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Tai chi for two ...



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Hamsa Rasheed Karrien, background, and Madrasi Karrien practice tai chi on Friday afternoon on top of the Event Center. Rasheed is a martial arts instructor at San Jose State University.

Touch-screen security confirmed for March 2

By Dan KingDaily Staff Writer

Next month's California primary election will be the first time in almost four decades that Santa Clara County unveils a brand-new voting technique, according to state and county officials.

The county's registrar of voters Web site states the March 2 primary will be the first time the county will rely exclusively on touch-screen voting.

Previously the secretary of state listed Santa Clara as being one of nine counties still using the punch card ballot method made infamous by the 2000 presidential election.

Elma Rosas, election division coordinator for the county's registrar of voters, said in a phone interview the county had used punch card voting since the mid-1960s.

David Dill, a Stanford University computer science professor, said in a phone interview, "we need to move more cautiously" toward touch-screen — or electronic — voting because of potential fraud and hacking issues.

Dill said he was concerned

enough about the potential dangers of electronic voting that in 2002 he formed an organization called Verified Voting.

"Verified Voting is not opposed to using technology," Dill said. "We are against relying exclusively on hightech answers."

According to his organization's Web site, it "champions transparent, reliable, and publicly verifiable elections in the United States."

Dill said his group has helped to turn concerns about unverifiable electronic ballots into a national issue.

The move toward replacing lowtech punch cards came about when the U.S. Congress passed the "Help America Vote Act" in 2002 to supply funds for new voting machines.

In addition, California voters approved a proposition for a \$200 million bond in 2003 to further fund the replacement of punch card systems.

Both measures aimed to replace punch card ballots by this year.

Many California counties decided on touch-screen machines as a hightech alternative to punch card ballots.

Touch-screen machines have the advantage of easy programming for multiple languages and easy tabulation

enough about the potential dangers of results, according to the registrar of of electronic voting that in 2002 he voters.

But recent news reports have shown touch-screen machines have their own set of reliability issues.

The Associated Press reported on

Feb. 5 that a consulting firm hired by the Maryland legislature, Raba Technology, successfully hacked the state's Diebold Election Systems software. According to Raba Technology's

According to Raba Technology's report to the legislature, the firm was able to "change vote tallies and seize control of the central vote-counting computer."

"The team was able to demonstrate the ability to switch two candidates," the report said. "Consequently, the voter appeared to vote for the candidate of his choice but he actually voted for another candidate."

Diebold President Bob Urosevich responded in a press release, "While election technology and procedures will continue to improve, touch-screen election systems have been proven to revolutionize the accessibility and accuracy of the voting process. We are enormously proud to be at the forefront of election technology and

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SJSU election board hosts first candidate orientation

By Mari Sapina-Kerkhove

Daily Staff Writer

The student government election board held its first candidate orientation Tuesday with nine potential candidates attending.

Alberto Gutierrez, chief election officer, walked students through the candidate application packet, covering issues such as application procedures and eligibility for the March 23-24 student government elections.

Gutierrez, a business administration major, said running for student government gives students a great opportunity to become involved in campus life at San Jose State Uni-

"I think involvement is a very important aspect of a college career," said the junior. "If you have the opportunity to make a difference, why not take it."

For Sarah Stillman, a junior philosophy major, the desire for change was one of the driving forces behind her decision to become involved in campus politics.

"I want to make a change on campus running for (director of) faculty affairs," she said. "I want to make faculty members more accessible to students."

Stillman, who used to be a resident adviser in her dorms, said she has recently heard a lot of complaints about the inaccessibility of faculty members.

Stillman also said she wanted students to know more

about Associated Students, which seems to be a distant part of campus life for many.

Alice Lee, current vice president said, Associated Students plays a crucial role.

"The first and foremost is that they bring positive change for students," she said. "They are a positive voice

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Herbal remedy benefits, dangers addressed in campus seminar

By Elizabeth Nguyen

Daily Staff Writer

Medical professionals need to know how to use herbal remedies, said an herbal specialist in a seminar for herbal remedies on Tuesday.

Marilyn Barrett, who specializes in herbs and pharmaceuticals, gave advice to student and medical professionals at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

Topics in the seminar included how safety and efficacy of herbs are determined, and how the products are regulated.

Caroline Fee, associate director in the division of health professions, said Barrett was the best person to speak at the seminar.

"I met Marilyn last year and we hit it off right away," Fee said. Barrett is the founder of Pharmacognosy Consulting Services and is a member of the

American Botanical Council Advisory Board,

Providing students and professionals with a seminar on herbal remedies was something that resulted from a lack of classes on the subject, Fee said.

"I teach a class in comparative alternative health services," Fee said, but no classes are available to give students information about herbal remedies.

"We really need to have this kind of infor-

mation taught to students," Fee said.

A seminar such as the herbal remedies seminar "gives a start to this incredibly important

area," Fee said.

Laura Telavera, program manager for the municipal health service program, said the city

of San Jose helps provide seniors with health clinics and advisory groups.

The city has many diverse cultures that have different exposures to herbal remedies, Telavera

said.
"Herbal remedies was an interest (among citizens in San Jose)," Telavera said.

The seminar helps "give a meeting of the

Providing students and professionals with a minds" between health professionals and

consumers, Telavera said.

Many consumers of herbal remedies don't

always use the products correctly, Barrett said. "It's a jungle out there," she said, and many people don't get diagnosed before they take the remedies.

"People are taking their health into their own hands," Barrett said.

Using herbal remedies "was a trend a couple of years ago," Barrett said. "The lack of quality assurance has made it go away."

More and more doctors and professionals are willing to study herbal remedies and alternative medicines, Barrett said.

"Don't do it ignorantly," she said. Barrett warns professionals of reactions that can occur when taking herbal remedies and

"Not all botanicals are safe," Barrett said. "When you start standardizing your product,

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The *neigh-*borhood cop ...



Daniel A. Miranda/Daily Staff

Outside the Student Union, Brian Helmuth and Katherine Tan pet Rocky, a horse with the San Jose Police department, while his rider Officer Campbell watches. Helmuth is a senior in aviations operation and Tan is a sophomore theatre major. Behind the horse is Bina Mistry, a junior nursing major.



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Opposing Views

Should death penalty be made illegal in California?

Opposing Should the death penalty be Views: illegal in California?

YES Death penalty advocates are more interested in vengeance than protection.

Why does the state of California kill people and call it execution? Execution does not deter criminals and costs the state more money than life in prison. It is arguably applied along racial lines and often only when an African-American kills a Caucasian victim. Yet death's head is being

Last Monday, Kevin Cooper had his execution stayed pending an elevenjudge panel review of the case. Although the ramifications of the news is not clear, KCBS radio is reporting that the delay could be for several days if the attorney general's office decides not to appeal. But the bigger issue concerns what victims and advocates for justice really want.

Complicating matters is that many argue he never committed the murders. Assuming Cooper is guilty, he has given 20 years of his youth and freedom for the crime. He will not marry and have children again, much like his alleged victims. Why is it that some members of society want more?

The source of the disagreement can be boiled down to two competing theories on the administration of law. One theory is retribution and the other is utilitarian.

> Retribution theory states in society, an individual must follow the rule of law. When the rule of law is broken, that individual must be punished. This is likely a position that most pro-death penalty advocates would agree with. Utilitarian theory agrees with the part about

following the rule of law. But it deviates when it comes to punishment. Punishment is secondary and the main reason for incarceration, and all sanctions against individuals that break the law, is to protect society. This is the view death penalty abolitionists would likely agree with. It raises the question of how Cooper's

Unless pro-death penalty advocates are concerned for the well-being of other convicted felons, Cooper's death protects very few individuals.

Life in prison protects society in a number of ways. The cost of life imprisonment is considerably cheaper than lengthy appeals processes, attorney's fees, and time the courts must use to hear cases. Prisoners even earn revenue for the state by working for pennies on the dollar.

MICHAEL LERMA

death protects society.

But it appears in $\bar{\text{California}}$ that death penalty advocates are more interested in vengeance than in the protection of society. Others are concerned with both vengeance and safety, making them adopters of a utilitarian/retribution hybrid

Some would say that anti-death penalty arguments fail to see the victim and sympathize with the loss of life to various friends and family members. Sometimes it is so unclear about what victims really want. Do they want a dead body — and any scary-looking black man will suffice — or do they want the killer? Society is not protected at all if you kill the wrong person. One would think only the true murderer's death would be good enough. Any question about Cooper's guilt should be greatly scrutinized.

In some Native American societies, outlaws were banished from the tribe. The punishment was harsh since indigenous people believe without a tribe the individual is nothing. Perhaps America and its fear of death are the basis

But law should not be levied based on fear. Fear is an emotion that clouds the mind's ability to think rationally. When you remove emotions and fears, it makes sense to abolish the death

penalty on a cost basis and on the basis of safety. Cooper's youth is gone. And even if the courts decide he was innocent all along, while freedom can be returned, time and memories cannot.

Michael Lerma is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



NO Protecting the innocent should be a top priority, not the other way around.

Before you grab your stick and poster to picket for the demise of the death penalty, there are some important issues to consider.

Statistically, a majority of Americans are still in favor of the death penalty for those convicted of murder. According to a 1999 Gallup Poll provided by the Department of Justice, 66 percent of Americans support the idea. The same poll showed that for the last 25 years, public support for the death penalty has always been greater than 50 percent.

To disregard public opinion and eliminate the death penalty in California would be premature. There are reasons why people support it.

Deterrence is one factor in keeping the public's support for the death penalty. This is the idea that criminals would fear the death penalty and would be less likely to commit violent crimes.

If criminals are sent to prison with the possibility of parole, that means a murderer could be roaming the streets to kill again. If there's no consequence of death, it could be argued the worst a criminal has to fear is life in prison three meals a day and free rent.

Even if it's only a theory, deterrence has its merits. If lives are saved because criminals are afraid of the death penalty, that's reason enough to keep the death penalty legal. There's also the issue of retribution. Is it just to

let murderers live after killing others? What about closure for victims' families? At times, it seems like more consideration is

given to criminals' rights than concern for what they have done.

Outlawing the death penalty displaces justice in favor of forced legislation with no regard to the details of the case. Protecting the innocent should be a top priority, not the

other way around. Opponents argue that the death penalty is enforced almost at random, with disproportionate numbers regarding race and gender. However, this does not

mean the death penalty is the problem. Adjusting the system doesn't mean the death penalty needs to be elimi-

The death penalty is often scrutinized because people can be sent to death even if there's evidence to suggest that they could be innocent. Kevin Cooper is scheduled to be executed in California for the murder of

four people in 1983. He says he's innocent. However, each case is unique. The death penalty shouldn't be outlawed

because there is still debate whether or not Kevin Cooper is a murderer. Few people argue that it's wrong to imprison anyone falsely convicted of a crime. That doesn't mean no one should go to jail simply because sometimes

innocent people do. It is unconstitutional to apply the death penalty for everyone convicted of first-degree murder because no two crimes are the same. As such, banning the death penalty in general because another case was handled improperly would

The system isn't perfect.

There is plenty of room for change, but until society finds a method of punishment that satisfies both sides of the debate, the death penalty should remain legal in California rather than just tossing it out because some people think it is inhumane.

The death penalty is in place in California to save the lives of innocent people and to punish criminals, not just to show how powerful the law is.

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Yes, because nothing justifies taking someone's life.'

Melody Idillier senior, advertising



"No. If they get the death penalty they deserve it. If they killed, they should die too."

Mario Alabi freshman, undeclared



"Yes. If we allow the death penalty to go on, it makes us no better than murderers."

Nayoung Kim sophomore, interior design



"No, because I think if someone kills someone, one hand washes the other, an eye for an eye."

Courteney Hearn junior, nursing



"Yes. If we can't murder, then why should the government be allowed to?"

Brian Smith senior, comparative religious studies



"No. The death penalty does its job. Dead people do not kill."

Kamila McLean junior, communications and sociology

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OUT OF THE SHELL

Gay marriage opponents should find a real cause

TAMMY KRIKORIAN

Exactly one week ago today, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled "that anything less than full, equal marriage rights for gay couples is unconstitutional," according to the San Jose Mercury News.

The Feb. 5 article, titled "Gay-marriage ruling may ripple to California", says the ruling may affect a piece of California legislation scheduled to be introduced this week that would "prohibit the state from denying marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples.'

Chief Justice Margaret Marshall wrote in the landmark Massachusetts opinion, "The history of our nation has demonstrated that separate is seldom, if ever, equal. For no rational reason, the marriage laws of the commonwealth discriminate against a defined class; no amount of tinkering will eradicate that stain."

Now Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, is hoping California will follow this path.

His bill would alter a section of the family code to define

marriage as a "personal relation arising out of a civil contract between two people," instead of "between a man and a

According to the February issue of OutNow magazine, these strides toward gay rights began in 1999 when the Vermont State Supreme Court found it unconstitutional to deny homosexual couples the same legal rights granted to heterosexual couples through marriage, allowing same-sex couples to enter into a civil union.

But there is still much ground to be covered, thanks

primarily to the misguided outrage on the part of the conservative right-wing in this country.

According to the Mercury News article, "37 states—including California—have passed legislation saying they

would not recognize gay marriage."

OutNow points out that "The moral and religious arguments against gay marriage are startlingly familiar to those used to keep interracial marriage

outlawed for so many years."

"Natural law" doesn't provide any reason gay

couples shouldn't be together, either.
A Feb. 7 article in the New York Times titled: 'Love That Dare Not Squeak Its Name" reported "homosexual behavior had been documented in some 450 species."

But the so-called promoters of family values

aren't giving up so easy.

According to the Associated Press, an estimated 2,000 people gathered in Boston on Sunday to generate support for a state constitutional amendment that would define marriage as between one man and one woman.

"We are here because we are concerned about marriage and about family," said Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. "Good strong marriage and family are good for our country, for society."

It seems to me that O'Malley and company have misplaced

their good intentions.

There are plenty of straight people in the world who are

crappy parents.

And just because two straight people get married, it doesn't mean they'll stay that way.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, in 2001 the marriage rate in the United States was 8.4 per 1,000 (total population) while the divorce rate (in the 46 reporting states and D.C.) was 4.0 per 1,000. That's nearly

A 2002 report found that 20 percent of

first marriages are likely to end in separation or divorce within five years, while 33 percent are likely to end after 10 years. Gays and lesbians have become an easy

target for those out to "save" family values, when there are obviously more serious issues to worry about.

There is no logical reasoning to support the notion that two people of the same-sex can't provide a loving home for a child.

There are many children of heterosexual couples who have grown up feeling that their

family isn't "normal." (Whatever that is.) Children grow up with single parents, parents who are divorced, parents who are alcoholics or drug addicts or spousal abusers. Children around the world are starving or working for

slave wages to help support their families. Yet there are people out there whose biggest fear is that two people of the same-sex who love each other and are willing to make a lifetime commitment to each other might

want to get married.
And, God forbid, they may also want to raise a child. Even the man posing as our president uses hollow arguments to decry same-sex marriage, as if he doesn't have more

pressing concerns. "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman," said George W. Bush last Wednesday. "We must do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage."

Give me a break. Who is Bush to stand in the way of anyone's happiness?

Or O'Malley or anyone else? Two people who love each other, regardless of sex, should be entitled to marry and spend their lives together, free from the outdated opinions of others.

And I can think of about 17 million things that are worse

than a child having two loving parents.

Whatever happened to the saying, "Live and let live?"

Tammy Krikorian is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Out of the Shell" appears every Wednesday.

Stablility in coaching is key for SJSU athletics

GUEST COLUMN

The Spartan football and men's basketball teams can keep counting losses over the coming years if they continue to hire new coaches in an already unbalanced recruiting market.

New coaches, junior college transfers and the competitive recruiting game deny success for these two San Jose State University athletic programs.

Both teams face more than a lack of recruiters and budget to send them out of the area to bring in athletes.

It's nearly impossible for the university's top moneymakers (football, basketball) to compete against any of the local or

out-of-state universities ranked in the top-50. Cal, Stanford, Santa Clara, USC and UCLA all share one

thing in common.
All five universities are located in California and all five

snatch most of the top-notch recruits in the state.

Then there are the out-of-state giants, like Ohio State, Miami, Nebraska, Florida, Colorado, Michigan and Wash-

SJSU then takes the rest of the lot, so to speak. This is not a news flash in Division I college sports or for

Maybe Spartan alums Bill Walsh and Dick Vermeil will return to SJSU someday

and assist in coaching or recruiting.

At some point, SJSU needs to start looking out of state for potential student-

Before that takes place, the local high school seniors should be aggressively recruited until the Spartans can put together

a few winning seasons.

SJSU will become more attractive and the recruiting will not be such a difficult task. This is easier said than done, but the Bay Area is a gold mine for talent and it cannot

be wasted.

Spartan head football coach Fitz Hill returned to gridiron future teams will have a foundation to build on. basics and restacked the offensive line and defense in this

No team in football wins without a solid offensive line

There's also the education differential when recruiting local athletes.

If there's a top recruit in the South Bay and they've been offered a scholarship from Cal, Stanford, Santa Clara or

SJSU, it's a "no-brainer" for the athlete and his family. The high-profile schools look more attractive on a resume in most cases and they stand in the national spotlight with

nearly all of their games broadcasted live. SJSU does hold one advantage over local and out-of-state

Incoming freshmen or junior college transfers are sometimes lured by the opportunity of playing time on the court or field at SJŚU.

Unless you are Maurice Clarett (football), Chris Webber (basketball), or Bo Jackson (football), the chances of a freshman starting or seeing quality minutes is slim at schools like Ohio State or USC.

Athletes often have to wait until their junior or senior years to see playing time, resulting from outstanding recruit-

Freshmen and sophomores have a much greater chance of showcasing their talents on the field or hardwood at SISU.

In return, you hold on to athletes for three or four years and build a foundation where they learn to play with one another and hopefully from the same coach.

The consistent shuffling of head coaches is only hurting

The football and basketball teams have each seen three new coaches since 1995. Statistics clearly show very few first, second or even third-

year coaches succeed at the college or professional level.

Not even Bobby Knight who's closing in on 800 career wins led his Texas Tech team to a conference championship in his first year. Spartan football appears to be heading in the right direction with Hill entering his fourth season as head coach.

Learning the college game from a coach in your first year

If that coach is not around the following year, it takes time to shift gears and learn the philosophies of a new Coaches stress specific theories of the game

to their teams. Some favor the half-court post-game in basketball, while others stress an up-tempo fast

They will change their plays slightly versus each opponent, but their foundations remain.

Spartan head baseball coach Sam Piraro has proven coaching for many years builds success. Piraro has compiled a 536-384-4 win-loss

record in 16 seasons at the helm and has made SJSU baseball a national success. The basketball squad has recorded one

20-win season in 53 years.

The football squad did a nice job of recruiting in state this year and also landed a crop of freshmen.

Extend the Contract of basketball head coach Phil Johnson,

SJSU also faces a budget problem most of us are already

It has one of the nation's lowest attendance records and competes with stadiums that hold 45,000 to 114,000 seats. The Event Center holds 5,000 people, but not even half that number attends the basketball games.

Located in the middle of downtown San Jose, SJSU is not your typical Division I university.

It's filled with a range of ages, is often quoted as a commuter school and offers no affordable housing nearby for students.

Students go to classes, get their work done and return home or go to work.

They're not interested in commuting back to SJSU to watch a game with empty seats surrounding them.

David Weinstein is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. Guest columns regularly appear on Thursdays.

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TODAY

Maxxan Employer Table The SJSU Career Center is hosting an employer table in front of the Career Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Contact Dee Bradbury at 924-6017 for more information.

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Peer Health Education Program "Sex out Loud," an erotic guide to safer sex, will be presented in the Art quad, across from the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Leslie Calhoun at 559-0621

School of Art and Design Student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Daily Mass offered at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel on the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets at 12:10 p.m. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

Human Resources Management Association

Spring 2004 officer elections will be held in the Pacheco room of the Student Union at 4:30 p.m. All majors are welcome.

Delta Zeta

A rush event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Delta Zeta house. Meet the sisters and mingle with a SJSU fraternity. For more information, call Christine at (510) 754-

Associated Students

A.S. government candidate applications are available in the A.S. house and the Office of Student Life and Leadership. Applications are due Feb. 23. For more information, call 924-5955.

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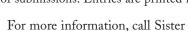
Valentine's Relationship Blessing will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, call Roger Wharton at 605-1687.

Environmental Studies Department

A Student Conservation Association representative will meet with students searching for intership oppurtunites in WSQ 115 from noon to 1 p.m.

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Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

Pre-Nursing Majors Town Hall Meeting Meet with SJSU Provost, CASA Dean and the school of nursing director to discuss changes in entry

requirements from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club

at SCI room 164.

A viewing of the movie Bowling for Columbine" will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-5712.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry "The Bible and You," scripture reflection offered at the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Alpha Omega college student fellowship night offered at the Catholic Campus Ministry Center in the Omega Lounge from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

Thursday Listening Hour Concert A vibraphone recital with guest artist Stephan Harris who was voted debut artist of the year by Jazz Times and Newsweek's best Jazz CD from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Concert Hall in the Music building. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Women's Resource Center "The Vagina Monologues," will be held at the Morris Dailey Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are available to be purchased at the Event Center, TicketMaster or at the door. For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 924-6500.

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Comparitive Religious Studies Program Zoroastrianism: A brief overview

will take place from noon to 3 p.m. in ENG 189. For more information, call 924-4312.

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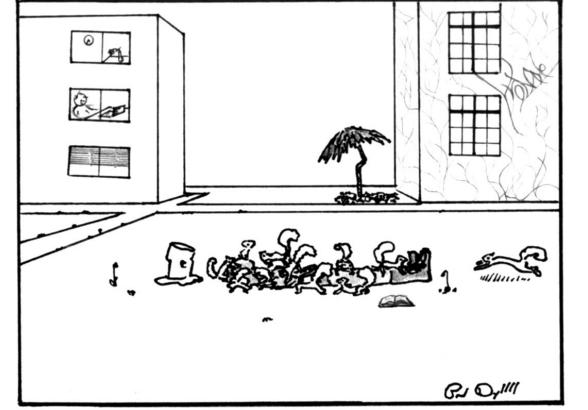
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Women's Resource Center "TheVagina Monologues," will be held at the Morris Dailey Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are available to be purchased at the Event Center, TicketMaster or at the door. For more information, call 924-6500.

Associated Students A.S. government candidate applications are available in the A.S. house and the Office of Student Life and Leadership. Applications are due Feb. 23. For more information, call 924-5955.



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Evanescence

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Keb Mo'

Feb. 20, 8 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa. Advance ticket price is \$35. Available at tickets.com.

Enrique Iglesias

Feb. 24 at the Paramount Theater in Oakland. Advance ticket prices are \$35 to \$65. Available at Ticketmaster.

Britney Spears and Kelis coming to the Oakland Arena

March 9, 8 p.m. Advance tickets range from \$40.50 to \$76. Tickets available at tickets.com.

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

Bob Marley Days, headlining Sly & Robbie & The Taxi Connection, costs \$30. This all-ages event at The Warfield on Feb. 20 starts at 8 p.m. Call (415) 371-5500 for more information.

Misc.

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

Steinbeck Center in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library will show "East of Eden" at 4 p.m. Feb. 18 and 19.

University Scholar Series presents Alice Carter and Courtney Granner to discuss their development of their award winning SJSU animation program Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Spartan Bookstore. For more information, call (408) 924-5105.

San Francisco Zoo's 15th Annual Valentine's Day Sex Tour starts on Feb. 14. Tour times are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$55 and is limited to guests 21 years or older. For more information, call (415) 753-7165 or check out www.sfzoo.org.

Performing Arts

V-Day 2004: Celebrating Vagina Warriors. A benefit performance of "The Vagina Monologues" held at the Morris Dailey Auditorium Feb. 12 and 13, 7 p.m. Students \$7 presale, \$10 at the door.

Multi-Ethnic Theater in San Francisco playing "Dutchman," an award-winning portrayal of conflict leading to violence. 8 p.m. Feb. 1 to 21. Call (415) 333-6389.

What is This Thing Called Love? Donald Pippin's Pocket Opera presents English translations of operas. This Valentine special will be at the Ralston Ballroom at Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont on Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. To order tickets call (415) 972-8934.

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare will be performed at the San Jose Repertory Theatre through Feb. 22. Tickets are \$18 to \$52. For more information, call (408) 367-7255.

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Smoke away in Giza's alternative hookah lounge

By Elizabeth Nguyen Daily Staff Writer

As soon as anyone walks into the Giza Hookah Lounge on 18 N. First St., the world music playing in the background seems to merge the past with the future.

The lounge features the Hookah, a water pipe for smoking flavored tobacco.

After going to school in southern California where there is an abundance of hookah lounges, Long Tran, a co-owner of Giza, thought to open a lounge in San Jose, said Hanh Luong, a co-owner of the lounge.

"It was something new and different (in San Jose)," said Luong.

Giza employee Travis Perkins, a sophomore majoring in aviation science operations at San Jose State University, said Giza is different because of its art and indoor smoking.

The "organic mechanical art" called Koncious Art by DEE JAE Pa'este, gives Giza its Egyptian feel, Perkins said.

"The artist makes these organic things look robotic," Perkins said. To the right of the entrance is a huge painting

of King Tut, on the other side is a painting of an elephant.

In the center the lobby is a huge golden hookah that stretches close to six-feet high. "It's probably the tallest (hookah) there is,"

Perkins said. It's a lamp that lights up blue and green and is also a functional hookah, Perkins said. "We'll sell it for \$600."

According to a hookah Web site, the hookah can be found in the Middle East as well as in

said. "And so does some of the tobacco."

A smaller hookah can be purchased for \$30 to \$40, while the larger ones are on average \$100, Perkins said.

Giza offers two types of tobacco — premium tobacco, which is juicier and more flavorful for \$19.95, and standard tobacco for \$14.99, Perkins said.

The shishah, tobacco flavored with fruit and molasses, can be smoked on one hookah by up to five people, Perkins said.

Giza offers flavors like blackberry, cantaloupe, licorice, coconut, lemon, strawberry, grape, peach, mango, pineapple, fruit, raspberry, orange, caramel, sweet molasses, pistachio, jasmine, cola, cappuccino, honey, apricot, banana, double apple and sweet melon, Perkins said.

"We also have a non flavored tobacco,"

Peak hours are between 10 p.m. and midnight on Friday and Saturday, Perkins said, and the lounge can get very crowded.

lounging around.

Giza, has long back couches and booths, while pictures of robotic girls encircle the room, making it look like something out of the movie

Red lighting, hanging paper stars and carpeted ceilings makes it hard for people not to want to lie down and look up.

Tim Shewey, a student from De Anza College, said he had never heard of a hookah lounge before Giza opened.

"When I first heard about the hookah lounge, "All of our hookahs come from Egypt," Luong I thought, 'Hookah lounge, what is that?' " said



Andrew Hendershot/Daily Staff

On Sunday night, Giza had about 20 Fruit flavored hookah smoke drifts from Lauran Brown's mouth at Giza on Monday night. people from between the ages of 18 to 25 Brown, a biology student at West Valley College, was celebrating her 19th birthday at Giza, a bar that rents hookah pipes used to smoke fruit flavored tobacco. Giza is located at 18 North The lounge area, toward the back of First St. and is open at 8 p.m. nightly

Shewey. "I came here and I just kept on coming

Chris Belz, a student from West Valley College, had heard about Giza from friends and introduced Shewey to the lounge, Belz said.

"When there's a line outside, you'll only wait 10 minutes before coming in," Belz said. "They don't usually let you in unless there's a good enough spot open."

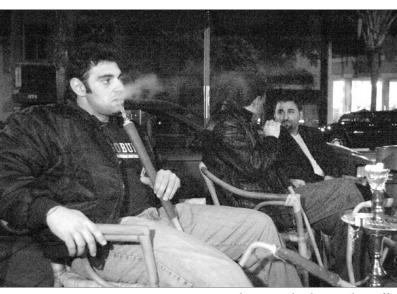
Even though both Belz and Shewey are noncigarette smokers, once they find a spot to sit, they can sit and smoke for hours on end, he said. "Hookahs can last about an hour," said Belz.

"The hookah is probably the best way to smoke nowadays," Perkins said.

For those who need to quench their thirst, the lounge offers non-alcoholic beverages for \$2.

The Giza Hookah Lounge is open from 8 p.m. to midnight on weekdays and from 8:00 p.m. to around 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, depending on how many people are in Giza,

Hookah Nites Café moves in with ethnic flair



Andrew Hendershot/Daily Staff

Marco Attisha, a senior computer engineering major at San Jose State University, blows smoke from his hookah at the Hookah Nites Café on Monday night. The café is located at 371 South First St.

> By Carly Roden Daily Staff Writer

Absent the persistent hip-hop beats and the ever-growing lines that spill from nearby bars and clubs, Sunday nights are an oasis of calm in the otherwise rowdy weekend culture of downtown San

Buzzing chatter and sweet smelling smoke mingle together before disappearing into the night sky outside Hookah Nites Café,

a cozy new spot to kick up your feet, sip a latte and

Before anyone gets too excited, it's important to clear up any potential misconceptions with a crash course in

Also called narghile, hookahs are Turkish water pipes that have been enjoyed throughout the Middle East for nearly 500 years. The pipes are used to smoke shishah, a blend of tobacco leaves, fruit pulp, honey and molasses nothing wacky in this tobacky. Located at 371 S. First St., in the building that used

to house Café Matisse, Hookah Nites Café offers an array of flavored tobaccos, espresso, soft drinks, sandwiches and desserts to the multicultural, 18-and-over crowd. While the café is open seven days a week, hours vary to accommodate the flow of business. An equal amount of men and women can be

found here reading, playing backgammon or just people-watching, all the while releasing dense clouds of aromatic smoke from their lips.

Owner Paul Zumot combines his ethnic roots with a touch of personal flair to create a décor that is truly

A painting of the Jordanian monument Petra dominates one of the tangerine-colored walls, while a textile rendering of King Tut and earth-toned Arabic rugs maintain the ancient cultural vibe.

In contrast, Los Angeles Lakers posters, including an autographed photo of Gary Payton, adorn the shelves behind the counter, providing a modern twist. Patrons may also catch a glimpse of one of Zumot's motorcycles, a polished American IronHorse Slammer that is sometimes parked in the store window.

Everything from techno beats to classical melodies can be heard

pumping from the speakers. The six televisions show a variety of sports and concerts on DVD.

The first step to hookah heaven is selecting a tobacco. In addition to traditional fruit flavors like strawberry, mango and double-apple, the Hookah Nites Café menu offers exotic choices like rose, licorice, cognac and margarita. For \$10 customers can get a bowl of tobacco, which lasts about

40 minutes, use of a hookah and as many disposable mouthpieces as a group requires. Smokers can mix two flavors together for an extra \$2, and add ice to the water chamber to produce a smoother, lighter To further enhance the experience, the smoke can be filtered

through a whole, fresh fruit like coconut or pineapple that is drilled through the center and placed below the bowl. These specialty hookahs range from \$15 to \$25, depending on the fruit. While guests settle down at one of the wooden tables outside, an

employee prepares the pipe, filling the bowl with the chosen tobacco and covering it with perforated aluminum foil. The hookah is then delivered to the table, topped with glowing

hot mesquite charcoal and is ready to enjoy.

Shishah smoke is smooth and light, and unlike the cheap flavored tobacco found in liquor stores, will not leave you nauseous or with a splitting headache. The silky, sweet taste lingers in the mouth for a few minutes and can be complimented by a cup of bold Turkish coffee or spiced chai.

For those interested in at-home use, hookahs can be purchased for \$25 to \$100, and jars of shishah (8.8 oz.) are available between \$5 and \$14 depending on the flavor and brand. Handblown glass mouthpieces can be custom-made for \$100.

The knowledgeable staff and laid-back atmosphere make Hookah Nites Café a comfortable place for everyone from the narghile novice to the professional puffer to come and exhale the stresses of life.

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of the role our machines play in enhancing democracy for the three million registered Maryland voters.'

On the same day, California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley reported in a press release that Diebold "without authorization, installed untested software on machines in at least four counties," during the November 2003 election.

Diebold is one of the two electronic voting systems certified for use by the California secretary of state.

In the press release, Shelley issued security directives for the March 2 primary to ensure the

"New technologies create new challenges, and our highest priority is to meet those challenges so that voting machines are accurate and secure."

> - Kevin Shelley, California Secretary of State

security of the touch-screen voting machines.

"New technologies create new challenges, and our highest priority is to meet those challenges so that voting machines are accurate and secure," Shelley said. "These security enhancements provide our voters additional confidence that votes cast during the March 2 election will be accurately counted."

Shelly's directives include random testing across the state, retaining copies of each ballot, posting of results for each machine and each system would remain a "stand alone" system not connected to the Internet.

Dill said the directives "don't completely answer all of the issues.'

His group argues that any future voting technology must include a voter-verifiable audit trail that can be checked for accuracy by the voter before the ballot is submitted.

"Many of the electronic voting machines being purchased (by counties) do not satisfy this requirement," according to the Verified Voting Web site. "Providing a voter-verifiable audit trail should be one of the essential requirements for certification of new voting systems."

Last year Santa Clara chose Sequoia Voting Systems of Oakland as the vendor to supply 5,500 touch-screen machines.

Rosas said the county's contract with Sequoia requires printers to facilitate a voterverifiable audit trail if the secretary of state were to modify the requirements for certifying

Sequoia states on their Web site they are prepared to install printers on their systems and are only waiting for word from the secretary of

Regarding next month's election, Rosas said, "We can't do anything about printers until the secretary of state certifies the hardware" and certification would not happen before the March 2 primary.

She said the county had already planned to make the voting machines "stand-alone" for this election.

According to a Sequoia press release, an initial test in Santa Clara County during the November 2003 showed the touch-screen machines to be a big hit with voters and poll

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for students, they are not administrators, they are not professors, they are

Because they are all students, Lee said, they could get a first hand account from peers on issues that need to be changed.

Associated Students, the governing body at SJSU, is involved in various areas of campus life, including campus recreation, the A.S. Child Care Center, computer services, transportation solutions and the A.S. Print Shop Copy

The position for faculty affairs is one of 16 positions to be filled, three of them being executive and 13 being directorial positions.

As outlined in the candidate application packet, students who are interested in running for one of these positions must attend at least one of the orientations. Two more orientations are scheduled for Feb. 18 and one for Feb.

Some other requirements include clear academic standing, at least six units of credit at the time of elections and a minimum GPA of 2.0.

With their application, candidates are also required to submit a brief biography stating the position they are running for and why students should vote for them.

Tina Thuy-Hang Pham, a social work and psychology major, said she wasn't sure yet which position she would run for, but she knew what she wanted to achieve.

"I am a student and I want to represent students," said the senior. "I want to find out what students want to contribute to campus and what specifically they want from Associated Students when they come here (to SISU)."

Reggie Villarreal, a freshman aviation major, said he wanted to be a candidate because he wanted to continue his positive experience as a student government

member in elementary and high school. "I guess I'd just like to get involved and not (just) be one of the 30,000 students here," he said.

Students who are interested in applying to become a candidate have until Feb. 23 to submit an application. Once the candidates have been determined, campaigning is scheduled to begin Feb.25, Gutierrez said.

Candidates will have an opportunity to promote their issues in a March 15 forum and during a debate the following

The four election board members running the orientation, said it was important for students to understand the election board, which reports to Student Life and Leadership, is a separate entity from the Associated Students.

"Our goal is to have a fair, unbiased campaign," said Melissa deVivar, first election officer.

DeVivar, who is double majoring in advertising and art, said her experience on the election board has been reward-

She said it has made her aware of how important elections are and how voting benefits the college community.

"My goal is to get people to vote and understand," said the senior.

For Lee, who is in her third term of being a member of student government, the biggest gift is "seeing the change happen. When you're a part of a project and you see the e-mails coming, that's rewarding.'

REMEDIES

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you have to be careful."

She said Europeans take inventory reports on incidents related to drugs and remedies. If enough incidents occur, they regulate it by taking it off the market, Barrett said.

"In this country, we don't have something like that," she said.

When there are just a handful of incidents, consumers tend to panic, Barrett said.

"Fortunately, in this country, we have grants (to study herbal remedies)," she said.

Herbs like ephedra and kava are safe when used correctly, Barrett said.

Barrett said that traditionally, ephedrine was used in low dosages to treat colds and asthma for

"But Ephedra is an herb taken out of its traditional context," Barrett said.

many years without adverse effects.

Pharmaceutical companies put high doses of ephedrine in dietary supplements and found that it over stimulated the heart, Barrett said.

Polynesians have been using kava for hundreds of years in low dosages without having any problems, she said.

Chris Rodriguez, the clinic coordinator for the Garden Health Center in San Jose, said she could relate to how consumers may misuse herbal

Many clients come in with problems from the home remedies they take, Rodriguez said.

They turn to natural remedies "because they don't have money to buy medicine," she said.

Nori Warden, a graduate student majoring nutrition, said she came to the seminar because it was a unique learning opportunity.

"I thought it would be helpful to learn about herbal remedies," Warden said. "It's such a controversial issue. I wanted to see this person's perspective."

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SJSU softball gears up for **New Mexico tournament**

By Erik Lacayo Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University softball team is hoping that history repeats itself this weekend at the New Mexico State Kick-off Tournament, head coach Dee Dee Enabenter said.

-SPARTAN SOFTBALL -

WINDUP NOTEBOOK

The Spartans (0-6) finished in second place in last year's tournament and are going back to Las Cruces, N.M., looking to get their offense on track. They have yet to score a run this

Last year at the New Mexico tournament, the Spartans exploded for 32 runs in five games.

"That was the tournament where our bats finally woke up," Enabenter said. "We're hoping that there's something in the air. The ball was just jumping off the bat."

The Spartans will face host New Mexico Ŝtate University (1-4) on Friday and Sunday and University of Tennessee (6-1) on Friday. Boston University and Southwest Missouri State University will open their seasons at the tournament and face-off against the Spartans on Saturday.

"I feel that this will be a quality tournament," said New Mexico State head coach Kathy Rodolph. "This area is blessed with great weather and that is an attraction for the other programs."

This is Rodolph's first season at the helm at New Mexico State. The team is currently in a rebuilding phase and looking forward to facing SJSU because both schools went after some of the same recruits, Rodolph said.

The match up between the Spartans and the Aggies could potentially develop into a rivalry.

New Mexico State is set to join the Spartans in the Western Athletic Conference in 2006, Rodolph said.

"I'm sure with a new coach comes new excitement. She's looking to turn that program around," Enabenter said of Rodolph. "Now that they're coming into the conference, I think it's good to keep a close eye on them, one of the other reasons we're going back."

Boston University head coach Amy Hayes said they chose to open their season in Las Cruces to escape the cold Boston weather.

"It will literally be the first time we injuries all season, Enabenter said.

get to be outdoors," Hayes said. "We're looking to get comfortable and pick

With several players from the West Coast, Hayes said that it would be good for her team to make the trip west to New Mexico. Boston University finished last year with an overall record of 33-23.

"Boston University I expect to be tough because I know that they recruit from California and other places,' Enabenter said.

Tennessee may pose the stiffest challenge in the Spartans' quest to get a notch on the scoreboard and in the win column, especially if they face Lady Volunteers pitcher Monica Abbot.

Abbot was named the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week Monday for pitching a no-hitter against Saint Mary's College and a perfect game against the University of Hawai'i.

The Spartans have had to go up against top ranked programs No.3 Cal, No.6 University of Alabama and No.15 Stanford University so far this

"We're still trying to get them to look at the glass half-full instead of half-empty because it still is early and we've faced some tough competition," Enabenter said.

Enabenter said she wants the team

to slap-hit and bunt the ball more often to put more pressure on the opposing team's defense. Enabenter said she wouldn't make any major changes to the lineup for the New Mexico "I don't think its time to panic now.

The worst thing you can do is to keep changing things," Enabenter said. "Its still early, the hitting will come around."

The Spartans are lacking a prototypical leadoff and No.3 hitter in their lineup, Enabenter said. A prototypical lead off hitter has

good eyes and hands at the plate and can steal bases, Enabenter said. She said she believes that junior left

fielder Elisa Barrios can develop into that prototypical lead off hitter. "Barrios and (Courtney) Lewis

as table setters are doing their job," Enabenter said. "Our No. 3-4-5 hitters haven't come through."

The team has been battling a few injuries but Enabenter said she expects everyone to be available for the

Senior pitcher Kelli McCollister has been playing on a sore knee and junior outfielder Jana Arde has had nagging shoulder, bicep and foot

Agassi, Ginepri advance to Siebel's second round

By Jenny Shearer Daily Senior Staff Writer

SPORTS

The "A-train" arrived at HP Pavilion Tuesday night.

Andre Agassi, the defending Siebel Open champion and No. 4 player in the world, defeated Irakli Labadze of Georgia, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

Agassi said the left-handed

Labadze's serve was hard to read.

"It was an awkward match today. I was playing better than him, but I couldn't read his serve ... he hits two different serves with one toss," Agassi

Agassi said winning the tiebreaker was the key to the match.

Labadze, 23, said he was happy

with his play, despite the loss. "I made two or three mistakes on important points," he said.

He also said his baseline play wasn't as strong as it had been when he defeated Agassi, his childhood idol, in Shanghai in 2001.

Agassi's next opponent is South African Wesley Moodie, who defeated American Todd Martin on Monday.

Agassi, the tournament's oldest player at 33, said he trains smarter at this stage of his career.

"The idea is to give yourself as many chances as possible," he said.

The toughest thing about tennis these days, Agassi said, is putting himself in the position to compete, which often means being away from his family.

Agassi is married to Steffi Graf, winner of 22 Grand Slam singles titles, and they have two young children.

Agassi said another element of tennis that makes it difficult to compete is that there is no off-season and players have to travel to different continents to play in different conditions.

The individual nature of the sport leaves player's weaknesses exposed on the court, he said.

Unlike team sports, "no one can set a pick for you" in tennis, Agassi said.

Following Agassi's match, American Vince Spadea defeated Germany's Tommy Haas, 6-4, 6-2. Haas had missed all of 2003 with a shoulder

Earlier in the afternoon, American Mardy Fish played qualifier and fellow American Alex Reichel. Fish won, 6-1, 6-4.

Fish will play Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen in the next round.

Fish, the tournament's third seed and a member of the U.S. Davis Cup team, won the match after five deuce/ advantage exchanges with Reichel.

The afternoon matches also showcased another young American player, Robby Ginepri. Ginepri defeated fellow American Cecil Mamiit, 6-4,



Shih Fa Kao / Daily Staff

Andre Agassi smacked the ball during the first set of the match against Irakli Labadze Tuesday night in the Siebel Open. After breaking a tie in the first set, Agassi defeated Labadze 7-6, 6-4.

Ginepri recently got to the 4th back from a two set deficit to defeat round in this year's Australian Open and is also on the Davis Cup team.

Ginepri and Mamiit are hard-hitting baseliners, but it was Ginepri who occasionally mixed up his play by charging the net.

After double faulting in the second game of the second set, Ginepri yelled, "concentrate!" Mamiit broke Ginepri three times in the second set.

Ginepri said he had trouble focusing on the match initially, which he attributed to coming off this past weekend's Davis Cup win.

"It was a pretty emotional weekend. But for the most part, I'm happy that I got through the match," Ginepri said.

Ginepri, 21, said his Davis Cup experience gave him a lot of confidence. In Davis Cup play, Ginepri came Jurgen Melzer of Austria in five sets.

"During the whole year, it's just one of those matches that you can always look back on and remember, especially the first time playing for the U.S. and to get through it is just amazing for

He said he was amazed by the fact that Agassi is still playing at 33.

"I don't know how he does it. Even when I get out of bed, I have a few aches and pains," Ginepri said. "It's just amazing to see Andre and to do what he does, day in and day out ... I give him so much credit."

Agassi said he was impressed with Ginepri's recent Davis Cup play.

"He found a way to dig deep and give himself a chance," Agassi said. Earlier in the day, American Brian Melzer, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Kristof Vliegen of Belgium defeated Germany's Alexander Popp, 6-1, 6-3. Wednesday's featured matches include American Andy Roddick versus

Valhaly lost to France's Cyril Saul-

nier, 3-6, 6-7 (4-7). Carlsen defeated

p.m., followed by American James Blake versus American qualifier Zack Fleishman. Tuesday's total attendance was

Belgium's Christophe Rochus at 7

A San Jose State University student won the San Jose Mercury News' "Totally Tennis" competition.

Jennifer Meyer received two passes to watch each day's matches. The senior international business major said she thought it was a joke when she found out she had won the contest.

SJSU baseball scores 11 in win over USF

By Mark Cornejo

Daily Senior Staff Writer

After scoring only 10 runs in the first three games, Spartan head baseball coach Sam Piraro saw his offense generate 11 runs on 15 hits against the University of San Francisco.

The Spartans defeated the Dons

11-7 Tuesday at Blethen Field. "I was pleased with several guys (who) had great at-bats and did a solid job in run-producing situations." Piraro said. "We're going to need that."

However, neither offense looked formidable early in the game. USF starting pitcher Kevin Rose

struck out the side in the first inning, while Spartan starter Matthew Winck, who ended up with the win, struck out four of the first five Dons he faced.

The Spartan bats came to life with two outs in the bottom of the second when right fielder Travis Becktel hit a solo home run down the left field line off of USF's Reed Johnson, who suffered his first loss of the season.

"It was good, with two outs we got something going there," Becktel said. "I felt (the team) came up in clutch situations.'

The Spartans scored three more runs in the second, including left fielder Ryan Angel's double over the head of USF left fielder Jonnie Knoble that scored catcher Mark Bautista and center fielder Mitch Ponza.

"I'm just trying to get up there and

do whatever I can to help the team out," said Angel, who finished the day going two of four with three RBI's. "I'm just trying to do my job." The Spartans continued their of-

fensive success in the third when first baseman Brandon Fromm hit a triple in the right-center gap that allowed second baseman Kevin Frandsen to

Angel doubled in his third RBI in the fourth to give the Spartans a 6-1

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Becktel followed his earlier home run with a triple in the fifth inning that allowed Fromm to score from second.

Later in the inning, third baseman Josh Lansford singled in his first RBI as a Spartan, after squeezing a hit between the third baseman and the shortstop.

After the Dons scored two in the top of the sixth, the Spartans scored two of their own when Fromm singled in Frandsen and shortstop Anthony Contreras for his second and third RBI's of the day, extending their lead to 11-4.

The Dons scored one run in the seventh and two more in the eighth, but closing pitcher Jose Amaya, who entered the game during the eighth, ended the comeback.

The Spartans (1-2-1) begin a three game series Friday at UC Santa Barbara at 2 p.m. The series will continue with 1 p.m. starts on Saturday and



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