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Kassing to stay extra year

By Banks Albach Daily Staff Writer

Interim President Don Kassing's title will be one word shorter on May 10 if the California State University Board of Trustees votes on that day to install him as



president. CSU
Chancellor Charles
Reed announced
Kassing's nomination on Friday.

Reed's decision lowers the curtain on an unsuccessful seven-month presidential search that will restart in Fall 2007, as Kassing has agreed to serve only one year longer than he originally intended as interim president. After this, the 63-year-old Kassing said he plans to fulfill family plans that will take him to Arizona, where his

His nomination probably stems from a yearning on Reed's part to see continuity in SJSU policies that hatched under the interim president's watch, Kassing said, adding that other CSU presidential searches, such as Cal State Monterey Bay and Cal State Long Beach, may have added to Reed's

decision.

"I think he was pleased with the work we are doing here at SJSU and that he wants to give us a chance to finish it," Kassing said.

The work includes progress on the student life programs such as

see KASSING, page 3

San Jose celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Photos by Brian Connelly / Daily Staff

A large crowd gathered at the Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown San Jose on Sunday. Attendants were treated with three stages of music as well as several booths offering giveaways.

Parade and festival draw thousands

By Joe Shreve Daily Staff Writer

Sunday found downtown San Jose filled with throngs of people amid a sea of red, white and green flags. Thousands of people flocked downtown to celebrate the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo at the 22nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival.

The day started with a parade through downtown past the crowds at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez on Market Street. The parade was resplendent with classic cars, dancing groups performing cultural dances, school children, mariachi bands and people clad in traditional Mexican outfits.

Immediately following the parade, the crowds headed over to the nearby Discovery Meadows, in front of the Children's Discovery Museum at San Carlos Street and Woz Way, for a Mexican culture festival.

The festival boasted booths with Mexican food, Spanish-speaking radio stations, fam-

ily-friendly activities and several performance stages, which at times had bands performing simultaneously.

For many residents, San Jose's Cinco de Mayo celebration is a yearly tradition.

"I've come here every year for more than 10 years," said Henry Beale Jr. "I like that there is a lot of music, it brings everyone together, there's a lot of ladies here and beer isn't too expensive."

Beale said the Cinco de Mayo celebration used to be much larger, held in the streets at San Carlos and Market in addition to the Discovery Meadows, but has since been reduced in size because of alleged gang problems.

In 1997, gang violence spilled over into the Cinco de Mayo celebrations on Santa Clara Street, resulting in police intervention amid fears of riots.

Jorge Ramirez, a local resident, brought his family to the celebrations.

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Sara Ortiz, left, and Jerry Rivas, both of San Jose, dance in front of a crowd during the Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown San Jose on Sunday. Thousands of people attended the parade and downtown festival.

Housing to restart roommate matching

By Rachel Hill Daily Staff Writer

Students in search of a residence hall companion will have some extra help starting next year when the University Housing Services reintroduces its roommate-matching program.

San Jose State University has not provided a program like this in more than five years, said Diana Tran, community relations coordinator of housing services. The new matching program pairs roommates based on the answers provided in their profiles. These profiles constitute a simple questionnaire that students fill out to initiate the matching process. A

pair up students with another person whose habits coincide with theirs.

"We ask (students) some very basic questions like, 'Do you smoke?' 'Do you stay up late?' Or 'Do you need absolute quiet when you study?' "Tran said, "We don't get into your likes or dislikes or your favorite music."

Students are encouraged to fill out the roommate questionnaire even if they already have someone to live with. In case a roommate drops out or unexpectedly leaves, the profile can be used to find another partner.

be used to find another partner.

Tran said housing services will try
to follow the computerized matching
service as much as possible, but some
students may still have to room with

see ROOMMATES, page 7

Fees might be raised by \$65

By Banks Albach Daily Staff Writer

A \$65 increase in the Instructional Related Activities fee might be in the financial closet for students returning to San Jose State University in the fall, marking an increase from \$12.75 to \$77.75 per semester.

The fee increase is a result of a year's research and an eightweek task force that constructed a plan to boost Intercollegiate Athletics funding while at the same time cutting its funding from the university general fund by 1 percent, or \$2.2 million, said interim President Don Kassing, one of the main architects. Kassing said he hopes to have the new fee increase in place by mid-May.

place by mid-May.

The new fee will generate an estimated \$3.6 million per year, he said.

The hike is necessary for a

few reasons, Kassing said.

Firstly, in order to fall in line with traditional SJSU athletic funding, which was around 2 percent of the general fund up until the mid 90s when it began to rise, reaching the current 3 percent; secondly, to generate extra money for overall university revenue; and thirdly, give a much-needed boost to SJSU athletics director Tom Bowen's athletic business plan, much of which will focus on Olympic sports, or non-revenue sports, such as swimming, soccer and gymnastics.

"I knew I needed to get the general funding revenue down — as a commitment to the senate," Kassing said.

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By implementing the increase,
SJSU is coming to par with other
CSU schools that have similar
IRA fees, Kassing said, pointing
out that San Diego State charges
es \$75, Cal State Sacramento
charges \$150 and Cal Poly San
Luis Obispo, which is a lowerdivision school, charges \$50,
Humboldt State, Cal State Chico
and Cal State Long Beach are
considering said.

es, Kassing said. The additional \$65 per student

is split into three categories.

The \$4 portion, which will generate an estimated \$232,000, will go directly toward intramural and club sports infrastructure, such as uniforms, referees and event organization.

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Photo Illustration by Lorry Thomas to initiate the matching process. A

OPINION

BRUTALLY HONEST

New president should reach out to students

KEN LOTICH

date his business cards.

After assuming the roles of acting and interim president of San Jose State University, Kassing will be appointed to the permanent position next week.

After two presidential searches and a two-week stint by Paul Yu, the guy chosen to lead SJSU has been under our noses the whole time.

Whether you like him, hate him, or don't know him, Kassing is going to be the one to solve the lingering problems of the university.

Tuition continues to rise as the CSU budget is be-

Many departments and colleges at the university face impaction, inadequate funds or an overall lack of resources.

Spartan football continues to be stuck in a rut of

It's too early to tell if Kassing will be a good president. He doesn't have a background in education, but his experience at the university speaks volumes.

He's also not afraid to put his foot down. As interim, Kassing was not bashful about pulling

Administrators, directors and athletic coaches were shown the door. Others quit, or I believe the proper terminology is "retired" or "resigned."

Robert Caret, who served at the helm from 1995 to 2003. The term "rudderless ship" is often

However, after these changes, replacements were made quickly. Many positions were filled, but affixed with the "interim" tag, which left many unimpressed.

Kassing has repeatedly said people with interim positions are no less qualified than those with permanent positions. He's right.

But here's the thing - an interim is kind of like a substitute teacher. Sure, the sub is in charge and can make the

rules, but he or she may be hesitant because of fear of interfering with the normal flow of things that the permanent teacher put in place. Despite the criticism, Kassing remains loyal to his

Now Kassing must use that same fidelity toward

staff, interim labels and all. the students, who will be directly affected by the deci-

SJSU hasn't had a permanent president since

used because to some, the autopilot feature

has been on far too long.

That switch can now be flipped, but the destination of the aircraft is still unknown. Kassing will be sticking around until at least 2007, and in that time, I pose a challenge to him.

Get out there.

No, not just to scoop ice cream or to participate in a campus safety walk once a year. Really, go out to the campus community and talk to the students. Often.

SJSU is quite a complex campus — its reflection is not grasped fully through campus organizations such as Associated Students or even this newspaper.

It's always been tough to get students to come on their own to talk with the president or to any event on this campus for that matter. A dog singing will draw more students than a sit-down with the president in

Also, these events have something in common with a dive bar, in that the same people are always going to be in attendance. Eleven people at a conference (nine who were there for the free pizza) does not give an accurate sample of the student body.

The real student body is out there - sitting on the benches, lying on the grass, buying coffee at the cafe or studying in the library. They're all around - walk-

ing, pacing, sitting, smiling, laughing and talking.

SJSU students are not your typical students. They're parents, they're employees, they're commut-

There's no doubt that the role of the university

president is going to be a busy one.

But there's always time. The president needs to take the time to see what students think about the school that is such a mystery.

Ken Lotich is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Brutally Honest" appears every 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@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

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.

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 emotion management group meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call 924-5910.

TUESDAY

Art History Association

A workshop will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in room 329 of the Art building. "Fake or Real?" will be presented by Dr. Kathy Cohen, art history professor.

"The Listening Hour" concert series will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. It will feature the SJSU Small Jazz Band Ensemble directed by Frank Sumares. For more information, call the music office at 924-4673.

SISU Center for Service Learning

The Center for Service Learning Awards will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Provost's Awards for Service-Learning will take place at 4 p.m. and an AmeriCorps Celebration will take place at 5 p.m. All events will be in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-5440.

Counseling Services

A social skills group meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call

Phi Alpha Theta

A meeting will take place at 3 p.m. in room 135 of Dudley Moorhead Hall.

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A meeting will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, call Courtney Chalupa at

A meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

Nigerian Student Association

A meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, call 439-4607

Victory Campus Ministries

"The Source" will take place at 8:30 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial.

WEDNESDAY

College of Engineering

Undergraduate engineering student advising will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 242 of the Engineering building. For more information, call Evelyn Contreras at 924-3851.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies A meeting will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room. For more information, call

Jason at 924-8937. **Asian American Christian Fellowship**

A meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacifica

room of the Student Union.

Candlelight worship will take place at 7 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library

'A Life of Crime - A Conversation with Three Mystery Writers" will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in rooms 225 to 229 in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Come hear Rhys Bowen, Laurie B. King and John Lescroart, with a Q-and-A time. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Letter: Students need to speak for their rights

Mr. Tran and Mr. Nikl have brought up interesting points in regards to the California State University fee increases.

However, I think as students we cannot make the mistake of keep-

ing our grievances internal. Thus, that is why we march, that

is why we protest. We want the chancellor and the governor to know how their efforts are unjust.

I think it is important not to dismiss the arguments made by Mr. Nikl, because he gives a perspective of the apathetic students that exist throughout the CSU system.

Yet, miseducation and not seeing the systematic issues at hand are problematic.

The "unjust" label is used because many fail to realize the Master Plan toward higher education that California created in

This plan confirmed that education in California would be a right, not a privilege.

Over 40 years later, we, as students must fight to make sure that the governing bodies of California don't forget that. We cannot be

Historically, this country has shown its citizens that using the government as the only means of monitoring the rights of its citizens is dangerous. Why? Because too often the government fails.

It failed to protect civil rights in the 1960s, failed to protect separation between church and state, and has in recent times failed us in protecting education.

The best strategy has always been in the joint efforts of the

Students, faculty, staff and community members who protest and march understand this. We march because too often those who don't have voices tend to get overlooked.

share his opinion will see the bigger picture - California does not Graduate student

want to educate its students. We have been getting fee increases during the last 2 years, classes have not gotten smaller and people have not had an easier time trying to graduate.

The CSU system has lost millions during the past two years, and the governor and the chancellor have done nothing to fix this. They offer Band-Aid approaches fee increases

This ignores that it costs more money to keep people in prison than it does to educate our stu-

Therefore, we march. We march because if we don't speak up, how long will it be when only the rich can go the San Jose State

If we continue to just "suck it up" eventually there won't be anyone here to just "suck it up."

I hope Mr. Nikl and others who Elgrie Hurd III

Letter: Animal testing wastes money and lives

Dear editor.

Many universities, such as Harvard, Yale and Stanford, are implementing clinical teaching methods instead of animal experimentation, or vivisection. This, and other humane alternatives to animal research, should be the first and only methods used, not just in universities, but with pharmaceutical companies as well. It is a dangerous waste of money and lives to extrapolate the results of animal research to humans, as the unfortunately common recalls of medications, such as Vioxx, demonstrate. Penicillin is lethal to guinea pigs,

yet has saved countless human

How many more potentially lifesaving drugs are overlooked and what new dangers are coming onto the market because of blind reliance on animal research? Great thinkers from Mark Twain to Gandhi have questioned the validity and morality of vivisection.

The Animal Welfare Act does not even include the most commonly used lab animals - mice and rats - under its limited protection. This is just one of the many contradictions of vivisection.

As Professor Charles Magel said, "Ask the experimenters why

they experiment on animals, and the answer is: 'Because the animals are like us.' Ask the experimenters why it is morally okay to experiment on animals, and the answer is: 'Because the animals are not like us.' Animal experimentation rests on a logical contradiction.

I urge SJSU to join other forward-thinking universities in phasing out the acceptability and use of animal research in favor of more humane and precise methods

Environmental studies Graduate student

Editor's note: "How Swede It Is" by Anna Molin will not appear today. It will return next week. "World of the No" by Brian Perez will return Wednesday. - L.W.

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NEWS

Walk raises funds for cancer society



Photos by Neal Waters / Daily Staff

Rodney Blaco, left, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, makes an early morning lap around Tower Lawn as part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on Sunday. With support from his friends, Blaco completed the entire 24-hour walk in memory of his father, Tom Blaco, who died of cancer in June 2004.

Student walks for 24 hours

By Peter Clark Daily Staff Writer

From Friday through Sunday, San Jose State University usually seems more like a ghost town than a college. But, for 24 hours Saturday and Sunday, Tower Lawn was thriving with activity as SJSU students, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, held a "Walk Relay for Life" to raise money for cancer research.

Graeham Watts, a senior majoring in business management who organized the event, said he was looking for a way to volunteer some of his time toward a good cause.

"I wanted to do something positive because there is so much nega-tivity in the world," Watts said.

The relay consisted of teams ranging from eight to 12 people, each team member trading off walk ing around the lawn for one-hour intervals over a 24-hour period.

Rodney Blaco, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, lost his father to cancer last June. Blaco walked for the entire 24 hours without stopping in memory of his father. He said the support from his girlfriend and friends, not to mention caffeine, got him through the

24 hours he spent on his feet. Compared to what my father went through, this is nothing." Blaco said during the last 15 minutes of his walk as he hobbled along the pathway with a walking stick

Blaco raised more than \$750 for cancer research by getting people to pledge money for his walking on

Saturday and Sunday.

Other teams raised money and received donations and supplies from businesses surrounding

"We've been fortunate to have been sponsored by Starbucks. Camera 12, Chili's and Jamba Juice," Watt said. "Noah's Bagels gave us a lot of their extra food,

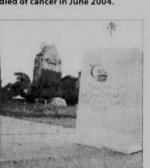
Though the event was a memorial to people affected by cancer. the atmosphere was upbeat and

Jesus Raygoza, a senior majoring in sports management, organized many activities for the participants to engage in when they were not walking around Tower Lawn.

'We're going to have a soccer game, play dodge ball, and there will be a midnight movie," Raygoza said at the beginning of the day.

Other events included a poker tournament and a battle of the bands, in which local bands played

from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
As the band Red Phantom began to perform at 2 p.m., a member of the audience lit up a cigarette in the midst of the cancer aware ness rally. The organizers looked at each other with puzzled expressions until Amy Jones, who works for the American Cancer Society, asked the smoker to extinguish the cigarette. Taking a drag, the smoker walked away toward Dwight Bentel Hall past a sign that read, "Lung cancer kills more than 140,000 Californians a year, more than prostate, breast and colon cancers combined



Luminaries dedicated to those who suffer from or have died from cancer light the path around Tower Lawn on Sunday for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay teams walked around the lawn from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday to raise money for cancer research.

Cancer Facts:

- · 9.6 million people alive today are cancer survivors.
- · Cancer costs Americans
- more than \$170 billion a year. 3,000 teenagers start
- smoking everyday. Cancer is the second
- leading cause of death in · 27 percent of kids leaving
- high school smoke cigarettes.
- · One out of every two males and one out of every three females will contract cancer in their lifetimes
- · Tobacco is related to one of every three cancers

KASSING - Will serve SJSU until retirement in 2007

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the Campus Village, bringing the intercollegiate athletics program up to speed and overall strategic planning for the future of SJSU Kassing said.

Another factor in Reed's deision might be the university's current accreditation process with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a nonprofit that aids institutions in achieving high educational standards. Kassing said.

Although he has said in the past that he was not actively running for the post, Kassing said he feels this nomination is simply an extension of his current job - but without the adjective in front.

"What I've agreed to do is stay on one more year," he said, stressing that anything permanent or longer is "absolutely" not in his

interests

In addition to helping the accreditation process and the progress with strategic planning, Kassing's selection will provide greater stability in the search for several deans and associate vice presidents, wrote Academic Senate Chair Annette Nellen in an e-mail. She also highlighted Kassing's role in the administration and finance department of SJSU, which she referred to as a very good track record.

'(Kassing) is doing a great job," she said. "I understand and agree with the chancellor's reasons for making Kassing's role permanent. It also sends a stronger message to the community and to students and potential students.

Outgoing Associated Students Rachel Greathouse agreed, highlighting the importance of consistency

"He has started projects he should be able to follow through on," she said. "It makes it stronger when we have the same president all the way through.

Kassing was appointed interim president of SJSU in September when newly appointed President Paul Yu resigned for health reasons after two weeks in office. Prior to his appointment, Kassing served as vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer for SJSU. His career in higher education spans 25 years at colleges in Illinois, Kentucky and Colorado. Prior to this, Kassing worked in the private sector for 11 years. He holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in economics from St. Louis University. He is married with three sons

PARADE - Celebrates Mexican culture, military victory

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"It's a great time for all of us, especially for the kids," Ramirez "They love the parade, and you know, it's good for them to see people being proud of where they come from

Officers of the San Jose Police Department maintained a close eye on the celebrations.

Everything has been fine so far. People are out here enjoying themselves and the good weather. It's been going very smoothly so far," said Sgt. Chen of the SJPD.

Often incorrectly believed to be a celebration of Mexico's in dependence day, Cinco de Mayo, Spanish for "Fifth of May." is a celebration of the victory of outnumbered Mexican forces against the French at the battle of Puebla in 1862.

After winning its independence from Spain in 1821. Mexico had been forced to fight several wars that it could not afford, particularly against the United States as well as a civil

These wars had devastated the economy and forced the Mexican government to borrow massive amounts of money from Spain. England and France.

Because Mexico could not repay its debts, by December of 1861, Spain, England and France decided to intervene and send troops to collect their debts.

The French, however, wanted to expand their empire by replacwith a puppet monarchy loyal Wealthy Mexican landowners who did not want to

lose their land or their power to the democratic government supported this plan.

Although the English and Spanish withdrew once they learned of the French plan. the French army of 6,500 soldiers began a march to take over Mexico City. On May 5, 1862, Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated the French Army with 4,500 militiamen at the forts of Guadalupe and Loreto in the Mexican state of Puebla. Although the French returned, the battle became a symbol that unified the Mexicans against the French.

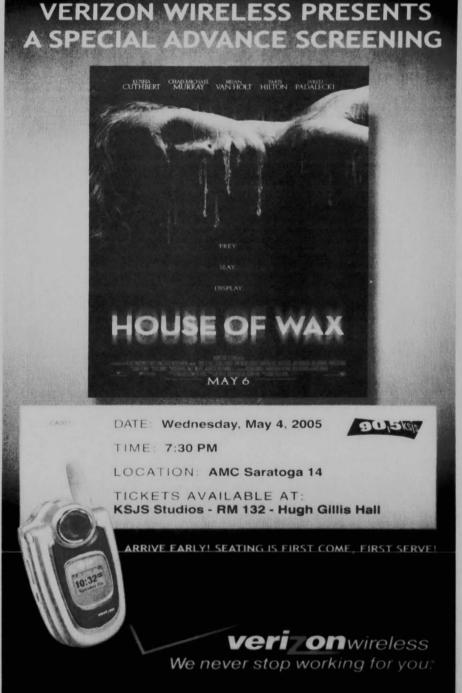
As time progressed, Cinco de Mayo evolved from a relatively small holiday in Puebla into a major holiday for Mexican Americans to celebrate their Mexican heritage

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Duchovny does it all To protect and 'serve' ... in 'House of D'

for him.

doesn't realize how to deal with his best friend finally being interested in anything except boyish activities. Eventually Pappass acts out

and Tommy ends up taking the fall

of these hardships, he is getting

his daily dose of guidance from a woman at the House of D who

vells advice through the bars and

out onto the street. She teaches him how to dance, how to deal

with girls and how to deal with a

the plot that makes the movie so

strange. Coming-of-age films can

be touching and really hit home. However, this film did not hit

The film was not completely horrible, though. The acting was

good. Newcomer Yelchin did a

great job as the main character and

Williams performed - rather typi-

cally for him - sometimes funny,

it, which were very literate, which

worked because many movies lack

it so much. There were particular

scenes where Duchovny really

wanted to distinguish the boy from

the man. For instance, Tommy

making battleship noises while peeing contrasted with Tommy

counting the number of pills his

makes some effort, is really not

worth seeing unless you have a

knack for stories that attempt to

evoke true emotion from outland-

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As Tommy is dealing with all

Traci Newell Daily Staff Writer

"House of D" is a coming-ofage story that takes a usually trite plotline and tries to spice it up with extremely unique characteristics. It

REVIEW

fails in doing so because the story becomes too incredibly outland-

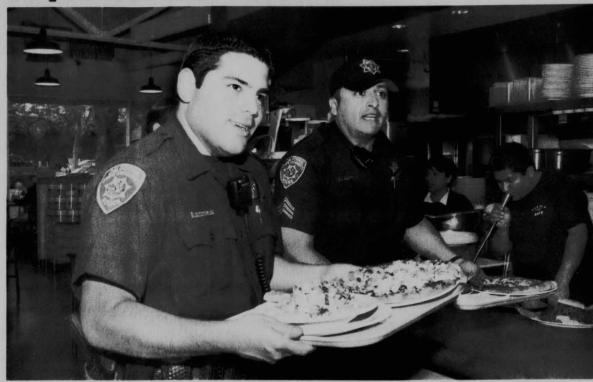
The movie, written and directed by David Duchovny of "X-Files" fame, is a valiant attempt to tell a complex and unique story but a boy who learns his life lessons from a woman (Erykah Badu) who is jailed in a house of detention in New York City — a scenario that seems a little out there.

It's not just his 'angel' that is from left field. Meet Tommy (Anton Yelchin). He's just your average, everyday 13-year-old New Yorker from 1973. His father is dead, his mother (Tea Leoni) is depressed and on drugs and his best friend is a mentally handicapped 41-year-old (Robin Williams).

The movie begins as the adult Tommy (Duchovny), on his son's 13th birthday, recalls his New York City upbringing.

Duchovny introduces the story with the friendship of Tommy and Pappass (Williams). Tommy and Pappass work for a meat delivering company and when they are together, they are the most carefree boys in the world.

The conflict of the story arises when Tommy, of course being 13, realizes his interest in a girl. This



Kevin White / Special to the Daily

San Jose State University campus police officers Fernando Rivero, left, and Robert Noriega test their waiter skills Thursday night at the Sonoma Chicken Coop restaurant on Market Street. The event, called Tip-a-Cop, a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics, gave patrons the opportunity to be served by some of San Jose's police officers. About a dozen officers, including the UPD chief of police Andre Barnes, attended the charity event.

Music: Top Five Singles

L. Gwen Stefani, "Hollaback Girl" 2. The Game featuring 50 Cent, "Hate It or

3. 50 Cent featuring Olivia, "Candy Shop"

4. Akon, "Lonely

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XXX' sequel repeats itself with generic action plot

Daily Staff Writer

"XXX: State of the Union" can basically be summed up in these - decent movie, forgettable plot.

The movie, which is a sequel in name only of its predecessor

REVIEW

XXX." stars Ice Cube as ex-con Darius Stone. Stone is recruited by National Security Agency agent Gibbons (Samuel L. Jackson) to protect the government from a supposed takeover by a nameless group. This is a tired plot that has been used in countless action movies as the driving force.

It would have been nice to see at least one action movie that doesn't recycle this plot. The plot doesn't serve the movie for the full 90 minutes — it starts to fall apart just around the halfway mark. The rest of the movie will have the viewer wincing to the end.

The movie would have seriously benefited from a higher level of action directing from Lee Tamahori.

The movie does have its strong points, most notably the performances of Jackson and Ice Cube. Jackson is the kind of actor who is so professional that he can make a bad movie look good, and his role as Gibbons is no exception.

Ice Cube's acting is a bit stiff. especially in the beginning, but the audience will see him grow into his role. Viewers will be rooting for him by the end of the movie to the audience can see how he relish defeat the bad guys.

Also noteworthy is the character of Secretary of Defense George Deckert, played by Willem Dafoe.

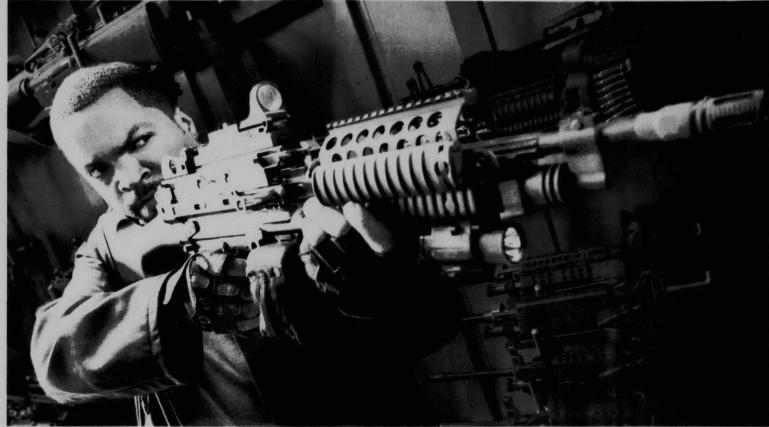


Photo courtesy of ILM / Revolution Studios

Ice Cube stars as Darius Stone, a criminal-turned XXX agent appointed to stop the overthrow of the government, in Revolution Studios (www.action.thriller"XXX: State of the Union, " a Columbia Pictures release.

He turns out a great performance as one of the villains of the story: es the role and has fun with it.

The special effects, on the other hand, are mediocre at best effects into the movie. and could have been dressed up

a lot more to draw the audience in. While a growing majority of special effects in movies are obviously generated by computers. there are pains taken to blend the

This wasn't the case with

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'XXX: State of the Union." The effects look more like part of a computer game than part of a liveaction movie. Even die hard fans of action movies will notice the blatant difference from other ac-

One of the better parts of the movie is the use of some of the best-looking hot rods outside of the "Fast and Furious" series. There was many a guy salivating over the engines, colors and other aspects of the hot rods.

ers for a mindless 90 minutes but isn't worth forking over \$10 on Friday or Saturday night. It's more of a Saturday afternoon matinee, or better yet, wait for it to appear

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1990s rock band Cake to end Mega Tour at SJSU Event Center

By Peter Clark Daily Staff Writer

The Sacramento-based band Cake will be playing the final show of the Virgin College Mega Tour at the San Jose State University Event Center on

When asked what fans should expect at a Cake concert, Vince DiFiore, the band's trumpet player, said there would not be any pyrotechnics or laser light shows, but the audience would be expected to participate.

"The audience will be asked to sing." DiFiore said in a telephone interview.

"There is something about the sound of a lot of people singing together that people like,"

British rock/blues quintet Gomez and New York band Robbers on High Street Also featured at the

"The audience will be asked to sing."

Vince DiFiore. trumpet player

show will be games, new product demonstrations and gadgets geared toward the college market

Cake is currently touring in support of their tifth album, "Pressure Chief," which they self produced released in late 2004.

"We weren't entirely confident about our engineering ability at first." DiFiore said, "but we quickly learned the best way to set up the mics and how to use the recording console

It was a good experience because we learned so much and got to take a much more active role in the recording process.

Cake emerged on the music scene with the band's high-energy irony and tuneful irreverence in 1995 with the album "Motorcade of Generosity," which featured the single "The Distance.

The band's next album, "Fashion Nugget," went on to sell

more than 1.5 million copies. Over the band's 10-year career, it has played with an eclectic mix of artists ranging from '70s rockers Cheap Trick to the contemporary hip hop act De La Soul.

lickets for Friday's concert can be purchased online at Licketmaster's Web site for \$25 or







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MONDAY

11:57 a.m. TRESPASSING Location: Seventh and San Salvador streets

Summary: Ramirez, Amador, DOB 09/24/75, was cited and released on suspicion of a violation of an order to remain off campus.

3:32 p.m. OUTSTANDING MISDEMEANOR WARRANT Location: Seventh and San

Salvador Streets Summary: Foletta, Madeena Marie, DOB 01/28/81 was cited and released on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

5:26 p.m. PSYCHIATRIC OBSERVATION

Location: Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Joint Library Summary: A subject was placed on a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation period.

7:01 p.m. FOUND/LOST PROPERTY/RESTRAIN ORDER ETC.

Location: Spartan Complex Central

Summary: An incident report was taken for an attempt to locate a missing person.

TUESDAY

6:25 p.m. BURGLARY Location: North Garage Summary: A report was taken for a vehicle broken into while parked in the North garage.

WEDNESDAY

1:40 p.m. BATTERY Location: Market Cafe Summary: Sims, Anthony, DOB 12/22/59, was arrested and later released on suspicion of battery

THURSDAY

12:01 a.m. OUTSTANDING MISDEMEANOR WARRANT

Location: Other Summary: Herrera, Luis, DOB 12/14/66, was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

3:13 p.m. TRAFFIC

Location: Fourth Street garage Summary: A report was taken for a hit and run accident that occurred at the Fourth Street garage.

4:29 p.m. ACCIDENT

Location: 10th Street lot Summary: A report was taken for a noninjury accident at the 10th



5 : 06 p.m. FOUND/LOST PROPERTY/ RESTRAIN ORDER ETC.

Location: Seventh and San Salvador streets

Summary: A report was taken for an incident related to stalking.

9:16 p.m. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library

Summary: Ramos, Noe, DOB 11/11/84, was cited and released on suspicion of committing a lewd act in a public place.

FRIDAY

a.m. FOUND/LOST PROPERTY/RESTRAIN ORDER

Location: Spartan Complex

Summary: A report was taken

for pornographic images posted on a Web site without consent.

12:50 p.m. BATTERY Location: Joe West Hall Summary: A report was taken

1:32 p.m. ASSAULT

Location: Hoover Hall Summary: A report was taken for verbal and physical threats be-

11: 26 p.m. DRUNK DRIVING Location: Third and Santa Clara

Summary: Patterson, Kelly, DOB 12/11/81, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the

SATURDAY

DRUNK DRIVING

Location: Ninth and San Fernando Streets

Summary: Goodwin, Jennifer, DOB 10/10/81, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the in-

4: 24 a.m. ALARMS Location: Joe West Hall

Summary: A report was taken for tampering with fire equipment.

SUNDAY

12:41 a.m. ALCOHOL Location: Tower Hall

Summary: Hubbard, Keith, DOB 01/12/85, and Shinall, Daniel, DOB 09/26/84, were arrested on suspicion of being drunk

2:20 a.m. TRESPASSING Location: Aquatic Center

Carlton, David, DOB 01/12/85, Thomas, Chantal, DOB 09/26/84, and Lemmer Sarah, DOB 05/14/84 were cited and released on suspicion of tres-

FEES - Majority of increase will go to general fund

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The \$23 portion will primarily support the Olympic sports with recruitment, travel expenses, publicity and architectural upgrades, such as new bleachers and lighting systems on South Campus

The \$38 portion, which will generate an estimated \$2.2 million per year, will go back into the university general fund to make up for the 1 percent cut.

"This increase will provide a direct benefit to the Intercollegiate Athletics program. It will benefit the intramural and club sports and will directly benefit the whole university

because the general fund picks up \$2.2 million," Kassing

Bowen said he "can't cure the injustices of the past,' but that he is eager to put his 18 years of Bay Area experience in athletic development to work

"This school has had an upsidedown athletic business model, Bowen said.

In addition to the new revenue, he said he plans to focus on outside fund raising for football and basketball through alumni organizations and pursue an athletic business model that focuses on media partnerships with surrounding television and radio outlets.

What we are trying to do is put together a program that isn't tied to ticket sales and turnout," Bowen said. "This will give our students the best opportunity possible.

Although Kassing took his proposal before both the outgo-ing Associated Students Board of Directors and the A.S. boardelect, both bodies will take a formal stance on the issue at their next meetings on May 11 and May 7, respectively.

Academic The Senate Executive Committee will take a stance at its next meeting on May 9. Academic Senate Chair Annette Nellen said the fee hike was a matter for the executive board to decide and declined to comment before the meeting.

Meanwhile, Kassing said he plans to take his proposal before the Greek Life governing board and other student organizations to build support. He pointed out that the campus fee advisory board supports the fee increase unani-

Support from these campus cerns about the amount of the fee

"Sixty-five dollars. Essentially

that is a book for students."

Alberto Gutierrez,

A.S. president-elect

organizations is not essential to

As Kassing pointed out, the

consultation process is important.

But as interim president, he has

the executive power to install the

increase should he deem it abso-

cess and end up with a 50-50 split

and I might do it," Kassing said.

"I could go through this pro-

When the fee increase comes

before the A.S. board, outgoing

A.S. President Rachel Greathouse

said the proposal would be includ-

ed as either a resolution in support

of the increase, or as a normal ac-

tough time, but it is a necessity.

we have an athletic program that

Greathouse said.

The fee increase comes at a

"We either don't pay now and

implementing the fee increase.

suffers, or we pay the extra \$65 and have an athletic program that grows," she said. "We can't let one of our university programs

At his meeting with the incoming A.S. board, it was obvious that Kassing was confident and adamant about pushing the increase through, said A.S. president-elect Alberto Gutierrez.

"Right off the bat, we knew we weren't going to be able to stop this," he said.

Although he said he couldn't speak for other incoming A.S. members, Gutierrez stressed that the board-elect raised their con-

> hike and reminded Kassing Stand Up Party is against any "unnecessary" increases.

"Sixty-five dol-Essentially that is a book for students," Gutierrez said. "We definitely want to support him.

but we are here for the students that's who we represent.'

He noted that if the new board deems the increase to be "necessary," then the Stand Up Party would support it.

The task force that erected the plan included Greathouse, Nellen. Bob Cooper, associate dean of undergraduate studies, and Reich Muth, SJSU alumnus and athletics fundraiser.

The extra \$2.2 million will be phased into the university general fund over three years, Kassing said. During the first year, \$1.4 million will go to athletics and \$0.8 million will go to the general fund. During the second year, the allocation will flip-flop, with \$1.4 million going to the general fund and \$0.8 million going to athletics. After that, the entire \$2.2 million will go to the general fund.

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NEWS

ROOMMATES - Service matches students with like habits

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someone who doesn't exactly fit their profiles.

"As much as possible we would like to follow the roommate matching questions," Tran said. Ultimately ... a place to live is the most important thing."

The roommate-matching program will be implemented for all ampus housing, including Campus Village and the Esplanade apartments in Japantown.

Students seeking residency in ampus housing still have the option of choosing their own roommate

The university re-implemented he program because of a large number of student requests for a does not teach today.

matching process, Tran said. With the previous pairing program, the housing system saw an increase in roommate complaints and decided to cease the service. Tifa Boss, resident director of Hoover Hall, said students' typical response in a conflict is to want to move out. However, problems with roommates can usually be resolved without drastic measures.

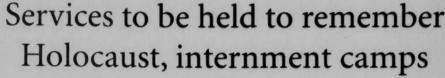
Boss said some students have problems with conflict management, but her job is to help residents of her hall develop these skills for the

"A lot of students lack communication and conflict management skills," Boss said. "It's a skill society

Currently, the only classification for roommates to be matched up is by gender, otherwise living partners are chosen by random, unless you have a friend to room with.

A student majoring in art, who wished to remain anonymous, said the matching service would have greatly benefited her when she took up residency in the residence halls. The former resident said she barely knew her roommate before moving in. The differences made it a challenge to get acquainted, the student

"She came from a very different background than me," the student said. "I was afraid we wouldn't get along because we had nothing in



gathering includes a worship ser-

One of the speakers at the servic-

es will be former U.S. military ser-

viceman Martin Bertelson, a mem-

ber of the 7th Army and 12th Armor

Division. Bertelson was one of

many Americans who encountered

the concentration camp Hurlach-

Lager, a unit of the German camp

Dachau outside Munich.

vice and memorial prayer.

By Erin Caballero Daily Staff Writer

It has been 60 years since the end of World War II, but the trauma, the tragedy and the horrors of the Holocaust and Japanese American internment camps are still fresh for the many survivors and their

For these people, the ongoing war terrorism and the current state of global politics are frightening reminders of how ordinary people

can do the worst

things imagin-

able, like aiding and abetting the Nazis. Yet, despite the horrors. there were still many more people who helped others while risking their own lives in the

Services will be held this week to honor the memories of the 6 million Jews who died in the concentration camps, along with the survivors who are alive today to tell their stories.

The first ceremony will be held from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at 70 W. Hedding Street in San Jose at the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors chambers. A community-wide "Remembrance and Memorial Service" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Shir Hadash Synagogue in Los Gatos.

As the survivors are getting older, how are we going to tell their stories without them? For teens and other young adults, it is important to hear their stories firsthand," said Rabbi Melanie Aron, who also said two-thirds of the survivors have passed

17th woman in the The United States to be ordained a rabbi, she ministers to the Shir Hadash Synagogue and will be welcoming synagogue mem bers, introducing speakers and

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"The greatest problem is not evil - the greatest problem is apathy."

> Melanie Aron, rabbi

"A survivor who recently passed away was hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam - she had a husband and a 2-year-old boy," said Bryna Wallace, a Poland native and Holocaust survivor recalling the tale of a fellow survivor. It was getting too dangerous to travel with a small child, so she placed him in a Christian family. she said.

After three years, when the woman went to reclaim her child, he didn't recognize her at all. With the crucial period of motherchild bonding having passed, their mother-son relationship never fully recovered from those three years of separation.

"Even as she lay dying in her 80s, she never got over what happened," Wallace said.

Wallace's own story is no less heartbreaking and no less courageous. Living in what was then Poland, now Lithuania, countless Jewish families were forced to live thy." Aron said

After seeing a Jewish man be-ing beaten to death because the Nazis thought he knew the location of some hidden money, Wallace's father decided the time had come

for his family to leave.
A total of 65 Jews, including Wallace's family, escaped into the neighboring forests of Babalee during the early 1940s. Bryna was born during this time, and none of the 65 Jews was

captured. Bryna's father lost his entire family. her mother lost many of her family members and Bryna lost two sisters - one 4 years old and one 6 months old.

"It was quite a legacy for my fa-

ther, who organized everybody, Wallace said. After the war ended, her family

fled to Prague, then they were given free passage to Canada. They arrived in Halifax. Nova Scotia, but later settled in Winnipeg, Manitoba, their current residence

Her father will celebrate his 90th birthday in July, and her mother will be 82. Bryna Wallace, now 60, is the office manager for the Shir Hadash Synagogue

In an effort to keep the memories of the Holocaust victims alive, as well as teach future generations a valuable lesson, San Jose State University will offer a media course titled "Press and Camps — WWII" in the Fall semester. The course will look at the coverage, or lack thereof, of both the Holocaust and the Japanese American internment camps.

The greatest problem is not - the greatest problem is apaevil

Pair suspected of robbing poker champion arrested near San Diego

men suspected of trying to rob World Series of Poker champion Greg Raymer in Las Vegas last year were arrested Sunday at a gun show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, authorities said.

San Diego County Sheriff's Department received an anonymous tip Sunday afternoon that Kevin R. Joy, 35, and Deem Cassim, 31, were selling toy helicopters at the show

The pair are accused of trying to rob Raymer as he returned to his room after playing a cash game of poker at the Bellagio Hotel on Dec. 20.

Raymer, a soft-spoken 40-yearold from Stonington, Conn. who weighs more than 300 pounds. fought off the two men as they tried to shove him into his room, not giving up his money even after one of them pulled a gun. The two men even if they succeed."

DEL MAR, Calif. (AP) - Two fled and were later identified on security video by Las Vegas police.

When approached by authorities, both men gave false names and claimed to have no identification, but gave up without a struggle, sherriff's Corporal Dan Murtaugh said.

They were booked on outstanding felony warrants and were

awaiting extradition to Las Vegas. Raymer, known as the 'Fossilman" in poker circles, won the prestigious World Series Of Poker Texas Hold'Em title and \$5 million in cash in May of 2004.

On a poker message board at the time of the robbery, Raymer wrote: "I don't write this to brag. I just want any robbery-minded people out there who hear about this to know that I'm a tough mark, and they won't get that much off me





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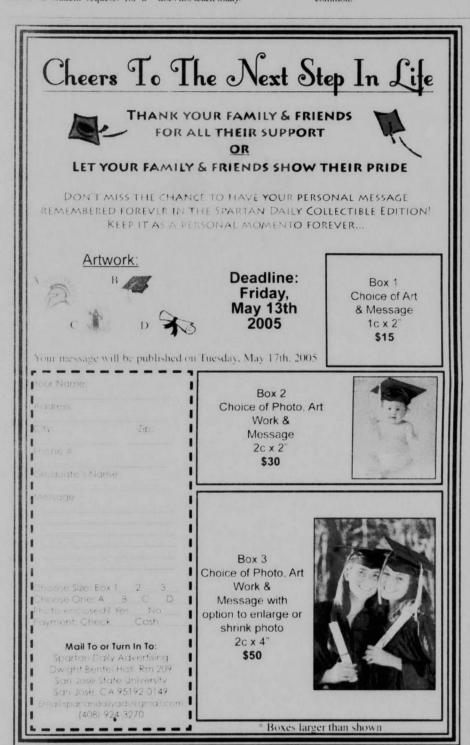
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SPORTS

Spartans tame Wolf Pack in weekend series



Zach Beecher / Daily Staff

San Jose State University right fielder Jana Arde dives for a foul ball in the third inning of the second game of a double-header against the University of Nevada. Wins guarantee softball team first winning season since 1992; Forbes sets record for complete games

Daily Staff Report

The Spartan softball team took two out of three games against the University of Nevada during the weekend at SJSU Field

Nevada rattled off eight runs in the top of the sixth inning to jump out in front of the Spartans and take the

SOFTBALLSERIES

Game three

W 5-3

Game two

W 2-1

The Spartan pitching staff gave up 12 hits in total

Nevada added two more runs and won the game

Pitcher Carol Forbes pitched two complete games during weekend's doubleheader, striking out six bat-

ters in the first game and five in the second, with no

Forbes also set the record for the most complete games pitched in a season with 29.

tom of the fourth inning. Lindsey Allen reached second base after a successful bunt by catcher Adrienne

The Spartans scored the winning run in the bot-

Heather Lopez, who pinch hit for Kasey Igarta,

The Wolf Pack's lone score in the first game came

singled under the shortstop's glove which allowed

lead for good in the first game on Friday

L 10-4

walks in either contest.

Nevada in the fifth inning. Both teams hit two home runs apiece in the sec-

off a misplayed ball by left fielder Elisa Barrios that allowed Candice Rainwater to steal home for

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning as Monique Kelley, filling the designated player role in the game, hit her first home run of the season to left field.

Nevada responded with a solo shot over left field

at the top of the fifth inning. SJSU took a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning after pinch-hitter Michelle Kelley beat out the tag at home plate and Barrios hit her 15th double, setting a record for most doubles in a season, to

score Courtney Lewis.

Carlie Hill sealed the game for the Spartans in the bottom of the sixth with a two-run homer, her fourth

for the year, to give SJSU a 5-3 lead for good.

The Spartans improved 32-23 overall and 6-6 in the Western Athletic Conference while Nevada dropped to 22-25 overall and 8-4 in conference

play.
SJSU is guaranteed its first winning season since 1992, when that team went 33-24 and appeared in the NCAA tournament.

This is the sixth time the softball team has won 30

SJSU will travel to play two games against conference opponent University of Hawai'i, which is 29-20 overall and 10-5 in conference play

The first game is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday and the second is on Saturday at 2 p.m. Both games will be played in Honolulu

NCAA cuts back requirement

Daily Staff Report

The NCAA board of directors approved new legislation that would modify the standing attendance requirement for home football games for Division-I schools

According to an article from the Saturday edition of the San Jose Mercury News, the new legislation, which will take effect in the fall, allows universities to demonstrate over a two-year rolling period either a minimum average of 15,000 turnstile attendance for all home football games or at least 15,000 paid attendance during a single season.

Last season, San Jose State University averaged 6,468 fans per home game, the lowest among all Division-I schools.

According to the news report, even schools did not meet the NCAA attendance requirement.

According to the article, the st time SJSU eclipsed the 15,000 mark was back in 2003. when it average 15,079 fans per home game

This figure was dramatically improved by the Read-2-Lead Classic, in which 31,681 people came to see the Spartans take on Grambling State University.

SPARTAN SCOREBOARD

Baseball

Friday SJSU 8, La. Tech 4 Saturday

La. Tech 7,

SJSU 10, SJSU 6 La. Tech 8

Sunday

Cross country

Spartan junior-to-be Tiffany Hall finished sixth out of 19 runners in the 5,000-meter run at the University of San Francisco Track and Field Invitational. Hall clocked in with a time of 17:56.67. Women's cross country runners Erica Sahli and Judy DeLong finished seventh and ninth, respectively

Mobin Ghouri of the men's cross country team finished ninth in the men's 5,000-meter run.

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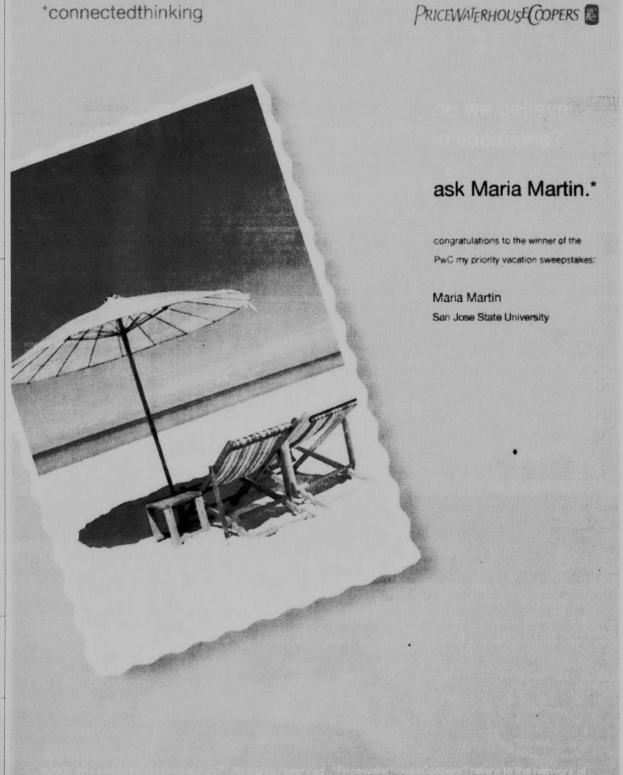


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SPORTS

Water polo team finishes last in conference tourney

By Rachel Hill Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan women's water polo team ended the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship in last place after losing to UC Irvine on Sunday morning in Berkeley

WATER POLOTOURNAMENT

Game one Game two Game three L 5-7 L 6-7 L 15-11

Irvine defeated San Jose State University, 15-11, in the team's final game, leaving them in 12th place. Several close shots kept the Spartans from achieving a victory over the Anteaters.

The game was close until the third period, when Irvine made critical goals furthering the point division between the

The Spartans attempted a comeback in the third and fourth quarters. Victory eluded the Spartans, however, when their shots kept missing the net.

Coach Lou Tully said the players were working hard but did not play well.

'Offensively, we totally dominated. Laura Scott had her way down there," the coach said. "Basically, what we had to do was get (Scott) the ball, which is what we did a number of times, but there were a lot of times when we were making bad passes and that just created a turnover."

points Irvine scored in the game and he said 15 goals is outrageous.

Team member Katie Morgan said they played very hard in the first two games and was frustrating not to win.

"It did not seem like we were playing as a team today," Morgan said. "We were trying really hard, but it just did not come together.'

The MPSF championship got off to a rocky start for the Spartans when they were defeated in their first game of the championship by Cal.

The loss means the team was eligible to play for only ninth place to 12th after their first defeat

'We did not plan on for 11th - that's the thing. We came in and played hard," Tully said. "We played a great game against Cal, and we came up short against - our shooting was not good."

Tully said the Spartans played better against Cal in the championship game than their previous interaction with the rival team last month.

"We played them actually a lot better here than when we lost to them in overtime at our place," Tully said. "We played them better here in my opinion. I thought we did a good job, but our shooting was off."

The coach said the team was up against Cal with the kickout aspect of the game with 13 power plays compared to Cal's five the team did not win because they failed to score off their numerous power plays.

For the second championship game, the Spartans played against UC Santa Tully was unhappy with the amount of Barbara, whom they lost to by one goal in



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff

Spartan goalie Kendra Adams attempts to block a shot from an Anteater player during the 11th-place match of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Women's Water Polo Championship on Sunday at the Spieker Aquatic Complex in Berkeley. Adams had four saves in San Jose State University's 15-11 loss to the UC Irvine.

overtime, which seems to be the theme for by one point in overtime. the team this season.

The Spartans were looking forward to playing the Bears after they lost to them performance at the championship. last month in a close game where Cal won

Despite the scoring results, Tully said he was not disappointed with his team's

"I'm disappointed more for the girls,"

Lou said. "I thought we worked hard enough to end up better than that. We just had a bad day of shooting. ... I feel sad for them because they did not get the rewards they probably should have

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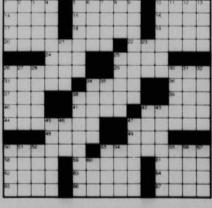
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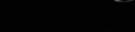


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