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NASA/ SJSU open tech center

By Michelle Ochoa
Daily Staff Writer

Students and leaders from around the Bay Area gathered Thursday to celebrate the opening of the Space Technology Center and the new location of San Jose State University's Metropolitan Technology Center at the NASA Research Park at Moffett Field.

"The Metropolitan Technology Center is San Jose State's satellite campus," said Nancy Bussani, executive director for the Metropolitan Technology Center. According to Bussani, the space center is a new program being launched in collaboration with Stanford University, Santa Clara University and San Jose State University and is located inside in the metropolitan center.

"This is a most important venture for the institution," said SJSU interim President Joseph Crowley. "A fair number of research projects are well under way there."

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Cinequest to honor governor

By Dan King
Daily Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will be coming to downtown San Jose and possibly to the San Jose State University campus in early March, but it will have nothing to do with campaigning or the state's budget woes.

Cinequest Film Festival officials announced that Schwarzenegger would be appearing at a fundraiser during the San Jose festival, which runs March 3 to March 14, and will receive the Cinequest Life of a Maverick Award.

"This is the first time we've focused on the career of an honoree," said Halfdan Hussey, executive director and co-founder of Cinequest. "As we looked at his body of work, first as a bodybuilder, then as an actor and finally as a politician, it was clear that he has spent a lifetime defining a maverick."

Halfdan said the public-relations draw of Schwarzenegger was also an incentive for Cinequest to invite the governor. He said that in talking to many people, "Schwarzenegger is one of the top-10 most known and most influential people in the world."

Cinequest says that because of the sensitivity of Schwarzenegger's schedule, the exact date of his appearance has not been determined.

"What we can say for sure is that he will be at Cinequest," Halfdan said.

Since the date of the event is yet to be determined, the venue also remains up in the air. "Most likely he will be honored at the Fairmont," Halfdan said. "But Morris Dailey Auditorium on the San Jose State campus is also a possibility."

According to author Chris Gore in the "Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide," Cinequest, now in its 14th year, joins film festivals such as Sun-

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Blood drive draws student donors

By Claire Taylor
Daily Staff Writer

A sign sat outside the Student Union Thursday bearing the familiar symbol of the American Red Cross. The sign guided students upstairs to the Loma Prieta room where a number of donors lay on raised blue cots in a circle at the center of the room.

Madonna's "Holiday" played as donor technicians spoke with potential donors, snapped on latex gloves and swabbed arms.

Chris Stewart, a freshman majoring in computer science, said he saw the Red Cross signs and decided to donate.

"I make something in my body that other people might need, so I might as well give some of it up," Stewart said.

Donor technician Angela Carobene said 85 people came in to donate during the six hours the Red Cross was on campus.

"I've seen it busier, to be honest, but it's been steady throughout the day," Carobene said. "This turnout was perfect — not too many and definitely not too few."

The Northern California region blood services department of the Red Cross serves 41 hospitals in six counties, according to account manager Cynthia Carlson.

"Normally, we like to have a three- to five-day supply of blood on our shelves for the hospitals, but we are only at one day or sometimes less for certain blood types," Carlson said.

As it is, Carlson said, the local chapter of the Red Cross obtains about 30 percent of its blood supply from Red Cross facilities on the East Coast.

Carlson said approximately 3 percent of those in the Bay Area currently donate blood, while up to 10 percent donate in other regions of the country.

Dr. Steven Harris, director of the Student Health Center, said donating blood is critical.

"We need blood to live, and the only way to get it right now is for other people to donate," Harris said.

He said blood drives can serve as the perfect opportunity to get over one's fears.

"If it were your mom, your dad, your brother or sister who needed the transfusion, could you get over those fears?" Harris asked. "The answer is 'Yes, I would. Of course I'd give blood to my mom.' Well, why wouldn't



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Deanna Fassett, assistant professor of communication studies at San Jose State University, breathes a sigh of relief after having a catheter placed in her arm while giving blood on Thursday. Fassett said she has been at SJSU more than four years and that she has given blood in the past.

you give blood to your neighbor or a stranger?"

One pint of blood drawn can help up to three people, Carlson said.

"I don't know what else you can do in an hour that's going to save three people's lives like that," Carlson said.

What many people don't realize, Harris said, is that blood has a shelf life of 28 to 30 days. The blood supply needs to be constantly replenished with new donations to ensure there is enough fresh blood in stock.

Harris also said blood donation drops considerably during the holidays, a period when blood is more greatly needed.

"The demand goes up for blood because people are traveling on the road and that generates accidents that generate (need for) blood, and yet people who volunteer to donate

stop doing it because they're busy with family or friends," Harris said. "So that holiday and post-holiday period usually is a really critical time for blood banks."

Student Health Center clinical laboratory scientist-supervisor Felicitas Johnson said many people are indifferent and don't donate because they feel no direct and immediate need for blood.

Fear of needles or of transmitting diseases may also keep many people away from donating blood.

"It's not a painful procedure," Johnson said. "It's just a stick that is not very painful and lasts just a few seconds that isn't the worst thing in your day."

The entire process of drawing blood is sterile with all medical utensils coming straight out of packaging before use, Harris said.

The donation process takes about an hour and includes four steps.

First, donors fill out a form with questions regarding medical prescriptions, current health and recent travel activities. A valid form of identification is also required to donate, and blood can be given as frequently as every two months.

A medical technician then checks the donor's blood pressure, iron levels, pulse and temperature.

The actual blood donation procedure takes 10 minutes, followed by a 10-minute observation period where cookies and fluids are provided.

"My whole family donates blood," said psychology graduate student Kirsten Levin, who donates twice a year. "I believe it's a duty and an obligation to help out other people."

First-time donor and undeclared

sophomore John Marbella feels donating brings a sense that one is helping others.

"It's a way to give back," Marbella said. "Since you have good health, it's a way to share that."

"Students are a great population to donate blood," Harris said. "We're talking about young, healthy people, basically, who recover quickly from the donation."

Carlson said that a number of San Jose State University organizations get involved in campus blood drives including Kappa Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, KJSJ and the Student Health Center.

The Red Cross will be conducting blood drives in the Loma Prieta room throughout the semester on March 18, April 15, April 20 and May 5. Contact Cynthia Carlson for more information at (510) 744-3865.

CIA says Saddam wasn't an 'imminent' threat; Bush stands by war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Intelligence analysts never told President Bush before the invasion of Iraq that Saddam Hussein's rule posed an imminent threat, CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday in a heated defense of agency findings central to the decision to go to war.

The urgency of the Iraqi threat was Bush's main argument for the

war. But the president said Thursday he still would have invaded Iraq if he'd known no weapons stockpiles existed — adding a new element to the much-debated question of whether the United States went to war based on faulty assumptions.

Tenet, addressing such questions for the first time after weeks of silence, acknowledged that analysts believed before the war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons,

although none have been found. He said he believes some of what U.S. intelligence predicted about Iraq will turn out to have been right — and some wrong — as is often the case in such matters.

He made clear that analysts differed among themselves all along on important aspects of Saddam's chemical, biological and nuclear programs and spelled out those disputes in an October 2002 intelligence estimate

given to the White House.

"They never said there was an imminent threat," Tenet said in a speech at Georgetown University. "Rather, they painted an objective assessment for our policy-makers of a brutal dictator who was continuing his efforts to deceive and build programs that might constantly surprise us and threaten our interests."

Tenet's remarks hit back at his former special adviser on Iraqi weapons,

David Kay, who said last month "we were almost all wrong" about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The comments also seemed designed to inoculate the CIA from becoming a scapegoat in the fight over whether the war was justified.

Speaking in Charleston, S.C., Bush acknowledged that the weapons have not been found, although investigators have discovered evidence of possible programs.

Traveling Taiwanese exhibit makes month-long SJSU stop

48-piece display
celebrates the
Year of the Monkey

By Nami Yasue
Daily Staff Writer

Going up to the second floor by escalator in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, students can see a display that summarizes a famous Chinese novel, "Journey to the West."

The huge display leads the student to an exhibition of traditional Chinese zodiac art called "Art of the Zodiac." This year, in celebration the Year of the Monkey, a 48-piece art exhibit from Taiwan is open to the public in King Library until March 5.

The art consists of lithographs, paper carvings, woodcarvings, ceramics, glass, stone, metal and bamboo.

According to information written by Yu-chiou Tchen, minister of the Council for Cultural Affairs in Taiwan, one cultural policy of Taiwan is to encourage international cultural exchange with other countries. Since 1995, the National Taiwan Craft Research Institute has hosted Chinese zodiac overseas.

The exhibition will be held at four venues in the United States. The King Library was chosen for the opening venue and has the longest exhibition period. It also will be exhibited at the Multicultural Center at University of California Santa Barbara.

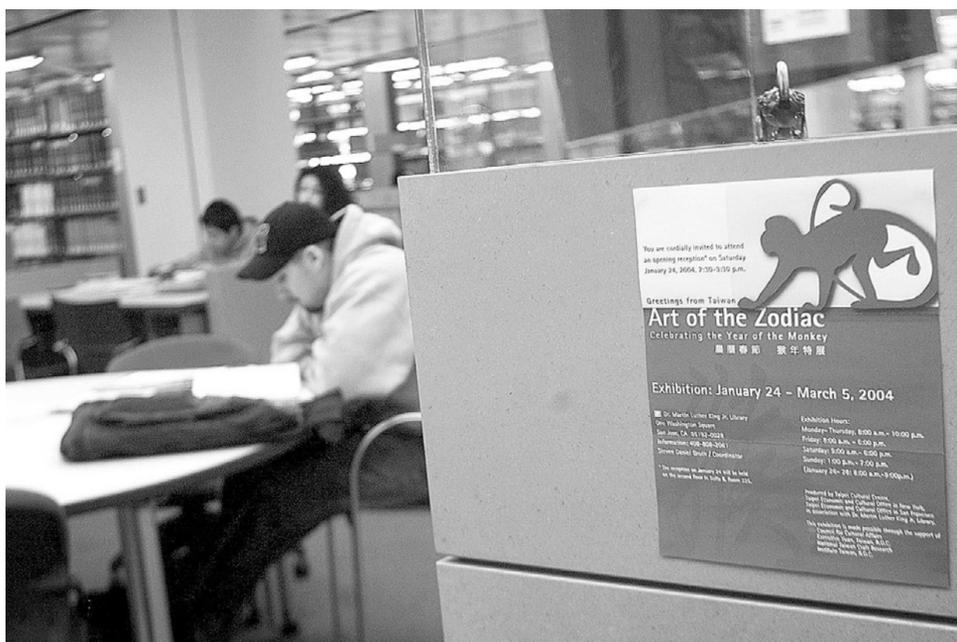
The exhibit will later be displayed at the Greenburgh Public Library in Elmsford, New York, and the Tower Fine Art Gallery at SUNY College at Brockport, New York.

In "Journey to the West," the character Monkey King defeats evils with a magic gold stick on the flying cloud. The novel has been translated into several languages and published around the world.

The monkey is a respected and loved character, being conspicuous among the other traditional Chinese zodiac animals because of its extraordinary intelligence, according to Ching-feng Hong, director of the National Taiwan Craft Research Institute.

"People love monkeys because they are intelligent, sensitive and closely related to human beings," Hong said in a press release. "People born in the Year of Monkey are believed to be clever, quick-witted, and are good at

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Carlen Veldpage / Daily Staff

Anthony Valincia reads in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library where the Art of the Zodiac, a traveling Taiwanese art exhibit, is displayed. This year is the Year of the Monkey, according to the Chinese zodiac. Art of the Zodiac is organized by the National Taiwan Craft Research Institute and runs until March 5.

RELOADING

Search for SJSU president needs a long-term view

Would you say six years is a long time for a person to be at San Jose State University?

Maybe — if you're talking about someone working on a bachelor's degree.

But when the question is about the university president, I think most people would say "No."

Yet, if last fall's search for a new president had been successful, the school might well have had to deal with finding that person's replacement before 2010.

When it was learned in October that the three finalists for the position were all white, various members of the SJSU community, as well as the community at large, questioned whether the university's selection committee was adequately diverse.

I felt the issues being raised were valid, but there was one question on my mind that I didn't hear anybody mention: Why were the finalists all 58 or older?

Now, I don't want to be accused of age discrimination. I have seen plenty of people who are still going strong in their 70s and beyond — Sean Connery and Clint Eastwood are making movies, Studs Terkel and former president Jimmy Carter are writing books, and on campus, Yosh Uchida still keeps his eye on the judo program.

But I wondered how long each of the finalists would have planned to be here.

(I certainly hoped those involved in reviewing the candidates had also raised that question, at least insofar as asking about each person's long-term vision for the

university, but I had no way of knowing that.)

I think it is safe to say that someone who is interested in and capable of being a university president will see it as a chance to do great things with the institution and for the people it serves.

The issue, as I saw it, was: how much can one accomplish in only four or five years?

Not all universities are created equal. SJSU is one of the largest in the California State University system. It is a metropolitan university, located in a major American city. And not only is it in one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the United States, it is in the heart of Silicon Valley, where high-tech is king.

Put all those together, and what you have is a fantastic opportunity for someone to create a strong legacy.

This past fall, I was interviewing interim President Joseph Crowley for an article, and he said he believes that SJSU has a lot of potential yet to be tapped. He said the school can and should have stronger ties with local organizations and businesses.

The Metropolitan Technology Center, which opened Thursday at the NASA Research Park, is an example of that.

During the interview and selection process, presidential candidates will no doubt begin doing their homework in

terms of getting to know the school, its customers and its environs. They will also start formulating ideas for the kinds of programs and improvements they will want to initiate.

But when someone is new to a place, which would have been the case with all three of last fall's finalists, there is a learning curve.

So if the next president of SJSU is a transplant to the Bay Area, it will take him or her some time to get oriented and learn who the players are — not only at the school and in the CSU system, but also in the community.

And it's not just learning the current situation. Knowing the history of an area is an important element to understanding that area.

Example No. 1: more than 35 years ago, early plans were to have BART extend past Fremont and down the San Francisco peninsula into San Jose, circling the South Bay. But at the time, San Jose civic leaders

feared that BART would kill their downtown area as shoppers chose to spend their money in San Francisco instead.

(You know, don't you, that San Jose has always had an inferiority complex by being so close to San Francisco?) And so in 2004, we are still grappling with bringing it here.

Example No. 2: in the early 1970s, as the U.S. space program was cutting back, it was a bad time to be an engineer here in the valley. I was in my early teens at the time, and I recall hearing that the fathers of many of my friends had been laid off by Lockheed and other companies. No one knew that the area was about to become Silicon Valley, Mecca for so many nerds and tech geeks, but I've always wondered how much of a cause-and-effect relationship was involved there.

Oh, here's another historic "Did You Know?" Norm Mineta, the current U.S. Secretary of Transportation, was mayor of San Jose from 1971 to 1974.

These are the kinds of things that a person can be "get" by being someplace for a long time and which help in truly understanding that place.

While I expect the next finalists for the presidency of SJSU to have the qualifications necessary for the role, I hope that they will also be people who have the vision and long-term plans to make great things happen here.



RON PANGRAC

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Response | CALSACC serves community colleges

Dear editor,

Another example of how insulated the Associated Students of San Jose State University has become to all the other parts of higher education is Rachel Greathouse's comments that De Anza College's Associated Students should hire an organizer to lobby for community college students ("De Anza students fight budget cuts," Feb. 5). She states, "A.S. SJSU belongs to a state organization, CSSA (that lobbies for students)."

So does the Associated Students of De Anza College!

The California Student Association of Community Colleges represents all

community colleges in the system, and if De Anza would use its funds with that organization, it would have a greater impact. It was CALSACC that helped organize a 12,000-student march in Sacramento last year and also attracted the attention of Nancy McFadden, the former SJSU student body president and CSSA Chair. McFadden acknowledged that CALSACC was a very active voice for community college students and should be continued to be supported by all the campuses. Apparently Ms. Greathouse, Ms. McFadden's successor, does not have a clue that any community college organization exists, and frequently never returned calls by

local CALSACC officials last year.

So instead of splintering community college student efforts, Ms. Greathouse, try to look beyond A.S. House to recognize there are people out there for students.

Perhaps Ms. Greathouse, as the CSSA controller, would not mind if CSU Channel Islands or San Diego State hire organizers with their CSSA dues, as she is advocating community colleges do with theirs.

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Graduate Student
Urban Planning

FLOWER CHILD

Vital resource available to students on campus

How to survive and succeed in school isn't always so simple.

However, there is someone on campus with the ability to help students with decision-making problems. I urge everyone to visit Wiggy Sivertsen, director of counseling services at San Jose State University.

She is someone we can count on to help us to make personal choices without being critical.

"Being judgmental and preachy is a waste of time," she said in a recent conversation. "I try not to do it."

Students have been able to rely on her here on campus for the past 37 years.

I think she is the best we have.

"There's no better place to be," she said about working and going to school at SJSU.

Sivertsen graduated from SJSU with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

She received her master's degree in social work from Tulane University in New Orleans.

And she said she would be thrilled if she could ever get to be as wise as she was when she was 16.

"I don't tell people stupid things and get stuck at saying be wise," Sivertsen said. "I try to give people possibilities and opportunities and not tell people what to do."

She said she likes to help new students to identify personal ways to survive by making their own plans with the goal to graduate.

"It's important for new students to take care of themselves," Sivertsen said. "What they have embarked on as a university-level student is one of the hardest jobs they will have in life."

As a graduate student who believes in lifelong learning, my biggest challenge here is to put my last semester together, finish writing my thesis and graduate.

Sivertsen said many students have similar challenges.

Build a support system, she said.

Know that it's OK to make changes in midstream, she said.

She suggested to "build a support system with peer mentors and faculty members that you can relate to."

Staying focused on graduating



JANINE STANHOPE

"It's important for new students to take care of themselves. What they have embarked on as a university-level student is one of the hardest jobs they will have in life."

Wiggy Sivertsen,
Director of
Counseling
Services

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"Flower Child" appears every other Friday.

has been my most important goal while avoiding the temptation to travel or buy a new car.

I asked her for a good plan for those of us who feel the need to travel a lot. I would like to save my money to go on a long vacation this summer or sooner.

"Nothing's more valuable than making investments in your own life, such as an education, and make it as possible and healthy as you possibly can," she said. "Not to feel stuck."

But she also said that it's important not to feel alone in this process. And not to feel embarrassed to ask for help.

"Make a plan for this week or this semester," she said. "You don't have to make a plan for all four years. Make a plan that works for you today."

I think having fun and feeling good with a diet of healthy food and exercise is the only predictable way to keep from becoming a walking disaster.

"Why spend all your efforts and time to go to school and end up getting sick?" Sivertsen said. "But it is part of the process also to party and stay up all night."

The HIV/AIDS statistics are high among high school and college-aged students.

"The longest word in the English language is 'no,'" she said.

Some debilitating distractions can be simply self-destructive.

"Keeping into perspective of driving down the highway and drinking beer at 25 mph in the past is different," she said about the days of her father's experience in school. "Now we can drive at 100 mph."

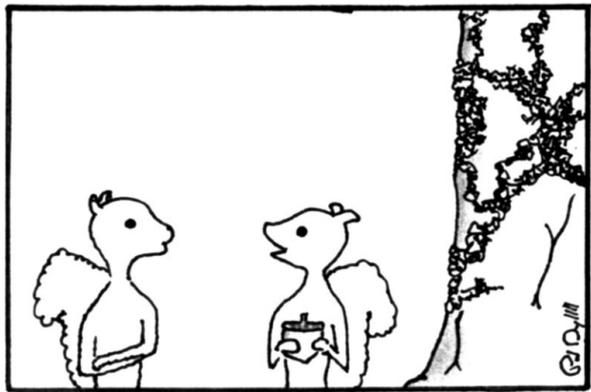
Wiggy has the most impressive ability to put making a plan into a nutshell.

"Imagine what would it be in 10 years that would make you happy and excited to go to work," she said. "It's important to learn how to make a living, but also how to make an emotional living."

Wiggy Sivertsen is someone we can count on to help make school a good experience.

"This place is a huge environment of so many wonderful and enriching things you can benefit from," she said, "as long as you can jump in."

ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | PAUL DYBDAHL



"YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ME BEFORE? WELL, I DO COME FROM SOUTH CAMPUS... AFTER ALL, THIS IS A COMMUTER OAK TREE."

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SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
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Spartan softball loses 1-0 pitching duel vs. No. 3 Cal

By Erik Lacayo
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan softball team opened its season Thursday with two pitching duels as they were shut out in both games of a doubleheader against Cal.

The second game was knotted up in a scoreless tie until Cal won in extra-innings, 1-0 in the 10th. Earlier in the day, San Jose State University dropped the first game 3-0.

Cal, who is ranked third in the nation by the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, improved its undefeated record to 6-0, while the Spartans began the season 0-2.

"We think we all saw that we were competitive against one of the best teams," game one starting pitcher Carol Forbes said. "We learned that we could stick with anybody."

In game two, Cal starting pitcher Kristina Thorson pitched nine perfect innings before giving up her only hit in the 10th. She finished the day with 10 strikeouts.

SJSU game two starting pitcher Kelli McCollister matched Thorson's performance by pitching nine innings of scoreless softball before giving up the game's deciding run in the 10th. McCollister said that she had mixed emotions after shutting out Cal for the first nine innings. She finished the game with four strikeouts while giving up six hits.

"I'm still upset that we lost. I wanted that win so bad," McCollister said.

Cal second baseman Jessica Pamanian led off the top of the 10th with an infield hit.

Cal first baseman Roni Rodrigues reached first base on a fielder's choice, as Pamanian was called safe in a close play at second base. Pamanian advanced to third base on a sacrifice bunt and then scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly to center field by Cal right fielder Alex Sutton.

"It's better to know that they didn't win the game on base hit after base hit or on a home run," McCollister said.

SJSU left fielder Elisa Barrios led off the bottom of the 10th with a base hit to left field, spoiling Thorson's quest for a perfect game. After a sacrifice bunt, the Spartans could not cash in and the game ended with Barrios stranded on second base.

"I'm glad that our pitchers kept us close and that we had a chance to tie it up in the end. I'm not disappointed at all," Spartan head coach Dee Dee Enabenter said. "We have to obviously find a way to put the ball in play more."

Like the second game, game one had Spartans stranded in scoring position. Despite being the losing pitcher, Forbes went the distance giving up 11 hits and two earned runs in seven innings, while Cal starting pitcher Kelly Anderson gave up no runs on four hits.

The Spartans had their best chance to score in the bottom of the first when they had runners on second and third base with no outs. The Spartan threat was then shut down when Anderson struck out the next three batters.

Cal scored their first run in the third inning on a throwing error by SJSU shortstop Carlie Hill. Hill finished the game with a team high two hits.

In the top of the fifth, Cal added two more

runs on a bases-loaded double by centerfielder Kaleo Eldredge when she roped the ball down the right field line.

SJSU left a runner stranded at third base in the bottom of the fifth and went on to get shut out.

"I thought that our pitchers threw excellent for 17 innings of pitching today," Cal head coach Diane Ninemire said. "They didn't give up one walk, and that is remarkable."

Although SJSU's offense was shut down by Cal's pitching, the Spartans played two close games against one of the nation's best softball programs.

"I wasn't really impressed with them like everyone else is," McCollister said. "This is supposed to be the highest-caliber team that we play. Everything should be a piece of cake after this, but we have to play well against the crappy teams, too."

Enabenter will be looking to improve the team's offensive production Saturday and Sunday when the Spartans participate in the three-team Stanford tournament.

"I keep telling my players that if we just get a run somehow our pitchers will keep us in the ballgame," Enabenter said. "We can build on this, and our confidence is there because we played one of the best teams in the country."

Cal shortstop Chelsea Spencer just beats the tag into third base from San Jose State University third baseman Megan Delgado in the second game at SJSU Field on Thursday. SJSU's next game is at the Stanford Tournament on Saturday against the University of Alabama at 10 a.m. at Boyd and Jill Smith Family Stadium.



Daniel A. Miranda / Daily Staff

Spartan Foundation looks to raise \$100,000 in auction on Saturday

By Colin Kutch
Daily Staff Writer

This weekend, the Spartan Foundation hopes its "Bid for the Spartans" auction will bring in \$100,000 in scholarship support for San Jose State University student athletes.

"Hopefully, people come looking for a bargain," said Stan Gadway, former president of the Spartan Foundation.

The Spartan Foundation's purpose is raising money for the SJSU Athletics Department. Last year's auction brought in approximately \$80,000, Gadway said.

Spartan student-athletes use funds from the auction to have laptops on the road. It enables players to do schoolwork away from campus, said Bill Penrod, the assistant athletics director.

Some noteworthy auction items include a trip to New York to watch tapings of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Live with Regis and Kelly," and a 10-day adventure to the Galapagos Islands.

Additionally, there are more than 500 items in categories ranging from vacation packages to entertainment activities.

Up for grabs are travel passes, gift certificates and sports-related fantasies, such as being a bat handler for the Spartan baseball team, as well as being an honorary cheerleader for the SJSU football team on the sidelines,

Penrod said.

The annual event has been raising funds for 14 years.

For the last two years, however, the auction has taken on a new format. What was previously a black-tie affair is now country-club casual, Penrod said.

"It's nice slacks and a polo shirt," Penrod said, referring to the preferred attire.

The new system is a product of necessity.

Gadway said with economic problems such as the recession and unemployment, getting people to come to the auction became difficult.

"We weren't going anywhere," Gadway said.

He was one of the original supporters of bringing in a third party to help create a new auction format. Originally, the Spartan Foundation worked with the SJSU Alumni Association to create an auction for SJSU athletics, which took place at the Fairmont Hotel.

Looking for a solution, the Spartan Foundation decided to work with a private fundraising auction company, the Gavel Group, to help organize the event, Penrod said. The Gavel Group is a private company that raises funds through auctions for nonprofit organizations.

According to the company Web site, the Gavel Group is the world's largest annual university auction organizer, grossing more than \$1 million in each of the last three years.

Rather than holding the auction using SJSU staff exclusively, the Spartan Foundation lets the Gavel Group handle the details, taking a percentage of the gross on all items sold.

Larry Zucker, the company's president, said the Gavel Group attracts nonprofit organizations because of the company's experience creating successful auctions and its ability to get a tremendous amount of items up for sale.

"We do it for a living," he said, explaining why colleges such as SJSU prefer to work with him. "We make custom proposals and are in contact with over 10,000 organizations."

Zucker said SJSU now focuses on getting people to show up rather than carrying the burden of doing the auction itself.

What attracts people to the event, Penrod said, are auction items selling for less than retail price.

"That's the philosophy of the auction," he said.

The cost is \$75 per ticket, which includes admission to both the live and silent portions of the auction. Reservations are recommended but not required.

The silent portion of the auction begins Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at the Spartan Complex. It lasts until 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner buffet with free beer and wine in the Event Center. The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m. directly after the buffet.

"I hope everybody comes out and spends some money," Gadway said.



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Soulful Melodies featuring local San Jose musicians Tiffany Joy and Iari from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 13. This all-ages, alcohol-and-drug free event at the Oasis Club downtown is \$6 to \$10.

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San Jose Planned Parenthood is hosting dance party fundraiser. Feb. 27 at Waves Smokehouse, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$10 per person.

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Italian virtuoso whirlwinds audience

By Mansur Mirovalev
Daily Staff Writer

The thunder of applause after Vieri Bottazzini's flute recital could have satisfied a rock star, although the Concert Hall in the San Jose State University Music building was half-filled on Thursday afternoon.

"I think Vieri is fabulous," said Isabelle Chapius-Starr, an SJSU music lecturer, who has been teaching flute for 30 years.

"He is going to have a big career, because he has the right attitude, no ego, and he just enjoys the music for what it is. He really knows how to connect to the audience and the ones he plays with," Chapius-Starr said.

Bottazzini's playing showed great lyrical depths and an impressive but not excessive technique.

He performed pieces by Romantic composers Robert Schumann, Georges Bizet and Francesco Morlacchi.

Chapius-Starr joined Bottazzini on stage to perform a piece for two flutes and piano, a beautiful transcription of a solo piano composition by French composer Charles-Valentin Alkan.

"I always thought I could make flute sound like other instruments," Bottazzini said. "Like Jascha Heifetz on violin or Artur Rubinstein on piano. When you hear them play, they really make music, not only go exactly in tempo because the teacher said so."

According to Bottazzini's Web site, he graduated from the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatoire in Milan



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Vieri Bottazzini, guest artist for the Listening Hour in the Music building Concert Hall, plays the flute on Thursday.

and did his postgraduate studies at the Geneva Conservatoire, where he was awarded "The First Prize of Virtuosity."

Since then, he's performed with orchestras and chamber groups and played solo recitals worldwide.

"Vieri as a musician is able to convey the feeling and make the music more exiting," said Ai Goldsmith, a music major from SJSU.

"Whereas with pieces so technically challenging, you can have a good flutist playing the notes perfectly but not communicating the music very much."

The recital was part of the Listening Hour, a free concert series held at the Music building held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. every week.

Groundation pays tribute to Bob Marley

By Mari Sapina-Kerkhove
Daily Staff Writer

Bob Marley once said, "My music will go on forever. Maybe it's a fool say that, but when me know facts me can say facts. My music will go on forever."

Twenty years after Marley's death, Groundation, a local roots-reggae band from Sonoma, is committed to keeping Marley's prophecy alive.

For the fifth year in a row, the band has started its annual tribute tour

and Marcus Urani (keyboards/melodica). The three friends were equally inspired by roots reggae music and the message behind it, which, according to Stafford, boils down to respect, love and tolerance.

Since its foundation, Groundation has developed into a 10-piece band, including a full horn and backing vocal section.

Shawna Anderson, one of the backup singers, said while the band is trying to preserve the style of roots reggae, they also implement their own styles.

"We're definitely an original band," she said, referring to Groundation's jazz influence.

As for the Bob Marley tribute, Groundation is known to put on a show consisting of two 90-minute sets, featuring a special 12-piece band performing about 30 of Marley's 1961-1981 songs.

According to Stafford, no other band exclusively plays Bob Marley songs during tributes, without including any of their own music.

"This is the least we can do to honor him," he said. "This person gave so much to the world, and his music can be found everywhere."

Alexas Shields, a Groundation fan who saw the band for the first time during last year's Bob Marley tribute concert at the Catalyst, said she remembers "that night being absolutely packed."

What struck her the most, she said, was their sincerity about Marley's

music. "It was the passion," she said. "The music was played with passion. It was extremely heartfelt compared to other bands."

Kathy Adams, a devout Groundation fan, had similar feelings about that evening.

"Out of all the bands I've seen," she said, "they have the most impacting sensation. We were walking away totally in awe."

Eddie Des, house manager at the Catalyst, said Groundation attracted a crowd of about 650 to the 800-capacity club. He expects tonight's show to be sold out.

"We'd be surprised if it was less," he said.

Shields said while the Marley tribute concert was the one that made her become a fan, she loves the band's own music as well.

Groundation has released seven albums so far, the latest one being "Hebron Gate" in 2002. Currently the band is working on another album to be released in a few months.

Stafford, who has extensively traveled Jamaica and Africa and taught college courses on the history of reggae music, said some people are skeptical because Groundation is an all-white reggae band.

To him, Stafford said, it is not so much a question of ethnicity rather than passion about music. The fact that Groundation is an all-white reggae band, he said, sends a powerful message.

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honoring Marley, whose birthday was February 6, 1945.

The tour kicked off in the Bay Area — the band was at Fairfax's 19 Broadway Thursday and will be at Santa Cruz's Catalyst tonight and Berkeley's Ashkenaz Saturday. They will continue to tour Oregon, Washington and Southern California throughout the month of February.

Harrison Stafford, the voice of Groundation, credits Marley with being the biggest influence on his love for music.

"The first conscious memory I have is Bob Marley," he said. "It's that first time when I realized music, Marley opened the world to me."

Stafford started Groundation with two fellow Sonoma State University jazz students, Ryan Newman (bass)

Drink of the Week



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

The Hawaiian iced tea, a mixture of crème de banana, passion fruit juice, cranberry juice, vodka, gin and Malibu rum, is one of many mixed drinks offered at The Temple.

By Elizabeth Nguyen
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students looking to escape winter weather can look for a reminder of summer at the Temple Bar and Lounge.

On Wednesday night, the disc jockey was spinning hip-hop and the crowd was mellow, tired from a long day's work. Mostly men between the ages of 25 to 45 sat down to have themselves a drink.

George Fan, manager of the Temple on 52 S. First St., serves up a Hawaiian iced tea brought back from a recent trip to the islands.

Its tropical flavor, a mix of crème de banana and passion fruit juice with a splash of cranberry juice, mingled perfectly with the taste of vodka, gin and Malibu rum.

Its light taste is perfect for those looking to have a few drinks without tasting the burn of alcohol.

The yellows, oranges and pinks of the iced tea swirled with one another at what seemed to be the speed of oozing lava. Topped off with a maraschino cherry, the iced tea has the look of a wonderful Hawaiian sunset.

To fight the winter gloom, the Temple offers the Hawaiian iced tea every night and has live jazz bands on Friday and Saturday evenings, perfect for lounging around.

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The metropolitan center has been operating for about a year with offices at NASA and SJSU, Bussani said. Thursday marked the opening of its new location in building 583C at Moffett Field.

According to a newsletter from the metropolitan center, the space center will conduct education and research in space and satellite technologies.

One of the key projects, according to Dave Engelbert, director of the Space Technology Center, is the Concurrent Design Center.

Working together, Aerospace Corporation, NASA, Stanford, Santa Clara University and SJSU students will use the design center as a tool that brings engineers who are working on different computer systems together, Engelbert said.

Engelbert also notes that the

design center is ready to take on its first project, a NASA biology science experiment for space. The experiment will determine effects of microgravity on small organisms, he said.

Microgravity is an area of minuscule amounts of gravity, like that of space. The outcome of such an experiment on small organisms can be used to explore the effects of long-term microgravity on humans, said Engelbert.

The design center isn't the only way students are involved at NASA.

Four engineering classes were taught in Fall 2003 at Moffett Field, and five were taught this past summer, Bussani said.

According to Crowley, about 100 students work at the metropolitan center, 250 more are taking courses at any given time and about 40 faculty members are currently working there.

Both the metropolitan and space center will move from building 583C in the future.

According to Bussani, a permanent location will be constructed in three to 15 years at the NASA Research Park at Moffett Field. The wide time frame is contingent upon several factors, such as funding and the economy, she said.

"The days of the single investor are long gone," said G. Scott Hubbard, director of the NASA Ames Research Park, during Thursday's celebration. Hubbard emphasized the necessity of having NASA, community and student support in studying the exploration of space, astrobiology, nanotechnology and information technology at NASA.

Crowley said SJSU has collaborated with NASA for 25 years.

According to the metropolitan center's newsletter, SJSU is collaborating with NASA and other colleges and universities on many projects, including the Collaborative for Higher Education with the University of California at Santa Cruz and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Also being led by SJSU is the Center for Humanity and Space, which will study development and communications of space-related activities.

Gay marriage battle is not over

Associated Press

BOSTON — Legislators opposed to gay marriage were coming up with ways Thursday to circumvent a Massachusetts court ruling that paves the way for same-sex marriages as early as May.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran, who opposes gay marriage, wants the high court to delay when its ruling takes effect until voters have considered a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a heterosexual union.

That measure has yet to be approved by the Legislature and wouldn't appear on a ballot until 2006. But without the delay, the Democrat said Thursday, "You would have a period of time of complete legal chaos and confusion about the validity of those relationships."

Under Wednesday's 4-3 advisory ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court, gay marriages could begin in Massachusetts in mid-May. If voters were to pass the heterosexuals-only amendment, it is unclear whether marriages performed during the more than two years in between would be legally binding.

The court's opinion Wednesday doused one compromise option, Vermont-style civil unions, ruling that they don't go far enough because gay couples are entitled to all benefits of marriage.

Opponents of gay marriage pin their hopes on part of the original court ruling that said state law provided no "rational" basis for prohibiting same-sex couples from the benefits of marriage.

Some lawmakers, including Rep.

Eugene O'Flaherty, hope to craft a bill providing such a rational basis for excluding gay couples from marriage while conveying some new benefits to same-sex couples.

"The court has overstepped its boundary and has not let the legislative process to unfold the way it has on other issues," O'Flaherty said.

The much-anticipated opinion came a week before next Wednesday's Constitutional Convention, where the Legislature will consider an amendment backed by Gov. Mitt Romney that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"We've heard from the court, but not from the people," Romney said in a statement. "The people of Massachusetts should not be excluded from a decision as fundamental to our society as the definition of marriage."

The events have created a legislative dilemma for some uneasy lawmakers that could force them to choose sides on a contentious social issue.

But many legal experts argue that the court's unequivocal advisory opinion leaves lawmakers with little wiggle room.

"The fat lady has sung and she's singing the wedding march," said Paul Martinek, editor of Lawyers Weekly USA. "It's clear from reading the majority opinion that there's no basis on which the SJC will OK anything other than marriage."

Senate President Robert Travaglini, who will preside over the Constitutional Convention, said he needed time to talk with fellow senators before deciding what to do next.

"There is a lot of anxiety out there obviously surrounding the issue but I don't want to have it cloud or distort the discussion," Travaglini said.



Susan D. Reno / Daily Staff

Shaun Azimi, a student at Stanford University, works on a robot prototype on Thursday in the Metropolitan Technology Center NASA Research Park at Moffett Field. The robot will be deployed to Antarctica in early 2005 to collect data and images on icebergs. The Metropolitan Technology Center is designed to facilitate educational and research collaborations between NASA and local universities, including San Jose State University.

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CINEQUEST | Festival begins March 3

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dance, Cannes, Toronto and Telluride as one of the top-10 film festivals in the world.

The film festival is "Northern California's premier motion picture institute," according to Jens Michael Hussey, younger brother of Halfdan and director of public relations for Cinequest. "We present soul-stirring and personable discovery festival of international films and digital media forums for movie lovers, maverick film artists and film students."

For the first time in Cinequest's history, "a good portion of Cinequest will be brought to SJSU," Halfdan said. "Cinequest's vibe will be better with all of the events within a small area."

In previous years, Cinequest had to use theaters outside the downtown area. Last year, Camera 7 in Campbell was used for some of the screenings.

Michael Adams, chair of the television, film, radio and theatre department at SJSU, said, "The partnership works well with the recent popularity of filmmaking at SJSU. Most of our students in our department want to be filmmakers or screenwriters."

SJSU venues used for the film festival will be Morris Dailey Auditorium, the San Jose State University Theatre and the Hal Todd Theatre.

Other downtown locations are Camera One Cinema, Camera 3 Cinema and the San Jose Repertory Theatre.

"We worked out a schedule with Cinequest so that we could host some events," Adams said. "We scheduled performances in the theater around the Cinequest schedule."

Barnaby Dallas, director of production for the television, film, radio and theatre department, said, "The relationship between Cinequest and SJSU evolved since Adams integrated theater and film into the department. It was no coincidence that the relationship grew from there."

The large number of venues are required since the 12-day festival features 165 independent films, 68 of them feature length. According to the Cinequest schedule, many of the films are either world or American premieres.

Cinequest's partnership with

SJSU goes beyond supplying venues. Adams said Cinequest worked with the television, film, radio and theatre department to create a Cinequest class, Inside Cinequest.

Halfdan is teaching the Tuesday afternoon lecture class. During the festival, Halfdan's students will participate as volunteers for Cinequest. According to Halfdan, the class still has room for additional adds.

Besides the possibility of honoring Schwarzenegger on campus, many of the film festival's special events will take place at SJSU.

Cinequest announced that the

"As we looked at his body of work, first as a bodybuilder, then as an actor and finally as a politician, it was clear that he has spent a lifetime defining a maverick."

*Halfdan Hussey,
executive director and
co-founder of Cinequest*

other Maverick Award winners — extreme-sport filmmaker Kurt Miller and screenwriters David and Janet Peoples — are to be honored at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

"Kurt is a producer, director and entrepreneur who broadened the scope of action-sports films," Jens Michael said.

Along with his father, Warren Miller, they created a successful extreme-sports company, Warren Miller Films, according to Jens Michael.

"An Evening with Kurt Miller, Extreme Maverick" will be on March 11 at 9 p.m. at Morris Dailey Auditorium. Cinequest will screen the "Best of Warren Miller Films" and present the Maverick Spirit Award to Miller.

Cinequest will present "An After-

noon with David and Janet Peoples: Heroes, Monkeys and the Unforgiven" at the Morris Dailey Auditorium on March 12 at 2 p.m.

Jens Michael said the husband-and-wife screenwriting team are "veteran screenwriters noted for crafting dark, complex characters in such films as 'Unforgiven,' 'Blade Runner' and '12 Monkeys.' The Peoples have helped set the stage for a generation of morally ambiguous characters reflected in works by filmmakers Quentin Tarantino, the Coen brothers and Clint Eastwood."

Halfdan said a fourth Maverick Award winner will be announced on Feb. 13, and he expects it "to be an actress." He also said there is a good chance the award would be presented at Morris Dailey Auditorium, but that won't be finalized until the date is determined.

Cinequest also announced SJSU's Morris Dailey Auditorium will be the location of the festival's closing event on March 14. The finale will include the world premiere of "The Conscientious Objector," a documentary of World War II veteran Desmond T. Doss, who, despite his refusal to take up arms during the war, won the United States Medal of Honor.

"A story Hollywood has wanted to tell for more than 50 years, it was made possible only when director Terry Benedict gained Doss' trust," Jens Michael said.

There will be also awards for best feature, best documentary and best short film voted on by the Cinequest audience.

The schedule of films includes numerous Bay Area films, with some short films by SJSU students.

"Fisherman's Troubled Odyssey," "Plastic Eyes and Fuzzy Voices" and "Springtime Dreams" are all short films from student directors at SJSU.

SJSU graduate Ryan Harper will have his world premiere of the feature film "30 Miles" at the Repertory Theatre on March 6 and March 7.

In a written review for Cinequest, "San Francisco Observer" film critic Fernando F. Croce said Harper's film "makes superb use of visual style, unexpected turns and, above all, the performance of incredibly gifted actors, taking viewers on a ride as lean and unpredictable as the characters."

ZODIAC | 'We can diversify our culture together'

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solving problems."

Edward Sierra, a visitor of the exhibition and resident of San Jose, said he is interested in Asian culture and learns more about it through cultural art exhibitions. Sierra said he views cultural exchange experiences as a way to learn and to understand each other.

"We can diversify our culture together," Sierra said.

Steven Daniel Groth, coordinator of special collections, said two possible reasons why King Library was chosen is that it is a unique library with large space. In addition to the library's open space, San Jose has a large Chinese population.

Groth appointed two librarians originally from Taiwan, Susana Liu and Yuhfen Diana Wu, to help with communications between the Taiwanese organizations and the King Library.

"It's not just an art but also reflects a culture," Wu said.

She also said Art of the Zodiac tells why Chinese celebrate Luna New Year and the meanings behind the zodiac.

Wu said the opening ceremony was held on Jan. 24 without all 48 pieces of art. The U.S. Customs department delayed the delivery because they did not know the purpose of the pieces. On Jan. 28, all the artwork was available to the public.

Susana Liu said there were roughly 40 people at the opening ceremony and many were from different cultural organizations, local government or local press.

Liu said all 48 pieces of art are original works by contest-winning Taiwanese artists.



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2004 is the Year of the Monkey, according to the Chinese zodiac. A traveling Taiwanese art exhibit, Art of the Zodiac is on view in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library until March 5.



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