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Senate approves rules for athletic rep

*Faculty member
provides insight on
sports program*

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University Academic Senate recently passed a resolution that provides guidelines for appointing a faculty athletics representative.

In May 2005 SJSU joined the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics, which supports the "shared oversight of athletics between governing boards, administrations, and faculty," said Annette Nellen, former Academic Senate chair.

Prior to this resolution of representative appointment guidelines, the position was simply filled by the university president.

"We follow the COIA best practice guidelines now," Nellen said.

"In the past, there were no written guidelines and the FAR was just solicited, interviewed and appointed by the president," she said.

Currently, Bill Fisher, in the school of library sciences, holds the representative position.

Now that SJSU has joined the coalition and adopted its procedures for appointment of the faculty athletics representative, the university will be looking at a number of standards when hiring a representative.

Some of the new guidelines for potential representatives include being a full-time tenure of the faculty, having a campus reputation unrelated to intercollegiate athletics, and the representative must also be able to meet all the duties specified in SJSU manuals, according to the Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution Appointment and Term of the Faculty Athletics Representative.

The resolution also states, "The term of the office shall be three years and may be renewed once with the approval of the President in consultation with the Academic Senate Executive Committee."

As far students on campus, this newly passed resolution will only affect athletes.

"I think it primarily affects student athletes as the FAR is to verify academic eligibility to play. It also affects the university to be sure we are in compliance with NCAA rules," Nellen said.

Besides appointment of the representative guidelines, the Academic Senate is currently reviewing policies that are looking at the pros and cons of electronic portfolios.

"Electronic portfolios (are) something students would create and maintain to track their progress (in an academic curriculum)," Nellen said.

The Instruction and Student Affairs committee is also currently looking at ways students can record their co-curricular activities, such as special transcript, Nellen said.

The next Academic Senate meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 21 in room 189 of the Engineering building.

SJSU's natural aroma

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

Lyndsey Schofield, a junior majoring in recreation, buried her nose and mouth inside the collar of her sweatshirt in an attempt to mask the stench as she passed the Ginkgo biloba tree next to Washington Square Hall on her way to class.

"It is disgusting," Schofield said. "I have to pass it almost every day. It's one of the worst things I've ever smelled."

Carol Selter, the botany technician at San Jose State University, said the intense odor occurs each fall when the female ginkgo tree drops its seeds.

According to Nature Hills Nursery, a gardening and landscaping store that sells ginkgo trees, the female trees drop small, plum-shaped fruit with "foul-smelling and mildly toxic skin."

"Butyric acid makes them smell," Selter said. "It also keeps them from rotting and keeps them from being eaten."

Butyric acid is also found in rancid butter, Parmesan cheese and vomit.

Selter said there are two female ginkgo trees on campus — one by Washington Square Hall and one in the art quad.

Selter, who said there are several male ginkgo

trees around campus because of their aesthetic value and the "incredible yellow foliage" they produce, is unsure why the odorous female trees are at SJSU.

"I don't know if the females were planted by accident," Selter said. "When you plant a seed, you don't know if it's a male or female, and by the time the tree is big enough for you to tell, it's already a tree."

While many students passing by the female ginkgo trees may find the smell disgusting, there are a handful of San Jose residents who come to SJSU exclusively for the female ginkgo.

Each morning, women with latex gloves hover around the tree near the men's gym, pick the seeds out of the fallen fruits and collect them in brown, woven sacks.

According to the Herbal Information Center, an online resource for botany information, there is extensive clinical evidence that the Ginkgo biloba tree has medicinal properties.

"Ginkgo is gaining recognition as a brain tonic that enhances memory because of its positive effects on the vascular system. It is also used as a treatment for vertigo and tinnitus," the center reported on its Web site.

Selter said another interesting fact about the ginkgo tree is that it is "a living fossil."

"They were known only as fossil trees until living trees were found in Asia," Selter said.

According to the Herbal Information Center, Ginkgo is the oldest living tree species. The center posted geological records on its Web site that indicate the plant has been on earth for 150 million to 200 million years. The plant, which was reportedly kept in existence by the Chinese Monks as a sacred herb, was first brought to Europe in the 1700's.

"It's a fascinating tree with a rich and astounding history," Selter said. "But nothing smells worse than a female Ginkgo biloba tree dropping its seeds."



The pungent smell of fallen fruit is hard to miss when walking by the ginkgo trees on campus. These trees have been termed the "smelly trees."



PHIL BEDROSSIAN / DAILY STAFF

Stanford prof breaks down Iraq situation

*Lecturer believes intelligence used
to justify war was 'cherry-picked'*

BY ERIN CABALLERO
Daily Senior Staff Writer

"Arrogance, ignorance, isolation and incompetence."

These were the words that Stanford Professor Larry Diamond used to describe the current situation in Iraq in a lecture Monday in the Barrett Ballroom.

The lecture, "Prospects for Democracy and Stability in Iraq," gave an insider's perspective on the war and reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

At the beginning of the lecture, Diamond encouraged the students to get active in politics.

Whether it was for extra credit or extracurricular educational enrichment, the students, faculty and guests listened as Diamond, a Hoover Institute senior fellow, explained the problems and solutions in rebuilding Iraq. Many of them had hard copies of Diamond's latest book, "Squandered Opportunity: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq" which was for sale outside the ballroom for \$25.

SJSU History department Chair Jonathan Roth introduced Diamond as "one of the world's leading experts on democracy" and strongly recommended the

book, calling it a "classic."

"Politics can be a very worthy calling," said Diamond, adding that "correcting policy mistakes" requires using the avenue of our political institutions.

He said he believes the intelligence the government gave and received was "cherry-picked," meaning that it was distorted to justify the call for war.

He said another failure was America's "idealistic" mission to mold an Arab-Muslim country like Iraq into a Western democracy like the United States or Europe.

Diamond had taken a trip to Iraq in which he was put in charge of the office responsible for aiding Iraq's social and political transition from occupation to democracy. He recalled having to buy a bulletproof vest because the government refused to provide him one free of charge. According to Diamond, all he was given was a flak jacket, a jacket that is only meant to stop shrapnel, not bullets.

"It was mainly bullets that they were aiming at me," he said.

In Diamond's new book, he outlines the history of events leading up to the war in Iraq, along with what American

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Two perish in Oakland crash

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

Twenty-two-year-old Phethsamone Bounprakob of Oakland was killed in a car accident on eastbound Interstate 580, less than a mile west of 335th Street, on Sunday around 2 a.m., according to the Alameda County Coroner's office.

An article in the San Francisco Chronicle identified the victim as a San Jose State University student, although the campus has not yet confirmed this.

An official at SJSU Student Affairs office said a student named Phethsamone Bounprakob is currently enrolled as a criminal justice administration major.

Bounprakob was in the back seat of a 2001 Ford Mustang with 21-year-old David Huynh, who also died in the crash.

The driver, 21-year-old Tony Tran, was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and vehicular manslaughter, said Trent Cross, a California Highway Patrol public affairs officer in Oakland.

Tran and the right front passenger of the vehicle suffered minor injuries, Cross said.

"Witnesses state that the driver was at a high rate speed of approximately 90-plus (mph)," Cross said. "As the driver lost control of the vehicle, it over-turned a couple of times and went off the freeway."

The car went down an embankment and struck trees and bushes, Cross said.

Bounprakob and Huynh were ejected from the car and found in a resident's backyard, Cross said.

"More times than not, when people are ejected, they weren't wearing a seatbelt," Cross said.

Wayne Ziese, public information officer of the CHP Golden Gate division, which covers the northern San Francisco Bay Area, said this was one of nine deadly car accidents that occurred in the Bay Area over the weekend.

"That's a rather high number for any given weekend," Ziese said. "As the semester winds down and during the holiday breaks, watch the alcohol and buckle up."

Film criticizes Wal-Mart

Students view movie on retail giant in King Library

BY PATRICIA IBARRA
Daily Staff Writer

More than 100 people attended a screening of "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Monday night.

The room was packed by the time the movie started, and people continued to trickle in once the movie was underway.

Drew Todd, a lecturer in the television radio film theatre department, said, "The students say they know that Wal-Marts do these things, but they don't."

The movie claims to expose the truth behind Wal-Mart's low prices and the impact it has on its employees and surrounding communities.

Wal-Mart offers a lot of products and services to their communities, but while doing this, mom-and-pop shops that have been around for years are forced to close down, according to the movie.

The film said that the crime rate in Wal-Mart parking lots is higher than the crime that occurs inside the store.

According to the film, Wal-Mart has security cameras and security guards to patrol their stores inside but rarely any security in the parking lot.

Rory Dougan, a junior majoring in sociology, said, "The movie was referred to me by my instructor."

"I was aware about how little Wal-Mart



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Students and members of the community take part in a panel discussion with San Jose State University sociology Professor Preston Rudy and television, radio, film and theatre Lecturer Drew Todd following the screening of "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices" in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Monday.

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JESTER ALONE

When flying, the friendly skies greet everybody differently

I've often wondered what people die from when involved in a plane crash. Do flames burn off their skin and absorb the oxygen they need to live? Do they plummet 30,000 feet to the Earth and die from the impact? Or is the panic of not knowing what is going to happen enough to do someone in? It's enough for me.

This was what I was thinking about last weekend as I boarded a flight from San Jose to Los Angeles.

Perhaps allowing thoughts of a frantic mile-high death to swim around my head wasn't the best way to calm my nerves before liftoff, that's what alcohol is for. But in an airport, I have as much control over my ideas as I do of the plane direction the plane goes.

I don't have a fear of flying in a medical sense. That is, I don't allow my fear of flying get in my way of getting from point A to point B in an airborne fashion. However, that doesn't mean that I'm not scared stiff en route.

I know the statistics. We are 29 times safer traveling in the sky than on the street. So, why am I petrified

to sit in the "safety" of an airplane when I can drive my ancient, red Volvo around town like a madman without a care except the rising price of gas?

The answer is that physical well-being doesn't have a thing to do with the fear of flying. When I'm white knuckled somewhere over the Pacific Ocean with a paper-back on my knee, death isn't what is scaring me. The fear pulsing through my veins is an offshoot of the fact that flying is completely unnatural.

Traveling close to the speed of sound tens of thousands of feet above the ground in a tube that weighs close to a million pounds is not something humans have evolved to experience.

Neither is driving in a car, you say? True, but there is a difference.

In an automobile, a certain level of control is involved. Even someone sitting in the backseat of a car can ask the driver to slowdown or stop. This element

is absent while being a passenger on a commercial aircraft. Being a passenger in the cabin of an airplane is like riding in the trunk of a car. You're helpless and left in the dark about what's going on up front.

The pilot of an aircraft is hidden behind a bulletproof door. For all I know, he's not even real. The fact that those crafts can get off the ground is more unbelievable to me than a robot pilot.

The only contact passengers have with the captain of the ship is the spiel he or she gives about what route the plane is going to take to get to where ever it's going to go and, sometimes, what kind of weather to expect upon arrival.

And to make it worse, pilots always seem to be in a good mood. Like the thought of a slow, fiery death has never crossed their minds.

Of course, there is good reason for pilots to seem a little more chipper than the rest of the people on the

plane. The cockpit is usually pumped with 10 times more air than the rest of the cabin.

Struggling airlines are increasingly using more recycled air in their planes as a way to save fuel.

This means that the germs from the guy coughing up a lung two rows ahead of you are being sucked into a tube and redistributed to the rest of the plane.

Though many studies have concluded that recycled air does not increase the risk of illness, I'm not keen on the idea of sharing the air around me with everybody else that decided to go to L.A. on the same flight as me.

These qualities still aren't enough to stop me from flying, but it seems that defying the laws of gravity is one of humanity's greatest accomplishments. In that case, I think instead of being packed into an airplane like a bunch of animals, the experience could be delivered with a little more humanity.

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



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SPARTA GUIDE

Write letters to the editor and submit Sparta Guide information online. Visit our Web site at www.thespartandaily.com. You may also submit information in writing to DBH 209.

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TODAY

QTIP

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 Student 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 at 386-5073.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575.

Career Center

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.

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.

The Listening Hour

There will be a recital of brass instruments from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4673.

Peer Health Education / Prevention Program

There will be a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Che Angkham at 924-6204.

Pride of Pacific Islands Club

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

Global Student Network

There will be a meeting at 8 p.m. in the International House. For more information, contact Jade Law at 924-5931.

Mosaic Cross Cultural Center

The Latino Film Festival will be held at 6 p.m. in room 255 of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

School of Art and Design

There will be a photo show featuring the work of SJSU student Connie Cheung from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Gallery 8 of the Art building. For more information, e-mail r8zzberries@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Daniel Chen at 497-7290.

Career Center

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Counseling Services

There will be a discussion and support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and questioning students from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building.

EDITORIAL

Distribution of CSU funds can be influenced by the students

By the Daily editorial board

Students attending a California State University next fall will be paying 8 to 10 percent more in fees, but they may not feel as though they are receiving an equal amount of services back.

According to a CSU press release, the Board of Trustees expects the fee hikes to generate \$107 million in new revenue from the 8-percent raise for undergraduate students and a 10-percent increase for graduate students.

That money, however, is not directly given back to the university campuses. Clara Potes-Fellow, spokeswoman for the CSU chancellor, said the system first forwards the funds to the state fund, and state officials return the cash to the CSU Board of Trustees as a general fund budget.

The board then composes the budgets of the individual campuses, taking into consideration each campus's enrollment numbers and needs, Potes-Fellow said.

The campuses use this money for anything related to academics, including teachers' salaries, classroom supplies and campus administration. The CSU funds do not cover sports or construction on campus.

Ultimately, Potes-Fellow said, the increase in student fees will mean that the campuses will have larger budgets, allowing those universities to hire more faculty and staff members, open more class sections and provide more classroom-related materi-

als to students.

However, students may have a hard time seeing these improvements on campus. There seems to be no guarantee that the Board of Trustees will be completely objective in distributing the extra funds.

San Jose State University may not necessarily receive enough money to open all of the needed class sections, and it may not be able to hire enough new faculty to fill every instructional hole.

Though every dollar a student pays is returned with several more from the state, that money does not go directly back to the campus. The Board of Trustees acts as one of several hands from which the money flows, and the board may inadvertently snub some of the system's campuses when deciding on the budgets.

One reason for this possible scenario is that the board may not be completely aware of what the actual students want. Of course, SJSU has a representative on the board, but the students need to make their problems known.

If enough students petition the board or make strong enough cases for more funds to fix some of the campus's leaks in service, SJSU will have a better chance of obtaining its share of the extra money.

Students must live with the fee increase, but they can try to get as much as possible in return for paying.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some student fees should go to clubs

I would like to applaud the A.S. Board of Directors for including more student organizations in the funding process. Naturally, A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba does not like the idea, more money for students and less for his little schemes and empire building.

Let's we forget, it was De Alba who plunked down all the A.S. money for a carnival last year, which failed miserably.

Now he is having a temper tantrum because clubs want more money.

Gee, if we put student money into the club ac-

count, clubs might drain it for activities with good results.

But remember, the Associated Students has to contend with a bureaucracy that wants student money for failed projects.

Good show, Associated Students, let De Alba know it is Associated Students, not Associated Bureaucrats.

James Rowen,
urban planning,
graduate student,

Devour the Child

Jamaica Dyer



Editor's Note

An opinion article that ran Oct. 27 should have attributed some of its information.

The story, titled "Yes: Giving the CIA the power to torture would help make the country safer" under "Opposing Views: Is there any circumstance where it is permissible to torture people for information?", should have credited

a piece by Rebecca Lemov of the Los Angeles Times as the source for the information in the paragraph that read, "Beginning in the 1920s American social scientists began transferring their research on small animals to humans in what was called 'human engineering.'" — J.M.

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DIAMOND - Professor signs new book at talk

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policies caused the current Iraqi insurgencies, violence and establishment of al-Qaida training camps where there had been none previously. According to the book, the problems in Iraq have greatly "diminished our reputation" in the rest of the world.

Diamond also said the Arab-Muslim world associates the American interpretation of "democracy" with Westernization, Christianization and a disregard for its culture.

Seeking a pluralistic government for the newly liberated country, he said America should try to "midwife the birth of an interim government," since "Iraq lives in a dangerous neighborhood."

The lecture became heated when a student stood up and began to argue with Diamond and Roth, saying that his question wasn't being answered and that he had a cousin in Iraq. Diamond calmly answered his questions and continued to speak, with Roth noting that his best friend had recently died in Iraq.

Ramiel Younan, a junior of Assyrian ancestry and majoring in history, attended the lecture for extra credit but got a lot more than a few extra credit points out of it. "I was here because I was really interested in what he had to say," Younan said, adding that he thought Diamond "had a lot more knowledge than most experts."

After the lecture, Diamond signed books and answered questions that students didn't get a chance to ask during the lecture. Of the 24 books that were brought to the lecture for sale, 14 books were sold.

"People seemed to really respond to his presentation," said Chris Rose, textbook operations manager for the Spartan Bookstore.

According to Diamond, the paperback edition of his latest book should be available in the spring of next year.



Gianpiero Scire, a freshman majoring in business finance, and Ryan Anhari, a freshman majoring in business management, study in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Thursday morning.

Room with a view ...

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Gianpiero Scire, a freshman majoring in business finance, and Ryan Anhari, a freshman majoring in business management study Thursday in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library with a view of downtown San Jose.

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Spartans hope to improve position in WAC championship tournament

BY CHEETO BARRERA
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University volleyball team will travel to Idaho to close out the season.

VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Overall record WAC record
11-15 6-8

Next game:
Thursday @ Boise State

The Spartans, 6-8 in the Western Athletic Conference and 11-15 overall, will take on Boise State University on Thursday and will travel to the University of Idaho for a match on Saturday.

Rematch with the Broncos

SJSU beat both teams earlier in the year when it played them in Spartan Gym.

The Spartans beat Idaho in five games on Sept. 22 then swept Boise State two days later.

But despite the two wins, head coach Craig Choate said the team could not take either school lightly.

"Boise has the ability to take a game from people," Choate said. "Nobody gives up in this conference — they are going to play hard."

Boise State holds a 2-12 record in the WAC and a 6-16 record overall. The Spartans are also battling a three-match losing streak, which includes a loss Saturday to No. 9 University of Hawai'i.

Choate said you could not measure a team's performance when playing, or losing to, Hawai'i.

"We are just not at their level. There is a reason why they haven't

lost in more than a decade," Choate said.

Choate said he was less disappointed about the loss to Hawai'i than he was about the loss to Fresno State University this past Thursday.

Outside hitter Jennifer Senftleben, who leads the team with 404 kills, said playing Boise State will help in the match against Idaho, mainly to get the Spartans' spirits up after the two losses.

"Boise is a great first match to get us ready for Idaho, especially coming off of a couple of losses," Senftleben said. "It will help get our spirits up."

The tournament picture

Idaho and SJSU are tied for fifth place in the WAC standings heading into this weekend, both with 6-8 conference records.

Choate said that depending on what happens in the Boise State match, Saturday could determine who will be seeded higher in the tournament, which begins Nov. 24.

Choate said Idaho is physically better than his team, but he said the Vandals are young and can still be beaten.

"They are bigger, stronger and faster than us, but they are in the same situation than us," Choate said. "But they have improved since the beginning of the season. When we played them, they were still trying to figure things out. But they are getting better. They have played well the past few weeks."

During the game on Sept. 22, the Spartans jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead then dropped the next two games and were forced into a sudden-death game five.

SJSU pulled out the win 15-13 to take the match.

Idaho's season has been similar to the Spartans' — beating most of the same teams in conference play that the Spartans beat.

The two teams differ only in games against the University of Nevada and New Mexico State University — the Spartans beat Nevada once and Idaho beat New Mexico State once.

The Vandals have a losing record at home, winning one match in four WAC contests. The Spartans have struggled on the road with a 4-8 conference record.

Outside hitter Nia Freeman, who is fifth on the team with 134 kills, said she hopes the weekend will give the team a boost going into the end-of-the-season tournament.

"The last two losses are disappointment," Freeman said. "We think we can take advantage of these two teams and play well and play hard. Any team at any time can beat someone. We just have to stay focused."

Students give water polo club new life

Group competes against other schools; open to all students

BY PRISCILLA WOO
Daily Staff Writer

For the past few years, the men's water polo club at San Jose State University was pretty much dead, said co-president John Wagner.

"It was pretty low-key," said Wagner, who is also team captain of the club. The club was "a dozen guys that came once a week to throw the ball around."

All that changed when Wagner, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, joined the club.

Wagner met Ian Moore, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, and the two began to reform the club, scheduling tournaments with other clubs, such as UC Davis and Chico State and bringing together more members.

"We re-established it, it was kind of dead, and nothing was going on. Now people are talking about it," Wagner said.

About 24 members are part of the water polo club this semester, Wagner said. The members include students at all grade levels from SJSU — undergraduate and graduate students.

"Any age is welcome," Wagner said.

Nick Nehrkorn, a sophomore majoring in business, said he joined the club because water polo is a sport he really enjoys.

"I wanted to join the club because I have a love for the game," Nehrkorn said. "It's terrific exercise, and I just love being in the water."

There are few requirements in joining the club,

Wagner said. The club charges a \$25 fee per semester, but there is no GPA requirement.

Anyone can practice with the team, but in order to compete in tournaments, players must hold a minimum of 12 units if they are undergraduates and eight units if they are graduate students.

"We're always looking for new people," said Nehrkorn, who is also vice president of the club. "We recruit all year long."

Practices during the week run about two hours long and up to four times a week.

"We like people to have a social life," Wagner said.

The club aims to train members well but have fun at the same time. The practices are flexible around the students' schedules, instead of trying to schedule life around practice.

The team mixes in fun and hard work in its training, said co-president Ian Moore. He added that the team is actually fairly competitive.

"We could probably play against almost anybody," Moore said.

With about 10 to 12 hours of practice a week and tournaments every other week, the club members are inevitably very close friends.

"We actually have a pretty close group of guys," Nehrkorn said. "We mesh really well and that's important for the team."

"We hang out on a regular basis and party together," Wagner said. "Some of the guys on the team are best friends with each other."

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Health adviser takes aim at obesity

HONOLULU (AP) — A leading cancer expert and adviser to Hawaii's Department of Health pushed the state's teachers on Monday to combat obesity by encouraging students to shun sugar-laden soft drinks and fast food.

Dileep G. Bal also urged schools to make students exercise more.

"The obesity epidemic has to be stemmed with the children," Bal told close to 400 teachers at a Waikiki meeting. "You guys can do more than the Department of Health in many ways because in the formative years, you have those kids during most of their waking hours."

Bal recently moved from California to Kauai to become the county's new health director. He is also serving as a state health adviser.

A former head of the American Cancer Society, Bal had long been chief of the Cancer Control Branch at the California Department of Health

Services.

In Sacramento, Bal spearheaded many of California's anti-smoking campaigns that successfully pushing down smoking rates.

To improve Hawaii's health, Bal suggested that the state impose a one cent tax on every bottle of soda sold in the islands to generate revenue for health education.

And he urged schools to resist the temptation to rely on fast-food companies to sponsor fundraisers.

"The school band uniform isn't worth killing our kids," he said.

Bal cited statistics showing that in 2000, six out of 10 Americans were obese. He added that obesity increases one's chances of getting breast cancer, colon cancer, and kidney cancer.

As an example of a meal to avoid, he said a cheeseburger, Coke, and fries at a well-known national restaurant chain contained 1,700 calories and 58

grams of "bad" fat. That's enough bad fat for one person for three-and-a-half days, he said.

Bal said people need to change their attitudes toward unhealthy foods and exercise just the way society has become aware of how detrimental smoking is to health.

Even the Department of Education isn't immune to a lack of awareness, he said, noting the department gave Monday's conference a title inspired by the fast-food industry: "Super Sizing Health Education! Supporting Comprehensive Health Education for Every Child!"

"Your theme is super sizing. What are you, pawns for McDonald's? You're disseminating McDonald's twisted verbiage," Bal joked. "Don't play into this Madison Avenue glitz."

Kathy Kawaguchi, the assistant superintendent of the office of curriculum instruction and student support, said schools were already doing much of what Bal suggested.

"We just need to make sure it's done on a systemic level versus pockets of excellence," Kawaguchi said.

Hawaii public schools do not serve fast food from national restaurant chains.

Eugene Kaneshiro, director of the school food services branch, said schools serve meals that meet minimum nutrition standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Board of Education, meanwhile, sharply restricted access to soda starting last year.

Since December, 80 percent of the drinks offered in school vending machines must be healthy options such as water, milk and fruit juice.

But the board stopped short of completely banning soda after some principals expressed concern that the move would reduce their revenue.

The education department estimated that vending machines generated at least \$725,000 a year for student programs.

FILM - Showing followed by panel discussion led by SJSU instructors

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pays and the health care issue," Dougan said, "but I didn't know about all the crime in the parking lots."

According to the film, people have been killed, kidnapped, raped, and held up in Wal-Mart parking lots, and bodies have been dumped there.

"For years, I heard many stories on how Wal-Mart is destroying America," Dougan said.

"It's the 'Fahrenheit 9/11' of Wal-Mart," Dougan said.

"Overall the movie was great," Dougan said.

"The film pulls together a lot of information," Todd said.

Todd said that the film includes information that is widely known and other information that is not really talked about.

According to the film, illegal immigrants worked long hours and for low wages at several Wal-Marts.

Overall, Wal-Mart doesn't only affect people in the United States, but it affects people in China, Bangladesh and others, according to the movie.

Employees in the United States are paid little for all the work they do and they are unable to afford health care. Workers in China and Bangladesh work long hours for even smaller wages in the factories that produce the goods that Wal-Mart sells, according to the film.

The panel discussion was set up to get people involved and help them express their ideas on the given topic. Preston Rudy, a professor of sociology, said, "We want to try and generate some activity."

Most people left once the movie ended but about 20 people remained to participate in the panel discussion led by Todd and Rudy.

"I came to watch the movie as extra credit for my sociology class," said Thuy Le, a sophomore majoring in sociology.

"Wal-Mart is a well known store that isn't paying its employees well," Le said. "I've heard that their benefits aren't that great either."

While Le came to the event for extra credit, he left with a new look at Wal-Mart as a whole.

"It changed my view of Wal-Mart," Le said. "I won't be going to Wal-Mart anymore."

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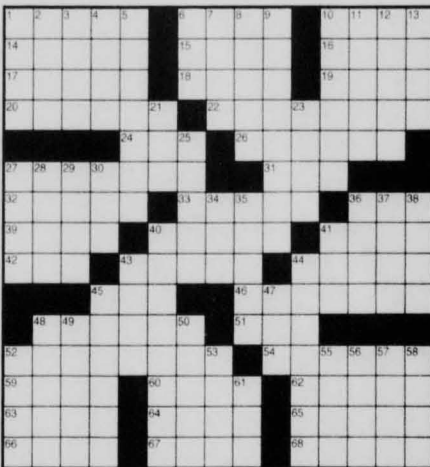
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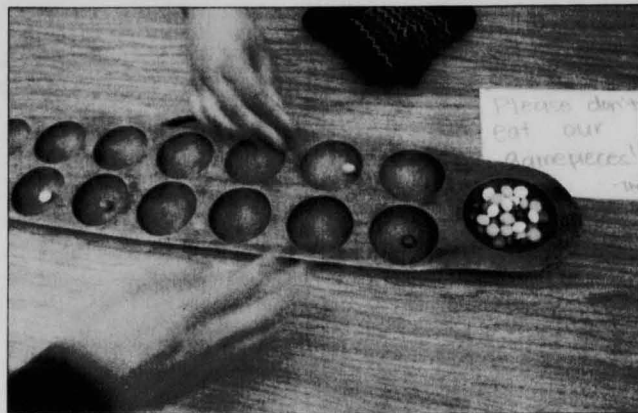
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From left, Ashley Ramirez, a freshman pre-nursing major, and Roger Aquino, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, plays sunka, a popular game played in the Philippines, at the Filipino Fair held on the first floor of San Jose State University's Student Union on Thursday.



Sunka, which is played by two players with a wooden pea-shaped board, is usually played with "sigays," or small shells, but students used Skittles instead.

Fun and games ...

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Some UC employees get pay raises

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The University of California paid 2,275 employees more than \$200,000 last fiscal year, up 30 percent over two years, even as the system continued to cut student services and increase fees, a newspaper reported Monday.

The salary hikes, revealed during a review of payroll records by the San Francisco Chronicle, occurred as the school raised student service fees 79 percent. UC has recently frozen pay hikes for lower-paid workers, such as custodians.

"This is a huge inequity," said Norah Foster, a library

assistant at the University of California, Berkeley, and executive board member of the Coalition of University Employees union. "I see many people who are leaving (UC) because of the pay."

Officials defended the practice, saying UC needs to be able to compete for the best faculty with other national universities. Only 1 percent of UC's full-time employees earn more than \$200,000 a year, university spokesman Paul Schwartz said.

"We have had to make targeted strategic investments, even as we have taken a 15

percent cut in our state funding," Schwartz said. "We still needed to ensure we attracted and retained the best people."

The number of employees making at least \$300,000 annually climbed 54 percent to 496 last year, according to the newspaper.

"I think part of the challenge is that when we recruit, we have to pay comparable salaries," said UC Regent Judith Hopkinson.

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