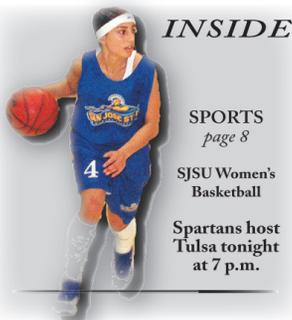


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## Transit contract renewed

By JaShong King  
Daily Picture Editor

"Do you know when they send out stickers for the buses?" asked graduate computer engineering student Tom Truong.

He had come to the information booth at the Student Union on Tuesday to see if anybody knew why he hadn't received his.

At the beginning of each semester, these stickers are sent out to enrolled students at San Jose State University as part of SJSU student government's (Associated Students) Transit Access Program.

The stickers allow for unlimited rides on Valley Transit Authority buses and light rail throughout Santa Clara County as well as provide transportation for qualified disabled students who are unable to take regular public transit.

Though the stickers usually arrive a couple weeks before the start of classes, this year there was a delay in the mailing because of a contract spat between VTA and A.S. that started last semester.

The issue was resolved over winter

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JaShong King / Daily Staff

## San Jose mayor suffers stroke during address

By Jennifer McLain  
Daily A&E Editor

San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales experienced a "minor stroke" while delivering a speech Wednesday night, according to the San Jose Mercury News. He was unable to finish the an-

nual State of the City Address at the Center for Performing Arts.

Gonzales, 52, disappeared from the stage during video clips explaining the importance of BART, and about 10 minutes later, Vice Mayor Pat Dando announced he would not return due to what they thought to be food poison-

ing, though she said Gonzales hoped to return to the stage before the final announcement.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, paramedics wheeled Gonzales out on a stretcher about 40 minutes after he left the stage and he was later treated at San Jose Medical Center.

The city will run as usual while the mayor recuperates, according to the San Jose Mercury News.

For 20 minutes, Gonzales shared his optimism, congratulated and thanked community members while celebrating the combined accomplishments of the city with a crowd of nearly 1,600

people, said head usher Dick Kimrui.

Gonzales, in his sixth State of the City address, emphasized the strength of the community in San Jose, especially considering the economic challenges of the past year.

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## Campus Village shaping up



Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

Construction workers stand on top of one of the future Campus Village dorms on the corner of Tenth and San Salvador streets. The new buildings will house more than 2,200 students, staff and faculty when the buildings are completed in Fall 2005, according to university officials.

By Tammy Krikorian  
Daily Executive Editor

Students who skipped town for winter break may be surprised at the progress of construction for Phase I of the Campus Village, located at Tenth and San Salvador streets.

Building B, the largest of the three buildings on the site, has grown from eight to 12 stories during break, estimates San Jose State University Campus Planner Richard Macias.

When finished, building B will stand 15 stories and provide apartment-style housing for returning sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Building A will be eight stories and provide apartments for faculty and staff, while building C will be seven stories and serve as a traditional residence hall for first-year students. The Campus Village is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by August 2005 and will house as many as 2,277 residents. Macias said that construction is ahead of schedule, but it is hard to estimate by how

much because there are separate crews working on each building.

He said continuing projects include concrete pours, interior work on the mechanics in the buildings, installing windows and adding the "skin" of the buildings, which is glass fiber-reinforced concrete. The brick exterior of the buildings will only go up a couple of floors, Macias said.

Susan Hansen, director for University Housing Services, said in an e-mail that initially there were a few noise complaints from students residing in

Joe West Hall.

"Noise concerns were reduced significantly when we installed soundproof windows in the rooms of Joe West Hall," she said. "We have a group of students and staff members, the Construction Mitigation Team, that meets on a regular basis to field student concerns and address them quickly. They also put out a newsletter to update residents about construction activities."

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## SJSU students face deportation

By Rebecca Villaneda  
Daily Associate Production Editor

Living all but four of his 23 years in America, Dale Cuevas, a business marketing major at San Jose State University, and his family are facing deportation to the Philippines.

"I finished my finals in December, like normal, and my parents show me this letter stating we have 70 days to voluntarily depart the U.S.," Cuevas said.

Cuevas and his two adult siblings had no idea they were facing deportation — their parents kept the situation to themselves in hopes of becoming citizens.

"I felt like the world was coming down on me," he said.

Still, Cuevas shared his story with local papers such as the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News, and it proved to help his family's case.

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## Proposed budget cuts to affect fall enrollment, fees

By Janine Stanhope  
Daily Online Editor

The good news is enrollment at San Jose State University will not be touched this spring by the sweeping changes outlined in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget, according to the campus budget office.

"This year is tough, but next year is going to be very difficult and we still don't know the whole story," said Cynthia Haliasz, director of the SJSU budget management office. "And we won't know until we get the May budget and after another look at the state budget to see where we stand."

However, a fee increase is expected to go into effect this fall.

"The fee increase proposal is 10 percent for the undergraduates and 40 percent for the graduate students

and 20 percent for non-resident students," said Clara Potes-Fellow, California State University spokeswoman. "The university is looking at a \$12 million to \$14 million cut. A little more than 6.5 percent and a cut of 5.7 percent in the last year is about 12 percent over two years."

Richard Pfaff, assistant director of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, said enrollment may have to be static or reduced and course offerings reduced with some students being redirected to community college.

"Students should not be alarmed as the federal loan opportunities will not change. Only the Cal Grant program will not be increased to cover the proposed increase in fees," Pfaff said.

"For example, the criteria would be reduced for a family of six with a

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Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Kirk Nguyen, left, a junior marketing major, and Robert Last, a junior electrical engineering major, stand in the admissions line inside the Student Services Center.

## BEHIND BLUE EYES

# This may be a wild year, but make it a good one

Damn, winter break sure went by fast. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the much-deserved time off and was able to spend time with their friends and family. Whether that time was a blast or about as fun as watching "Celebrity Mole" (sans actual celebrities), it was much needed for most of us.

According to Dick Clark, the year that was 2003 has come and gone. Now we sit in class today as the first of 12 months in 2004 comes to a close.

It's time for a clean slate. Whatever work was done (or not) last semester is over and a new semester is here. There are some new faces, some familiar and some who will be getting out of here in May.

A new year always seems to bring hope for many, enabling a fresh start with no limits to what can be accomplished. To some, everything seems so bright and possible in the beginning of the year.

And then reality sets in. This sentiment is often cut short, because, you know, there is, like, studying and stuff.

Those of us who are lucky enough to keep such persistence and dedication deserve a round of shots with Jeff Garcia.

With just about every new year we get, it seems like nothing can be assumed, with just a handful of things we

can be sure of. So what will the year 2004 hold for us? Most likely a newly elected president in November and nonstop coverage of the trials of the best player in the NBA and the King of Pop.

Our troops also continue to work their asses off overseas, and hopefully many will be able to come home this year.

This is also the year that will make or break Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has a lot to prove to those Californians who didn't "Join Arnold" back in October.

Cuts in education seem to be ever-present, as three local elementary schools were voted to be closed a few days ago by the San Jose Unified School District.

However, our campus continues to grow. The probable construction will be around us once again as we walk to our classes and attempt to take midterms over the soothing sound of jackhammers.

This sacrifice does not come without great rewards, however — the progress this school is making is incredible.

All of this work continues to liven up the learning atmosphere, and this school has the ability to look absolutely

stunning in a few years. Taking a look at how fast Campus Village is growing is just one example of how SJSU is taking the steps to beautify and enrich student campus life.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library is also highly recommended to those new on campus or to those three people who didn't visit it who were here last semester. If you hate to study, going to this library can change your mind quicker than Roger Clemens' intentions to retire.

Our campus also has a new police chief, Andre Barnes, and is in the process of finding someone to replace interim president Joseph Crowley in the fall.

With so much momentum and growing around us, as students of higher education we need to step up to the challenge and jump on this bandwagon as well.

If you don't want to jump on the bandwagon, be ready to dodge those speeding orange golf carts on campus that we are all so fond of. As college students, we should try to eliminate those

things that sidetrack us and embrace the things that do work uniquely for each of us.

Finding out those things that do work for each of us is the hardest part — actually staying consistent with those traits is harder than most realize.

Those of us who have been here before know how the system here works. Procrastination is the devil and actually reading that \$80 book can surprisingly come in handy for those midterms and finals.

Going to class every now and then doesn't hurt either. Some of us will form our study groups and end up talking about how much it sucks that we didn't think of a plot to marry Britney Spears first. Others may visit their teachers during office hours, disabling them from playing solitaire on their computers. Others will just get the job done.

I'm sure quite a few have learned their lesson based on those grades (or lack thereof) in the Fall and now face a do-or-die scenario for this semester. Good luck.

Whatever your intentions are, keep your head up and go full speed.

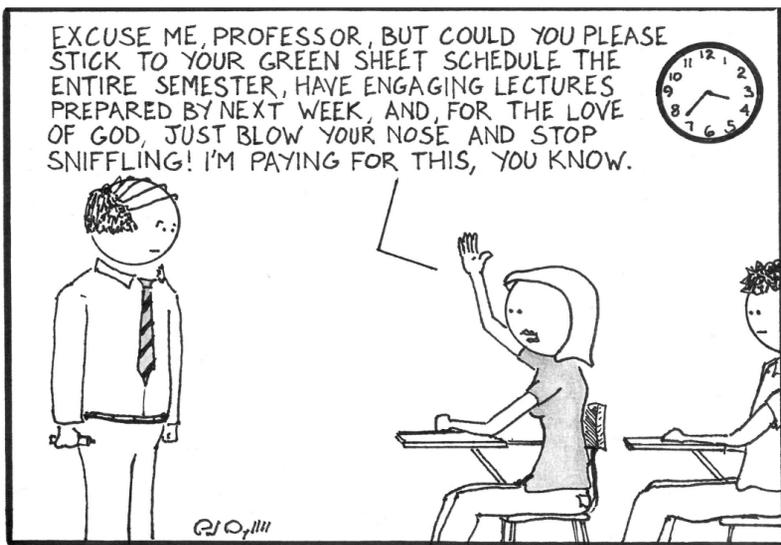
On your mark, get set, go.

*Ken Lotich is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Behind Blue Eyes" appears every Thursday.*



KEN LOTICH

## ANOTHER DIMENTION | PAUL DYBDAHL



SOCK IT TO 'EM EARLY, EVERYBODY.

## 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.

**TODAY**  
High Speed Rail Forum  
Senator Jim Costa, Mayor Ron Gonzales, Rod Diridon, Mehdi Morshed and Howard Goode of SamTrans will discuss the issues analyzed in the new environmental reports for the proposed high-speed rail line (initially between LA and SF, through Silicon Valley) at 1 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, call Trixie Johnson at 924-7562.

IFC/Panhellenic Fraternities and Sororities  
Free BBQ for all San Jose State students at the Seventh Street BBQ pits from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call James Dunn at 506-2877.

**SATURDAY**  
Public Art Collection  
A community meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. to inspire more artwork for Recolections — The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library Public Art Collection. For more information, contact Mary Rubin at 277-2808.

**TUESDAY**  
Photography Exhibition Reception  
An exhibition will feature works by current faculty in the photography department within the School of Art and Design from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Thompson Art Gallery, Art building. For more information, call Theta Belcher and Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4327 or 924-4328.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Interim President Budget Address  
Interim President Joseph Crowley will discuss various

budget issues facing the campus at 11 a.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Forum on helping students become educated persons  
A discussion will be held today from noon to 1 p.m. in IRC 101 on leadership training and opportunities, student clubs and workshops and ways to better integrate these opportunities with what students do in the classroom.

**FEBRUARY 5**  
Money Basics Workshop  
Human Resources presents a workshop on money basics from 10 a.m. to noon in UPD 332. Seating is limited to 25, and spaces must be reserved. For more information, call Suzanne Sundholm at 924-2283 or [sundhsu@sjsu.edu](mailto:sundhsu@sjsu.edu) to register.

**FEBRUARY 6**  
Book Signing  
Yolanda King (the eldest daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr.) and Elodia Tate will sign their book "Open My Eyes, Open My Soul," in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, 2nd floor, room 255 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 808-2645.

**FEBRUARY 10**  
Retirement Planning Workshop  
A CALPERS representative will explain how your final compensation is determined, how to pick the best time to retire, how to buy service credit, and more from 10 a.m. to noon at UPD 332. Space is limited to 25, and reservations are required. For more information, call Suzanne Sundholm at 924-2283 or [sundhsu@sjsu.edu](mailto:sundhsu@sjsu.edu) to reserve a space.

## GUEST COLUMN

## Educational outreach funding vital to future

Governor Schwarzenegger recently submitted his proposed budget to the state legislature. His proposal includes eliminating \$52 million for outreach and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) activities. While this is far from a "done deal," it raises several questions regarding the future of the state of California in general and our priorities as state citizens in particular.

If passed, the state may save money, but our future may be in jeopardy given the long history of EOP. Consider these facts:

During the past 34 years, EOP has provided educational hope and opportunity to more than 300,000 students who are low-income and typically first in the immediate family to attend any higher education institution.

Without EOP, thousands of eligible students will be locked out of the California higher education enterprise. This means thousands of students roaming our streets looking for hope and jobs — with no post-secondary experience to increase their marketability!

Without EOP, several California actors, politicians, political appointees, attorneys, professors, college administrators and business executives may not have been produced because they may not have had an opportunity to attend a college in the state.

Without EOP at San Jose State University, more than 14,000 students would not have had a chance to demonstrate their educational value to this institution and the state since 1993.

I believe there are problems associated with the proposed cuts. For example, the governor may be missing the connection between K-12 education and EOP. He wants to protect education, which to him means K-12. I contend that all education in the state — Head Start through higher education — should be protected to the greatest extent possible. After all, what good does it do California to get students through K-12 but close the doors to higher education? EOP-type programs open doors to higher education.

Whether intentional or not, politicians keep hurting those who are already hurting and crying out for help and a chance

to demonstrate their worth to our society. The proposed cuts will hurt those who need help the most. Eligible EOP students are often disenfranchised. Budget cuts to EOP may keep them impoverished. EOP-type programs educate as well as liberate and should not be cut.

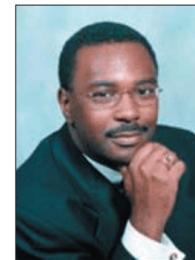
Moreover, the proposed budget cuts jeopardize the state's future. Whether real or perceived, the fact of the matter is that such actions against EOP are considered, interpreted and treated as urban assaults against poor people of color. These "assaults" keep us polarized, on the defensive, and behind more progressive and culturally sensitive states.

Finally, the cuts may be considered "back door" strategies to weaken and crush affirmative action and genuine diversity efforts. Families may find this hostility unbearable and choose to leave the state, thus adversely affecting the state's economy and rich diversity. EOP-type programs protect California's future.

In sum, the state of California needs EOP and EOP needs the state of California. These programs are genuine efforts to achieve educational success for students as well as to correct historical inequities and social injustice. *No, Virginia, we have not overcome the debilitating effects of racism and classism.*

I am new to California and I vote. As a taxpaying Californian, it is my desire that we invest in people, and one way to do this is to not cut outreach or EOP. San Jose State University has a long and proud history of serving EOP students. This tradition will continue. I am proud to be a part of the future of EOP at this great institution.

*Wallace Sutherland III is the director of the department of academic services. Guest columns appear Thursdays.*



WALLACE SUTHERLAND III

*"The proposed cuts will hurt those who need help the most."*

## Viewpoint | Budget issues a real threat to CSU

Dear students,

Welcome to a new term at the California State University. I hope everyone had good holidays and that you are looking forward to your new classes. There have been significant developments on the state budget front, and I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on what we know about the CSU budget.

As Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal makes its way through legislative hearings, we will need all of your help communicating with legislators to make sure that adequate funding is available so that the CSU can continue to offer high-quality education to all of its 409,000 students.

The state budget crisis has created significant challenges

for the CSU. We are focused on ensuring that our enrolled students get the courses they need to graduate. And the CSU remains committed to its mission of providing high-quality, accessible higher education for our students. To continue to do so, we need all 409,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff to convey a simple fact: that the CSU is working for California. We need everyone to talk about what a CSU education means and what would happen if quality, access and affordability disappear from the California State University. We cannot let that happen.

*Charles Reed  
California State University Chancellor*

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"While record deficits pile up in Washington and Sacramento, and while we face very tough decisions here at home, there is no city better prepared to come out of this recession than San Jose," Gonzales said.

Gonzales mentioned the nearly \$1 billion in private investments in San Jose shopping centers at Oakridge, Valley Fair, Eastridge and Santana Row. In addition, he said local companies such as eBay, BEA Systems and iS3 are building headquarters or offices in San Jose.

Gonzales also noted the importance of recent construction projects, such as Adobe and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

As a resident of downtown San Jose, Gonzales expressed his concerns and optimism for growth downtown.

Among the newest additions to downtown are PF Chang's China Bistro, the Improv and the Marriott Hotel, Gonzales said.

Flames, a breakfast restaurant, is scheduled to open in the city's Fourth Street garage, and the Camera Theaters complex is moving to a larger theater on Second Street, Gonzales said.

The reason why retail and restaurants are finally coming to downtown San Jose is because there are more people living there, Gonzales said.

"We're finally achieving a goal that has eluded San Jose for over 20 years of downtown revitalization — getting people to live downtown," Gonzales said.

Since 1999, Gonzales said nearly 10,000 new downtown residents moved in and 4,700 new homes were built.

Just before Gonzales left halfway through his speech, he explained to the audience the amount of time he's spent on attempting to improve public transportation, including highways, buses, light rail and BART.

While highway progress has been immense compared to BART progress in San Jose, Gonzales said that community members should be patient in awaiting BART.

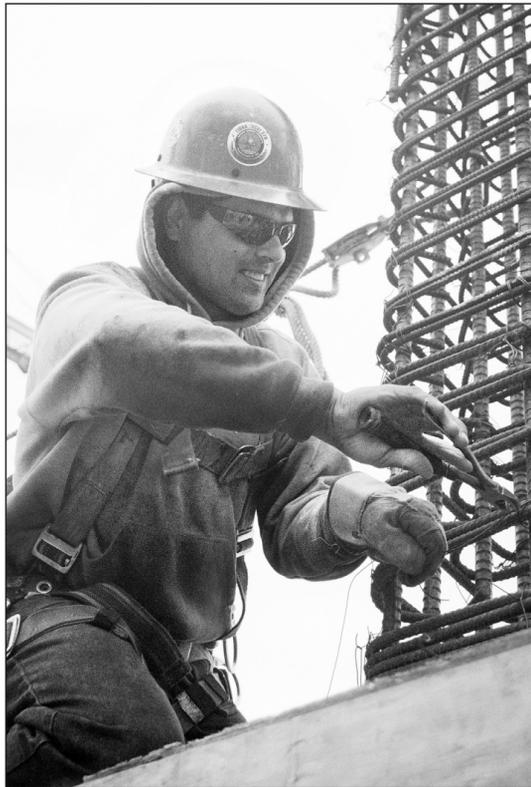
"These projects may take time and patience. And just as every other BART extension has faced, there will be some snags and bumps along the way," he said.

A press conference will be held today and the Mayor's speech will be posted online, Dando said.

Among these new goals are an increase in housing efforts, an expansion of the Museum of Modern Art and improvements in the quality of education.

Although Gonzales left early, the State of the City Address was not a failure according to some people who attended.

"It was wonderful. At least, people were able to see and recognize members in the community who are participating," said Caroline Bressler, a member in the Vendome Neighborhood Association.



Photos by Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

ABOVE: Phase I of the Campus Village will provide housing for more than 2,200 faculty, staff and students beginning in Fall 2005.

LEFT: Raul Sanchez of Bay Area Reinforcing sets reinforcing steel on top of one of the Campus Village buildings.

CONSTRUCTION | *'If all goes as planned, it should feel like a small town, a real community.'*

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Hansen said local neighborhood groups have also been involved from the start of the project to give feedback about the building designs as well as input on ways the university can make their lives easier during construction.

In addition to housing, the Campus Village will also include a small amount of retail space, Macias said. It is likely to include a convenience store in building B and a pizza kitchen.

"It's not an extensive commercial area," he said. "It's an extension of what Spartan Shops does on campus."

In addition, two levels for parking have been built under the entire block, providing a total of 700 spaces.

"Phase I of the Campus Village is really a 'planned community,'" Hansen said. "There is one building specially designed to meet the transitional, academic and social needs of our first-year students.

"It's designed in a suite configuration with

all double rooms and eight persons to a suite," she said. "The suite design concept actually came from student focus groups. The students actually suggested that all first-year students would benefit from having a roommate during their first year and having a meal plan."

In contrast, Hansen said about 70 percent of the rooms in the apartment building for upper division students will be single occupancy to allow them more privacy with the convenience of living on campus.

She said the faculty-staff-guest building is a major change to the residential community. It is designed to be "short-term, transitional housing for new employees, visiting scholars and other university-related guests."

Macias said he thinks the availability of interim housing will make SJSU more competitive in recruitment efforts for faculty and staff.

There are two more phases of the Campus

Village in development, though Macias was hesitant to guess when they might become a reality.

"They are simply on our planning radar," he said.

Phase II will take the place of the three remaining brick residence halls and will be identical in size to Phase I. It will also be built with a new Dining Commons.

Phase III will replace Joe West Hall and the current Dining Commons and provide 1,100 more beds.

Macias said Phases II and III are still in the planning stages.

"I hesitate to guess dates because of funding," he said. "We simply have them on our planning radar."

Macias said he is excited about the changes.

"This university has for many years been thought of as a commuter campus," he said.

"This will become an active campus — it will establish a different social character.

"With the library on one corner and housing on the other, there will be a flow of traffic we haven't experienced. That will be positive."

Hansen echoed Macias' sentiments.

"The wonderful residential environment that (has) been on this campus for over 40 years will live on in the Campus Village ... just in newer buildings," she said. "If all goes as planned, it should feel like a small town, a real community."

Macias said that Phases II and III will be built based on occupancy and demand. He said a study done in 1995 to analyze the demand for campus housing suggested that SJSU needed 8,000 beds. With the completion of the three phases of Campus Village, there will be 5,700.

Macias said Phases II and III won't be built if the university can't demonstrate demand or fill Phase I.

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# A new year, a new start...



Susan Reno / Daily Staff

Athika Kabeer walks in front of the old Clark Library on Wednesday. Kabeer, having recently arrived from India, is beginning her first semester at San Jose State University this week. She will be studying electrical and materials engineering.

# Presidential search to start anew in February

*CSU Trustees hope to fill position by March*

By Sunita Vijayan  
Daily Staff Writer

After a semester of searching for a new candidate to carry on its torch, San Jose State University has another chance to finally complete its goal of hiring a new president this spring.

Gerry Selter, dean of the College of Science at SJSU and member of the campus advisory committee for the selection of the president, said the committee has not met since the California State University's Board of Trustees decided last November to extend the search into this semester.

"As of today, there is little to report regarding search activities, other than the search advisory committee is scheduled to meet in February," Selter said Wednesday.

Terry Christensen, a professor of political science at SJSU, who is also a member of the advisory committee, said not much information about the search would be released to the public until the committee has had a chance to meet and clarify its agenda in the upcoming meeting.

Dawn Lee, president of the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus at SJSU, said in the presidential search last semester some groups on campus, including her own, had criticized the selection process for its inclusiveness and lack of information being released to the community.

Lee said the new presidential search will be monitored closely this semester and discussions on future steps are already in progress amongst

some concerned faculty and staff members.

Colleen Bentley-Adler, a CSU spokeswoman, said the crucial steps in attaining a new SJSU president would be discussed at length by the Trustee's Advisory Committee in February.

Adler said the Advisory Committee has remained as it was, aside from one member, Joe Natoli, former president and publisher

of the San Jose Mercury News who has left to oversee Philadelphia's two daily newspapers.

As the search for a new president



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is in place, the CSU Board of Trustees said they look forward to being able to decide on a new president at the March 2004 meeting and hope to have him or her settled into the position by June or July 2004. Interim President Joseph Crowley said he would remain serving at SJSU until mid-2004.

Former SJSU president Robert L. Caret, who had served the campus since 1995, had decided to accept the position of president at Towson University in Baltimore early last year, which began July 1, 2003.

# CSU seeks new student trustee

*Application deadline is March 9; appointee selected April 16*

By Tony Burchyns  
Daily Managing Editor

The search for a new student trustee to join the 25-person California State University Board of Trustees is now underway, according to CSU officials.

Students from the 23-campus CSU system can apply online for a seat on the lofty policy-making board, which includes state government-appointed trustees and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, by visiting the California State Student Association Web site, said Joan Hemphill, director of University Affairs.

According to a CSU press release dated Jan. 26, the primary responsibility of student trustees is to "present the positions, issues and perspectives of CSU students."

Two student trustees serve staggered two-year terms, Hemphill said, but during the first year of a student's term, he or she is not permitted to vote.

Student trustees participate in the board's seven annual meetings and receive a stipend of \$100 per day while conducting official trustee business, according to CSU information.

The only San Jose State University students to serve on the Board of Trustees were Frank Wada, from July 1995 to June 1997, and Arneze Washington, from October 1991 to June 1993, according to records kept by the California State Student Association.

Currently serving are Eric Guerra, an electrical engineering major at Cal State Sacramento, and M. Alexander Lopez, a business administration major at Cal State Fullerton.

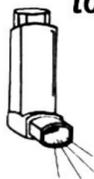
Lopez, now in his second year on the board, will pass voting rights to Guerra and step down this summer when the new student trustee rotates onto the board, Hemphill said.

The CSSA will accept applications

from interested students until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9. Interviews with selected candidates will be conducted at San Francisco State University on Friday, April 16, and shortly thereafter the names of two to five finalists will be forwarded to Gov. Schwarzenegger, who

will make the appointment. About 20 people applied last year, Hemphill said. All 23 CSU student body presidents will attend or send representatives to participate in the interviewing process, she said.

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# Campus community shifting toward four-day week

By Janet Pak  
Daily Lifestyles Editor

Shane Esposito said he schedules his classes to be two days a week so he can use the other three days to work.

Esposito, a junior business management major, said it's convenient for him so he doesn't have to make the commute from South San Jose more than twice a week.

Some campus officials are concerned with the kind of scheduling students such as Esposito are taking advantage of. There is disagreement whether such scheduling is moving the campus away from a community.

Annette Nellen, chair of the Academic Senate and a professor in the College of Business, said that in 1998 there was a strong preference from faculty, administration and students for two-day classes lasting an hour and 15 minutes long.

"The majority prefer longer time slots as opposed to the Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule," Nellen said.

She said students found the extra day could be used to schedule time to meet with professors, work or schedule computer lab time.

Nellen said she prefers the longer classes two days a week because 50 minutes goes by quickly.

The downside is the possibility of students packing classes into two days and not being engaged in campus life, she said.

Some students such as Esposito said they are not concerned about getting involved on campus.

"I don't have a sense of (urgency) to explore the campus ... I'm a slave to the dollar bill," said Esposito, who has been commuting twice a week for two years.

Robert Cooper, associate vice president of undergraduate studies, said students entering universities today have to juggle jobs or families and need to meet a variety of other obligations off-campus.

The four-day school week is a result of the changing university student, Cooper said.

There are benefits to this type of scheduling, he said.

Cooper said for classes such as philosophy, where the student is expected to do a fair amount of reading and reflecting on it, a two-day-a-week course works just fine because it gives faculty time to grade papers and hand them back to students.

Cooper, who has taught at SJSU since 1987, said classes used to be scheduled either on a Tuesday-Thursday or a Monday-Wednesday-Friday basis.

The university gradually started moving classes to fit a four-day week cycle to better utilize classroom space and allow students to schedule more classes, he said.

Cooper said he prefers teaching his psychology courses twice a week because the schedule gives him enough time to give students ample feedback at the next class.

## Quality of education

However, having more classes

available four days a week might lead students to compact their schedule into two days a week with classes back-to-back, Cooper said. This leaves them no time for office hours or to go to the library or to be connected to the kinds of things a university offers to people.

"What I think it's squeezing out in undergraduate education is a lot of the informal learning," Cooper said.

He said he's also concerned that students packing their classes into two or four days are missing out on the education they should be getting.

"Part of being an educated person is being able to participate in society, being knowledgeable about voting and experience through service learning courses," Cooper said. "Other folks in the community are experiencing alike the pleasures that come from contributing service ... those are the kinds of things you squeeze down."

He said students don't get a chance to integrate a broad range of knowledge into a university. Instead, students are coming to campus for class and leaving.

"The four-day class schedule is more of a symptom of the problem and not the cause of the problem," Cooper said.

Nicole Panegue, a senior child development major, attends classes four days a week because those were the only ones available to her.

Panegue said she takes advantage of not having classes on Fridays by cleaning the house or going grocery shopping.

Provost Marshall Goodman said he supports the four-day school week.

He said it's not about how long the student is in the classroom, but whether he or she is absorbing the material.

Goodman said the idea behind the scheduling was to allow students to take the classes they needed and use time more productively, given that a lot of students work part time.

"We have very busy students (nontraditional)," Goodman said. "They have children, one to two jobs they are holding down to come here, they commute long distances and you have to build in flexibility."

For some students, he said having classes on two days gives them the freedom of Thursday, Friday and the weekend.

"I'm all for anything that enhances student flexibility," Goodman said.

## Community on campus

Though the scheduling means an emptier campus on Fridays, Goodman said with the construction of Campus Village — housing for faculty and students — one fifth of the student body will live on campus full time.

Goodman said Fridays tend to be empty even at larger universities,

such as Ohio State University where Goodman earned his Ph.D.

"Everyone ran off for the weekend," Goodman said. "Even on mega-campuses, Fridays are typically (days) that students either work or visit friends."

He disagreed San Jose State was a ghost town on Fridays, because there were 246 sections running on Friday during the fall semester.

Meredith Moran, director of Student Life and Leadership, said she's concerned that the weekend starts on Thursday for students, and even residential students don't find anything to keep them here because the campus is so dead starting on Friday.

"It does seem to affect the overall feeling of campus dynamics and energy," Moran said. "In the long run, it does affect our sense of community and it does affect the amount of student involvement on campus."

She said because students' schedules are so filled Monday through Thursday, there's very little flexibility for community-building activities.

"You're basically working with a 32-hour week instead of a 40-hour week," Moran said.

Justin Castillo, a sophomore in the department of television, radio, film and theatre, has classes four days a week and uses Friday to work full time.

Castillo said he likes his schedule to have flexibility and the open day allows for that.

He said students can manage their time with the compressed scheduling offered at SJSU.

The convenience factor may benefit some students, but Moran said convenience may be impacting the level of accessibility of classes squeezed into four days instead of five days.

Hyon Chu Yi, director of Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, said she's concerned there's no community building with the scheduling.

"We can't really build a sense of community, culture and sense of pride if we go toward that direction where we're shortening the time students are here on campus," Yi said. "Then we risk that awesome opportunity to have a more connected community feel on campus."

Yi said it's hard to schedule activities at Mosaic on Fridays because few people are on campus during that time.

"We want to have maximum use of the entire week," Yi said. "By shortening it one day, in the end students really lose because that's one full day they can do other things, (rather than) getting involved in student organizations, whether Greek organizations or Student Life and Leadership."

## A change of policy

Discussions in 1998 led to a new



Illustration by Konstantin Abadjiev

*"I don't have a sense of (urgency) to explore the campus ... I'm a slave to the dollar bill."*

## Shane Esposito, student

university policy to allow longer classes two days a week rather than 50-minute classes three times a week.

Sally Veregge, chair of the biology department, was on the instruction/student affairs committee of the Academic Senate during the 1998 discussions. She said a survey was conducted before the Academic Senate instituted the policy, and students said they preferred classes two days a week between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Nancy Stork, associate chair of the English department and chair of the instruction/student affairs committee that wrote the policy, said some faculty

also noticed that students weren't attending classes on Friday, which also brought the idea forward.

The policy was implemented in Fall 2000.

One provision was that if faculty doesn't provide some Friday classes for balance, they risk being bumped by a three-day-a-week course rather than leaving the classroom unused on a Friday, Veregge said.

There are classes such as foreign languages where learning is better done through exposure over more days that would still have priority to schedule three or four days a week,

Stork said.

She said students also wanted to reduce commute time and the number of trips they made to campus.

"It made sense to make people's lives easier," she said.

Initially there was some opposition from people who felt the change would turn the campus into a four-day week, she said.

Fridays were never supposed to be dropped completely, she said, and deans and department chairs and the provost are responsible for making sure at least 20 percent of classes are taught on Friday.

The idea was to schedule seminars or faculty meetings on Friday, said Stork, who attended a private liberal arts college where they had classes four days a week.

She said she tried proposing a Monday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday schedule allowing Wednesday for meetings and seminars, but the idea wasn't greeted with any enthusiasm.

"You can't please everyone," Stork said.

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# Fraternities under fire for animal cruelty

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Fraternity brothers have dropped a puppy off a Mississippi River bridge, beaten a goose to death with a golf club and abandoned an unconscious, intoxicated pig in a park.

In December, Phi Kappa Psi members killed, skinned, burned and ate a raccoon at the University of Georgia.

These and other acts on campuses across the country have drawn the fury of animal lovers who say such abuse has grown into a dangerous trend because it is too often treated as innocent college hijinks.

"Animal cruelty is a crime and certainly can't be accepted. Years ago it had to be made clear that rape is a crime," said Ann Chynoweth, The Humane Society of the United States' counsel to investigative services.

She recently wrote to the North-American Interfraternity Conference, asking it to educate its 350,000 undergraduate members about animal cruelty and its connection to human violence.

But Pete Smithhisler, spokesman for the Indianapolis-based conference, dismissed the idea that animals are in any more danger at fraternity houses than anywhere else.

"No, we don't believe it's a trend," he said. "I'm sure it came to light because it was a fraternity. Do we think that incidents like these happen everywhere? Yeah."

The Humane Society said the incidents back up its claims.

Experts on the Greek culture acknowledge that meanness toward animals could be a byproduct of the

wild behavior and drinking that have been part of fraternity life for years, despite efforts to change the "Animal House" stereotype.

"With alcohol, they lose all sense of propriety, they just don't think about what they're doing. You see some ugly things when that happens," said Dr. Thomas "Sparky" Reardon, dean of students at the University of Mississippi, which has banned animals at parties to try to avoid instances of cruelty.

Stephen Sweet, a sociology professor at Ithaca College, said the intense loyalty the fraternities require of pledges and members often warps the line between right and wrong.

"It seems absolutely insane but if everybody says, 'This is what you've got to go through,' then it becomes something where they'll submit," said Sweet.

The Humane Society has asked the North-American Interfraternity Conference to add to its expectations for fraternity members some recognition that the humane treatment of animals is part of living with respect for others. Academic integrity, drug and alcohol use, and abuse of human beings and property are already addressed.

The fraternity group doesn't plan to add anything about animal cruelty, Smithhisler said.

"It's really unfortunate that these guys thought that was a really neat thing to do but I was pleased to hear that their fraternity brothers are holding them accountable," he said.

The individual fraternities have punished members by expelling or suspending them and, in some cases, closing the chapter involved.

# Moving party...



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Cheryl Ide, right, a sophomore studying nursing, races her friend Antonia while moving her things back into her room at Joe West Hall. Cheryl and Antonia, who are from Sacramento, will be driving back home after moving in Cheryl's things because Cheryl doesn't want to stay in the dorms by herself.

# Reports of plagiarism on the rise at SJSU

By Ken Lotich  
Daily Opinion Editor

On Jan. 8, six students from California State University Stanislaus told the Modesto Bee anonymously that they had fabricated data for a survey in their criminal justice class.

This survey was later used in a judge's decision to move Scott Peterson's murder trial out of Modesto. Three more students would come forward weeks later, also admitting they had cheated.

The assignment was 20 percent of their overall grade, and the students claimed they did not know the survey results would be used in Peterson's case. The students told the Modesto Bee they made up the data because they didn't have the time or money and it became increasing difficult to try and obtain valid data.

So they simply made up their results.

An investigation continues at Cal State Stanislaus to identify the students who cheated, according to the Modesto Bee.

Here at San Jose State University, university officials are attempting to inform students and faculty alike of the dangers and consequences of cheating and plagiarism.

The policy used to address this is called the Academic Integrity Policy. Formerly known as the Academic Dishonesty Policy, it was revised slightly and renamed the Academic Integrity policy last May.

Annette Nellen, chair of the Academic Senate at SJSU, said the policy was renamed because the university wanted to focus more on the integrity of the student rather than focusing on something that can sound negative.

"The Academic Integrity Policy focuses on what the role of the student

and professor is," Nellen said. "It explains what plagiarism and cheating is at all levels."

The policy states that professors "must refer to the policy in all course syllabi and outlines."

It also states, "It is the right and duty of all students at San Jose State University to foster academic integrity among their peers. The public is defrauded if faculty and students knowingly or unwittingly allow dishonest acts to be rewarded academically."

The policy divides dishonesty into two sections: cheating and plagiarism. Both are defined explicitly, detailing what constitutes a violation in each.

Debra Griffith, chief judicial affairs officer, said she hopes to draw more attention to the policy through the use of newsletters to faculty, classroom presentations, a detailed Web site and an "Academic Integrity Week" in Fall 2004.

According to Griffith, professors must present supporting evidence before accusing a student of plagiarism or cheating. Once that evidence is gathered, an instructor should speak to a student and then present his or her findings.

Instructors each have their own way of detecting plagiarism, including the use of search engines, Griffith said.

The instructor then has the right to take disciplinary action on the student, which can range from failing the assignment, a lowered grade in the course or failing the class outright.

"Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy are reported to the Office of Judicial Affairs, and the instructor has the option of requesting further disciplinary action," Griffith said.

The reported violation is kept at the judicial affairs office, and the student can then receive sanctions ranging from probation to suspension

or even expulsion.

Statistics available from the judicial affairs office show the lowest number of reported cases coming from the 1998-1999 school year, in which there were 68 cases. The highest number came from the 2002-2003 school year in which there were 186 cases.

In Fall 2003, 74 total cases were reported, with 22 cases of cheating and 52 cases of plagiarism. The College of Science had the most cases reported with 26 and the College of Engineering had the second most with 21.

According to Griffith, one tool that instructors at SJSU have utilized is turnitin.com, which enables them to submit a student's paper and find out whether the paper is their original work, and if not, where the information was copied or purchased. The site will also archive the paper, enabling it for use in future queries.

Marshall Goodman, provost for SJSU, said he feels that students should be taught how serious the Academic Integrity Policy is before they start taking classes at SJSU.

"We need to teach these students early on that cheating is not acceptable in any form," Goodman said. "It has become a problem nationally and we need to stress this to students early on."

Goodman said the events at Cal State Stanislaus were "an outrage, plain and simple. It shows how some

students feel this is not an issue, but there are really major consequences for this."

Vida Kenk, associate dean of the College of Science, said that she feels that the level of Academic Integrity Policy violations is increasing because it has become a more accepted part of society.

"It's a misconception by students to think cheating is a way to survive, because they feel it makes them street smart," Kenk said. "Saying society is like this is not really true."

Nellen echoed Kenk's opinion. "In the 'real' world, this type of behavior is not rewarded," Nellen said. "People have ended up in jail for this, and the notion that everyone cheats is simply not true."

Kenk said the College of Science's high standards reflect the number of

their cases reported.

"In the College of Science, there is a strong value of honesty," Kenk said. "There are extreme consequences for doctoring numbers or other data in this field."

Kenk said major consequences could occur for those in the College of Science that may one day work in health care operating on patients or scientists who may have to perform tests on dangerous materials.

"I think some students should go through school more seriously," Kenk said. "If they are not true to themselves, they are only cheating themselves out of an education."

Kenk also said the College of Science often has students work together in groups, in which data are collected; however any other interpretation section or other type of analysis is sup-

posed to be done individually unless noted by the instructor.

Savander Parker, SJSU ombudsman, said he realizes that sometimes students can take on too much during a semester, which can lead them to focus more on completing their units, rather than gaining skills for the future.

"Too many students can put emphasis on just getting through a course," Parker said. "Others just do not take their education very seriously." Parker said he has also noticed an increase in the numbers of those in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy.

"Some students have used technology inappropriately and think they can get away with it," Parker said. "They don't realize that instructors are just as technologically advanced as they are."



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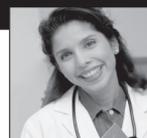
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break, and A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba said the stickers would likely arrive by the first few days of school.

"I'm worried but not too concerned," Truong said. "I'm still using the (VTA pass) from last semester," which is good through Feb. 12. Truong said he uses VTA twice a week to get to SJSU.

Kelly Atwood, a senior psychology major who works at the booth, said they've been asked that question a lot.

"Today, at least 20 to 30 people (have asked)," Atwood said.

Atwood's co-worker, senior administration of justice major Sandra Aguirre, said since she didn't know why the stickers were delayed, she would suggest students try Cashiering in the Student Services Center.

"We usually say if your tuition hasn't been paid, it might be coming in late," Aguirre said as a possible reason.

Approximately 4,000 SJSU students use VTA public transit as their preferred way of getting to campus, according to a poll done by the Transportation Solutions department of A.S. They heavily tout their program — funded by a fee attached to each student's tuition — as a way of reducing traffic congestion near campus.

De Alba said that thanks to the settlement of the contract dispute with VTA, the stickers were shipped out as of Monday and should be in students' hands by today if students paid their fees on time. De Alba is a full-time staff employee in charge of negotiating contracts on behalf of A.S.

However, he said he hoped people would give A.S. some leeway if they were to arrive slightly later.

"It's only 26,000 to 27,000 stickers," De Alba said.

De Alba also said from now on the stickers would be handled out of the General Services Center in the Student Union rather than the Bursar's Office. He said students who hadn't paid their registration fees on time may have to collect their VTA stickers from General Services later.

The dispute that forced the delay started last year when VTA sent A.S. a contract for the 2004-2005 year that cost almost double the 2003-2004 year's contract. VTA's proposed contract also threatened to stop paying for the disabled transportation provided in the previous year's contract, which a VTA spokeswoman, Lupe Solis, claimed was too expensive and unique to SJSU.

In addition, Solis said they had to up the price of SJSU's Transit Access Program to \$20 per student, because of increased operating costs and decreasing revenue.

Solis said VTA felt the fee increase wasn't unreasonable, since \$20 was the rate SJSU was paying back in 1999.

With VTA receiving more money from a booming dot-com economy in 2000, Solis said VTA decided to cut the cost of the Transit Access Program in half.

But now the recession had caught up to VTA, Solis said, and they had to find a way to pay their own bills.

De Alba said A.S. was tight on its own budget as well. He said the fee increase was more than A.S. could handle without taking it to referendum.

The money for the A.S. transportation program, as well as other A.S. programs like the Child Development Center, is on a restricted budget. The funds are locked and cannot be moved around to pay for an increase in another program's cost without a majority student vote.

A round of back-and-forth negotiations began and stalled in the fall, with both sides pleading financial difficulties.

Nov. 17 was the production deadline to get the stickers out by the usual receive date, a few weeks before the start of school.

Since the effective dates of the VTA sticker passes overlapped into the next semester for a few weeks, De Alba said he used that period to buy time in order to attend a VTA board meeting in December, where A.S. could offer its own counter-proposal.

VTA runs another popular transit program with local businesses known as the Eco Pass, which gave companies and their employees a discount on bus and light rail access.

De Alba suggested allowing SJSU to participate in it, which would give the campus a price comparable to other organizations rather than a general fee hike on a transportation program exclusive to SJSU.

If SJSU could be accepted into the Eco Pass program, the price per student would still go up compared to last year's cost, De Alba said, but it would be a price A.S. could absorb.



Gale Hammond / Daily Staff

A woman waits for the light rail at the Paseo de San Antonio stop near campus on Monday. The stickers on San Jose State University identification cards that allow for free VTA rides were delayed in distribution this semester because of disagreements over the transit contract last year between Associated Students and VTA.

The December VTA board meeting came and went. A mediated discussion was held by the San Jose mayor's office a few days later to discuss the matter, De Alba said.

Finally, on Jan. 8, the VTA Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve De Alba's idea. By Jan. 22, the new contract was signed.

The A.S. Transit Access Program is now be renamed the A.S. Eco Pass.

With the uncertainty gone, A.S. was given the stickers and immediately set to get them out to students.

That extra two months of waiting from the original Nov. 17 production deadline to the Jan. 22 contract acceptance was the cause of the stickers' delivery delay.

Both VTA and A.S. representatives have said they were pleased with the results.

"We're all happy campers," Solis said. "Bottom line, it worked well for all of us. The board made an excellent decision, and we're glad we're able to continue working (with SJSU)."

De Alba expressed similar sentiments.

He said the negotiations were difficult, considering both sides had a financial situation that required each

to try and fight for as much leeway as possible.

"In the end, it was a smart decision on both ends to come to a compromise," De Alba said.

The A.S./VTA program will continue for another year, and De Alba said VTA has no plans to raise fees again when the program is renewed next year. Also, the threatened disabled transit program will continue to be provided for by VTA in the new program.

Thanks to the reduced cost of the Eco Pass program versus the original VTA contract, De Alba said A.S. would be able to handle the costs without asking for more money.

"Students are not going to have to take it out of their pockets," De Alba said.

With the VTA contract problems over, De Alba said he hopes students will use the transit program to its full advantage.

"In this difficult time of budgets, possible fee and tuition increases, the efficient way to save money is to stop driving to San Jose State," De Alba said.

"Take the bus and light rail instead."

# \$1 million judgment in lab firing case reversed

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — A California appeals court has reversed a \$1 million dollar court award for a woman who claimed she was fired by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in retaliation for helping a co-worker file a sexual harassment claim.

Dee Kotla, a computer technician and 14-year employee, was fired in 1997 for using a lab computer to do work for another company while she was on the job. She was fired two months after her testimony in the sexual harassment case.

The First Appellate District court said in a ruling released Wednesday that testimony from an expert witness in the case of Kotla's firing was improper and prejudicial.

The expert witness, a human resources management consultant, testified that some of the lab's actions were evidence of retaliation. But Justice Sandra Margulies later decided that the consultant had no special expertise on these topics and that his testimony may have unduly swayed the jury.

A Superior Court jury decided that Kotla had been fired in retaliation for her civil rights advocacy and awarded her \$1 million in damages in 2002.

The case will return to Alameda County for a new trial.

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# Spartan women return home with 12-4 record

By Ian Ross  
Daily Sports Editor

The Spartan women's basketball team posted an 8-3 record over winter break and bring a 12-4 overall record into two crucial conference home games this week.

San Jose State University (4-3 in the Western Athletic Conference)

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MIDSEASON REPORT

will square off against two of the other top teams in the conference.

The University of Tulsa (11-6 overall, 4-3 WAC) will travel to the Event Center tonight for a fourth-place showdown with the Spartans.

Conference co-leader Rice University (9-7 overall, 6-1 WAC) visits the Spartans on Saturday night. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Spartan head coach Janice Richard said the Spartans have exceeded expectations so far, after being picked to place sixth in the WAC in the preseason polls.

The Spartans posted an 8-1 non-conference record and split four conference road games so far.

"We have five seniors on this ball club — that's what started our drive," Richard said. "They were recruited when we were 3-24. They've built this program over the past four years."

Richard said that her seniors, Teoma and Tatiana Taylor, Cricket Williams, Jessica Kellogg and Kayla Forster, wanted to finish off their careers with one of the best records in Spartan history.

The Spartans will go into tonight's game against Tulsa looking to take sole possession of fourth place or perhaps climb up to third.

Richard said the Golden Hurricane is a balanced team that plays an up-tempo style.

"They will push us," she said. "They are a lot like us. It should be a good game"

Last season, SJSU and Tulsa split the season series, with each team winning at home. The Spartans won the last meeting, 88-86 in overtime, led by Kellogg's 32 points. Williams added 24 points.

"I know (Tulsa) will play a zone (defense)," Williams said. "We have to be ready to shoot and break the zone."

Spartan forward Tatiana Taylor said the Spartans are accustomed to playing against a zone defense.

"All the teams we play sag off a bit, play a match-up zone," she said. "So our shooters have to knock open shots down."

Both Williams and Taylor said that playing defense would be crucial to defeating Tulsa.

"I'm expecting a tough game on Thursday," Taylor said. "We have to play hard, play good team defense and communicate to get the win."

Richard gave Williams some time off from practice Tuesday to recover from a cold.

"I think she will be ready to go Thursday," Richard said.

Rice will provide the Spartans with their second tough test in three days.

"Both games this weekend are going to be big games for us," Taylor said.

While Rice's overall record isn't as good as SJSU's, the team has sizzled during conference play, posting a 6-1 record while handing nationally-ranked No. 11 Louisiana Tech University (6-1 WAC) its only conference loss.

"We'll need our A game," Richard said. "I hope the girls are up for the challenge."

Last year, the Lady Owls swept the season series with the Spartans 2-0. In their last meeting, Williams barely missed a triple double, posting 14 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

Taylor said the Spartans will need to attack the post and get their transition game going to beat Rice.

As with a lot of the things the

# SJSU men struggle after 5-3 start

By Ian Ross  
Daily Sports Editor

The Spartan men's basketball team began its winter break by going to Hawaii, winning its first two games and advancing to the finals of the eight-team Surf 'N Slam Tournament. However, as Spartan head coach Phil Johnson said Tuesday, that seems like a long time ago.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL MIDSEASON REPORT

San Jose State University (5-12 overall, 0-7 in the Western Athletic Conference) has since dropped nine straight games, the most recent loss coming Saturday at the hands of the University of Texas, El Paso.

UTEP led by as many as 22 points before the Spartans rallied to pull within six points in the final minute. The Miners went on to win 82-72.

SJSU embark on three straight road games starting tonight at the University of Tulsa.

The Spartans continue that road trip at Rice University on Saturday and then will travel to the University of Hawai'i the following weekend.

"Our spirit and enthusiasm are still there," Johnson said. "We're preparing hard for every game."

Spartan point guard Bim Okunrinboye echoed those sentiments.

"Everybody's excited, our heads are not down," Okunrinboye said. "We know the record and we're better than that."

The Spartans will have a chance to prove that at Tulsa tonight.

### A Tough Road Ahead

Tulsa's record (6-10 overall, 2-5 WAC) is down from recent years, Johnson said, but they have two players who can shoot, drive and be physical in Jarius Glenn and Jason Parker.

Parker is averaging 18.3 points per game while Glenn averages almost 13.

"They are well-coached, they defend man-to-man and try to put a lot of pressure on you," Johnson said.

The Spartans need to take the intensity they showed in the second half against UTEP, Spartan point guard Maurice Morris said, and build on that during the first half of the Tulsa game.

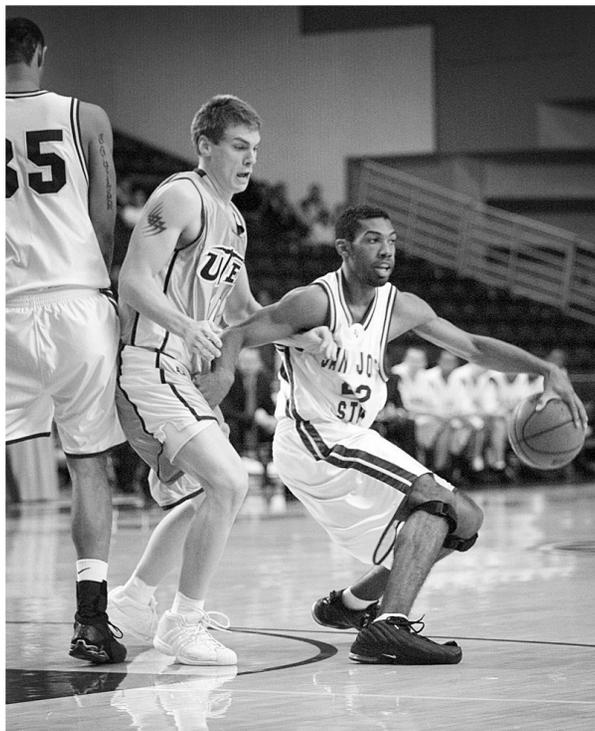
"(Tulsa) always has a strong environment at home, and they always have at least one strong guard," Morris said. "We know Tulsa is a game we can have."

Rice (13-5 overall, 5-2 WAC) could prove to be the Spartans' toughest test to date, Johnson said.

"(Rice) may be the best team in the (WAC) at this point just by the scores," he said. "They beat (Southern Methodist University) by 40."

Slowing down Rice power forward Michael Harris will be the Spartans' main task. Harris is third in the WAC in scoring, averaging 18 points a game, and second in rebounding, averaging 9.4 per game.

"They have a great inside game and



Dan Miranda / Daily Staff

San Jose State University guard Kareem Guilbeau (right) controls the ball as University of Texas, El Paso guard Chris Craig defends. SJSU forward Marquin Chandler (left) sets a screen. UTEP withstood a late Spartan rally to win 82-72 at the Event Center Saturday.

are explosive on the perimeter," Johnson said. "We're undersized so we have to provide a lot of help."

"The more help you give inside, the more vulnerable you are on the perimeter," he said.

### The Turning Point?

Trailing the Miners 46-24 early in the second half, the Spartans were on the verge of a one-sided home loss.

However, Spartan forward Brett Lilly buried six three-pointers in the second half to lead the charge.

After scoring 20 total points in the first half, the Spartans racked up 52 points in the second half.

"I was real happy with the comeback, the guys didn't give up," Johnson said. "We were more aggressive in the second half, and we made more tough shots."

Lilly, Kyle Watson, Eric Walton, Kareem Guilbeau and Marquin Chandler led the comeback. Johnson said that lineup could see more time in upcoming games.

The Spartans have yet to settle on a consistent starting lineup this season.

"We have changed and we will continue to change until we find the right five," Johnson said.

Walton, Lilly, Okunrinboye and Guilbeau have earned the majority of the starts so far.

Walton leads the team in points and rebounds, averaging 12.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

Lilly is among the WAC leaders in three-pointers, hitting 45 this season.

Guilbeau has been the Spartans most consistent player this season, Johnson said.

"He's an excellent cutter and our most alert defender," he said.

With an 0-7 conference record, the Spartans find themselves in last place in the WAC standings.

"I don't know if we will turn it around or we won't," Johnson said. "We'll just take it day to day, try to improve and give it our best shot every night."

# SPARTAN OUTLOOK

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Thursday vs.  
University of Tulsa  
at the Event Center,  
7 p.m.

**Saturday vs.**  
Rice University  
at the Event Center,  
7 p.m.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Thursday at  
University of Tulsa  
at the Donald W.  
Reynolds Center,  
7 p.m.

**Saturday at**  
Rice University  
at Autry Court,  
7 p.m.

**SJSU BASEBALL  
ALUMNI GAME**  
Saturday  
at Blethen Field,  
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*Editor's note: The Spartan Daily's men's and women's basketball notebooks, In The Paint and Off The Dribble, will appear every Thursday during the basketball season.*

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