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Ice rink gets stable home



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ABOVE: Workers from Ice Rink Events, a Texas-based company, assemble the Knight Ridder Downtown Ice Rink on Friday afternoon. The ice rink covers 8,100 square feet and has a capacity of 200 skaters on the ice at a time.

LEFT: Workers install acrylic paneled walls at the Knight Ridder Downtown Ice Rink on Friday afternoon. The ice rink is located between the Fairmont Hotel and the San Jose Museum of Art, and will wrap around the palm trees growing there.

Downtown Ice Center to reside near art museum

By Leah Nakasaki
Daily Staff Writer

With the weather getting cooler, signifying the start of winter, ice skating is a pastime synonymous with this time of the year.

After many years of being moved around to different locations, the Knight Ridder Downtown Ice Rink has found a permanent home for the holidays situated between the Fairmont Hotel and the San Jose Museum of Art.

The rink will be open to the public beginning on Wednesday, the first preview day.

Rick Jensen, communications manager for Downtown Ice, said this is the center's third location.

According to the Sept. 21 San Jose

Downtown Association Ice Rink Agreement with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency Board, the first location was off of San Carlos and Market streets, where the Marriott Hotel is now located. The rink remained at this site until 2000.

The second location was at Market and Balbach streets, located south of the McEnery Convention Center. The rink was at that location for the past three years during the holiday season.

Jensen said the last location "was hidden away behind the convention center," making it difficult for people to see.

Jensen said the original location was more effective than the last location because it was still within the vicinity of Christmas in the Park.

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Keeping a consistent eating schedule a challenge for some

By Anna Molin
Daily Staff Writer

Knowing what to eat and how to eat it could significantly impact students' future health. Nonetheless, some students at San Jose State University have difficulties sticking to a healthy eating schedule, and others say they frequently skip meals throughout the day.

Susanne Rough, a graduate nutrition major and a team lead in the Nutrition Education Action Team on campus, said it is especially important to eat a healthy breakfast so as to avoid binge eating and fatigue later in the day.

"We haven't eaten for over eight hours and probably more, so it is important to replenish your body," she said. "If we think about our body as a machine — you wouldn't try to drive your car without gas."

Rough said students who frequently skip meals, including breakfast, will experience some harmful consequences.

"You will be more sluggish. You are not going to think as clearly and it is definitely going to affect your energy levels," Rough said. "And you are more likely to grab something unhealthy."

Rita Stark, an undeclared soph-

omore, said she tends to prioritize sleep over breakfast.

"I set the alarm for 6 o'clock all the time, but I always end up hitting the snooze button until I just have to get up and run to make it to class," said Stark, who starts classes at 7:30 a.m. twice a week.

Stark said she eats her first meal around noon on the days she skips breakfast.

"By then, I am very hungry and I tend to be kind of tired," she said. "I try to eat healthy most of the time, but of course I also eat burgers and pizza just like everyone else."

Rough said it is OK to eat the occasional burger or slice of pizza as long as people have variety and balance in their diets.

"There really aren't any bad foods. It is the amount that you eat and the choices that you make within that group of foods," she said.

Rough said some people have a misperception that all fats are bad when in fact some fats help us to insulate the body and maintain physical activity.

One way to differentiate between the good and the bad fats is to check whether the fats are solid

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Sikhs celebrate founder's birthday

By Ruth C. Wamuyu
Daily Staff Writer

Members of the Sikh faith celebrated their founder Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birthday on Saturday during their annual symposium on his life and teachings at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

"He is very relevant to what is happening now," said UC Berkeley visiting professor Meji Singh.

"He was born in 1469 at a time when there was a strife amongst different religions."

Singh said Nanak taught respect for all religions.

"He proclaimed that we are

all children of the same creator," he said. "He said we had to live in harmony with creation because the creator manifests itself in creation."

During his speech, Singh criticized the Mel Gibson movie, "The Passion of the Christ," because he believed it did not portray the love that Jesus had even for his tormentors. He drew a parallel of that love to the love Guru Nanak advocated.

"You and I are the same," he said. "I am going to love you no matter what you do to me. When people punch you, you don't punch back, you kiss their feet."

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Mexican Heritage Plaza gets grant

By Yasuyo Nagata
Daily Staff Writer

The Mexican Heritage Plaza, located at 1700 Alum Rock Ave. in San Jose, recently received a \$1 million grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to improve the facility.

The construction plan is still in progress, but Marcela Davison Aviles, the executive director of the plaza, said she hopes it will start within this year.

There aren't any visible problems with the 50,000-square-foot, 5-year-old plaza, however, in order to have a more convenient facility for the users, Davison Aviles said she decided to apply to the capital improvement program about three years ago.

The capital improvement program is about improving air conditioning and security systems, she said.

"We'll be restoring and upgrad-

ing the facilities with new construction. Specifically, we're going to build a rehearsal place," Davison Aviles said.

Davison Aviles also said climate control systems of the gallery and theater will be upgraded.

Currently, there is a nice gallery at the plaza, however, the gallery isn't qualified enough to exhibit expensive pieces of art because it doesn't have a good climate control system, Davison Aviles said.

"The gallery has to meet the standard that has been set by the American Museum Association for gallery exhibits," she said.

There are currently two security officers, said Pete Olivera, one of security guards. Olivera said security is good now, but if the gallery will have expensive exhibits after the remodeling, the plaza must have a high level of security as well.

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Lab teaches proper handling of radioactive materials

By Ron Pangrac
Daily Production Editor

A diagram of a nuclear reactor next to a door labeled "Nuclear Science Facility" in Duncan Hall caught the eye of one new student at San Jose State University in August.

"I thought, 'Is that what's going on there?'" said Mike Hurwitz, a graduate student in chemistry.

Although there are rumors of a reactor on campus, Hurwitz soon found out the truth. Taking a Radiation Safety course, he learned the restricted-access facility is actually a laboratory where more than 1,100 students work each year with radioactive materials.

In the facility, campus radiation safety officer John Pickering is responsible for ensuring the students know and follow proper handling techniques as they work with minute amounts of radiation. He also teaches most of the classes that use radioactive material.

"Students handle radioactive materials every week," Pickering said, adding, "Ninety-five percent of the materials at the NSF are not dangerous enough to produce any level of observable biological effects."

By using Geiger counters and other equipment that measure activity at the atomic level, many students can study radioactivity without the risk of exposure.

Most of the materials used, Pickering said, give off

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Megan Kung / Daily Staff

A group of students listens to radiation safety officer John Pickering as he demonstrates the use of an X-ray machine during a Radiation Safety class on Friday in the Nuclear Science Facility at San Jose State University. The class teaches students how to protect themselves when working with radiation in a laboratory.

BRUTALLY HONEST

NBA player should be banned for life after meltdown

With punches and beverages thrown, the scene Friday night at the Pacers-Pistons game was anything far from a professional sporting event — it resembled more of a professional wrestling event as NBA players went haywire on fans.

NBA Commissioner David Stern has suspended the nine players involved in the brawl for a combined 143 games. According to NBA sources, these suspensions are some of the most severe in the league's history.

To catch everyone up who may have spent the weekend in a closet, a small scuffle between two players — Ron Artest of the Indiana Pacers and Ben Wallace of the Detroit Pistons — escalated into a huge brawl involving punches, takedowns and a cup of ice.

After Artest committed a rough foul on Wallace, Wallace took exception and decided to shove Artest in the face. Benches cleared, and the players had it out.

When it appeared all was over, Artest was pegged in the head with a cup of ice from a fan in the stands.

This is when everything went to hell. Artest rushed into the stands, followed by some of his teammates, and they took some swings at the Detroit fans. The fans retaliated.

It was ugly to say the least. Clips of this huge brawl have been playing nonstop on a loop on SportsCenter, as well as every television news network.

It's created a field day for the media and a huge mess for the NBA. There is no doubt many lawsuits will follow.

Also, just when we thought we might have enough sports violence for the weekend, the South Carolina-Clemson football players decided to have it out on the field. Luckily, no fans were involved in that one.

The Pacers-Pistons brawl brought back memories of what happened at an Oakland A's game several months ago, when Texas Rangers pitcher Frank Francisco threw a chair into the stands, after getting into an argument with a fan.

Now obviously, fans and players alike need to feel safe when a game takes place.

A fan heckling a player by either means of telling him he sucks or what animal his mother looks like is all a part of the

game. Fans pay hard-earned money to see these athletes play — and when you're the opposition, some trash-talking is going to occur.

The players need to get over it. They're paid millions of dollars to do two things — play their sports and be professional.

Many times, fans get caught up in a drunken moment and will say dumb things or even toss something at a player.

Trying to physically harm a player by throwing an item at him is prohibited at every sporting event, and a fan will be ejected and can be put in jail.

Did Artest forget about this rule?

Even in the heat of the moment, a somewhat sane person would have the brainpower to know attacking a fan is the completely wrong thing to do.

In addition to looking like the jackass of the year, Artest has ruined his career.

If Artest thought he had it bad before, he hasn't seen any-

thing yet. When he returns, opposing fans are going to rip into him at every opportunity.

Commissioner Stern has done Artest quite a favor by only suspending him the rest of the season — he deserves a much harsher penalty.

Professional sports need to install a simple, zero-tolerance rule for all of its athletes: The minute you lay a hand on a fan, you're out. It's as simple as that. Those who decide to take matters into their own hands get a lifetime ban.

The tone needs to be set now by officials in professional sports. This type of behavior is completely unacceptable.

If gambling is the ultimate no-no in sports, why should violence be any less?

The NBA doesn't need these types of players, nor does any other professional sport — no matter how good the particular athletes are.



KEN LOTICH

Ken Lotich is the Spartan Daily managing editor. "Brutally Honest" appears every Monday.

Letter: Black Student Union represents true Spartan pride

Dear editor,

We have witnessed a true expression of what Spartan Pride is really about. Dozens of African American students, faculty and staff led a silent protest march on campus in order to demonstrate their concerns about staff issues and the lack of serious efforts of the university on retention policies.

Every student and every faculty member should feel proud of these individuals for taking a stand for access and diversity. These students could care less about name changes, carnivals, expensive banners and keeping quiet because some student government staffer is afraid the of California State University system sending a nasty letter. They want a university administration that

cares about their issues, and they want all of us to pay serious attention of what they have to say.

Thank you, Black Student Union, you made us part of a university again.

James Rowen
Graduate Student
Urban Planning

THE BIG PICTURE

A father's strange lessons teach daughters about life

I always thought that my dad was strange. Growing up he always had some unconventional ways of doing things, which usually annoyed my sister and me.

At one point, my dad decided that the television should be abolished from the house, his reasoning being that my sister and I watched too much of it and our time could be better spent.

During this time, my sister and I would carefully carry the television into the house every day after school and hook it up so that we could watch our favorite shows, and then we would just as carefully put it back before our parents got home from work.

Although my dad must have had other things in mind, this experience taught my sister and me the importance of teamwork and creative problem solving.

While most of my classmates boasted about their Nintendos, my dad presented me with educational computer games.

His favorite was something called "Math Blasters" where learning math was supposed to be fun.

Although I tried to play it from time to time, the box mostly gathered dust in the corner.

Secretly I looked forward to playing video games at my friends' houses.

This excitement quickly faded when I struggled to get through level one while my friends easily maneuvered through levels I had never even seen.

I realized that I would never be able to compete with the kids who spent hours a day practicing.

On the way home from church each Sunday my dad liked to take the long way home.

The longer the drive, the madder I got. While my dad wanted to enjoy the "road less traveled" as a family, I argued that I could be home doing something more interesting.

My dad was always involved in my extracurricular activities, especially sports.

I can vividly remember my cheeks burning from embarrassment as he ran up and down the sidelines yelling out words of advice. He always had something to say to improve my game.

As a kid, these scenarios were irritating. As an adult, I realize that my dad's strange behavior was attributed to how much he cared for me.

I wanted the best for his daughters. Whether it was limiting our time with brain-numbing activities such as television or video games or becoming my biggest sideline supporter, he tried his best to raise my sister and me.

A few years ago, I coached a young girls' soccer team.

One of the girls on the team constantly showed up late to practices and games and her parents never attended a game. My parents attended every one of my soccer games.

Yes, my dad's constant encouragement seemed frustrating to me as a child, but today I see how lucky I am to have parents who supported me in all of my activities and interests.

Today my dad has moved onto interrogating my boyfriend with questions about his political and religious beliefs. At first I was mortified, but I know that his intentions are good. He is still a protective father.

Although I don't think that my dad's original intentions were necessarily achieved, I have learned something valuable from his antics.

He expressed his love and concern for me through all of the strange things that he did and still does. All of these things have shaped the person that I am today.

As a kid, I vowed not to be as strange as my dad when I became a parent, but as an adult I don't think that being strange is so bad.



KARIN HIGGINS

"While most of my classmates boasted about their Nintendos, my dad presented me with educational computer games."

Karin Higgins is the Spartan Daily photo editor. "The Big Picture" appears every other Monday.

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@cas.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

School of Art and Design
An art exhibition featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. An art exhibition titled "Into the Flesh" by Kevin Nguyen will be on display in Gallery 3. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

Counseling Services
An anger management group will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Administration building, room 201. For more information, call 924-5910.

A.S. Child Development Center
An online silent auction will take place until Nov. 30 at http://www.as.sjsu.edu/childcare/silent_auction.jsp. Items include tickets to Disneyland, Great America and other entertainment events.

TUESDAY

School of Art and Design
An art exhibition featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. The "Tuesday Night Lecture Series" will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Art building, room 133. An art reception for student galleries will take place in the Art building. An art exhibition titled "Into the Flesh" by Kevin Nguyen will be on display in Gallery 3. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Associated Students
"Xbox Open Play" will take place from noon to 2 p.m. in the Event Center Sport Club lounge. Come play "Halo 2" on a big-screen television. For more information, call 924-6269.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. "Faith Formation" will take place from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Both events will take place at the Catholic Campus Ministry. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

School of Music
"The Listening Hour" concert series with a saxophone ensemble will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call the music office at 924-4673.

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society
A meeting will take place at 3 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall, room 135. Non-history majors are

welcome. For more information, call Paul at 247-8973.

Victory Campus Ministries
"The Source" will take place at 7 p.m. in Boccardo Business Complex, room 123. Learn about the amazing destiny God has for your life. For more information, call Marla at (510) 368-8239.

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Hope Christian Fellowship
A Bible study will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pacifica room in the Student Union. The reliability and relevance of the Bible will be discussed. For more information, call Pastor Brad Abley at 225-4574.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. A candlelight worship will take place from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. "The Bible and You" will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the ministry. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

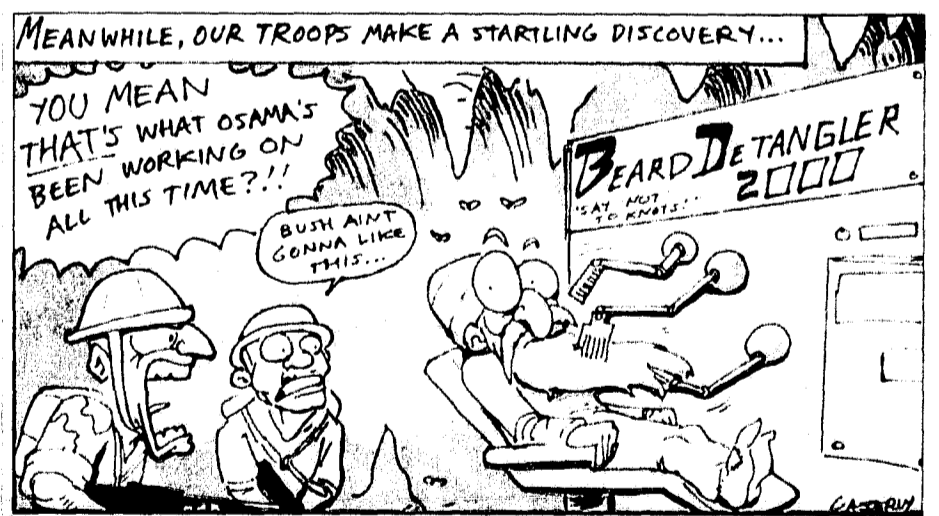
Counseling Services
An Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander discussion series will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. A social skills group will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in counseling services. For more information, call 924-5910.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allies
A general meeting will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call Anne at 924-6500.

Asian American Christian Fellowship
A meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room in the Student Union.

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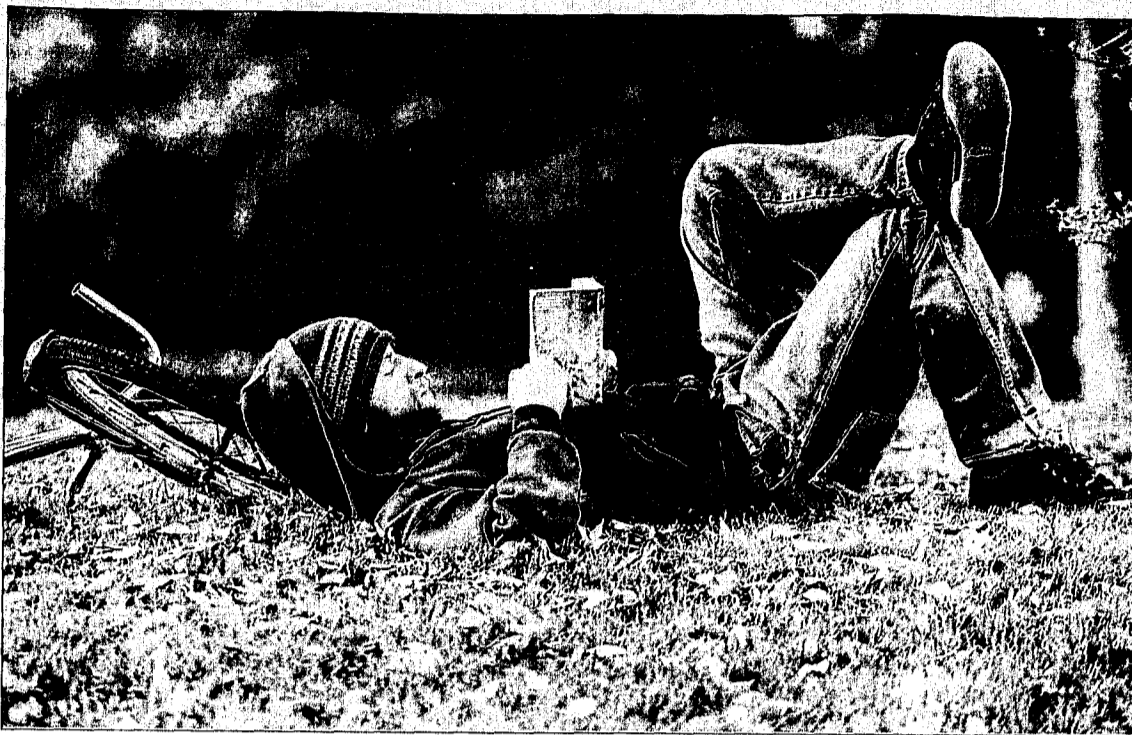
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Once upon a time ...



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A man who asked not to be identified reads a book as he relaxes on the lawn behind Dwight Bentel Hall.

PLAZA | Remodeling plan in progress

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Davison Aviles said she can't specifically estimate how long the construction will take since the plan is still in progress.

However, she said, "We're estimating that project will take several months — about six to nine months."

Besides the \$1 million grant, Davison Aviles said several other organizations such as City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency and General Services Department, the City Manager and the plaza's elected officials will assist in the plaza's remodeling.

Those organizations will donate up to \$50,000 in possible grants, but Davison Aviles said the facility would not receive more than that.

Restructuring the staff members and programs are also planned during the remodeling, Davison Aviles said.

The plaza faced budget cuts and Davison Aviles said half of the staff members need to leave the plaza during the construction.

Plaza users asked a lot of questions regarding remodeling, Davison Aviles said, but "People are very understanding."

Some people complain about the event program signs because the programs aren't very visible from the outside of the plaza and, because of the high wall, some people feel it's not inviting, said Michael Gary, the manager of fund development.

Building electronic signage might help to advertise to the community about what events the plaza has, Gary said.

During the construction, the activities will be reduced, but the educational programs will be continued, Davison

Aviles said.

Also, if people want to rent the rooms for some purposes, it will still be available during construction, she said.

Maintaining the plaza is very important as well as rebuilding, Gary said.

"A lot of people have already put a lot of money into this place, so we have a responsibility to maintain it," Gary said.

Now, the Latino population is very large, and it is important to have the place where Latino people can express and share their culture and introduce Latinos who succeeded, Olvera said.

"We aren't only farm workers anymore. A lot of people work as professionals," Olvera said.

Compared to other minorities, Davison Aviles said she feels the Hispanic community is still underserved to express their art and culture.

Davison Aviles said that, for example, there is the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, and it has been there for a long time.

"A lot of attention is paid to the Asian community, but there is really nothing similar for the Latino community in San Francisco," Davison Aviles said.

"It is important to have a place where the Latino community can come and participate in art and their cultural community, but also people who are not Latino can come to learn about our heritage," Davison Aviles said.

The plaza was built by Latinos, "but everyone is welcome," Olvera said.

In fact, African American and Hawaiian festivals have recently been held at the plaza, Olvera said.

"Everybody is excited about upgrading. It's a great opportunity for us to restore the facility," Davison Aviles said.

NUTRITION | On average, women need 2,000 calories a day, men need 2,500 calories a day

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or liquid at room temperature, Rough said.

Solid fats, such as meat, dairy products and coconut oil, should be avoided as they could put you at risk of developing health problems, whereas liquid fats, such as olive, soybean, canola and peanut oils, should be used sparingly to help regulate the body's temperature.

Nonetheless, less than 30 percent of your daily calorie intake should come from fats, Rough said.

James Eymann, a senior business major, said he eats breakfast every day but tends to skip lunch instead.

"I'm just so busy throughout the day. It is kind of sad, but between classes and work I really don't have time to eat lunch," he said.

"And if anything, I'll eat a sandwich or something in my car when I'm driving to work."

Rough said she sees a lot of students who eat ready-made food from the campus snack bars.

"I see a lot of soda being consumed and I know people are eating on the run," she said.

Rough said a 20-ounce soda bottle contains about 17 teaspoons of sugar and represents a bad alternative to water, which is by far the best beverage choice.

"(Water) regulates our body temperatures (and) it carries nutrients throughout the body and helps remove waste," Rough said.

She said there are steps students can take to eat healthier while on campus.

For example, students could pick foods of the menus that are healthier options, such as roasted and baked rather than fried, or when purchasing packaged foods, they could scan the boxes for trigger words that should be avoided, such as hydrogenated, trans and saturated fats, Rough said.

She said out of the campus eating options, the Novel Café at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library has healthier food choices, while Bolthouse Farms, a passionfruit and car-

rot juice drink, is one of the healthier retail beverages.

She said some fat labels that are good for the body include olive oil, corn oil and safflower oil.

The Nutrition Education Action Team educates students about healthy eating habits using the Food Guide Pyramid developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The pyramid serves as an outline of what to eat every day.

At the bottom is the broadest or most important group of nutrients — grain products, such as bread, cereal, rice and pasta — from which women need about six to nine servings and men nine to 11 servings each day.

Fruits and vegetables come head-to-head in the second group from the bottom, which recommends that women eat three to four servings of vegetables and two to three servings of fruit, and that men eat four to five servings of vegetables and three to four servings of fruit.

Third from the bottom are dairy products and high-protein foods, such as meat, fish, eggs and beans. Women and men need two to three servings of dairy foods such as milk and yogurt each day, while women need between five to six ounces of food from the meat group and men between six to seven ounces.

At the top of the pyramid is fat, which people need fewer calories from.

Nonetheless, people in the United States tend to include too much fat in their diets, Rough said.

"We have bad habits in this country," she said.

"We satisfy our taste buds I guess (and) ... our portions have gotten out of control."

She said on average women need about 2,000 calories and men about 2,500 calories each day, yet it takes an intake of about 3,500 calories to gain one pound.

Oscar Battle Jr., coordinator of health education at SJSU, said people need to have a better understanding of what constitutes a serving size so as to avoid overeating.

In addition, he said people who eat on the run tend to overeat because they eat too fast for the full signal to kick in.

"If you eat fast, you have gone beyond and you get the signal that you feel stuffed," Battle said. "(But) if you eat slow, in about 15 minutes you will get a signal that says you are full and you don't want any more food."

Battle said students need to have a rhythm in their eating behavior.

"To maintain healthy eating (habits) you need to establish routine times of eating every day, so you don't end up eating at 10 o'clock at night or 4 o'clock in the morning,"

Battle said. Chelsea Freedman, a freshman linguistics major, said she knows about the importance of eating healthy and tries to follow the recommendations of the food guide pyramid.

"I try to cook at home and buy foods that don't have as much fat," Freedman said.

"All of my classes are in the morning so I don't really eat on campus at all, but if I did I would choose something healthier than fried chicken or burgers."

She said she thinks it is important to maintain a healthy diet to feel good and avoid gaining weight.

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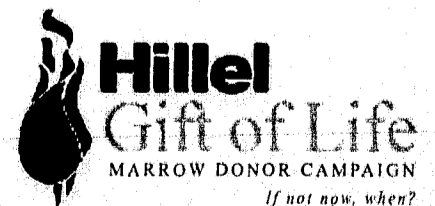
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Tiger injures handler at county fair, teenage bystander escapes injury

Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The owner of a wildlife sanctuary was injured by a 350-pound Siberian tiger that was startled by a 14-year-old boy at a county fair, officials said Sunday.

Curt LoGiudice jumped between the tiger and the boy, who was knocked to the ground with LoGiudice.

St. Johns County Sheriff's deputies had to shoot the animal twice with stun guns to get it to release LoGiudice, who kept his grip on the tiger's leash and was able to calm it down and take it back to his sanctuary before driving himself to a hospital.

LoGiudice, owner of the Catty Shack Ranch at Jacksonville, had been displaying his animals at the St. Johns County Fair and was walking the tiger back to his truck late Saturday.

The boy walked up and "made a

sudden move," and the tiger knocked both LoGiudice and the boy to the ground and bit and clawed at them, according to a report by Deputy Jerry Montague.

The teen, Grant Bradley, told The Florida Times-Union he made eye contact with the big cat.

"It jumped on my back and attacked me and was on me for five or six seconds," Bradley said. "I was really scared. I had no idea what to do, so I covered up my head with my arms and I laid there."

The tiger knocked LoGiudice and the boy to the ground and was biting and clawing at them, according to Montague's report.

"The tiger was able to get on top of the handler and had the man's head in its mouth," Deputy Greg Suchy told the Times-Union.

Montague shot the tiger with his Taser stun gun, according to the re-

port. "The tiger was out of control and I was afraid that one of the people were going to be killed," he wrote.

The tiger broke the stun gun's contact wires and attacked LoGiudice again, so a second deputy fired his stun gun.

LoGiudice suffered a puncture wound on one eye lid and behind one ear, according to the police report. He drove his animals back to Jacksonville and secured them before going to a hospital, Sgt. Chuck Mulligan said.

Investigators are trying to determine how Bradley was able to get so close to the animal.

Hill said the agency's investigators had not yet determined what the boy did to startle the tiger or how he was able to get so close to the animal.

There was no immediate response Sunday to repeated calls to LoGiudice's animal sanctuary.

No charges had been filed.

Game over ...



Eliza Gutierrez / Daily Staff

Tien Nguyen, a San Jose resident, said he comes to the Student Union arcade regularly to play video games.

ICE RINK | Grand opening to be held on Friday

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Christmas in the Park is a holiday tradition in San Jose that started in 1950. Located in the Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, it is a holiday fantasyland that includes more than 60 animated and musical exhibits, with sparkling lights and a 60-foot "City Community Giving Tree."

After moving the rink out of view from Christmas in the Park, "Attendance dropped 10 to 20 percent from location one to location two," Jensen said.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Jensen said he is expecting between 800 to 1,000 skaters each day.

He said the rink is able to hold up to 200 people at one time.

On Friday, opening day, Jensen is expecting approximately 1,000 skaters to show up.

Overall, the Downtown Ice Center is expecting 20,000 skaters this season, but it is hoping for 30,000, Jensen said.

In terms of spectators passing by, he anticipates approximately 100,000 individuals to come by and check it out.

Jensen said the price for admission is \$10 for children 12 and under and \$12 for individuals who are 13 and older. This price includes the cost of skate rentals, he said.

The revenue collected from admission will mostly go toward paying off a \$450,000 loan from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, Jensen said. The revenue collected will also go toward paying employees and electricity for chilling the rink, he said.

"Anything left goes to the Downtown Association for things such as concert series and advocacy programs," Jensen said.

According to information from the San Jose Downtown Association, people can save \$2 on admission with a valid VTA Bus or Light Rail pass.

Although students can save \$2 if

they show their VTA sticker, some students feel that the price is still too high.

Carly Ramirez, a sophomore nursing major, said, "I remember the rink being really small, so it's not worth it to me."

Although Ramirez does have a problem with the price of admission, she still thinks the rink is a good idea for downtown San Jose.

"We don't get snow here, so it kind of sets it apart from everything else," she said.

David Chan, a senior kinesiology major, said he had been to the rink's first location and said it was too packed.

In terms of the price, Chan said, "The price is a little steep," but he said he would probably go again if his friends went.

Natalie Rios, a junior child and adolescent development major, said the price is a little expensive, especially if you are a beginner skater.

"I don't think I could last 10 minutes," she said.

Rios said the rink is overall a good thing for downtown San Jose.

"I think it is because in the movies you see people iceskating during Christmas time," she said.

Rios said iceskating is also a good way to combine exercise and having fun with your kids.

Gustavo Martinez, a junior art major who works at the San Jose Museum of Art, said, "I think the price is somewhat high, but maybe it is because setup is more expensive this year."

Since his work is right next door to the rink, Martinez said he has seen them setting it up, getting it ready for the public's use. He said the construction of the rink has been an inconvenience for disabled individuals and mothers using strollers who are being forced to use a ramp encircling the outskirts of the rink.

Besides these complaints, the setting up of the rink has been running smoothly, Jensen said, and will be open on Wednesday as scheduled.

Jensen said the purpose of having preview days was, "So staff can work out snags in the system."

A grand opening of the rink will be held on Friday from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Directly following the grand opening, starting at 5:30 p.m. will be the Christmas in the Park tree-lighting ceremony, said Melina Iglesias, event coordinator for Christmas in the Park.

Iglesias said she thinks it is great that everything "kicks off" on the same day.

During the opening ceremony of the rink there will be special guest appearances by Mayor Ron Gonzales, San Jose Councilwoman Cindy Chavez and NBC 11 news anchor Diane Dwyer, Jensen said.

The grand opening ceremony will include "skate performances by the American Ice Theatre and a team from Logitech Ice," according to information from the San Jose Downtown Association.

On opening day, there will still be skating starting at noon until the start of the ceremony. Skating will resume at 6:30 p.m. after the Downtown Ice and Christmas in the Park ceremonies have concluded.

After the ceremonies, Iglesias said, there will be a joint reception in recognition of the sponsors of Christmas in the Park and Downtown Ice at the San Jose Museum of Art.

Iglesias said, with the rink and the park being so close together, it is a "Beautiful compliment to the whole downtown area."

On Wednesday, the rink will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the rink will be open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

RADIOACTIVE

Facility was built in the 1970s

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a negligible 0.0001 millirem — a unit of radiation dose — per year.

People are exposed to more radiation from daily living, he said. Radiation occurs naturally in many items, such as food, soil and even air. The average exposure a person in the United States gets from this background radiation is 360 millirem per year.

Safety training

Despite the low risk of dangerous exposure, all students must take radiation safety training from Pickering to work in the lab or have access to the facility.

The majority of students are undergraduates, he said, majoring in a science, such as chemistry, physics, biology or botany. They generally work on a laboratory experiment for three hours, supervised by Pickering as they work with any radioactive material.

Elaine Collins, an assistant professor of chemistry, has students in some of her classes use the facility to study radioisotopes, a radioactive form of a chemical element.

"One to two classes before, we talk about radioisotopes, their uses, safety devices, safety clothing," Collins said. "Once in the facility, (Pickering) gives the information to them again."

Collins said the training addresses preconceptions and worries students may have about working with radioactive material.

"We let them know how low it is," she said. "But if anyone is uncomfortable, we let them off."

In addition to the supervised laboratory activities, Pickering offers a 40-hour, two-unit course titled Radiation Safety for people who handle radioactive materials more extensively. He said this course is the only one in the western United States that meets regulatory standards. Available as a nuclear science, chemistry or physics class, the course is offered in both the Spring and Fall semesters.

"Students are prepared on how to handle (radioactive materials) in actual labs, (including) the accounting, the record-keeping," he said.

Collins said she has graduate students working with her on research into the way vitamin D works in the body. Any researchers who work with radioactive materials on campus are required to have their student assistants complete the 40-hour course.

Adrian Rodriguez, associate professor of biological sciences, said some of his graduate students use the facility to study biological responses to radiation damage.

Charlie Sylvia, a graduate student in biology, is doing his thesis on radiation protective therapeutics in mice. He said the research involves measuring responses to drug therapy after exposure to radiation and is applicable to cancer therapies.

For Sylvia, the Nuclear Science Facility was essential to his work.

"I wouldn't have been able to do this thesis (without it)," he said.

Pickering said about one-third of the students who take the Radiation Safety course come from local businesses. In addition, "people hear about it, or the regulatory people send

folks here," he said.

When teaching a course for professionals and others in a particular field of work or study, Pickering tries to identify the radioisotopes they are likely to use and tailors the content to meet their specific needs.

Minimizing risk of exposure

In the facility, students work in one of two rooms, depending on how the material is to be handled.

One room is for what Pickering called "sealed source" — a tiny amount of material encased in a block of Lucite, for instance.

"The material is self-contained," Pickering said. "But you can still measure exposure."

The other room is for "unsealed source." Contamination is the issue for protection from any unsealed material.

Students who have been trained may work with sealed sources if he is not there, Pickering said, but he must be present to supervise when anyone is working with unsealed or larger amounts.

"The material is self-contained. But you can still measure exposure."

**John Pickering,
campus radiation
safety officer**

oratory felt different from others he had been in.

Garcia, a senior majoring in chemistry, said, "You get the impression you're underground, like a government facility. ... There are no windows."

However, "as soon as you start using the instruments, you forget where you're at," Garcia said.

The facility also handles the disposal of radioactive materials for the campus.

If the material will degrade so that the radiation is immeasurable in six months to a year, it will be held until it can be disposed of as nonradioactive waste, Pickering said. When the radiation will take longer than a year to degrade, the material is prepared for shipment and disposal according to government requirements.

The facility must meet state and federal standards, and it is inspected every three years. Pickering said no violations were found in the last two inspections.

Collins said the quality of the facility was one reason she came to SJSU.

"Usually when inspectors come, things are in such good order, they don't have to spend (much) time on campus," she said. "John helps ensure we have a license."

Marybeth George, a graduate student in biology, commented on the quality of the facility as well.

"They've gone above and beyond what's expected," George said.

George said she appreciates the training and experience she has gotten at SJSU.

"The experience is valuable," she said. "If I were hiring someone ... I'd choose the person with real experience."

Program made inactive

The health physics master's program at SJSU was made inactive around 1992, said Rodriguez, the biology professor. He said there is a need for the program, but he doesn't think it will be reactivated soon.

"There's hype about homeland security — dirty bombs being radioactive material," Rodriguez said. However, for the health physics program to be reactivated, it is "going to have to generate its own funding, to be self-sustained."

Pickering said securing funding would be an obstacle. Money would be needed right away for faculty and for equipment upgrades if the program were to be restarted. The Nuclear Science Facility, though, is in good shape and would take minimal funds to start.

"If the program were to be reactivated, the facility is ready to go," Pickering said. "It still meets regulations, so that would not slow down a new program."

There is a strong need for health physicists, Pickering said, adding that a program could be filled with students "immediately."

Although the facility may not be used to its full capacity, Pickering said people who take his Radiation Safety course are well regarded at places such as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"Our students know how to handle and manage the materials," he said.

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GURU | Sikh founder supported equalities for men and women

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Guru Nanak rejected the old Hindu caste system that was based on rituals and divided men based on their birth status, said Atmajit Singh, Punjabi studies professor and organizer of the event.

"He made revolutionary contributions to revolutionary ideas about human rights and human values," he said.

Atmajit credited Nanak with the rehabilitation of the concept of family in 15th century India when family was seen as a hindrance to achieving spirituality.

"Guru Nanak emphasized you could have contact with God performing family and social responsibilities," he said.

He also said that at the time Guru Nanak lived, people had "become subjugated by religious leaders."

"That is why every Sikh man has to have the last name Singh, which means a lion, because Sikhs should roar," he said.

"When the guru was born his birth was called a lion's roar."

However not every Sikh man has Singh as a last name.

"Singh has moved to a middle name," said Guru Chahal, a 28-year-old Sikh.

"This is because of societal con-

cerns. Families would like to distinguish themselves and so last names have become more specific."

Chahal was born in India but said his upbringing was not very religious.

"I came here today so I could get to know my religion and get in touch with my roots," he said.

Chahal said he moved to the United States 10 years ago.

He was not the only one who came to learn about his religion.

"I am a second-generation Punjabi so there are some words I don't understand," said Remi Baines, a 39-year-old mother of two. "I am pretty in touch with my culture because I go to a lot of functions, but I want to gain a deeper understanding of Guru Nanak's teachings."

Baines, whose middle name as required by the Sikh faith is Kaur — meaning princess — said she would take her children to the next event.

Minni Kaur Sood, wife of SJSU global studies professor Mohan K. Sood, said she was interested in educating the American public about the Sikh faith and started attending the symposium last year when they moved from Chicago to the Bay Area.

Pamela Wilson is a good example of an American who was so fascinated by the Sikh religion that she is be-

coming one, said Atmajit, the organizer, when introducing Wilson.

"I took elementary classes in Punjabi," said the San Francisco State University geography graduate student.

"Some people say I am not a Sikh yet so I guess I am in the process of becoming one."

Jasvir Kaur Zonobi, a 1993 SJSU alumna, said she is always intrigued by Guru Nanak's teachings and had read a lot about him.

"I have found his philosophy to be important in my life," she said.

"He taught equality through every message and rejected rituals that separate people."

The difference between men and women is transitory and superficial, said Jaskaran Singh Sahota, a software engineer and independent filmmaker.

"Guru Nanak said that a woman

is the first teacher to a man as his mother," he said. "She has to be educated in order to educate her children."

Sahota said Guru Nanak taught that a woman was a man's companion in all aspects and that women have equal rights to men.

"Women have equal rights to participate in all aspects of Sikh society," he said. "They even fought as soldiers in the 16th and 17th centuries."

Sahota said the Sikh faith was the first religion to advocate equality of all people including women.

"For example, a woman had to burn herself alive when her husband died," he said. "But when a wife died, a man could marry again. Guru Nanak protested against this practice."

Guru Nanak is relevant to today's

society, said Arvind Singh, one of the speakers.

"His is relevant today because we have a universal society divided by racism," he said.

He also said there was a need for Guru Nanak's teachings because of, among others, religious hatred between different religions, international conflicts and violation of human rights.

"Guru Nanak said depriving others of their dues is like feeding pork to Muslims and beef to Hindus," he said.

Arvind said the guru traveled to teach his message about equality and would do so in the local indigenous language.

"I learned about Sikhism by reading Punjabi works translated into English," said Loren Chain Singh, a Chinese-American Sikh.

Loren said he had been told he must one day read the books in Punjabi.

"I have no desire to be a linguistic scholar or to abandon my Chinese or American roots," he said. "Yet I desire to be a good Sikh."

Loren said it would be in the Sikh faith's best interest to accept the pervasiveness of English.

"Sikhism has descended into an indocentric religion, which does not bode well for its future," he said.

Atmajit, the Punjabi studies professor, said he was struck by what Loren had said but emphasized that Punjabi was important to the Sikh faith.

A point echoed by Robbie Singh, a former Punjabi student, was that it was important that the Guru's language be taught and spoken.

"I started learning through English but there was something missing," he said. "I realized English was not doing a great job."

However, the event, though dominated by speeches, had other activities.

A barefooted trio of SJSU students, eyes closed in seeming rapture, dressed in brightly colored traditional garb sang at the beginning of the ceremony while Punjabi students, Avishkar Basra and Geetpal Kaur, recited poems about Guru Nanak in Punjabi with animated hand movements and facial expressions.

"I have learned a lot about Sikh culture through this type of event," said Dominique Van Hooft, the chair of the department of foreign languages who opened the symposium on behalf of the interim Provost, Carmen Sigler. "We promote the knowledge of cultures through language. It fosters understanding between cultures which leads to peace and harmony."

"I have found his philosophy to be important in my life."

Jasvir Kaur Zonobi, alumna

More than 60 nations agree to protect sharks in the Atlantic Ocean

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than 60 countries agreed Sunday to ban the killing of sharks for their fins in the Atlantic Ocean, a move that conservationists hope will increase protection of threatened species around the world.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas drew up the agreement at its annual meeting being held in New Orleans. The group, which oversees management of many Atlantic fish species, acted on a proposal by the United States.

The agreement bans the practice known as shark finning in which fishermen slice off a shark's fin and throw the carcass overboard, leaving room for more fins. Shark fins are a delicacy in Asian countries and command high prices: shark fin soup sells for more than \$100 in Singapore, according to WildAid, an environmental group.

"This is the first international finning ban in the world, so it is quite a significant conservation step forward and the environmental community is most grateful for the United States' leadership," said Sonja Fordham, a shark conservation specialist with The Ocean Conservancy.

ICCAT, which includes 63 nations, also agreed to collect more data on shark catches and identify nursery areas.

The United States had called for a reduction of the number of fishing vessels that hunt sharks, but ICCAT left that unchanged.

According to the United Nations, more than 100 million sharks are killed each year. A study last year by Dalhousie

University marine scientists estimated that 90 percent of the world's large fish — including sharks — have disappeared since 1950.

"Sharks are exceptionally slow growing, and they take many decades to recover once they're depleted. They warrant extra cautious management," Fordham said.

There are few international restrictions on shark fishing and trade. The United States banned shark finning in the Atlantic in 1993 and in the Pacific Ocean in 2002.

ICCAT has a good track record in management, said Susan Buchanan, a spokeswoman for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She pointed out that it took only four years for the North Atlantic swordfish population to rebound thanks to quotas imposed by ICCAT in 1999.

Officials and conservationists plan to put pressure on organizations that manage other regions of the world to impose similar measures.

Fordham said South Korea was the only country to resist the ban on shark finning and that it has six months to consider whether it will sign the agreement.

One, two, cha, cha, cha ...



Amanda Brittingham / Daily Staff

Bob and Kim Clark, dance teachers at San Jose State University, participate in a ballroom dancing competition at the Student Union last Saturday.

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SJSU bounced in first round of WAC tourney

By Ken Lotich
Daily Managing Editor

RENO, Nev. — The Spartan volleyball team had to cash in its chips early at the Virginia Street Gym on Friday night as it was swept in its first-round match against the University of Nevada-Reno in the 2004 Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament.

The Wolf Pack won the three games with the scores of 30-25, 30-24, 30-26.

Nevada would beat No. 2 Rice University in the second round, and lose in the championship match against the University of Hawai'i in four games, 30-21, 28-30, 30-22, 30-27.

The Rainbow Wahine secured their fifth-consecutive WAC Volleyball Tournament title with their win against Nevada.

San Jose State University was dominated by Nevada, with the Spartans' only lead coming in the third game at 12-8, before Nevada turned up the intensity, and took the final game for the win.

The Spartans came into this year's WAC volleyball tournament as the No. 6 seed, which was the same slot they had last year.

The team fared much better in the tournament last year, as they defeated Fresno State University and Southern Methodist University before losing to Hawai'i in the championship game.

Luck didn't strike twice for the Spartans this year.

Wolf Pack head coach Devin Scruggs said she was happy to walk away with the victory but wasn't enthusiastic with the way her team played.

"We're pleased to come in and win in three," Scruggs said. "I don't think we played the match of the year, but we did what we needed to do to get out of the first round."

Nevada is looking toward obtaining an at-large bid for the NCAA Volleyball Tournament in December, and a loss to the Spartans would have been catastrophic, Scruggs said.

"A loss to San Jose State would have ruined our season," Scruggs said. Scruggs said she viewed the match with the Spartans as the most important match for her team in the tournament.

"All of (Choate's) teams play hard," she said. "They are a tough team to play. Our goal was to not get into rallies with them."

Nevada was led by middle blocker Salai'a Salave'a, who had 14 digs and 13 kills.

Setter Tristin Adams added 42 assists and 10 digs in the Wolf Pack victory.

Despite the loss and quick elimination, Spartans head coach Craig Choate thought the team put up a good fight against the Wolf Pack.

"I thought we played pretty well," Choate said. "I think we played hard, and we did a good job against their best."

In terms of the Spartans early exit compared to what they did in last

year's tournament, Choate said the competition in the WAC is much tougher this year.

"The league is so much better now," Choate said. "We've struggled against some of these teams, and it's going to be an even more spectacular division next year."

Senior outside hitter Carrie Nash contributed with 10 digs and 10 kills.

Nash, who played in her final WAC tournament, said the team did its best, but it just wasn't enough to defeat the Wolf Pack.

"It sucks that we lost," Nash said. "We just weren't putting balls away."

Nash said that despite the loss, she felt the team did much better overall in Friday's contest than in previous matches.

Middle blocker Dana Rudd chipped in with 10 kills.

Sophomore defensive specialist Jessie Shull, who had 10 digs, said she was pleased with the way the team played, but was let down by its inability to create more rallies.

"We played right out there with them," Shull said. "If we generated a few more (rallies), we would have been able to pick up our confidence — a lot of things went their way."

SJSU's record stands at 14-13, with its final match against Cal Poly at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Event Center.

No. 1 Hawai'i def. No. 3 Nevada Saturday (Finals)

The University of Hawai'i won its fifth-straight WAC Tournament in the championship round, winning 30-21, 28-30, 30-22 and 30-27 in the match against the University of Nevada-Reno on Sunday.

Rainbow Wahine Victoria Prince finished the tournament with 16 kills, seven digs, and two aces, while her teammate Susie Boogaard added 19 kills and 10 digs. Rainbow Wahine Ashley Watanabe broke the WAC Tournament record with five aces and 11 digs.

The Rainbow Wahine started off the first game with a 9-4 lead on an ace by Watanabe.

Boogaard put away five kills in a 14-4 run, allowing Hawai'i to dominate the game 20-8.

The Wolf Pack answered back scoring 11 of 14 points, cutting into the Rainbow Wahine's lead of 23-18.

Boogaard added three more kills to start a 7-2 run, winning the game 30-21.

The second game started with Nevada jumping ahead with a 9-4 lead, bringing the score as high as 20-11 before a 10-2 run by Hawai'i, upping the score to 22-21.

Rainbow Wahine answered the Wolf Pack's three-straight points with a 5-2 run, raising the score to 27-26. However, Nevada pulled ahead after a kill by Wolf Pack Karly Sipherd and ended the game 30-28.

The Wolf Pack battled with the Rainbow Wahine with a quick 9-6 run only to see Hawai'i return five-straight points, giving the Rainbow Wahine the 11-9 advantage.

The teams forced out an 18-18 tie

but the Rainbow Wahine took over after Watanabe severed a 9-0 run, putting the team up 27-18 before putting it away at 30-22.

Nevada started the fourth game at 6-3, keeping a slight edge at 12-10 before a 6-0 run by Hawai'i, bringing the Rainbow Wahine up 16-12.

The Wolf Pack answered back with a 5-1 run, tying the score 17-17. It was a match game until a four-point run by Hawai'i gave the Rainbow Wahine the lead at 26-21.

Nevada ended the match with a service error giving Hawai'i the win at 30-21.

No. 1 Hawai'i def. No. 5 Fresno Friday (Semifinals)

The Rainbow Wahine weren't able to skate by Fresno State University in the semifinals of the tournament on Saturday as they had in the opening round, but once again earned a spot in the championship game.

It took four games for Hawai'i to get past the Bulldogs — (15-13) 30-24, 25-30, 30-25, 30-21.

Rainbow Wahine Prince led all players with 20 kills and five blocks.

Alicia Arnott added 19 kills and 15 digs, while Kanoë Kamana'o pitched in with 56 assists for the winning side.

It was a four-point Bulldog run in the second game that earned Fresno its lone victory.

No. 3 Nevada def. No. 2 Rice Friday (First Round)

The University of Nevada knocked off Rice University 3-1 in the semifinals of the tournament on Saturday night.

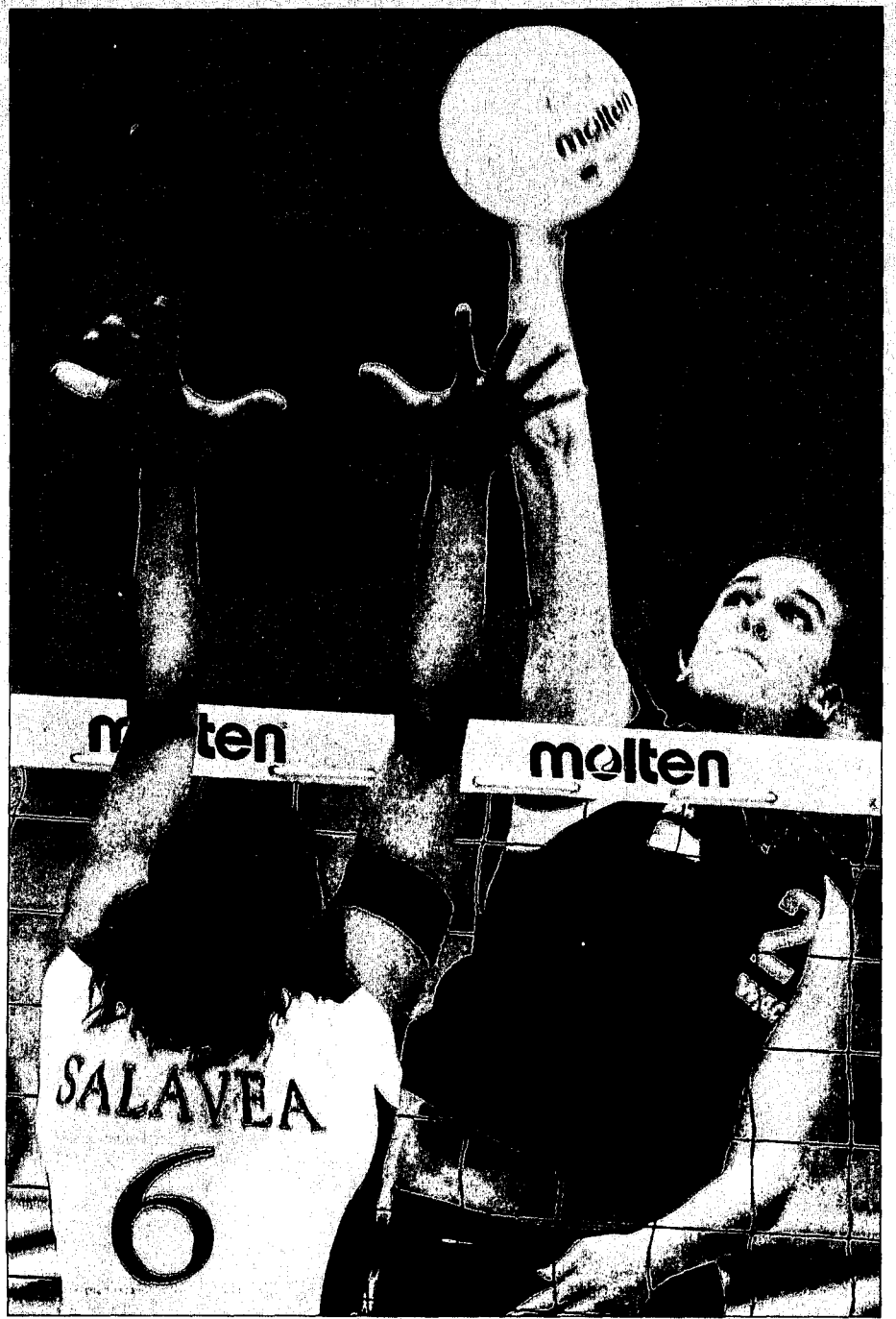
The Wolf Pack scored the first point against the Owls, and continued on to win the first game 30-36. During game two, the Wolf Pack was down 29-27 but scored four unanswered points to win over the Owls 30-26.

The Owls answered back in the third game, ending an 11-11 tie by scoring the next two points to lead the team on its way to winning 30-28 and forcing a fourth game.

The Wolf Pack and the Owls struggled with 10 ties and seven lead changes before Nevada took the match, scoring 30-26. Wolf Pack Salave'a made a kill as the University of Nevada was leading 27-26, bringing the score up to 28-26.

No. 1 Hawai'i def. No. 8 SMU Friday (First Round)

The University of Hawai'i swept Southern Methodist University 30-15, 30-27 and 30-20



Karin Higgins / Daily Photo Editor

Spartan middle blocker Jennifer Senftleben spikes the ball against the University of Nevada-Reno on Friday during their first-round match in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament at the Virginia Street Gym in Reno. The Wolf Pack beat the Spartans 30-25, 30-24 and 30-26.

in the opening round of the championship tournament on Friday.

Hawai'i's Prince hit a WAC tournament record .857, with 13 kills and no errors on 15 attempts.

Prince also led the game with seven blocks.

The first game saw the Mustangs take an 8-7 lead before Hawai'i put together a 15-2 run, including a stretch of 11-straight points.

After taking a close second game 30-27, the Rainbow Wahine found themselves down 7-3 in the third game before calling a timeout to regroup.

However, Hawai'i came back with a 13-2 run, which sealed the game and the match.

No. 2 Rice defeats No. 7 Tulsa Friday (First Round)

Rice advanced to the semifinals

after defeating Tulsa in the opening day of the tournament in three straight games, 30-23, 30-22 and 30-25.

Rice senior Lindsey Carter recorded 16 kills in the win and added four blocks and two aces.

In the first game, the Owls started with a 4-0 run, however, Tulsa chipped away at the lead, coming within one point five times.

Rice pulled away, however, ending the first game with an 8-2 run to seal the 30-23 win.

This momentum was carried into the second and third games.

No. 5 Fresno def. No. 4 Boise Friday (First Round)

With its ninth sweep of the year,

Fresno State beat Boise State in three games, 30-27, 30-23 and 30-23.

The game ended the Broncos' season with a 17-12 overall record, as the Bulldogs improved to 15-12 overall.

Fresno outside hitter Christina Reneau and senior middle blocker Tiffany Bishop led the Bulldogs' offense.

Reneau posted a match-high 17 kills, and Bishop added 10 kills.

Fresno State, who tied the game at 12 different times in the first and second games, did not allow a tie during the third game of the match.

Jennifer McLain, Elizabeth Nguyen and Mark Cornejo contributed to this report.

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Outside Hitter - Christianna Reneau, Fresno State

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Middle Blocker - Tessa Kuykendall, Rice

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Outside Hitter - Carly Sorensen, Nevada

Middle Blocker - Salai'a Salave'a, Nevada

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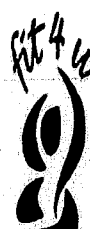
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Art

Into the Flesh, an exhibit of art by an SJSU student, will run from today to Wednesday at Gallery 3 in the Art building.

Nunca Mas/Never Again, an exhibit featuring art that reflects Argentina's "dirty war" from 1976-83, will continue its run until Dec. 17 in the Art building.

'Punk princess' Avril lights up HP Pavilion

Set list blends songs from old, new albums

By Yasuyo Nagata Daily Staff Writer

Behind a big, black piece of cloth with a picture of a fist with a girl's name and skull marks, her shadow finally appeared.

REVIEW

Fans shouted for joy, and once the cloth was down, there was the girl known as the "punk princess," Avril Lavigne.

Lavigne, who just turned 20 years old in September, was plenty qualified to occupy the HP Pavilion on Friday.

She was tiny and skinny, but full of vigor. Lavigne started her first concert in San Jose with the song "He Wasn't," and followed with her recent hit, "My Happy Ending."

While she was singing those first two songs, the fans on the floor were hustling and jostling to get closer to Lavigne.

It was no wonder because fans waited for Lavigne's appearance for nearly 45 minutes after the opening act of singer Butch Walker.

Instead of her usual straight, long, brown hair, Lavigne's hair was a little wavy and blond.

She wore a light blue T-shirt that said "I 'Mr. Mean' with blue jeans and Converse All Star shoes.

Instead of her typical saucy look, Lavigne looked much nicer than on television.

Much of the time, Lavigne seems like she's always mad at something, and it's rare for viewers to see her smile about anything in her music videos.

However, Lavigne was smiling during the entire show and waved her hands at the audience.

Lavigne combined songs from her new album as well as her popular songs such as "Sk8er Boi," "I'm With You" and "Complicated" from her previous album, "Let Go."

Many of Lavigne's songs catch young girls' hearts. Her new song, "Nobody's Home," is based on Lavigne's friend's story, she said.

She looked like just a young nice girl who loves music and appreciates her fans being at the show with her.

Lavigne didn't just sing, but she also played guitar, piano and even drums. While she played the drums, opening singer Butch Walker joined her and sang a song, Butch Walker said he is a friend of Lavigne's and also cooperated with her

in creating her current hit album, titled "Under My Skin."

While Lavigne sang, she threw guitar picks to her backup band members and walked from left to right to be close with the audience in the reserved seats.

Lavigne performed a lot of cute scenes. While she sang "Complicated," she got out of breath and stuck out her tongue.

She engaged with the audience many times, such as when she asked them to use their cell phone lights to illuminate the concert hall.

Lavigne was very open-minded to let some fans take pictures of her with their cell phones.

At first, fans at the floor were crazily pushing and shoving, but during the middle of the concert their manners improved.

Not only was Lavigne energetic, but her fans were, also. It was no wonder because most of Lavigne's fans were still very young — pre-teens to older teenagers.

Most of the older audience members appeared to have come because they had to take their kids to see Lavigne.

However, some mothers dressed up in punk-rock styles, wearing mini skirts and lacy tights,

while some fathers were just dressed up in regular, simple clothes.

Those mothers were as hot as Lavigne, and were as energetic as their children.

It seemed Lavigne was more popular among girls than boys in the Bay Area because the audience members were mainly girls rather than boys.

The girls, most of whom had long hair, set their hair straight, and some of them wore either white or black tank tops and jeans or shorter black pants with Converse All Star shoes, which are one of Lavigne's trademark fashion items.

And, of course, many of them wore makeup with black eye shadow fully ringed around their eyes, making them look like panda bears.

People could tell Lavigne, who really loves music, is happy to sing songs and appreciates fans. In fact, she said, "Thank you very much," to her fans several times throughout the duration of the show.

Lavigne said, "You guys are awesome," to the audience during the night, but she was awesome as a singer and songwriter, as well as a performer.

Avril Lavigne West Coast Tour Dates Tuesday — Rose Garden in Portland, Ore. Dec. 3 — The Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim. Dec. 4 — ARCO Arena in Sacramento.

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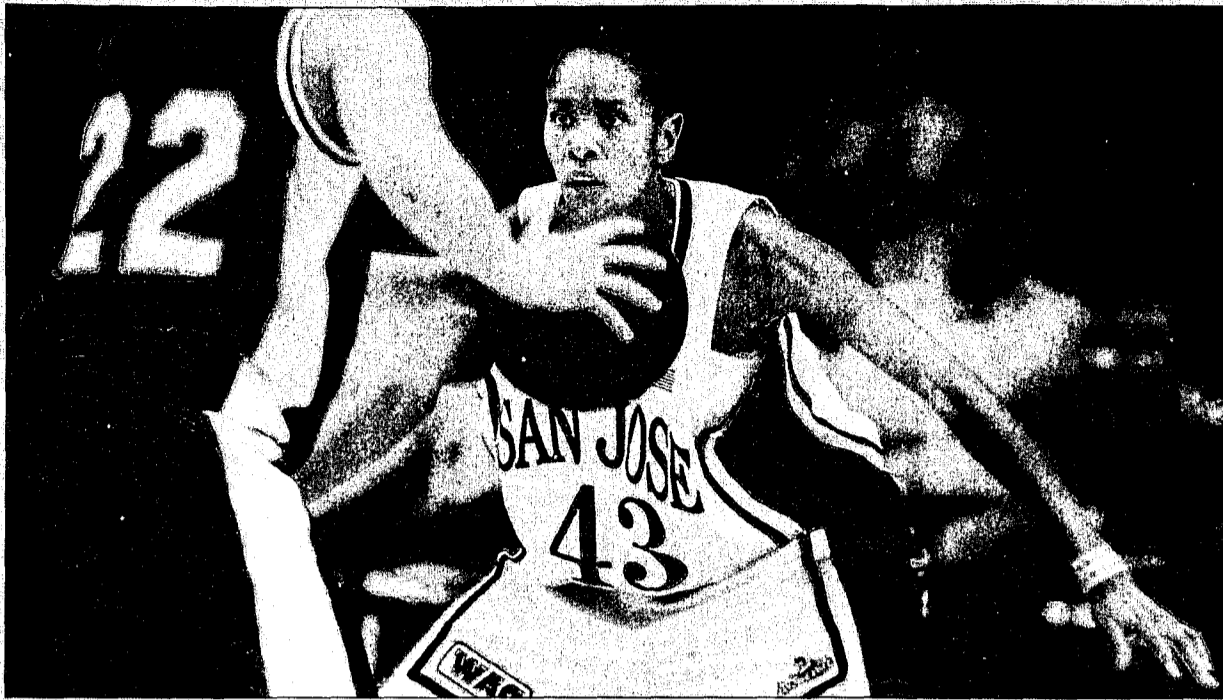
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Spartans open season with victory

Men's basketball team falls to Pacific, 70-56



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San Jose State University women's basketball forward Lamisha Augustine (right) defends Sacramento State University guard Lindsay Calmettes on Friday in the Spartans' season opener at the Event Center. The Spartans defeated the Hornets 59-46.

By Sara Spivey
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan women's basketball team started the season off on the right foot with a victory against Sacramento State University on Friday at the Event Center.

Starting with a 12-0 run in the first four minutes, the Spartans went on to defeat Sac State 59-46.

Senior center Nica Gemo led the team with 17 points, and was eight for 10 from the field.

"I thought Gemo was unbelievable tonight," said head coach Janice Richard. "I told her if we were giving away game balls, she would definitely get the game ball for tonight."

Richard said she was also impressed by the offensive balance brought by the rest of the team.

"Nica had an outstanding game,

but we shared the ball pretty well and everybody got involved," she said.

Senior guard Jessica Kellogg, returning to the Spartans' starting lineup after being deemed academically ineligible prior to the regular season, scored nine points.

Freshman forward Amber Jackson, senior forward Lamisha Augustine and senior guard Erica McGlaston each scored eight points.

"I think one of our strengths offensively is that we don't have to depend on one person to score," said sophomore guard Lindsay Harris. "Last year we had two main scorers, but this year it's pretty evenly spread."

Following the Spartans' 12-0 run, Sac State tried to break into the game with a 4-0 run of its own, but the Spartans answered back, matching the Hornets' six baskets with six baskets of their own.

"I thought that the Sacramento State team has improved so much," Richard said. "They have almost as many new players as we do, and they competed. They pushed us, we never could pull away to get a great lead."

The Spartans turned the ball over 13 times in the first half, allowing Sacramento State to score four points in the final two minutes of the half.

"We got away from our offense some — it was like we forgot how to run a pattern all the way through," Richard said. "We have to be able to protect that basketball."

With five minutes left in the second half, Kellogg, who had surgery on her right knee seven weeks ago, jumped up and stole the ball from the Hornets, landing hard on her right leg.

"That really hurt, but what really hurt was when I was dribbling and I'd plant," she said.

Former Spartan Kim Sheehy, now a guard for Sacramento State, scored four points against the Spartans.

"We were warned that she would come in and have something to prove to us, so we couldn't take her lightly," McGlaston said.

Richard said she noticed a difference in the way the team played together since the exhibition game on Nov. 15.

"Defensively, I noticed the changes," she said. "We went in the gym Wednesday, we started working on our post defense and I saw the changes today."

They have to rely on team defense, she said.

"We're not super quick, we don't have five solid defensive players, but I think when we play solid team defense then good things are going to happen," Richard said.

Chandler leads SJSU with 18 points

By Kevin Yuen
Daily Staff Writer

Despite opening the game with a 10-0 run, the Spartan men's basketball team started its season off with a loss on Saturday afternoon.

San Jose State University fell to the University of the Pacific 70-52 in a hard-fought match, Spartan head coach Phil Johnson said.

"I told the team in there before the game, we want to send a message early or at least try to (show) that we're going to play hard and not roll over, and I don't think we did," he said.

The Spartans initially exploded out of the blocks scoring 10 unanswered points, but the Tigers responded with their own 10-0 run, tying up the score.

Spartan guard Kareem Guilbeaux made a layup to give SJSU a 12-10 lead, however, it was the last time the Spartans would be ahead in the contest.

"I believe we came out, started the game hard," Spartan forward Alex Elam said. "They came out and threw a little zone at us, we haven't worked on that too much, but I felt we played pretty hard for the most part."

The Spartans struggled against the Tigers' zone defense, Johnson said.

"We've had 28 practices," he said. "We haven't spent more than 30 minutes attacking zone. They identified we were weak against zone and saw we didn't have a plan or offense against zone and they stayed in it."

Johnson said, however, that the Spartans were successful in shutting down the Tigers' two best players — Christian Maraker and Guillaume Yango.

"You look at halftime and Maraker had two (points) and Yango had one," he said. "That was the plan. Those are

their two best players and we did the job there. Now, as you do that job, at least with us, we aren't powerful enough to play them one-on-one."

Johnson said the double coverage of both players left the Spartans open for perimeter shooters. The Tigers made 11 of 21 3-pointers.

"In the end we gave up some easy baskets, just out of fatigue," Johnson said.

Spartan center Matt Misko fouled out with six minutes left in the game, which gave the Tigers, who already had a size advantage, an even bigger boost.

"Our big man came into a little trouble," said the 6-foot-4-inch Elam, who ended up taking the center's place. "But you just have to continue on as a team."

Tigers head coach Bob Thomason said although the Spartans lost, they did a good job of stopping the Tigers' post players.

"We played more zone than we normally play — I think they attacked it real well," Thomason said. "I think this game was a lot closer than the score indicated."

Spartan forward Marquin Chandler, who led the Spartans with 18 points, stressed that the team is still finding its groove.

"Half our team is new," he said. "Half our starting lineup is new. It's mainly gelling together. We need to gel. That comes with time. That comes with more games."

Chandler said that he thought the Spartans fared well against the Tigers.

"We just wanted to see what we could do against a quality team," he said. "We didn't do too badly, we held our own."

Elam added that the Spartans, who shot for 30 percent in the game, would need to work on shooting, among other things.

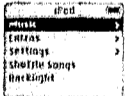
"Everything will come with time," Elam said. "We're not going to let this loss determine the rest of our season."

Johnson agreed.

"I'm disappointed with the loss, but I did see enough where I think we can build on and get better," he said. "We're in the early stages of building a team."

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