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## A forbidden ride



A cyclist pedals through a no-bike zone on campus Wednesday.

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## Social work hires three to faculty

### New instructors replace four department retirees

By Phil Bennett  
Daily Staff Writer

Over the years, professors come and go. Four San Jose State University faculty members in the department of social work retired in 2004 when the university encouraged those nearing retirement to do so by offering them a "golden handshake," said Alice Hines, the department chair of social work.

The department has since hired five new instructors.

"In the fall semester of 2005, three new faculty members joined the social work department," Hines said.

Sadhna Diwan is now an assistant professor who teaches human behavior and development in the undergraduate program of social work.

"Her area of interest is gerontology and her research focuses on mental health issues among east-Asian immigrant elderly," Hines said.

Another new instructor, Amy d'Andrade, teaches social welfare policy in the graduate program, specializing in child welfare.

"I had prior teaching experience and had taught a class or two at SJSU and enjoyed both the faculty and students," d'Andrade said.

She said she already knew some of the SJSU faculty from classes at the University of California at Berkeley.

Meekyung Han, who teaches practice courses in the undergraduate program, specializes in parent-child relationships in immigrant families.

"In the fall semester of 2006, another two new faculty members joined the social work department," Hines said.

Kathy Lemon is an SJSU alumnus and has now joined the department faculty. She teaches research methods in the social work master's program and specializes in issues related to community property.

"I accepted the offer to work at SJSU because I have ties here in the community — I obtained my master's degree here," Lemon said. "I am very excited about the research and teaching here in the social work department."

Sang Lee had just finished her Ph.D. at the University of California at Los Angeles and now teaches policy courses in the school's undergraduate

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## Web site exposes aviation security lapse

By Phil Bennett  
Daily Staff Writer

On Oct. 27, a 24-year-old computer security student at Indiana University Bloomington named Christopher Soghoian created a Web site that allows people to create and print fake boarding passes for Northwest Airlines flights, according to ABCNews.com.

Shockwaves of this distant security violation may travel as far as to reach San Jose State University.

"SJSU will be impacted inasmuch as its students, faculty and staff travel by plane and therefore are subject to aviation security processes," said Triant Flouris, the director of aviation and an associate professor in the department of aviation and technology at SJSU.

Some students believe that Soghoian's actions warrant punishment.

"I believe that (Soghoian) should be imprisoned," said Jesse Toth, a freshman majoring in computer science. "Whether he is a terrorist or not, and whether he realizes it or not."

Soghoian told CNN.com that he hasn't actually tried to use one of the boarding passes yet.

"It is legally debatable as to whether (Soghoian) will be charged with a crime and what this crime will be," Flouris said.

Some students said Soghoian's program could be exploited by terrorists.

"What he did was extremely dangerous and could potentially give actual terrorists an easy way to get into the terminal area and carry out an act of terrorism," Toth said. "That is not something to take lightly."

Others feel that Soghoian's produc-

tion of this Web site does not warrant his imprisonment.

"I don't believe that Soghoian should go to prison, since he never actually attempted to use the tickets," said Jessica Jeronimus, an aviation major.

These students may attribute his alleged innocence to his First Amendment rights.

Other students argue that Soghoian's Web site represents a danger that forfeits its constitutional protection.

"I believe in free speech and free Internet; however, creating illegal fake documents to be used to get into airlines is a dangerous and duplicitous game," said Gene Maze, a senior majoring in public relations. "It's like shouting fire in a crowded theater — it's irresponsible, and there are legal ramifications to doing something like that."

Some students think Soghoian is only trying to further what some Americans already know.

"His point that airline security is flawed has been made," Jeronimus said. "Then again, we already knew that airline security is below average, and he is only adding to the hysteria of what Americans have made a way of life."

Soghoian told ABCNews.com it's the only way to show people how deeply flawed airport and airline security are.

"If it's on the Web, then it will hit California," Jeronimus said. "I don't see it becoming a major issue now that it is public knowledge."

According to CNN.com, the Transportation Security Administration said that what Soghoian has done is illegal

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## Governor candidates make last-minute push

By Juliet Williams  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California's top Democrats spent the waning hours before Tuesday's election trying to boost voter turnout amid fears that their weak gubernatorial candidate, Phil Angelides, could be a drag on the ticket, even as Democrats are expected to surge nationwide.

While campaigning with Angelides at rallies around the state Monday, top Democrats sought to link their Republican opponents to extremist views and to remind voters of their frustration with the Bush administration. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has successfully distanced himself from faltering Republicans this campaign season through a series of bipartisan agreements and centrist policies.

At a spirited rally at Los Angeles City College, Sen. Dianne Feinstein said Tuesday's election is about much more than who controls California. She told around 200 students that their vote will

send a message to the White House about its policies on the Iraq war, minimum wage, health care, education and stem cell research.

"I remember the day when the United States of America was the most admired country in the world. Does anyone believe that's true today?" Feinstein said to loud cheers of "No." "That's the message this election sends, and there's only one way to send it. ... And that's by voting for Democrats up and down the slate."

Feinstein named more than half a dozen candidates who were also on stage, some of them in unexpectedly tight races: secretary of state candidate Debra Bowen, state controller candidate John Chiang and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, who is locked in a close race against Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock.

Garamendi's campaign later announced a one-minute ad donated by a Democratic-leaning group, Majority Action, that was to run during prime

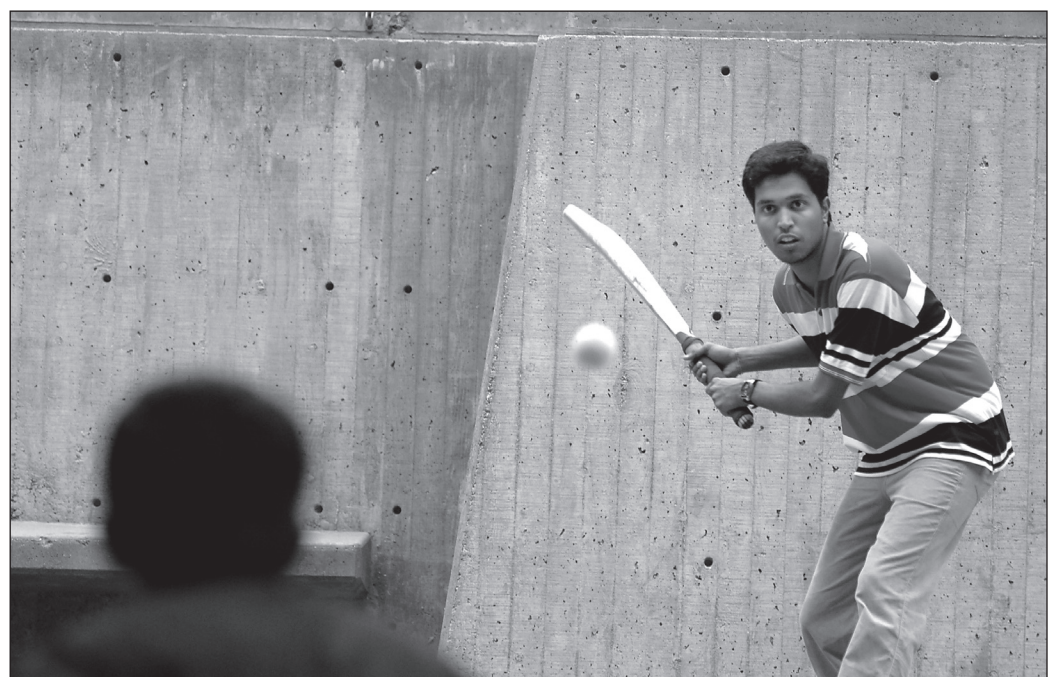
time Monday in the Los Angeles area highlighting McClintock's opposition to embryonic stem cell research. The group also has run stem cell ads in congressional districts in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York.

Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger on Monday visited a GOP phone bank operation in Irvine, where volunteers were urging Republican voters to vote yes on Proposition 85, which would require parents to be notified when teenagers seek abortions.

The issue appeals to the Republican base, although Schwarzenegger has not emphasized it in his campaign for fear of alienating moderates. When the governor got on the phone, he ignored the abortion measure and spoke instead about the five infrastructure bonds on Tuesday's ballot.

With double-digit leads in most public opinion polls, the governor has spent much of his campaign focusing on the bonds as a crucial next step in boosting California's economy.

## Bowling the batter



KEVIN PAYNE / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Rhonik Bhanuri pitches a ball to his friend Deepak Ganesan in a pickup cricket game outside the Student Union on Wednesday afternoon. Bhanuri and Ganesan are both electrical engineering majors at San Jose State University.





# Window shopping at SJSU

Desiree Susy, a senior majoring in animation, and Binh Tran, a senior majoring in political science, both look intently at the CosmoGems jewelry stand near the Student Union on Wednesday.



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and that using one of these fake boarding passes would be illegal as well.

"Aviation security is a systemic matter and its ramifications are not just local or national, they are global — the same issues that impact aviation security in Indiana impact security nationally and internationally," Flouris said.

Section 1540.103 of title 49 of the Homeland Security Code of Federal Regulations says no person may make, or cause to be made, any false statement for any security or identification medium, any fraudulent entry in any record, or any reproduction or alteration of any identification medium.

"The (Transportation Security Administration) may consider (Soghoian's) Web site as having the potential to promote illegal activity, as submitting fraudulent documents to airline security is illegal," Flouris said. "A good fake boarding pass would be difficult for air-

port security screeners to detect, because they have no live access to airline databases at the screening checkpoint."

According to CNN.com, Transportation Security Administration officials also believe that it would do little to aid anyone looking to do harm to airline passengers.

Having a good fake boarding card does not mean access to an aircraft is assured, Flouris said.

"Several steps to the screening process exist," Flouris said. "Ultimately, the holder of the fake boarding card would be stopped at the gate."

But after a recent report showed that security screeners at Newark International Airport in New Jersey had flunked 20 out of 22 tests to identify hidden bombs and guns, and with similar reports coming out all the time, it seems that existing security system may not even work, according to ABC-News.com.

"The system partly depends on how well (Transportation Security

Administration) and airline personnel are trained to implement security procedures," Flouris said.

But some people are more tolerant than others.

"When I fly, I always thank the folks working security — I think it freaks them out because most people bitch and complain," said Valerie Bourland, an alumnus who majored in accounting. "But I would rather be a little inconvenienced if it reduces the chance of something bad happening."

Through these occasional security violations, systems become stronger.

"Aviation security is a systemic issue and its application, procedures and processes evolve continuously in response to identifiable threats as well as systemic failures," Flouris said. "The U.S. aviation security system is continuously tested by (the Transportation Security Administration), and adjustments are made to security systems and processes due to identifiable weaknesses."

### IRAQ NEWS IN BRIEF

#### New program could reinstate Saddam backers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A day after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the country's Shiite-dominated government offered a major concession Monday to his Sunni backers that could see

thousands of purged Baath party members reinstated in their jobs.

With a tight curfew holding down violence after Saddam's guilty verdict and death sentence, the government reached out to disaffected Sunnis in hopes of enticing them away from the insurgency, which has killed tens of thousands of Iraqis and is responsible for the

vast majority of U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, two in a helicopter crash north of Baghdad and three in fighting west of the capital. The deaths raised to 18 the number of U.S. forces killed in the first six days of November.

Relentless sectarian killings also persisted despite the extraordinary security precautions, which eased late Monday. Fifty-nine bodies were discovered Sunday and Monday across Iraq, police officials said.

Nevertheless, Sunday's verdict and Monday's opening to the Sunnis were seen as a welcome break for the United States, which had recently called for the Iraqi government to stop purging members of Saddam's Baath party from their jobs.

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