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# Mechanical know-how goes into games Students

By Ken Lotich

Daily Staff Writer

On Thursday afternoon a hallway in the Engineering building was filled with students playing games outside their class with a teacher catching it all

on videotape.

The games these students were playing were a part of the coursework required in Buff Furman's fundamen-

tals of mechatronics class.

Mechatronics is defined on the San Jose State University engineering Web site as the application of the latest techniques in precision mechanical engineering, controls theory, computer science and electronics to the design process to create more functional and

adaptable products.

Furman, an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, said his students had to create an electromechanical game for their term

project.
"I've required the students to create these games the past couple of semes-ters," Furman said. "It allows them to be creative and use the principles of mechatronics."

mechatronics."

The project is 25 percent of the student's grade in the class, Furman said. The games are graded on how well they function, the group's presentation and how well the theories are documented in a written report.

"Students really like to get this kind of hands-on experience to apply the theory I lecture about in class," Furman said "It can be challenging at

Furman said. "It can be challenging at first, but once they start working together they start to figure it out." Furman walked around with a cam-

corder outside room 125 in the Engineering building, where the stu-dents go to lab once a week for three

Furman filmed the students playing the games, asking them questions

while evaluating their creations:

The games that were presented varied in size, shape and color. However, all shared one common trait — the user of the game had to have physical input in order for a desired outcome to happen.

Some Some of the games on display included "Mega Pongball," "Shootout" and "Spart-a-Link 2003." Teams were composed of four students. They worked together in the lab



From left, Christian Daco, Huey Lee and Angel Porras work on a game they made for their ME 106 class on Thursday afternoon in the Engineering building. Their game was similar to the arcade game "Dance, Dance, Revolution."

during the semester, each week learning a lesson that would enable them to build and program their game mecha-

Matt McLellan, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, said creating his team's game was a fun experience.

"The actual building of the game wasn't too hard," McLellan said. "It just took a lot of time to work out the

wooden ball through one of four designated holes that light up.

The game was constructed out of particleboard and pinewood and featured a seven-segment LCD display, which displayed a user's point total and time remaining. A user gains one point for successfully rolling a ball through a designated hole, defined by

a tiny light above it. Philip Luk, a senior majoring in work and effort.

"We would each do a certain area we were better at," Luk said. "We've also

spent a lot of time helping each other.

All games required programming using the computer language known as C, which tells the microcontroller what to do, said Yen Tieu, a junior

majoring in mechanical engineering.
Microcontrollers are found in automated lights, motion detectors and many other devices that involve move-

The largest game at the exhibit was "Triv-a-Throw," a competitive game that required the use of one's knowledge and physical ability.

The game sat atop a small table and was constructed out of Plexiglas, with the inside containing the micorcon-troller, a speaker and other circuit

wires. Two players compete in the game, answering programmed questions about history, sports and other cate-

#### Programming bugs." His team created "Skee-ballio," a game that requires a user to roll a mechanical engineering, said creating "Skee-ballio" took a lot of team-See GAMES, page 3 Former SJSU Social Work professor dies at 69

By Sunita Vijayan

Daily Staff Writer

It's not every day when someone special touches your life in a way that creates an impact so huge they leave an imprint of their presence in the lives they have stirred.

Described by friends and co-work-ers as soft-spoken but larger than life, Simon Dominguez embodied everything a teacher was supposed to

Dominguez died Nov. 24 in San Jose after suffering from a sudden seizure. He was 69.

A former professor and associate dean at the College of Social Work at San Jose State University, Dominguez had been part of the faculty for 34 years before his retirement in August.

Marlene Coach, an assistant professor at the College of Social Work, said Dominguez took his role as an educa-

"He was radical in a way that he would turn you to look at alternative sources of information," Coach said. "To get you thinking outside the box."

Coach said she recalled a

student telling her once that in

Dominguez taught, every-one would

strain to listen

to him talk, as

he was quite

classes



soft-spoken. "He had a lot to say, and he saw the possibilities in his students and the people he worked with," she

Allan Rawland, the Masters of Social Work program director, said he came to know Dominguez when he was the mental health director for

Santa Clara County. Dominguez had been a member of the Santa Clara County Mental Health Advisory Board as well as chair of the children's mental health services committee.

"His contributions to mental health in youths were very significant," Rawland said. "In that capacity he helped foster and increase services to seriously emotionally disturbed children."

Even in retirement, Dominguez did not think of taking a break from his passion for his work.

Rawland said just a few days before his untimely death, Dominguez had spoken about his progress in writing about the history of social work in California for the least 100 years. California for the last 100 years

California for the last 100 years.
Sylvia Andrew, dean of the College of
Social Work, said having known
Dominguez for the last 10 years, the
thing that struck her the most was his dedication to his students.

"He was always concerned about his students. He always had students in his their career choices," Andrew said. "He made such an impact on his students'

Andrew said she recalled one of his Andrew said she recauled one of his students had stood up during his retirement party and recounted his memories of Dominguez.

"Out of the blue, he talked about con-

versations he had with Dominguez years ago that had made him the person he was today," she said.

Apart from his students, Andrew said

Dominguez also made it a point to push his co-workers to live up to their potential.
"He was very committed to the pro-

fession of social work and liked to solve problems," Andrew said. "He was a

problems, Andrew said. He was a doer, and he had a zest for living and making things better."

Emily Bruce, an assistant professor at the College of Social Work, said Dominguez had been a significant fix-

ture in her career.

Hired by Dominguez as a lecturer in 1998, Bruce said Dominguez was

responsible in giving her the opportu-nity to attain a full-time position on the

"He gave me direction on how to do
this job," Bruce said. "He was most
self-effacing, and he was perfect from
my point of view."

Always available to lend a helping

hand and regarded as a team player, Dominguez made the impossible pos-

sible for his co-workers.

Relatively new to the faculty, Peter

Lee, an associate professor at the College of Social Work, said Dominguez was one of the first to make him feel at ease.

"It was a joy to work with him and a

good person to go to for advice," Lee said. "He will be greatly missed." Dominguez is survived by his wife, Rosemary Dominguez of San Jose, and

daughters Catherine Brown of Vancouver, Wash., RoseAnne Dominguez of San Jose and Maria Powell of Los Banos, as well as six grandchildren.

# give 'Locks of Love'

By Veronica Mendoza Daily Senior Staff Writer

While some girls let their hair grow long for looks, two San Jose State seniors are using their hair to make a difference in people's lives. Allison Stucky and Alley White,

both civil engineering majors, are let-ting their hair grow long to chop it off for the non-profit organization Locks

According to Susan Stone, executive director of the organization, Locks of Love provides free hair-pieces for children who suffer from medical conditions that cause them to

"We estimate that 80 percent of our donors are under 18," Stone said. Both girls said that they are donat-

ing their hair in honor of somebody they knew who had suffered from cancer and who had lost their hair because of chemotherapy. White said a friend of hers passed away this summer because of cancer. Her friend got help from Locks of Love when she lost her hair, White

White decided that she would donate her hair to the same organization that provided her friend with a

hairpiece.
"She was an amazing girl," White said of her friend.

said of her friend.

Stucky is donating her hair for two of her friends' mothers who are suffering from breast cancer.

"My friends' mothers go through rough days," Stucky said. "They use wigs or hats."

Stucky, now a senior, has been letting her each heir grow since her fresh

ting her red hair grow since her freshman year.

She said cutting it off won't be a

problem for her.

Stucky said that people often stop her and tell her they wish they had her hair and that she should sell it.

Stucky, who had heard about Locks of Love from the news and the Internet, thought it would be better to donate her hair rather than profit

from it.

"It doesn't matter who gets it, just as long as somebody benefits from it,"
Stucky said. White said she does not mind cut-

ting off her hair, but growing it out has been difficult for her because she usually wears her hair short.
"I like low maintenance," White

said. "I'm a ponytail, hair-out-of-theface type of person."

Both girls are going to their own hair salon to cut a foot from their

White said her hairdresser has had two people come in to cut their hair for the same organization and is

familiar with the requirements. Stucky said that the required length

of hair is 10 inches, and it has to be tied in a ponytail.

According to the Locks of Love Web site, the hair can be dyed or have a perm but cannot be chemically

damaged. Stucky is planning to cut her hair after Christmas, but White said she See HAIR, page 4

# Rarely read theses visible in King Library

By JaShong King Daily Staff Writer

The elevator bell rings, and students walk out onto the top floor of the library. Across the lobby are shelves of red and blue bound books marked "theses," placed conspicuously in view of the elevators. The students walk by them without a sec-

"I don't know. What are they?" asked Miles Dao, a visiting student from Cal State Hayward.

ate student's hard work. A written discourse, advancing a new point of view from research, is how the dictionary defines a thesis paper.

Weeks, months, sometimes years of effort go into each one now carefully bound and placed on the shelves with such titles as "Stress management and job satisfaction" or

They are the culmination of many a gradu-

"Cost enumeration. Some have peeling bindings, browned pages and a musty smell of aging paper. Many have never been read.

"It's unfortunate," said librarian Susana Liu about the lack of attention for many thesis

papers. She said the scholarly works them-selves are not exactly popular reading mate-rial at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint library, where the roughly 10,000 thesis papers are held.

papers are held.

A thesis paper has traditionally been the final step in a student's attempt to get a master's degree. In some departments, they used to be required. Nowadays, some students are opting to not write one, like graduate history major John Rickman.

Rickman said part of the reason he didn't opt for a thesis paper was because he wanted to go straight into teaching rather than pursue a higher degree. He is instead taking the history department's "Plan B," a comprehen-

sive test, in order to get his graduate degree.

"It used to be necessary because many people going for their master's in history were also going for their Ph.D.," Rickman said. A ass going the transport of the six paper was the cornerstone to a Ph.D. application, he said.

"If you didn't have a thesis, don't even think

about it," Rickman said. But as of late, Rickman said, there's been a shift away from a thesis emphasis, even in the writing-intensive field of History. He pointed to the stacks of thesis books behind

a glass cabinet. "It's a lot of work for the department. They don't have the personnel to do them. It's more time consuming than it's worth," he said about the cost in energy to both faculty and student.

and student.

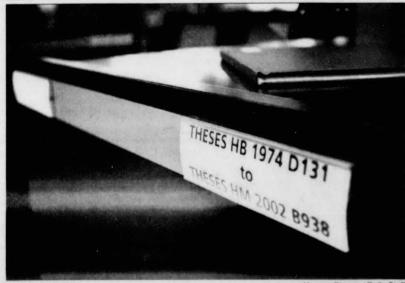
Rickman said he liked writing but wondered whether anybody would be interested in reading a several-hundred-page paper written by him.

The theses themselves are read to varying degrees. Some subjects are more popular than others, especially theses from more prestigious graduate programs on campus,

A thesis on test score comparisons between A thesis on test score comparisons between babies exposed to drugs and those who hadn't been was checked out 12 times in the 10 years since it had been published. The book next to it, on a child's ability to detect scientific inaccuracies, had not been checked out

While many students know their hard work will probably never be read, it doesn't some from writing then "I do it because I love to do it," said philos-

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Theses are located on floors five through eight of the Dr. Martin Luther

# The sad reasons why nice guys always finish last

RYAN BALBUENA

The nice guy always ended up on top at the winner's podium in the end, but the way to the finish line is filled

with many ups and downs. When some of us think about that guy, it is usually in some sappy love story movie where he has everything going for him. The part that sucks is that it is usually only in the

In real life, nice guys normally do not get what they want. And what they usually want is that nice girl to spend some quality time with.

Most of my life has been spent in search of that special one. And like most people, I still haven't found what I am looking for.

The way I look at this situation is just like a hero's journey where that person must travel around the world to find that magical item that will save his or her community and maybe every now and then slay a dragon or other mythical

For the most part, this journey has been interesting and a big learning experience. Most of it has made me a better and stronger person emotionally.

Some of these journeys have taken me to far off kingdoms like the big grassy quad in high school to the labyrinth of my local mall to the dungeons of the many bars that I have frequented.

Usually the adventure starts off like anything else in life: happy, fun and energetic. It is like a rookie baseball player ready to get into the batter's box and take his first swing at the veteran pitcher's fastball.

Then it most often ends the same way with the rookie hitter striking out swing ing and being left in a cloud of his own dust. Finally, there is that long walk back to the dugout with his head down because he looked like a fool out on the field. On the up side, he will be back on the batting rotation after eight other players take a swing on the plate.

I just wish it is as easy as that, but it isn't. Girls just realize that you have it better than your male counterparts. Some of the females reading this might disagree with

that statement, but there are a couple of areas where they have it better than guys in terms of relationships and love. Look at it this way: the guy usually has to make the first move when it comes to a relationship. All the girl has to do is wait for "Mr. Right," or in some cases "Mr. Wrong," to come by and sweep her off her feet.

I don't usually like to be the one who makes the first move, since it's a lot of work. And most of that work ends up with me striking out after the ball count is full. During my high school days, that was really true. The upbeat, positive and outgoing guy most see today was that really shy

nice guy who most girls passed up to be with the star football player. Today is a much different story. I am still that same guy people saw in high school, but with a little bit more confidence. Sure, after being with a girl it can help to change a guy. Girls have this unknown power to be able to help make a guy a totally different person while in the relationship. That is another thing: a girl can influence a guy, but it usually doesn't happen the other way

When it comes to coming onto the singles scene, a girl has an easier time advertising

that she is looking for a guy. When a guy attempts to do the same, females avoid him like a plague. Why is that? Maybe it is because guys have an edge in the basketball game of love and making the rebound on a girl than the other way around.

So, what ever happened to that nice guy who was mentioned in the beginning of the story?

He is probably wondering why the heck he is always fin-

ishing last when he is getting the head start in the

Sure, some people always talk about that phrase and how

Some might say the girls will marry that nice guy or that he is the winner in the end.

Well, for some guys, why do they have to wait until the end to win the game? Why can't they just be a winner to

start off with? Some girls talk about having to go through about four or five different boyfriends before they realize that the guy they were looking for was right in front of them the whole

And as for this nice guy, he will be waiting for that "special girl" to finally open her eyes and show her what she has been searching for.

> Ryan Balbuena is the Spartan Daily photo editor This is the last appearance of 'The Thrilla From Manila' for the semester.

### Viewpoint | Encourage public transit use

Thank you for highlighting the crisis facing the transit pass program that all enrolled SJSU students automatically receive when they pay their registration fees. It was good to read the wide variety of student viewpoints on this successful program. I wish to address those who resent paying the transit program fee, and may feel, as one student was quoted: "I think it's very unfair... Why should you have to pay for something you don't use?"

While those who avail themselves to Valley Transit Authority light rail and buses are directly benefiting from the transit program, anyone who commutes via personal motor vehicle indirectly benefits as well. Those already scarce parking spaces will become much scarcer if current transit users choose to drive and compete for those spaces as well. The traffic around campus will increase, making driving (as well as walking and biking on the periphery of campus) more stressful.

It is vital that this program continue. Associated

Students and VTA must reach a compromise. I noticed that VTA charges \$11.50 per student, while the transit fee is \$21.50. Clearly A.S. could allow for a small increase

truly hope that this program continues next semester. SJSU was one of the first universities in the nation to institute what is now called a 'class pass' program to encourage students to utilize public transit - not just to and from school, but for other travel purposes as well. As the A.S. commuter survey reported students do use the transit, and as one interview in the article noted, the class pass is

Irvin Dawid Graduate student Urban & Regional Planning

## without having to resort to a student ballot measure where a permanent fee increase would be decided.

Luckily I have been able to acquire 12 units worth of classes pertinent to my major each semester just before the add deadline.

Nevertheless, I know from what I have seen that not everyone has been so fortunate. We need to inform SJSU personnel on how we can help remove this unfortunate trend or to facilitate it. Students should not have to endure eight-hour class days for more than a week just so they can hope that one of the classes will admit them.

For teachers I recommend that they do a lottery during the first week of classes to determine who stays and who

Otherwise, students can waste three weeks of classroom attendance for a class they end up getting denied for. This struggle for classes hinders our learning experience and I believe it is within SJSU's scope of control

Paul Mollinedo

### Letter | Business classes hard to come by

Dear editor,

The rat race of finding classes needs to end. I do not know how long it has existed, but I have been attending SJSU for two semesters, and it has been grueling to land necessary classes for me and several others in the business school during my time here.

#### **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 spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

#### 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

Jummah 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 msaliaison\_sjsu@hotmail.com.

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.

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

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Images in dance, concert of new works by choreography of students today at SPX 219 at 7 p.m. for more information call 924-5041.

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Aerobicthon will take place today from 4 p.m. to 6

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Beginner and advanced students can join and learn folklore dances from various regions of Mexico in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.

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## The fond memories of **Christmas in Norway**

As time is coming closer to finals week, there is something else that makes studying just a little bit easier for

Since I was little I have always loved Christmas - from seeing the first snowflakes fall outside my bedroom window on a cold November night to waking up and knowing my stocking was waiting at the edge of my bed.

My dad never bought the real stockings that you find in the stores. Instead, he would take my long johns and stuff each leg with candy, magazines and anything else he could find. And while I was sleeping, he would quietly sneak into my room and attach them to

I still wake up to stuffed long johns on Christmas morning, even at the age of 22. But after I moved to San Jose for col-

lege, the traditional holiday atmosphere has sort of disappeared. When the roads and trees are covered in snow at my home in Asker, Norway,

our campus still looks like fall. One year, I spent my entire vacation in California with a family, and for some reason, it just wasn't the same. I'm sure

Americans find their holidays special in their own way, but I missed all the traditional things we do at home. In my family, Christmas takes priority over any other

holiday. It's probably because of the fact that my family is

pretty religious. On that one day, everything is allowed. I remember spending my mornings eating candy and watching cartoons, something that never would have happened on a regular day. And the amount of presents distributed really can't compare to any other holiday. Usually, I never got new clothes or toys on any other occasion, but on Christmas Eve, the gifts would be flowing like it never

It isn't formally Christmas yet until I've walked down the streets in the city of Oslo, and I see people dressed in big coats and cuddled up in beanies and scarves. Lights and decorations will be glowing in the dim afternoon lights in my hometown and Christmas songs are played in every store. Sometimes you will even see the occasionhappens in the more rural areas of the city.

But what sticks out the most in my mind is not the various rituals this holiday encompasses - it's how my family always gets together, despite their differences and arguments. The past is forgotten when we sit down for dinner, bake cookies or open presents later on. And I never argue with my sister when we decorate the tree, which we traditionally do the day before Christmas Eve.

My family has never been close — rather dysfunctional at times — but that makes it even more special when my parents, who are divorced, can sit down with my sister and me and have a great

time together.

I don't know of any other holiday that

brings people together the way this sea-And even after Christmas, our celebra-

tion still goes on for days. Relatives will come over for dinners and make gingerbread houses with us.

Between Christmas and New Year's kids will go from house to house, dressed like RATBERG Santa Clause, and sing songs in exchange for cookies and candy. I guess this is our form of Halloween, except that all the costumes look the

This year, I will be leaving only a few days before the big holiday. But before then, I know I will have numerous final exams to complete before the celebration can begin.

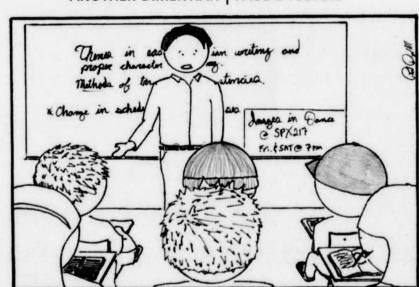
For some, going to college has never been an option. For me, despite spending parts of the holidays here, I am living my dream. So studying for finals isn't really that bad when I think of everything I have to look forward to.

In a way, that will be my Christmas present for this year I hope everyone's gifts this year will be just as mean-

> Therese Bratherg is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. This is the last appearance of 'Confused.'

#### ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | PAUL DYBDAHL

THERESE BRATBERG



AND NEXT SEMESTER THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER TWO NEW CLASSES: FUNDAMENTALS OF FOOTBALL PLAYBOOK EDITING' AND FOOTBALL LINGO IN AMERICAN LITERATURE! HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL ENTITLE US TO SOME NEW MONEY."

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### Class checks shock value

By Ron Pangrac Daily Staff Writer

After spending months developing a method to protect a computer plotter during shipping, one student learned that her design did not anticipate the package landing on a corner in a fall.

Lisa Gebbia, an interdisciplinary graduate student with a concentration

graduate student with a concentration on packaging, was among the students in the Packaging Dynamics class who presented the results of their semester projects this week.

Gebbia said although her packaging failed because there was not enough

cushioning in the corners, the project was a worthwhile learning experience. "The teacher said (my project) was a successful failure," Gebbia said. "I followed all the rules, all the numbers came out right. But the package still failed because the protection wasn't where it needed to be."

The course is a requirement for industrial and systems engineering majors with the packaging engineer-ing concentration. It is optional for students with a minor in packaging

engineering.
At the start of the semester, students At the start of the semester, students in the class were given pieces of hightech equipment. Their task was to create packages that would minimize damage to the equipment should the package be dropped or subjected to bumpy transport in a truck or airplane.

Gebbia said she and other graduate students worked individually while undergraduates worked in teams.

undergraduates worked in teams. In the class, students learned the distinction between impact and vibration. Impact refers to a sudden shock, such as a drop. Vibration refers to shaking or minor jarring that occurs

when a package is moved or trans-

tor of the packaging program.
"Shock is a probability ... vibration is a certainty," Schueneman said. "If it's going to be shipped, it's going to be shaken."

To address concerns about both impact and vibration, a cushion must be created for the product. For the high-tech items used in the class projects, the

cushion was made of polystyrene. The cushion, the element that provides the most protection from impact and vibration, is called the primary package, Schueneman said. A con-tainer, such as a box, provides little such protection and is called the secondary package.

For their projects, students had to test the fragility of the product itself to help determine how much cushioning was necessary. They then tested the merit of the cushion material.

After designing and preparing a package, the students tested the product, cushion and container as a unit. Judy Carlos and Mahsa Daneshfar,

both seniors majoring in nutrition and food science, worked on packaging a

personal computer.

"We didn't want to overpackage the item. That would be wasteful," Carlos said. "And we didn't want to understand the computer of the compu package the item (because of the threat of damage)."

The two learned the importance of

The two learned the importance of the secondary package.

Although they had designed polystyrene supports to fit the PC, the supports did not fit snugly in the box and their PC was damaged.

Applying standards from the American Society for Testing and Materials, students used specialized equipment to measure what happened to their packages under a variety of circumstances.

A vibration tester subjected a package to low-level, random vibrations, similar to those that would occur as a

truck drove along the highway.

A shock tester enabled the students to measure the effects on a product of different gravitational forces (G levels). This helped analyze how much cushioning a package should provide. Students had to evaluate results from

both qualitative and quantitative levels. Schueneman explained that for some consumer products, a qualitative

some consumer products, a quantitative level is sufficient.

"If you're talking about a box of cookies, the qualitative (measure) is 'did the cookies break?' "he said.

Quantitative measurements are needed for products such as comput-ers, where susceptibility to damage is more critical. Schueneman said quantitative measurements can identify at what G level breakage occurred.

Although students worked with pro-tective packaging for high-tech equipment for this assignment, Schueneman said in the packaging

Schueneman said in the packaging industry, about 80 percent of the money that companies spend goes toward common products found in stores such as Safeway and Macy's.

"With high-tech, the target value (of the packaging) is about 1 percent of the cost of the item," he said. "With cosmetics, it starts at 50 percent and goes up from there. (The contents of a tube of) lipstick is worth about seven to 10 cents. The container is about 50 times that."

Schueneman explained that packag-

Schueneman explained that packag-Schueneman explained that packaging sometimes has to account for conditions specific to the product. As an example, he mentioned meals-ready-to-eat used by the military.

"With MREs, they expect the food to remain edible under very severe conditions," he said.

"Tm always impressed with what my students do in this class," he said. "They have done some amazing

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Questions are multiple-choice, and a player pushes one of four but-tons to submit their answer. If incorrect, a speaker inside the Plexiglas makes a buzzing sound. If correct, a nine-second timer begins and the player has to throw a small

foam basketball at a target about eight feet away.

The player receives one point for getting a correct answer and another for hitting the 6 inches by 6 inches

for hitting the 6 inches by 6 inches target.

Suketu Shah, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, said his team hopes to donate "Triv-a-Throw" to an elementary school.

"This game would be fun for students in elementary school," Shah said. "It can be programmed with any subject and I think it would making learning a little bit more exciting."

exciting."

The actual building of the game took about 10 hours, with most of the time being dedicated to programming, said Hai Quach, a senior majoring in mechanical engineer-

"Building it wasn't too hard," Quach said. "We found most of our material in the engineering court-

Paul Montes, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, said learn-ing the fundamentals of mechatronics was interesting, but he said he got a lot more than just learning the

rinciples.
"It taught all of us how to work well in a group," Montes said. "We had to incorporate our social skills, and capitalize on the different talents each of

Furman said he was pleased with this year's results.



Jerome Edesan, left, and Carlos Castro, both seniors majoring in mechanical engineering, play the game triv-a-throw. The game consisted of contestants being asked a mechanical engineering trivia question and if they got it correct they had a chance to throw a

### New cate to move in downtown

By Ian Ross Daily Staff Writer

In an effort to bring new restaurants and retail to the downtown area, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency turned to an old friend, Lee's Sandwiches, to help fill the void in the Fourth and San Fernando Street Parking Facility

Parking Facility.

"We asked the community what they wanted to see downtown," said Peggy Flynn, director of communications for the Redevelopment Agency. "They wanted more variety in restau-rants and more retail."

Lee's, a Vietnamese sandwich shop,

will be returning to the area in early 2004. Lee's first opened in 1983 at Sixth and Santa Clara Streets. "(Lee's offers) fresh sandwiches and

definitely has the ethnic flavor that is San Jose," Flynn said.

The restaurant moved away from downtown to a larger venue in 1988 and has since expanded. They will open their 10th Northern California restaurant in 2004.

Ryan Hubris, the spokesperson for Lee's owners, said the restaurant at the new parking garage venue will be called M Café & Bakery but "it will be under the Lee's Sandwiches umbrella.

"For us, it's an incredible opportuni-ty to come back to downtown San Jose

and be right across from the university and the library," he said. Hubris said they will offer eight varieties of Vietnamese meats.

Barbequed pork, grilled chicken, headcheese and pate are some of the traditional fillings, he said.

M Café will also offer traditional European meats, including turkey, ham, roast beef and salami.

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same menu items but we will have a

"It's like the Krispy Kreme experience without the grease bath."

#### Ryan Hubris, Spokesman for M Cafe

new look to the restaurant," he said. "Our forte will continue to be baguettes, croissants and Vietnamese coffee."

Three of Lee's signature items, "banh mi" sandwiches, "delimanjoo" pastries and caramel machiato coffee will also be available at the M Café, Hubris said.

"Banh mi is a Vietnamese term that

means sandwich," he said.

Anyone who orders a "banh mi" can expect to get a freshly baked, ten-inch baguette with a wide choice of fillings, made to order.

The sandwiches will range in price between \$1.75 and \$2.95.
"We produce our own meat and

make our own bread, so we can offer it

in a direct way," Hubris said.

A "delimanjoo" is a Vietnamese custard-filled pastry. The batter goes in on a conveyor belt into the oven and is

pumped with cream, he said.
"It's like the Krispy Kreme experience without the grease bath," he said.
"We'll turn the kitchen inside-out so consumers can see what they are get-

ting."
Hubris described the caramel machiato coffee as a sweetened café au lait, using the French press brewing

"The brewing process allows the water to draw out the richest flavor of the coffee, give it a little kick," he said. "It's a power-packed coffee that is sweet and served over ice." While the location of the M Café

has been decided upon, the cafe's opening day is yet to be deter-"The city has not completed all the infrastructure yet," Hubris said. They still need gas, electricity and air condi-

The city might be able to deliver in

January or February," he said. "If so, we'll open during the summer. If not, we'll open for the fall season." Flynn said the city would probably have that finished up by the end of the

year. Hubris said the M Café has big

plans for it's opening day.
"When that day does happen, we will bake as much bread as the oven can handle and provide free food for the opening," he said.

The event should run about two

hours, and is available at a cost of \$4

event is usually solid and carries a

broad spectrum of students.

"We have had engineering students

to nursing students to business stu-

Sullivan expects a crowd of about 150 attending intermittently through-

dents," she said.

### **Jackson TV documentary may** have led to molestation charge

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - More than a year ago, Michael Jackson let a televi-sion crew into his bizarre world for a

TV documentary he no doubt hoped would boost his fading career. Instead, "Living With Michael Jackson" may have triggered the child molestation case that threatens to destroy Jackson and his multimillion-

dollar music empire. Exactly what happened is a matter of dispute, but interviews with several sources close to Jackson and the accuser's family reveal one consistent thread: The documentary set in motion a series of events that led to

motion a series of events that led to the pop star's arrest last month. The TV special, broadcast world-wide last February to an audience of millions, offered images of Jackson's fairy-tale estate, Neverland, his lonely trips to Las Vegas and his lavish spending habits. It also showed him talking about sleepovers with children at Neverland and holding the hand of a cancer-stricken boy — the boy who is now Jackson's accuser. is now Jackson's accuser.

Those close to Jackson's defense team allege that around the time the TV special aired, the mother demanded a fee for her son's appearance. When Jackson refused, they say, the relationship between the family and

Jackson soured. In an alternate version, those close to the mother's side say she did not ask for payment. Instead, they say Jackson began acting strangely just before the special aired, telling the family they were in danger and would have to pack their belongings and leave their

According to this account, Jackson barred the family from Neverland, after which the mother hired an attorney — the same lawyer who had represented a boy in a molesta-tion claim against Jackson 10 years

ago.
The sources spoke to The
Associated Press on condition of

anonymity but are in a position to know each side's version of events.

Jackson attorney Mark Geragos called the latest accusations "the big lie" and said the singer denies molesting the boy, now 13. The Santa Barbara County district attorney's office said it expects to file formal charges the week of Dec. 15.

Everyone is in agreement on one thing; Jackson's relationship with the boy began with a good deed. Jackson was told by Jamie Masada, a comedy club owner who runs a camp for underprivileged children, that a child hospitalized with cancer wanted to

meet him. Jackson, who supports many children's charities, obliged and formed a relationship with the boy and his mother. The boy visited Neverland as his condition improved and gradually became part of Jackson's large

entourage.

In the TV documentary, which was filmed over an eight-month period and aired in this country on ABC, Jackson defended his habit of letting children sleep in his bed as "sweet" and non-sexual. In one scene, the boy, his head sometimes resting on Jackson's shoulder, told the interviewer he had been a guest for sleepovers at

The sleepovers have been a subject of curiosity for years: In 1993, Jackson was accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy. Jackson denied the allegations but paid the family millions in a settlement. The boy would not cooperate with prosecutors, and no charges were ever filed.

The month the documental Jackson hired Geragos, a high-pow-ered Los Angeles defense attorney who represented actress Winona Ryder and Whitewater figure Susan McDougal.

Sources familiar with Jackson's defense said the singer hired Geragos because the boy's mother was demanding payment for her son's appearance in the 90-minute documentary. The documentary producers had neglected to get the boy to sign the standard disclaimer form.

Those sources said Geragos

Those sources said Geragos obtained an affidavit and a taperecorded statement from the child and the mother. They praised Jackson as being like a father to the child and said nothing in child and said nothing inappropriate had happened between Jackson and

Geragos declined to comment for

A source who is in contact with the boy's family said no demand for pay-ment was made and outlined a differ-

Last February, when the documen-tary was about to air, Jackson became alarmed because much of the pre-show publicity focused on his rela-tionship with children and the previ-ous child molestation allegations



#### Aerobicthon offers finals relief Students and others are welcome to By Robert Hong "I would go to something like that," said Dennis Putan, a freshman art

Daily Staff Writer

At 4 p.m. this afternoon, the human performance department at San Jose State University will host its annual Aerobicthon in room C-44 of the Spartan Complex.

A 13-year tradition, the 2003 Aerobicthon is being sponsored by human performance Professor Carol "The event's purpose is to help students develop health fitness awareness," Sullivan said. "But most of all it

is for them to have fun."

She said that at finals time, college students are generally stressed out and under a lot of pressure. The Aerobicthon is designed to ease some of that stress by offering students a variety of different exercises and entertainment.

"Students can relax and relieve stress through different styles of aer-obics taught by instructors," Sullivan

The event will include cardio hiphop, cardio kickboxing, Hi-Lo aero-bics and cardio funk, according to information from the human performance department.

"It is open for anyone to come and participate," Sullivan said. "Students can bring friends, relatives, or members of clubs that they are involved

Along with a healthy array of aerobic workouts, the up-tempo event will also feature unique shows and prizes. The Sizzling Seniors, an aerobics

organization in which the average age of members is 73, are scheduled to put on a show for attendees, Sullivan said. There will also be student demonstra-Prizes from a drawing will include

tickets to Great America, one-month memberships to 24 Hour Fitness and coupons to various shops around the Some students said the Aerobicthon

would be beneficial, especially because it falls at the end of the



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### "My hope is that everyone will have fun," she said. Could YOU have a STD? Anyone who has sex could have one and

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ophy graduate student John Ward. He ophy graduate student John ward. He points out he could've easily graduat-ed several months ago if he hadn't decided to write a thesis. He decided instead to stay in school longer to

"It's a chance to spend some time on a project," Ward said. Besides, he said, the master's thesis

is only a beginning.

A former San Jose State University professor, who has his own thesis in the library, said it was an intensive labor of love. Retired professor Humberto Garza was, at the time, the first graduate student to do a thesis in the surface formed formed. dent to do a thesis in the newly formed Mexican-American studies department. He later went on to teach in the gradu-

ate program of that department.
"I must've spent 500 hours on it,"
Garza said about his paper, completed

Garza's is about the long-term survivability of the Educational Opportunity Plan, a program started by local Mexican-Americans to bring more Chicano students to SJSU. Garza himself said he never looked

"I know my son checked it out 10 years ago, and it was there," Garza said. "I really don't have time to reminisce.

Once it's done, it's over, and you move

on. I've gone on to better things." Garza has since written several books, including a recent one on the legendary outlaw and folk hero Joaquin Murieta.

The thesis books are faring better in

the current library than in their old hiding place on the dusty fifth-floor shelves of Clark Library, library offi-cials have said. Jo Bell Whitlatch, associate dean of the new library, said there has definite-

ly been an increase in interest with the

thesis books over their new location.
"By putting them in the lobby, they've gotten a lot more attention. The circulation has risen a great deal, and more people are finding them," Whitlatch said

At least now, if a student is bored

At least now, it a student is bored while waiting for an elevator, they might be inclined to take a look.
"You tend to judge a book by its cover," said Ken Hu, a sophomore majoring in administration of justice, as he stood by the thesis bookshelves waiting for his classmates. "Some look 100 was red and don't look that appending." But he did understand "these people worked so hard on them," he said.

And now that he knows what they

are, he said he might actually pick a thesis up and read it.

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still has to let her hair grow about another four inches and will probably cut it by next summer.

Stuckey said when she cuts her brown-and-reddish hair, she will go back to a short hairstyle.

White said that she doesn't tell a lot of people why she is growing out her hair. "I'm not doing it so people can say, 'oooohhh, cool," White said. "I'm doing it in (my friend's) memory."

Stone said that students can help the

organization in more ways than one. The organization provides a vol-unteer kit to help raise funds, she

She also said students can pass out brochures to inform pediatricians, school nurses and social workers about Locks of Love, so that they can refer children who come from low-income families to the program.

Stone said that it has been difficult

to inform low-income parents about the program's services.

"It breaks our hearts when kids come into our program in their late teens, knowing that we could have helped them in their early years and perhaps saved them from the embarrassment and struggles with their self-esteem," Stone said.

### Teachers try to silence cell phones

By Michelle Meier Daily Staff Writer

Imagine having to stand up in front of a class and sing a song on the spot. Why?

Because of a cell phone infraction. Amber Amjad, a senior majoring in marketing at San Jose State University, said although she has never experienced this humiliation herself, she knows there are students

herself, she knows there are students on campus who have.
"One of my friends has a teacher who makes students sing in front of the whole class if their cell phone goes off," she said.

As the number of cell phone users increases, some SJSU faculty members said they must be prepared to deal with disruptions in the classroom.

Peter Haas, a political science professor, said he has noticed a greater need

sor, said he has noticed a greater need for a cell phone policy in recent years. "As they (cell phones) become more common, the problem with distur-

bances has risen accordingly," he said. He doesn't currently have a written policy for students, Haas said.

policy for students, Haas said.

If a cell phone does go off in class, he said, "You just look at them funny and hope they never let it happen again."

Suzanne Malloy, a nursing professor, said she makes a verbal announcement at the start of each semester that

students need to turn off their cell phones in class.

If this is not followed, she lets the students know it won't be tolerated. "I look at them," she said. "I stop talking until the cell phone gets turned off."

Malloy said these distractions affect

everyone in the room.

"It's sort of like driving a car and using a cell phone," she said. "Other people get harmed."

She said she might include a sepa-

rate flier with cell phone policies with the syllabus next semester.

Some faculty members at SJSU said they haven't considered it to be a seri-

Lucy McProud, a nutrition and food science professor, said the only time when it really creates a distraction is when the classroom is crowded and the student has to stumble over other students to exit the room to answer or return the call.

"So far it hasn't been that bad," McProud said. "It's been manageable." Peter Kelepouris, a junior majoring in business management, said he always keeps his phone on vibrate.
"I think it's stupid if someone's

phone goes off," he said. "It's simple just to put it on vibrate, and you don't

ave to worry."
He said most of his teachers don't

have any specific policies.

"They just give the student a dirty look," Kelepouris said.

With the technology of text messag-

ing, some students may find ways to use their cell phones without the teacher even being aware.
"If you have to say something, it (text messaging) is easier than getting

"I think it's stupid if someone's phone goes off." Peter Kelepouris,

junior, business management

ut of class and calling somebody," Kelepouris said. Amjad also said she keeps her phone

on vibrate.

on vibrate.
"When someone's cell phone goes
off, it is distracting," she said.
One of her professors has come up
with a way to deter students from mak-

ing the cell phone blunder, she said.
"I have a teacher that takes off points if your phone rings during class," Amjad said.

Alexandra Goyeau, a sophomore majoring in Spanish, said she normally turns her phone off before going

She said it's not worth the risk. "A cell phone rang once and the stu-dent left to answer it," Goyeau said.

"We didn't continue in class until the student came back."

Jesse Lee, a senior animation major, said it's common sense to turn off a

cell phone for class.

"It's just kind of a given," he said.

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### 'Show me beautiful ...'



Timothy O'Neill, a junior majoring in English, takes a picture of his girlfriend of six years, Jen Weddle, also a junior majoring in English, on Thursday outside Tower Hall. The couple said they are originally from Seattle and were outside taking photographs and enjoying the cold, wet weather.

### Hells Angels members face racketeering charges

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Dozens of Hells Angels motorcycle gang members were indicted on racketeering and other federal charges stemming from a deadly 2002 casino brawl and other violent crimes in the West, authorities

The two-year federal investigation culminated Thursday with the announcements of indictments in Las Vegas and Phoenix. The day before federal agents swarmed Hells Angels headquarters and clubhouses in California, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska

and Washington state.

In all, 57 arrests were made, some for charges not related to the casino brawl. Authorities seized drugs, bulletproof vests, stolen vehicles, explosives and more than 100 meanors. weapons.

"These individuals thrive on a cul-ture of violence," said Stephen Herkins, assistant special agent-in-charge of the San Francisco office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"Our streets are safer today as a result of these indictments," Herkins said at a Las Vegas news conference. In the Las Vegas indictment, 42 Hells Angels members face 10 federal counts of violence in aid of racketeering and one count of using and carry ing and one count of using and carrying and one count of using and carry-ing firearms in the deadly incident at the 2002 Laughlin River Run, an annual motorcycle rally near the Nevada-Arizona border. Daniel Bogden, U.S. attorney in Nevada, said 34 of the men have been

arrested. The rest were being sought. Sixteen Hells Angels members were indicted in Phoenix on federal racket-

eering charges. The grand jury indictments had been sealed to allow authorities to

The Las Vegas indictment outlines



prosecutors describe as a "highly organized criminal enter-prise" in 23 states and 25 countries involved in threats, violence, murder, robbery and conspiracy to distribute

drugs.
Federal prosecutors alleged the Hells Angels created a "climate of fear" by assaulting members of rival motorcycle clubs, including the Mongols.

Mongols.

"They try to put forth an image to the public with these Toys for Tots (events)," said ATF special agent Carlos Baixauli. "In reality, they deal in drugs, guns and death."

In the April 2002 brawl at Harrah's Laughlin hotel-casino, Hells Angels and Mongols club members fought with guns, knives, hammers and wrenches. Two Hells Angels and one Mongols motorcycle gang member were killed and at least 12 other people were injured.

Another Hells Angels member was shot to death on Interstate 40 in California, about 115 miles west of

Cainfornia, about 113 miles west of Laughlin.

"This indictment looks like allegations about a bar fight. It certainly doesn't look like a racketeering indictment," said lawyer David Chesnoff, who represents Arizona resident Calvin Schaefer, who was named in both indictments. who was named in both indictments.

who was named in both indictments.

"All Mr. Schaefer did was defend himself and others," Chesnoff said by telephone from Arizona.

ATF agents characterized the deadly melee as playing a "big part" in moving the investigation forward, but did not alphorate.

did not elaborate.

Bogden declined to say why there were no Mongols indicted and said the investigation was continuing.

gation began before the casino melee, which also was cited in the Phoenix indictment.

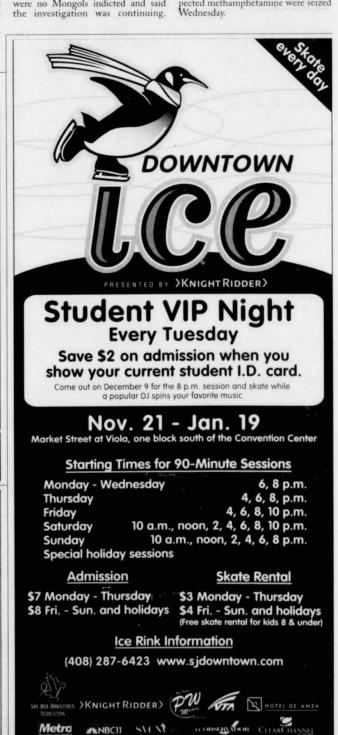
As part of the racketeering charge, federal prosecutors in Phoenix allege three of the 16 men, including Schaefer, attempted to kill Mongols at the motorcycle rally. The Phoenix indictment also details at least two other murder conspiracies against rival bikers this year, witness tampering and a 2001

this year, witness tampering and a 2001 murder.

The two-year federal investigation took federal agents throughout the West, including Los Angeles, where stolen military explosives, about 50 firearms and a quarter-pound of suspected methample were seized. pected methamphetamine were seized Wednesday.







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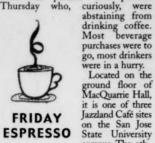
Ricky Perez makes a cup of coffee for a customer Thursday afternoon at Jazzland Cafe near the Boccardo Business Complex.

### Three Jazzland locations have distinct traits

a series of profiles on local coffee houses.

By Michael Lerma Daily Staff Writer

The Jazzland Café at MacQuarrie Hall was packed with patrons Thursday who, curiously, were abstaining from



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campus. The others are in the faculty Business Tower and in the 10th Street garage.

Each offers a selection of drinks and food items. Seating is available at the

three outdoor cafés. Isaac Ross, a junior business major, said the cafe at the 10th Street garage caters to the faculty that work in the various offices such as Financial Aid, Bursar's Office and Admissions and

sonal traffic that has to do with enrollment," Ross said. "Students pay bills at the Bursar's Office." For the rest of the year, Ross said, a steady stream of faculty and staff make the majority of purchases.

"The biggest tippers are the faculty. They are here all the time," Ross said.

The 10th Street location has a coffee of the week, Ross said, and varieties include Mexican, Costa Rican or

include Mexican, Costa Rican or Brazilian coffee.

The biggest seller at the 10th Street café is the French roast, Ross said.

"Other locations will have different offerings," Ross said.

In addition to the coffee, Ross pointed out the bagels and pastries.

"We have various flavors of cream cheese sods. Juice Squeeze, energy."

cheese, sodas, Juice Squeeze, energy drinks and water," Ross said.

The largest café of the three is located at MacQuarrie Hall, which has a different look and feel. All four coffees are offered in addition to Columbian decaf. Dan Kutzkey, operations manager for the three locations, said the Jazzland Café has been on the SJSU

campus for eight years.
"Originally, there was a café at the old admissions building (as well)," Kutzkey said.

Kutzkey said that each location catered to the demands of the

The MacQuarrie Hall location sells more food items as opposed to the very little food items found at the 10th Street location," Kutzkey said. "At the 10th Street café, you have a lot of staff

members buying coffee."
To avoid lines and cater to busy patrons, the express lane was put in

Kathryn Parrera, a new transfer student and Jazzland Café staff member at the business location, said the express lane is for those who do

not want to wait and have exact change.

"Customers can put money into the box and serve their own coffee," Parrera said. "It is based on the honor system, and it seems to work well. But I have no idea if the money and the

I have no idea if the money and the coffee are balancing out."

Kutzkey said express lane sales are tracked via the cups that are missing and the money in the box.

"There is usually a small difference in the balance. We find that less money is in the box based on the

money is in the box based on the amount of cups missing," Kutzkey said. "But we equate the difference to the price of the tea. Students are probably buying tea, putting in less money and that is the difference we

Carrie Hults, a senior philosophy major, is a customer of Jazzland Café. She said she stopped by Thursday to get some hot cocoa in order to warm

"I usually drink black coffee, especially during finals," Hults said. "I (do not order specialty coffee). I am not

Each café has its own vibe. Parrera, for example, was playing Barry White at the business location. Seats were empty as students paid for their drinks and walked to their destinations.

busy from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to noon, but that is only during my shift," Parrera said.

The 10th Street location, on the

other hand, played punk music. Ross admitted that he was not supposed to be playing it but said that it was slow, so no one would com-

And, for a period, the MacQuarrie

location played no music at all. Veronica Pinal, a freshman business major, said she noticed the lack of

Music is played once in a while but not all the time. I wish they would play more jazz," Pinal said. Pinal said she did not drink the cof-

fee at the Jazzland Cafe and visited the coffee shop more for the environ-ment and the cookies.

"(The café) is not too noisy. It is a nice place to relax," Pinal said. "I have not tried the coffee yet, but I am here because they are cool about me sitting here even when I do not buy any-

Pinal said she often does her homework at the café twice a week spending, on average, 45 minutes per

Ross said he was not upset when people sat at the chairs and did not make a purchase.
"I don't mind if you have a seat here and eat (lunch)," Ross said.

Parrera summarized the vibe of the different locations best, "Each location has its own personality."



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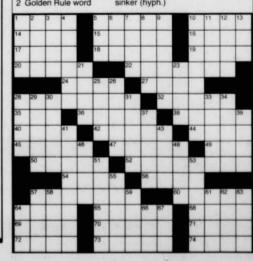
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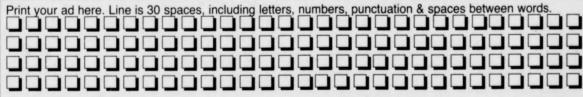
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## Handball class teaches students keys to winning

Daily Copy Editor

Handball is not just about a powerful hit, it's about hand and eye coordination, said Sol Aber, the instructor for the new course on beginning

for the new total handball.

"Never stand still, keep on your toes, be able to turn and kick off fast," he said. "The game is not long distance, but it is about stamina... and hast sprints."

short sprints."

Aber, a former national Grand Master champion, said he would like to turn the course into a San Jose State University handball club.

Aber won 16 national titles, one world title and was inducted into the Northern California Handball Hall of Fame in 1993.

of Fame in 1993. He said he is dedicated to teaching

"good court sense."

I get locked into a zone of concentration," Aber said. "It's about where the shot will be and where it's going."

Keeping control of a hollow rubber ball in a small room that is 20 feet wide, 40 feet long and 20 feet high is a challenge to a player of any ability, he said. he said.

"Focusing on what you are doing is the important thing above all else," he said. "The ball goes where your

Aber also said winning is about

"Desire compensates for a lot of ills in any game," Aber said. "You have to want to win."

Aber said one of the students in the Aber said one of the students in the class, Stephanie Castro, who recently won a second place award at the collegiate regional meet held in Palo Alto, has that desire to win.

Castro said Aber helped her to develop a sense of confidence in



Janean Brongersma / Daily Staff

#### Sol Aber, left, talks to his beginning handball class Nov. 11 about starting a handball club at San Jose State University.

learning how to win at handball.
Good handball competitors know where the ball is going to be, said Castro, a 120-pound junior business major who is 5 feet 5 inches tall and leaves to expect the same terms.

loves to compete.

"Getting to the ball is key, all you have to do is swing," Castro said.

Castro said constant practice with

the other students who play handball at the SJSU Event Center on a week-ly basis during class is one good rea-

But she added that they also like to meet at the San Jose Central YMCA for extra practice.

Aber said although this is Castro's first semester in the course, he would like to encourage all of his students to participate together at more competitive events with a new handball club.

Castro said Aber taught her to test an opponent with several different pes of serves at the start of a game. Then I see which one they have a harder time returning," Castro said.

"That keeps you in the game and in control of the ball."

Castro's strategy on the court includes a selection of lob and power

serves to the left and right to find out if there is any weakness in her oppo-

"If they are a left hitter, hit it to the right," she said. "If they are right-handed, hit it to the left."

Damian Kelly, an 18-year-old industrial design major, who said he excels in football and baseball as well

as handball, said he did lose once to a girl — Stephanie Castro.

"I've lost to a couple of the smallest girls on the team," said the 6-foot-1-inch, 295-pound freshman. "One time I was beating Stephanie by about 20 points, and she came back and beat me by about 5 points."

He said she played a good game with a basic tactic that caught him off guard.

guard.

"She just found my weak spot and kept hitting me with a soft serve to my left hand," he said. "Since then, The been trying to bring it up to date and get my skills up to the same level as my right hand."

Kelly said Castro is a formidable

opponent who keeps working on her confidence while competing with

each of her teammates.

"Tm gonna beat this guy," she said as she flashed a confident smile, pulled her white leather gloves up over her wrists and jumped up from the bench to step into the handball court.

"Everyone has to wear gloves," Castro said. "Getting sweat on the ball makes the ball slide on the

Josh Salvage, a senior mechanical Josh Salvage, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he just started and would like to join the club next year if Aber is able to put it together.

"If he started a club, I would join," Salvage said. "Not too many people play. I want to continue, and it's good

exercise.

Castro said she liked the idea of enhancing her skills by joining the

"It's not like you play against the person," she said. "You are playing against the ball."

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## Giants Bonds, Santiago testify before jury in BALCO steroid case

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Barry Bonds became the highest-profile athlete to appear before a grand jury focusing on possible tax and drug violations by a California lab that supplied nutritional supplements to Bonds and other sports stars.

Bonds and other sports stars.
The six-time National League MVP entered the grand jury room late Thursday morning accompanied by attorney Mike Rains and left the room nearly 5 hours later, though it was unclear how long he testified.
"It went fine," Bonds said as he was led by two bodyguards and two feder-

al marshals to a freight elevator that was held for him. He was taken directly to the garage of the federal court-house, then driven away as a marshal

house, then driven away as a marshal stopped traffic.

Bonds' wife and mother sat in a nearby hallway during most of his appearance. At one point, Bonds — who wore a sports jacket and tie — stuck his head into the hallway and asked, "Is my mother here?"

Benito Santiago, a free agent who spent the past three seasons as Bonds' teammate with the San Francisco Giants, testified for 45 minutes later in the afternoon.

His attorney, David Cornwell, said

he fears athletes who appear before the grand jury will be unfairly ostracized. "My only concern is that there seems to be almost an undercurrent that stig-

matizes these guys, which I think is inappropriate," Cornwell said. Bonds has attributed his muscular development over the years to intense weight training, proper diet and a reg-imen of nutritional supplements from companies such as the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, that is at the heart of the

grand jury probe. Bonds repeatedly has denied using

Thursday's appearance gave grand

slugger under oath whether his growth has been entirely natural.

Other athletes that already have other athletes that already have appeared before the grand jury include track star Marion Jones and her boyfriend, 100-meter world record-holder Tim Montgomery, four Oakland Raiders and Olympic champion swimmer Amy Van Dyken.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target of the probe.

Two people have been named so far as targets of the grand jury — BALCO founder Victor Conte, and

Greg Anderson, Bonds' personal

Bonds, 39, became a BALCO client just before his record-setting 2001 sea-son, in which he hit 73 homers, and has praised Conte for giving him a personalized nutritional program.

Anderson's home was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and a drug

task force Sept. 5, two days after a similar raid at BALCO. Bonds posed with Conte and Anderson for this past June's issue of

Muscle & Fitness magazine and heaped praise on both.
"I visit BALCO every three to six months. They check my blood to

should be. Maybe I need to eat more broccoli than I normally do. Maybe my zinc and magnesium intakes need to increase," Bonds told the magazine.

"Victor will call me to make sure I'm taking my supplements, and my trainer Greg will sit near my locker and stare at me if I don't begin working out right away. I have these guys pushing

Bonds brought Anderson, a child-hood friend, on a major league tour of Japan after the 2002 season, when the trainer met players such as Jason Giambi — who also has been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury.

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