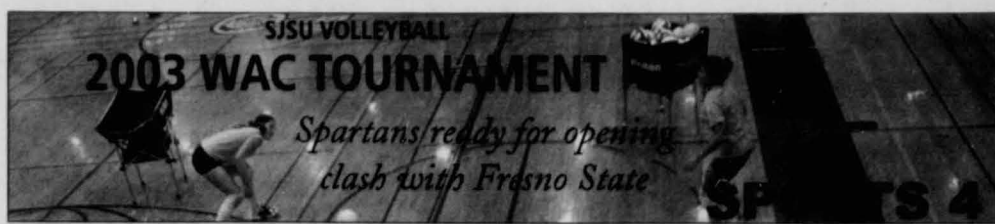




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40 years later, John F. Kennedy is still an inspiration

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Candidates debate environmental issues

By Jennifer McLain
Daily Staff Writer

Last night, a tame, attentive and quiet 20-person crowd gathered to hear a debate about environmental solutions and concerns answered by state legislative candidates Kathy Chavez Napoli and Joe Coto.

Sponsored by the environmental studies department at San Jose State University and held in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, state senate candidates Manny Diaz and Elaine Alquist were also scheduled to debate, but because a special session was called by California's new governor, the candidates for the 13th Senate district did not appear, said Terry Trumbal organizer of the debate.

Chavez Napoli and Coto, who were each given the same three questions before the debate, are both candidates for the 23rd Assembly District.

Representatives of the three co-sponsors for the event — the Sierra Club, American Lung Association and the California League of Conservation Voters — each asked the candidates a question.

Chavez Napoli and Coto were given two to three minutes to respond after each gave a three-minute opening statement.

Chavez Napoli, an entrepreneur who started a recycling business with her husband 32 years ago, graduated from SJSU. The fourth generation San Jose native, grew up on the east side of San Jose.

An articulate woman, Chavez Napoli answered questions and described herself by use of personal examples, experiences and family.

Coto started his career as a teacher but since has climbed the educational ladder, landing himself as the Superintendent of Oakland Public Schools, the largest school district in California, Coto said.

Among Coto's primary concerns are education and jobs, or lack thereof.

Coto answered all questions by using numbers, statistics and repeated the examples twice.

"Fifty percent. Fifty percent of the state budget goes to public education," Coto said in his opening statement.

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Above: Joe Coto, a candidate for the 23rd Assembly District, answers a question asked by an audience member at Tuesday evening's State Legislative Candidates Debate on Environmental Issues in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Coto was debating against Kathy Chavez Napoli.

Left: Margo Leathers Sidener, executive director of the American Lung Association, directs a question regarding the air quality in Santa Clara County to the debate candidates. Sidener was the only audience participant who utilized the question and answer period. The audience was also able to write questions on index cards that would later be answered by the candidates.

Low to step down from UPD

By Ken Lotich
Daily Staff Writer

Capt. Bruce Lowe, administrative commander for the University Police Department, will be retiring from the force after more than 18 years.

Lowe said he credits fellow members on the squad for helping him in his years at UPD.

"I am very proud of this department," Lowe said. "I am very proud of these people. Every person here is a unique and capable individual."

Lowe's last day is Dec. 15. Capt. Marianne Alvarez will take over duties currently held by Lowe.

A replacement for the open captain position will be addressed once a new police chief is named, Lowe said. Current police chief, Ric Abeyta will be retiring in December as well, he said.

Lowe intends to graduate next semester with a degree in philosophy and then move to San Diego with his spouse. He said he would be painting art while in San Diego.

"I've always wanted to be an artist since high school," Lowe said. "I will finally be able to go back and do what I've always wanted to do — graduate and retire at the same time."

Lowe, 54, said he never intended to be a police officer. When Lowe was 18 years old he lived in Santa Fe, N.M., and wanted to leave.

He joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Philippines for three-and-a-half years. He was sent to Vietnam three times while in the Navy.

"I inadvertently became involved in law enforcement while in the Philippines," Lowe said. "Somebody said I should be in law enforcement."

Lowe said he doesn't recall who led him into his future career.

"That's the way it was in the military," Lowe said. "When you're transferred from one place to another someone tells you what you're going to do."

Lowe said he worked with the provost marshal in the Philippines and was on a joint force consisting of Filipinos and Americans.

When Lowe returned from the Philippines, he was stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco. Lowe said he later became involved with the San Francisco Police Department where he worked until 1980.

From 1980 to 1985 Lowe worked as a public safety officer at San Francisco State University. He continued in this position when he came to SJSU on May 1, 1985.

At the time, Lowe said, downtown San Jose was nowhere as vibrant as it is today. Sgt. Robert Noriega agreed with Lowe.

"Downtown was pretty depressed," Noriega said. "Even though there is still crime, there is nowhere near as much violent crime now."

Marilyn Fratto, financial coordinator for UPD, said there were a lot of reported rapes during those times, which was one of the reasons why more blue-light phones were put on campus.

The UPD was not doing too well at the time either, Lowe said.

"After my second week, I was asked what side I was on in an internal argument between two different sides of the force," Lowe said. "I said I was on nobody's side."

He stuck around and on Dec. 31, 1988, Lowe was appointed as sergeant and also worked as an investigator.

On Oct. 31, 1991, he was promoted to lieutenant and administrative commander. His role as administrative commander requires him to have many different responsibilities.

According to UPD's Web site, the administrative commander is responsible for the readiness and operation of administration for the department. This includes many things, varying from

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Alternatives to stress offered to SJSU students

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

By Jennifer McLain
Daily Staff Writer

What do depression, anxiety and eating disorders have in common?

These are the top mental health concerns for students at San Jose State University, said Wiggy Sivertsen, director of Counseling Services at SJSU.

Nationwide mental health concerns include Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, personality disorders, depression, anxiety and eating disorders, according to information provided by Columbia University.

Depression

The leading mental health condition in the United States is depression, Sivertsen

said. "We don't see anything different on campus than the rest of the nation. The No. 1 health condition is depression," Sivertsen said.

Fourteen million people suffer from depression in the United States, Sivertsen said.

Warning signs of depression include low energy, low self-esteem, lack of concentration, poor sleep conditions, overeating, under-eating and not feeling enthusiastic, Sivertsen said.

Depression, however, is often confused with grief and poor sleeping habits.

"Grief is a profoundly sad emotional experience one experiences at a time of loss. Grief is not depression," Sivertsen said.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, depression is a "psychological disorder marked especially by sadness, inactivity and feelings of dejection."

"So many students come into (Counseling Services) and say, 'I'm depressed.' So, I ask them, 'What are your sleeping habits?' Students say they go to bed at 2 a.m., eat

junk and don't exercise. Sometimes, students just aren't getting enough sleep. That doesn't mean they are experiencing depression. It just means they're tired," Sivertsen said.

Proper diet, sleeping patterns and exercise can help alleviate emotions associated with depression, Sivertsen said.

Anxiety and Stress

One of the reasons why students have inconsistent sleeping patterns is because of their late night study hours, causing many students to feel anxiety and stress.

Oscar Battle Jr., health education coordinator at SJSU, explained that while there are seemingly endless causes for stress, there are several things to consider when approaching stress and anxiety.

First, Battle said, is accepting that stress is normal.

"Stress is a normal part of life. It's nothing bad. If you didn't have stress you wouldn't be living," Battle said.

Battle added that one then needs to establish a plan where you are in control, rather than having life drag you along. Part of this is accepting the fact that humans are not perfect.

Once you accept these realities, Battle offers two pre-emptive solutions to avoid stress-related disasters.

"Imagine a bag. This is your bag of resources. Have your bag of resources so that if you need assistance you have somewhere to go," Battle said.

After you have created this bag, Battle said to think "APE."

"APE: Attitude, perception, expectations. Your attitude toward your problem area, your perception of situation and your expectations are central to the outcome of stressful situations," Battle said.

Stress is a combination of psychological and emotional responses to an emotional, environmental or physical activity.

Physiological responses may include

Student gets by with help from friend

By Jenny Shearer
Daily Staff Writer

He rolls across the sidewalk near the Student Union with a large dog by his side. Together, they make their way up the ramp near the entrance to the Student Union, the dog's head level with his manual wheelchair's armrests.

Steve Labarbera, a junior computer science major, broke his neck in 1998 after riding his skateboard while holding on to the side of a car. He's a quadriplegic, paralyzed in his arms and legs. His constant companion is Ty, a five-year-old Doberman pinscher.

"He picks things up if I drop them, stuff like that," Labarbera said.

The dog responds to a "take it" command and returns items to Labarbera.

They went to the bookstore on Monday afternoon so Labarbera could buy a copy of the spring 2004 semester schedule of classes.

Ty's claws went clickety-clack on the bookstore's wooden floor and his presence caused a few people to do double takes.

Ty doesn't make a move toward the packages of candy below the cash registers, and he doesn't chase after all the squirrels that are on campus either, Labarbera said.

He said he knew he wanted a dog after visiting with a therapy golden retriever while he was in the hospital, recovering from his accident.

"When you're first injured, they have a golden retriever at the hospital who goes around and kind of cheers up all the people who are injured," Labarbera said.

"I saw what they did for people that are injured and thought it might help. I figured I'd take a dog, train him on my own, and it worked out. I got lucky," he said.

Labarbera said it took him about five months to train Ty and that he took him to a three-month obedience class.

Ty is with him 24 hours a day, and people's reactions to the dog vary, he said.

"It's an icebreaker of course. He's a deterrent for a lot of people ... he keeps a lot of people away who don't like dogs. So it kind of works half-and-half."

Labarbera said he's on campus every day,

but doesn't stay on campus for long.

He said he feels safe on campus.

"I've never been in a situation where (Ty's) had to come in and take care of business," Labarbera said.

He said Ty doesn't always come to class with him because there are too many desks in classrooms, which makes it hard for Labarbera to maneuver with the animal.

"He's a little big. But even with a golden

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Steve Labarbera, a junior majoring in computer science, goes to his van in the Seventh Street garage with his companion dog Ty on Monday afternoon. Labarbera is a quadriplegic who broke his neck in 1998. His companion dog Ty is a 5-year-old, 100-pound Doberman Pinscher that he trained himself and has had since shortly after the accident.



Janean Brongersma / Daily Staff

opposing views:

Are athletics an integral part of a college education?

YES | Students get educated outside as well as inside the classroom

Why do colleges have sports teams? It seems like a logical question. Cities have sports teams, states have sports teams, countries have sports teams. But colleges are for learning.

Right? It depends on your definition of learning. When people think of education, they are coerced into visions of dimly lit classrooms where frustrated students bury their faces in textbooks with graphite pencils poking out of their ears.

But does their education stop when they step out of the classroom? Of course not.

"For many students, having a solid sports program means gripping the full university experience."



ROBERT HONG

Clubs, societies and community service organizations are all part of learning. The same applies to sports. Having a sports team is vital to the quality of life at our school.

Some would argue that a sports department is difficult to maintain, because of expenses and gender equity, but these are small obstacles when we consider the educational balance that athletics provide.

It does take definite dedication to manage and prepare an athletics program, but it is worth it to preserve the integrity of being a university.

For many students, having a solid sports program means gripping the full university experience. Our athletic program benefits students' ability to learn in several different ways.

First of all, it unites students as a campus by creating an atmosphere where they can gather for a common cause. Here, students can make friends and always have a comfortable place to congregate.

Second, school athletic teams inspire pride and a sense of dedication to a university. Imagine how many students are attracted to San Jose State University because of their strong athletic background. It is like the military of the United States, the stronger it becomes, the more powerful we appear.

And finally, sports are vital because it provides hundreds of students with an education that otherwise would have never been possible. Scholarships and financial assistance help lift the monetary burden that restricts so many from achieving higher education.

These are all strong reinforcements to a university's undying need for athletics as an extracurricular activity. In addition, a strong athletic department often brings with it money bestowed upon the university through grants. Look at the Alan B. Simpkins Athletic Administration building. If we have the luxury to afford sports, then why not have them.

Regardless of what people say, students learn both in and out of the classroom. Take a student who is violently engrossed in studying and stressed beyond comprehension. Let him run down a trail or launch a basketball through a hoop from across a court. See how that student feels as he races a hundred yards carrying a piece of Naugahyde, while vicious giants are on his tail. And if he can't do that, then let him watch.

Only then can he experience the exhilaration that comes from feeling your team — your school's pride — competing for the very essence of the abstract reality that binds every single student at this university.

This is what makes athletics a fundamental key to the success and overall refinement of intellectually oppressed students

Robert Hong is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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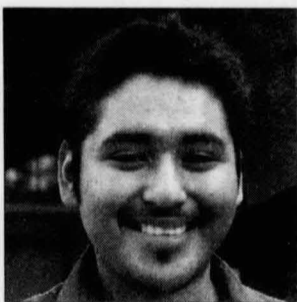
"I don't think it's important. People are into commuting, driving and going home. That's what I do."

Arminster Randhawa



"I'm an athlete so I'd have to say yes. It's tradition around the world and in the United States. I think it's an enriching part of the university."

Judy DeLong
sophomore, television, radio, film and theatre



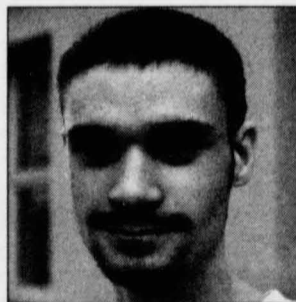
"No, I haven't seen most of the games. It's not important to learning, but it's a nice distraction."

Christian Espinoza
sophomore, materials engineering



"I think school spirit is very important. We need to keep the students active."

Sanna Howell
senior, nursing



"For myself, I don't find sports to be a big part of my life at San Jose State. If (sports) were gone, I probably wouldn't miss it."

Michael Ollite
sophomore, electrical engineering



"Yes, part of going to school is going to the games. Some people wouldn't have the motivation to come to school if not for athletics."

Chia-Yi Wu
freshman, child/adolescent development



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NO | The university's purpose is to teach students academics

First and foremost, the objective of a university is to teach those who want to learn. Period.

The university should hope that all of the students at the institution were there just to learn what is taught inside the classroom, because that's its objective.

The college atmosphere that has been created by students takes away from the purpose of the university.

Athletics, which is part of the outside atmosphere, can be fun, exciting and entertaining, but it is not educational.

Education is the key word. It was the initial idea behind the university, and it should be the goal for all universities.

There are several ways athletics can interrupt the educational process.

First, it takes away attention from the school's main goal of teaching and producing professionals.

Some universities promote athletics more than they promote academic programs offered at the school.

In those kinds of institutions, it can make students feel that the university cares more about the number of meets the track team has won than it cares about the number of students who have graduated in four years.

Graduating in four years is more important than beating the interstate rival in lacrosse.

The extra attention the university pays to athletics leads to more funding for the athletics department.

Many students may find it nauseating to learn how much money the university spends on the athletic department.

Many people might ask, "When has the university spent millions of dollars on the history department?"

The common retort by pro-sport individuals is usually, "When was the last time 30,000 people paid to show up and see a graduate student from the history department give his or her dissertation?"

The real question should be, "What area better enhances education at the university?"

Yes, it is true that at some universities, sports are the only school-sponsored production that makes money.

However, a university should be more worried about its students in the classroom than about how much money it is making.

The university is not a business, but it is an institution of higher learning. Getting back to the main problem of athletics at the university, the educational process is hurt when knowledge takes a back seat to money.

The average student is hurt when economics play a bigger role in decision-making than does the pursuit of learning, but what is the effect on the student-athletes?

Student-athletes are sometimes treated more like cash cows by universities than as young men and women in pursuit of knowledge and a degree.

The pressure put on student-athletes can be so great that they become more like athlete-students than student-athletes.

This pressure can make these athlete-students feel that they need to spend more time, not on schoolwork like they are supposed to, but on their performance on the field.

In many big-time collegiate programs, the universities are seen as amateur leagues and nothing more than a steppingstone for young athletes into the professional ranks. It hurts the college's original goal for the advancement of education, but more importantly, it hurts student-athletes by treating them as property and not as scholars.

If universities came together and made education, not money, their most important goal for students, then the colleges will finally be doing their job.

"The college atmosphere that has been created by students takes away from the purpose of the university."



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OUT OF THE SHELL

Kennedy's influence lives on after his assassination

On Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, my mom, then 9 years old, was a third grader in Mrs. Barnes' class at Alisal Elementary School in Pleasanton.

"It was a regular Friday day at school," my mom said. "In my mind, it was right before lunchtime and the teacher came in — she was called out of the classroom — she came back in the room, she had tears in her eyes. She said the president had been shot and school was cancelled the rest of the day. 'Everybody was numb — we didn't know what it meant. It was like the world got really quiet.'"

My mom, the middle child of seven in an Irish Catholic family, walked the two blocks home alone, arriving at the same time as her brother Mike, a freshman at Amador High School.

"My dad was still in bed because of the shift he worked. He asked Mike what he was doing home and Mike told dad Kennedy was shot. Dad said, 'That's not funny,' but I told him, 'He's not joking, the president was shot.' He instantly turned on the TV.

"The next thing I remember is Walter Cronkite with tears in his eyes and him saying the president is dead. My dad broke into tears — it was like somebody in the family had died. It was the first time death had touched me.

"It felt like there was 24-hour TV for the first time the next three or four days. The house was in mourning. I remember feeling it for days. I remember seeing Lee Harvey Oswald

being shot by Jack Ruby. I remember the horses with the casket, I remember little John-John.

"This was all around the time of my dad's birthday — we all had presents for him that we didn't give him for weeks. We didn't do his birthday that year.

"(Before the assassination) I remember my parents talking about Kennedy a lot because my mom was a Republican, and my dad was a Democrat. There were a lot of heated debates.

"My dad thought Kennedy was going to turn things around and do great things for the country. I think my mom liked him as much as my dad did, but she just had to needle him."

I must have heard my mom tell this story at least 100 times when I was growing up, and to this day, she gets choked up while telling it.

John F. Kennedy, the first Roman Catholic to become president of the United States, was a hero to my Irish Catholic family and especially my grandpa, who served for more than 20 years in the U.S. Navy.

When I was in elementary school, while writing a report on Kennedy, I discovered that he, too, had served in the Navy, despite having Addison's disease, a withering of the adrenal glands, as well as a degenerative back problem.

In fact, according to an excerpt from an essay by Richard Reeves on pbs.org, "when PT-109 was run down by a Japanese destroyer, the lieutenant who never should have been there swam six miles holding the belt, in his teeth, of a badly burned man named Pappy McNulty, and saved his life — and then went back into the dark Pacific to try to save others. He lost his boat, but saved most of his crew..."

As I write this, thumbing through my father's copy of the Record American from Nov. 23, 1963, I realize that I've put Kennedy on a pedestal because he reminds me of my mom's dad, who passed away when I was 5. Not so much because they were alike, but because of the genuine respect my grandfather had for Kennedy.

first time presidential debates were broadcast on television. Some say his appearance and performance contributed to his election.

And Kennedy's death was unprecedented as well in that it was the first time America turned to live television coverage on such a large scale.

Since that time, the world has watched man's first walk on the moon and witnessed the World Trade Center fall at the hands of terrorists.

In any case, my grandpa was right. Kennedy did turn things around for this country — but whether it was for better or worse is hard to gauge.

The night Kennedy died, Sid Davis of Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. quoted a Robert Frost passage that Kennedy was fond of reciting. "I have promises to keep and many miles to go before I sleep."



TAMMY KRIKORIAN

Kennedy's election was unprecedented in that it was the

Tammy Krikorian is the Spartan Daily managing editor. 'Out of the Shell' appears every other Wednesday.

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

HEALTH WELLNESS PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

Great American Smoke-out will be held today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Amphitheatre and at table B. For more information, call (415) 310-0477.

FEMINIST MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

An information meeting about an important march for freedom of choice will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail sjsu_fmlla@yahoo.com.

REACH PROGRAM

A workshop titled, "What part of 'no' don't you understand? Being assertive and setting boundaries," will be held today from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

MUSE

"Art, education and revolution student art for social change" will be held today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Mosaic Cross-Cultural Center. For more information, call Marcos Piarro at 924-5584.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student galleries will be held today from 8 to 6 p.m. in the student galleries in the Art building. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

POETRY SLAM

The SJSU English Society in association with Aural Tradition will present Poetry Slam today at 8 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial Chapel. Admission is free and there will be prizes for the winners. Anyone may read, but only students, faculty or staff may qualify to compete for a slot on the SJSU Slam Team and attend the 2004 College Union Poetry Slam Invitational. For more information, visit www.AuralTradition.com.

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.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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.

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.

ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

AACF meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, visit the Web site www.aacfsjsu.com.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Weekly meeting are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the SJSU Campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Sheryl Hilario at 431-2459.

THURSDAY

THE "THURSDAY" LISTENING HOUR CONCERT SERIES

A vocal recital with the studio of Eric Mills will be held today from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

Kick Ash Day will take place today from 3 to 5 p.m. at Table 5. For more information, call (415) 310-0047.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Company one will be performing "Half Past Dead" today at 7 p.m. in SPX, room 219. For more information, call 924-5041.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Gallery opening receptions will exhibit all galleries

today from 8 to 6 p.m. in the student galleries in the Art building. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

An introduction to the worldwide organization and a Bible study takes place every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ohlone room in the Student Union. For more information, call Andrew Kim at 674-3000.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

A weekly meeting of worship, prayer, sharing and fellowship is held Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 297-7616.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Scripture reflection on the upcoming Sunday readings takes place every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chapel on the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Alpha Omega meetings take place Thursdays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the SJSU Campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

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FRIDAY

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

The auction will go on today at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to give support, visit www.as.sjsu.edu/childcare/silent_auction.jsp. All proceeds will go to the A.S. Child Development Center.

CHINESE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP

A Christian fellowship that shares faith in Jesus Christ with others takes place every Friday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, visit www.sjsuccf.org or e-mail jefflieu217@yahoo.com.

ISLAMIC STUDIES GROUP

Jumma Prayer takes place every Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Yasir Rao at 286-1217 or e-mail msaliation_sjsu@hotmail.com.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Company one will be performing "Half Past Dead" today from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in SPX, room 219. For more information, call 924-5041.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student galleries will be held today from 8 to 6 p.m. in the student galleries in the Art building. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

MONDAY

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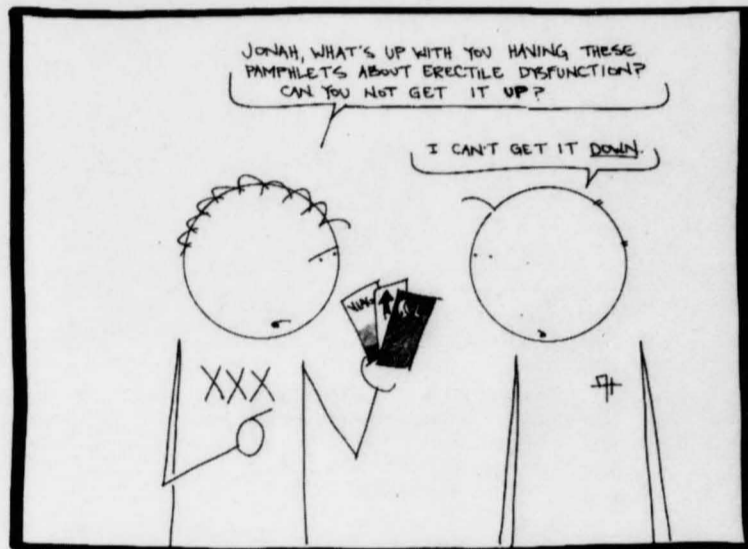
DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

Body fat testing using cutting edge analyzer will be held every Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Central Classroom building, room 221. It costs \$5 per student. For more information, call Sherry at 924-3362.

SJSU GRUPO FOLKLORICO LUNA Y SOL

Folklorico dancers from various regions of Mexico perform every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MOSAIC in the Student union. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. For more information, call Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.

ANOTHER DIMENTION | JONAH PTAK



Viewpoint | Football needed at SJSU

Dear editor,

A group of professors, led by political scientist James Brent, is trying to destroy Spartan football and marginalize Spartan athletics. James Brent attended Southern Methodist University, a San Jose conference rival, and Ohio State University, who the Spartans played last year. How dare an alumnus of these rival schools even voice an opinion about our football program? Isn't this a conflict of interest?

Professors who didn't go to school here, and particularly those who went to rival schools, should not be allowed to have any say on university sports like Spartan football. These decisions should be left to Spartan students, alumni and university administrators.

Also, these professors claim to have our educational interests at heart, but how much of their paid time are they using to tear down Spartan institutions? I strongly urge university and California State University administrators prohibit these professors from using any university time or resources for their anti-Spartan campaign.

What these pernicious professors don't seem to understand is that Division I-A football is a symbol of a state university's prestige and stature. Furthermore, the honor of being the standard-bearer for an entire state university system usually goes to the oldest campus in the state university system. That's the San Jose campus, not the Fresno campus.

Make no mistake, without Spartan football this will be a lesser school. Can you imagine Cal, Michigan, Stanford or Ohio State without football?

Division I-A athletics is the hallmark of a big-time university. It carries the name of our school across the nation to schools like the University of Florida, Ohio State University and University of Hawaii. Our Division I-A basketball team is even playing Harvard this year.

These big-time athletics also bring national media attention to our school. Whether you personally enjoy these sports is irrelevant. All of this makes

your school better known and your degrees more valuable. If the professors have their way, all of this will be gone.

Instead of tearing down Spartan athletics we should elevate it to new levels by changing the name of our sports team to "California State Spartans." This will attract better players, coaches and new fans and donors among our diverse student and alumni body because the name has much stronger appeal nationally and internationally.

A group of students and alumni has already formed to advance this cause and combat the anti-Spartan professors. See http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CSU_Spartans.

The group is ethnically diverse and is growing quickly. Washington State University, Oregon State University and Arizona State University have WSU, OSU and ASU football, so why doesn't California have a "CSU" Division I-A football team? Let's face it, the CSU system really needs this. I know I speak for a number of Spartans when I say we will never quietly agree to have our school's legacy as the oldest and best campus in the CSU, stripped away by a small group of seditious professors who didn't even go to school here.

With the name "CSU Spartans" our team would have a much broader appeal, and we could build a successful football program. We could also have a huge endowment for the university, just like Ohio State, Michigan State and Washington State have already done. Then there wouldn't be any budget crisis for the anti-Spartans to complain about.

I wish Nancy Stork, associate chair of

the English department, James Brent and all the other anti-Spartan professors would just shut up and teach.

Nancy Stork says she supports Fresno as the flagship athletics program of the CSU.

So why doesn't she go there? The anti-Spartan professors should stop trying to destroy the historic legacy of Spartan football and its potential to be the flagship football program of the CSU. It would be interesting to know where they went to school and if they enjoyed football there. How would they feel if some interloper tried to destroy an important part of their school's heritage?

What can you do to help stop the anti-Spartans? Join the CSU Spartans Yahoo group described above. Complain about the professors' intermeddling to the university president and board of trustees and to the CSU chancellor. You can find their contact info on their Web sites.

Let's make these professors stop talking about destroying our athletics programs and focus on teaching the classes they are paid to teach.

Spartan students and alumni should be masters of our own destiny. Professors are the hired help, and we don't need their paternal guidance on the future of our school's institutions.

Long live the Spartans, as the true standard-bearer for Division I-A football for the California State University system!

Michael Harold
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WAC Volleyball Tournament descends on Reno

By Michelle Meier
Daily Staff Writer

The regular season of Western Athletic Conference volleyball play has come to a close and the results are sealed.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL
FROM THE BACK ROW
NOTEBOOK

Out of 10 conference teams, eight qualified to participate in the postseason conference tournament, scheduled to be held this weekend at the University of Nevada-Reno at the Virginia Street Gym.

The championship round is slated for Sunday at 3 p.m.

The champion receives an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament, while the runner-up could be considered for an at-large bid.

Eliminated from the tournament were the University of Texas-El Paso, which finished 1-12 in the WAC and 6-24 overall and Boise State University, which posted a record of 2-11 in the WAC and 8-22 overall.

The University of Hawai'i continued its dominance this season, entering the tournament as the No. 1 seed for the third consecutive year.

The Rainbow Wahine have emerged as the conference champions two years in a row.

For those teams facing the Rainbow Wahine early on, the tournament could be short-lived.

Lindy Vivas, Fresno State University's head coach, said Hawai'i undoubtedly poses the biggest threat in the tournament.

"I think the most important thing for every team is that they're not in Hawai'i's bracket," Vivas said.

The Bulldogs enter as the No. 4 seed, in the opposite bracket of Hawai'i.

The Spartans, entering as the sixth seed, also find themselves in the opposite bracket of Hawai'i.

No. 3 Fresno State University (10-3 WAC, 21-6 overall) vs. No. 6 San Jose State University (6-7 WAC, 8-17 overall) Friday, 2 p.m.

In the second match of the tournament, the Spartans take on the Bulldogs.



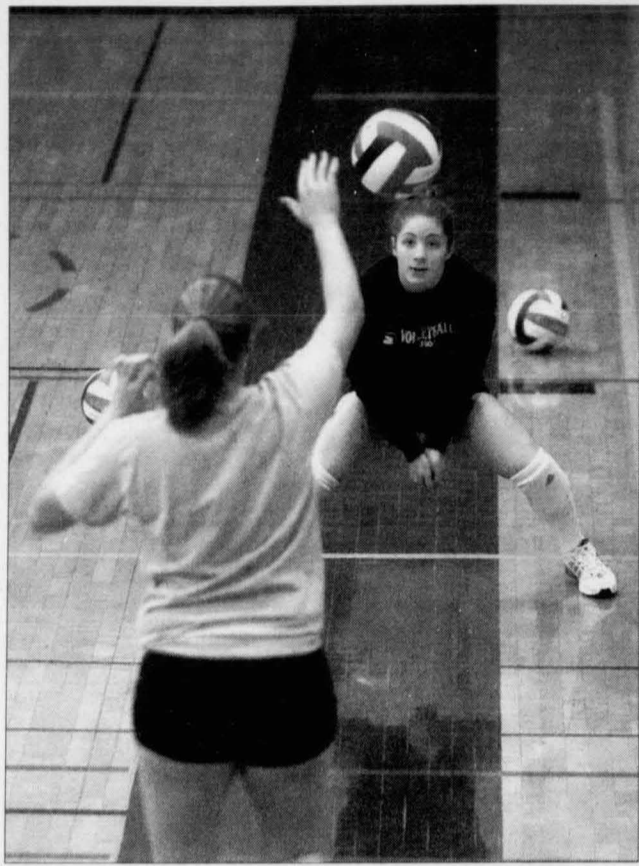
Craig Choate, San Jose State University's head coach, said he had hoped the team would have ended the season with at least 11 or 12 wins overall.

He said, however, he has seen improvement.

"I think that in the last four matches we finally started to play at a Division I level," he said.

The Spartans last regular season match against Hawai'i proved how well the team can play, Choate said.

Although the Spartans were defeated, Choate said SJSU put up a good fight, being the first team to score 20 points in



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff

San Jose State University defensive specialist Brooke Herald prepares to return the ball to outside hitter Kristina Conrad during practice Monday in Spartan Gym. The Spartans will travel to Reno, Nev., to face Fresno State University in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament on Friday.

game No. 1.

Bulldogs head coach Lindy Vivas said it's going to be a rough match.

"We always have knock-down, drag-outs with them," she said.

On Oct. 4 at the Event Center, the teams played a four-game match with

"I think the most important thing for every team is that they're not in Hawai'i's bracket."

Lindy Vivas,
Fresno State
head coach

the Bulldogs coming out on top.

The match on Nov. 6 played out in a similar fashion. At the North Gym, the Spartans fell in another grueling four-game match.

Choate said he hopes his team can turn the tables.

"It's going to take a really good night by us," he said. "The kind of night we had in Hawai'i."

Choate added that other than Hawai'i, a win is possible against every team in the conference.

Choate said he already knows five out

of the six players who will be starting the Fresno match.

He said it is still a toss up as to whether Dyana Thompson or Jessica Wlodarczyk will play the middle blocker position.

If the Spartans make it to round two, Choate said he believes the team will be matched up with Southern Methodist University, assuming it defeats Louisiana Tech University.

With only two returning starters, Vivas said she is pleased her team earned its spot as the third seed.

Although her team has a better record, Vivas said the Spartans' record doesn't truly reflect their ability.

She said at this point, she doesn't want to look too far into the future.

"We're going to take it match by match," Vivas said.

On the SJSU side of the court, outside hitter Kimberly Noble, named WAC Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 6, leads the team with 489 kills, hitting 5.37 per game.

Outside hitter Carrie Nash follows with 241 kills.

Freshman libero Jessie Shull is averaging 4.20 digs per game.

On the Bulldogs side, outside hitter Kristen Fenton has racked up 533 kills this season, hitting 5.12 per game.

Fenton was named WAC Player of the Week three times this season.

Middle blocker Carrie Hartt not only has 3.55 kills per game, but also 1.19 blocks per game.

Both Fenton and Hartt were named to the First Team All-WAC for the 2002 and 2003 seasons.

VOLLEYBALL WAC 2003 CHAMPIONSHIP
Reno Nevada

2003 WAC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
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1. HAWAII	3 p.m.		
8. TULSA 5:30 p.m.			
4. NEVADA	7 p.m.		
5. RICE 7:30 p.m.			

All games played at Virginia Street Gym
University of Nevada-Reno

Leading the team in digs is defensive specialist Tina Brannan with 371. The winner of this match faces either SMU or Louisiana Tech.

No. 2 Southern Methodist University (11-2 WAC, 22-6 overall) vs. No. 7 Louisiana Tech University (3-9 WAC, 15-14 overall) Friday, noon

The first serve of the tournament takes place in a faceoff between the Mustangs and the Lady Techsters.

Last season, SMU came into the tournament as the sixth seed.

This year, the tables have turned, with the Mustangs second, just behind Hawai'i.

In the team's last two meetings, the Mustangs swept the Lady Techsters.

Heather Mazeitis, Louisiana Tech head coach, said her team just wasn't ready for the Mustangs in their previous encounters.

"Both times we played them we've played really poorly," Mazeitis said.

She said although her team has not yet been able to see a win against the Mustangs, a victory is possible if her team's passing improves.

"It will be a daunting task, but we are definitely up for the challenge," Mazeitis said.

To advance to the second round, the Lady Techsters must shut out Mustang outside hitter Beth Karasek, who has 417 kills this season, hitting an average of 3.90 per game.

On top of a strong offense, Karasek also leads the team's defense with 4.15 digs per game.

Adding to the team's offense is outside hitter Jacky Niederstadt, who has 3.72 kills per game.

The Lady Techsters are seeking a win with outside hitter Cristine Sant'Anna leading the way. With 415 kills this sea-

son, Sant'Anna hits an average of 4.19 per game.

Heading the teams' defense is libero Heather Anderson with 3.99 digs per game.

The winner of this match faces either Fresno State or SJSU.

Calls to SMU head coach Lisa Seifert were not immediately returned.

No. 1 University of Hawai'i (13-0 WAC, 27-1 overall) vs. University of Tulsa (2-10 WAC, 11-14 overall) Friday, 5:30 p.m.

In the third match, defending champion University of Hawai'i takes the court against the University of Tulsa.

Although Hawai'i is undefeated in the conference, head coach Dave Shoji said he isn't going to assume anything.

"We just go one at a time," Shoji said.

"We've got to prepare for every game like it's the last game."

When it comes to the Golden Hurricane, Shoji said the team has improved, however, he isn't too worried.

"I don't think they pose a serious threat to us," he said.

On Oct. 25, the Rainbow Wahine defeated Tulsa in a three-game sweep 30-20, 30-22, 30-26.

Outside hitter Kim Willoughby leads the Rainbow Wahine with 554 kills, averaging 6.6 per game. She has also served 54 service aces this season.

Willoughby is the three-time WAC Player of the Year, having won the honor again in 2003. She was named the 2002 WAC Tournament MVP.

Outside hitter Lily Kahumoku has 4.36 kills per game and has chipped in 254 digs.

The Golden Hurricane are led by outside hitter Kristin Bailey who has accumulated 261 kills on the season.

The winner of this match faces either Nevada or Rice.

Calls to Tulsa head coach Matt Sonnichsen were not immediately returned.

No. 4 University of Nevada-Reno (7-6 WAC, 15-14 overall) vs. No. 5 Rice University (9-4 WAC, 19-9 overall) Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Round one of the tournament will be completed in a match between the University of Nevada-Reno and Rice University.

Entering as the fourth seed, Devin Scruggs, Wolf Pack head coach, said she would have liked to have avoided being in the same bracket as Hawai'i.

"We certainly would have liked to be the second or third seed," she said.

Going up against the Owls, she said it's going to require the team to play at its best.

"I think it's going to be one of the toughest matches of the first round," Scruggs said.

On Sept. 27, the Wolf Pack defeated the Owls in a four-game match.

Despite this win, Scruggs said victory is never guaranteed.

"Rice has a very strong player - Pazo," she said. "It's going to be important for us to play her and keep her contained."

Owls outside hitter Rebeca Pazo does have a stats book to pose concern.

Averaging 5.80 kills per game, Pazo has racked up 534 kills on the season, along with 280 digs.

For the Wolf Pack, middle blocker Salaia Salave'a has proven her skill on offense with 335 kills, hitting 3.25 per game.

The winner of this match will face Hawai'i or Tulsa.

Calls to Rice head coach Jonathan Wilson were not immediately returned.

Bonds rakes in sixth NL MVP award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This one was for Dad.

Barry Bonds won a record sixth National League MVP award Tuesday, becoming the first player to capture the honor for three consecutive years.

His thoughts immediately turned to Bobby Bonds, his three-time All-Star father who died in August.

"This award is more special to me than any award I've ever received because it's dedicated to my father," said the San Francisco outfielder, who has won twice as many of these awards as any other player.

"He has been my hitting coach my entire life, ever since I was a little kid. I miss him dearly. It's a really emotional time for me right now."

And a controversial time, too.

Bonds and other athletes have been subpoenaed to testify by a federal grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, a nutritional supplements lab. On Monday, a lawyer for Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, confirmed his client

is a target of the probe.

Bonds declined comment on BALCO, citing his lawyer's advice. But he did welcome the start of steroid testing with penalties in baseball next season. The testing was triggered when more than 5 percent of tests this year came back positive in an anonymous survey.

"I am glad there is going to be testing," he said. "I am glad that, hopefully, it will diminish a lot of everyone's speculation, and everyone can just move on."

Bonds defended his withdrawal from the Major League Baseball Players Association's licensing program starting next season, meaning the union can no longer make deals to use his image on souvenirs.

Bonds wants to control his likeness as he approaches Hank Aaron's career home-run record of 755. Bonds is fourth with 658, also trailing Babe Ruth (714) and Willie Mays (660), Bonds' godfather.

By going on his own, Bonds said he

will be able to give back to the community and fund projects.

"I felt I've really been misrepresented throughout my career as a bad guy, bad person," Bonds said. "This gives the licensees an opportunity to really know me."

Bonds, the only player to win more than three MVPs, hit .341 with 45 homers and 90 RBIs, leading the major leagues in slugging percentage (.749), on-base percentage (.529) and walks.

The 12-time All-Star received 28 of 32 first-place votes and 426 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

St. Louis outfielder Albert Pujols was second with three first-place votes and 303 points. Atlanta outfielder Gary Sheffield got the other first-place vote and was third with 247 points.

Among the four major North American professional sports, only the NHL's Wayne Gretzky has more MVP awards, with nine. The NBA's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar also won six MVPs.

Duncan drops double-double; Spurs top Warriors

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Once Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili started hitting 3-pointers, there was little Golden State could do to stop them.

Tim Duncan had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Parker and Ginobili each added 19 points to lift the San Antonio Spurs over the Warriors 94-81 Tuesday night.

"We weren't shooting great percentages in previous games, so today was really good for us," Ginobili said. "Some games you get those good shots and you start feeling more confident."

Parker hit two 3-pointers as the Spurs took control with a 20-6 run midway through the fourth quarter. He and Ginobili combined for six of San Antonio's 10 3-pointers in all.

Erick Dampier led the Warriors with 17 points and 11 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double and ninth of the season in 10 games. Clifford Robinson added 14 points, and Nick Van Exel 12.

The Spurs hit 10 of 17 3-pointers, including three that just beat the shot clock. Hedo Turkoglu, acquired in the offseason for his shooting range, was 3-of-3 from outside the arc and Ginobili was 3-of-4.

Still, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was hesitant to say his team had found the outside touch. Before Tuesday, the Spurs were hitting just 30 percent of their 3-pointers.

"It's just one game," Popovich said. "We'll have to wait and see. We're not heating things up yet."

But the Spurs were especially sharp from the outside in the final period, hitting all five 3-pointers during the big run that broke open the game. The Spurs' guards were able to penetrate into the lane with their speed, forcing the Warriors to collapse on the play and allowing the ball to be kicked back outside to the open man.

And it wasn't only 3-pointers that were falling for the Spurs, who came in shooting just 38 percent from the field. San Antonio shot 50 percent from the floor, its highest mark this season.

Golden State, which dropped its third consecutive game, missed six straight field goals during the big run, going scoreless for more than four minutes.

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Hip-hip hooray ...



Yvonne Pingue / Daily Staff

Rona Halualani, center, a communication studies assistant professor, teaches her intercultural communications class about non-verbal communication by doing group activities outside Hugh Gillis Hall Monday afternoon.

LOWE | 'Brought a level of class'

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policy development to budgeting. Lowe also was responsible for maintaining the UPD Web site.

Before Lowe leaves he will present UPD with a revised policy and procedure manual contoured specifically for UPD, he said.

"The original version was put in place in the 1980s," Lowe said. "It was not custom made for UPD, and I swore to complete the policy manual one day. Now this is becoming a reality."

On Jan. 1, 2002, he was appointed to captain and continued his role as administrative commander.

Capt. Shannon Maloney has known Lowe since he was his training officer in 1985.

Maloney said Lowe has provided great services and a strong work ethic in his time at the UPD.

"Lowe was very ambitious in his work, and he brought a level of class

to the department, as well as a culture of excellence," Maloney said.

Maloney said Lowe was primarily responsible for bringing the investigation unit to UPD as a sergeant on the force.

"He always strived to make improvement and quality in his work," Maloney said.

Noriega credits people like Lowe for their contributions in the improvement of UPD.

"A big part of the changes came from management," Noriega said. "UPD had a small department with about 10 officers and low morale. Now people want to work here."

Phil Kearney, community policing officer, said UPD is in much better condition today compared to when Lowe first arrived in 1985.

"Today the UPD's level of training and relations in the community is exceptional," Kearney said. "People in the community respect us and officers have a lot of pride to work here."

Sgt. Jenny Pak agreed with Kearney. "Today management has been very supportive of our training," Pak said.

"This is because of police chiefs like Abeyta and captains like Lowe."

Lowe said the changes in his time were due to "the tremendous amount of ability," put forth by members of the UPD.

A retirement celebration will be held Dec. 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Room of the Student Union.

According to Claire Kotowski, administrative analyst for UPD, the celebration will feature presentations from the UPD and the administration division at San Jose State University.

Lowe will be presented with a flat badge by Abeyta, Kotowski said.

"There are a lot of people in UPD who are the unsung heroes of this department," Lowe said. "I have nothing but respect for them, more than they'll ever know."

LABARBERA | Aunt purchased dog

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retriever, you may not have enough room."

Labarbera said it's unusual for Doberman pinschers to be used as companion animals because typically golden retrievers or Labrador retrievers help people with disabilities.

A representative from Canine Companions for Independence, a nonprofit organization that provides trained dogs for people with disabilities, said the agency exclusively uses retriever breeds.

"They have a disposition that suits assistance work," said Anna Guhin, the national public relations coordinator for Canine Companions.

"What sets Labs and goldens apart really is their desire to please their human companions. Other breeds of

dogs aren't as human focused as they are, necessarily," Guhin said.

Labarbera said he was raised with a golden retriever and knows they are intelligent animals.

"But so are Dobies. They're bigger, they're scarier, but the upkeep is less. I can't care for the dogs as much as I would — so the Labs, with the shedding — there's a lot of pros and cons," he said.

He said at the time of his accident, there was a two-year wait to get a dog from Canine Companions for Independence.

His aunt bought Ty from a breeder in the Willow Glen area neighborhood of San Jose.

Gordon Burton, chair of the occupational therapy department, said animals give their human owners unconditional love and attention.

Esmeralda Escobedo, of the

Disability Resource Center, said it's hard to know how many students at SJSU use companion animals because students with disabilities register with the center voluntarily.

As they walked across campus to the garage where Labarbera parks the modified van he drives, Ty occasionally pulled his wheelchair forward.

"The less (pressure) on my shoulders, the better," he said.

Getting around SJSU in his wheelchair is easy for Labarbera.

"This is a good campus, it's all flat," he said.

When they got closer to the Seventh Street garage entrance, Labarbera took Ty off the leash. The dog quickened his pace and went to some nearby bushes to sniff around.

"Let's go home," Labarbera said, as he rolled into the garage.

Peterson to stand trial for murder

Associated Press

MODESTO — The suspicion began with Scott Peterson's phone call that his pregnant wife was missing and it lasted up to the moment he was arrested four months later — hair dyed, packed for a trip and with a pile of cash in the car he bought using a fake name.

Prosecutors who encircled Peterson in a loose-knit web of circumstantial evidence won the battle Tuesday to have him held for trial on two counts of first-degree murder for the death of his wife Laci Peterson and her unborn son, charges that could bring the death penalty.

Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Al Girolami said he had found ample cause to believe Peterson committed the crimes and there was sufficient evidence they were intentional, deliberate and premeditated.

Peterson, 31, being held without bail, faces arraignment Dec. 3. At that time, his lawyers also plan to present a motion to dismiss the charges and ask to move the case out of Modesto.

Peterson smiled and waved to his parents as he left the courtroom following the ruling, which was anticipated by the defense because prosecutors only had to show probable cause.

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos said the rules of a preliminary hearing, which allowed police to testify about witness statements without the witnesses themselves being subject to cross-examination, helped prosecutors meet that low threshold of proof.

"The standard, unfortunately, in California, and I say it jokingly, is 'Is the defendant breathing?'" Geragos said.

There were no opening statements or closing arguments and prosecutors offered little context to the clues that investigators, family members and DNA experts testified to over 11 days as they provided glimpses at the evidence police have amassed in 27,500 pages of reports since Laci Peterson was reported missing on Christmas Eve.

Geragos has complained that police tried to pin the crime on Peterson from the beginning and failed to investigate leads pointing to other suspects. The defense contends Laci Peterson was abducted and they have promised to find the "real killers," something on which they shed little light as they declined to call any witnesses.

Instead, the defense sought to deval-

ue each small piece of evidence.

Peterson's repeated returns to San Francisco Bay, where he said he was fishing when his 27-year-old wife vanished, coincided with news reports that police were searching the waters there, Geragos showed. He said police failed to follow up on tips that suspicious people were hanging out in the park near the Peterson house the day she disappeared. Officers said Peterson was cooperative in the early stages of the investigation and never tried to dissuade his girlfriend from talking to police.

But police said their efforts to eliminate the fertilizer salesman as a suspect were fruitless.

Suspicion has been cast on him since he phoned his in-laws Dec. 24 after returning to an empty home from an impromptu fishing trip. Officers said Peterson found it strange that his wife was gone. Their dog was in the backyard with its leash on and her car was in the driveway.

He said he ate some pizza, washed his fishing clothes, took a shower, and dressed for dinner before calling his mother-in-law, Sharon Rocha.

"He didn't say she wasn't home or he couldn't find her. He said 'missing,'" Rocha testified.

In their effort to present enough evidence to have Peterson held for trial, but not enough to give their case away, prosecutors omitted some of the most important details: where they believe Laci was killed, what weapon was used, how her body was disposed of and why her husband allegedly wanted her dead.

Lawyers and witnesses have been under a gag order, making it difficult to get explanations of the evidence, but there were plenty of hints where it was leading.

Testimony continued to return to a mop and bucket that Peterson said his wife used the morning of Dec. 24 to clean the kitchen floor. Police believe Laci Peterson was killed the night of Dec. 23 or early the next morning, probably in her home. A maid testified she had mopped the floor Dec. 23.

Evidence of Peterson's extramarital affair with a Fresno massage therapist provided a possible motive. He bought his fishing boat two weeks before his wife went missing — the same day he told his girlfriend that he "lost" his wife and was going to be

spending the holidays without her for the first time.

And then there was the fishing tale. Peterson had told his sister-in-law that he planned to golf Christmas Eve.

But the next morning he changed his mind. He said it was too cold to golf, so he made a spur of the moment plan to drive 80 miles to the Berkeley Marina for an afternoon of fishing on nippy San Francisco Bay in the new boat he hadn't told his family about.

That evening, however, he couldn't tell officers what he was angling for. His fishing license appeared to have been purchased the previous day. In the only piece of physical evidence presented, prosecutors offered a hair found in pliers in his boat that was similar to his wife's tresses, according to experts.

Peterson told police he wasn't having an affair, but later acknowledged his romance with Amber Frey, who was already secretly cooperating with police and recording her phone conversations with Peterson.

In the transcript of one of those calls introduced into evidence Tuesday, Peterson apologized for deceiving Frey about being a widower at a time when his wife was still alive, but he failed to explain the inconsistencies in his stories.

"You sat here in front of me and cried and broke down," Frey said on Jan. 6. "I sat here and held your hand, Scott, and comforted you and you were lying to me."

"Yeah," Peterson replied.

The call was made as the story of Laci Peterson's disappearance became a national news story and her photo was splashed across newspapers and television sets as police, family members and volunteers searched for her across California.

When the remains of the mother-to-be and the fetus of a boy washed ashore in April, two miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing, police closed in.

He was arrested near his parent's home in San Diego on April 18. He had just paid cash for the red Mercedes he was driving. He bought the car using his mother's name, insisting to the seller that his parents gave him a girl's name like the tortured subject in Johnny Cash's hit "A Boy Named Sue."

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The first question addressed, asked by a representative from the Sierra Club, asked the candidates how they would respond to land use considering urban sprawl, increased traffic and air pollution.

Chavez Napoli responded that land use is a local issue, and the community should work together to prevent sprawling to continue. She also pushed for higher density in downtown city areas.

Coto said that he would involve the community about developments, prevent development that would add strains to the roads and freeways and to, generally, plan regionally.

"We need to involve neighbors in making decision about development," Coto said.

A representative from the American Lung Association asked what Chavez Napoli and Coto would do to ensure that the people of San Jose breathe healthy air.

Responses from Chavez Napoli centered around putting an end to unlicensed businesses that dump oil, toxins and batteries into the sewer. Pressure would need to be put on the Department of Motor Vehicles to enforce the current laws against cars and unlicensed business polluting.

"We need to help the DMV enforce laws already in the books. No matter how many laws are passed we won't solve anything if we don't enforce them," Chavez Napoli said.

Coto's argument relied heavily on improving public transportation.

"We need to develop a world-class public transportation system. We should invest in key transportation hubs," Coto said.

In addition, Coto said he would improve the local bus system and offer incentives to the community for utilizing public transportation.

The last question, asked by the California League of Voters, asked what the candidates would do to prevent the president and governor from drilling offshore, eliminating the wilderness and stopping air pollution controls on buses, trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Coto acknowledged that he views California as an environmentally friendly state.

"As California goes, so does the rest of the nation. We ought to take a position against drilling off shore. In California, we should object to these things happening," Coto said.

Coto said he would do this through public education, viewing it as the most vital aspect to preventing these environmental threats from occur-

ring. He also said he would simply refuse passing these bills.

Chavez Napoli said that she would enforce strong penalties to businesses, licensed or not, who violate laws regarding the environment.

The audience was asked to write questions on an index card, further preventing the crowd from uttering more than one word to the candidates.

While a bulk of questions focused on the economy, other issues focused on women and children, education, population increases and fund allocation.


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