go."

"They don't advertise, the campus isn't pretty, but it's cheap, the students are dedicated, and the faculty is amazing," Tran said.

Cost-wise, SJSU is one of the best deals when it comes to an art education.

"It's not unusual for a good art school to cost \$30,000 (a year) for room and board and tuition," Milnes said. "In many cases, the students here are some of the first people in their family to go to school."

Milnes said those who were the first to go were "very serious" about their education.

Though fine art students and design students share classes at times, they sometimes feel that they have different motivations.

Amy Kang, a sophomore in industrial design, said since industrial design is about creating products, the designs are geared toward an audience.

"We try to figure out a target market. It's about finding the wants and needs of the customers," Kang said.

Sophomore industrial design major Alex Hartman agreed, saying while art is more about self-expression, design was more about real-world problem solving.

But, Hartman added, "occasionally the two will blend."

Milnes said art has always been about embracing technology, and that's something he takes to heart with the school that he runs.

With its ties to Silicon Valley, the school adopted the pilot program of the laptop initiative, and promoted new programs embracing art's shift to digital.

"In making art, you do everything from making marks in the dirt with your fingers, to whatever the latest tech innovation is. Everything else is in flux," Milnes said. "They work the world as they see it, so artists and designers are always early adapters of science and technology."

Illustration major Tran compared it with today's digital animation.

"Look at the people who go to work with Pixar. That's going to be considered fine art in 50 years," Tran said.

Pixar is the digital animation company that pro-



Photos by Rina Ota / Daily Staff

Junior illustration and animation major Brooke Olson learns about shapes of objects by copying a black and white photograph onto another medium in her Introduction to Illustration and Animation class in the Art building Tuesday afternoon.

duced the movies "Toy Story" and "Finding Nemo."

With an economy in the dumps, and budget cuts looming everywhere, Milnes said there is always a need for art.

He said his research boiled to two points. The first, he said, was art is needed to develop new ideas and new products, about a need to create beyond simple engineering.

The second was cultural development, Milnes said. "Once people have all these wonderful products, they then need to figure out what the value of their lives are, and the arts help address that."

"What art school, any school does, is it's a hot house," Milnes said. "You learn best from people around you and when you think what you're learning is the most important thing in the world. There's no better setting for that than a school."

Because, as Milnes said, the rest of the world will be busy trying to convince a person otherwise.

The School of Art and Design has a good reputation for preparing people for the real world. Some of their students have gone on to be respected artists and designers in their respective fields.

But for many, the need to do art is much more personal.

"I can't imagine doing anything else," said pictorial alumna Leslie West, as she came back to get a letter of recommendation. "You kind of have to have a calling."



Junior creative arts major Heidi Gentry works on her second project for her Beginning Ceramics class in the Industrial Studies building Tuesday afternoon. For the project, Gentry makes slabs of abstract shapes while learning more about geometric shapes.

Leventhal fights for native cause

By Jennifer McLain
Daily Staff Writer

On a South Dakota Indian reservation, he was once called "witko wasiku," or crazy white man who stuffs himself with food until he is fat.

This was Alan Leventhal's first time on an Indian reservation and definitely not his final interaction with Native Americans. Since 1978, Leventhal, the information laboratory technician for the social sciences department at San Jose State University, has dedicated himself toward community work for Bay Area Indigenous people, primarily the Muwckma Ohlone tribe that lived in San Francisco, Fremont and San Jose.

"Although I have my degree I would never have had the opportunity to learn and be in the position with tribes had they not opened up their lives to me and trusted me as an outsider," Leventhal said.

Leventhal grew up in New York and received his degree in archaeology in New York before moving to California and receiving his masters in archaeology at SJSU. He also received an education from the streets.

"I grew up in New York City, wandering around the streets in the 1960s. The civil rights were going on then. I was angry," Leventhal said.

Disenfranchisement, degradation and deterioration of ignored communities, like Native Americans, were all sources of his anger.

Leventhal has worked closely with the Muwckma Ohlone in an effort to empower them. This includes developing education, preserving tradition, increasing voice, destroying stereotypes and gaining federal acknowledgment.

This approach differs from some anthropologists that use groups of people as their object of study, often helping only themselves in their personal careers, said Kathleen Zaretsky, a colleague and friend of Leventhal.

"People are not objects of study," Leventhal said. Zaretsky described this approach to anthropology as advocacy anthropology.

"This is a relatively small group of anthropologists. They work as advocates for people who they study," said Zaretsky, an anthropology professor at SJSU.

"(Leventhal), like most people who take that approach, are unpaid and unrecognized," Zaretsky explained. "He is a good example of an anthropologist who works with people."

Leventhal moved to San Jose in 1978. He taught a subject regarding indigenous people around North America, but realized that he didn't know much about northern California and its indigenous inhabitants after he was confronted with a woman claiming to be a member of an extinct tribe.

"In 1980, there was a woman who claimed to be Muwckma Ohlone Indian. I knew nothing about them except that previous literature said they no longer existed," Leventhal said.

In 1925, so-called "father of anthropology," Berkeley professor, A.L. Kroeber, wrote in his hand guide about California Native Indians that the Costanoan tribes, living in regions such as Soledad, Carmel, Santa Cruz,

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Broadcast draws few spectators

Sparse crowd views presidential debate in Barrett Ballroom

By Annelinda Aguayo
Daily Senior Staff Writer

In a dimly lit Barrett Ballroom, San Jose State University tried rocking the vote.

While 30 seats were set up for students, only 10 were filled at any given time.

On Tuesday, Mosaic along with Students for Howard Dean, Rock the Vote and CNN, televised the presidential debate live from Boston.

The debate was held in Faneuil Hall and was hosted by CNN's Anderson Cooper.

The candidates included Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Joe Lieberman, Rev. Al Sharpton, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun and Sen. John Edwards.

Of the nine candidates currently in the presidential race, only Rep. Dick Gephardt was absent.

The event was shown on a big, theater-like screen in the ballroom and snacks and beverages were offered to students.

Marian Hofer, a junior majoring in mathematics, said the low turnout was because of poor publicity and because of a last-minute approval for the event.

"Not many people came because the event wasn't advertised very well," Hofer said. "Mosaic didn't get the 'OK' for set up until yesterday. It wasn't enough time."

She said she feels if there was more time to publicize the event, then more students would have attended.

Despite the lack of attendees, the ones who showed did appreciate the efforts made by the various organizations that put it together.

Bill Bystricky, a student majoring in social sciences said he enjoyed watching the debate.

"I thought (the event) was pretty good," he said. "I liked having the opportunity to hear all the candidates."

Bystricky explained that he does not have cable television at home and would have been unable to watch the debate. He said the organizations that put the event together made it possible for him to watch and listen to.

And there was plenty to listen to. The debate was meant to be "a conversation between young voters and candidates," Cooper said. Voters not able to attend the event were allowed to send questions through e-mail and text message.

The evening started on a light-hearted note with one of the first questions being asked of John Kerry.

An audience member asked him what he would do if he was the manager of the Boston Red Sox and his pitcher was losing momentum in the last game of the American League Championship series. Would he leave him in because the pitcher wanted to stay in or would he take him out?

"I would make a great ... president because I'm a big Red Sox fan," Kerry said as the crowd of youngsters burst into cheers.

But Kerry did answer the question by saying he would take the pitcher out.

Kerry amused the crowd by saying that the Florida Marlins winning the World Series was the "first legitimate victory out of Florida since 2000."

While the debate started with a lot of laughs, it was not long before the jabs started, with the first one being aimed at Dean.

Dean had stated previously he wanted to be the candidate for "guys with Confederate flags on their pickup trucks," and he was given the opportunity to clarify that remark.

He said that Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that slaveholders and the sons of slaves would sit around a table and "make common good," he said.

But Sharpton quickly rebutted by correcting Dean.

"Martin Luther King said, 'Come to the table of brotherhood.' You can't bring a Confederate flag to the table of brotherhood."

Dean tried supporting his remark by telling the young crowd that Jesse Jackson supports him in his candidacy.

"I'm tired of being divided by race in this country," Dean said. "We need to bring people together in this presidential race."

This did not sit well with Edwards. "The last thing we need is someone like you telling us what to do," he said with conviction.

Though there were three SJSU students wearing T-shirts to support Dean, none showed any emotion during the heated attack against him.

The debate also turned into a President Bush bashing session when questions about Iraq were asked.

Sharpton said Bush went into Iraq with nothing to support him but lies. "You cannot start wrong and end up

right," he said with passion. "You can't make a right with a wrong."

He said that the nation has yet to pursue Bush, who is "the man responsible for 9-1-1."

Kerry said that Bush has made the U.S. military weaker by "overextending" our troops.

"Our troops deserve a president that will keep faith with those that wear a uniform in this country," he said.

Edwards said that Bush was looking out for his friends and not for the good of the American people.

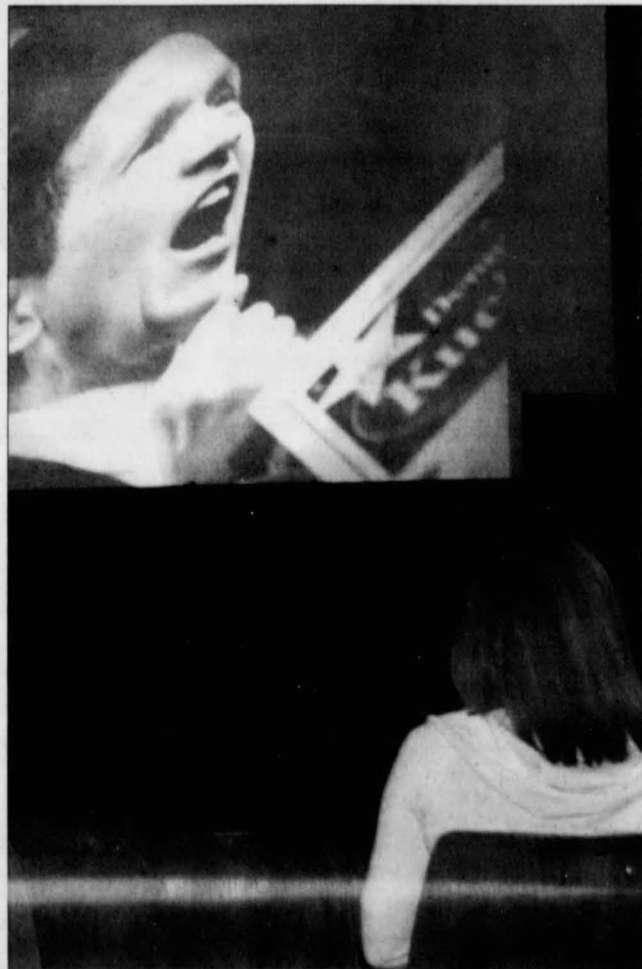
Sharpton said, "I walked with Martin Luther King, we believe in dreams. Bush believes in hallucinations."

Another issue that was raised was about rights for homosexuals, such as marriage and collecting social security when a partner dies.

Most of the candidates supported alternative lifestyles and said they would do everything in their power to stop discrimination against those who

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A student sits in the Student Union's Barrett Ballroom on Tuesday to watch the presidential debate on CNN. The live broadcast was sponsored by Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, Students for Howard Dean and Rock the Vote. The event was an opportunity for college students to ask the presidential candidates questions either in person, via e-mail, or by text message.



Janean Brongersma / Daily Staff

opposing views:

Should the laptop initiative expand to include all departments at SJSU?

YES | We need to follow the technological development in society

NO | There isn't a big enough need to expand the initiative

In some parts of the world, more and more services and programs are going wireless. With its technological heart still beating in Silicon Valley, California has been considered a place of early adopters of technological innovation.

This semester, San Jose State University decided to implement a laptop initiative, a program that requires students in the schools of journalism and mass communications, art and design and some departments in the college of education to bring in laptops for class work.

By doing so, SJSU joins other universities in the nation, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, that want to prepare their students for the environment of the 21st century.

"Going wireless enhances the learning process by speeding up access to information."



ALEXANDRA PROCA

Imagine having all time access to the Internet and always being able to check notes posted by professors on their Web sites.

The laptop initiative prepares students for the real world. Through the laptop initiative, SJSU delivers to society valuable individuals already equipped with the tools that make them stand out in the crowd.

Some students argue that going wireless involves too big an investment. Not necessarily. With several programs offered by the university, students can work their way to owning a laptop and wireless equipment at a fair price.

The Spartan Bookstore offers top-of-the-line laptops at discounted prices. I know, \$100 off of \$1099 laptop isn't much of a discount, but it still beats even one new brand bought on eBay.

And there's also the advantage of buying one of the most expensive software at more than one third of the market price. To skyrocket the use of wireless technology, SJSU is offering an outstanding deal on Adobe software for students enrolled in the laptop initiative program.

Last, but not least, the cost of using a laptop in class is pays off in time by cutting the cost of several stationeries — printing paper, print ink, pens, protective sheets, plastic files, etc. — most students use nowadays for paper presentations. After all, using less paper helps us to save at least some trees that provide oxygen for the planet.

Extending the laptop initiative to all departments means broadening the access to technology. By moving from an elite accessible program to an all access initiative, SJSU will become the genuine representative of Silicon Valley, the home of technological innovation.

Alexandra Proca is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Mary Fren Breiling, an SJSU wireless laptop project specialist, said she received great feedback from instructors who said they saw their students more engaged in the class work than before.

For now, going wireless brings together students and instructors in a common process of continuous learning. While the world is getting wireless, both students and professors can learn together to adapt to society's requirements.

Going wireless enhances the learning process by speeding up access to information. Suppose you have a debate in class that involves facts easily verifiable online. Instead of waiting until the next class, when everybody might have forgotten about the issue, you can gain access to that information on the spot.

Or suppose you need to work as a team on a common project. Instead of swapping floppy disks that often break, freeze or simply stop displaying the information or memory cards, some students could share files at light speed.



ILLUSTRATION BY TONY ABAD

As a student in the journalism department at San Jose State University, I have had the so-called "privilege" of being a part of the laptop initiative. I understand that we are living in an era of increasing technology and that computers today are a necessity for any student.

With that said, I don't feel there is a compelling enough need for all students to lug around a laptop to class.

Yes, the idea might sound noble, but realistically, it has many flaws.

By expanding the laptop initiative past the schools of art and design, journalism and mass communication and several in the college of education, to include all departments at SJSU, many problems would arise.

First of all, not all majors demand that a student spend a great deal of time surfing the Internet, designing layouts or typing out essays while in class.

If a major would benefit from students having instant access to a computer, there first needs to be a well-laid-out plan defining exactly how, when and why a laptop would be required, unlike the current initiative.

Usually, if a student is required to go online or type up a paper, he or she can do this on a computer at home, or if not, the library has numerous computers available to students.

Another reason to rethink expanding the initiative is the fact that students using laptops this semester have been running into problems with the university's wireless connection.

Supposedly, a student should be able to go online at any time while on campus.

This hasn't been the case. Often, accessing the Internet will take an outrageous amount of time. By the time a student gets what he or she needs, time is up and the class is over.

Money is another issue. On top of tuition, books, parking fees and other miscellaneous costs, some students may not have the income to purchase a laptop.

Many times the department will require a student not only to buy a laptop, but numerous programs and a wireless card as well, skyrocketing the price.

My friend, an art major at SJSU, just spent more than \$2,000 on a laptop. She said she's glad she has it, but already it has depreciated in value.

Laptops aren't an investment, but rather a sure way to lose money.

After a student has graduated and has a steady income (we all hope), purchasing a laptop is much more feasible.

Until that time, many students are just scraping by.

Before expanding the initiative to cover the entire university, the current system should be analyzed and refined.

This semester, I was required to have a laptop in two of my upper division journalism courses.

After lugging around an oversized and malfunctioning laptop my dad lent to me for the first couple of weeks, I realized there was no need.

Students were bringing in their laptops only to let them sit unused on their desks while the teachers lectured.

The only time the laptop was actually put to use was when students secretly went online to take a look at their e-mail.

I won't deny that in some classes, the laptop initiative has proven to be successful.

The minimal number of successes, however, doesn't warrant a great enough need to expand the initiative at this point.

"On top of tuition, books, parking fees and other miscellaneous costs, some students may not have the income to purchase a laptop."



MICHELLE MEIER

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"Yes, that would be a good option. Some of the things are more clear if we could use programs to analyze them in class, especially for writing classes."

Surbhi Aneja
senior, biology



"No, most students can't afford to buy a laptop with tuition and books costing so much. I think the university should rent them out or lease them."

Chris Guthrie
senior, industrial technology



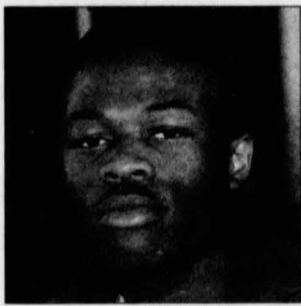
"Yes, I have a laptop, and it can come in handy when the teacher is talking about something you don't know. You could look it up on the Internet."

Samantha Arenas
freshman, mathematics
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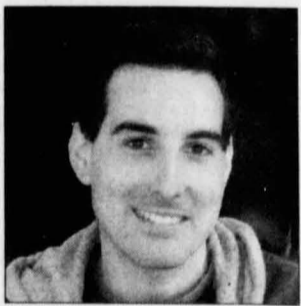
"No, not everybody can afford it and if the school does not have the proper financial aid available, they shouldn't have it."

Christina Amaral
sophomore, public relations



"I think it's a good idea. If they do have to make it a requirement for all students to have a laptop, they should then reduce tuition because it's part of school."

Vitalis Udeoji
junior, industrial technology



"I don't think it's fair to require something like that. It's OK if some students want it, but it's not right to force them."

Ron Peled
senior, computer science

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OUT OF THE SHELL

Local shops are drowning in chain store expansion

My sister calls it the homogenization of America. I searched starbucks.com Tuesday to find that there are 101 Starbucks locations in San Jose and the surrounding 20-mile radius.

In addition, the company has "more than 1,500 coffee-houses in 31 markets outside North America."

The Seattle-based coffee company has most recently expanded to Turkey, Chile, and Peru and currently has 7 225 locations worldwide.

According to the McDonald's Web site, the fast-food giant "is the world's leading food service retailer with more than 30,000 restaurants in 119 countries serving 46 million customers each day."

The Nov. 3 issue of Newsweek states that Wal-Mart has more than 3,000 stores in the United States.

While these numbers might not surprise anybody, they are a sad statement on modern culture.

There's a Wal-Mart, Starbucks, Krispy Kreme, McDonald's, Target, Burger King, Best Buy, et cetera, in seemingly every town up and down this state.

Like many other red-blooded Americans, I have consumed a few frappuccinos and McValue meals in my life. And, I have to admit, Target is my favorite store.

But more and more, I feel guilty about it.

The Newsweek article states that Wal-Mart has been, "Long denounced as a killer of downtown businesses."

When the retail king comes to town, local businesses that buy products in smaller quantities can't compete with the low price leader.

In the past year or so, I have significantly cut back on the amount of money I spend on the large fast food and coffee shop chains (though I am still guilty of dropping large portions of my paycheck at Target.)

I would much prefer to go to Jazzland, Cats Caf or Cafe Boba.

When you frequent a local business and you get to know the people behind the counter — often the owners themselves — there is a sense of familiarity. When there is a face behind the name, you know where your money is going. And where it's not.

From personal experience, I've learned that employees also tend to enjoy their work more when they know whom they are working for rather than a faceless corporation.

Happy employees equal better service to the consumer. Yes, I know what you are thinking.

Many small businesses have lousy employees.

And, according to their respective Web sites, Starbucks was listed as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work for in 2003 and Wal-Mart was named by Fortune

as the most admired company in America in 2003.

Places like Starbucks and Wal-Mart have great benefits and help the communities they serve through their charity programs.

This I don't have a problem with.

What bothers me is going to Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley and finding among the unique, local businesses a Gap, a Bath and Body Works, a Hot Topic, an Express and a Subway.

With huge chains springing up all over the country and the world, cities and towns are rapidly losing their identities.

When I go to Pacific Street in Santa Cruz, I go there because it has a certain feel — a certain atmosphere. It's not to shop at Border's or buy a smoothie from Jamba Juice.

I grew up in Quincy, a small town in northern California with a population of 5,000.

When I go home to visit, I delight in stopping at the Prune Tree just outside of Marysville for locally made jams, roasted cashews and peanut brittle.

When I get to Quincy, I enjoy shopping at the local bookstore, once called Epilogus, and the music

store/photo studio aptly named Sights and Sounds.

A friend of mine owns a candy store titled Carey's Creations whose chocolates are better than anything at See's or Ghirardelli's.

Sadly, when I was in high school, Taco Bell made it's way into my town. At 14, I thought it was so cool. Now, I fear it is a sign of what may come.

Luckily, I'm not the only one who has these fears. A couple of years back, Blockbuster tried to take over one of two local video stores. Instead, the more successful of the two took action, moving into the other location to keep the chain store out of town. Quincy residents applauded the action.

I wish everyone held these sorts of sentiments about where they live.

I'd prefer it if San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley and Santa Cruz kept their uniqueness.

And if I ever visit Turkey, Chile or Peru, the last place you'll find me is Starbucks.



TAMMY KRİKORIAN

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Viewpoint | Asian American studies department needed

Dear editor,

Why is there no Asian American studies department at San Jose State University?

With such a diverse campus population, why isn't our course curriculum more diverse? Students learn and are inspired through their classes. But if those classes are not available, how could students pursue the field of their choice?

If we look at respective student populations and university curriculums, we can see clear disparities in courses offered.

According to the 2002-2004 SJSU Catalog, SJSU has a 10.5 percent Mexican-American student population with a Mexican-American studies department, which grants master's degrees. SJSU also has a 4 percent African American student population with an African American studies department, which grants bachelor's degrees.

Even though Asian American students make up the largest group at a whopping 39 percent of SJSU's population, there is no Asian American studies department. There is merely an Asian American studies program, without a departmental status, which grants minors.

With departmental status, more extensive courses become available and a major will be offered. Most importantly, courses raise the importance of applying social criticism to transforming not only knowledge, scholarship and curriculum, but also pedagogy.

We are doing a great disservice to our education when we are not offering

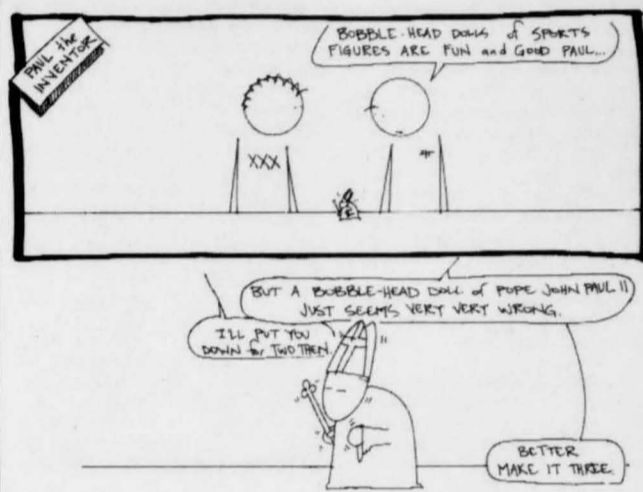
respectable courses to our students. General Education courses in Asian American studies are capped at 90+, but continue to generate long waiting lists. San Francisco State University and UCLA offer comprehensive courses, both offering degrees in Asian American studies. A small presence of course curriculum and a lack of leadership with the status quo Asian American studies program leave many Asian American youth without mentors in the political/social arena.

Although Asian American students at SJSU make up the bulk of the student body, their level of political influence has yet to match their numbers. To what extent are Asian Americans utilizing their own tools?

I urge anyone and everyone to push for a more diverse curriculum. Lobby department heads and deans. Protest for our right to receive quality education. Why haven't the current professors in Asian American studies pushed hard for a creation of a department? Do they not see the need? Simply look at course enrollment and student population. Come on guys, connect the dots.

Evan Low
Senior
Political Science

ANOTHER DIMENTION | JONAH PTAK



Viewpoint | The Park and Ride's unique atmosphere

Dear editor,

Even though I suggest that a massive ski-lift system should be implemented instead of Park and Ride, the current system has many different elements.

Lots of people take Park and Ride and very few recognize all of the dynamics of this system. There are several bus drivers who fuel this system, all of whom I appreciate and thank every time I leave their bus.

Yet, each one of them has unique quirks. One of them likes to listen to smooth jazz, another sport classical, another enjoys NPR and one appreciates the rasping sound of Dr. Laura's voice.

Last semester there was a younger bus driver who even played a tape of the Beastie Boys. Each of the bus drivers likes to take a different route. Park and Ride students know which bus drivers can make world time, and they also know which bus drivers are more about the journey than the destination.

One time, I was taken from the Seventh Street lot to the 10th Street lot, back to the Seventh Street lot and then the bus driver exited the bus for five minutes — only to trade places with another driver without saying a single word. They must have been playing musical buses.

The best part about the bus ride is observing student interactions. This cross section of students is unique in that there are several obvious groups of people.

The first are those who live in Spartan Village; this group is easy to spot because they seem to be either huge football players or attractive volleyball players. In either case, you can't miss them because both groups draw your eyes for different reasons.

There is also the group that I deem the five-weekers. These are the people who show up the first two weeks of school, a week for midterms and then the last two weeks of school. It is partially because of these people that I am late to my statistics class in the morning. This group baffles me.

What do these people think, honestly? Is there some piece of knowledge that I am not aware of, some ancient Egyptian secret that allows them to absorb all the class knowledge in five weeks and ace all of the tests? I digress.

In addition to my personal elation for the absolutely enlightening and amazing opinions that Dr. Laura expresses nearly every day on my trip to school, I enjoy Park and Ride for other reasons.

I enjoy it because around half of the kids are grateful and thank the bus driver, I can meet new people in a controlled environment and muse about the quirks of this system.

I also appreciate the effort that has gone into creating this alternate means of transportation, and above all, I know that before class I have a good 10 minutes, depending on the driver, in which to recycle my feelings about the fact that I have to pay through the nose only to allot 25 more minutes in my just to take a bus to get there after I park.

Jordan Crawford
Junior
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Viewpoint | Presidential committee needs diversity

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to the article titled "Representation on presidential search committee questioned" written on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003.

It is distressing to know that our new San Jose State University president will be selected by an elite group of people who are reluctant in becoming a representative of a diverse community. It is hypocritical to say that "respecting and believing in diversity" is the same as being diverse or being a person of color.

I fully agree with Ken Leonard when he says that the "selection committee doesn't reflect the ethnic and cultural makeup of the community of SJSU."

As an educated society we understand the importance of diversity not only in beliefs, but also in the color of our skin. It is understood that we live in a society that judges

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SPARTA GUIDE

- Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartadaily@cas.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.
- TODAY**
- HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**
A workshop will be held today at 4:15 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. HR professionals will critique your resume. E-mail the resume to sjsuhrma@yahoo.com. There will be free food and refreshments. All majors are welcome. For more information, visit www.cob.sjsu.edu/assoc/hrma.
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A meeting will be held today at 5 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information, call Vitalis Udoesi at 480-2598.
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An employer table will be held today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ninth Street Plaza, outside of the Career Center. For more information, call Sherri Bowman at 924-6027.
 - NATIONAL MEET-UP DAY FOR HOWARD DEAN**
A meeting will take place today at 7 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in the lecture room on the second floor. More than 131,000 Americans will be meeting up in their communities to discuss the grassroots campaign of Gov. Howard Dean. This meeting will be a monthly gathering for Dean supporters. For more information and RSVP, visit www.DeanForAmerica.com/meet-up or call Marian at 260-9080.
 - STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE**
Weekly meetings are held today at 4:15 p.m. in the Montalvo room in the Student Union. For more information visit www.sjsu.studentsforjustice.net.
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A general group meeting will take place today at 1:30 p.m. in the Ohlone room in the Student Union. There will be free buttons and bumper stickers for everyone. For more information, visit the Web site www.geocities.com/sjsu4dean.
 - GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING**
The meeting on the peace corps will take place today from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, call Laura Marie Johnston, assistant public affairs specialist, (415) 977-8789.
 - STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: CREATING COMMUNITY IN A DIVERSE WORLD**
will take place from Jan. 13-16. Applications are being accepted through Nov. 3. Leadership today is designed to train students to address issues of diversity. There is no cost to participate. Applications are available in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union and at the Student Life and Leadership, in the old cafeteria building. For more information, call Nam Nguyen at 924-5963.
 - SJSU GRUPO FOLKLORICO LUNA Y SOL**
Folklorico dancers from various regions of Mexico perform every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. For more information, call Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.
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Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.
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Small-town girl posts big numbers for SJSU

By Michelle Meier
Daily Staff Writer

Spartan volleyball player Carrie Nash was born to play volleyball. When Nash was an infant, her mother, Cindy, the volleyball coach at Monument Valley High School in Arizona took her daughter to practice with her in a laundry basket. "She basically grew up in a volleyball ball cart," Nash's mother said. As Nash got older, she developed her own love of the game. Her passion for the sport eventually led her to San Jose State University where she plays as an outside hitter for the Spartans. Leaving her hometown of Kayenta, Arizona of 3,000 people, one stop-light and the closest Wal-Mart 90 miles away, proved to be a life-changing event. Nash spent the first 18 years of her life growing up in Ariz. on a Navajo Indian Reservation, five hours from Phoenix. She said it was a completely different world living on the reservation. "It's so much slower out there," Nash said. "People aren't as worried about being up with the times." In a town where the hippest thing was a country music station, she said there wasn't much to do. "You had to be very creative," Nash said. Growing up in a family full of sports fans, she instinctively developed an interest in athletics. "I played volleyball," Nash said. "I just grew up in it." Nash dedicated herself to the sport by playing every chance she could through school programs or for recreation. "I don't think she ever really thought that volleyball was work," Nash's mother said. "She thought it was a challenge and she thought it was fun."

Nash said even in the offseason, she spends her time hitting a volleyball around.

After four years playing on her high school volleyball team and two years at Glendale Community College in Phoenix, Nash was recruited to play for San Jose State University.

"I'll do anything to play volleyball."

**Carrie Nash,
SJSU volleyball player**

Spartan volleyball head coach Craig Choate said he first saw Nash's talent at an all-star game in Arizona where coaches could watch community college sophomores throughout the state.

Choate said Nash's height posed a concern for many coaches.

As an outside hitter standing at 5 foot 6 inches, everyone knew Nash would be going up against many college players who stood anywhere from 5 foot 9 inches to 6 foot 4 inches.

Despite this, Choate said he saw tremendous potential.

"If you're little and you hit a thousand, who cares?" Choate said.

He said Nash's hitting, serving and passing is better than many of the bigger girls on the court.

"She's by far the most aggressive passer on the team," Choate said.

Kimberly Nash, Nash's younger sister and high school teammate for two years, said her sister is an outstanding all-around player.

"She has a lot of heart," her sister said. "She's not going to let her height be a factor."

Nash's mother described her daughter as fearless. She said Nash didn't have many prospects playing at a junior college, so she made a life-changing decision, left everything that was familiar and headed out to California on her own.

"She's really an independent woman," her mother said.

SJSU wasn't Nash's only prospect. She was also looking into Regis University in Colorado.

After visiting San Jose and the campus in February 2003, Nash said the decision was easy.

"In my eyes, San Jose was the coolest place," she said. "If you've been playing volleyball your whole life, you don't play Division II."

She said SJSU was offering the volleyball program she was looking for.

Upon her arrival in San Jose, Nash said she did experience homesickness and still does at times.

"I miss Arizona because I left all of my friends and family behind," she said.

Nash said, however, her new teammates provide a great deal of support.

Brook Herald, a third season player on SJSU's team, said she was surprised at Nash's ability when she first saw her play.

"Even though she is shorter, she gets up there and she has a really good arm," Herald said.

Herald said Nash is not only a great player, but also a true friend.

"She's open, really outgoing and carefree," Herald said. "She's always herself and she doesn't hide anything."

Middle blocker Dana Rudd feels the same way.

"She doesn't care about what anybody else thinks about her," Rudd said.

With so much success as an outside hitter this season, executing an average of 2.68 kills and 2.62 digs per game, Nash remains humble.

"Even though I'm doing well this season, I know I can do much better," Nash said.

Herald said although her teammate is outgoing off the court, she is more quiet and focused during play.

"She's not so much loud and obnoxious, but she'll talk to you in between plays," she said. "She's real supportive and motivating."

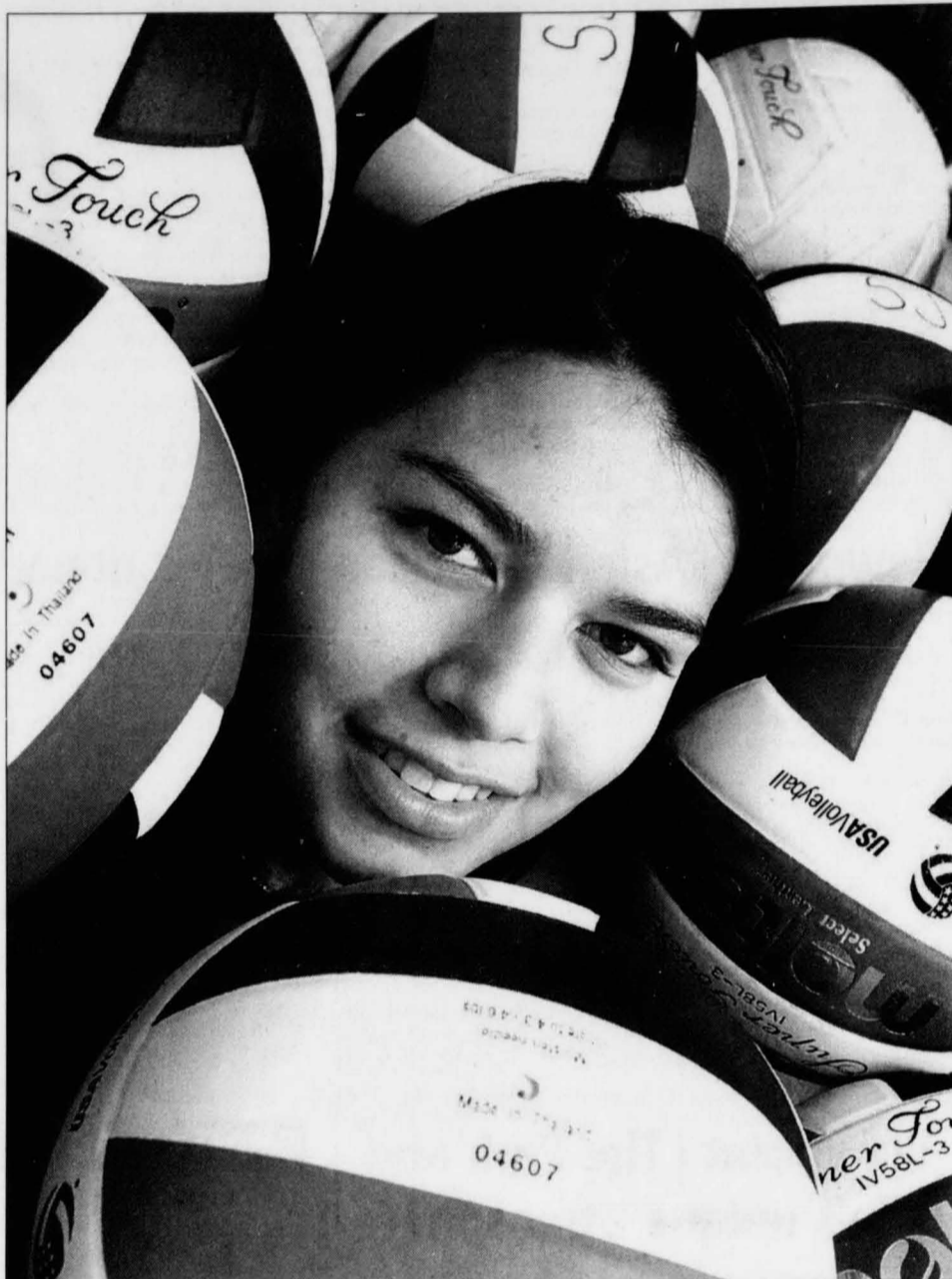
Keeping up the motivation has been necessary for the Spartan team this season. Losing the first four matches, the SJSU players were taught from the start how to deal with losses and move on.

Nash said although losing has never been easy, she has learned to remain positive.

"It makes you more motivated because when you lose, you know you can do better," she said. "You can't wait till the next time you play. What good is being negative going to do?"

Nash said she receives a great deal of encouragement and "positive criticism" from her boyfriend, Fred Tagoai.

"My boyfriend is my best friend,"



Photos by Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff

Spartan outside hitter Carrie Nash has been surrounded by volleyball all her life. Nash's mother, Cindy, was the volleyball coach at Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, Ariz., and helped her daughter get involved in the sport. This is Nash's first season at San Jose State University. She currently has 206 kills, 202 digs and 11 blocks.

Nash said, "... and he'll tell me the truth about how I'm playing."

On top of volleyball practice Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and games almost every weekend, Nash has an intense class schedule.

In between classes and practice, she said she has no choice but to stay on campus.

"Pretty much I just live in the locker room all day long," she said.

Free time is something she cherishes.

When she happens to have a free moment, Nash said she and boyfriend Tagoai, will hang out and play volleyball at the beach or at a park.

A current junior, Nash will spend one more season as a Spartan volleyball player.

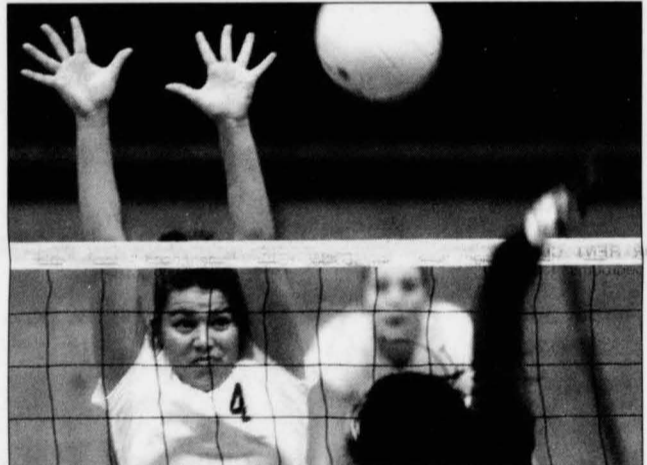
A kinesiology major with an emphasis in physical education, Nash said she hopes to get a job as a physical education instructor once she graduates.

"I chose this major because my mom was a PE major, and I've grown up around sports," she said.

Nash said even once her career as a college player has passed, volleyball will remain an intricate part of her life.

She said she would love to coach a high school or club team.

"I think I'll also continue to play on my own free time," Nash said. "I'll do anything to play volleyball."



Spartan outside hitter Carrie Nash attempts to block a hit from Boise State University middle blocker Cameron Flunder during a game on Nov. 1 at Spartan Gym. Nash had 12 digs and five kills during the Spartans 30-18, 30-22, 30-22 victory against the Broncos.

SJSU volleyball team hits the road for two

By Michelle Meier
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan volleyball team hits the road this week to face two Western Athletic Conference teams.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL FROM THE BACK ROW NOTEBOOK

Thursday's match against Fresno State University, along with Saturday's match against the University of Nevada-Reno, will determine the seeding of San Jose State University (6-4 WAC, 8-14 overall) in the postseason WAC tournament, head coach Craig Choate said.

Currently in fifth place, he said it won't make much of a difference whether the team enters the tournament as the fifth or sixth seed.

In round one, "We will either end up playing Southern Methodist University, Rice University or the University of Nevada-Reno, and

they're all the same," Choate said.

He said the only team they would really want to avoid in the first round is the University of Hawai'i, which is ranked No. 2 in the nation and will be the tournament's top seed.

Earlier this season, the Spartans took on the Bulldogs (7-2 WAC, 17-5 overall) at the Event Center and played a grueling four-game match, before falling to Fresno State.

Outside hitter Kimberly Noble said a win this time around is going to be tough since the match is on the road.

"We just have to come out strong from the whistle," she said.

Outside hitter Jessica Wlodarczyk agreed.

"We can't come out half speed," she said. "I think it's going to take playing how we did against Boise on Saturday."

Going up against the Bulldogs, the Spartans face outside hitter Kristin Fenton, two-time WAC Player of the Week for the 2003 season.

At the Event Center on Oct. 4, Fenton led the Bulldogs to victory against the Spartans with 27 kills and hit .462.

"Somehow, somehow, we have to slow down Fenton," Choate said.

Wlodarczyk said it's going to require the team to be disciplined on

defense.

"We need to step up defense; it's not all about offense," she said.

In addition, libero Jessie Shull said strong passing is crucial.

"It all starts with passing," she said. "... then we'll be able to run a strong offense."

Choate said Fenton isn't the only Bulldog to worry about.

"Carrie Hartt is playing really well this season," he said.

Middle blocker Hartt averages 3.58 kills per match this season.

Choate said he plans on devising a game plan after going over film this week.

He said he is certain he will keep 6 foot 2 inch middle blocker Dana Rudd on the right side in the upcoming match.

This placement clearly worked in the match against Boise State University last Saturday, he said.

"Rudd is the biggest kid on the floor ... to stand up against Fenton," Choate said.

After the Fresno State match, the Spartans are scheduled to face the University of Nevada (5-5 WAC, 12-13 overall) Saturday.

Wlodarczyk is confident.

"I think we have the advantage because we have already beaten

them," she said.

In the last meeting between the Spartans and the Wolf Pack on Oct. 2, SJSU came out victorious in a 3-2 match.

Wolf Pack head coach Devin Scruggs said her team is in much better shape since their last meeting.

Referring to the team's first match, Scruggs said, "We were in control of the match in games one and two, when our outside hitter sprained her ankle in game three. We are totally healthy now."

Scruggs said although her team has been through its ups and downs, it is ready to take revenge on Saturday.

Wlodarczyk said a win for the Spartans is definitely possible.

"If we get into their heads and block and dig them, we can win," she said.

Choate said it should be an interesting match since the two teams have been rivals for many years.

"We have developed an interesting love-hate relationship with Nevada," Choate said.

With a fairly hostile Wolf Pack crowd, Choate said the matches usually end up being a war.

"I'm hoping for that," he said. "That's the only way we can win."

Payton drops 19 in return to Milwaukee, Lakers bust Bucks

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Gary Payton figures his job is to take the pressure off Kobe Bryant by bringing the ball upcourt.

On Tuesday night in Milwaukee, he also took the heat off him.

Fans angered that Payton's stint with the Bucks last year lasted all of 34 games booed him and Bryant every time they touched the ball in the Los Angeles Lakers' 113-107 comeback victory.

Payton said he didn't care about the hurt feelings in Milwaukee and that he's a West Coast guy who wanted to

play for a championship contender.

But he was more than happy to share Bryant's boo-bird burden for one night.

"Kobe's going to get his share of boos. Give it all to me. It will come in one ear, go out the other," Payton said. "I really don't care."

All he cares about is running the offense.

"I'm here to take pressure off of him, bring the ball up," Payton said.

Bryant, who played 40 minutes just one week after missing the opener because his surgically repaired knee was still sore and weak, said he appreciated Payton's help along with that of

another newcomer, Karl Malone.

"Forty minutes this season is not like 40 minutes last season," Bryant said.

"The game is so much easier playing with these guys out here. Last year, I was the push man. I had to give it up, then get it back."

"Now, all I have to do is run and have Gary find me."

Bryant scored 31 points, including two key 3-pointers in the closing minutes. Shaquille O'Neal had 23 and Payton 19 as the Lakers (4-0) stayed unbeaten by overcoming a 10-point second-half deficit.

The Bucks got a career-high 36 points from Michael Redd, but

Milwaukee was outscored 24-10 over the final seven minutes.

"Well, we won that game probably on experience alone," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "But Milwaukee showed its valor. They were very aggressive and quick and ran the floor well."

Payton said the Bucks have to learn how to close out games, and he provided a firsthand lesson for them down the stretch, much to the chagrin of the crowd of 18,717.

Bryant expects jobs in every NBA arena outside the Staples Center after being charged with sexual assault in Colorado last summer.

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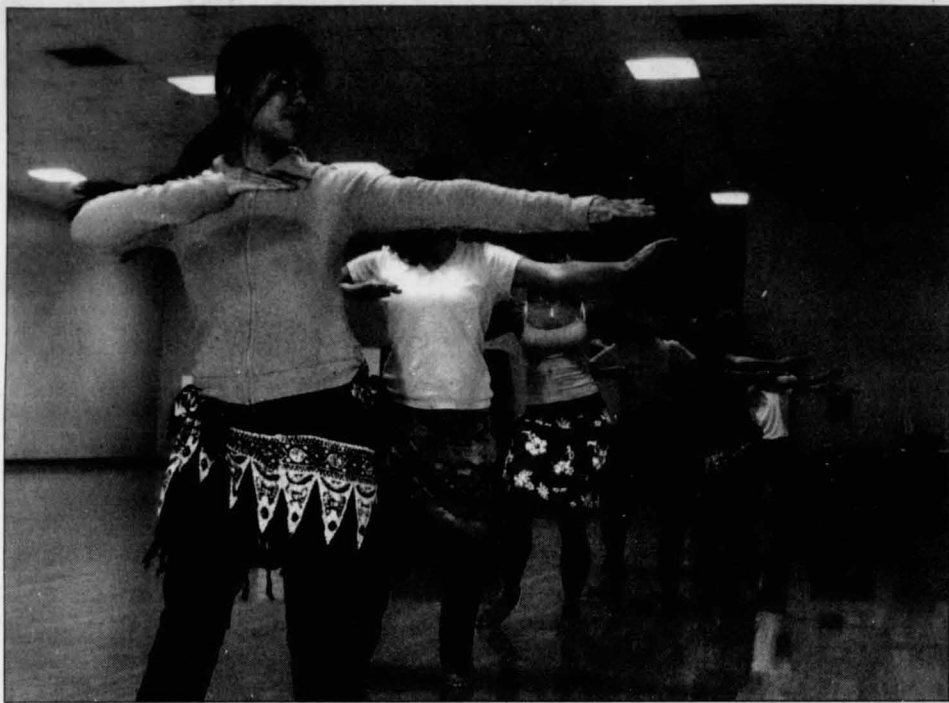
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Perfecting the art of hula ...



Lisa Inman / Daily Staff

Cynthia David, front, a senior electrical engineering major, practices a hula dance in a Polynesian dance lesson taught by Pride of the Pacific Islands on Tuesday in the Event Center Sport Club. The class is practicing for the club's annual luau in April.

LEVENTHAL | Passion, care leads to action

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San Jose, Fremont and San Francisco, were extinct.

Kroeber wrote that these groups were "extinct so far as practical purposes are concerned. A few scattered individuals survived ... but they are of mixed tribal ancestry and live lost among other Indian's and obscure Mexicans."

Leventhal explained to the woman that she didn't exist according to what was written about the Costanoan Indians. These Indians included her tribe, as well as the nearby tribes of the Amah-Mutsun Ohlone and Esselen Ohlone.

"She told me, 'I beg to differ,'" Leventhal said, after she explained that there were full-blooded Ohlone Indians living in the Bay Area."

After this incident, Leventhal said he wanted to help the Ohlone tribes re-establish themselves as federally recognized tribes.

For the past 18 years, Leventhal and members of the Muwekma Ohlone have dedicated their time restoring politics, spirit and culture of the tribe, in addition to trying to become federally recognized.

Jonathan Karpf, an anthropologist professor at SJSU, considers Leventhal an extremely valuable asset to the campus.

"He is the single most important resource at SJSU about contemporary Native Americans," Karpf said.

His approach, unlike some anthropologists, is taking action through teamwork and selflessness.

"We take team approaches to various situations, including our approach to achieving validity and legitimacy in the eyes of the dominant society," Leventhal said.

Richard Keady, a comparative religious studies professor at SJSU, said that Leventhal's passion has created positive effects.

"His passion and care has led to action. He does stuff with and for the community," Keady said.

This passion has led to the advances of the Muwekma Ohlone tribe has made, Karpf said.

"(The Muwekma) are a lot farther along and more organized because of the work (Leventhal) has done," Karpf said.

One of these advancements is the Muwekma Ohlone knowledge of archaeology, Karpf said.

"(Leventhal) was involved in training local Muwekma to do their own Cultural Resource Management," Karpf said.

Cultural Resource Management allows individuals who are trained in archaeology to perform their own archaeological digs, explained Karpf.

According to the official Muwekma Tribe Web site, "Presently, the Muwekma tribe is seeking reinstatement and reaffirmation as a federal acknowledged Indian tribe."

"This process has been an uphill battle," Leventhal said.

Leventhal described the complex situation that led to the Costanoan tribes' situation regarding land, money, population and lack of federal recognition.

Currently, the Costanoan tribes are not federally recognized, a status valuable to the tribes to help preserve their heritage and regain land.

Though the Bureau of Indian Affairs acknowledged the Costanoan, they were later dropped in 1927, along with 135 other Californian tribes.

They are still fighting to be federally recognized, Leventhal said.

Currently, 180 tribes in the United States, including 40 in California, are petitioning for recognition.

The Cowlitz tribe of Washington waited 22 years before being federally recognized, and it took 25 years before the Spanish tribe of Washington was recognized, according to the Muwekma Web site.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs predicted it would take 24 years before they even looked at the thousands of pages submitted by the Costanoan tribes, Leventhal said.

These pages proved that the Costanoan tribe was once recognized, Leventhal said.

The Costanoan tribes lived, fished, hunted and harvested in California from Soledad to San Francisco to San Jose for almost 13,000 years, according to the Muwekma Web site.

After Spanish conquistadors and later waves of European immigrants invaded the 1.5 million Costanoan Indians, the population dropped to 20,000 by 1769, Leventhal said.

By 1810, only 2,000 Costanoan Indians survived, according to Muwekma information.

In addition to mass death counts, caused by disease, wars and murders, large amounts of land, nearly 75 million acres, was also taken from the indigenous Native Americans, Leventhal explained.

In attempts to compensate the Indians for abundance of land and lives that were lost and stolen, the government paid \$668.61 in 1972 to the small amount of indigenous people left, Leventhal said.

"This little amount of money was offered to compensate for the horrors experienced and are still being experienced," Leventhal said.

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Each of the major candidates had their supporters in the city's politically diverse residential enclave of Noe Valley.

Ralph Avendeno, 53, who works as an usher, cast his ballot for Ammiano because he felt the longtime activist had earned his shot at the job. "He is always forthright, and I like the way he dresses, too. He knows how to wear the part," Avendeno said.

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SJSU takes shot at Tay-Sachs

Editor's Note: The Spartan Daily will run articles on campus health issues twice each week until the end of November. — F.B.

By Ron Pangrac
Daily Staff Writer

A five-minute test can identify if a person carries the genetic disease Tay-Sachs. Hidden in the genes of healthy parents, the disease kills its victims by age six, said Oscar Battle Jr., health education coordinator.

The Student Health Center is offering free screenings for anyone concerned about passing the gene on to their children.

"It's a devastating disease," Battle said. "We are trying to prevent people with the trait from having children without knowledge of it."

Leslie Calhoun, a team lead in the Peer Health Education program, said students should take advantage of the free testing.

"In college, you're not thinking about having kids yet, but this is a great chance to identify if you are a carrier," said Calhoun, a senior majoring in biology. "A test normally costs \$150."

The confidential tests will be offered on Nov. 5 and 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center of the Student Union.

Tests will also be offered from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the lounge of Joe West Hall on Nov. 6.

Requiring a small draw of blood, the test is available for students, faculty, staff and the public.

A person is a carrier if they inherited the Tay-Sachs gene from one of their parents, according to an information sheet from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Someone who has the gene from only one parent, however, cannot develop any symptoms of the disease.

It occurs when a person inherits the gene from both their mother and father — a one-in-four chance when each parent is a carrier — but is always fatal, according to the March of Dimes.

Symptoms of Tay-Sachs arise in an apparently healthy infant by age two, Battle said.

"Up to age two, the child progresses normally," Battle said. "Then they start going downhill."

Children with the disease lack an enzyme that breaks down certain fatty substances in the brain and nerves, according to the March of Dimes.

"Without the enzyme, the nervous system becomes engorged with fatty tissue," Battle said. "It gets choked off and finally collapses."

Battle said as the disease progresses, symptoms include a loss of eyesight, listlessness and a lack of attention.

"(Victims) lose control of their arms and legs," he said. "They lose control of their back, so they cannot sit up. They lose control of swallowing."

The victim is eventually hospitalized, Battle said, and dies by the age of six.

Anyone may be a carrier of the gene — there is a one in 150 chance of occurrence in the general population, Battle said.

Chances are higher — one in 30 — for people of Jewish, Cajun or French-Canadian heritage.

According to a fact sheet from the University of California, San Francisco, the disease may have first occurred among Jews 2000 years ago, with frequency remaining high due to intermarriage. A separate mutation is responsible for its incidence in Cajun and French-Canadian peoples.

Ruth Zaltsmann, a senior majoring in nursing, said she has seen only a general awareness of Tay-Sachs disease in the Jewish community.

"I probably know more than the average Jewish person ... because I

was educated about it in college," said Zaltsmann, who is Jewish. "When I tell my family, they're shocked to find out (the details)."

Zaltsmann said she got tested after researching her family tree and learning that one line had a number of babies that died before the age of five.

"The fact is, once you have a baby with this disease, there's no hope," she said. "I'm pushing people to get tested. When I heard we were doing this free test, I contacted my temple and other temples so they could put it in their weekly e-mails."

To increase awareness of Tay-Sachs, Calhoun said students should do more than getting tested.

"The older generations don't know much about it, so this is a great opportunity for students to go home and tell their families," Calhoun said.

The main way to fight Tay-Sachs is through prevention, she said.

"Right now, there's absolutely no treatment once you have it," Calhoun said. "At least we can identify it. If you are a carrier, (you can advise) your partner to get tested ASAP."

If a couple wants children, it is beneficial to know whether both have the Tay-Sachs gene, Zaltsmann said.

"If both parents are carriers, pretty much the only option is to use donor sperm or a donor egg," she said. "You would (still) have a genetic child who is yours."

San Jose State University has been doing Tay-Sachs screening for about 17 years, Battle said. The last time it was done, he said, four people were detected as carriers.

It takes about two weeks for people to receive the results of their tests, he said. If the result is positive, you will be able to talk to someone in greater depth about the implications.

The testing on campus is provided in conjunction with the Northern California Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program at UCSF.

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participated in those lifestyles.

Dennis Kucinich said, "If you want to rock the vote ... you have to be willing to change the status quo. Under my administration, (homosexuals) will have the right to marry."

Gen. Wesley Clark said that a lot of "old mythologies" about gays need to be set aside and that he is going to

"take a lead in that."

One of the last questions asked had Bill Clinton fame attached to it.

The presidential candidates were asked if they have ever tried marijuana.

Only Kerry, Edwards and Dean answered with an honest "yes."

Moseley Braun said, "I'm not going to answer that."

Kucinich said he had never smoked marijuana before but he believes it needs to be decriminalized.

Though the SJSU turn out was low, students who attended would like to see more events of this nature on campus.

"I would definitely like to see things like this again," Bystricky said.

Hofer agreed with him.

"It's not every day you get to watch (a presidential debate) on a huge screen," she said. "I would like to see more of this, especially as California gets closer to the primaries."

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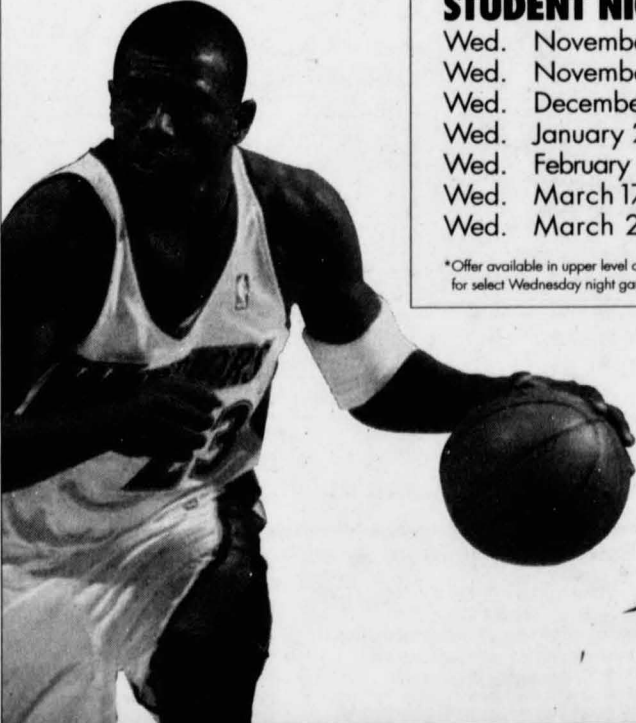
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