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## Wage hikes missing for staff

BY ELIZABETH PERRY  
Daily Staff Writer

The staff at San Jose State University has not received promotional raises in the last two years while some faculty members have received some salary increases, a faculty union director said.

"California State Universities took a cut of the total funding of about \$200 million, added a 10 percent student fee hike and no pay raises," said Alice Sunshine, California Faculty Association director. "The last general salary increase was July 1, 2002 and that was a 2 percent raise."

There has been a budget crisis in the state and it's been tough for all state employees, said Sunshine.

"Staff and faculty have not received salary increases for some time due to the budget," said Maria Rivera, associate vice president of human resources for SJSU. "The staff and faculty salary increase negotiations have not been completed and are still in progress for this year."

"There are a lot of issues that are being talked about the same time those salaries are negotiated," said Dennis Fox, a California State University employee union chief steward. "We can use take-aways to bargain for salary increases, such as parking fee increases."

Fox explained that he needs to bargain to get salary increases and sometimes that doesn't work and money gets designated to different sections of the university.

When there are more students in each class, it can mean there is more work for staff and faculty.

"Staff members have had to do a lot more work and it is

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## How sweet it is ...

Amy Starns, left, a senior majoring in justice studies and Andrea Rugers, a senior majoring in advertising make cotton candy in front of the Central Classroom building. The spun sugar was one of the attractions at Go Greek recruitment barbecue held Thursday.

## Social work acting dean to leave post

Two other colleges to begin dean searches soon

BY LAUREN BOSCH  
Senior Staff Writer

The future of the College of Social Work is up in the air, as university officials are unsure of what will be happening to the college in the coming months.

"There are decisions to be made on how the College of Social Work will be continuing," said Charles Whitcomb, vice provost of academic administration and personnel. "We're not discontinuing the program, but we're trying to find a way to continue to serve the students of that program."

Currently overseen by Lela Noble, acting dean of the College of Social Work, students will definitely be seeing changes in the near future, Whitcomb said.

Whitcomb said the college will soon be without Noble, but would he not discuss details as to why. The loss of Noble will leave the College of Social Work with no dean until further decisions are made.

The decision to discuss a reconfiguration began before the current semester started, Whitcomb said, and the college has had input and will continue to have a say until a decision has been made. However, it is unclear whether the college will be configured within another department or school and to what capacity it will remain.

Whitcomb did say, however, the college will not completely cease to exist, but will most likely be integrated into another college.

The university will also begin dean searches in two other colleges, involving the College of Humanities and the Arts and the College of Science. Each college has been under the direction of interim deans since November 2004. Both colleges are now set to begin committee selections later

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— Charles Whitcomb, vice provost

this semester.

"I don't think it's taken them long at all. I've only been interim since last year," said Karl Toepfer, interim dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts. "It was just too late in the year, but it seems to me they've been rather prompt in the search for a permanent dean."

Both departments will begin searches this semester, Whitcomb said, but will continue under the direction of their current interim deans until decisions are made. For now, each college will go through a specific process in the hopes of filling these positions in the next year.

"The process each college goes through to find committee members is the election of some tenured faculty to represent the members of the committee," Whitcomb said. "They'll be starting the process of getting nominations out and getting the ball rolling for voting."

Once the committee is chosen, it is responsible for putting together position announcements, reviewing the current job description, and coordinates all search committee work with human resources, Whitcomb said.

Though the process has yet to

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## Break-dancer cited

UPD tickets library performer for noise violation

BY ERIN CABALLERO  
Senior Staff Writer

Officers of the University Police Department cited break-dancer Andre Pham for "amplified sound on campus," a violation of university law. According to Pham, a junior majoring in nursing, a UPD officer approached him and asked him to turn down the stereo he uses to practice. It happened at the Caret Plaza, right in front of the entrance to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

"You couldn't hear it past 15 feet," said Pham, who faces a \$1,000 fine and/or up to a year in jail. The Milpitas native is due to appear in court Oct. 19 at 4:30 p.m., at the Santa Clara County Superior Court. The nursing student, along with his group King Krew, had break-danced almost every school day and received an official warning. Since this

is his second offense, he is being sent to court. The King Krew has been dancing for the last five to six years; coincidentally, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library is where the crew first met each other.

Speaking of his group's talent, Pham's friend Gene Perlas said, "There are guys that watch us and jokingly mimic our moves, but they can't do it as sexy as us."

Perlas, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was a witness to the incident.

"I was on my way to class when I saw them (dancing) — we all went straight for class," he said.

Sgt. John Laws, the officer who cited Pham, has a slightly different take on the incident.

"He had been warned previously — I have a different responsibility

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## Spartan Party disbands after defeat

BY AN NGUYEN  
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan Party has been dissolved after its six-year reign in the Associated Students.

Director of Legislative Affairs Rebecca Balderas made the decision after the A.S. election this past March.

The results of the last election were a hard blow to the Spartan party, Balderas said. Of the 16 positions available within the A.S., 14 had been swept up by the opposing Stand Up Party during the March election.

Balderas explained the chain of events that put her in the position to pull the plug.

Rachel Greathouse, last year's A.S. president and the head of the Spartan Party, graduated, Balderas said. The next in command was Michael Nguyen, who decided to leave the political light after losing the recent A.S. presidential race to Alberto Gutierrez.

"After being in office for so long, we already felt we accomplished something."

— Rebecca Balderas, former Spartan Party member

The last two people who had seniority over Balderas also chose to leave the party to pursue other endeavors.

Balderas then found herself faced with the option of either picking up the pieces or bowing out gracefully.

"I decided not to continue the Spartan Party," Balderas said. "I mean, why would you kick a dead horse? I did not want to tarnish the reputation. We had a good run. After being in office for so long, we already felt we accomplished something."

Balderas felt a reason why the previous board of directors, under her own party, lost their positions was because they had lacked a

clear line of communication between itself and the students.

"The main problem was transparency while we were in office," Balderas said. "While many new programs were going on, we succeeded in getting a lot done, but there was no connection between the students and the A.S."

The Spartan Party first appeared on the ballot in 1995 said A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba.

He said the party's presence wavered from year to year until it became the majority party in the A.S. in 1999.

The party's dominance lasted up until the most recent election when the contending Stand Up

Party took over.

There are several explanations offered as to why it managed such a success.

President Alberto Gutierrez felt that the connections within the candidates played a major role.

"I think one should look at the members who ran," Gutierrez said. "A lot of us were very well connected on campus. Many had been involved in different organizations. Our service on campus showed our commitment."

Both Director of Governing Affairs Jason Fithian and Director of Programming Affairs Emily Molino held offices in campus organizations last year. Fithian was the treasurer of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Allies and Molino was the president of the Panhellenic Council.

Gutierrez also felt that the students of San Jose State University

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Prop 76 would give students something to complain about

They say that death and taxes are the only things that are certain in life. But they're wrong. It's also certain that at the start of every new semester, the same old stories will be repeated in the Spartan Daily.

First, we have complaints about parking. San Jose State University students who arrive late to class because they cannot find a parking spot might be surprised to know that SJSU is not unique: Students complain about parking on every college campus.

And complaining about it isn't going to help. Students have been complaining about parking at SJSU for more than 30 years, and yet our enrollments continue to grow, year after year. SJSU continues to be an attractive destination for students despite its parking situation.

Students may also be surprised to know that the state of California provides no money for parking. All money for parking must be raised through student fees. The \$180 per semester that you pay for parking goes entirely to the maintenance of the existing parking facilities. If students want more parking, they will have to pay more — much more! (Not to mention that SJSU doesn't have enough land to build a parking

structure anywhere near campus).

Next, we have stories about students not being able to find the classes that they want. This is a perennial and serious problem, but the university is not to blame. The university would love to be able to offer more classes, but it cannot afford to do so.

The blame rests on the voters of the state of California, who have shown that they want all the services that government provides, but they don't want to pay the taxes that pay for those services. As a result, SJSU students take five or six years to graduate rather than the usual four. Your taxes are lower, but you lose out on tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in income while you complete your education.

Finally, we have the stories about the high cost of tuition at SJSU. It is true that tuition at the California State University has increased dramatically over the past three years. Nevertheless, CSU students still pay significantly less than students in most other public universities in the nation. The recent fee increases were so large because the state of California had

not raised fees at all for several years. The state of California subsidizes approximately 70 percent of the cost of your education. Nevertheless, higher tuition is a problem for our students.

Once again, the culprits are California's political leaders and the taxpayers who insist on lower taxes, regardless of the consequences. For example, Governor Schwarzenegger's first official act was to lower the car tax, which increased the California budget deficit by some \$4 billion dollars. As a result, the state could not afford to spend any more money on education. You saved perhaps \$100 on your car registration this year, but are paying hundreds of dollars more every semester in tuition.

These problems will only get much worse if Proposition 76 passes in November's special election. Proposition 76 would place dramatic new limits on state spending. Education is the largest single item in the California state budget. Thus, Proposition 76's passage would mean that the CSU would forever be

ineligible for significant funding increases. Student fees would be forced to rise even more rapidly as a result.

There's a common theme here: You get what you pay for. SJSU students don't want to pay a lot for parking, so they don't get much parking. California taxpayers don't want to pay for higher education, so fees go up and classes are cut. Despite the wishful thinking of so many in this state, nothing in life is free.

The solutions are simple but unpleasant. If you want more parking, lobby your student leaders to ask for a student parking fee increase. If you want more classes and lower tuition, vote for politicians who are willing to raise taxes.

And no CSU student in his or her right mind should even consider voting for Proposition 76, which would cripple higher education in California for decades to come.

*James Brent is a political science professor at SJSU. Guest columns appear every Thursday.*

## Letter to the Editor

### Associated Students should give opportunities and practice openness

It is commendable and worthy of note that the leadership of the Associated Students is actively seeking out ways for students to become more involved with their community.

What I cannot understand is why Associated Students has doubled the amount of committees that the board members sit on, reducing the size of opportunities for students to become involved with their university.

We have planning students that could assist with campus planning, but AS has designated that committee away, and it really should be a committee that could attract someone with a planning background. I am very confident that our bright and capable campus board of directors will represent us on the Academic Senate this year, but for over a half a decade student

government leaders avoided Senate meetings as much as possible. Though I am pleasantly surprised and grateful for the earnest effort shown by the current board to attend senate meetings, I feel that one senate position should be for two or three students at large. One of the candidates for AS President was an active student leader in his department, and I still do not know why the current AS Vice President never explained her absences last year during four critical senate meetings, and voted to lock up many committees from the average student.

Students at San Jose State are smart, fun loving, and deeply committed to their community. So I am thankful for Associated Students in seeking out opportunities, but they should also practice it here as soon as possible, and make their meeting minutes available in a timely manner.

James Rowen  
Graduate Student  
Urban Planning

## SPARTA GUIDE

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## TODAY

## The 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.

## 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 938-1610.

## SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting each Thursday at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Chapel Ministry at lounge. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

## Jewish Student Union

"Schtick it to the Balloon" will take place 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 Dimed" 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>.

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## SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

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## MR. MOJO RISIN'

## Minnesota reveals the true beauty of California

This summer has been one of realization for me. I spent the summer working for a newspaper in Duluth, Minn., which was an awesome experience. I met a lot of cool and interesting people and learned how to design a news page using antiquated software. But aside from that, living in Minnesota and driving through states like Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Wisconsin have led me to a realization about people from our noble state of California.

Californians, we're a spoiled, arrogant bunch.

You may not realize it now, sitting in class bored and covertly sneaking a read, but once you get outside California and meet people from other states, you can't help but extol the virtues of how awesome your home state is. You'll look around at what appears to be the barren, desolate landscape of other states where the buffalo used to roam and if you're not careful, run over a deer where the antelope play and think to yourself, "My God, California RULES!"

And while they may get sick of it when you keep broadcasting your state pride, after a while it just comes second nature and you can't even help it anymore. I'm here to tell you that it's all right. Go ahead and let it out. After all, it is true.

California really does rule.

I mean we've got hundreds of miles of beautiful coastline (even more, if you count Southern California's coastline). We've got amazing forests and parks. We're technologically advanced thanks to the Silicon Valley, which our school apparently powers somehow. And pretty much no matter where you are in the state, a major city isn't far. California has a lot of ethnic diversity, though that isn't unique to us. One other thing we have that

everyone grudgingly admits is nice is DRY HEAT. You've got to leave the state in summer to appreciate this, seriously. I kid you not, it is like trying to breathe through a wet wash cloth.

Driving through the prairies between California and Minnesota, every 50 miles or so, a group of about five somewhat decrepit houses appears literally in the middle of nowhere. Five houses and nothing else. No grocery store, no gas station, no schools or houses of worship. What the residents of those homes did for a living is beyond me. I felt bad for any kids living there. I thought to myself, "What could they do for entertainment around here?"

I quickly found out.

As it turns out, people living in those particular areas do two things for entertainment.

1. Collect Sean Hannity books, which are available and festively displayed at all gas station mini-marts, between the American flags and Miller Lite.

2. In their F-550 (12 yards long, two lanes wide, sixty-five tons of American pride) extended cab pickups, they hunt for and sneak up on unsuspecting motorists in little white sports cars with California plates, swoop around and cut them off at 90 miles an hour.

I never saw them do that to anyone else. Maybe it was because I'm an "arrogant Californian who deserves to get cut off." Oh well. I don't consider myself arrogant, that's what counts.

After all, it's not my fault Californians rule.

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## Devour the Child

## By Jamaica Dyer



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## Spartans ready to pluck visiting Eagles

BY JIMMY DURKIN  
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University opens its football season at 3 p.m. Saturday at Spartan Stadium against Eastern Washington University, and the Spartans are excited about the opportunity to hit someone not wearing blue and gold.

### FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

"It's finally here. We've been waiting to play this game forever," Coach Dick Tomey said. "We've been working hard for eight and a half months and it's fun to get a chance to say it's game week. I know the players are thrilled to death to get a chance to hit somebody they don't know."

Eastern Washington was a co-champion in the Big Sky Conference and reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs with a 9-4 record.

The Eagles are favored to repeat as conference champions and are ranked fourth in the nation in The Sports Network preseason poll and second in the nation by Sports Illustrated.

"We're playing against an opponent we have great respect for," Tomey said. "Their quarterback (Erik Meyer) is one of the best that we'll face."

Meyer was the conference MVP as a junior last season after completing 65.8 percent of his passes for 3,707 yards and 31 touchdowns.

SJSU knows that Eastern Washington can be dangerous despite its I-AA status. Tomey

pointed to the Eagles' hard-fought 21-19 loss to Oregon State University in 2000, a year in which the Beavers went 11-1.

"And that was not an Eastern Washington team like this one," Tomey said. "It was a 6-5 team."

Tomey also noted that early in the season there is very little difference between I-A and I-AA football teams.

"The difference is the number of scholarships," Tomey said. "Later in the year that may manifest itself because injuries have taken their toll, but in the first game there's hardly any (difference)."

Senior safety Josh Powell backed up Tomey's statements about the lack of differences between the Eagles and any other team on the Spartans' schedule.

"The preparation is the same if we were playing Eastern Washington or Ohio State," Powell said. "It's still 11-man football, they still have good players and good plays that they execute well."

For the Spartans, the key will be in controlling their emotions and sticking to the task at hand.

"In your first game you're not quite sure how exactly people are going to compete when they turn the lights on," Tomey said. "I believe very much in our team and I can't wait to watch them play. I just want us to spill our guts everywhere on the field."

### Filling the depth chart

The two most hotly contested starting po-

sitions have been at quarterback and tailback and experience won out in both races as Adam Tafrales and Yonus Davis will get the starting nods Saturday.

Both players are still only redshirt sophomores but each came to camp with the most game experience.

Tafrales beat out junior college transfer J.P. Greco and true freshman Chad Bozzo for the starting job while Davis beat out Al Guidry, another junior college transfer and Patrick Perry, a redshirt freshman.

While Tafrales still lacks experience with only three collegiate starts under his belt, Tomey was impressed with his effort during the off-season.

"I've never seen a young man work harder at any position in the off-season to get himself ready," Tomey said.

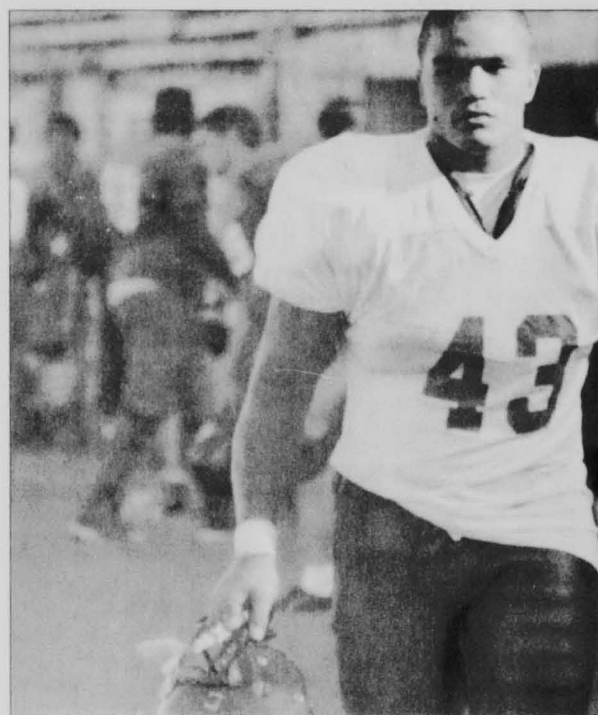
The veteran coach was also quick to point out that all starting positions are still an open tryout and players will have to play well enough to stay in the lineup.

"My view of the starting lineup for the first game is that all it says is, 'I'm going to trot out there first,'" Tomey explained.

Junior wide receiver James Jones is one of those players that will be trotting out with the first-team offense.

Jones said that the team is anxious to get out on the field and strap it up but admitted that there is some normal apprehension heading into the first game.

"You're always going to be nervous," Jones said. "You always wonder what's going to happen, that's just the game."



DANIEL SATO / DAILY STAFF

James Callier Jr., a redshirt freshman linebacker, prepares to step onto the field during a practice. The Spartans will face Eastern Washington University at 3 p.m. Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

## UPCOMING SPARTAN EVENTS CALENDAR

Cross country	Men's Soccer	Women's soccer	Volleyball
Saturday @ USF	Today vs. Stanford at 7 p.m.	Friday @ Stanford at 7 p.m.	Friday and Saturday @ Falcon Invitational
9/10 @ Davis (men's)	Friday @ UC Irvine at 7 p.m.	Sunday @ UC Riverside at 1 p.m.	Tuesday @ @ USF at 7 p.m.
9/24 @ Stanford	Wednesday vs. St. Mary's at 7 p.m.	9/9 vs. Cal Poly at 4 p.m.	9/9 and 9/11 @ Cal Poly Tournament

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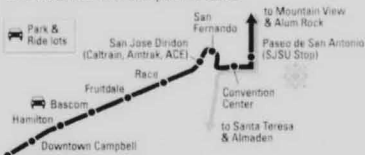
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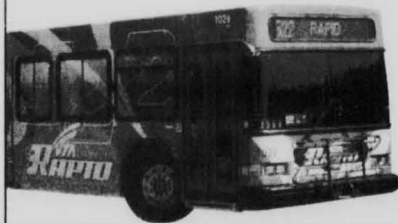


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## Recital to be first in library series

**BY FARIDEH DADA**  
Daily Staff Writer

Apiano recital will be performed at 7:30 pm today in the Beethoven Center, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

The recital-lecture program is the first of a new event, the "First Thursdays" lecture series, which will be performed on the first Thursday of each month.

Janine Johnson, the performer and lecturer of this month's program, will talk about "The History of the Fortepiano and Its Rise to Prominence."

Fortepiano is a piano of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Janine Johnson has built harpsichords and fortepianos since 1976. She is also a music performer and teaches music lessons occasionally.

Johnson will perform the recital with commentary between pieces of music.

"I am tracing the history of the piano and how it found its way to popularity," Johnson said. "It didn't happen all of a sudden. It took over a hundred years."

Considering the difference

between harpsichord and piano, Johnson said, although both are keyboard instruments, harpsichord flux the strings. It has a much brighter and sparkly sound than the piano, and it cannot be easily played loud and soft.

"Harpsichord has two keyboards," Johnson said. "They both have strings in them with the soundboard. Structurally they are very similar, the mechanism that makes the sound happen is different."

The program is both entertaining and educational, Johnson said, adding that she is trying to allocate her talk to a broad group of people.

"It is always need to expand the horizons," Johnson said. "Parts of it is pretty specialized but I try to keep that minimum. I am trying to be pretty concise, and it is mostly playing, that everybody understands what they hear."

Johnson, who encouraged people to take part in the program said, "Art makes people more appreciative of beauty and happier."

"Art has to have some kind of passion behind it and passion can become motivation."

Johnson, who said she is called "renaissance woman," does some landscape painting and artwork on harpsichords as well.

The lecture series sponsored by the special collections of the King's Library will be an educational and entertaining program for people, said Patricia Stroh, the curator of Beethoven Center.

"The idea behind holding these lecture series is to get more people into the special collections to learn about us," Stroh said.

"We also wanted to feature outside speakers who could really talk in depth about some research aspects that are connected to the various collections."

The library is sponsoring the lectures until the end of December and it is free and open to the public.

The library is helping publicize the event, Stroh said.

"We have posted it in the university's events' Web site, we sent public service announcements and press release about it. We all have small membership organizations or our own mailing list. We sent out notifications."

Even though there are various specialized subject areas, Stroh said there is a little bit of interest to just about anybody in the programs.

"It shows them about how you can use special collections to do research so they can learn about how people with particular interest

in a particular area can use material that are in this library's special collections."

"The Hayes Mansion at 100; Legacy and Promise," "Back to the Sea of Cortez with John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts" and "Paradoxes of Growth: The Fall and Rise of San Jose's Downtown" are the titles of the next months' lectures.

On the motive behind organizing these series of lectures, William Meredith, director of Beethoven Center and a member of the special collections' committee said, "The special collections' committee's primary motive was to introduce the treasures of the collections to the general public and to the university."

On the importance of the program, Meredith said it is an invaluable opportunity for students to learn about the university's special collections and to enhance their education for free in a unique way.

"When you go into most museums and you see a piano you just get to look at it, but Thursday night, the students will be able to get to hear the piano played beautifully and also have someone explain to them what makes it special," Meredith said.

"We expect we will have a big crowd," Stroh said. "There is going to be a small reception after that."

## Departments score high marks in report

**BY LYDIA SARRAILLE**  
Daily Staff Writer

The engineering department at San Jose State University has been ranked 14th in the nation among schools whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's by U.S. News and World Report. The report is made annually by U.S. News and divides the ranking of national colleges and universities into many different categories.

According to the U.S. News Web site, the ranking is done by compilation of votes made by deans and senior faculty who rate the programs they are familiar with.

Ping Hsu, associate dean of the College of Engineering, takes part in the ranking and was pleased at the recognition that the department received.

"(The ranking) reflects our consistently providing a high-quality program with high-quality alumni support and faculty research," Hsu said.

Alumni support was also cited by James Freeman, a professor and chair of the electrical engineering department which was ranked 11th among undergraduate engineering specialties.

"Almost every lab we have was financed by a local business through alumni support," Freeman said.

Hsu said the ranking is important because of the reputation of the report among parents and high school teachers helping high school graduates to decide which college to attend.

"Because U.S. News is so widely circulated, this is a big deal," Hsu said. "It will draw good students (to SJSU)."

The ranking reflects the way that the academic community views the department, said Hsu.

In addition, Hsu mentioned that Silicon Valley is supplied with many engineers who graduated from SJSU.

"We pride ourselves on being the number one supplier of engineers to Silicon Valley," Hsu said.

The College of Engineering annually honors some of those graduates by selecting one or two alumni who have gone on to become executives in their companies.

On the second floor of the Engineering building, there is a conference room whose walls are covered in plaques bearing the likenesses, names and titles of SJSU graduates.

Among those honored are last years winners, Omid Kordestani, senior vice president of global sales and business development

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— Ping Hsu, associate dean

at Google; and Gust Perlegos, co-founder and executive vice president of Atmel.

The civil engineering and mechanical engineering departments were also in the top 20, both ranking 16th in their categories.

Additionally, SJSU was ranked 10th among western public universities and 46th among master's universities in the west.

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# Katrina may be deadliest U.S. disaster

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - With thousands feared drowned in what could be America's deadliest natural disaster in a century, New Orleans' leaders all but surrendered the streets to floodwaters Wednesday and began turning out the lights on the ruined city perhaps for months.

Looting spiraled so out of control that Mayor Ray Nagin ordered virtually the entire police force to abandon search-and-rescue efforts and focus on the brazen packs of thieves who have turned increasingly hostile.

Nagin also called for an all-out evacuation of the city's remaining residents. Asked how many people died, he said: "Minimum, hundreds. Most likely, thousands."

With most of the city under water, Army engineers struggled to plug New Orleans' breached levees with giant sandbags and concrete barriers, and authorities drew up plans to clear out the tens of thousands of remaining people and practically abandon the below-sea-level city.

Nagin said there will be a "total evacuation of the city. We have to. The city will not be functional for two or three months." And he said people would not be allowed back into their homes for at least a month or two.

If the mayor's death-toll estimate holds true, it would make Katrina the worst natural disaster in the United States since at least the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, which were blamed for

anywhere from about 500 to 6,000 deaths. Katrina would also be the nation's deadliest hurricane since 1900, when a storm in Galveston, Texas, killed between 6,000 and 12,000 people.

An exodus from the Superdome began Wednesday as the first of nearly 25,000 refugees left the miserable surroundings of the football stadium to be transported in a caravan of buses to the Astrodome in Houston, 350 miles away. The conditions in the Superdome had become horrendous: There was no air conditioning, the toilets were backed up, and the stench was so bad that medical workers wore masks as they walked around.

In Mississippi, bodies started to pile up at the morgue in hard-hit Harrison County. Forty corpses have brought to the morgue already, and officials expect the death toll in the county to climb well above 100.

Tempers were beginning to flare. Police said a man fatally shot his sister in the head over a bag of ice in Hattiesburg, Miss.

President Bush flew over New Orleans and parts of Mississippi's hurricane-blasted coastline in Air Force One. Turning to his aides, he said: "It's totally wiped out. ... It's devastating, it's got to be doubly devastating on the ground."

"We're dealing with one of the worst national disasters in our nation's history," Bush said later in a televised address from the White House, which most victims could not see because power remains out

of people appeared to have spent the night on a crippled highway.

Nagin, whose pre-hurricane evacuation order got most of his city of a half a million out of harm's way, estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people remained, and said that 14,000 to 15,000 a day could be evacuated in ensuing convoys.

"We have to," Nagin said. "It's not living conditions." He also expressed concern about people staying in the water: "People walking in that water with those dead bodies, it can get in your pores, you don't have to drink it."

In addition to the Astrodome solution, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was considering putting people on cruise ships, in tent cities, mobile home parks, and so-called floating dormitories.

The floodwaters streamed into the city's streets from two levee breaks near Lake Pontchartrain a day after New Orleans thought it had escaped catastrophic damage from Katrina. The floodwaters covered 80 percent of the city, in some areas 20 feet deep, in a reddish-brown soup of sewage, gasoline and garbage.

Around midday, officials with the state and the Army Corps of Engineers said the water levels between the city and Lake Pontchartrain had equalized, and water had stopped spilling into New Orleans, and even appeared to be falling. But the danger was far from over.

The Army Corps of Engineers said it planned to use heavy-duty Chinook helicopters to drop 15,000-pound bags of sand and stone as early as Wednesday night into the 500-foot gap in the failed floodwall.

But the agency said it was having trouble getting the sandbags and dozens of 15-foot highway

barriers to the site because the city's waterways were blocked by loose barges, boats and large debris.

In Washington, the Bush administration decided to release crude oil from the federal petroleum reserves after Katrina knocked out 95 percent of the Gulf of Mexico's output. But because of the disruptions and damage to the refineries, gasoline prices surged above \$3 a gallon in many parts of the country.

The death toll has reached at least 110 in Mississippi alone. But the full magnitude of the disaster had been unclear for days in part, because some areas in both coastal Mississippi and New Orleans are still unreachable, but also because authorities' first priority has been the living.

In Mississippi, for example, ambulances roamed through the passable streets of devastated places such as Biloxi, Gulfport, Waveland and Bay St. Louis, in some cases speeding past corpses in hopes of saving people trapped in flooded and crumbled buildings.

State officials said Nagin's guess of thousands dead seemed plausible.

Lt. Kevin Cowan of the state Office of Emergency Preparedness said it is too soon to say with any accuracy how many died. But he noted that since thousands of people had been rescued from roofs and attics, it could be assumed that there were lots of others who were not saved.

"You have a limited number of resources, for an unknown number of evacuees. It's already been several days. You've had reports there are casualties. You all can do the math," he said.

On the flooded streets of New Orleans, dozens of fishermen from up to 200 miles away floated in on caravans of boats to pull residents out.

## Hurricane Katrina at a glance

(AP) - LOUISIANA:

**Deaths:** The mayor said the hurricane probably killed thousands of people in New Orleans an estimate that, if accurate, would make the storm the nation's deadliest natural disaster since at least the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Relief crews put aside the counting of bodies to concentrate on rescuing the living, many trapped on rooftops and in attics.

**Estimated 80 percent of New Orleans under water,** up to 20 feet deep in places. Water still rising as engineers struggle to plug two breached levees along Lake Pontchartrain with giant sandbags.

**Authorities drew up plans** to clear out the tens of thousands of people left in the Big Easy and all but abandon the flooded-out city. Many of the evacuees including thousands now staying in the Superdome will be moved to the Astrodome in Houston, 350 miles away.

**Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu** said 3,000 people rescued by boat and air.

**Sections of Interstate 10,** only major freeway leading into New Orleans from the east, destroyed.

**At least 713,000 customers** estimated without power.

**BellSouth Corp.,** the region's dominant local phone provider, estimated that about 750,000 lines may be out of service in the most heavily damaged areas.

**Looting broke out in some New Orleans neighborhoods.** Thieves took guns from a Wal-Mart. One police officer shot in the head by looter but expected to recover. Looters also used a forklift to smash open a pharmacy. City officials themselves commandeered equipment from a looted Office Depot. During a state of emergency, authorities have broad powers to take private supplies and buildings for their use.

**Quote:** "You know, it's not like people are just there because they want to be there. They're there because they're trapped in the city." Gov. Kathleen Blanco on ABC "Good Morning America."

MISSISSIPPI:

**Deaths:** At least 110.

**More than 236,000 customers** without power.

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**Casinos built on barges** along the coast damaged or destroyed, some floated across beach onto land. Dozen casinos employed about 14,000 people, generated \$2.7 billion in annual revenue.

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# Student organizations make grab for new members

BY KELLEY LUGEA  
Daily Staff Writer

Students crowded around booths near the Student Union and Seventh Street walkway Wednesday for the annual Student Organization Faire, where more than 100 clubs and organizations were showcased.

Students on their way to classes may have found it difficult to maneuver through this part of campus as others swarmed around the club of their choice.

"If you looked up and down the walkway, there were tons of people," said Anthony Cummings, coordinator for student organization development and special programs.

Various clubs ranging from academic to cultural, athletic to religious attempted to attract new members and gain awareness of their cause on campus.

"I think your general student got to see this," Cummings said. "The exposure was here and there are all kinds of organizations out."

With more than 200 organizations registered with Student Life and Leadership, generating awareness was a key component of the faire.

"We want to get the word out about the program," said Jasmine Prieto, a speech pathology major and member of the Speech, Language, Pathology and Audiology Club. "For students who are undeclared and are interested in helping people with disabilities, this gives them other options that they may not have been aware of."

The Speech, Language, Pathology and Audiology Club attend conferences that address issues such as autism, neurological impairment and other specific learning disabilities.

Fliers and informational material played an important role in familiarizing students to the wide range of student organizations.

"We're trying to get our name out there," said Chrissy Ajawara, vice president of the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers. "People know who we are, but we want them to know where we meet and what we're all about, so we're giving out pamphlets."

The Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers is part of the National Society of Black Engineers, and the club's first meeting of the semester will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Ohlone room of the Student Union.

Several clubs hoping to boost their memberships had sign up sheets readily available for interested students.

"We do need more girls to participate in our club," said Monyrith King, member of the Badminton

**"T**he exposure was here and there are all kinds of organizations out."

— Anthony Cummings, development coordinator

Club. "Even though we have a winning record, we do have to forfeit our girls matches and we would like to avoid that situation."

The Badminton Club plays against other schools, such as Stanford University and UC Berkeley, and is a great way to get to know other students, King said.

To help increase their memberships, other clubs offer scholarships to outstanding members.

"We are trying to reach the younger generation and build our community up again," said Liliana Gaspar, a member of Clube Lusitania, a Portuguese organiza-

tion. "In the past, we were able to earn money for scholarships by putting on dances at Portuguese halls and we would like to do that again."

Clube Lusitania is focused on uniting the large Portuguese community that is present in San Jose and having a greater presence at SJSU.

Several of the clubs present were academic or department focused. These organizations concerned themselves less with social events and more with networking within their field.

"We have lots of corporate of-

ficers at our meetings," said Gary Reyes, secretary of the Financial Management Association. "It's a good way to meet them, give them your resume, get internships and get into the corporate world."

Many of the members of the Financial Management Association are business, finance and accounting majors. They hoped to attract new members with free shirts, among other things.

Each organization had a different turn out but the overall message was to gain awareness of their clubs presence on campus and to get more students involved in activities that can better their experience at SJSU.

After more than a month of planning by Student Life and Leadership, each organization got an opportunity to be heard.

"It ended up working out really well," said Cummings. "I think it was a pretty successful event."

## Protesting mom leaves Crawford, takes vigil on road trip

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — After a 26-day vigil that ignited the anti-war movement, Cindy Sheehan took her protest on the road Wednesday, while a handful of veterans pledged to continue camping off the road leading to President Bush's ranch until the war in Iraq ends.

Rather than heading home to California, the mother of a 24-year-old soldier who died in Iraq boarded one of three buses heading out on tour to spread her message.

"This is where I'm going to

spend every August from now on," Sheehan said as she smiled and waved through a bus window, after hugging dozens of fellow protesters.

The group plans to stop in 25 states during the next three weeks, then take Sheehan's "Bring Them Home Now Tour" to the nation's capital for a Sept. 24 anti-war march.

Sheehan had vowed to stay in Crawford until Bush's monthlong vacation ended or until she could question him about the war that claimed the life of her son Casey

and nearly 1,900 other U.S. soldiers. She missed a week of the protest because of her mother's stroke.

"We're going to keep on questioning him, and we're going to keep on until our troops are brought home because there's no noble cause," she said Wednesday. "And that's why George Bush couldn't come out and talk to me because he doesn't have a noble cause" for the war.

While two top Bush administration officials talked to Sheehan the first day, the president never

did during her Crawford stay — although he said that he sympathizes with her. His vacation ended Wednesday, two days early, so he could monitor federal efforts to help hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast.

While dozens of protesters packed tents and anti-war banners Wednesday, a few tents remained so at least two Veterans for Peace members can keep camping there 24 hours a day until the war ends, said Carl Rising-Moore of Indianapolis.

"What happened here has creat-

ed a shift of conscience on a global basis. It's famous. It needs to be remembered," Rising-Moore said. "And President Bush spends an incredible amount of time here."

Sheehan's first stop on the bus tour was a Wednesday night rally in Austin, where nearly 2,000 people marched about 14 blocks from the state Capitol to City Hall, chanting and holding anti-war signs. About two dozen Bush supporters held a counter rally nearby.

"Thank you for being a bright spot in what is so-called Bush

country," Sheehan told her cheering supporters.

On Thursday, protesters plan to go to U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's office in the Houston area.

Sheehan said some 10,000 people visited "Camp Casey" since she started camping Aug. 6 in a ditch off the main road leading to Bush's ranch.

Most stayed a few hours or days at the original roadside camp or at the second, larger site about a mile away on a private lot offered by a sympathetic landowner.

## News in the brief around the Bay Area

SAN JOSE (AP) — Santa Clara County officials told concerned residents that insecticide spraying scheduled for Thursday to combat the West Nile Virus posed no threat to humans.

"What you can expect is probably not to notice anything. There is really zero percent chance of human harm from these chemicals," Daniel Strickman, a vector ecologist, said during a meeting Tuesday.

All the mosquitoes and most of the 62 dead birds with the virus were found in two neighborhoods scheduled for spraying.

Trucks equipped with foggers will spray Pyrenone 25-5 — a plant-based poison that will kill adult mosquitoes on contact but is not harmful to humans or pets.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A woman videotaped being beaten by a mob came forward to authorities last week after excerpts

of the assault aired on television.

Police said Tuesday the woman is in her early 30s and does not live in Oakland. The victim was initially unaware that the October 2002 assault in an Oakland parking lot was taped.

"It brought back a whole lot of bad memories, and the whole trauma for her," Oakland police Sgt. Drennon Lindsey said of the footage, which initially appeared on a 2002 DVD titled "World's Wildest Street Fights Volume 1."

Police say there's not much chance of prosecuting the assailants on the tape unless someone who knows them comes forward.

## UC Merced opening loses Gov.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A long list of state officials, including two former governors, is scheduled to attend opening ceremonies Monday for the University of California, Merced, the first UC campus to be built in four decades.

Absent from the gala will be the state's current chief executive, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. University officials were notified about 10 days ago that the governor would not be coming.

"We received a telephone call advising us that his schedule was booked and he would not be able to participate," said Patti Iestas, spokeswoman for the university. "We were told that he understood

the significance of our event and regretted not being able to attend."

Neither the governor nor his staff has disclosed what other events or activities will occupy his time Monday. On Wednesday, Schwarzenegger said he will take his own private tour of the campus on Thursday.

"I'm not skipping it; I'm skipping ahead of it," the governor said in response to a reporter's question during a press event related to homeless issues in Long Beach. "I'm visiting it tomorrow. Tomorrow I am taking a tour of UC Merced because I'm very, very proud that we are building another university."

Iestas confirmed that a private tour for the governor had been arranged. Schwarzenegger didn't respond to questions about where he would be on the day of the ceremony.

Officials in California's vast and fast-developing San Joaquin Valley consider the campus opening an important milestone. UC Merced is the 10th campus of the University of California system

and the first major research university to be built in the U.S. in the new millennium.

Schwarzenegger is a big supporter of the campus and of education but just could not attend, said Katherine McLane, a spokeswoman for the governor. She said she did not know where Schwarzenegger would be on Monday.

For some, that explanation isn't satisfactory.

"Oh, please, governor," The Fresno Bee said in a recent editorial. "That's a tired excuse and it's well beneath you. We doubt there will be much else going on as significant as California adding a 10th campus to its world-class UC system."

Among those scheduled to attend are former governors Gray Davis and George Deukmejian, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, UC Board of Regents chairman Gerald Parsky, state Sen. Jeff Denham, R-Salinas, and Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews, D-Tracy.

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RAISES - Some staff members find San Jose area too expensive

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getting easier," said Phyllis Nakamura, the administrative support coordinator in the psychology department. "We're losing staff and gaining work and not getting compensated."

There are some faculty and staff members who want to continue to work at SJSU but find it difficult because it can be expensive to live in San Jose.

"We are living in one of the highest cost of living areas in the entire coun-

try," Diana Stover, a journalism professor said. "It makes it difficult for schools and departments to recruit and retain faculty."

The history department has also had difficulty in hiring faculty because the cost of living and salaries do not match up.

"Salaries are not high enough to recruit people," said Patricia Don, an assistant professor in the history department. "California State University faculty members are paid about 8 to 10 percent less than similar faculty members across

the United States."

Some colleges have experienced a problem in retaining faculty because the cost of living is so high in the Silicon Valley.

"In the school of journalism and mass communications, we lost two faculty members, Dennis Dunleavy and Mark Wu, this past year because they couldn't afford to live here," said Stover. "Both faculty members liked SJSU but came to the realization that they would never be able to buy houses."

DEANS - Search committees to be selected soon

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search committee, but my best guess is that the announcements and applications will be done in the fall, and that interviews will be held in the spring," Whitcomb said. The challenge, he said, comes "because you're dealing with the academic calendar."

Whitcomb will oversee each committee and is optimistic about each search.

"You have to hope that the search is inclusive, diverse and that the process will yield the best candidates out there," Whitcomb said. "It's very carefully done because they're in a key leadership role in their department. ... You want people who reflect and want to be a part of that."

DANCER - Groups must get permits to have amplified sound

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amplified sound."

Perlas said he would sell his Air Jordan sneakers to help offset the cost of Pham's potential fine.

Aaron Ordinario, who said he was break-dancing with Pham at the time of the citation, said of the situation "It's

hypocritical. There are other groups who blast their music, and (they) don't see cops." He believes the other groups are allowed to blast their music as loud as they please, while they, the group King Krew, are unjustly penalized for playing a little music.

Laws said Pham violated a campus rule that prohibits "sound amplification"

unless it is in a designated area or proper permits have been obtained.

In the end, Pham and his friends said that they have a mission at San Jose State University, one that goes beyond just getting an education.

"Our mission is to spread hip-hop dance to the San Jose community — everybody's invited," Perlas said.

SPARTAN - Members of rival parties now work together on board

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basic idea was that in the past, many messages came out uncontested," Gutierrez said. "We wanted to let people know that, instead of sitting around and complaining, they should speak up for what they believe in."

With a new academic semester in full swing, both Balderas and Gutierrez talked about their optimism for the future year to come. Balderas' placement into office, in itself, showed a sense of focus beyond party lines.

"Rebecca was not the director of legislative affairs who was voted into office," Gutierrez said. "The person originally elected resigned and I had had the option of either instating my own party affiliate who had run, or interview candidates. I chose to interview candidates and ended up choosing a member from the Spartan Party."

Gutierrez insisted that no one held any type of resentment or betrayal after his choice. He said the priority was not party loyalty, it was credibility and service to the students.

"We agreed that once we entered office, we would not be Spartan or Stand Up, we would just be A.S.," Gutierrez said. "People are really making the effort to be A.S., to stick together and represent the students."

Balderas also felt that previous political rivalries disappear once one enters into office.

"We both wanted to represent and help the students," Balderas said. "Once we were sworn into office, there were no more issues. Today, on our board, students come first."

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# Lounge offers swanky atmosphere

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS  
Daily Staff Writer

Unlike your average college bar, Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge is perfect if you want a classy, modern and exceptionally staffed alternative to the regular downtown clubs.

Since the club's opening in April, it has worked to attract an

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upscale, young and sophisticated crowd to its 99 E. San Fernando St. location in downtown San Jose.

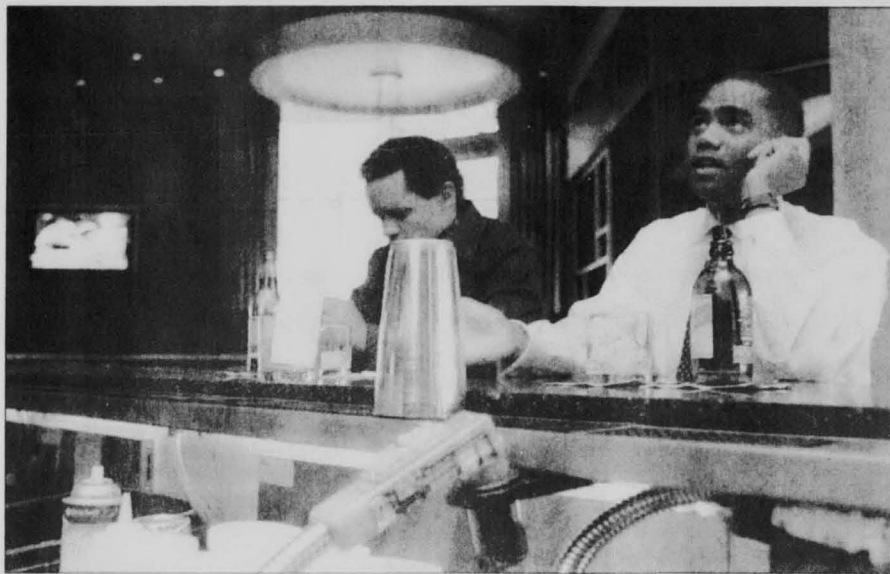
Just as its title implies, this ultra lounge is precisely that. A bar, a club and a restaurant all intertwined with a modern vibe. It boasts everything from live music, disc jockeys spinning late at night, and a delicious array of Californian and Eurasian infused cuisine.

Typical downtown bars tend to entail a casual, party-like atmosphere. Fahrenheit has an elegant yet fashionably casual attire that is strictly enforced on the weekends after 10 p.m. Unfortunately for many college students, there is a cover charge upon admittance after 10 p.m. on weekends. Because it recently opened, Fahrenheit is still feeling out its clientele in the downtown area. The current cover charge is still fluctuating, depending on the amount of business that particular night. Currently, it is \$10 for men and \$5, or free for ladies.

The location is near campus and also among other businesses geared more toward college students. Fahrenheit, however, is unique in that it has an assortment of activities available with a lavish and trendy feel.

There is truly something for everyone at the lounge. On any given night you can watch the spectacular fire tricks or bottle juggling routines put on by the bartenders.

The club is decently sized, not



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Kokoro Hoben, left, has a drink after work Wednesday at Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge.

too big, yet roomy, with an intimate setting. There is a slightly lofted section referred to as the "upper lounge," which is available for private dining and special events.

If you like to be in the midst of the action, then the main floor, known as the "lower lounge," is for you. This area has plush seating along the walls of the dance floor, facing the bar. You can also grab a booth with a group of friends or even strangers, whichever strikes your fancy.

One could enjoy a meal or sip cocktails with peers in the trendy yet relaxed atmosphere. Danny Chu, owner and operator of Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, has been in the fine restaurant business in the East Bay and San Francisco since 1983.

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday with the menu ranging from \$6 to \$8.50.

Happy hour is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The specials include \$5 martinis, alternating the featured vodka, as well as \$3 beer.

Dinner is available Tuesday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. with prices ranging from \$8 to \$12, highly affordable for the average college student.

For guys out there who want to impress a special someone, this restaurant will surely do the trick. The exotic menu is both affordable and one of a kind.

Fahrenheit's Red Room is a VIP section of the lounge with glass walls devoted to private parties. On the weekends, live DJs spinning the latest house and hip-hop beats create a club vibe, perfect for late night dancing and socializing.

The lounge stands out from

competitors with its upscale and unique scene, similar to places such as the V Bar on Santana Row.

"We are aiming towards an urban professional, upper middle class crowd," says Chu.

On Wednesdays, the lounge tones down the hype, with live jazz beginning at 7 p.m.

"There is great music, great food, and it's an all around great place to be," said Lana Dykstra, a senior at SJSU and a newly hired hostess at Fahrenheit.

Although the business is aiming to draw in a more upper middle class crowd, there are many attributes that appeal to college students. If you like classy settings, then Fahrenheit is a great place for you to enjoy an upscale evening of dinner, dancing and drinks.

# 'Transporter 2' plot travels nowhere fast

BY AN NGUYEN  
Daily Staff Writer

"Transporter 2" definitely has a healthy dose of action, bare skin and fast paced driving, but don't expect any Oscars to be handed out.

Frank Martin, played by Jason Statham ("The Italian

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Job," "Snatch"), is back as an ex-Special Forces operative who transports goods — human or not — for a handsome fee.

He temporarily hires himself out as a chauffeur to a wealthy family to pass the time and finds himself bonding with the 6-year-old boy he drives around named Jack.

Right after swearing an oath to protect the boy, Martin finds himself face-to-face with the assassin Gianni (Alessandro Gassman), and his henchmen. With machine guns pointed straight at Martin, Jack is ripped out of his arms and held for ransom.

The abduction sets off a chain of events, including car races, intricate fight scenes and plenty of explosions — enough to get the audience's hearts pumping.

Martin, along with his visiting police friend from France, Tarconi (Francois Berleand), investigate the crime together, revealing much more to the thickening plot.

Writer Robert Mark Kamen, who has work such as "The Karate Kid" and "Gladiator", does not show the same efforts in this movie as his previous pieces.

Though the blow-by-blow combat manages to keep the viewer occupied, the dialogue is corny enough to make eyes roll.

While Jack is in captivity, his parents — Audrey Billings, played by Amber Valletta ("Hitch"), and Mr. Billings (Matthew Modine) — who have been separated for a year because of Mr. Billings' high profile job, continue to argue.

Yet their dialogue lacked genuine emotions. Both the words and the acting were horribly executed.

The tension between the two becomes repetitive and annoying within the first 15 minutes.

Statham himself does a good job, maintaining the callous and mysterious demeanor, along with the impeccable sense of style that has defined his role.

Throughout the whole movie, Martin battles through swords, planks, axes and guns — all the while making sure his suit looks clean and ironed. For example, when his shirt gets drenched, he pulls from his trunk full of weapons, not a knife, not a gun, but a zip-locked, freshly dry-cleaned suit.

There were a few good laughs from Tarconi, who succeeds in charming the police with his cooking when he is brought in for questioning.

Though not a heart-wrenching, deep and intriguing movie, "Transporter 2" is still an easy kickback watch for a weekend out.

The movie comes out in theaters Friday.

## 'Transporter 2'

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassman, Amber Valletta

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