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Campus celebrates Jewish tradition



Left: Gerardo Madrigal, 5 years old, makes a menorah out of clay at the Hanukkah House Party at Paseo de Cesar Chavez. The event was put on by the Jewish Student Union and also featured free latkes, candle making, and dreidel games for chocolate coins.



Photos by Adam Heyman / Daily Staff

Above: San Jose State University students make candles at the Hanukkah House Party at Paseo de Cesar Chavez.

Menorahs, dreidels
featured at
'Festival of Lights'

By Sara Spivey
Daily Staff Writer

Loud dance music permeated Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Tuesday, but instead of dancing, students were busy making candles and menorahs, eating food and playing dreidel games for chocolate coins as part of the Hanukkah House Party.

The event lasted three hours, and Vanina Sandel, program director of Hillel of Silicon Valley, said about 50 people attended.

"We just wanted to let Jewish students know that there are other Jews on campus and other people celebrating Hanukkah," said Dylan Smeder, a member of the Jewish Student Union.

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Downtown pulls plug on hospital

Bay Area prepares for Thursday's closure of San Jose trauma center

By Elizabeth Nguyen
Daily Production Editor

The impending closure of downtown's San Jose Medical Center on Thursday has forced the Bay Area's surrounding hospitals to prepare to accommodate for an excess of 31,000 emergency room visits a year, said a public information officer for the hospital.

Leslie Kelsay, assistant administrator for public affairs at the hospital, said in addition to the number

of emergency room visits, San Jose Medical Center also admits 7,000 inpatients a year, half of which are expected to go to Regional Medical Center of San Jose.

San Jose Medical Center employed 835 full-time and part-time employees, she said.

Of the former employees of the medical center, 470 transferred to Regional Medical Center of San Jose or Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose.

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Admin changes frequent in Fall

By Janet Pak
Daily Senior Staff Writer

As the end of the semester draws near, some faculty and campus officials look back at some of the events that have stirred the campus.

Last semester, Paul Yu was named president of the university to leave two weeks on the job because of health reasons, according to news reports.

Then California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed named Don Kassing, the former vice president of Administration and Finance, the acting president on Sept. 15.

Kassing was appointed interim president for another year-and-a-half a month later by the Chancellor's office.

A month later, former Provost

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Faculty receives \$50 million for research programs

By Janet Pak
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Despite budget cuts and a slow recovering economy, San Jose State University has managed to award more than \$50 million in grants for faculty research programs during the fiscal year of 2003-04, according to SJSU Foundation officials.

This is a 21 percent increase from the awards received by the campus in the 2002-03 fiscal year and represents the fifth year of consecutive growth in awards for the campus, said Jerri Carmo, director of the office of sponsored programs.

The double-digit increases speak volumes about the faculty's work, said Mary Sidney, chief operating officer of the foundation.

It shows there is increased interest and external funding for faculty research projects, she said.

The funding also increases the resources available for the campus and the faculty including hiring students to participate in research, she said.

Kevin Jordan, a psychology professor, was one of the recipients of the grants. Jordan, who teaches a Perception course, was awarded \$9

million in cooperative agreement funding from the NASA-Ames Research Center, he said. More than \$59 million has been set aside for his study on human factors involved in air transportation safety for 20 years.

Jordan said his research involves two areas of air transportation safety — displays and operations. The displays instruct pilots on which emergency procedures to take and the operations side deals with how long a pilot flies an airplane, factoring in fatigue and jet lag.

Once the faculty submits their proposal, it doesn't take more than six months to develop the proposal, Carmo said.

Approved grants are managed and dispersed by the foundation, she said.

Carmo said the awards also funded a new \$3.3 million partnership with the Small Business Administration to establish a Small Business Development Center directed by Blake Escudier. Escudier is the regional director for the Northern California Small Business Center Network.

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UPD warns of increasing holiday crime

Campus police prepare to guard campus during winter break

By Amaya Wiegert
Daily Staff Writer

As the holidays creep closer, many people will be hustling and busting to finish their shopping. Some may even travel out of town to visit families.

But with the holiday season and its commerce and travel, also comes a rise in crime.

Chief Andre Barnes of San Jose State University's University Police Department said theft and property crimes, such as petty theft, burglaries and fraud, tend to increase this time of year.

"A lot of businesses hire temporary workers just for the holiday season," Barnes said. "These aren't people they do thorough background checks on."

Barnes said temporary workers can take advantage of their situation and take down a customer's credit card number for future use.

"Make sure to check your credit card statement after you make your purchases to make sure no additional purchases have been added," Barnes said.

Those who live on campus at SJSU may be curious of whether someone monitors the residence halls while they are away.

Barnes said that the department recognizes a lot of buildings will be empty over the holidays.

"We'll be paying particular attention to buildings and dorms where we have an absence of people," Barnes said.

Anna Naufahu, a nursing freshman major who lives in the residence halls on campus and will be going out of town for Christmas, said she hadn't thought about the fact no one will be around.

"I'm taking my valuables with me," Naufahu said.

Though campus police operate year-round with the same staff, Barnes said the staff would perform more security checks during the holidays than they would other times of the year.

He said campus police officers are advised to be aware of certain suspicious observations, such as open windows, but they do not have a quota on checking up on buildings on campus.

"It all depends on calls (for) service," Barnes said.

Barnes said he wanted to reassure those living on campus that campus police do care about them while they're away from their residences.

"Make sure any kinds of property

see HOLIDAY CRIME, page 7



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LACAYO MUNDO

Vilifying Bonds won't clean up a society of cheaters

American soldiers are still coming home from Iraq in body bags. There's an AIDS epidemic ravaging the continent of Africa.

Iran is on its way to producing a nuclear bomb. Despite all the scary things going on in the world right now, the flavor-of-the-month story dominating the headlines is steroids and San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds.

During an investigation into the practices of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (BALCO), Bonds testified in front of a grand jury that he used substances called "the clear" and "the cream" in 2003, but claimed he did not know these substances were steroids.

Bonds' testimony, which was supposed to be confidential, was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle. Now America is in an uproar because one of baseball's most prolific hitters is a "cheater."

Forget Scott Peterson — it is Bonds who is awaiting his sentencing, for the court of public opinion has found him guilty.

Bonds had never been the most beloved baseball superstar. Because of his arrogance, he has made many enemies in the baseball world.

So now that this BALCO scandal has hit the fan, it's no surprise the public isn't buying that Bonds didn't know what he was taking was steroids.

Since the Chronicle exposed Bonds last week, people have been demanding his home run records be erased or accompanied by an asterisk. Some have even compared Bonds to baseball pariah Pete Rose, who is banned from baseball for gambling on the sport.

Now, before we crucify Bonds or burn him at the stake, let's take a step back and put things into perspective.

Intentionally or unintentionally, Bonds cheated, but he's not the first person in the history of the world to cheat at something. Whether it is in business, politics, exams, poker or Candyland, if people see a shortcut, they'll take it.

People are up in arms over adults putting harmful substances in their bodies, but who are these athletes hurting other than themselves?

Where's the anger when politicians take money under the table from special interests to get elected or when corporate executives screw their shareholders and employees by cooking the books?

Let's also consider how Bonds' testimony became public. This information was supposed to be confidential but someone illegally leaked it. Now the Chronicle may win a Pulitzer Prize for this story. Many people — including myself — would consider this good journalism, but on the other hand the ques-

tion can be asked: Can obtaining information through illegal or shady means be considered cheating? Is cheating all right when it's in pursuit of the truth or a Pulitzer Prize and not home runs and a multimillion-dollar contract?



ERIK LACAYO

Sure, it's apples and oranges, but if we're going to judge and point our fingers at Bonds, we should at least have the decency to look in the mirror first and acknowledge we are not saints ourselves.

We live in a cutthroat world where ambition can quickly turn to greed. As sports radio talk show host Jim Rome says, "If you're not cheating, you're not trying."

It's sad but it's probably true.

So if people want to put an asterisk on Bonds' records, they have to also put an asterisk on the accomplishments of other alleged cheaters. Mark McGwire used Andro, a performance-enhancing drug now banned by the

MLB, to help hit more home runs, while Sammy Sosa corked his bat. Ken Caminiti, Jose Canseco and Jason Giambi are former most valuable players who juiced up. Caminiti died this year; are we going to take away a dead man's MVP award? I think not.

Throwing the book at Bonds and making an example of

him would be the easy way out but it won't solve anything. It won't deter some future ballplayers from putting these harmful chemicals in their bodies, especially when fame and riches are within their grasp. The health risks steroids represent have become nothing more than an occupational hazard.

This recent home run era, starting in the late 1990s, resurrected baseball from the strike of 1994, which is why baseball owners have looked the other way while steroids have poisoned the sport.

Baseball will no doubt try to clean up this BALCO mess in the short term, but will it do anything to prevent this kind of cheating for future generations?

In sports and other areas of life, ridiculing those caught cheating will not go far in fixing the bigger problem. Vilifying Barry Bonds won't help me sleep better at night knowing justice has been served.

On a personal note, this is my final column for the Spartan Daily. While it's fun writing about egotistical jerks on the playing field, next semester I will be interning in Washington, D.C., where I will get to cover egotistical jerks that actually affect people's lives — politicians.

Erik Lacayo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. This is the final appearance of "Lacayo Mundo."

Letter: Response to 'Schools named after cities'

Dear editor,

Yesterday the Spartan Daily printed yet another insulting missive from the great James Rowen, self-appointed expert on all things San Jose State University, who almost daily pontificates in these pages about important issues like what he thinks Spartan Pride is really all about, and what he thinks our school officials should and should not focus on.

This time Mr. Rowen's diatribe focused on the issue of the school's identity. Predictably, instead of focusing on the school's history as the original California State University (1862), and achieving better national recognition for the school and the degrees it grants, he choose to hurl snide insults at

me and my organization of Spartan students and alumni who are dedicated to elevating this school to a place of leadership in California higher education.

Well, I'm very proud to be the subject of Mr. Rowen's diatribe. I'm in good company with interim President Don Kassing, Associated Students President Rachel Greathouse, and the president of the California State Students Association, all who have been the victims of Mr. Rowen's snide invective in these pages. The CSSA president even took it upon himself to reprimand Mr. Rowen a few weeks ago. Thanks a lot, Mr. Rowen, for degrading the image of our school with your infantile attacks on CSU officials, elected student representatives and alumni activists.

Perhaps we should rename our

school James Rowen State University, a school that will specialize in training people to hurl third-grader insults at state officials, fellow students and alumni instead of addressing the issues in a thoughtful and respectful manner. Give it a rest, Mr. Rowen. I'm sure I speak for many Spartans when I say we are tired of your snide, snotty and disrespectful commentaries. Why don't you take off the ridiculous beanie of an aging professional student and go ahead and graduate one of these years? And spare us your malodorous daily missives about this school, its officials, students and alumni.

Michael Harold
Alumnus
Founder, GoState

GUEST COLUMN

Diversity at SJSU creates an open campus climate

It was the students that attracted me to San Jose State University when I was hired as a faculty member from Stanford University in 1987. I was excited about SJSU as an institution of opportunity for such a diverse student body, many of who are first-generation college students. As an immigrant whose first language is not English, I felt an instant connection with the students here.

My department chair at the time gave me some good advice that has served as a compass throughout my career: "Whenever you have a difficult decision to make, consider first — What will help the students?"

It's that commitment — students first — that guided my recent decision to accept an appointment as SJSU's interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. In this capacity, I am responsible not only for the quality of the curriculum, but for the hiring, retention and promotion of the faculty which teach and deliver that curriculum.

Along with that, I feel particularly fortunate to be serving on the management team with interim President Don Kassing, who has charged us to build on SJSU's strong points and to create a "trajectory of success." He is a confident leader who is committed to moving us forward in our strategic planning so the campus is above all a vibrant place for students to live and work and study.

My pledge — indeed, my charter — is to see all students are treated with tolerance, respect and understanding. In fact, it's a university-wide commitment as demonstrated by the statement to that effect on our job announcements: "SJSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to the core values of inclusion, civility and respect for each individual."

At SJSU, we recognize that students are individuals with different aspirations and needs and we are committed to enabling all students to succeed. We begin by hiring quality faculty. At the exit meeting of the recent Western Association of Schools and Colleges team review, the team acknowledged it was impressed by our engaged and committed faculty. It also commented positively on the energy and talent of our students.

Currently, the ethnic diversity among SJSU faculty is less than that of the student body. However, the good news is we will be conducting 90 faculty searches this academic year, and we are committed to a recruitment plan that will generate a large and diverse pool of applicants.

Another way we meet diverse student needs is through a variety of campus programs. SJSU has established two that I'll mention. First, since 1998, the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center has provided support services and educational opportunities,

particularly for historically under-represented students. Mosaic's programming is focused on more than race and ethnicity, but rather, on the whole person — ability, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age, etc. The center is dedicated to building a university environment that is truly inclusive by providing activities reflecting the rich diversity of our entire campus community. I feel very proud to have served on its advisory board.

Second, the Conflict and Common Ground Mediation Center was recently created to provide conflict resolution through compassion and dialogue.

Earlier this week, for example, the group co-sponsored with various groups on campus, a round-table discussion on "Reflections on Islamic Fasting," featuring San Jose Police Department Chief Robert Davis, members of the Muslim Students Association, and Imam Tahir Anwar of the South Bay Islamic Association. A Web site is being created that will provide a variety of resources addressing issues of conflict and common ground.

At SJSU, we strive for a civil campus climate, which discourages any behavior, communication or programs that erode the fundamental concern for the individual. A good campus climate is one where students, faculty and staff feel a sense of belonging and where diversity is valued. A climate where students, particularly in under-represented groups, have a high rate of academic success.

Again, it all comes down to practicing tolerance, respect and understanding toward others, encouraging open communication, and committing to issue and problem resolution. It takes each one of us to make that ideal campus climate a reality.

Whether it's the designation of Seventh Street as the Plaza de Cesar Chavez or the Associated Students' proposal for a statue honoring Tommie Smith and John Carlos, we celebrate SJSU's rich diversity. I look forward to supporting programs and activities that further that tradition in my new role.

SJSU is a strong institution with quality students, faculty and staff.

We're not always perfect, but most of us are here because we care. We form a community with a common bond and, working together, we can make a difference.

The message from a greeting card, recently given to me by a faculty member, says it well. The card depicts a snow scene, and reads, "Each flake so tiny, almost insignificant. Yet, together, they (we) can change the world."

Carmen Sigler is the interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Guest columns will return next semester.



CARMEN SIGLER

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

TODAY

SJSU Staff Artique

A multicultural craft show will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ground floor of the Student Union. For more information, call Ginny Smith at 924-5013.

School of Art and Design

An art exhibit featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Hope Christian Fellowship

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.

Financial Management Association

The club officer elections will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, call 674-1599.

Italian American Student Organization

A fund-raiser will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pizza My Heart on Fourth and San Carlos streets. For all purchases, 30 percent will go toward the club. For more information, contact Matthew Olivieri at 568-6529.

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.

Youth for Christ

A general meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call 431-2659.

THURSDAY

Ice Skating Team SJSU

A bake sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union. For more information, call (650) 996-8489.

School of Art and Design

An art exhibit featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Counseling Services

A women's process group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon in counseling services. For more information, call Carina Esteban or Ciara Mahan at 924-5910.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. Confirmation classes will take place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. "The Bible and You" will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will meet at 8 p.m. All events will take place in the Catholic Campus Ministry. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

Bible study will take place at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. For more information, call Chantra at 472-2465.

Campus Crusade for Christ

"Nightlife," a time for worship, prayer, fellowship and hearing the word, will take place at 8 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, call Mark Depoid at 421-9281.

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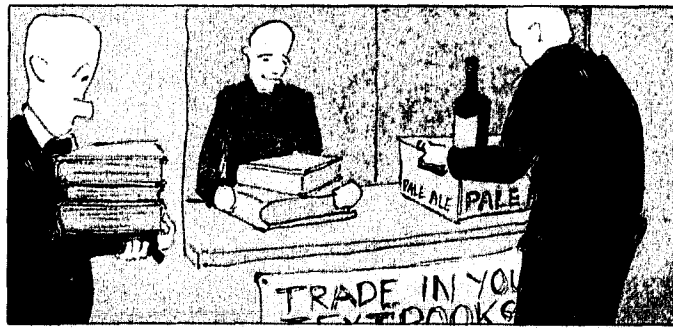
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Out of the bag ...



Above: Leonard, a 5-year-old Turkish Angora cat owned by English major, Laura Burchwood, relaxes while being petted by a student near the Central classroom building on his way to Sweeney Hall. Leonard returns to Burchwood's home a block away from campus every night after spending his day roaming around. When Burchwood first moved to San Jose, Leonard kept escaping, she said, so she eventually just stopped trying to keep him in the house.

Photos by Megan Kung / Daily Staff



Far left: Beverly Gibbs, an administrative assistant in the child and adolescent development department office, offers Leonard a cup of water on Wednesday in Sweeney Hall. Leonard stops by Sweeney Hall almost every day, Gibbs said. There are dishes of food and water left outside the office for him.



Bottom left: Sadia Mohebi, a senior counseling education major, lets Leonard into Sweeney Hall on her way out on Thursday. Leonard usually stays by the door and meows until someone lets him in.

Students weigh buy-back options as semester wraps up

By Kenneth Seli Daily Staff Writer

With classes ending for the semester and students anticipating winter break, it is open season on finding the best buck for used books.

The local options to sell back textbooks at San Jose State University are centered around Spartan Bookstore and Roberts Bookstore, a local independent textbook retailer located on the corner of 10th and East San Carlos streets.

Warren Court, division director of Spartan Bookstore, said there will be tents set up for Spartan Shops staff to buy books back from students next Monday through Dec. 17.

"We will have two offsite book buy-back sites (at the 10th Street garage) and at MacQuarrie Hall," Court said. "Buy-back is currently going on inside the store."

Court said students would receive a fair buy-back price when they are done with their texts.

"There's not a lot of things you can buy and get half for (when sold back)," Court said. "We pay 50 percent of the new book price when the teachers will use the text for the next semester."

Yuribel Inda, a junior business marketing major, said she was wary of the low buy-back rate because of an experience involving one of her books.

"I bought a (brand-new) marketing book for \$100," Inda said about a text that was introduced to the class that semester, "and their offer was \$10."

Court said books that will not be used next semester are either refused for buy-back or are bought for a fraction of the original price because they are sold to book wholesalers.

Books sold to wholesalers, Court said, are marked down considerably for buy-back because of repackaging and freight to and from the wholesaler's warehouse, which will most likely be distributed to another campus.

Court said students would help the SJSU community by selling their books back to the Spartan Bookstore.

"Spartan Bookstore is your campus bookstore," Court said. "It's (there) to sell to your fellow students. Roberts (Bookstore) is a for-profit, off campus bookstore that doesn't contribute to the campus."

Robyn Lee, manager of Roberts Bookstore, said books that are bought back from students account for 10 to 15 percent of their sales.

"We buy books back whenever we are open (but) rates are highest during the period during finals," Lee said.

Lee said she describes her relationship to the Spartan Bookstore as a "friendly competition."

"I still have to get book orders from them," Lee said.

Lee said Roberts Bookstore also offers around 50 percent of the original price for a text that will be used next semester, and that some students like coming to Roberts Bookstore as opposed to Spartan Bookstore for various reasons.

"Some people think it's more convenient, some think they get better prices here, some like our free candy cane," Lee said. "Some people are regular customers and like small family-operated stores, which Robert's is."

Some people choose to sell their books back to Roberts Bookstore, Lee said, because of their affiliation with the Books for Africa program.

"We have hooked up with a company (that sends) books (to impoverished areas of Africa)," Lee said. "During finals, we'll buy back (almost) anything that has a cover and doesn't have any damage."

Lee said the books would be bought back at a "recycling" price, which averages 50 cents for a paperback.

Court said Spartan Bookstore has attempted to set up a similar program with the same firm, but to no avail.

"Our operation is so large the company couldn't take us," Court said.

Along with the choice of Roberts Bookstore or Spartan Bookstore, new alternatives are available for students in the form of textbook Web sites.

One of the more publicized textbook Web sites on campus belongs to the company Screw Book Prices.

The site, in which students can organize classified ads in an attempt to form a monetary exchange or barter for books and services, has peaked the interest of some students.

Margaret Johnson, a freshman pre-nursing major, said she was considering using the Web site to try to get the best deal on her books.

"I'm either going to sell (books) back to the bookstore or (the book Web site)," Johnson said.

HOSPITAL | Regional Medical Center doubles emergency staff

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Kelsay said. About 315 of those former employees will be laid off.

"We had positions for every nurse, but not every nurse chose a position that was available," she said.

Regional Medical Center, located on Jackson and McKee streets, 2.4 miles from San Jose Medical Center, has invested \$150 million in the expansion of its hospital to compensate for the closure, Kelsay said.

Regional Medical Center turned in a trauma center application to Santa Clara County at the end of October because the closure of San Jose Medical Center leaves the county with only two trauma centers, she said.

"We need three (trauma centers) in Santa Clara County," Kelsay said.

Trauma centers are specialized centers within the emergency services that treat blunt, penetrating injuries accrued from car accidents, fights and head injuries, and have specialized surgeons onsite, she said.

Regional Medical Center will get its onsite review in the middle of December, she said.

The announcement and designation of the trauma center is set for February 2005 by the county, Kelsay said.

In terms of the Regional Medical Center preparing for its sister hospital's closure, "the hospital will more than double its emergency department," she said.

Regional Medical Center has added beds to its emergency room, and

doubled the number of emergency room physicians and staff, Kelsay said. It has also opened an urgent care center from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., she said.

The hospital also added eight beds to its pediatric intensive-care unit and will convert some of its semiprivate rooms to private rooms, Kelsay said.

In addition, it will expand women and children's services, add on 100,000 square feet and will include one or two linear acceleration units to enhance oncology services, she said.

"The expansion will help a lot of folks on the east side," Kelsay said.

The hospital has the capacity to handle 1,000 to 1,500 people, she said. The new care center will give the hospital the ability to expand that capacity.

"It's better to have three trauma centers (in the county)," Kelsay said. "We've done everything we could to get it up and running. Stanford (University Medical Center, Valley Medical Center) and Regional Medical Center of San Jose have all staffed up for an interim basis."

Joy Alexiou, public information officer for Valley Medical Center services, said O'Connor Hospital, Valley Medical Center and other hospitals in the county will be greatly impacted as a result of the closure.

"We see half a million (emergency room and outpatient) visits annually," Alexiou said. "We're the busiest hospital in the county."

Valley Medical Center, one of the two trauma centers left in Santa Clara County, was granted \$15 million to hire 200 new positions to the emergency room and trauma center to fill

the void the closure will create, she said.

"We are working to make sure all trauma cases (are accommodated for)," she said. Ambulances are now being diverted to other hospitals such as Regional

Medical Center, Alexiou said.

"This is something we've dealt with before," she said. "This will now be the standard instead of the exception."

Regardless of the surrounding hospitals' preparations, some people will feel the direct impact of San Jose Medical Center's closure.

Oscar Battle, Jr., health education coordinator for the Student Health Center at San Jose State University, said some have always taken for granted having a trauma center within a six-block walking distance from campus.

"It won't affect our services to pro-

vide quality outpatient care," he said. SJSU has become more tuned in to the sacrifices students have to make to get health services after hours, he said.

"We have to think, 'What does this mean for our students? How can we better serve them?'" Battle said.

With the approach of tomorrow's hospital closure, SJSU is left having to deal with "making students aware of the surrounding services beyond the San Jose Medical Center," Battle said. "Now we got to find another basic place to refer students to. We need to go beyond what students see every day."

The health center often turned to San Jose Medical Center when trying to refer students for medical services not provided by the university because the hospital was in such close proximity to the school, he said.

"What if students don't have a car?" Battle said. "(San Jose Medical Center) was a quick bike ride down the block."

He said the closure of the hospital not only affects students and faculty members, but it will also greatly affect people downtown.

"It has major implications for the downtown community, especially those who don't have a car and will have to take a cab," Battle said. "It costs more for them to go where they need to go. If an accident happens on campus — ambulances will have to take people farther than before."

"We need three (trauma centers) in Santa Clara County."
Leslie Kelsay, spokeswoman

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Conrath said the center, which opened about a year and a half ago, provides consulting services to small businesses and helps them with business plans. Small businesses can also come in and get counseling and assistance with training programs.

San Francisco State University was also competing to manage the lead center, which SJSU won, he said.

For students, the center is offering paid internship opportunities in the future to help a small business,

Conrath said.

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Music

Everclear will perform with Michael Tolcher at 8 p.m. today at The Fillmore. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

Los Lobos will perform with others at 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at The Fillmore. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

The Hives will perform with The Bronx and The Deadly Snakes at 8 p.m. on Saturday at The Warfield. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

Slayer will perform with others at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at The Warfield. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

Art

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. For more information, call 924-4723.

Comedy

Jamie Kennedy will perform at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Improv. Tickets range from \$18 to \$22. For more information, call 280-7475.

Film

Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation, a film festival featuring "a collection of bizarre, shocking and disturbingly grotesque animated shorts," will continue its run at Camera 12 Cinemas until Jan. 13, 2005. For more information, call 998-3300.

Performing Arts

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley Presents "The Nutcracker" will run from Dec. 16 to Dec. 26 at the Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets range from \$22 to \$68. For more information, call 288-2800.



Paul (Don Cheadle) risks his own life to shield Tutsi refugees from certain death in United Artists' new drama "Hotel Rwanda."

Film revisits genocide

By Yasuyo Nagata
Daily Staff Writer

The streets are bustling with people, cars, and a hotel manager named Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle) and his co-worker are driving up to the hotel, where he worked in Kigali, Rwanda.

REVIEW

The hotel is a resort place for Western people, and Rusesabagina takes care of wealthy customers as he always does.

However, the circumstances change one day.

There are no more happy people on the streets, and instead, those streets are filled with bloody dead bodies and destroyed cars.

There has always been tension between the two major ethnic groups in Rwanda, the Hutus and the Tutsis.

The Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, was killed on April 6, 1994, and the Hutus blamed the Tutsis even though his own party killed him.

Genocide. This is what happened in Rwanda.

The conflict between the Hutus and the Tutsis became violent, and the Hutus started killing the Tutsis.

Rusesabagina wanted to help his Tutsi wife (Sophie Okonedo), his children, and fellow Rwandans regardless of whether they were Hutus or Tutsis.

Rusesabagina used his manager position to protect many Tutsis, and the hotel became a place where they could stay safely.

"Hotel Rwanda" is based on a real story.

The real Rusesabagina helped

1,268 Rwandans' lives.

The producer, Terry George, and all the actors and actresses did a wonderful job to show the horrible genocide that happened only 10 years ago.

It is almost hard to believe people in the films are acting because both adults and children actors and actresses show their fear very realistically.

After the outbreak of violence, all the Western people left from the hotel, including workers from the United Nations.

Rwandans had to protect their lives by themselves.

Most people may never experience driving on a street filled with dead bodies or even seeing it.

Rusesabagina saw those deaths and nearly faced his own death many times while he was protecting Rwandans.

As long as people stayed in the hotel, they didn't see the real situation outside, but it's true many Rwandan children lost their parents.

While children in many other countries were learning about past massacres in history classes, a massacre was actually happening in Rwanda.

Many young people who have never experienced war probably aren't able to imagine some people's living with

listening the sound of gunfire every day, and streets filled with corpses.

When this horrible genocide occurred in Rwanda, many current young San Jose State University students were going to elementary or junior high schools.

"Hotel Rwanda" isn't an entertaining film. It makes people think about the conflict between the ethnic groups, the gap between Westerns and Africans, and a man's bravery and love.

People who grow up without knowing about horrible situations outside of the ones in their own countries should know about it, so the same mistakes may not happen again.

While many students are taking a nice winter vacation, many people in different countries may be suffering from the memory of horrible incidents.

Watching entertaining fiction films, are of course, fine during the winter break, but it might be a good idea to watch at least one film that makes people think and learn about the real history that has occurred in our lifetime.

"Hotel Rwanda" opens in San Francisco on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005.

"Hotel Rwanda"
Director: Terry George
Cast: Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Joaquin Phoenix
Production Company: United Artists
Running Time: 121 min.

"Hotel Rwanda" makes people think about the conflict between the ethnic groups ... and a man's bravery and love."

Soundtrack drips tunes for older, indie-rock fans

By Kevin Yuen
Daily Staff Writer

"His buckteeth, cockeyed smile, can't stop this invertebrate on a mission, so charge!" belts out The Shins' frontman James Mercer in their song on "The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie — Music From the Movie and More." What? Yeah, that's right. There's no Baha Men or Christina Aguilera here.

REVIEW

Between The Shins singing knee-deep in metaphor on "They'll Soon Discover" and The Flaming Lips crooning about youthful ignorance on "SpongeBob & Patrick Confront the Psychic Wall of Energy," the cartoon soundtrack's contents come off a bit complex for a collection allegedly geared toward children.

Which brings us to the artists. The diverse lineup reads like a who's-who of a college radio station playlist. The aforementioned indie-rock staples are joined by Wilco, Ween, rapper Wordsworth and producer Prince Paul, among others. Rounding out the compact disc are the show's characters who sing a handful of songs.

It's obvious that on name recognition alone, this compilation isn't selling to SpongeBob's core audience. And I know, because I asked.

My cousins Chris and Kenny are brothers. Kenny is 11 and saw the SpongeBob movie because his friends made him. Chris is 13 and 50 Cent is his favorite rapper ... of last year.

Kenny: The only good song was "Ocean Man." Who sings that song?

Spartan Daily: Ween.

Chris: We didn't recognize anybody except Avril Lavigne (who remakes the show's theme song). I

thought the CD was good, but I'd wait until it goes on sale. I wouldn't buy it for 12 bucks or whatever. There were some good tracks. Kenny, were there cuts from the movie?

Kenny: I only remember the ones with the characters singing.

SD: And you didn't even like those.

Kenny: I don't like SpongeBob. He's not funny.

SD: Did you guys listen to the words in the songs?

Chris: I didn't hear any swears.

SD: No, that's not what I — Wait, is that good or bad if there are swears?

Chris: It's good. That's what makes it cool.

SD: Did you listen to the rap song?

Chris: There's a rap song on this?

SD: Yeah, listen to track No. 5. It's the happy one.

Chris: Happy? That's not rap.

SD: Just listen to it and tell me what you think.

Chris: OK, hold on. "listens" This is not rap, this is just rhyming.

SD: What are you talking about? Rapping is rhyming.

Chris: That's not rapping. He's just talking fast, but it's not really working.

Well, I never could trust that side of the family anyway. Let's go across town. Cousin Jonathan is 16 and owns a SpongeBob shirt. Yeah, he's that guy.

Jonathan: It was odd, because Avril sings the theme all weird and some bands aren't, like, made for that stuff.

SD: For what stuff?

Jonathan: Like Motorhead? They're all

punk and singing like that? It's like uhh ...

In addition to a "punk" Motorhead song, there's also a Twisted Sister cover

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"We didn't recognize anybody except Avril Lavigne (who remakes the show's theme song)."

Chris,
13-year-old

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Character reactions to cheating, acting drive sexy 'Closer'

By Amaya Wiegert
Daily Staff Writer

If you've ever wondered if you should have acted on certain feelings of lust, desire or jealousy regardless of what your conscious told you, then the film "Closer" is for you.

REVIEW

Directed by Mike Nichols ("The Graduate"), "Closer" takes a deeper look into a world of four people whose lives all eventually intertwine with one another based on chance, decisions and hormones.

In the film, the viewer sees both what it's like to want someone else so much in spite of an existing relationship, as well as what it's like to be cheated on and still have feelings for that person.

Natalie Portman ("Garden State") shines as Alice, the underappreciated sometimes-stripper girlfriend of Dan — played by British hottie Jude Law of "A.I." fame — an obituary writer she met upon getting hit by a car.

Dan eventually meets Anna (Julia Roberts, "Pretty Woman") and falls head over heels for her. A year-long affair ensues, during which Anna gets married to her boyfriend, Larry (Clive Owen, "Gosford Park"), in an attempt to cut off the affair.

What's interesting about "Closer" is it shows what happens to both a couple who met via having an affair, as well as to the confused, hurt and bitter significant others left behind.

As the film goes along, the viewer and the characters themselves find it's not always wisest to tell the entire truth all the time in a relationship.

When Anna confesses to Larry she is in love with Dan and has been seeing him for a year, he is dumbfounded and must know all of the details: where



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

From left to right, Clive Owen, Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts and Jude Law star in Columbia Pictures' comedy/drama "Closer."

"It's refreshing to see (Julia Roberts) in a more scandalous, less lovable role."

they first had sex, if she had an orgasm, if it was different than with him. He thinks he wants to know the entire truth, no matter how vivid, but he's only hurting himself.

Later on, after Anna and Larry meet up to sign divorce papers, Dan asks Julia if she slept with Larry. She decides to tell him the truth because they are supposed to be honest with each other, and she explains he would only sign if she slept with him one last time. Dan cannot stand the image of Anna with Larry, and the relationship becomes tainted.

Roberts' portrayal as Anna, the confused lover who can't stand being the bad girl and wonders if leaving her beau was the right thing, is outstanding. It's refreshing to see her in a more scandalous, less lovable role.

Her only flaw is the unflattering clothes she wears throughout half of the movie.

Portman and Owen are equally praiseworthy in their roles as the ones

who were left behind. What's great about "Closer" is the viewer gets to see the different reactions of each character after their special someone cheats on them.

At times, the movie is a little confusing with abrupt scene changes jumping from one period of time to months or years later, but extremely realistic performances by each of the four actors make the film worth sitting through.

With a film that takes on such serious issues as truth, betrayal and sex, the audience can sometimes become too depressed for words.

Fortunately, Nichols' "Closer" is so honest in depicting these issues that, though difficult to watch as one person's life after another is screwed over after being cheated on, the viewer can't help but be mesmerized and want to take a "closer" look.

"Closer"
 Director: Mike Nichols
 Cast: Julia Roberts, Jude Law, Natalie Portman
 Production Company: Columbia Pictures
 Running Time: 98 min.

SOUNDTRACK | Album features The Shins, others

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on here. Only old dads are going to get these lame in-jokes and it's apparent the ad wizards behind this one weren't pandering to the younger set. Who, then, is their target? Myron is a 21-year-old art major.

Myron: I think listening to that music made me picture the cartoon. And that made me sick.

SD: What, are you serious? What's wrong with the cartoon?

Myron: It's ugly. It makes me want to puke.

Hmm. Let's go to Lucas, 22. He wears tight-fitting shirts with animals on the fronts and sports a lip ring.

Lucas: The artists' songs on the soundtrack seem half-assed at best.

SD: Really?

Lucas: Like they aren't trying. They seem to be like, "Yeah, cool we'll do it," but not exactly putting their best artistic foot forward.

There's no doubt that the creators of the cartoon realize there is an older audience for it — they sell extra-large SpongeBob attire at Target for a reason — but that acknowledgement has never been as blatant as it is here. The funniest part is that they are attempting to reach the teen, college demographic which, for the most part, likes the show semi-ironically.

Kristina is my 19-year-old sister who saw Good Charlotte at the Event Center on campus. Twice.

SD: Do you even like SpongeBob?

Kristina: The show or the character?

SD: There's a difference?

Kristina: It's OK. The show can be funny. I liked the Great America virtual ride. I like this song, SpongeBob's "Best Day Ever," because it's SpongeBob singing and it's happy.

SD: Well, a lot of the songs are happy. Actually, I'd say most of the album is happy.

Kristina: I know, but it's SpongeBob singing.

Teenagers and stoners who really do like SpongeBob like it because they buy into the absurdity of the show. However, absurdity doesn't necessarily have longevity.

"The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie" is doing pretty poorly in box office receipts, grossing close to \$68 million, piling in comparison to movies with similar demograph-

ics such as "The Incredibles," which has cashed in around \$225 million.

To be fair, "The Incredibles" has been out for two more weeks. But, again, to be fair, "The Incredibles" didn't have a wildly popular television show's audience eagerly waiting for its big-screen debut.

Andrew is 22 and used to play guitar in my band, which didn't last enough to warrant a name.

Andrew: The whole thing reminds me of when I was watching "The Grinch" the other day.

SD: The cartoon?

Andrew: No, the Jim Carrey one. I mean, it's pretty silly and kind of amusing, but mostly it just seems like a bunch of grown-ups trying to imitate a cartoon.

SD: I never saw it. Did they pull it off?

Andrew: Not really. I mean, I just don't see the point. Why make a live action "Grinch"?

SD: But there's a good reason to make a soundtrack to a movie.

Andrew: Yes.

SD: Do you think this soundtrack achieves anything?

Andrew: Well, it's just always kind of weird for me to see halfway silly stuff.

The soundtrack has an ambitious idea — relevant, contemporary artists making original songs about an original cartoon show — but, like most things in life, it falls a little in execution.

While a few tracks stand out (The Flaming Lips one, "Goofy Goober Rock"), most of the collection contains songs that will have to settle for an "A" for effort. The biggest fault here is the awkward bridging of songs to the show's characters.

Kids who like SpongeBob will probably not like the soundtrack, and the few who are fans of the soundtrack probably can do without all the SpongeBob references — the connection never really works and the attempts at "trading that fine line are fruitless.

Ultimately, it's evident that the show's creators are trying to touch an audience that doesn't really exist: the genuine SpongeBob fan over the age of 12.

"SpongeBob Soundtrack"
 Artist: various
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 Running Time: 40 min., 14 sec.

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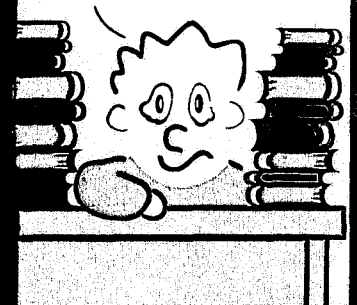
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SEMESTER | Campus goes through many changes during Fall term

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Marshall Goodman and vice president for Student Affairs Monica Rascoe resigned.

Rascoe is now special assistant to the president. Goodman is on professional leave for a year with retreat rights to teach in the political science department.

Scott Rice, a professor in the department of English and comparative literature, said he is as mystified as everyone else on why Rascoe and Goodman left.

"I'm confused and realizing that more is going to be required of us than normal because so many upper echelon post than usually fall on the shoulders of typical people," Rice said.

He said Kassing's appointments show he's not going to act like a lame duck.

"He's simply acting but he has to act like a real president," Rice said. "I don't blame him for that. He cannot afford to be tentative and cautious otherwise he'll simply be ineffectual."

Carmen Sigler, dean of the College of Humanities, was named acting provost while associate dean of the college, Karl Toepfer, took on the acting dean position for the college.

Interim positions on campus

Rice said with the number of interim and acting positions, it's difficult to make plans. He said however this gives faculty an opportunity to make some decisions and take some initiatives.

Patricia Hill, associate professor in the department of history, said the university is going through a transition period.

Wiggys Sivertsen, director of counseling services, said Kassing sends a negative message to some people when three of his top people — Goodman, Rascoe and Athletics Director Chuck Bell — have left the university.

"I think San Jose State is pretty much internally wallowed around like a rudderless ship," Sivertsen said.

David Conrath, dean of the College of Business, said when people look at the number of interim positions, they are going to question where the university is going.

Conrath said there is a degree of uncertainty among the faculty and department chairs who are not quite sure what's taking place.

Changes affecting faculty morale

Morale has been a bit down with the changes in leadership because of the surprise, said Annette Nellen, chair of the Academic Senate.

Nellen said during the summer, everyone was looking forward to a new president.

Then the school year started without a president and people look at what the interim president is going to do. They see two vice presidents leave and it's surprising because it happened too fast, she said.

Hill said transition also creates anxiety because people are unsure about the future.

Hill said when people leave in large numbers, it sends a message that people at the top don't have faith in the future of the institution. She said that's a bad message.

Robert Cooper, associate vice president for Undergraduate Studies, said from a psychological view, change, even when it's positive, is stressful.

Cooper said the university is still running even though a few people have left. He said teachers are still teaching and students are still learning.

Preparing for the future presidential search

Sivertsen said a presidential house is necessary for the next university president.

She said the university can't expect to bring people in and have them fend for themselves to find a home.

The same things that have always been needed are crucial for the next presidential search, Nellen said.

She said an intriguing university, a

diverse student body, a good reputation and placement in Silicon Valley are helpful.

She said the Chancellor needs to make the pay package more competitive.

Rod Diridon, an SJSU alumnus and executive director for Mineta Transportation Institute, agrees that better pay is also needed. He said until the CSU system pays competitive salaries with the rest of the universities, it's going to have a hard time competing especially with the high cost of living.

History of leadership change

San Jose State University is the oldest public institution of higher education in California and during Gail Fullerton's presidency; it was an era of great stability or lack of change in personnel, according to James Walsh, an SJSU historian.

Fullerton managed the university with a permanent staff of administrators and change among the lesser officers of the university was infrequent, Walsh said.

What followed after Fullerton's term is comparable to what's happening now, he said.

Acting President J. Handel Evans managed the university for nearly three years with a shifting staff of temporary appointed administrators. They included a temporary academic vice president and a temporary vice president in charge of Student Life and Services. In addition, the vice president of Business and Finance resigned and Kassing stepped in.

During those years, the university sought to maintain the standards and the existing programs. Also, the initiatives that took place came more often from middle management, Walsh said.

Despite the temporary leadership at the top, the university passed the

Western Athletics School Conference accreditation with good marks, he said.

Walsh said some might say a university is like a major building: a city hall, a cathedral and a sports team.

If the cornerstone of the San Jose City Hall, St. Joseph's Cathedral, or the Sharks rink, the buildings won't fall down. If nothing else, friction holds them up, Walsh said.

The same thing happens with institutional management and Walsh said he hopes they won't have to rely on friction for too long.

Direction of SJSU

Rice said Kassing has expressed a commitment to remaining in Division I-A football, which is "criminal," when the university is bleeding dry.

Robert Milnes, director of the School of Art and Design, said the university is going to have an interim president for at least another year-and-a-half and it's not a time to let things stand still.

"You can't just wait two years. You have to move. We already had an interim president a year before, it's not good to take three years out of the system in a holding pattern," Milnes said. "It's a very important time. California is in an economic recession. ... It's part of a dynamic urban center. And it's no time to be sitting on our hands."

Dysfunctional campus

Nellen said she wouldn't describe the situation on campus as dysfunctional. She said things are moving right along.

Services are being provided and two new vice presidents are getting up to speed in their new positions, she said.

There was a discussion about the need to do strategic planning and the administration has started doing it, she said.

"That's a good step forward," Nellen said. "We could talk about it for months and months but over a month ago (Kassing) appointed someone (Dorothy Poole) for institutional planning."

Hill said he does not think the campus is dysfunctional and said it's about how the university functions

Having a laugh ...



Megan Kung / Daily Staff

Tram Le, left, a sophomore nursing major, and Lian Tong, a sophomore Engineering major, laugh while playing games on Tong's cell phone during their break between classes on Monday in the Student Union.

and has been under-funded.

The state hasn't shown it is committed to the university's resources, she said.

Salaries haven't kept pace and course offerings have not met students' needs, Hill said. Buildings and facilities haven't been maintained properly and the state hasn't invested in the university and it doesn't look like the state is willing to do what it takes to keep the university strong and viable, Hill said.

If people are looking on the horizon and see another three to five years of more bad budgets, that is not very

helpful, she said.

Moving forward

SJSU has a tremendous tradition not only in the Silicon Valley but throughout the United States both athletics-wise and academically, Diridon said.

He said rather than being so critical of the current process, we should look forward and think about how we can use our reputation to seek a higher level of excellence.

Conrath said the university is moving ahead but the direction is less clear in any transition period.

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HANUKKAH | Large menorah will remain on campus for eight days

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dent Union. "We wanted to invite everybody over, give them some jelly doughnuts and let them make a menorah."

Smeder said the Jewish Student Union and Hillel of Silicon Valley, the sponsors of the party, also encouraged non-Jews to attend.

"We want to educate people about the holiday," he said. "Everyone knows what Christmas is. Tell me how many people know what Hanukkah is about?"

Nora Wood, a senior advertising major, said she is not Jewish, but her many Jewish friends told her to attend the party.

"I think it's really cool," she said. "I don't think people know much about Jewish history and where they come from. I'm learning about it right now."

Hanukkah, which means the festival of lights, is a Jewish holiday that begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev and continues for eight days. This year it began on Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 15.

The eight days represent the miracle of the first Hanukkah, when a small lamp of oil burned in celebration of the victory of the Jews over the Syrians in 165 B.C. The lamp burned for eight days when there

was only enough oil to burn for one night.

Hanukkah is about publicizing the miracle and celebrating the revolution of religious freedom, said Jake Orrin, a senior majoring in both business administration and finance. "It is important on a college campus, especially where we try to preach religious freedom and diversity, to truly make a large display about it because Hanukkah is not a large holiday, it's mostly for fun," he said.

A 13-foot gold menorah was made especially for the occasion out of polyvinyl chloride pipe that was wired for nine small light bulbs, Orrin said.

He said the menorah cost \$500 to make and will hopefully remain on campus throughout the eight days of Hanukkah. The menorah towered over a semicircle of four tables where the

students were busy with crafts and games. Sandel instructed people on the making of menorahs at one of the tables.

"It's important that you have eight candles," she said. "But you also have a lead candle that is used to light the other candle that is higher or away from the other candles."

Jessica Shlager, a resident of downtown San Jose, said she saw an advertisement for the party in the San Jose Mercury News and brought her daughter Deborah Shlager, 2, down to San Jose State University.

"I thought it would be fun to bring my daughter," Shlager said.

Shlager and her daughter made a candle by repeatedly dipping a string into melted wax. They also made a menorah by gluing metal nuts in a straight line with gold, glitter-filled hot glue to a wooden square and ate "latke," or potato pancakes.

Smeder and Andrew Schwartz, another member of the Jewish Student Union, said they spent seven hours on Monday grating potatoes and onions and cooking the pancakes.

"It's cool to show your culture off," said Schwartz, a sophomore political science major.

"People who aren't too familiar with your culture will come by and experience it."

Students passing by the party were encouraged to get in on the dreidel games by dealer Ben Pastean, a graduate student in the school of library and information science.

"It's like Jewish craps," Orrin said.

Pastean, who dressed the part of a game dealer in a yellow vest and red bowtie, officiated over the dreidel games by explaining the rules and doling out the chocolate prizes.

"Let's get dreidel games going on here," Pastean said.

Smeder said dreidel is a gambling game that was played by Jews who were forbidden from reading the Torah.

"They would read the Torah while playing dreidel," Smeder said. "When people came around they would be playing dreidel and everyone thought they were just playing games. So it became part of the tradition of Hanukkah."

HOLIDAY CRIME

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are secured properly when (you) travel," Barnes said.

"Or if you're traveling out of state, maybe wait until you get there to do some shopping."

Christine Canepa, a graduate student in fine arts, said she would only be traveling to Santa Cruz for the holidays and therefore wasn't worried about leaving her home.

Nonetheless, when traveling, Barnes urged people to use security alarms or locks for their homes. In addition, he said it was good to have someone watching the house as often as possible.

As for being cautious while shopping, Canepa said she doesn't need to worry.

"I'm making all of my Christmas presents," Canepa said.

Other useful tips for the holidays include being especially aware of one's surroundings and avoiding putting oneself in a position where robbers can take advantage, Barnes said.

For example, when hands are full of bags while out shopping, Barnes said there is more opportunity for a potential pickpocket to steal a purse or wallet.

Similarly, Barnes said if one is carrying a lot of cash around, it's best not to openly display that while paying for your purchases.

Credit cards should be kept close by and buyers should make sure they are returned to them upon purchase, Barnes said.

Aries Wu, a senior computer science major, said his mode of safety while shopping is to wait until the line at a store is empty before purchasing something.

Dena Der, a senior business management major, said she keeps her purse nearby to make sure no one pickpockets her.

"(I'll) make sure my (car) doors are locked or roll up my windows," Der said.

Reena Gill, a junior business finance major, who said she was going to Reno for the holidays, said if she is going to a party, she tries not to take a big wallet or purse with her in case she forgets it.

She also said she tries not to walk by herself.

"I have usually someone with me so in case somebody might come up to me," Gill said.

Rodrigo Baluyot, a sophomore nursing major, avoids confrontation with people altogether and said he does his holiday shopping online.

Baluyot said he doesn't do anything out of the ordinary to keep himself and his belongings safe.

"I've never been in that kind of a case where I've had anything stolen or lost something," Baluyot said.

"I'm pretty careless."

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Spartans slam Aggies, 70-58 Toreros cream men's basketball team

By Sara Spivey
Daily Staff Writer

Despite allowing a 25-point lead to dwindle to 12, the Spartan women's basketball team defeated UC Davis on Tuesday, with a final score of 70-58.

The win gave the Spartans a record of 4-2.

"It is nice to get a win," said Spartan head coach Janice Richard. "I thought the girls played a great first half offensively. They attacked the basket, they played well and they passed the ball around."

The Spartans charged the Aggies in the first half, going on a 10-0 run midway that brought the score to 24-10. Their second run, with five minutes left in the half, added 12.

The Spartans would end the half leading 42-17.

The Aggies, who are now 2-5, came out strong in the second half, going on an 8-0 run five minutes in, and another run with three minutes left in the game that would add five points and bring the Aggies within 11 points of the Spartans.

"It was disappointing that we didn't build on the lead," Richard said. "They started pressing us and we were rattled."

UC Davis head coach Sandy Simpson said he thought the Aggies held the ball for most of the second half.

"I thought we were the aggressors," he said.

Richard said she thought the Aggies' gain during the second half was due to the Spartans relaxing on the court.

San Jose State University freshman center Amber Jackson scored a career-high 26 points, which Richard said has made her a leader on the court.

"We have established now that (Jackson) is going to be our go-to person, and when we need a basket we're going to try to push it inside to her," Richard said. "She will eventually be the leader of this basketball team."

Jackson, who is shooting about 70 percent from the field, said she is ready to be a leader.

"It's a lot of pressure for me because I'm a freshman," she said. "But I have a lot of confidence in myself, my team,



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Spartan guard Lindsay Harris breaks through UC Davis players Lara Gray and Jessica Campbell during Tuesday's game against the Aggies.

and of course the coach has confidence in me and my percentage is really high so I think it will be good."

Senior guard Erica McGlaston said she loves the leadership role that Jackson is taking.

"I wish most of our players from freshmen to seniors took her type of attitude and worked the way that she works," she said. "I wish I was going to be around for several more years to

see what she's going to do. She's going to be great."

Senior guard Jessica Kellogg hit three 3-pointers.

"We're fortunate that Jessica stepped up the first half and knocked down some threes," Richard said. "That's been a long time coming for us. She hasn't shot the ball well this season and it was nice to see her step up and make some baskets."

By Emmanuel Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan men's basketball team lost to the University of San Diego 74-60 on Tuesday night at the Event Center.

SJSU dropped to 3-3 on the season while San Diego improved to 3-4.

The Spartans were led by forwards Michael McFadden and Marquin Chandler, who had 14 points apiece.

San Diego head coach Brad Holland said his team was prepared to take on SJSU, who defeated the Toreros on Nov. 27.

"We were ready to go from the tip," Holland said.

Both teams were scoreless for the first two minutes of the opening half before Chandler drained a jumper. The Spartans would go up 5-3, their only lead in the entire game.

The Toreros answered back, firing off eight unanswered points to pull ahead of the Spartans 13-5.

Early foul trouble hounded the Spartans, as center Matt Misko had to sit out the remainder of the first half with two early fouls.

Spartan head coach Phil Johnson also said the Toreros' tenacious interior defense forced the Spartans to turn to their outside game.

"We don't have that one guy who can take the ball down low and be a threat," Johnson said. "We had to rely on our perimeter shooting and driving. That's where we got into trouble."

The two teams entered halftime with the score tied at 28-28.

Holland said he was confident his team could pull away in the second half.

"We usually have a tendency to start slow and get behind," Holland said. "But we were tied, so we felt we were in it at the half."

The Toreros came out firing in the opening minutes of the second half, breaking off a nine-point run that spanned two minutes, bringing the score to 41-30.

The Spartans could not keep up with the Toreros, who continued to march forward, aided by several timely 3-pointers down the stretch.

At one point, the Spartans were down by as much as 18 points after Torero guard Ross Derogatis found his mark from downtown in the middle of the second half.

The Toreros never looked back as the Spartans could only cut the lead to single digits three times for the remainder of the half.

Holland said he reworked his team's defensive approach based on what he had learned from the previ-

ous game.

"We had Brandon Gay covering Chandler last time and that didn't work," Holland said. "This time we put Corey (Belser) on him and mixed in a little zone as well."

Holland added that the revised defensive approach helped his team stay on the floor.

"I think we did a great job staying out of foul trouble, especially in the early going," Holland said.

Torero guard Belser, who logged 34 minutes and recorded six assists, said he was up to the challenge of defending Chandler.

"He's a great player," Belser said. "But if I could stick with him and keep him in check, we'd have a chance."

Turnovers plagued both teams, as San Diego committed 21 and SJSU had 20.

Johnson said turnovers hurt the team at critical stretches.

"We tried going at the center of their defense and couldn't get a handle on the ball," he said.

Johnson added that the Toreros were better able to control the glass than the Spartans.

"You can draw up all the X's and O's you want, but it doesn't matter if you can't clean up on the defensive glass," Johnson said.

Players authorize talks for steroid testing

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Baseball players gave their lawyers the go-ahead Tuesday to reach an agreement with owners on tougher testing for steroids.

After negotiations with management were outlined to the executive board of the players' association, union head Donald Fehr said the board "authorized us to attempt to conclude an agreement consistent with those discussions."

Commissioner Bud Selig repeatedly has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties for steroid use, stepping up the intensity following reports of grand jury testimony in a steroid investigation that includes Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield.

Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said Monday that discussions toward a new agreement had advanced but the sides were still apart. Management expects talks to resume next week.

"We're very pleased they're coming to the table, and we hope we can achieve a program that works," said Bob D'Puy, baseball's chief operating officer.

About 40 players were present at the meeting, union spokesman Greg Bouris said. Players leaving the meeting declined comment or said they "could not" discuss what was said during the talks.

Fehr defended the current program, saying it would work if "it had been given time."

"The preliminary indications, although I cannot go into details, are that the testing program we had this year had some pretty significant, positive effects," he said.

"That doesn't mean, given the experience we had, that there can't be amendments that would be even better."

Fehr said he and Arizona Sen. John McCain, who has threatened to propose federal legislation that would override the drug-testing provisions in baseball's collective bargaining agreement, spoke earlier in the week. Fehr expected they would talk again before the meeting ended Thursday.

Each player was tested once in 2004 during a period between the start of spring training and the end of the regular season.

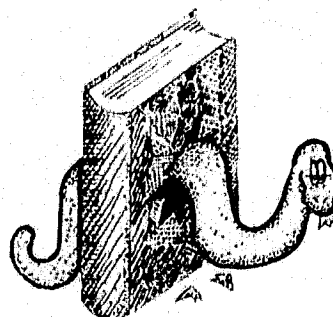
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