

MORE BLOOD DRIVE TALK

Policies, principles, protests ... and Rip Van Winkle

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His story in colors
Richard Tucker, 61, a former SJSU student, speaks through oil on canvas about his life, love and culture.

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With the grace of a swan

Ballet San Jose prepares to bring a classic to the stage



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During the final day of its rehearsal, Ballet San Jose practiced at its local studio for a performance of "Swan Lake." The company will showcase at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts at 255 Almaden in San Jose. See the story on pages 2 and 3.

Extracurricular

Students choose MySpace, fliers over SJSU.edu to post events

By CHRIS BAUSINGER
Staff Writer

Since Sept. 17, 2007 the Student Involvement Web calendar has listed four events.

The lack of student events is not a result of clubs not hosting any events, but instead because student organizations often choose not to post their events on the Web calendar.

Events on the calendar ranged from academic integrity week to student organization fairs.

According to the Student Involvement Web calendar the last event to be posted by a student organization was the Associated Students' barbeque on November 15, 2006.

Instead of using the calendar, organizations use fliers and online groups, such as MySpace and Facebook, to provide information to people interested in their programs. Akbayan SJSU and the Muslim Students Association of SJSU are examples of groups with Facebook pages.

Some organizations have their own Web sites but are not the same as those listed on the Student Involvement SJSU Web page.

Information that is on the fliers and organization web pages are events students would miss if they were looking for them on the Student Involvement Web calendar. These events include poker nights, barbeques and cultural dance workshops.

"Student Involvement will be removing its calendar within the next month due to lack of student usage," said Director of SJSU Student Involvement Richard Kelley.

The decrease in usage may come from the way student organizations

have to get their events approved for the calendar. The organization must fill out a one-page form that is subject to review and approval.

"Most students don't go to the SJSU Web site to look for clubs," said Stephanie Jwo, a senior psychology major and member of Tau Delta Phi.

Tau Delta Phi spreads information about its events by handing out fliers in front of a table outside the Student Union as well as through their own Web site.

Other student organizations feel the same way about the Student Involvement calendar and have created and managed their own Web pages separate from the SJSU Web site.

Swaphil Mehta, a graduate student majoring in mechanical engineering and member of the Indian Students Organization said, "We put all our [event] dates on our own Web site and use Yahoo groups," as a way of keeping members informed.

The Akbayan Pilipino American Organization of SJSU also uses online methods to keep students informed of events.

Christine Abriam, a senior interior design major and member of Akbayan said, "We use a Yahoo group, weekly e-mails and our Web site."

The organizations that commented were at tables outside of the Student Union. Each organization has certain times during the week that they are available for information.

The low number of event listings in the last year may be the reason the calendar has been phased out. Student organizations are looking for their own space to develop memberships and inform prospective students of their events.

University stands alone in blood policy

Other institutions keep quiet about SJSU's decision to suspend donation drives

By JOHN HORNBERG
Staff Writer

Despite having policies with similar language against discrimination, other local universities thus far have remained silent regarding SJSU President Don Kassing's prohibition of blood drives.

No local university or college has taken similar action to address the Food and Drug Administration's lifetime deferral for gay men from donating blood.

Other universities chose not to comment on Kassing's actions, or their own nondiscrimination policies.

Officials from UC Berkeley and Santa Clara University did not return e-mail questions as well as phone

calls, while officials at San Francisco State University and Stanford University also did not return phone calls.

Student publications, though, have reported on blood drive suspension, but have not presented an opinion about it.

Despite the steps taken by SJSU, it was never the president's intention to push his values on other institutions, he said at a news conference on Tuesday.

"President Kassing's intention is to take care of the SJSU campus and community," said Pat Lopes Harris, a representative for the university. "It isn't his intention to create a movement."

Paul Browning, a representative for the California State University

system, said it does not have a uniform nondiscrimination policy for its 23 campuses, a fact echoed by SJSU's Associate Vice President of Public Affairs Larry Carr.

"If you look at them, you might find that they are all similar," he said. "But each one is different."

The UC system has a nondiscrimination policy that covers all 10 of its campuses, according to the media relations office at UC Berkeley. Last updated by the UC Board of Regents in 2004, the UC policy covers "admission, access, and treatment in University programs and activities."

Discrimination based on gender

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FDA POLICY

■ **Men who have had sex with other men, at any time since 1977 (the beginning of the U.S. AIDS epidemic) are currently deferred as blood donors. This is because men who have had sex with other men are, as a group, at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and certain other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion.**

■ **The policy is not unique to the United States. Many European countries have recently reexamined both the science and ethics of the lifetime deferral and have retained it.**

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10		12			15	16
17	YES! - A YOUTHFUL MOVEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL CHANGE SJSU Art of Living Club Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:00 a.m. at San Jose State University Contact: yesplusSJSU@gmail.com			sJANCEco's Choreo Project Awards: A great Concert of original works Friday, February 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. SJSU Dance Theatre, SPX 219, SJSU, 1 Washington Square Contact: 408.924.5041, dance@sjsu.edu		

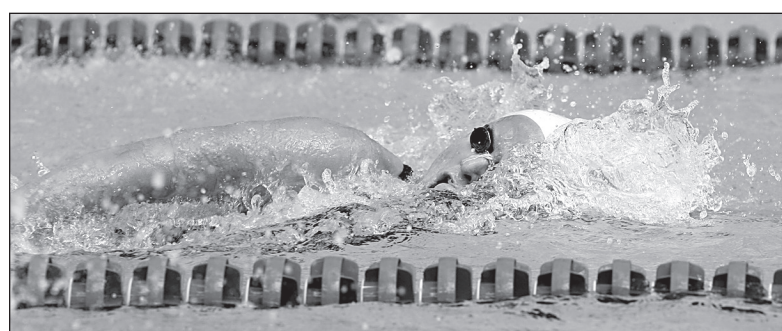
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Facebook contains listings, such as the ones above, of student events that have not been posted on SJSU's Web site.

INSIDE the DAILY

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Records, medals and a chance for more. Standout swimmer Brie Marhenke leads the swimming team into the WAC championships. See SPORTS, page 4



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Students point to the cheapest (and tastiest) restaurants near campus. See CAMPUS NEWS, page 6

President fields questions from campus media

STAFF REPORT

TOWER HALL — San Jose State University's President Don Kassing answered a variety of questions from the Spartan Daily and SJSU's "Update News" at a conference in Tower Hall on Tuesday.

Q: How easy of a decision was it for you to suspend blood drives on campus?

A: We approached this thing, I think, in a very thoughtful way. We felt that based on what we learned (researching) that our discrimination policy needed to be adhered to. And that the FDA position on this has been controversial for at least 10 years — and that there is a pretty interesting scientific argument out there that the FDA needs to take a look at the policy. That's been advocated by a number of agencies and groups that I think need to be respected. ... And what's been so interesting

about this debate is that we get drawn in, or they draw us into, an argument about the blood supply. We're not telling anyone not to donate blood. In fact, I think we would say the opposite, 'Please donate blood.' We would hope the FDA would change its policy at some point. The scientific arguments are considerable ... they need to get on that and take a look at it ... because we would argue it's discriminatory.

The experience we're having on this has been ... a very strong anti-gay set of responses that are ugly, nasty kinds of things. We'll get people accusing us of being politically correct, which I would argue is a very shallow view of what we've done. The blood supply argument: that has substance. And people engaged in that side of the argument really, really care about it and are concerned. And then you would get what I would label as a very informed opinion and that's

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"I think we would say the opposite. 'Please, donate blood,'" Kassing said at the conference.

SPARTA GUIDE

EVENT CALENDAR

Today

SOCIETY FOR COMPUTER ENGINEERING CLUB ROOM GRAND OPENING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Engineering building, rooms E294 and E285/287.

Contact: Sampath Gadamsetty, 806-6314, sampathg4@yahoo.com

RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

Counseling Services' "The Dating Game." Topics include the first date, healthy relationships and surviving breakups. 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Administration building, room 269.

Contact: Jennifer Naumann, Mariika Felberg, or Ashley Tate de Lara, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

CAREER CENTER PROGRAM: THE INTERNATIONAL JOB SEARCH, SECRETS TO SUCCESS

A program for students considering going abroad to intern, work, teach, study, volunteer or travel.

3 to 5 p.m. at the University room.

Contact: Laurie Morgan, laurie.morgan@sjsu.edu

WORKSHOP: ARE YOU HITTING THE GOAL MARK?

Learn how to achieve your educational goals by creating an effective plan and hitting the center of the target.

3 to 4 p.m. Administration building, room 269.

Contact: Deanna Peck, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

AKBAYAN PILIPINO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION PCN INFO NIGHT

4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Student Union Pacifica room.

Contact: Angelo, 925-768-7052

LECTURE: BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN A GLOBAL WORLD

Eminent Speaker Series: Information on the sixth-annual Silicon Valley Business Plan Competition will be provided. The event is co-hosted by the Lucas Graduate School of Business. 6 to 8 p.m. at Boccardo Business Complex, room 202.

Contact: Dr. Anu Basu, 924-3593, basu_a@cob.sjsu.edu

COUNSELING SERVICES STUDENT WORKSHOP

First-Generation College Student Workshop.

6 to 7 p.m. at MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center.

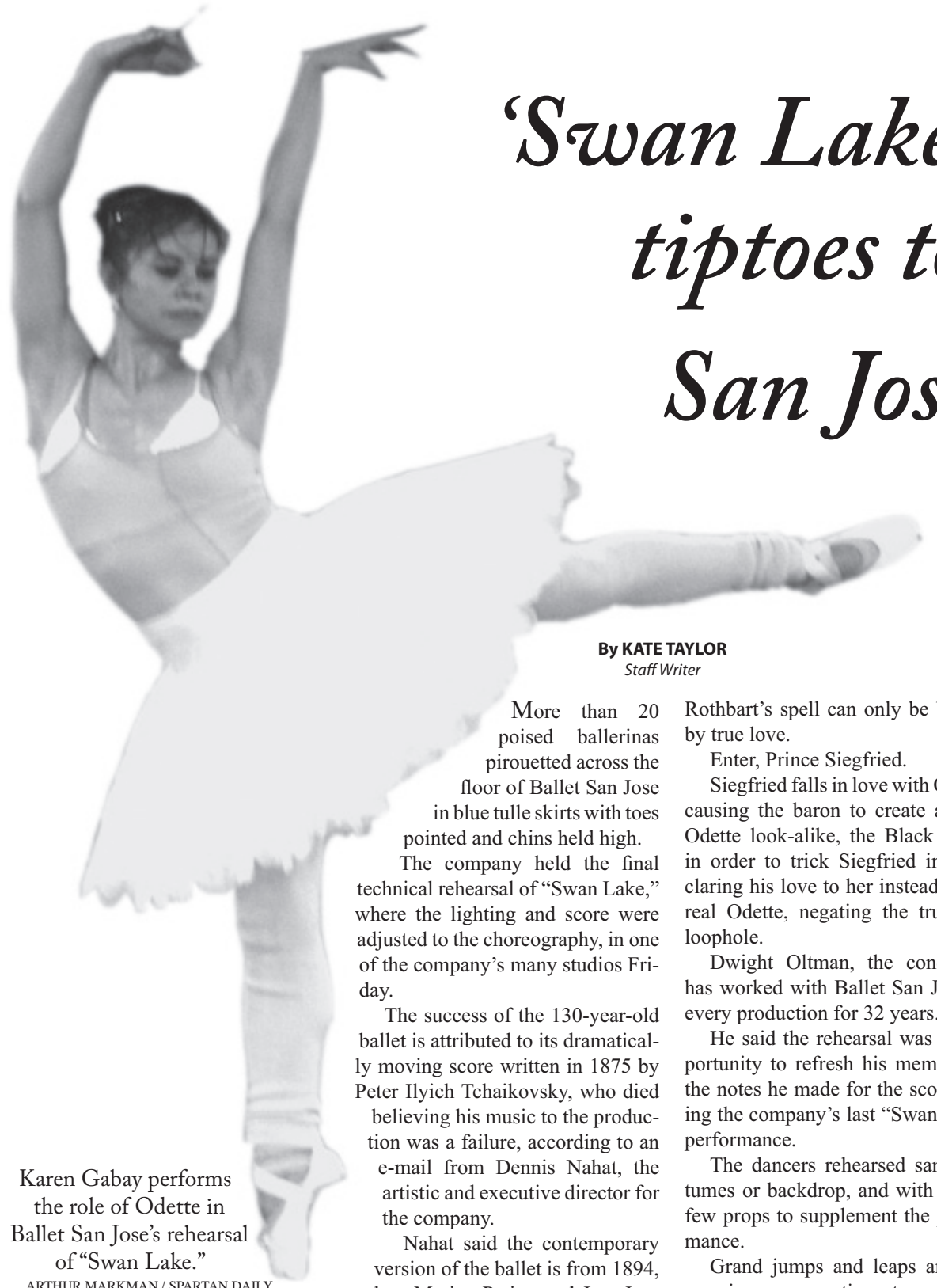
Contact: Veronica Mendoza, 924-5921

LECTURE: NETWORKING THROUGH PEOPLE, THROUGH A MENTOR

Delta Sigma Pi Professional Event: Sharon Preston, project specialist and university relations and college recruiting from CISCO Systems, will talk about the importance of networking and having a mentor before graduating.

9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Student Union, Almaden room

Contact: christopher.lozano@dpspsjsu.org

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tiptoes to
San JoseBy KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

More than 20 poised ballerinas pirouetted across the floor of Ballet San Jose in blue tulle skirts with toes pointed and chins held high.

The company held the final technical rehearsal of "Swan Lake," where the lighting and score were adjusted to the choreography, in one of the company's many studios Friday.

The success of the 130-year-old ballet is attributed to its dramatically moving score written in 1875 by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, who died believing his music to the production was a failure, according to an e-mail from Dennis Nahat, the artistic and executive director for the company.

Nahat said the contemporary version of the ballet is from 1894, when Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov redid the choreography.

"My instinct in preserving great works is to strengthen that which is already visible and bring out that which is invisible," Nahat wrote. "The choreography for this production of 'Swan Lake' is original, except portions of Acts II and III."

Some of the scenes are still danced by modern companies in the original choreography, specifically the dance of the Four Cygnets, Nahat said.

This ballet is so demanding for the performer, said Publicity Director Lee Kopp, that there are three to four castings of each main role, and the performers never dance the same lead two nights in a row.

"It's like basketball, or any sport, really," Kopp said. "If you play tired, you're going to get hurt."

The ballet is a classic, romantic tale of Odette, called the White Swan, who is under the spell and control of the obsessed Baron von Rothbart, an evil sorcerer who turns women into swans.

Typical to any fairytale, von

Rothbart's spell can only be broken by true love.

Enter, Prince Siegfried. Siegfried falls in love with Odette, causing the baron to create an evil Odette look-alike, the Black Swan, in order to trick Siegfried into declaring his love to her instead of the real Odette, negating the true-love loophole.

Dwight Oltman, the conductor, has worked with Ballet San Jose on every production for 32 years.

He said the rehearsal was an opportunity to refresh his memory on the notes he made for the score during the company's last "Swan Lake" performance.

The dancers rehearsed sans costumes or backdrop, and with only a few props to supplement the performance.

Grand jumps and leaps and impressive consecutive turns were performed by all of the main roles, wowing Friday's rehearsal audience and emphasizing the company's athleticism.

Maykel Solas played Prince Siegfried, Jeremy Kovitch played the baron and Karen Gabay played the lead part of Odette in Friday's run-through.

Most dancers get about 15 to 20 years of professional dancing, depending on the age they start, said Akua Parker, a dancer in her second season with the company.

Gabay, 46, has been dancing for the Ballet San Jose for 27 years and is still being cast as leads in the ballet's many productions, Parker said.

"She must be hiding an aging portrait of herself in a closet," Kopp said of Gabay.

In addition to Gabay, Maria Jacobs and Alexandra Meijer also play Odette.

Nahat added that, when choreographing the ballet, he tried to "make the ballet and its plot clearly understood by a first-time viewer."

Karen Gabay performs the role of Odette in Ballet San Jose's rehearsal of "Swan Lake."

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"Swan Lake"**Who:** Ballet San Jose**What:** "Swan Lake"**Where:** San Jose Center for Performing Arts 255 Almaden**When:** Feb. 15 to Feb. 24

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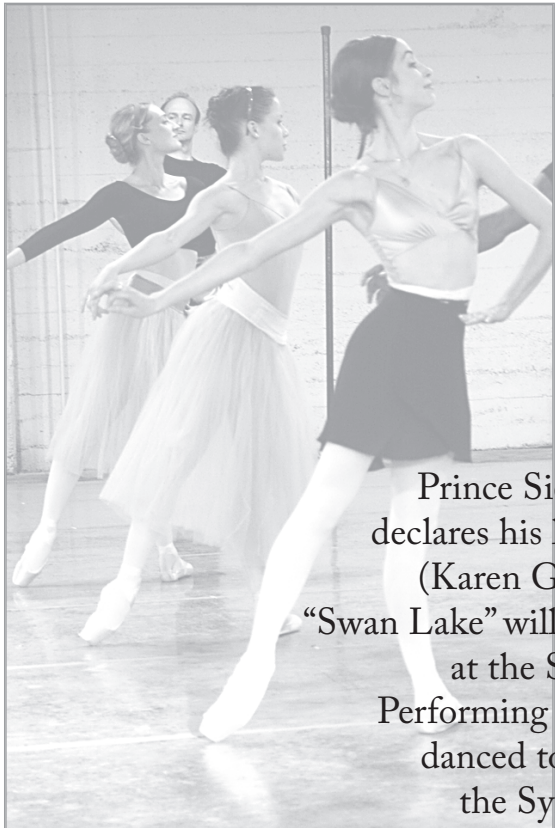
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IN MOTION



Prince Siegfried (Maykel Solas) declares his love to the Black Swan (Karen Gabay) before the court. "Swan Lake" will run Feb. 15 to Feb. 24 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts. The ballet will be danced to a live performance by the Symphony Silicon Valley.



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Biting on a student budget

By TARA DUFFY
Staff Writer

Sisters Becky and Lucie Roberts, both animation illustration majors, said they prefer to eat at home to save money.

Sometimes it is hard for students who are living on a tight budget to find affordable places to eat or get drinks with friends.

For those who prefer to go out, even though money is tight, going to downtown San Jose does offer struggling students some options. A number of these options come within walking distance of SJSU.

Chris Skidmore, a graduate kinesiology student, likes Pizza My Heart because "you can get a meal for five bucks."

Alyse Esmail, sophomore public relations major, and Maria Diaz, second-year nursing student, both said they spend around \$100 to \$150 per

month on food — with the majority of that spent eating out.

Both Esmail and Diaz said that they didn't eat much at home.

They spent one lunch hour this week eating burritos from La Victoria's on 140 E. San Carlos St. that cost around \$5 each.

A few downtown businesses offer special discounts to SJSU students, where the students need to show their SJSU IDs to receive the discounts.

Jimmy Orozco, an employee from Iguana's Mexican Taqueria, said the restaurant is offering 10 percent off of "anything, all day every day."

Iguana's can be found on South Third Street near McDonald's and, it is open late Thursday through Sunday until 3 a.m.

The Pita Pit, on South Second Street between Camera 12 Cinemas and San Fernando Street, offers students a large fountain drink for \$.50 with the purchase of a pita. The Pita

Pit's menu offers many food options for around \$5 to \$6.

Julie Brand, general manager of Zanottos Downtown Market, said it has recently brought back its student discount and now offer students 10 percent off on a purchases of \$25 or more through the rest of this semester, as well as into September and October.

For students who want to catch a movie, it will cost \$7.50 at Camera 12 Cinemas on 201 S. Second Street.

Nancy Holtz, a junior art education major, said she frequents businesses in San Pedro Square, such as The Flying Martini Brothers Bar and Bistro, as well as O'Flaherty's Irish Pub and Tied House.

Holtz said that she chooses businesses in this area because they offer "a group of pubs right by each other."

San Pedro Square is located between Santa Clara Avenue and Saint John streets.



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Above left: Two students eat at the dining counter at Iguana's Taqueria on Third Street. Above right: SJSU seniors Miller Duong, right, an economics major and Anthony Truong, left, a finance major, enjoy some slices from Pizza My Heart while studying for some of their classes.

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paid attention to this issue and understands ... that the FDA could and should reconsider their argument.

Q: How quick of a decision was it for you?

A: We probably spent a good four or five months on this ... maybe six months.

Q: What started the conversation (about banning blood drives)?

A: We had a complaint from an employee who expressed that he felt the blood drive violated the nondiscrimination policy.

Q: Did you ask when talking to the FDA officials: Why is that the focus is on homosexual individuals and not other commu-

nities of a high risk of HIV?

A: It really hits home on the issue. What really violates the nondiscrimination policy is that like-risks are not treated the same under the FDA's policy. And that's where the university's policy and the FDA's comes into conflict. And they don't have an answer to that.

Q: In your final months as SJSU's president, what are you trying to accomplish?

A: We've got to put a budget together. We are spending time on the new Student Union, Health Center and Rec Center. Every day there is something that comes up in this place.

Q: Does SJSU have any plans to put in new computer labs, like the ones in Clark Hall?

A: In the governor's budget ... there is a bond issue, and if it passes, we

plan to put in main renovations on Spartan Complex ... and that's about a \$30 million project.

Q: What's your take on the proposed Internet filters at the (King) library?

A: I understand where Councilman Pete Constant is coming from, and I share that concern of protecting children from pornography. You need to be very careful and not interfere with our research efforts or the effort you make as students. We're hoping that's recognized and doesn't disrupt the way the library works. I think it's an issue of moral security in the library rather than Internet filters. I know he feels strongly about it and cares about kids, and so do we. I hope we can find a different solution.

Q: The CSU system set an earlier freshmen deadline for Feb. 1, have you seen a change in the number of

applicants for the Fall?

A: Yeah, we have seen an 8 percent increase even with the Feb. 1 deadline. We got our hands full, our applications are up, we're overenrolled about 1,500 students. We had hoped to be up about 3 percent.

Q: How do you help this problem?

A: We've opened more sections. We've hired more faculty.

Q: What's at the top of the list? What is the "must get done" by the end of the semester?

A: If we have a budget cut, we make sure we can manage it. I mentioned the Student Union, the Health Center, the Rec Center, and make sure those projects move along.

President Kassing's answers were edited for length.

College courses seek to protect church tills from embezzlers, improve management

By KATHY MATHESON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The globe-trotting priest from Connecticut drove a Jaguar, shopped at Bergdorf Goodman and bought jewelry from Cartier, all of it with money stolen from his church's coffers. By the time the parish finance council caught on, he had embezzled \$1.3 million.

Many U.S. churches have been victims of embezzlement over the years, reflecting not just moral weakness on the part of the wrongdoers, but lax financial controls. Often, church budgets are overseen by volunteers or employees with little guidance or professional training.

Now, some colleges are hoping to prevent such faith-shattering abuses by offering programs devoted specifically to managing church finances and personnel.

Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Boston College started programs in September, and Villanova University outside Philadelphia is offering an online master's degree in church management beginning this summer.

The concept is becoming more popular despite some among the faithful who bristle at the notion of the church as a business, said Kerry Robinson, executive director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a Roman Catholic group.

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identity and sexual orientation is not allowed, among several things, according to the UC's policy.

Kassing said the university did not look at other local institutions' nondiscrimination policies, but that didn't stop him or those researching it from looking for other examples.

"We did try to get some sense of whether or not other colleges and universities had stopped doing blood

drives," he said. "The impression we got was that there were some colleges — that tended to be smaller liberal arts colleges in the Midwest — had taken a position on this."

At other places, students and the gay, lesbian, and transgender community raised the issue, Kassing said. The difference between SJSU and other colleges is that protesting did not start the investigation, but rather an employee complaint.

Kassing said he felt that each university should come to its own con-

clusion regarding the FDA's policy preventing homosexual men from donating blood, hoping that this stand will spur people to discuss the policy.

"I think each entity that considers this has to get there on its own," he said. "What I would hope is that we help create a more serious conversation with the FDA."

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will be discussing the issue of blood drives and the FDA's ban at its legislative committee meeting on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

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