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How Stand Up Party seized control

BY LYDIA SARRAILLE
Daily Staff Writer

In March's Associated Student's election, the student body voted for change.

In previous years, the Spartan Party had held sway with a majority of all board members claiming membership.

And then there was the Stand Up Party. Out of a common belief that San Jose State University was due for a change came a new brand of student leadership.

Current A.S. Vice President

Sarah Stillman, chairperson of the Board of Directors and a Spartan Party member, was uncontested in last year's election.

"I think the parties have different priorities. Stand Up emphasizes education while Spartan Party emphasized school pride," Stillman said.

Alberto Gutierrez, the current A.S. president, began the Stand Up Party with a diverse background in student leadership.

Gutierrez served as a resident adviser in student housing for two years and worked as a program

adviser for one year in addition to going on to being a part of the election board, a nonpartisan group of students selected by the A.S. administrators. He became chief election officer in 2004.

"I was exposed to a whole new environment," Gutierrez said. "The time I invested and my commitment to the students in the residence halls was invaluable."

Gutierrez said the Stand Up Party was not born overnight.

"It took so much time and effort to get people to join," Gutierrez said. "The challenge was getting

quality people who were well qualified."

Alex Ramos, the A.S. controller, was recruited by Gutierrez. Ramos said his experience as president in the Inter-Residence Hall Association gave him special insight into the failings of A.S.

"The only time that A.S. ever came to the halls was during elections," Ramos said. "You were only needed when they needed a vote."

Gutierrez said he and the other students who began Stand Up were tired of what they felt were mis-

takes that the previous board had been making.

"In the A.S. House now, our doors are always open. The president's office is always open. In past years, you would come in here and all the doors would be closed," Ramos said.

Gutierrez began Stand Up along with Huy Tran, a former student who ran against last year's president, Rachel Greathouse, as an independent candidate in 2004.

"We decided to make a party because as an independent, it's very hard to get elected," Gutierrez

said. "We (in the Stand Up Party) all stuck together and worked together. As an independent, you only have yourself."

It was the driving force of the Stand Up Party and its promise to the student body as well: A change is needed.

Both parties made accusations against the other over campaign tactics, the most controversial of which was the mass e-mail sent out by former A.S. President Rachel

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Molding art like clay ...



ABOVE: Daniel Soltzberg carefully shapes his medium, clay, while working in the Art building on Tuesday.

RIGHT: Daniel Soltzberg, a graduate student at San Jose State University, examines his clay pieces while mastering his craft in the Art building on Tuesday. Soltzberg created his pieces using three rectangular shapes perpendicular to each other.



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Book prices escalate

Supplements, other inserts
add to increasing textbook
costs, federal study says

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

Textbook prices are on the rise due to an increasing demand for supplements such as CD-ROMs and other instructional items, according to a July 2005 study from the Government Accountability Office.

The GAO found that prices have been increasing at twice the rate of inflation over the last 20 years and that the average college student spends \$900 a year on textbooks.

San Jose State University student Ryan Huckabey, a sophomore journalism major, said he spent \$500 this semester on textbooks at the Spartan Bookstore. He said he spent about \$650 last semester.

"Obviously, they're too high. As a student, you can't do too much, you got to buy them," Huckabey said.

"It's often overlooked that we're producing books for a small market. For a lot of these textbooks, several thousand or tens of thousands is a best seller," said Tom Stanton, director of communications for McGraw Hill Education.

Books are often produced for relatively small groups and that affects their prices, Stanton said.

Stanton said that on top of printing, paper and transportation costs, as well as authors' payment, developing "more and more" technology to help students and professors has been a factor in price increases.

Huckabey said he learns more from reading the books than using the CD-ROM and online programs that come with them.

"Rip-off 101," a report released by the California Student Public Interest Group in February 2005, sparked a congressional investigation and "action from hundreds of faculty members across the country" in response to high textbook prices, according to the student interest group Web site.

Sixty-five percent of the faculty surveyed in the nationwide

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Optimism, concerns arise after city named 10th largest in country

BY ELIZABETH PERRY
Daily Staff Writer

The city of San Jose is climbing the population charts and now ranks as the 10th largest city in United States, after passing Detroit this year.

San Jose has an estimated population of 904,522, which increased by 6,173 in the last year according to the U.S. Census.

Dallas ranks in 9th place, right above San Jose, with an estimated population of 1,210,393.

"I think it's big news," said San Jose Councilman Ken Yeager. "When I travel around the country, people don't know where San Jose is, and this being the 10th largest city will bring us more recognition and publicity."

San Jose's economy may be able to benefit from San Jose rising in the population chart during

event planning.

"It is also a selling point for the city as we try to get larger events and conventions," said Yeager. "It's no accident that the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon sponsors are now planning a half-marathon in San Jose."

Some students are worried that with an increase in population, there may be an increased enrollment at SJSU.

"If it's the 10th largest city, the economy will benefit from it," said Oliver Do, a junior majoring in business marketing.

"But as for our school, there might be an increase in enrollment and will be harder to find classes at SJSU."

"If you cram more people into the city boundaries, the demand for housing goes up and the price goes up," said Travis Girffiths, a junior majoring in computer science.

"This creates a need for affordable housing for students. On the bright side, it should provide more jobs for students."

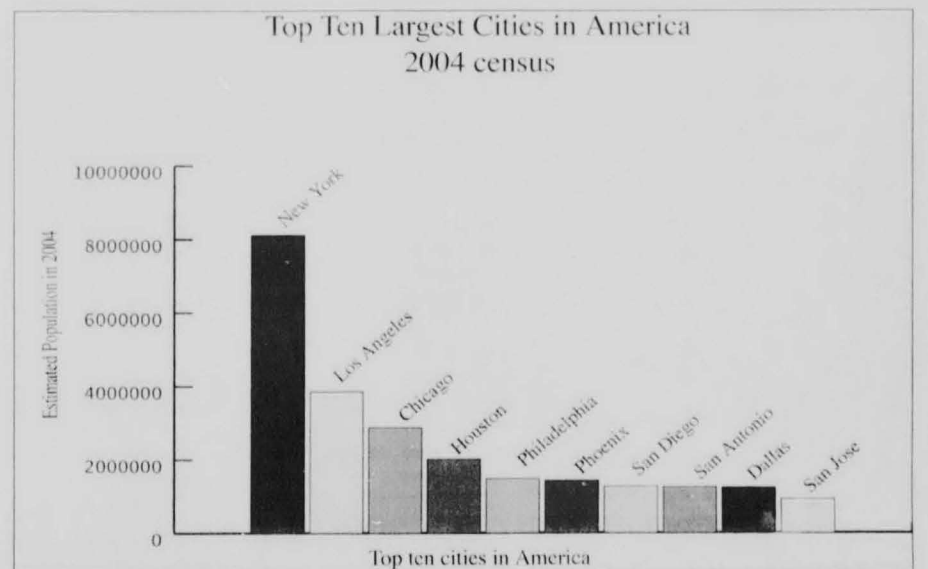
"The more people who hear about San Jose will visit the campus and think about attending SJSU if they are in high school," Yeager said.

With the potential for higher enrollment, some students are concerned about SJSU overpopulating.

Asmat Tekeste, a junior majoring in biochemistry, said, "With the budget cuts, and increase in the population is going to cause more stress for students because there will be less availability of classes, parking and even jobs."

Some students think that the increase in population will lead to more nightlife in San Jose.

"The downtown life is pretty



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popular here," said Son Mai, a business finance major.

"The Grand Prix topped it off, making the city more popular and actually putting it on the map."

San Jose's economy may benefit greatly in terms of attracting more people to the city.

"I think it's great that San Jose is growing," said Robert Levy, a

history major.

"More people means a lot more money, more taxes and that will hopefully help the school be more funded."

Opposing Views:

Should the federal government fund stem cell research?

YES

Are we to tell a living, breathing human being, who is suffering, that he or she cannot receive help because it is immoral to use embryos?

Both my grandmothers have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I've watched as they deteriorated both physically and mentally. Thankfully, one of them has passed on and no longer has to suffer.

I bring this up because there are thousands of grandsons and granddaughters who watch their grandmas and grandpas slip into dementia from which they will never recover.

But there is perhaps a way that my future children won't have to watch their grandparents potentially lose their minds to this dreaded disease: stem cell research.

The potential of stem cells has led scientists to see possibilities for alleviating the torment of not only Alzheimer's, but Parkinson's Disease, diabetes, paralysis but also other debilitating ailments.

If it were left at that, there is hardly anyone in this world who could be opposed to the research.

But there is a catch. To extract stem cells, we must harvest them, often from embryos.

While stem cells can be obtained from adults, scientists say the best cells come from embryos.

Now conservative groups are opposed to the research, including the Bush administration and other Republicans.

And truly this subject is a difficult one; as a Christian, I struggle with the practice because it means a potential life is lost.

However, the federal government has a responsibility to the welfare of all its citizens. Are we to tell a living, breathing human being,



CHEETO BARRERA

who is suffering, that he or she cannot receive help because it is immoral to use embryos?

We should not create embryos for the sole purpose of stem cell research, but we can obtain them when someone makes the choice to destroy an embryo for another reason.

If the federal government funded the research, it would have the ultimate oversight for how the cells are obtained. They can specify which cells can be used and under which circumstances.

President George Bush in 2001 allowed 60 lines of stem cells to be used because the embryos were already destroyed, according to a 2001 CNN report.

Why couldn't they do the same in the future?

We have storage vats filled with fertilized eggs for in vitro fertilization that will never be used. Why not use those?

If the embryos are to be destroyed, let them be used for a good cause.

Anti-abortion advocates abhor the practice and say we should not rely on institutions that promote death to help us cure others.

They have a point in that doctors took an oath to do no harm.

But what are we to do with the cells that are already being destroyed? It seems like a waste.

Many of these people call themselves "pro-life."

I considered myself "pro-life" in that I want what is best for all humans. It seems cruel to let one suffer as we discard the cure. The federal government should give up its commitment to preserving life; however, there are ways to allow stem cell research to continue.

If it gave funding, it would have the ultimate oversight and would better protect the sanctity of life.

Cheeto Barrera is a Daily staff writer.

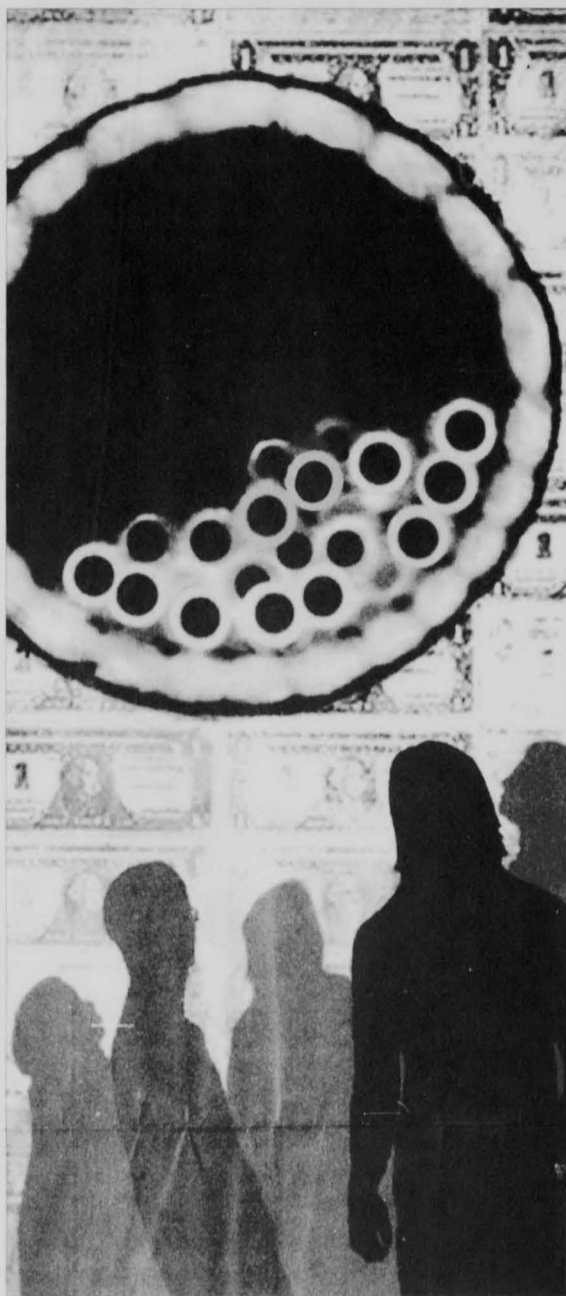


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NO

Some people support cloning and some do not, so should the federal government allow funding for that research as well?

I have a say about where my hard-earned tax dollars go, don't I? National healthcare, social security and low-income programs are a few of the things that my taxes help pay for. But what happens when the government ponders using taxpayers' money for something that a portion of taxpayers do not support? Government funding of stem cell research is such an example. Stem cell research is a popularly debated topic, and whether someone supports or opposes it depends on many personal reasons, such as religious beliefs or medical history.

The government should not fund stem cell research because there is too much controversy about the pros and cons of the science and whether it is right to use human embryos. Some opponents of stem cell research believe that it violates their religious or moral beliefs. Those who support it believe that the medical advancements and research opportunities outweigh the moral dilemma of using human embryos. Medical research is imperative in finding cures for diseases, but guidelines that are more extensive need to be established concerning stem cell extraction.

The President's Council on Bioethics stated in its January 2004 report, "Monitoring Stem Cell Research," that the federal government provides research grants to biomedical researchers each year, but those researchers who accept the grants must abide by government rules and regulations — specifically, the use of human subjects in research. That means the government already provides money, in the form of grants and bonds, for medical research but there is a checks and balances system set up to ensure the research isn't harmful to human life.

"And some policymakers and citizens have always insisted that taxpayer dollars not be put toward specific sorts of research that violate the moral convictions and sensibilities of some portion of the American public," the council wrote in the report.

Also, where do we draw a line when it comes to federal funding of research? A branch of the stem cell research issue is cloning and its repercussions. Some people support cloning and some do not, so should the federal government allow funding for that research as well?

Proposition 71 "establishes 'California Institute for Regenerative Medicine' to regulate stem cell research and provide funding, through grants and loans, for such research and research facilities." The cost of Prop 71? Millions of dollars for California taxpayers. This is on top of California's already outrageous debt.

I'm not saying stem cell research should not be developed further, but at its current state, there is no definite protocol to the stem cell research issue. Until stem cell research is done in a way that does not impede upon a vast amount of American citizens' beliefs, then these same American citizens should not have to pay for funding out of their own pockets.

In early August, a team of British and Texas researchers declared that they had produced large amounts of embryonic stem cells from umbilical cord blood, thus possibly ending the ethical debate around killing human embryos. Stem cell research is still in its early stages and with other options available, such as adult stem cell research or finding other ways to produce stem cells as the British-Texas researchers did, it is not appropriate for the government to fund stem cell research. U.S. taxpayers should not have to pay for something that goes against their own personal, moral or religious beliefs.

Christine Barker is a Daily staff writer.



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"Yes. We don't even know what kind of potential it has. It could cure several diseases and we aren't sure which ones yet."

Matt Mclellan
senior,
mechanical engineering



"No. There are too many ethical dilemmas. It's like playing God."

Virgil Deguzman
senior,
psychology and nursing



"Yes. It is fundamental research that could yield advances in medical sciences and help people."

Chris Ralston
junior,
nursing



"No. They may have the money but the funds could get out of hand. Some of the government officials might be biased. ..."

Kristine Santos
sophomore,
illustration



"Yes. Why not try and keep sick people healthy? It all comes down to religion versus science."

Prashant Patel
senior,
business management,



"Yes. It's not killing a life. It's helping life."

Randall Hayden
junior,
geography

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JEBLAND

Editor secedes from U.S., declares self independent nation

Students at San Jose State University will have to update their globes this fall.

John "Jeb" Myers, executive editor of the Spartan Daily, has declared himself and his personal property an independent country.

Myers, who calls his country "Jebland," declared his independence Monday.

"I had to make my people free," he said. "Too long have I been misrepresented by U.S. representatives, who probably don't even know my name."

Rather than a democracy, Jebland's government will be a constitutional monarchy composed of a policy-approving king and a policy-making senate.

Myers, who was crowned king on Monday, said elections for the senate will take place near the end of September.

"Because we are still forming our government, it will take a while before we get the elections on the ballot," he said.

King Myers said he has heard rumors that the country's only citizen, John Myers, will be running for the Senate's only seat.

News of Jebland's independence has rippled

through the house Myers shares with two other SJSU students.

Phil Balmanno, a senior majoring in kinesiology, said he was optimistic about living so close to Jebland.

"I can't wait to be living with a foreign diplomat," Balmanno said. "And it will be exciting to eat foreign food, because every time he cooks, it will be different."

Balmanno said he is wary of possible barriers between himself and the fledgling country.

"I hope I don't have to learn another language," Balmanno said, adding that he speaks some French in addition to English.

Alfred Brennan, a junior majoring in kinesiology who is Myers' other housemate, said there are still some unanswered questions regarding life with a foreign country.

"If I call him, is it considered long distance?" he said. "Do I have to have a passport to enter his room?"

King Myers said his country will be answering

most of these questions in the next two weeks.

"Once I put together an administrative staff, we can start solving some of these problems," he said.

It may take more than a month to solve some of the issues that arise when creating a new country, Myers said.

"We'll need time to create a currency, to establish the infrastructure and ratify our constitution," he said.

No one in Myers' one-man country opposed the declaration of independence, he said, and so far, his government has not heard any response from the United States government.

"(The U.S. government's) lack of response is just another example of how it doesn't know its own citizens," Myers said.

"My government will not lose touch with its people. We will always make sure our one citizen is represented."

John Myers, who is rumored to be in the running for Jebland Senate, said he hopes the country will keep strong ties to the United States.

"Even though we are now independent, we need to keep an open relationship," Myers said. "I hope our king keeps in mind that our former homeland is still the most powerful country in the world."

King Myers said he is not sure if Jebland is ready to extend open arms to the United States.

"Having just successfully declared independence, I still feel some bitterness toward our American father over our reasons for secession," the king said. "We do want immediate diplomacy, but it will take some work to have a completely open relationship."

Possible senate candidate Myers said that if he runs for Jebland Senate, he will push for a currency compatible with the U.S. dollar and open trade with the United States.

"Because America is our next-door neighbor, we need to be open with them and start off with good rapport."

U.S. President George W. Bush could not be reached for comment.

John Myers is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Jebland" appears every other Wednesday.



John Myers

SPARTA GUIDE

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

TODAY

English Department

Three new class sections for English 1B are open. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday from noon to 1:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center

The 5th Annual African American Student Welcome Reception will be held today between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the University Room

Career Center

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at

(408) 924-6171.

Campus Reading Program

"Nickel and Dime" book discussion will be held at 2 p.m. in the Simpkins Center.

Undergraduate Studies

Socrates Cafe will be held at 3 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. A dialogue in the Socratic style will be led on "What is community?"

Italian American Student Organization

First meeting of the new semester will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Almaden Room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Matthew Olivieri at (408) 568-6529.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at (408) 938-1610.

THURSDAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

MiniAsian Baptist Student Koimonia will be holding a "Welcome Night" at 6 p.m. in the Umunhum room of the Student Union. Call Diane Kim at (408) 499-7153 for more information or visit www.absk.org.

Jewish Student Union

"Schtick it to the Balloon" will take place on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the seventh street volleyball courts. For more information, contact Andrew Schwartz at (925) 759-1220.

Campus Reading Program

"Nickel Dime" book discussion will be held between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Peer Mentor Center in Royce Hall.

Spartan Squad

The Official Release Party and Free Dessert Festival will be held at 6 p.m. at the Campus Village Quad. For more information contact Matthew Olivieri at http:

://as.sjsu.edu/spartansquad

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Lounge. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at (408) 938-1610.

Editor's Note

"The Salty" will not run today due to space restrictions. It will return Thursday. — J.M.

Retraction

In a story published Tuesday, the Spartan Daily paraphrased information attributed to SJSU network analyst Robert Porter.

In fact, Porter never spoke with a Spartan Daily reporter. The information printed in the story actually came from a third party.

It is Spartan Daily policy to correct all errors. — J.M.

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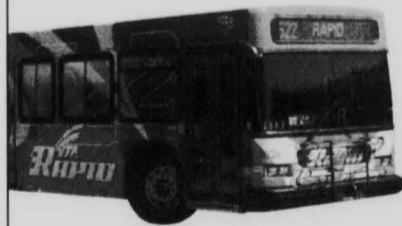
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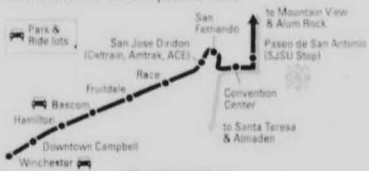
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Bonds taking light batting practice

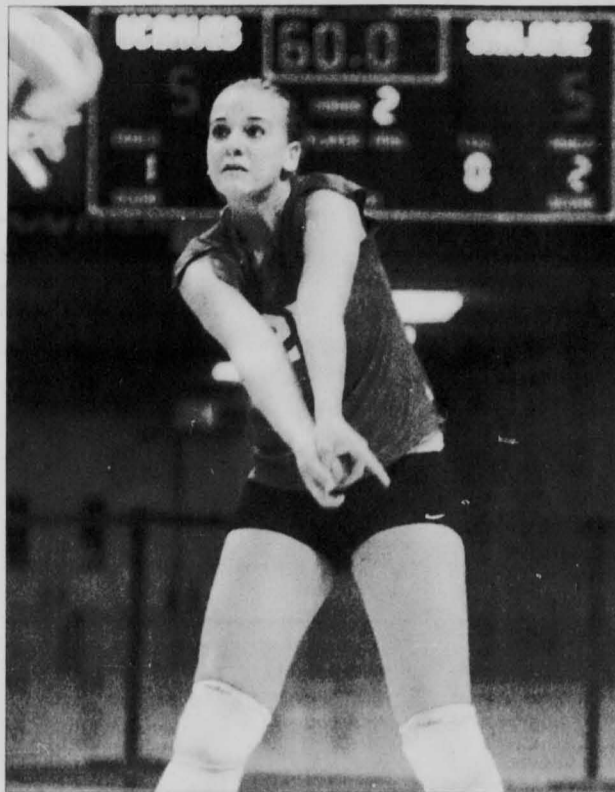
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds has begun taking light batting practice, a positive sign the slugger could soon be ready to resume other baseball activity as he recovers from three operations on his right knee.

Giants general manager Brian Sabean spoke Tuesday to renowned Angels orthopedist Dr. Lewis Yocum, who has been working with Bonds in Los Angeles along with physical therapist Clive Brewster.

"What that means in the greater scheme of things, I'll know more tomorrow," Sabean said Tuesday. "The knee was tolerant. He was sore in the obvious places, being the hands and upper torso."

Sabean planned to speak to Yocum and Brewster again Wednesday to better determine when Bonds — recovering from three surgeries on his right knee since Jan. 31 — might be able to rejoin his teammates.

His most recent operation was May 2 to drain fluid and examine an infection.



RYAN BALBUENA / DAILY STAFF

San Jose State University outside hitter Jennifer Senftleben prepares to pass the ball during game two of a nonconference match against UC Davis on Friday at The Pavilion in Davis. Senftleben led the hitters with 24 kills, 12 digs and two block assists in the 30-32, 30-8, 30-28, 30-25 victory over the Aggies.

Volleyball team hopes to defy odds

Spartans to face 10th-ranked Wisconsin at tournament

BY CHEETO BARRERA
Daily Staff Writer

Coming off a season-opening win against UC Davis, the San Jose State University volleyball team will travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., this weekend for the Falcon Invitational Tournament.

VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

The young Spartan team will play two games Friday — one each against Weber State University and the University of Wisconsin in pool play. SJSU will also play Saturday against an opponent based on Friday's performance.

Taking on a powerhouse

Spartan head coach Craig Choate said his goal is to finish 2-1, but he thinks winning the whole tournament is possible.

"We are going to play the 10th ranked team in the country," Choate said. "Can we beat them? Yes we can. But we got to come out 2-1; that is the minimal acceptable outcome. Finishing 3-0 is doable. Beating Wisconsin is doable."

Sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Senftleben said she concurred with her coach and that if they beat Wisconsin, they will have a good chance against the reigning Western Athletic Conference champion, the University of Hawai'i.

"We have a chance to win our two other games," Senftleben said. "If we do win (against Wisconsin), we have a good chance against (Hawai'i)."

Junior defensive specialist, or libero, Jessie Shull said playing against a ranked team will help the team play harder, especially when it is not expected to win.

"It is easier to play up," Shull said. "We have nothing to lose; they expect to win. We're going to play hard. We hope to take out a lot of confusion, a lot of hesitation and be more aggressive (than our game against Davis)," he said.

Learning the ropes

The young team not only has a new batch of first-year players, but a couple of returning Spartans who are shifting over on the court and playing new positions.

Outside hitter Kristina Conrad, who was the setter

last year, said switching positions and players new to collegiate volleyball left the team trying to find its groove, but she is confident it can come together this weekend.

"We're still working out the kinks," Conrad said. "Everyone is playing a new position."

With five freshmen on the squad, several of the players are getting their first look at college-level play.

"I'm really excited to be going into tournament play," said Colleen Burke, freshman middle blocker. "The games are a lot faster. I'm excited to play Wisconsin. It will be really cool to play a power like that."

Burke was one of three Spartans who scored 10 or more kills during the Aug. 26 match against Davis, which the Spartans beat 3-1.

Outside hitter Senftleben led the team in kills, racking up 24 points in the winning cause.

Senftleben said that while they beat the Aggies, the Spartans didn't play up to their ability and must play better, especially against Wisconsin.

"We need to come out a lot stronger than we did against Davis," Senftleben said. "We can play (against Wisconsin) if we come out well. We can give them a good fight."

Choate said he and the team will watch the competition closely during the tournament, but volleyball is a game with little variation.

"We will watch other teams play, but in volleyball, there is nothing new," Choate said. "If you execute properly, no one is going to beat you."

Making progress

Choate said he was encouraged by Friday's game against the Aggies, but the team's passing game needed to be improved.

"We did everything right, except passing," Choate said. "Passing is something we work on every day, all year long. Our passing has been better than that. I hope it was first-match jitters."

Choate said SJSU should have done better and could have easily blown out Davis.

Despite the first-match jitters, Choate said the team's defense was solid, with three players each recording 20 digs, or defensive saves.

"(Danielle Orong), the defensive specialist, had 22 digs," Choate said. "We played pretty spectacular defense. I had three kids with 20 digs. I don't think that has ever happened in all the years I've coached."



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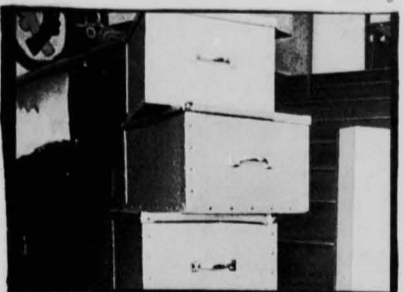
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Men's soccer team squishes Banana Slugs

BY KELLEY LUGEA
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan men's soccer team defeated UC Santa Cruz 2-1 after they scored the winning goal with only seconds remaining in an exhibition game played Friday.

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"I was just thinking about putting it in and giving San Jose the win," said forward Ismael Ibarra.

Ibarra said scoring his first college goal was exciting.

"It was an amazing feeling and it was my first goal in Division-I," Ibarra said.

The Spartans went into half-time up 1-0 with a goal scored by forward Nelson Diaz but quickly gave up the lead within the first five minutes of the second half.

"The first half out, we felt pressured," said Ibarra. "Then the second half, we came out with a different mentality and it turned out to work."

With only five seconds remaining in the game, Ibarra took a shot on an empty net, locking up the win for SJSU.

Although the exhibition game was a success, the Spartans are still looking to improve their game.

"One game doesn't make a season," said Head Coach Gary St. Clair, who enters his 16th season this year coaching the Spartans. "We learned some invaluable information in seeing if training was on the spot."

This season the Spartans were ranked fifth out of six teams in a preseason poll by the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, up one spot after tying for sixth place last year.

St. Clair said the team had trouble following its gameplan early in the contest.

"We need to be better prepared to play. Towards the beginning, we let Santa Cruz dictate the game," said St. Clair. "We're not as fit as we need to be."

St. Clair added that the Spartans need to work on being more aggressive.

"We need to toughen up, we're

just a wee bit too soft," he said.

San Jose State University opens the season against Stanford University at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Spartan Stadium.

"We want to come out hard and be ready," said co-captain Dylan Pender.

"Stanford will be tough because they need results and we want to stop that because we need results too," he said.

Stanford was picked fourth this season in the Pacific-10 Conference in a preseason poll and is coming off two straight exhibition wins from last week.

On Sept. 10, 2004 the Spartans fell to Stanford at Maloney Field, letting the Cardinal score the only goal late in the game for the victory.

"They have a very, very good athletically structured team," St. Clair said.

During the next few practices, the Spartans hope to step up their game and hone their skills.

"Our shape was off at times," said Pender. "We need to work on our cohesiveness both offensively and defensively."



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SJSU midfielder Diego Soto, left, fights for possession of the ball with UC Santa Cruz's Eric Tozer, a senior defender, in the Spartan's 2-1 exhibition win over the visiting Banana Slugs on Friday.

Spartans drop 5-1 contest against Cal State Fullerton



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Spartan sophomore defender Jackie Cruz, right, kicks the ball away from UC Irvine's Lauren Curtis, a freshman forward, in the second game of the Spartan soccer doubleheader on Friday, which the Spartans lost 2-1.

Gymnasts earn honors; outfielder gets nod to all-star team

Daily Staff Report

Friday, Sept. 9 against Cal Poly at Spartan Field.

Women's soccer

Host Cal State Fullerton (1-1) posted five unanswered goals en route to a 5-1 victory over the Spartans (0-2) on Sunday at Titan Stadium.

SPARTAN ROUND UP

Sophomore Kristin Krale recorded the lone goal 5:12 into the contest.

The Titans outshot the Spartans 23-5.

Goalkeeper Adrienne Herbst had seven saves in the loss.

San Jose State University will continue its road trip today with a 5 p.m. matchup against Long Beach State University.

SJSU will kick off its four-game homestand at 4 p.m. on

Gymnastics

Six members of the SJSU gymnastics team were selected to the 2005 National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches Women's Scholastic All-American team.

Receiving the honor were Rebecca Ronzio, Adriane Mertens, Leah Bigelow, Whitney Nelson, Tiffany Parcasio and Michelle Minotti.

To be eligible, gymnasts must maintain a GPA of more than 3.50 on a 4.00 scale.

San Jose State University is ranked 30th in the nation with a team GPA of 3.26.

The Spartans have had 23 gymnasts on the Scholastic All-American team in the past three

Softball

Outfielder Courtney Lewis was selected to the All-American first team at the 2005 American Softball Association Women's Major National Championship Tournament in Stratford, Conn.

Lewis batted .500 in the tournament.

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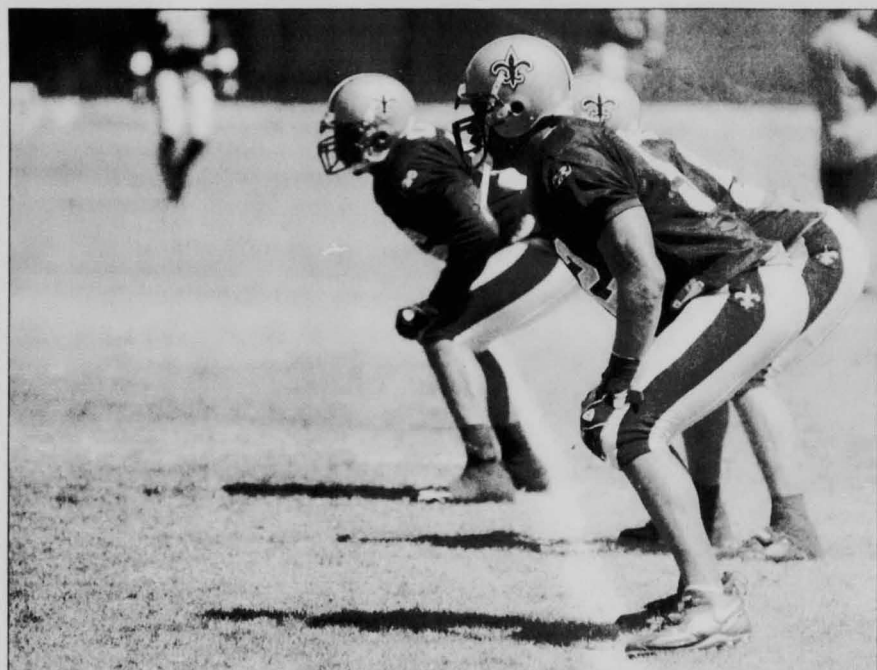
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A hard day's work ...



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ABOVE: From foreground, Mike Banks, tight end for the New Orleans Saints, and Joe Horn, wide receiver, practice at Spartan Stadium on Tuesday. The team arrived Sunday in preparation for their preseason game against the Oakland Raiders on Thursday night.

LEFT: Defensive players for the New Orleans Saints wait to be called up during practice Tuesday. The team has been at San Jose State University since Sunday, as New Orleans declared a state of emergency and ordered a mandatory evacuation due to Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane's impact causes hiccups in scheduled NFL, baseball games

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints punt returner Michael Lewis couldn't help but stay glued to the television as weather stations offered round-the-clock coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

"I slept for only about an hour, if that," the New Orleans native said Monday. "I watched about everything I could on TV."

New Orleans was hit by 145 mph winds, heavy rain and flooding, but the Saints were across the country under clear skies at the San Jose State campus in San Jose, Calif., preparing for Thursday night's preseason game against the Oakland Raiders.

"This has been on everybody's mind," cornerback Jimmy Williams said. "From where did they leave their car parked because it's probably going to be underwater because of the flood to alligators in your house."

Wind from Katrina ripped two holes in the roof of the Louisiana Superdome — the home field of the Saints — on Monday morning. The Tulane football team, which also plays its home games there, escaped to Jackson, Miss., and hunkered down on the Jackson State campus.

The Saints bought \$5,000 worth of tickets to San Jose State's season opener Saturday against Eastern Washington as a reward for being allowed to use the facilities. The tickets will be distributed to disadvantaged children.

"If we can deal with this, we'll be a better football team in the long run," Saints coach Jim Haslett said.

The storm's destruction resonated far beyond the delta. Detroit Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars was born, raised and went to college in Louisiana, and still has family there.

"This is the big one that we all grew up fearing," he said.

Buffalo Bills receiver Eric Moulds' home in Mississippi was in the direct path of the hurricane's eye.

"I have my text phone, so a lot of my friends back home are keeping in contact about what is going on," said Moulds, whose house is 25 minutes away from Gulfport. "I'm anxious to get back in the locker room to see if I got any calls."

Moulds' mother, who lives in his house, and other family members were among the thousands who fled the region as Katrina moved inland.

"When they tell you not to go outside and to evacuate, people don't realize that your life is in your hands," Moulds said. "When you can see the winds actually pick up a car, you can understand how strong

those 145 mph winds are."

Atlanta Falcons running back Warrick Dunn has a grandmother in Baton Rouge, La. She chose to sit out the storm instead of joining him in Atlanta.

"The only thing I can do is keep trying to call," Dunn said. "No one in my family got on the highway. ... The line has been busy. It kind of scares you a little bit."

Giants quarterback Eli Manning's parents boarded up their home in Philadelphia, Miss., a few hundred miles north of New Orleans.

"I am worried," Manning said. "Obviously you just have to wait and see what the damage is."

"I'll call my parents later today and they'll probably have a better feel for what's going on. You just pray that people are OK and that the damage is not as bad as it can be."

Tennessee safety Tank Williams' family in Bay St. Louis, Miss., were safely out of Katrina's way in northern Mississippi.

"They were going to sit through it. When it went from a Category 3 to a 5 overnight, pretty much everybody got out of dodge," he said.

Williams was worried about flooding and downed trees and was anxious for someone to return and assess the damage.

"It's kind of weird," Williams said. "You see things flashing over the TV screen, and you know we're real familiar with the Gulf of Mexico, so you see spots you recognize."

"It's kind of surreal to see it that way, but you know that's how it goes. It's part of nature," he said.

The baseball game between the Washington Nationals and Atlanta Braves was postponed because of heavy rain expected throughout the night on the outer edges of the massive storm. The postponed game will be made up as part of a doubleheader Wednesday, beginning at 4:35 p.m.

The Oklahoma RedHawks, the Texas Rangers' Triple-A affiliate, welcomed the New Orleans Zephyrs on Monday night with a benefit to aid relief efforts.

Oklahoma decided to exchange tickets for bottled water. Any fan who shows up with a donation through Labor Day gets in for free. RedHawks spokeswoman Laurie Gore said Oklahoma City can empathize with the areas battered by Katrina after the terrorist bombings in 1995.

"Oklahoma City has had a reputation for disaster," Gore said. "We understand what it's like, and we want to help. Our fans will want to help this team and that town."

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Citizens protest governor at game

ANAHEIM (AP) — Nearly 500 nurses, teachers and firefighters took over part of Angel Stadium on Tuesday during a pennant-race baseball game between the Los Angeles Angels and Oakland Athletics to demonstrate against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his upcoming special election.

The demonstration was the latest by a coalition of labor groups that has been following Schwarzenegger everywhere as he raises money and support for the Nov. 8 special election.

Three hundred nurses who donned their working outfits and 150 firefighters had tickets for the game. The stadium also was the site of Schwarzenegger's latest fund-raiser, which protesters priced at \$10,000 per ticket to sit with the governor during the game.

Demonstrators capitalized on the venue by printing Schwarzenegger trading cards, which featured an altered image showing a surprised-looking Schwarzenegger wearing a baseball uniform decorated with dollar signs.

Teachers, firefighters and nurses who gathered for a pre-game tailgating party and rally said they were disgusted with Schwarzenegger's insistence on a special election that they said was

filled with initiatives that attack the working class of California. The alliance, led by the California Nurses Association, has vowed to follow the governor throughout the nation as he raises money and support in the run-up to the special election.

Some members followed Schwarzenegger last week to a Rolling Stones concert in Boston, where the governor was asking \$100,000 for a chance to sit with him.

"We're going to go in there and make sure he understands we will follow him everywhere and that we are disgusted with the special election and what he's doing to the working people of California," said Andy Doyle, 43, a Los Angeles County firefighter and director for Local 1014. "He's trying to silence our voice."

Protesters said they were particularly upset with Proposition 75, which would require public employee unions to get permission from their members before using membership dues for political reasons. Doyle and others pointed out that by joining a union, members implicitly agreed that their money would be used for political purposes.

Todd Harris, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Team, said the protest-

ers were trying to maintain the status quo.

"All of these union bosses are terrified that the governor's reforms are going to take power and influence out of Sacramento and give it back to the people of California," Harris said.

"The debate over the special election is a simple one — vote yes on the governor's reforms if you want real change, vote no if you are happy with the way things are."

Union leadership "is completely out of sync with not only the rank- and-file membership, but also the majority of California voters," Harris said.

A poll released last week by the Public Policy Institute of California found that state residents have become increasingly disenchanted with the governor, with only 34 percent saying they approve of the job Schwarzenegger's doing.

The poll also found that voters disliked Schwarzenegger's two ballot measures to reform state spending and the way legislative and congressional districts are drawn.

A majority of voters in the poll said they support Proposition 75, which Schwarzenegger allies qualified for the ballot. The governor has not taken a position on it.

New reading program launches campus talks

BY PATRICIA IBARRA
Daily Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to discuss the book "Nickel and Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Ehrenreich's "Nickel and Dimed" is the Fall 2005 book selection for the San Jose State University Campus Reading Program.

The program is sponsored by the undergraduate studies office and the Muse program.

According to the Campus Reading Program Web site, the program involves the campus getting together and reading a common book.

Informal discussions will be held during the first three weeks of the fall semester and all are welcome

to join in the discussion.

The book focuses on trying to make a living on low wages and what Ehrenreich learns from her experience.

"It's a wonderful choice because many people who go to SJSU know the struggle of working for low wages," said Scot Guenter, professor of American Studies.

According to the Campus Reading Program Web site, the SJSU production of the play "Nickel and Dimed" will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 7, Oct. 8, Oct. 13, Oct. 14 and Oct. 15; and at 11 a.m. Oct. 12.

Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 general and \$8 for people in groups of 20 or more.

The next discussion group will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Simpkins Center on South Campus.

STAND UP - Both parties' campaign tactics questioned

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Greathouse.

The e-mail was sent out using the A.S. mailing list and eluded to Stand Up Party campaign tactics, such as their use of a figure with a raised fist that some believed was the image of Tommie Smith and John Carlos protesting at the summer Olympics in 1968.

According to Gutierrez, the image was not of Smith and Carlos, but was actually a picture of himself.

"We didn't even get that idea from Tommie Smith and John Carlos," Gutierrez said. "It came from a painting in an office of a bunch of people standing up with their fists raised. It aligned with our message."

According to previous reports, Greathouse's e-mail was not ruled to be an illegal action since Greathouse was not actually running and only referred to Associated Students and not any political party.

The campaigning of the Stand Up party was questioned in the first days of the elections by Spartan Party presidential candidate Mike Nguyen when Tran published a letter in the Spartan Daily that disparaged the Spartan Party.

According to reports in the Spartan Daily, Nguyen considered the letter a form of campaigning before it was officially allowed.

As the elections drew closer, tensions heightened between the two groups, ultimately culminating in the e-mail sent out by Greathouse the night before the elections.

Gutierrez was taken aback by the e-mail.

"At the time it first came out, I was really upset. It was really disappointing," Gutierrez said.

Despite the controversy surrounding the letter, Gutierrez thinks it had the opposite of its intended effect.

"If [the letter] did have an effect, it was a negative one on our opposition because so many students were so mad about it."

Gutierrez thinks the problems between the parties in last year's election were mostly due to the threat that Stand Up presented to Spartan Party.

"I think it might have been simply that they knew their power was threatened," Gutierrez said. "But part of it was really that we were such well matched competi-

A.S. Vice President Stillman said the students were ready for a change, which is why the Stand Up Party won.

"There was a shift in priority," Stillman said. "I think that (the Stand Up Party) really struck a chord with the student body because everyone wants change."

As far as the mudslinging and dissent, Stillman said she tried to stay away from that aspect of the election.

"I kept so far out of that situation," Stillman said. "I didn't want anything to do with it."

According to Stillman, Ramos and Gutierrez, A.S. is now more cohesive than ever.

"My goal is to make the board a cohesive unit," Stillman said. "This year is off to a really great start."

According to Ramos, the new A.S. is committed to making the

SJSU community more connected as well.

"We're committed to making SJSU more like a family," Ramos said.

Gutierrez said one of his goals for A.S. this year is to get more students interested in student government, both to run and join committees and to vote.

The new emphasis on student organizations and affairs that A.S. has begun is coupled with an attitude of welcoming towards diversity within the board.

When Marcus Recchioni had to resign his post as the director of legislative affairs over the summer due to academic reasons, Gutierrez had to appoint a new director. He appointed Rebecca Balderas, a Spartan Party member.

"She represents a view on this campus and that's something we needed on the board because if you don't include different views, you limit yourself. You can't think outside the box," Gutierrez said.

Ramos echoes that sentiment, inviting students to participate in A.S.

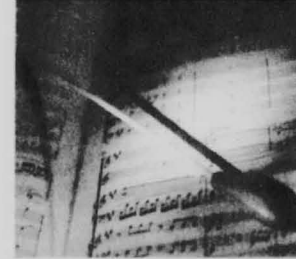
"What makes us unique is that if you disagree with us we'll put you on a committee," he said.

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At the scene ...

Campus police spoke to a man who was found begging for money in the Central Classroom building on Tuesday afternoon, said Sgt. Robert Noriega, Public Information Officer of the University Police Department. According to Noriega, police were notified when faculty members saw the man talking to students. The police did not take down the man's name and are uncertain as to whether or not the man has been disruptive on campus in the past.

Chinese vaccine could have saved children from disease

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — As an encephalitis outbreak rages in northern India and neighboring Nepal, a vaccine in China could have been used to keep more than 360 children from dying and hundreds more from likely suffering a lifetime of mental and physical disabilities.

But borders and politics complicate the issue, making access impossible without money and a strong political will, researchers say.

The children are dying from Japanese encephalitis, found only in Asia. Though closely related to West Nile virus, this illness isn't as widely known as other mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria or dengue fever. But it is the leading cause of viral encephalitis and neurological infection in Asia, typically attacking the poor and the young — children age 1 to 15 who live near rice paddies in rural areas.

The outbreak in India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, began last month and has left more than 1,000 hospitalized, while more children die each day. In Nepal, the disease has been spreading since April in the country's south, across the border from Uttar Pradesh.

Blinding headaches, seizures, nausea and high fever usually precede death, with the situation becoming so dire in India that doctors are using makeshift oxygen masks fashioned from cardboard cones and tubing on child victims after hospitals ran out of the real thing.

While drastically underreport-

ed, about 50,000 cases of Japanese encephalitis are recorded each year, including 15,000 deaths, according to the World Health Organization. Of the survivors, up to 75 percent suffer disabilities, including paralysis and mental retardation. The disease has no cure or effective treatment.

The Chinese vaccine, made from a weakened form of the virus, has been used widely within the communist country since 1988. Last year, about 200 deaths were reported nationwide, according to the Chinese Ministry of Health.

American Dr. Scott B. Halstead, research director at the Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative, has seen firsthand how well it works. He conducted a study in Nepal in 1999 that showed one injection of the Chinese vaccine was effective almost immediately with no side effects.

So far only South Korea, Nepal and Sri Lanka have licensed the Chinese vaccine, while others rely on limited supplies of another type of vaccine derived from mice brains. It is more expensive, causes more side effects, requires multiple doses and takes at least a month after the last dose to be effective, said Dr. Julie Jacobson, director of the Japanese Encephalitis Project at the U.S.-based nonprofit PATH.

The WHO in May adopted a 10-year global strategy to increase immunizations for different diseases worldwide, including Japanese encephalitis. But the Chinese vaccine has not yet been added to its list of prequalified vaccines, which could be a deterrent for some countries waiting for the U.N. health agency's nod of approval. It also keeps U.N.

agencies in Asian countries from procuring the vaccine.

The WHO's Joachim Hombach in Geneva said he expects to see the Chinese vaccine or others now under development added to WHO's list in two to three years. He said the Chinese manufacturer has not yet asked WHO to prequalify the vaccine, but it has recently been reviewed and WHO has published recommendations on it.

"If the product is not prequalified, it doesn't mean you cannot use it. It doesn't mean the product is bad," he said. "It just means we have not seen it."

He added that no Japanese encephalitis vaccines have been prequalified by the WHO, including the mouse brain vaccine used widely in the United States and Europe.

Halstead urged affected countries not to wait for the WHO's endorsement but to instead license the vaccine now and begin immunizing children in high-risk areas.

"Let's say you're making an AIDS vaccine or TB — they're all in the 'God I wish I could do it category, but I don't know how,'" he said. "Here with Japanese encephalitis, you've got a vaccine that really works. There's no need to sputter or procrastinate."

Japanese encephalitis is spread mostly from pigs to people via mosquitos. Annual outbreaks occur in Asia, often near rice paddies with water left over from monsoon rains. Like polio, only about 1 in 250 people infected ever develop symptoms, contributing to a high level of immunity among adults. Japanese encephalitis is expanding, reaching northern Australia in the 1990s.

In India, Dr. O.P. Singh, Uttar

Pradesh state's director-general of health, said it would cost about 2.5 billion rupees (US\$58 million; euro47 million) to vaccinate more than 7 million children. The state's entire health budget is only 1.06 billion rupees (US\$25 million; euro20.4 million).

Last week in the state capital of Lucknow, a rickshaw driver's 6-year-old son died in his father's arms, gasping for breath outside a government hospital. There were no beds and not enough doctors to help in the overcrowded facility.

"We can understand the anguish of a father. But what can we do?" said Dr. Anurag Yadav, a physician at the hospital. "We do not have space to admit any more children."

It's stories like this that sadden Jacobson, who is working under a five-year, US\$27 million (euro21.97 million) grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise awareness about Japanese encephalitis and push for countries like India to license and administer the Chinese vaccine.

She said one hurdle is convincing leaders that the traditional spraying of houses with mosquito repellent and using bed nets do little to prevent this disease. Unlike the mosquitoes that carry malaria and dengue fever, the species that carries Japanese encephalitis, also known as JE, typically bites people outside.

"The first JE patient that I saw just broke my heart," Jacobson said. "It's this little girl in this hospital lying there in this beautiful little pink dress and she had slipped into a coma, and there she was lying there in a pool of her own urine, completely unconscious while her family was there holding her hand."

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study said they used supplementary text-book items "rarely" or "never."

However, SJSU Associate Professor Howard Turetsky said the supplements are useful. He said he requires his management accounting students to purchase a \$130.70 textbook (\$98.05 if used) that comes with access to a site that has practice quizzes and an online problem-solving guide.

"On the first day of class, I always tell them to make good use of what is available," said Turetsky. "There's a lot of good stuff on the Internet, and that at least mitigates the cost."

Lilia Cortez, a junior and a student of Turetsky's, said she's had both good and bad experiences with similar supplementary Web sites for other texts in previous classes.

Cortez said the sites are designed as a communication channel between students and instructors that are only beneficial to students if their professors use that channel regularly.

She said the extra supplements aren't

worth the cost because "the professors don't really use them" and they are "a hassle" for students. Cortez said she would rather pay a lower price for the book, even if they did not include a CD-ROM or access to an instructional Web site.

The student public interest group's report claims that publishers use "gimmicks" such as "bundling" and producing unnecessary new editions in order to "artificially inflate" prices.

"I just think that there are a lot of options out there for not just students but for professors," said Stanton in response to complaints about the cost of textbooks.

For example, McGraw Hill has made "ebooks" an option. Ebooks are books that can be purchased and downloaded from the Internet. Stanton said they cost half as much as their printed counterparts.

RIGHT: Erin Wyrick, an undeclared sophomore, looks for a student's online textbook order Tuesday, in the basement of the San Jose State University Student Union.



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New Orleans football team watches hurricane from San Jose

(AP) — New Orleans Saints punt returner Michael Lewis couldn't help but stay glued to the television as weather stations offered round-the-clock coverage of Hurricane Katrina. "I slept for only about an hour, if that," the New Orleans native said Monday. "I watched about everything I could on TV."

New Orleans was hit by 145 mph winds, heavy rain and flooding, but the Saints were across the country under clear skies at the San Jose State campus in San Jose, Calif., preparing for Thursday night's preseason game against the Oakland Raiders.

"This has been on everybody's mind," cornerback Jimmy Williams said. "From where did they leave their car parked because it's probably going to be underwater because of the flood to alligators in your house."

Wind from Katrina ripped two holes in the roof of the Louisiana Superdome — the

home field of the Saints — on Monday morning. The Tulane football team, which also plays its home games there, escaped to Jackson, Miss., and hunkered down on the Jackson State campus.

The Saints bought \$5,000 worth of tickets to San Jose State's season opener Saturday against Eastern Washington as a reward for being allowed to use the facilities. The tickets will be distributed to disadvantaged children.

"If we can deal with this, we'll be a better football team in the long run," Saints coach Jim Haslett said.

The storm's destruction resonated far beyond the delta. Detroit Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars was born, raised and went to college in Louisiana, and still has family there.

"This is the big one that we all grew up fearing," he said.

Buffalo Bills receiver Eric Moulds' home in Mississippi was in the direct path of the

hurricane's eye.

"I have my text phone, so a lot of my friends back home are keeping in contact about what is going on," said Moulds, whose house is 25 minutes away from Gulfport. "I'm anxious to get back in the locker room to see if I got any calls."

Moulds' mother, who lives in his house, and other family members were among the thousands who fled the region as Katrina moved inland.

"When they tell you not to go outside and to evacuate, people don't realize that your life is in your hands," Moulds said. "When you can see the winds actually pick up a car, you can understand how strong those 145 mph winds are."

Atlanta Falcons running back Warrick Dunn has a grandmother in Baton Rouge, La. She chose to sit out the storm instead of joining him in Atlanta.

"The only thing I can do is keep trying to call," Dunn said.

"No one in my family got on the highway. ... The line has been busy. It kind of scares you a little bit."

Giants quarterback Eli Manning's parents boarded up their home in Philadelphia, Miss., a few hundred miles north of New Orleans.

"I am worried," Manning said. "Obviously you just have to wait and see what the damage is. I'll call my parents later today and they'll probably have a better feel for what's going on. You just pray that people are OK and that the damage is not as bad as it can be."

Tennessee safety Tank Williams' family in Bay St. Louis, Miss., were safely out of Katrina's way in northern Mississippi.

"They were going to sit through it. When it went from a Category 3 to a 5 overnight, pretty much everybody got out of dodge," he said.

Williams was worried about flooding and downed trees and was anxious for someone to re-

turn and assess the damage.

"It's kind of weird," Williams said. "You see things flashing over the TV screen, and you know we're real familiar with the Gulf of Mexico, so you see spots you recognize. It's kind of surreal to see it that way, but you know that's how it goes. It's part of nature."

The baseball game between the Washington Nationals and Atlanta Braves was postponed because of heavy rain expected throughout the night on the outer edges of the massive storm. The postponed game will be made up as part of a doubleheader Wednesday, beginning at 4:35 p.m.

The Oklahoma RedHawks, the Texas Rangers' Triple-A affiliate, welcomed the New Orleans Zephyrs on Monday night with a benefit to aid relief efforts.

Oklahoma decided to exchange tickets for bottled water. Any fan who shows up with a donation through Labor Day gets in for free.

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Iguana's Taqueria engages in legal battle

Businesses shut down on July 5

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

The owners of Iguana's Taqueria and Cafecito Coffee Co. are hoping to buy the building their business once occupied on 330 S. Third St. The business closed July 5 after they lost their lease in a legal dispute with their landlord.

Sam and Liz Orozco, husband and wife and owners of the restaurant and café, said they had a contract with landlord Malcom Durham to own the building by April 2004. The Orozcos said Durham tried to back out of the agreement, suing them twice. The first suit was overturned, but the second was won by Durham "on a technicality."

"We are suing for specific performance and damages," Orozco said. "Although Malcom (Durham) has thrown roadblocks, we still have a very strong case and we're determined to win both for ourselves and the community."

The Orozcos said Durham is planning to lease the space to a new restaurant called "Macho Tacos."

They say the new owners are trying to emulate a similar environment as Iguana's in order to keep the Orozcos' customers.

Durham, who leases through the Lawrence Company, declined to comment.

Liz Orozco said the



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Iguana's Taqueria, shown with newspaper covering the window, shut down July 5. The sign on the awning reads "Pound for Pound The Best Burritos in Town."

surrounding businesses have suffered as a result of the shutdown.

"There's nothing this way down the street, really," said Kevin Wu, owner of Hijinx Comix, which is located on the floor above where Iguana's and Cafecito was. He said customer traffic in his shop has decreased by at least 25 percent since July.

While it was open, Cafecito hosted open microphone nights every Tuesday night. Liz Orozco said hundreds of people would come to the free venue to listen to music and poetry. "There's nothing like that anymore," she said.

Jonathan Fung, local pastor and an associate director of the Academy of Arts in

San Francisco, led a weekly coffeehouse ministry called "X-factor" at Cafecito for three and a half years. Fung held open mic sessions, Bible studies, and movie nights at the cafe. He said he was shocked when he heard the Orozcos had lost their lease.

Ryan Brown, a San Jose State University sophomore sports medicine major, said he found out about Iguana's two days after it closed while he worked with the housing department over the summer. He said he and his coworkers found the Iguana's sign missing and its door locked.

"I was heartbroken," he said. "We didn't eat anything the whole day. It was kind of a way

of grieving"

The Orozcos said they had built up a strong relationship with their customers. During their last oper. mic night on July 4, Sam said "people actually cried." Liz said it's not uncommon for their customers and employees to hang out at their Victorian style home on North Seventh Street with their family.

Sam said he has no intention of relocating.

"This is our location — we're not going to move," he said. "My family is very tenacious and we're not going to let someone take something away from us that is rightfully ours. Both the building and the business."

JOE QUESTION

DICK TOMEY



VS.



Dick Tomey is the new coach for the San Jose State University football team. So we decided to annoy him for a few minutes while he was at the Dining Commons.

Spartan Daily: What's your favorite sports movie?

Dick Tomey: Well, my favorite sports movie is "Field of Dreams" but I also like "(Remember) the Titans" and "Hoosiers."

SD: Is that your favorite kind of genre, sports movies?

DT: No. No, I love all kinds of movies. My wife's a fiction writer and one of her books has been made into a movie so I should say that's my favorite movie, but I like all kinds.

SD: What movie did your wife write?

DT: "Pretending the Bed is a Raft" — no, it's "My Life Without Me." It won a bunch of awards and it was a very good movie. (Ed. note: "Pretending the Bed is a Raft" is the name of her book)

SD: What's the last movie that you saw?

DT: Uh, let's see. I can remember who's in it, but I can't remember the name of it. ... The last movie I've seen is "Junebug."

SD: Did you like it?

DT: Yes. My wife and I go to the movies all the time.

SD: In one word, how

would you describe San Jose State's season this year?

DT: Well, I just can't wait. I mean, I think this is an exciting time for all of us.

SD: What's your favorite NFL team?

DT: You know, I worked for the 49ers, I have lots of friends who coach there at the 49ers. I don't watch NFL football.

SD: You don't like it?

DT: I just don't watch it because your busiest day in college football is Saturday, uh, Sunday. And I'm usually working on Monday. So I'm not free to watch it. I watch a lot of college football — as much as I can.

SD: Who is your favorite college team other than San Jose State?

DT: I worked a lot of different places, but I think this year my favorite team is the University of Texas because I just got through working there and I know all the players. If you had asked me that question two years ago, it would've been something different.

SD: What would you plan on eating tonight at the Dining Commons?

DT: I'm not going to eat. I ate here the other night, had a great meal, but tonight I have to go back to work.

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