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Sororities drive as a council

BY JAMIE VISGER

Daily Staff Writer

The sororities belonging to the Panhellenic Council at San Jose State University join efforts during rush to recruit girls to join the Greek system.

The sororities are part of the council — Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta and Kappa Delta — try to get potential new members interested in Greek life without pressuring them into a specific

"We all recruit together because it gives girls an equal chance to see all the houses and meet all the sisters of the different sororities without just picking the house of the first sorority to recruit them," said Jessica Gomar, vice president of events for the Panhellenic Council.

Girls from the council can be seen around campus wearing shirts that read, "We may stand out but Greeks never stand alone."

"The purpose of these shirts is to show unification among the sororities and allow the girls to represent the Greek system as a whole," said Amy Starnes, vice president of membership recruitment for Alpha Omicron Pi.

"The national council has set up recruitment like this and it seems to work really well," said Emily Molino, president of SJSU's Panhellenic Council.

During recruitment, the girls on the Panhellenic executive board aren't allowed to reveal to potential new members which sorority they belong to.

"We want girls to be able to come up and ask them questions without feeling that they're biased towards their own sorority." Starnes said.

So far, they've been doing a lot of their recruiting through word of mouth and passing out fliers.

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ABOVE: From left, freshman John Degnan, senior Prashant Patel and senior Jeff Olevson get ready to play a hand of Texas Hold 'Em during the casino night event for the Kappa Sigma fraternity on Monday. Rush events for Kappa Sigma and the many other fraternities and sororities that make up the Greek community at San Jose State University began last week and will continue through early September.

TOP: Michael Morales, third from right, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, hugs Fernando Beceril, a senior majoring in criminal justice, while participating in an ice-breaking game at the Sigma Theta Psi sorority rush event in conjunction with Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity in the bowling alley at the San Jose State University Student Union on Thursday night.

Fraternities show Greek life

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS

Daily Staff Writer

As you are walking past the student union, you look down at your watch only to notice there are merely six minutes to make it clear across campus. You pick up the momentum.

Just when you think you'll be on time, a flier is held up in your face

You think to yourself, take it to be polite and throw it away

Once you have one flier, there's no stopping them. One abruptly turns into two, then three, and before you know it, you are holding six pamphlets.

Now you are late to class and some guy is telling you about this amazing brotherhood you should devote most of your free time to.

As many students are noticing, the first couple weeks of school can be hectic. The walkways are

overflowing with activity. Everything from parking, get-

through campus can be stressful.

Among the commotion, many guys out there are sure to be approached by a Greek Life informant, whether he is with the Interfraternity Council, the United Sorority and Fraternity Council, or the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Each and every organization has one thing in mind, recruitment. For freshmen or transfer students, this can be an exhilarating time in their college eareer.

Kouros Vala, a freshman majoring in business said, "The re-

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Administrators cool students with ice cream treats

Annual social draws 2,000 sweet tooths

BY PRISCILLA WOO

San Jose State University faculty and staff members temporarily traded in their pencils and office supplies for plastic aprons and ice cream scoops as they served students at the Annual Campus Ice Cream Social on Thursday.

"I am an excellent scooper," said Tom Bowen, SJSU's athletic director, who was one of the first members at noon serving ice cream. "I didn't miss any bowls and I made sure everybody received a decent amount. No one got cheated at the chocolate ice cream place where I was scooping."

Bowen said it was his first time volunteering and was thrilled at the opportunity to get in front of the students to say hello as well as to re-acquaint himself with those who already knew him.

The ice cream social took place

in the art quad across from the Student Union. Held annually during welcome week, the event was organized by Student Life and Leadership.

Leadership Development Coordinator Nam Nguyen said the social was a great way to welcome new and returning students to SJSU.

"It's a great way to meet faculty and administration," Nguyen said. "We care about the students' success, want to welcome you back and really put a face to the name."

Roughly 40 faculty members from divisions such as athletics, alumni and academics took part in the event, said Greg Wolcott, associate director for student life. "It's nice to see the students come out and give them a little treat," he said

An estimated 35 large tubs of chocolate and strawberry ice cream were used, Nguyen said.

She said that an estimated 2,000 students were to be served.

Some students took full advantage of the free ice cream as a way to cool down as they rested on the benches of the art quad.

"I think it's a great idea and perfect for the weather," said Isabel Gutierrez, a junior majoring in nursing. "We pay a lot to go to this school. It's nice to get something out of it. It's a great time to meet people and socialize and it brings a lot of different students together."

The faculty and staff were equally enthused about the event.

Shawn Bibb, interim associate vice president for administrative systems and finance, said he loved being a part of the event. He said even though the shifts for ice cream scooping were only 15

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Fred Najjar, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, volunteers at the Annual Campus Ice Cream Social on Thursday in the art quad by serving ice cream and greeting students.

OPINION:

THE THRILLA FROM MANILA

Sports events a great way to have fun and show spirit

Welcome back fellow Spartans.

I want to let you in on something

I have a dream.

I have a dream where a sea of blue, gold and white flows into Spartan Stadium for football and soccer.

A dream where a sea of our school colors raise the roof of the Spartan Gym and Event Center for volleyball, basketball and gymnastics.

How about seeing a swarm of faithful fans pack the stands at Blethan Field and SJSU Field for baseball and softball?

It might be far fetched to see tons of Spartans at the

Aquatic Center for water polo and swimming.

Come, Spartans, let's help to make this dream a reality this school year.

Some might argue that sports have no real place in a college experience. Are we not here to get a de-

The campus housing Web site lists the "Top 10 Reasons to Live at Campus Village." The No. 1 reason as stated on the list is. "It's the ultimate San Jose State University experience

What is the ultimate SJSU experience?

One might say that it is being exposed to new and interesting things that you can only get in college. Learning about the world around us, experimenting with mind-altering stimulants and interacting with people of the opposite sex during extracurricular ac-

Your professors will say that part of your experience consists of always attending class meetings, being a diligent and attentive student and asking tons of intelligent and insightful questions during lectures.

If you were to ask me what the true SJSU experience is, then it is to go to a Spartan Athletics event.

Why should you attend?

Why shouldn't you attend when it is free and a great way to support your school?

Just because you sport the overpriced Bookstore, doesn't mean that you truly support the school. You are only helping to fill someone else's pocketbook

Some of my other friends who attend schools in other parts of the country tell me that their best times on campus were spent at their school's sporting ven-

Maybe the gallons of alcohol or pounds of barbecue consumed before the games at the tailgate parties were what added to their enjoyment, but that is beside the point

Some of my best college memories are from

ing underdogs at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Reno back in 2003.

Or during the heartbreaking football game against Boise State last semester.

Sure these games provided the great backdrop for the memories, but it was also all the events on the side that happened before, during and after the game which made them so enjoyable.

Another friend of mine told me that the reason he refused to make the trek to SJSU sporting events was because he didn't want merchandise from the Spartan RYAN BALBUENA to go to a game where he already knew the outcome was going to be a check mark in the

lose column. How can you judge something that you haven't

It is like saying that you absolutely hate sushi when you haven't even taken a bite. You can't judge something that you haven't tried.

So what if our teams don't produce a lot of wins. Even if our teams lose the game, I promise you that you will have a fun time.

There is nothing better than going to a rival school for a game. Then tailgating for a little bit (OK, maybe Friday

sporting events. Memories like when the volleyball team advanced to the championship match after be-

So let's say that you don't have the luxury of having a ton of friends or the type of friends that are big on sports. Then by attending the games, you will discover the hidden friend-making gold mine.

Go to the tailgate or just sit with some random people in the stands. I am pretty sure that by the end of the game that you will have made a good friend or at least

say that you partied with some crazy Spartans.

I suggest approaching some of the old-school SJSU alumni who go to games. If you want a textbook definition of "hardcore fan," then this group of people are it. These guys know how to party at games. All you have to do is drop the "I am a SJSU student" card and you are in.

Their stories about the good old days will completely knock your socks off. Then it will make you wonder, just like I am, what the heck happened?

It is that darn MTV, if you ask me.

Ryan Balbuena is a Spartan Daily production edi-"The Thrilla from Manila" appears every other

SPARTA GUIDE

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

The English Department

Three new class sections for English 1B are open. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday from at 924-5395. 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.

Anthropology and Behavioral Sciences Club A general meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Montalvo Room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Kanhong Lin at kanhonglin@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Sunday Mass will be held at noon and 7 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at

TUESDAY

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A public lecture will be held titled "Propaganda and Democracy" from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 225B of the King Library. For more information, call 924-5360.

The Listening Hour Concert Series

Areon Flutes will be playing chamber music from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 150 of the Music building. For more information, contact Joan Stubble at 924-4649.

SJSU Women's Rugby Football Club

The first day of practice, open to all women, will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of the Spartan Stadium on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575

Communication Studies

A workshop titled "Developing a workshop," will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 231 of Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, contact Liz Harris

Campus Reading Program

A discussion of the book "Nickel and Dimed" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Peer Mentor Center inside Royce Hall. For more information, contact A. Nellen at 924-3508.

WEDNESDAY

National Press Photographers Association

The Annual Photojournalism Intern Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 209B of Dwight Bentel Hall. For more information, contact Janean Brongersma at

Sikh Student Association

The first club meeting will be held at noon in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, e-mail karen86@gmail.com.

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A discussion of the book "Nickel and Dimed" will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Peer Mentor Center in Royce Hall.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel.

Resume Critique Drop-in will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

Communications Studies

A workshop titled "Introduction to Debate" will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 231 of Hugh Gillis

The Salty

By Josh Zinman



Letter to the Editor

Questions about humanity, God and objectivity

In response to an open forum that was held at San Jose State University with the topic, "Theology and the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence," this letter is intended to publicly address the following

hypothesis and question.

Hypothesis: At least one extraterrestrial being knows humanity exists.

Question: Can we imagine how this hypothesis could be proven or demonstrated to be objectively

Theoretically speaking, let's say "God" is that being and apply that same question.

In conclusion, what is your response to this ques-

Emilio (Chick) D'Arpino SJSU student undeclared

Letter to the Editor

Double standard on rules about campus decibel levels are unfair and needs re-thinking

The sense of outrage that I'm experiencing as I type this will be, I hope, contagious. I read Erin Caballero's article, "Break-dancer cited," as I walked through campus, from the Art building, past the Student Union and Central Classroom building, and finally to Martin Luther King Joint Library where members of the King Krew sat on the ground. I briefly talked to Pham about his impending fine of \$1,000 and/or a year of jail time, and found him to be a very considerate person. Moreover, when I walked into King Library, I couldn't hear any of the music they were playing.

What I did hear on my trip across campus was the amplified sound of Flea, a band sponsored by Mosaic. When I stood outside of room 161 in the Music building, I could hear their bass thumping over the example of classical music being played. Currently, as I type this in Faculty Office building, I can hear them jamming away. I also heard Phatal Soul, a band sponsored by the Student Union, playing Herbie Hancock's "Chameleon" through a PA system so loud that they were audible from Campus

Village, inside the Thompson Art Gallery and outside of the class being taught in Boccardo Business Complex 302. I also noted that KSJS and Pride of the Pacific Islands, two student organizations, had music playing on CD players.

It would be the case that Flea, Phatal Sound and others are allowed to blare their music because they are sponsored by campus organizations, and they have the proper permits to play in a designated area. This is the letter of the law. But, since enforcing the rules leads to a \$1,000 dollar fine and/or jail time for a student's harmless fun, while at the same time officially sanctioning such widespread noise disruption of classes, the university law is demonstrably flawed. The situation is outrageous, absurd and unacceptable.

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cruitment tables have a positive vibe. I went to one rush event at Sigma Nu. Everyone was really friendly.

Vala explained that he was approached by a total of five fraternities and plans to return to two of them to obtain further knowl-

Prior to attending SJSU, he wasn't considering rushing a fraternity. Although, after the welcome week's tabling, he said, "I will look into it more

Each organization hosts recruitment events, both on campus and off campus. There are a variety of activities, ranging from jumping tents to slip-and-slides.

Yesterday we had a bowling event," said Diony Pabalan, the vice president of fellowship in Alpha Phi Omega. "We try to make potentials more at ease, get to know them on a more personal level. We are inclusive, with no guidelines. We invite everyone and make sure that they know

On the other hand, returning students with no particular interest in Greek organizations can find this redundant and agitating.

"I think it's utterly disgusting. due to the impersonal nature of recruitment," said Kyle Telles, a second year senior. "At first it's a game of numbers. Then, you are categorized to fit the criteria of each fraternity. It's superficial and stereotypical.

The recruitment tables are set up along the Paseo de Cesar Chavez and the Student Union.

Tabling began Aug. 24, the first day on instruction, and continues on through Sept. 16.

The fraternities are out on campus as early as 7 a.m. and remain there until as late as 6 promoting their particular brotherhood's attributes.

Some SJSU veterans are constantly approached semester upon semester and remain unattainable to fraternities, yet unaffected by the redundancy.

"I don't mind being ap-proached," said senior Matt Hoffman. "I understand they have to recruit new members, but fraternity life just isn't for me.

There are also those who take an interest in the fraternities later in their college years.

"I think it's interesting getting to know the different styles of fra-

ternities," said Cameron Leitch, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering "I have a tough major so I'd have to be able to really be pushed to join.

Leitch said he has many peers other universities who say Greek life is a great experience and urge him to join.

'I haven't decided on anything yet," he said.

He speaks very highly of his interest in joining, but the time commitment is a huge concern.

There is an entirely other side of recruitment, the recruiters' per-

Simply imagine walking up to a complete stranger and asking them to come join you in the world of fraternity life. It isn't a simple task, but somebody's got

"It's fun and work at the same time," said Justin Levin, a junior majoring in kinesiology and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. "When guys aren't interested it's not discouraging. It's nice to meet new people and I'm proud to represent my house.

e try to make potentials more at ease, get to know them more on a personal level."

Diony Pabalan, Alpha Phi Omega member

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"Rush this year is going great. There was a big effort during move-ins and new student orientations to really get the word out about Greek life and there seems to be a lot of interest," Molino

said Panhellenic rush events is an ice cream social next Wednesday. Different tables will be set up de picting the various aspects of sorority life, including scholarship. leadership, friendship, network-ing and philanthropy, Molino said.

"This will give the girls a

chance to see what sorority life is about and learn about all the various aspects of it," Molino said.

Starting Sept. 14, the formal recruitment will go into full swing with a week of events.

It will kick off with forum night, where girls who have decided to go through formal rush are introduced to members from each of the five Panhellenic sororities. This is their first chance to interact with the members, ask questions and get information,

Starnes said. Over the next five days, prochance to travel to all of the soror-

66 Tt's a great way to meet new friends and enrich your college experience."

- Amy Starnes, Alpha Omicron Pi member

is about. Throughout the week, the girls will choose the houses they like best.

On bid day, Sept. 19, rush will be over, and each girl who wants to join a sorority will be paired with one.

"It's a mutual selection process," Gomar said. "The potential new members choose which house they like best and the houses choose who they want also.'

Though sorority life is not for everyone, rush at SJSU is an informative process where interested girls can become educated on what Greek life entails.

"I would encourage girls to rush because joining a sorority is a great way to get involved on campus, as well as in the surrounding community. It's a great way to meet new friends and enrich your college experience,

SOCIAL - Campus leadership enjoys student interaction

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minutes, he could have done it a lot longer.

Maria Rivera, associate vice president for human resources and new scooper, said she enjoyed interacting with the stu-

"It's a good way for us to engage and interact with the stu-dents because as staff we don't often get to interact with the students—this is a real good way to build that community," Rivera



The Annual Campus Ice Cream Social was held Thursday in the art quad. The event, hosted by Student Life and Leadership. allowed faculty and volunteers to give students a warm welcome



Matt Vavao, a senior majoring in hospitality, stops by the art quad Thursday to eat free ice cream,

Classes begin at UC Merced

Calif. (AP) Construction equipment still rumbles past the dorms at the University of California, Merced, but a thousand students are ready to start classes and build new traditions at the system's first campus to open in 40 years.

Classroom and engineering buildings low-lying, tan-colored structures that blend into the flat Central Valley landscape main unfinished. And just beyond the library, one forlorn barn stands as a reminder of the property's recent past as a cattle ranch. But the university, opening on Labor Day, has a job that looms as large as the Sierra Nevadas' peaks, visible from the school on a clear day.

Students, business leaders and community members see the University of California system's tenth campus as the engine that will bring economic diversity and the academic rigor of a research university to a mostly agricultural region where low-wage jobs dominate

the new campus, expected to add about 800 students a year, reaching 25,000 by 2035, will rise quickly among the UC system's powerful fraternity of universities, which have become known for research and teaching excellence

Fifteen, 20 years from now, looking back, you'll see an enormous difference in the economy of the region, and it'll be directly tied to this campus, Chancellor David Ashley.

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bill cracking down on drunk drivers cleared legislative hurdles Thursday.

The California State Assembly approved a bill that would let law enforcement officers impound the vehicle of a suspected drunken driver, if that driver had

under the influence.

The bill, by Sen. Jack Scott, D-Pasadena, was approved on a 55-13 vote and sent to the gov-

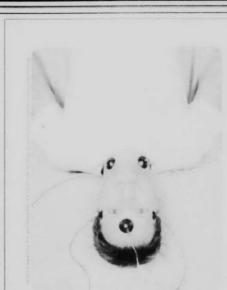
Opponents said the bill went too far in fighting drunken driving by seizing property before a . killed innocent people

"This is a very slippery slope, confiscating property without conviction," said Assemblyman Ira Ruskin, D-Redwood City

But supporters said it would take the drunk driver's weapon

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SPORTS-



Spartan midfielder Gavin Wenyon, left, blocks an attempted shot from Cardinal midfielder Aaron Maines in the season-opening game Thursday night at Spartan Stadium.

SJSU, Stanford deadlock at 0-0

BY KELLEY LUGEA

The Spartan men's soccer team tied Stanford University on Thursday at Spartan Stadium 0-0.

You can't ask guys to play harder than that; they played their hearts out," said Gary St. Clair, Spartan head coach, "I am very, very pleased."

Each overtime period ran 10 minutes long but at the end of the game, neither team came out vic-

"Nobody likes a tie, but sometimes that's the way it goes, and it was an exciting tie," St. Clair said.

During the first half, tensions ran high and the referee issued two yellow cards, one to Stanford midfielder Cooper McKee and the other to SJSU defender Darrin Domingo. Cooper's yellow card was for obstructing another play-

er, and Domingo received his for committing a foul.

'It's hard when guys don't want to come out and play," St. Clair said. "They just want to push and shove and kick, but that's part of being Division-I.

The referee handed out five more yellow cards in the second

St. Clair said he was impressed with the defensive line and goalie

"My back line was magnificent. said St. Clair "Diego Soto played magnificent, Richard Mann some great saves, Dylan Pender was big, they all did a great

The Cardinal had nine shots on the goal throughout the game, compared to the Spartans' 13 at-

Both teams played equally hard," said midfielder Soto. fought all the way for 110 minutes and we couldn't have played

Last week, defender Dylan Pender stressed that the team need to be more physically fit. During the game, the Spartans put their training into play, he said.

"We have worked hard everyday, getting more fit," said Pender. "This week we were just focused on getting stronger and all the backs fought real hard together."

During the last overtime period, fans from both teams began chanting and screaming encouragements but ultimately, neither team would score. St. Clair remains proud of his team and optimistic for the game next week against Saint Mary's College at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at Spartan Stadium. "We are getting there," St. Clair 'You gotta remember we have eight new starters and that's a huge turnover, so it's going to take a little bit of time. But I like what

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

High school rivals to square off in USC, Hawai'i showdown

HONOLULU (AP) — Matt Leinart Brennan said he has closely fol-and Colt Brennan have been rivals lowed Leinart's storied career at USC since their high school days in Orange

They competed for all the things that mattered then: the starting quarterback spot at Mater Dei High, bragging rights on the basketball court and girls.

They even talked about facing each other one day in college.

The two will have their first opportunity Saturday when Leinart and top-ranked Southern California face Brennan and Hawaii in the season opener for both schools.

'Who would've thought that in my fifth year that I'd get a chance to play against him in Hawaii? It's awesome to see him doing well and I'm very proud of him," said Leinart, last season's Heisman Trophy winner who passed up a chance to be the first pick in the NFL draft in hopes of leading USC to its third straight national championship.

and always has been a big fan, even as his backup.

Leinart, who could join Ohio State running back Archie Griffin as the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner, is 25-1 as a starter and one touchdown pass away from tying Carson Palmer's USC record of 72.

"He's unbelievable. He's a mind quarterback," Brennan said. physical aspects are there, but that's not what stands out in him. What really stands out is his decision making He doesn't make mistakes and gets the job done.

Warriors coach June Jones said Brennan, a junior college transfer, and freshman Tyler Graunke will both play against the Trojans.

Both are making their Division-I debut and competing to replace Timmy Chang, the NCAA's career passing

Brennan earned the starting job at Mater Dei his senior year, after Leinart had graduated.

Brennan later walked-on at Colorado but was cut from the team days after a woman accused of him of drunkenly barging into her dorm room and fondling her

The allegations came at the height of olorado's recruiting scandal in which player-hosts were accused of supplying alcohol, drugs and sex to prospective

Brennan, who denied touching the woman, was convicted of burglary and trespassing.
It's those years when Leinart and

Brennan drifted apart and appeared headed in opposite directions.

We used to be best friends in high school, but we went to different schools and started our own separate paths,

"But I've followed his career and kept him in mind through his ups and downs, and to see him playing again is great," he said.

Brennan said he's now making the most of his new opportunity, while remembering Leinart's work ethic from high school

"I've gone through a lot and I think Γ m a lot better person now, off the field and on the field. And a lot better football player," he said. "I can't change (the past) but I can really change what is coming.

When playing basketball years ago. the competition would be so fierce that people didn't believe they were friends, Brennan said

He expects it to be like old times on Saturday

"Once that game starts and up until the end, it's not about me and him, it's about winning," he said. "It's about Hawaii versus USC

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Leagues to donate to hurricane relief funds

NEW YORK (AP) - Major League Baseball, the NBA and the Southeastern Conference will each donate \$1 million to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, with the two professional leagues committing to generate a total of \$2 million in aid.

MLB and its players' association and the NBA and its teams have each pledged \$1 million to the American Red Cross. The National Basketball Players Association has also said it will raise \$1 million for disaster relief.

'Major League Baseball wants to do its share to help those who are suffering from the devastating wreckage caused by Hurricane Katrina," commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement Thursday. "I thank the players' association for joining us in making this initial contribution and I thank in advance our clubs, players, employees,

business partners and fans who offer assis tance in the days ahead.

In addition to the SEC's donation, the league announced Thursday that each of its 12 universities will coordinate fund-raising efforts at home football games during the next several weeks.

"Hurricane Katrina has devastated the lives of victims in four of the SEC's states, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi, and may continue to do so for months and years to come," SEC Commissioner Mike Slive said.

Baseball will pass collection plates at all 15 games on Sept. 7 — Roberto Clemente - and has offered to match up to \$1 million in proceeds. Players will wear Red Cross patches and bases will include the logo and a telephone number to call to contribute to the relief effort.

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