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Halloween at Hogwart's



From left, Shannon and Angela, both 3, dressed in their Halloween costumes, play with plastic coins and dollars at the Associated Students Child Development Center. At noon, the children marched around the San Jose State University Student Union showing off their costumes.



From top, Lauren, 4, dressed as a witch, and Manuel, 3, dressed as Elmo, play in their Halloween costumes at the Associated Students Child Development Associated Student Center on Monday.

Pre-schoolers enjoy Harry Potter party at SJSU

BY PATRICIA IBARRA

More than 70 pre-school students partici-pated in Harry Potter-themed activities in the San Jose State University Office of Pre-College Programs on Monday.

The office was transformed into the "Pre-Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry."

"We decided on Harry Potter because it is well-recognized around Halloween," said Veronica Mendoza, the special projects coor-

"We wanted to be creative and let the kids

have fun," Mendoza said.

Before they could participate in the activities, they had to provide the correct password to a wizard at the door to get inside. There was no set password, and instead, whatever they answered got them in.

The wizard was a projection on the door and was activated whenever someone set off the sensor. Despite a small tape delay, the wizard

caught many by surprise and was entertaining.
"It's really cute," parent Jessica Janus said.
"They did a really good job with the video

(projection of the wizard)."

Janus said the wizard was a big surprise, and her son really liked it.

About 81 pre-school students from the San Jose Day Nursery and the Associated Students Child Development Center attended.

"The large participation is awesome," said Frank Castillo, director of the Office of Pre-College Programs.

The pre-school students who weren't old enough to participate in the events watched the Harry Potter movies and ate popcorn.

The activities were separated into different

stations and the pre-school students went to each station to work on the activity at hand.

'They're going to have fun," said Angelica ucedo, a recruitment specialist.

The participating children decorated their wizard hats, magic wands, puppets and created special potions with different colored juices. After completing those activities, they moved on to a maze themed after the "Dark Forest" from the Harry Potter books.

"It was interesting and it had a lot of things

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Professors debate two ballot initiatives

BY LYDIA SARRAILLE

A "teach-in" was held Monday in the Student Union at San Jose State University to educate students on upcoming special election ballot propositions 75 and

Four professors from SJSU gave speeches, each taking a side

of one of the propositions.

Howard Combs, a marketing professor at SJSU and Jonathan Karpf, an anthropology professor spoke on proposi-tion 75, formally titled "Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions." Combs supported the proposition and Karpf op-

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, Proposition 75 would, if passed, amend state statutes to "require public employee unions to get annual, written consent from a government employee in order to charge and use that employee's dues or fees for political purposes.

The requirements of Proposition 75 apply to both members and non-members of a union, which applies to the California Faculty Association in particular because CFA charges all California State University faculty a percentage of union dues even if they do not choose to join the union, Combs said.

Combs argued that 75 would not harm the ability of union members to participate in political actions, but that it would help those who did not want to participate by allowing them an option.

"Would you want money forcibly taken from you to fund a political action you did not support?" Combs asked the audi-

Karpf countered that public unions like CFA allow those who pay dues to opt out of letting their dues go to support causes they do not believe in.

CFA does take partial dues from faculty who are nonmembers, Karpf added, because CFA is the main bargaining body for all California university faculty and, as such, supports causes that effect them all, regardless of union

membership.
"Prop. 75 targets those public unions who have the will and temerity to rise up and protest injustices," Karpf said, citing CFA protests of student fee increases and nursing unions who protested for reduced patient loads.

Combs citied the San Jose Mercury News' endorsement of Proposition 75 and stressed that the proposition would not eliminate unions' ability to protest, that it would merely allow union members a choice of which protests and political actions they would like to take part in.

"I have tried to opt out (of contributing to political causes) and believe me, it is extremely difficult," Combs said. "This would ensure that those who wish to opt out are able.

Elizabeth Cara, an occupational therapy professor, gave the opponent argument on Proposition 76.

Proposition 76 would, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office, "change state minimum school funding requirements, permitting suspension of minimum funding, but terminating repayment requirement, and eliminating authority to reduce funding when state revenues de-

Cara argued that this would

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Greeks promote sobriety at party

BY DAVIDA ROSS

Fraternity and sorority members piled into the Theta Chi fraternity house Monday night to do what many may consider an oxymoron - promote alcohol

"Mocktail," the risk management event put on every year by Delta Zeta sorority, is a competition between different fraternities on campus to see who can make the best non-alcoholic drink.

'This event is a great way to show that the Greek community can have fun without drinking," said Kristen Thorner, the risk management chair for Delta Zeta.
"It helps eliminate the stigma associated with fraternities and

Besides the drink competition, there were also facts and statistics about alcohol abuse prevention hanging on the walls and informational pamphlets on the tables.

Thorner pointed to one informational poster that she said was something many people may not

"Furnishing alcohol for a minor can result in a minimum fine of \$1,000," she read. "Many people don't realize that doesn't only include buying alcohol for minors. If you are at a party and give someone who is under-aged a drink, you can be fined," she

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Dead honored in Mexican holiday

Music, candy mark events

BY CHRISTINE BARKER

Halloween isn't just about trick-or-treating and dressing up in a funky costume, its origins actually date back hundreds of years and coincide with a Christian and Roman Catholic holiday still widely celebrated

today.

All Hallows Eve was celebrated on Oct. 31 in medieval Europe and was followed by All Hollows Day, or All Saints Day, which was a day to honor saints and martyrs.

Today, most Christian and

Roman Catholic cultures don't recognize Halloween as a religious observance, but All Saints Day and its kin All Souls Day are still widely celebrated.

Nov. 1 marks All Saints Day, followed the next day by All Souls Day, otherwise known as Día de los Muertos — Day of the

"All Saints Day is a when you remember the official dead the official saints," said Father Jose Rubio of San Jose State University Campus Catholic Ministry. "All Souls Day is when

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Scary service ...

Ben Hom, a supervisor at Sbarro Pizza, dresses up as a "burnt Hawaiian tourist" for Halloween.

OPINION=

JESTER ALONE

Don't panic, there is a guide to surviving bad conversation

PETER CLARK

ate should be able to discuss the works of Nietzsche and Marx. I was never sure if he was talking about Chicco, Groucho, Gummo, Harpo or Zeppo, but re gardless, I disagree with this measuring stick of higher education (unless he was talking about Groucho).

I think college graduates should be able to talk their way out of a conversation about Nietzsche or Marx.

So in this case, if students strive to be true academic achievers, they should be able to talk their way out of any unwanted conversation all the while sounding like they know what they are talking about. After all, there are video games to play and televisions to

In attempt to further the pseudo-scholastic excellence of the students of San Jose State University and the readers of the Spartan Daily, I've compiled an incomplete and quasi-factual survival-guide-slash-list of ways to tactfully, yet abruptly, end a pretentious conversation.

The time you save will allow you to go back to doing something interesting and, undoubtedly, impor-tant, like watching the director's commentary of "Evil

Rule Number One: Use strange and big words.

"Paradigm" is a good one because its vague meaning can be thrown around to reference anything. Though way.

it isn't that big (three syllables) "paradigm" can simultaneously sound like jargon and "shift" the subject matter at hand

Another good word that can derail a conversation is "defenestration." It literally means to throw someone or something out of a window. Go on to talk about how etymology fascinates you, especially the etymology of the word etymology. You'll see people roll their eyes, then turn on their

Rule Number Two: Talk in unnecessary acronyms. This rule is relatively easy, or should I say T.R.I.R.E.

If you're cornered at a party and your Spidey Sense tells you the onset of an unwanted conversation is percolating, say something like "What do you think of T.S.O.A?" (The State Of Art). If they don't know what you're talking about or think it's a band, shake your head like they should have known, explain your acronym and politely excuse yourself to G.G.A.D (Go

I can't stress the importance of facial expression

If smugness doesn't come naturally to

you, act like you have one of those bumper stickers on your car that reads, "My child is an honor student at Blank Elementary." You can also pretend to drive a hybrid car with a bumper sticker that reads, "Stop Wars for

If none of these examples work, pretend the person you're trying to stop talking to is on the verge of having onion dip drip from their ears, but are totally unaware of it.

Rule Number Three: Engage in preemptive strike. Try to beat the conversa-tion initiator to the punch with as dull a

hit as possible. It's easy - just ask someone what he or she thinks about Keynesian economics. Or, ask if they think Fukuyama's infamous edict that history has ended is still valid in the post-post Cold War era.

Also, keep in mind that yawning is contagious. So if Rule Three backfires and you've inadvertently piqued someone's interest, just open wide and let out

Rule Number Four: Name drop, especially names

of people that don't exist. Nobody likes to speak to someone who sounds like a footnote. Sprinkle your dialogue with imaginary names that give fake credence to your false facts. People won't question you if you do so with authority - they won't want to listen

Rule Number Five: Act jaded. This tactic works best when confronted with the myriad of daunting current events that seem to never stop occurring. Anybody can get out of a conversation about the Rove indictment by feigning political ennui and saying, "I just had this conversation five minutes ago."

This list is far from exhaustive. The ancient art of talking your way out of talking balances on a fine line of oral and body language and requires a certain amount of study and training. For more information, don't visit your public library (you might find learn something), watch politicians.

Peter Clark is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Jester Alone" appears every Tuesday.

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There will be a lecture titled "Before, During and after Flood" from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 133 of the Art building. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4328.

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There will be a reception for the student artists from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact the gallery phone at 924-4330.

OTIP There will be a Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Sutdent Union. For more information, contact Jason Fithian at 795-3804

Hip Hop Congress There will be a general meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Dave Manson

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be a practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at

Nigerian Student Association

There will be a general meeting at 6 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Emeka at 439-4607

There will be a resume critique drop-in session from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker 924-6171.

Career Center

Balboa Capitol Corporation will have an employer table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

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There will be a celebration of "El Dia de Los Muertos" from 8 a.m. to noon in the lobby of Sweeney Hall. For more information, contact Luz at 515-5175

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Three will be a lecture titled "Should Intelligent Design be Included in Science Classes" at 7 p.m. in room 164 of the Science building. For more information, contact Lui Lam at 924-5261

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There will be a general meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union.

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Vietnamese Student Association

A meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

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

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Asian American Christian Fellowship

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EDITORIAL

CSU fee increases may drive students away from system

Fees for 12-unit in-state

undergraduate programs

SJSU fees with increase: \$1,746.80

University of Georgia: \$1,819 Indiana State University: \$2,878

Arizona State University: \$4,066

Colorado State University: \$4,740

University of Florida: \$2,990

Ohio State University: \$5,310

Current SJSU fees: \$1,646

By the Daily editorial board

The California State University Board of Trustees slapped students in their faces Thursday when the board not only voted to increase fees, but also increased the salaries of 26 CSU officials.

The extra funds were meant to increase the salaries of the CSU system's employees so the colleges will have more leverage in hiring more qualified faculty and staff members.

according to an article published Friday in the Monterey County Herald.

The board did just that during the Thursday meeting, giving raises to CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and 23 campus presidents after increasing undergraduate fees by 8 per cent and graduate fees by 10 percent.

The idea that the CSU system needs to stay competitive with salaries is a noble one, but asking the students to pick

up the bill is asking too much. This should be a state issue, and the state should show it cares for its educational system by putting more funds into it.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, this is the fifth straight year CSU fees have been increased. It seems as though every time the CSUs need more money to improve the system's quality, they force the students to pay. This once again demonstrates to us that the state does not want to invest in its higher education.

Though the CSU system does have relatively low fees compared to other state university systems in-state tuitions, this should be seen as an advantage for keeping California residents in California for their high education programs. This should never be used as an excuse for the system's administration to raise the fees and force more money out of the stu-

dents

Only one trustee voted against the fee increase. Corey Jackson, a student trustee from CSU San Bernardino who also represents San Jose State University and other campuses, stood alone in opposition to the fee hike. He told the Spartan Daily that the CSUs should look to all California citizens to make the system better, not just the students.

This is a correct assertion because, even if many of the citizens paying for higher

education do not actually attend college at any of the campuses, the universities bring prestige, tax dollars and a sense of community to many neighborhoods and cities throughout the state. Students will still buy food and items in the area and attend local events. so they still help the economies of the surrounding

California needs to re-think its plan for higher education, because if it keeps relying on students to pay the bills, students will begin to seek other options.

Devour the Child

Jamaica Dyer









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SPORTS

Spartans prepare for WAC tournament

Coin toss goes SJSU's way; women's soccer team earns first-round bye

BY ELIZABETH PERRY

The Spartan women's soccer team (5-11-3 overall, 4-2-1 WAC) won the bye at 8 a.m. Monday with a coin toss against University of Nevada (10-6-2 overall, 4-2-1 WAC).

> SOCCERNOTEBOOL Overall record WAC record 5-11-3 4-2-1

Next game @ WAC tournament

Both teams had identical Western Athletic Conference records and the bye was decided with a winning coin toss for San Jose State

Tournament preparations

The SJSU team will start off playing in the semifinals in the WAC tournament with only needing to win two games, instead of three games, to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

"I think that it's pretty cool (that we won the coin toss)," said team captain and goalie Adrienne Herbst.

We should have won the game against Nevada (on Sunday) but they gave us a second

The bye gives the SJSU team a chance to practice hard for Friday's game.

This means we have four or five days of rest," Herbst said. "We can just practice and

not worry about playing any games."

On Thursday, Nevada will play against Boise State University at Boise, Idaho, while Fresno State University faces Utah State University.

The winners of both the matches will face

SJSU and the University of Hawai'i.

The winner of the Nevada against Boise match will face SJSU at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Boise and University of Hawai'i will play the winner of the Fresno and Utah game in the

The WAC tournament championship begins at 10 a.m. Saturday as the final two teams battle it out for the automatic WAC berth in the

Some of the players said their nonconference matches weren't what they wanted them to be, but that during their conference games, they proved to themselves they are a team that can win the WAC tournament.

'A lot of people were pessimistic about the conference because in our preseason play we were 0-9-2." Herbst said

'We proved to ourselves and a lot of people that we are a good team and I don't think there is any other team that is better than us in the conference," she said.

Other team members said they want to side the box.

show everyone they are a good team that has improved.

"We know we're the best team in the WAC, so we need to show everyone that," said Liz Behlen, who scored two goals on Sunday's game against Nevada.

Siracusa said it is a boost for the Spartan

players because they won the bye.
"They are automatically in the semifinals and they are going to be very happy to hear that," Siracusa said. "It'll be good for them to get a break and I'm glad it worked out well, so now we just need to get out there and do it.'

Some of the team members said they are excited about playing in the WAC tournament.

'We're going to bring it to Boise," said Kristin Krale, a forward and midfielder who scored a goal in Sunday's match.

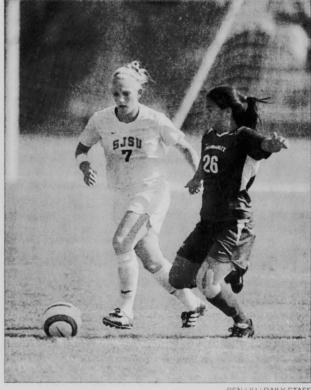
Siracusa said the players improve with every game and have improved as individual players as well.

'We were only beaten once in the last seven games," Siracusa said. "We have much improved in the last year and the first half of the eason and it's not over yet

The players work hard, Siracusa said, they and take long distance shots to try and score and he encourages that.

"They are talented so I tell them to shoot any chance they get and with that they do it,"

"They are a talented bunch and I'd say half of the goals we have scored were scored out-



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Sophomore forward Nicole Irwin, left, attempts to dribble the ball past a University of Hawai'i defender during the Spartans' game against the Rainbow Wahine on Oct. 21. The Spartans earned a first-round bye in this year's Western Athletic Conference championship tournament

Men's basketball team ready to usher in new era under George Nessman



LORRY THOMAS / DAILY ARCHIVES

Spartan forward Alex Elam attempts to move past a University of Tulsa defender during a game on Jan. 27, 2005. The men's basketball team, under first-year coach George Nessman, begins its season on 1 p.m. Saturday against the University of Puget Sound at the Event Center.

BY RACHEL HILL

Last season's gloom has been thwarted by the introduction of a new coach and program for the San Jose State University men's basketball team, providing a positive outlook for this upcoming season

> BASKETBALLPREVIEW 6-23

Saturday vs. Puget Sound

Coach George Nessman was welcomed into the Spartan family after the previous coach, Phil Johnson. resigned earlier this year,

Nessman said he has been working hard to implement his new playing routine.

Learning the ropes

Nessman said his new program consists of fast moves on the court that exhibit a lot of energy and passion by his players.

"I've been in a place where things weren't going as well as everyone had hoped and then had to institute changes to improve things and make things better, so I'm comfortable with that and not intimidated or scared (of it)," he said.

Nessman expects to have a spirited season and said team members are adjusting to him and his new program well and are "compliant" with whatever is asked of them.

With the advent of the new playing strategy and the

addition of five new freshmen players, the Spartans are undergoing a period of transition, the main challenge of which is to familiarize players with the new scheme and one another.

Senior forward Demetrius "D.J." Brown said getting acquainted with the new program has been fairly

"The biggest thing is the transition from un-learning what we learned before with our old coaching staff and learning a new system," Brown said. "But Coach Nessman makes it very clear he's a teacher.

"He teaches us every day. He believes in every player on this team — otherwise we wouldn't be there so he makes it as easy as possible," he said.

Brown describes his new coach as an "acceler ated" teacher who keeps the players on their toes with new strategies for them to adopt on a regular basis.

Making an impact

Brown and senior forward Alex Elam are key team players this season and have the potential to set the tone for the team's attitude and demeanor, Nessman

From last year's team, Elam is the top-ranking

scorer with 9.8 points per game Elam is known for his strong shooting skills and ranks ninth as the best single-season mark at SJSU by making 49 three-point

shots last season. As a returning player, Elam said he spent a lot of time in the off-season training and learning the new team program.

Elam said summer is a critical time for basketball players and himself to train and to stay

ensure that he is continually improving

"He (Nessman) has really taken the time to make sure we understand what he wants us to do and has instilled his program and values in us, so there's chal-

lenges, but everything has its terms," Elam said. Elam said he hopes his team, and SJSU basketball in general, increase its reputation and recognition in the realm of college sports during his final season with the Spartans

The men's basketball team will participate in an exhibition game against the University of Puget Sound at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Event Center.

The team's first real game will be in the Coaches Cancer Tournament at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Tex., on Nov. 10.

Overall, the men's basketball team has a lot to overcome from the past, Nessman said, but its future outlook is promising

'We want our team come March that's good enough to win the WAC tournaments," Nessman

'The fun thing is, we don't know if we can get there or not, but we are going to do everything we can

CHECK OUT OUR NIGHTTIME

UPCOMING SPARTAN EVENTS

Friday

Men's soccer vs

New Mexico, 7 p.m.

at Spartan Stadium

Saturday

Football at Fresno State,

6 p.m. Men's basketball vs Puget Sound, 7 p.m. at the Event Center

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Men's soccer vs. UNLV, 1 p.m. at Spartan Stadium

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NEWS

HOLIDAY - Some observers decorate houses, graves with flowers and candy

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you remember your dead, your family dead.

Rubio said that as he was growing up in Northern Mexico he and his family would go to church on All Saints Day, and they would go to the cemetery for All Souls Day because that is really the day that people celebrate.

Rubio said although most Catholics attend Mass on All Saints Day, a priest usually does come to the cemetery on All Souls Day to celebrate a brief

"This is an indigenous belief of celebrating life after death," said Luz G. Ramirez, a graduate student and the treasurer for El Circulo, the Spanish club at SJSU.

To me it means celebrating tradition and remembering our beloved one's and our deceased," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said that in many Mexican states, many people build altars for their deceased loved ones. They are decorated with lots of colors, picture, candles and food. This is still commonly done in many Mexican-American homes in the United States because loved ones are sometimes buried in cemeteries back in Mexico.

"In Mexico, people traditionally go to the cemetery and bring music or bands, such as a tradi-tional Mariachi band," Ramirez said. "It's very much more of a celebration, rather than a mourn-

Alma Ortiz-Agib, a graduate student in teaching, said she and her family participate in a large festival that was held this past weekend in Oakland as vendors selling sugar skulls

'All the sweets that are around the holiday are more to keep the ideal alive that death is sweet," Ortiz-Agib said.

She said that along with sugar skulls, other candies are made such as chocolate skulls and sugar cof-

Making and selling sugar skulls has been in her family for at least six generations, but the tradition of the candies as been around for hundreds of years.

Erica Ramirez, a junior majoring in criminal justice, said her favorite part of celebrating Day of the Dead is "the fact that we spend so much time remembering our family members who have passed

Ramirez said her family makes arts and crafts out of papier-mache and decorates the house, but in Mexico, people decorate the whole neighborhood.

When I was in elementary school, we used to make toys for the ones who died as kids," Ramirez said. "They were little skeletons inside little coffins and it had a string at the bottom and if you pulled the string, the skeleton would sit up out of its coffin.

Along with the candy, toys and the festive celebration, an impor-tant part of the Day of the Dead is the respect and love shown to deceased family members, Ramirez said.

El Circulo is celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls day by replicating an altar that might appear in someone's home, as well as providing some historical background on the Catholic holidays.

They will also be selling traditional foods that are eaten, such as tamales, hot chocolate and sugar

The event will be taking place from 8 a.m. to noon in Sweeney

Cars collide in 10th Street garage

BY PRISCILLA WOO

A three-car accident involving three San Jose State University students occurred Monday at about 3:20 p.m. at the base entrance inside the 10th Street parking garage. According to University Police Department Sgt. Mike Santos, one student drove down the one-way ramp in the wrong direction, colliding head-on with an SUV that was heading up the driveway en-trance. The third car, which was behind the SUV going up the en trance, was hit as the SUV rolled back from the crash. No injuries were reported.

Phuong Pham, who was driving his Toyota Four-Runner up the entrance, said everything happened in just one split second.

I was driving up and I saw, out of the corner, a car comes down and just smashes right into me," said Pham, who is a junior majoring in marketing. "I was going probably about 15 miles per hour, he was swinging around the corner pretty quick.

As the two cars rammed each other, Pham's airbag opened and broke his windshield, he said.

The driver Pham collided with, who would not give his name, sat quietly beside his Toyota MR2. whose front hood was smashed from the collision.

A tow truck arrived at 3:57 p.m. to pick up the cars. According to officers patrolling, the tow trucks



Three San Jose State University students were involved in a three-vehicle non-injury accident in the 10th Street parking garage on Monday afternoon. The vehicle on the right, with the door open, was traveling in the wrong direction, trying to exit the parking garage through the entrance, police said

took longer than usual.

said her Nissan Sentra is "a very reliable car, except when it gets hit by things.

"I stopped and the SUV rolled back because he lost his brakes," Brown said. "I couldn't (go any where) ... where was I going to

Brown, who is double major-The other driver, June Brown, ing in philosophy and biology, said she was trying to get to her ceramics class

'We had a really important pre-

sentation going on today that I'm missing," she said.

Pham's plans were also post-

poned.
"I had to turn in my transcript

because the office lost my transcript," he said. "I was trying to turn that in before it closed."

The garage entrance was blocked by several UPD vehicles due to fluid spills from one of the cars, Santos said. Officers ushered onlookers and other cars away from the entrance until all was

HALLOWEEN - Activities included beanbag toss and wizard hat making

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(activities) for the kids to participate in," parent Maya Gupton." It let them get involved,"

The "Dark Forest" maze and

the other decorations were created by staff members in the program.

We worked almost every weekend on the decoration, Mendoza said.

After the "Dark Forest" maze,

the children were given a chance to win candy gold coins by tossing a beanbag into a hole in a board adorned with the image of a Harry Potter character.

"Our staff did a great job," Castillo said.

According to the Pre-College Programs Web site, the office's mission is to increase student success and accessibility in higher education.

"They are our future students," Castillo said





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Entrepreneurs win prize

Student group takes cash award at conference

BY ERIN CABALLERO

The San Jose State University Entrepreneurial Society brought home the bacon for the university at the annual Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization 2005 National Conference. Over the last weekend in October, while most prepared for the Halloween madness, four society members flew out to Orlando, Fla. to secure future career connections and polish business skills.

"It was a great experience to network with so many similar people with similar interests," said Arthur Quilao, vice president of the society. "It was great to see so many students already owning their own busi-

Quilao attended the conference, along with fellow SJSU students Chris Surdi, Ryan Baird and Combiz Salehomoum. Society President Surdi took home the top prize for the Elevator Pitch Contest — his

idea was a program that would expose business students to companies from all over the world, based on the Global Trek Initiative program in the College of Engineering at SJSU. The top prize, according to Quilao, was

"It's absolutely amazing," said Surdi, a senior majoring in business marketing. "I did it for the

Surdi is currently working on a business idea with two other members of the E-Society. The Elevator Pitch Contest victory will be mentioned in Young Money Magazine.

"I think it was a great experience," said Combiz Saleomoum, another senior majoring in business marketing, who lost to Surdi in the Elevator Pitch Contest. "Even though I didn't win, I got great feedback

Along with the Elevator Pitch contest, the four students joined other hopeful entrepreneurs in educational workshops, listening to famous

CEOs speak and pitching ideas that may grow into future corporations. One of the famous CEOs, Steve Wozniak, was one of the co-founders of Apple Computers, and he spoke to the business students from all over

The business students learned everything from writing a onepage business plan to avoiding the "Top Ten" mistakes entre-preneurs make. The semester project for the Entrepreneurial Society was the mousepad lay out for Peggy Sue's, in which the members designed mousepads for their organization and advertise for the 50s-themed restaurant.

Entrepreneurial Society shows no signs of slowing down just yet — the group's agenda for the fall semester offers a lecture on intellectual property by Futterman and Dupree LLP Bobbi Lynn Jones on Wednesday, the Neat Ideas Faire from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, and a fundraiser.

Instructors urge conservation

Stanford professor addresses global warming

BY RACHAEL HAMILTON

A formal presentation and lecture on the implications and controversy surrounding global warming was given by Stanford professor Stephen Schneider on Monday at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Using many illustrations, including charts and diagrams, Schneider discussed the environmental data suggesting that human activity is a large factor contributing to the damage to our atmosphere

According to Schneider, most of the debate surrounding global warming isn't even scientific. Rather, it's ideological.

Schneider said the evidence is there, but where people differ is when it comes to individual rights. Much of the controversy was with Sport Utility Vehicles

and the amount of fuel they use. Schneider attributes the re-

cent barrage of hurricanes to the increase in ocean temperatures caused by global warming

Most of the human pollution is caused by "automobile emissions, deforestation, and burning oil and gas," Schneider said, citing that the carbon dioxide level has gone up "32 percent since the industrial revolution."

Michael Conniff, director of global studies at SJSU, said students needed to be aware of this problem.

"Students are our future citizens, but everyone in the community needs to be aware of this problem so we can modify our behavior," Conniff said. "We have got to slow down the pace of global warming.

Conniff said he encourages students to get out and exercise their power through voting for environmental causes.

"Those interested in stopping this problem should get out and vote green," Conniff said. "Vote

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for Green-oriented policies so we can stop this problem.

Schneider suggested several ways in which students can do

their part to help the environment. "Save energy by turning out unnecessary lights, driving a more efficient vehicle and buying energy saving appliances,

he said. Lee Nguyen, a junior major-ing in health science said she attended the lecture to "hear the latest about global warming and hopefully learn a few tips about how to become a more conscientious citizen."

Schneider stressed that immediate changes need to be made if we are to protect the future of our planet.

"If we continue to use our atmosphere to dump our waste, we will pay by destroying our atmosphere," Schneider said. "My hope is that an informed people with decent values will try to slow down the damages and not take that risk.'

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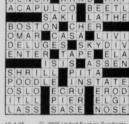
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DEBATE - Forum aimed to educate students on propositions

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allow the governor to cut indiscriminately from education or any other public service he liked, without the protection of checks and balance

Cara said Proposition 76 would, if passed, give too much power to the governor and that it could prove detrimental for education in particular.

'As much as the governor (Arnold Schwarzenegger) would like you to think that he is the best person to make laws, it just isn't

Lydia Ortega, an economics professor, argued for Proposition 76 and said the proposition makes good fiscal sense

"Is California on a sinking ship? With this deficit, how can we spread around the pain of paying off our debt?" Ortega asked. "Putting education in a luxury stateroom won't stop it from going down with the

Ortega noted that education is an issue dear to all the speakers' hearts, but that sacrifices must be made in order to fix California's financial crisis.

Cara said the answer does not lie in allowing for the breakdown of checks and balances, and that education is too precious to make vulnerable.

Kanhong Lin, a senior at SJSU majoring in anthropology attended the program and said the debate was not as detailed as he had hoped.

"Both parties didn't give strong cases, and as a student I'm left perplexed," Lin said.

Other students voiced approv-

al of the program.
"I'm glad that we had (the debate)," said Sarah Linn an anthropology major. "I wish there were more forums for students to learn both sides of issues

Ortega said after the debate



Adriana Garcia, left, a sophmore majoring in radio, television and film, and Ali Rahnoma, a junior majoring in sociology, pass out fliers and information on propositions 75 and 76 outside the Campus Teach-In held at the Loma Prieta Room in San Jose State University's Student Union on Monday.

she was glad she agreed to participate in the program, noting that she gave up watching her son in his Halloween costume parade at school to do so.

"It's encouraging to see students come out to learn about these issues," Ortega said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to do this, but I became convinced. This is

The California Faculty and Students for Justice passed out pins at the Campus teach-in on propositions 75



MOCKTAIL - 'Green Berry Grog' named top drink

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Participants read the posters as judges moved from table to table to taste each fraternity's drink.

Pi Kappa Alpha's entry, "Mormon Prom Night," was a blended fruit concoction topped with whipped cream.

Jared Kole, mechanical engineering major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, said the drink was "the perfect blend of flavor and texture.

"One of the best ways to drink responsibly is to alternate alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks." Kole said. "And this drink is so delicious you won't even miss the alcohol.'

Valerie Higgins, president of Delta Zeta, said this event is president important because it spreads the word about drinking responsibly.

"We are in college and people drink. It would be naive to think otherwise," Higgins said. "It is important to emphasize the difference between drinking and drinking responsibly

In the end, Beta Theta Pi won the competition with their "Green Berry Grog" entry.

Dana Hughes, one of the contest judges, is the peer education adviser for the student health center.

Hughes said it is exciting to see the Greek community get involved in this cause.

"It is great to see the level of

participation the fraternities and sororities are demonstrating for al-cohol abuse prevention," Hughes

Hughes said the peer education department and the Greek community have formed a group to

prevent alcohol abuse. Hughes said the group, Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol and Health, is working to inform students about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

"Short term heavy drinking is associated with an increased risk of accidents, memory loss, property damage and unplanned, unwanted unprotected sexual encounters,' Hughes said. "These kinds of events are a great way to give students information, but still make it fun.'

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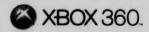


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