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# Winter field to become parking lot

By Kami Nguyen

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nearly 800 new parking spaces are planned to be available by fall after Bud Winter Field is paved over during the summer.

Bud Winter Field is the track area located across from the Spartan Stadium.

Sylvia Hutchinson, interim director of communications and public affairs, said the idea to

pave over San Jose State University's track was recommended by Traffic and Parking Operations to alleviate the ongoing parking problems students face.

"The university has also looked into buying additional property near South Campus for more parking, but one available lot was a former superfund site, and presented too many legal liabilities," she said. "Paving Bud Winter Field to provide better parking has been one of the

options considered by the university for the last five or so years." Although students may benefit from the change, some residents of the Spartan Keyes neighborhood are upset about the plans.

Robert Perez, president of the Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Association, said the committee would try to find a way to stop the field from being turned into a parking lot.

"The track has been around for 40 years and has been open to the

public at any time of the day. This is a tragedy for the community," Perez said.

He said he understood SJSU's parking problems, but feels there are other solutions besides paving over the neighborhood's only recreational center.

"This is a short-term solution for a long-term problem. This will bring more cars and cause more traffic and pollution in the neighborhood," he said. "It's really sad because once you've paved over it,

it's gone forever."

The residents first learned of the plan from a university representative during a Feb. 14 neighborhood advisory meeting, Perez said.

"They (SJSU) weren't even planning on telling us," he said. "The only reason the topic came up was because ... we were discussing the (residential) permit parking."

He said the residents were concerned of what would happen

to the parking problem with the newly implemented policy.

That was when the plans for Bud Winter Field were brought up.

Hutchinson said although the decision to use the field for parking "would not involve special hearings or consultations," several years ago, the university had discussed plans with residents for developing the south side of cam-

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# Clark has Internet filtering

By Amber Sheldon

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Clark Library patrons wanting to access their e-mail accounts or look for a good buy online when using the computers on the first floor will discover a roadblock.

Instead of "You've Got Mail," the message will read: "The specified URL is denied by the proxy server."

The proxy server denies popular e-mail sites such as Email.com and Hotmail.com.

Richard Woods, director of information technology, said some sites are specifically targeted.

"We do try to block the most popular e-mail sites, but you can't ever block everything. There is no magic formula as in terms of key words (when blocking sites). Word blocking is not a very useful way of doing it because we live by our ability to provide information to students," Woods said.

Besides e-mail, sites geared towards purchasing and the selling of items are denied by the proxy server, such as Amazon.com and Ebay.com.

Michael Condon, second floor computer lab supervisor, said the computers on the first floor of the library are primarily for research and partial Internet access. He said it is not a computer lab.

"It is really a library catalog, which replaced the old system in 1991. We've been automated for 12 years now," Condon said.

"We just want people to sit there and do their library research, (which is) the primary function. We don't want to keep people sitting there for two hours using e-mail while someone needs the computer to write a paper," Condon said.

There is already a 30-minute time limit when using the computers. Signs are posted around the room near the computers, as a reminder.

Mohsin Waqar, mechanical engineering major and library assistant, said (they) don't want people sitting (at the computers) and

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# All the hoopla of hula . . .

A local dancing group shares their culture by practicing native Hawaiian dances on campus.

By Joseph Weaver

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every Tuesday evening, a little taste of Hawaii comes to Markham Hall.

The Ladies of Moani Ke 'Ala O Ka Mailelaili'i and The Men of Ka Iho Makawalu A Ka Ua Kipu'upu'u are bringing that taste to San Jose State University with their own brand of hula.

"We only do Hawaiian style dances, not the Tahitian kind," Heather Webb, senior marketing major from Santa Clara University, said.

The group, which begins practice at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening, has been under the guidance of instructor Clark Kahekemalamalamaika'aina Bolivar for the past 10 years.

They have been using Markham Hall to practice in for the past two months.

There are two forms of hula, which means 'dance' in Hawaiian, that this group performs.

Member Giovanni Verango said the group dances both kahiko (ancient) and auana (modern) dances.

Verango explained the kahiko dances are mainly chants and they use different Hawaiian implements to compliment the chanting.

"Some kahiko dances are done about the gods or for the gods," Verango said.

He said the auana style of hula uses more modern instruments such as guitars and ukuleles and makes use of more singing than chanting.

"The modern style also consists of softer dance movements," Verango said.

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Above, Ku'ulei McFarland danced as part of the Ladies of Moani Ke 'Ala O Ka Mailelaili'i hula group who practice on campus for upcoming competitions.

Right, Lia McFarland receives help tying her kupe'e on her wrists from two of her hula sisters. The three women are part of the Ladies of Moani Ke 'Ala O Ka Mailelaili'i hula group who meet on campus to practice for upcoming competitions.

Krysti La Tour / Daily Staff



# Testing available for Sickle Cell Chairs no longer available

By Moses Peraza

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Six health organizations and Alpha Phi Omega fraternity worked together Wednesday to bring free sickle cell anemia screening to the MOSAIC room located in the Student Union.

About 100,000 Americans are affected with sickle cell anemia and many people know nothing or little about this life threatening disease.

Diana Lee, executive director of sickle cell anemia community health network of Northern California, said sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that affects the hemoglobin.

Lee said that most people know their blood type, which is on the surface of a blood cell, but few people knew their hemoglobin type, which is inside the blood cell.

She said in cases of sickle cell anemia, blood types change from a round blood cell to a half moon, or a sickle shape.

"This blocks other red blood cells from carrying oxygen to other parts of the body," Lee said.

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Felicita Johnson, right, of the Student Health Center draws a blood sample from student Natasha Franklin, left, in the MOSAIC Multicultural Center to test for the sickle cell anemia trait. Peer Health Educators organized and funded the free sickle cell anemia testing, which was held Wednesday afternoon.



Christy Kinsley / Daily Staff

By Michelle Giluso

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some graduating students, their families, and faculty members may have to play musical chairs to win a seat at the commencement ceremonies in May.

Facilities, Development and Operations recently announced they will no longer be able to provide tables and chairs for convocations, department receptions and other large functions of colleges, departments and programs.

Betty Luna, director of facilities management, said tables and chairs have continued to disappear over the past eight years.

She said half of the chairs end up missing after customers use them.

"We don't even have 25 percent to satisfy people who need them," Luna said.

She said in the early 1990s, the chancellor's office allocated extra funds remaining from a construction project to Facilities, Development and Operations for the table and chairs.

Luna said colleges, departments and programs at the university will have to find the means to rent their tables and chairs from rental companies, which charge enormous fees.

For those fees, she said vendors provide better quality tables and chairs, which are inspected and properly maintained by the companies.

She also said Facilities, Development and Operations' primary function is facility maintenance.

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By Mike Corpos

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The school of nursing was selected by leading HMO, Kaiser Permanente to receive part of a \$500,000 grant.

The nursing program at San Jose State University was one of 14 college-based nursing education programs selected for the grant.

Dr. Jayne Cohen, director of the nursing school, said she was excited to have received the news about the grant.

Cohen said she received a letter last semester from Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Division of Patient Care Services saying that the nursing school at SJSU qualified to apply for the grant.

"The letter introduced a pro-

gram that Kaiser wanted to initiate to strengthen partnerships between them and the academic community," Cohen said.

The money from the grant is earmarked specifically to aid in the hiring of additional faculty and enable nursing programs to admit more students.

With the impending California State University budget

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# Program receives grant from Kaiser



LETTERS

Honoring Chavez not a sign of racism

In response to Leon Kitain's Letter to the Editor ("Disparity within campus holidays calls for protest, Feb. 26.") As a Chicana and the Co-Director of Internal Affairs in M.E.Ch.A. I am appalled by Kitain's request to support a "crusade" to cancel Cesar Chavez day at SJSU. Kitain introduced this delicate subject by saying "It has come to our attention that there is a matter of racism and discrimination that has occurred in SJSU." Wow. Whose attention is Kitain talking about? He does not represent the thoughts of the students of SJSU in his call to abolish Cesar Chavez day. How can there be racism at SJSU because of Cesar Chavez day? I don't believe that celebration the achievements of a man who fought against racism until his death is racist and discriminatory towards other ethnic groups on campus. Kitain stated that Cesar Chavez was a "Hispanic revolutionary." This could not be further from the truth because Chavez worked within the law to effect change. Chavez didn't just fight for the rights of Latino farm workers exploited by farm owners, he fought for the rights of all individuals treated unjustly. Chavez was a man who believed in equality and lived by it. I can't believe that Kitain believes that it is his "duty" to represent all ethnic groups on campus and request our support in a so-called "crusade to cancel Cesar Chavez day." I solemnly ask all members of this campus to stop the madness and celebrate Cesar Chavez day with pride and honor.

Alma Aquina  
sophomore  
political science

Slang ain't all bad, yo; it's super-duper hip, Daddy-O

After reading the column by Beau Dowling ("Butchering of English language must cease," Feb. 1.) I have come to the conclusion that I disagree that English has become so horrible that today's youth will be transformed to their lowest form of intelligence. I believe that people use slang English when they feel comfortable and don't feel pressured to speak correctly. There are different ways of using English. For example, when students are with their friends they enjoy using slang English, but in the classroom use proper English. I believe that if the author claims that English has reached its lowest form because teenagers use slang English, then he needs to open his mind. He must realize that teenagers are having fun communicating in this way. I bet that God has stopped swearing now that Dowling has made his point. I'm so glad Dowling uses proper English. He will save the planet from the dogs. I say don't give up the slang language and still develop your E.S.P.

Lelannie Ornelas  
freshman  
journalism

Get moving — all the waiting is intolerable

Have you ever been stuck in a line for an hour-and-a-half trying to listen to other people's conversations to entertain yourself? Have you waited in line for so long to pay for your food that you face turned blue and you completely lost your appetite? I would rather stick my hand in a blender at full speed than sit in a car waiting for traffic to move. When you are behind the wheel there is a tight relationship between you and your vehicle. After the first half hour of no movement, you divorce the piece of metal. I hate waiting. I don't think any human being should have to go through the mental anguish of waiting. But we are all destined to wait for one reason or another at some point of the day. Here are some examples of everyday time curses, when your life is in a standstill and no matter what you try to do, the world slows down in front of you. You are late to class (or whenever), you step on the gas to make it and the vicious red light that keeps forever to change to green slaps you in the face. You know that one light that you are always hoping is green but never fails to turn red when your car approaches? You wait, and wait, and finally the damned thing turns green and you



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enter the freeway where you see the vastness of the traffic sea. All of the sudden to your left you hear a motorcycle brush past your car like a snake, laughing at your dinosaur following the herd. So you wait. You sing, talk to yourself, and create scenarios of an atomic bomb falling in the middle of the freeway creating an immense hole, which will create a secret path for you to get to campus. You look around at the other people talking on their stupid hands-free sets, others eat their fast-food breakfast and you wait, wait for a miracle to put you out of your misery. After scanning through all the radio stations for the fourth time you finally reach your exit, at this time getting to class on time has become a utopia. You drive behind the slowest driver who ever got a license. You know he must have a lot of time

on his hands, or he is so lit he thinks he is in a video game and is trying to kill the imaginary mother ship. Patience is the mother of all virtues, or so it should be. Driving is only one small particle in the universe of waiting scenarios. Thursday I was at the DMV, and oddly enough it only took me an hour and a half to get to the fatigued face behind the counter. As I stood leaning in the comfort zone and dragging my body forward, I couldn't help myself to eavesdrop on the three women ahead of me, not because it was interesting, but because I had nothing else to hear. They discussed the lives of all their significant others followed by their latest accomplishments in their imaginary dream jobs and then to top it off, they asked each other what they would do if they won a million dollars. So I waited and listened. One was willing to open many little hospitals around the country so no one will ever have to be sick again. Ever. OK, that's realistic. The second one was going to buy a house for every member of her family — cars included — and go on a shopping spree. So inspiring. The third one could not make up her mind in the hour-and-a-half that I stood behind them. I think she needed to get

back to the end of the line and think for another hour to make up her mind. I realized this was the kind of person who slows down our planet. If I had a million dollars I would: Create a support group for people who suffer from "Cannot-deal-with-the-waiting-crap" disease. Build my own personal airway where I can get in my compact capsule and beat the speed of light to get to class an hour before I woke up. Build a far range phaser to disintegrate slow drivers who should be taken out of circulation. Hire my own personal cook to follow me around through the day with a portable kitchen and cook me any meal I would want so I don't have to wait at the Student Union at lunch time for half-an-hour to purchase a bag of chips. Create a TV station specially designed for me to be able to fast-forward commercials and boring shows and get to the meat, the good stuff, which lately is very scarce. (Do they already have that on the market?) "Take your time" does not mean turn into a sloth. Next time you decide to take it easy and go below the speed limit, look in your review mirror, someone might be blue in the face flipping you off.

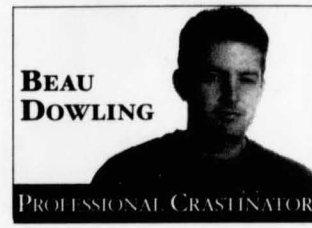
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The Good Book? More like the funny pages

There are two reasons why wars are started: Land and religion. Since it's insipid beginning, religion has divided people, turned people against each other, made people commit mass suicide, handle snakes, speak in tongues and wear Nike shoes. The Bible is funny. I have a Bible and I keep it in my bookshelf right next to the Satanic Bible. Both books are equally silly. I read both of them for a good laugh now and then. The Satanic Bible is just plain strange, with verses that make absolutely no sense. The Bible, on the other hand, actually tries to make sense, but fails miserably. How people viewed the world back then was completely different. They didn't know the world was round, so they figured it was flat with a dome on top. All the stories in the Bible are based on myth, or word of mouth. It was passed down from generation to generation by stories until eventually it was written. It reminds me of that old game "Telephone." You remember, one person says something in someone else's ear, and that person says whatever he or she heard to the next person and so on, until the last person says something completely different than what was originally said. I guess some of the stories in the Bible are supposed to be read symbolically. Like that passage when Jesus says, "If your eye causes you to sin then cut it out" or "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." We don't know much about Jesus, aside from the fact that he was an illiterate peasant carpenter and apparently a kick-ass public speaker. But where is the line drawn when it comes to which stories are made to be read symbolically and which are supposed to be taken seriously? Earth in seven days, huh? Christ, I can't even pay bills on time. With the story of Adam and Eve, it seems God is real sneaky bastard because he set up those two for failure. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was a screw job. Isn't it convenient for God just to tell Adam not to eat the apple



BEAU DOWLING  
PROFESSIONAL CRASHNATOR

and not Eve? Eve was framed. So they had kids who used incest to have more kids and thus the human race was formed. But why aren't we all white with long flowing brown hair and a beard? God eventually got sick of humans acting human and in his loving nature, decides to host a flood to do away with those non-believing sinners. Noah rounds up two of every animal. Gee, I guess Noah didn't realize that there are more than 80,000 different species of snails. You know, God sure doesn't show up and talk to people as much as he used to. Come to think of it, neither do the angels. It just seems so dumb to believe that an invisible man lives up in an invisible place in the sky and controls everything. Those foolish rules of ancient date may have worked well back when they didn't know why people farted. And it makes people feel good about themselves while they burn, rape and pillage everything in sight. Case in point: The crusades. George Washington was quoted as saying that the United States government is in no way founded upon the Christian religion. Religious folk are so concerned trying to convince everyone else that they're right, they never stop to wonder if they're all wrong. I view life as a mystery. A mystery for me to figure out why I'm here and where I go after I die. Because no matter who a person is, nobody can say what's going to happen to them after they die. However, if I were practice a religion that was actually semicoherent, I would practice Vodoo. Beau Dowling is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. "Professional Crashnator" appears Friday.

Spartan Guide

- Friday**
- Career Center**  
Job and internship strategies workshop making job fairs work for you. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union; from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room; and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room. For more information, call 924-6031.
- School of Art & Design**  
Student gallery exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact John or Nicole at 924-4330.
- Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, contact Sister Marcia Krause a 938-1610.
- Counseling Services**  
Relationship recovery support group from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, contact Jennifer Sharples at 924-5910.
- Saturday**
- School of Music & Dance**  
DanceWorks from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Spartan Complex, Room 219. For more information, contact Fred Matthews at 924-5044.
- Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Lenten penance service (private confession available) at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Campus Ministry. For more information, contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.
- College Republicans**  
Rally: students for Rordan at 10 a.m. in the Cal Fed Building. For more information, contact Darryl Lee at 499-3994.
- School of Music & Dance**  
DanceWorks from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Spartan Complex, Room 219. For more information, contact Fred Matthews at 924-5044.
- Vietnamese Student Association**  
Dem van nghe "Nhiep dieu mau xanh" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, contact 375-3727.

- Sunday**
- Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Sunday Mass at 300 S. 10th St. starting at 11 a.m. with brunch to follow and 5 p.m. with dinner to follow. For more information, contact Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.
- SJSU Faculty/Staff Walking Club**  
Beginning/intermediate levels: take half of your lunch and walk around campus. Meets every Monday from 11:30 a.m. outside of the Career Center. For more information, contact Teresa Backer at 924-6055.
- Tuesday**
- Recreation & Leisure Studies**  
"Coconut Bash" from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the breezeway near Spartan Complex. For more information, contact Alison at 821-6057.
- College Republicans**  
Meeting at 2 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Darryl Lee at 499-3994.
- Women's Studies**  
Dr. Ruth P. Wilson: "Caring about kids: Applied Anthropology for pediatric cancer prevention" from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall, Room 238A. For more information, contact Lois Helmbold at 924-5590.
- Sunday**
- Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Sunday Mass at 300 S. 10th St. starting at 11 a.m. with brunch to follow and 5 p.m. with dinner to follow. For more information, contact Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.
- Monday**
- Coalition for Social Justice, Solidarity and Unity**  
Weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacheco room to collectively organize events this semester. All student organizations are welcome.
- Career Center**  
Visit "Paramount's Great America" about its employment opportunities from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, contact Teresa at 924-6055.
- A.S. Campus Recreation**  
March madness at 10 a.m. in the University House, Room 104. For more information, contact Rita Chandler at 924-6266.
- Career Center**  
Work four resume critique from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Career Center. For more information, call 924-6031.
- sjspiritt.org**  
Meditation and meditation instruction from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Tipi Chapel
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Orchestrate



Director and trumpet player Eddie Gale and saxophonist John Gruntfest lead The Inner Peace Orchestra in the Concert for World Peace IV on Wednesday night in the Concert Hall on campus.

a little peace ...



Photos by Krysti La Tour / Daily Staff

Above, Visual artist, left, Victoria Brill paints while San Jose State University dancers Karin Moriarity and Helena

Bierecki perform impressionist dance moves to the music of The Inner Peace Orchestra directed by Eddie Gale.

GRANT Some nurses work at Kaiser

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cuts, Cohen said this grant could not have come at a better time.

"The grant really helps to augment potential reductions we might otherwise have had to face," Cohen said.

The funds from the grant are to be applied to the current academic year, and according to Cohen, Kaiser is hoping to offer the same program next year.

"I am hoping for a request for proposals for next year as well. If they offer, I will be re-applying for next year as well," Cohen said.

Kaiser is using this grant as a recruiting tool by improving statewide nursing programs and strengthening the relationships between itself and the schools.

Marilyn Chow, vice president of patient care services at Kaiser Permanente said by providing funding Kaiser is committing itself to improving the health of the community.

"This will truly help everyone in California. It is the faculty who prepare the nurses of the future," Chow said.

This grant is only part of Kaiser's annual investment in nurse training, which totals more than \$2 million and is expected to exceed \$4 million in 2002, according to Kaiser Permanente's web site.

SJSU President Robert Caret was very excited about the prospect of the increased funding for the nursing school.

"The grant will help the program to expand in the face of budget cuts from the state level," Caret said.

According to Caret, the state of California is also trying to help put more nurses in the field by offering loans, which, if the recipient remains in the nursing field for a specified period of time, will be waived.

According to Cohen, the nationwide shortage of nurses is expected to continue to grow. This is largely due to lack of students in the various nursing education programs, combined

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- Robert Caret, SJSU President

with a large number of nurses leaving the field, Cohen said.

"The goal of this grant is to enable schools of nursing to increase enrollment of RN (registered nursing) students," Cohen said.

According to Cohen, there were certain requirements for the schools that applied for the grant.

The schools had to be approved by the California board of registered nursing and had to be accredited programs.

Once the money is disbursed, schools must provide regular reports on how the money was spent and how it offered the opportunity to increase enrollment.

The schools must also identify any challenges they faced in improving their programs.

SJSU's nursing program has a long-standing relationship with Kaiser Permanente, said Cohen. According to her, a number of students from SJSU take jobs with Kaiser after graduation.

Many SJSU nursing students do their clinical coursework at Kaiser hospitals and clinics in the south bay region.

"All of our graduates get multiple job offers, so they have a choice of where they go," Cohen said.

Other schools selected for the grant include San Francisco State University, Fresno State University and San Diego State University.

CHAIRS Furniture has mysteriously disappeared in past years

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Providing tables and chairs, she said, is not their responsibility.

Hien Duc Do, chair and associate professor of the social science department, feels that this new development is going to affect small departments the most.

"For small departments like ours, it could mean not having a graduation reception for our students and their families in the future," Duc Do said. "We have been struggling with the cut back in our budgets ... It would create a hardship in the budget and other things will have to be cut out," he said.

Duc Do said he is also disturbed that the university can't provide departments with tables and chairs for a special event such as graduation.

"It seems to be against all the things that we want our students and their families to remember about San Jose State University," he said. "This is the last memory that they will have of SJSU and their department."

Luna said that the Facilities, Development and Operations decision to no longer provide tables and chairs did not happen overnight.

"We decided last year. We never had enough inventory to provide at large events," Luna said. "This is nothing new. SJSU has been renting for years. Most large colleges rent too."

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- Hien Duc Do, Social Science Department Chair

David Hayes, chair of the math and computer science department, said the situation is unfortunate because it is one more detail that the department has to handle internally.

"These sorts of things distract our attention from our main purpose of supplying quality programs for our students," Hayes said.

Hayes said the issue would have an impact on the department's staff as well.

"There would be additional work for our staff, which is already overburdened with the department split (into separate math and computer science) and (we) are shorthanded due to the hiring freeze," Hayes said.

Luna said Facilities, Development and Operations will continue to supply small quantities of tables (10 or less) and chairs (80 or less) on a reservation basis for events other than commencement

and convocations until the inventory has been fully depleted.

"During commencement week, the few remaining tables and chairs will be used inside Spartan Stadium for commencement ceremonies," Luna said.

Son Lee, who is expecting to receive his engineering degree in May, said he feels some concern about the situation.

"I really hope there are enough chairs available," Lee said. "I have a large family and I want them all to be there to see me graduate."

Kylie Yetz, a junior majoring in business, said she hopes SJSU will resolve this problem before she graduates.

"If (SJSU) doesn't provide funding for events, then many departments will suffer from the high costs that an outside service provides," Yetz said. "I personally don't want to worry about my graduation ceremony not having enough seats for my guests. I hope SJSU can find a better solution for this matter."

William Nance, special assistant to vice provost Paul Brown, said SJSU's decision-makers will make sure that all the necessary commencement activities take place.

"There have been a number of discussions this week to make sure everything works out," Nance said.

HULA Dances may tell a story or be a form of worship

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Verango has been involved in hula for 12 years.

PBS' "The History of Hula" explains how the tradition of hula teaches how to respect family, appreciate natural phenomena, memorize lengthy chants, to love the land, understand hierarchy, recognize life and death cycles and acknowledge and honor the presence of life.

The hula group incorporates some of those values by performing oli (chants) prior to doing dances.

"They can be done for prayer or for blessings," Verango said.

The group's motivation goes

beyond just hula dancing.

For many, it's a way to stay connected with family and many of the members are related to each other, Verango said.

Webb said she got involved when she was nine or 10 because her cousin started dancing.

Senior psychology major Lia McFarland said it's nice to be with family including her mom and sister.

"There are a lot of sisters and cousins involved," McFarland said.

McFarland said she got involved with Bolivar's group eight months ago, but she has been hula dancing for 13 years. McFarland said many of the

members of the hula-dancing group have participated in hula with different groups in the past.

All of the dancers adorn themselves with straw-like instruments called kupe'e and lei po'o.

"They (the kupe'e) can be worn on the wrists, ankles or around the neck while dancing," Webb said.

In the end, after the hula skirts, the kupe'e and the kahiko dances the most important element of hula is the bond that is formed within the group, Verango said.

"We are a family. We are all one," Verango said.

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CHRIS GIOVANNETTI

NO STRIKES, ALL BALLS

## Cool, Canadian style

My blaring alarm roused me out of bed on Thursday morning. Unable to sleep, I slipped on my new Steve Nash jersey and made a run to the bathroom.

I returned to my room, flicked on the computer and logged on to NHL.com to check the league standings.

While there, I saw a flashing advertisement that prompted viewers to purchase memorabilia to celebrate Team Canada's men's ice hockey gold medal-winning performance at last week's Olympic Games.

I checked out the garb but soon bypassed it in favor of Roots.com, the homepage for a Canadian clothing company that is the northern equivalent of Abercrombie and Fitch.

Then my back twitched. My spine tingled. What a difference an Olympics makes, I thought to myself. It's actually cool to be Canadian.

For years, the United States has cast a vast shadow on their neighbors to the north.

Think of it like this: Canada is the guy at the party who everyone knows and everyone is friendly with. No one hates Canada and they have no reason to. Canada doesn't really stand out, but that's OK because Canada it happy with who it is.

Conversely, the United States is the guy everyone loves to hate and the guy everyone envies. America dates the hottest women and drives the flashiest car. The United States is brash, brazen, has perfect hair and an ego off the chart.

Guess what? Canada is dating the head cheerleader now.

During the past three weeks, the Canadians, their sports, their people and their feelings have worked their way into the American consciousness.

Now, three weeks after the Olympic Games opened, the world has been baptized by Canada.

Call it being Canadianized.

The world already knew that Canada produced the best ice hockey players in the world, and it affirmed it by capturing both the women's and men's gold medals in the sport.

In fact, both Canadian squads defeated the United States to earn the gold.

The obscure sport of curling, a game invented in Scotland but adored in Canada, became the surprise hit of the games.

My gosh, people were actually discussing curling and it wasn't the late night comedians using the sport for material.

Three nights into the games, our neighbors to the north grabbed our heartstrings as the Canadian pairs figure skating team of Jaime Sale and David Pelletier became the sympathetic darlings of the games.

The entire Canadian fervor began at the opening ceremonies when the United States marched into Rice-Eccles Stadium wearing suits and berets designed by Roots.

In the coming days, the Salt Lake City Roots store was choked with tens of thousands of people, all of them wanting to purchase a beret.

Canada grabbed our purse strings but we didn't care. We looked good in our Roots garb.

It doesn't stop at the Olympics either.

Dallas Mavericks freewheeling guard Steve Nash is a product of British Columbia and attended Santa Clara University.

His head for the game, fancy passes and dynamic shooting ability aside, Nash is my favorite player because he brings certain flair to the game.

Nash sports an unruly mane of hair and has a cache of famous ex-girlfriends including actress Elizabeth Hurley and former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell.

Most importantly, he doesn't take himself too seriously and appears to be an all-around good guy.

Just like our cool new friend, Canada.

Chris Giovannetti is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. 'No strikes, all balls' appears Fridays

# Strong second half propels Bulldogs

By Joseph Weaver

DAILY STAFF WRITER

FRESNO — Bulldog senior center Melvin Ely proved to be too much for the Spartan men's basketball team to handle as Fresno State University defeated SJSU, 72-60, on Thursday night in front of 10,220 red-clad Bulldog fans at sold-out Selland Arena.

Thursday's score

Fresno State Bulldogs	72
Spartans	60

Saturday - SJSU at Nevada 7:05 p.m.

Ely, the leading scorer in the Western Athletic Conference at 23.4 points per game, spearheaded a 22-8 second half Bulldog game-turning run with nine points and two assists.

Ely finished the game with 21 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots.

"Melvin really got into the game in the second half," Fresno State head coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "San Jose didn't double him as much as other teams we play. And he started to take advantage of it."

The Spartans (8-21 overall, 3-14 WAC) never gave up in the game.

After the 22-8 run gave Fresno State (18-12, 9-8) a 60-48 lead, the Spartans were able to cut the lead down to five points at 62-57 before succumbing to the Bulldogs.

"It shows that we aren't quitting," Spartan head coach Steve Barnes said. "I'm not pleased with the final outcome of the game but our effort was good."

The Spartans hard work wasn't enough, however, as Fresno State took control of the game for good with 1:56 remaining on three-point shots by junior guards Damon Jackson and Travis DeManby.

Jackson finished with 15 points and 11

rebounds on the night.

"When you come here, you are playing against three things," Barnes said. "You are playing against Tark (Tarkanian), you are playing against their team and you are playing this building."

The Bulldogs raced out to a 16-7 lead by the 11:07 mark of the opening half.

The Spartans countered the Bulldogs' early run with a flurry of three-point baskets.

Junior guards Phil Calvert and Gary Black led the outside-shooting barrage. Calvert hit three three-point shots and Black knocked down a long-range jumper to put the Spartans ahead 20-18 with 7:35 remaining.

Calvert finished the game with a team-leading 15 points.

After a timeout by Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian, with the Spartans leading 22-20, the Bulldogs went on a 8-0 run to move ahead 28-22.

SJSU did not wilt under the pressure of the sold-out arena, however.

A 9-2 run by the Spartans, capped by a pair of free throws by junior guard Brandon Hawkins, gave SJSU a 31-30 lead with 2:26 to play.

After a pair of free throws by Ely gave Fresno State a 36-33 lead, SJSU forward David Granucci put-back a missed shot at the first-half buzzer for a halftime score of 36-35.

SJSU is scheduled to finish its regular-season play on Saturday at the University of Nevada.

"We've just got to make plays," Barnes said. "You can't miss free throws, can't turn the ball over on cross-court passes and you have to contest shots. We didn't do that at the end of the game."

Spartan forward Andre Valentine puts up a shot while guarded by Fresno State University's Melvin Ely during the Bulldogs, 72-60 victory over SJSU on Thursday in Fresno.

Chris Prevolos / Spartan Daily



## Ice hockey club eliminated from title contention

DAILY STAFF REPORT

The San Jose State University ice hockey club dropped a 9-2 decision to Robert Morris College in its second round robin group D match and has been eliminated from any title hopes at the American Collegiate Hockey Association national tournament in New York City.

The Spartans, who lost to host New York University on Wednesday, 5-0, received first period goals from Michael Park and Lonny Lovins and were tied

## SPARTAN Round Up

2-2 after the opening period.

However, seven unanswered goals down the stretch from Robert Morris knock the Spartans to the bottom of the group D standings.

Only the top team in each group earns a spot in the national semifinals.

SJSU completes tournament

action today when they are scheduled to take on the University of Michigan at 6:45 a.m. at the west rink at Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers.

### Women's basketball

The San Jose State University women's basketball team ran its

winning streak to a season-high five games with a 64-53 victory over Boise State University at the Event Center on Thursday night.

SJSU improved 11-6 in Western Athletic Conference play and 16-10 overall.

The Broncos, which had a three game winning streak snapped, dropped to 5-12 in the WAC and 9-18 overall.

The Spartans were aided by a poor shooting performance from the Broncos.

Boise State shot 33 percent

from the field and a dismal seven percent from three-point range.

The Spartans were paced by Tatiana Taylor double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Broncos were led by center Andrea Swindall who scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Spartans round out the regular season on Saturday against the University of Texas-El Paso.

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Event Center

## Monday Night Football switch; Madden leaves FOX for ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — Boom! Just like that, John Madden is in, and Dennis Miller is out.

Madden is carrying his inimitable mix of enthusiasm, opinions and analysis to "Monday Night Football," leaving Fox Sports and agreeing to a four-year, \$20 million deal with ABC Sports to pair with Al Michaels in a two-man booth.

Miller — a comedian known for obscure references not football smarts — leaves after two seasons and declining ratings. Dan Fouts and Eric Dickerson also were taken off ABC's prime-time NFL broadcasts, while Melissa Stark stays as a sideline reporter.

"I had this opportunity and I wanted to do whatever it took to get it done," the 65-year-old Madden said Thursday. "This is where I want to finish."

Michaels, on "Monday Night Football" since 1986, is Madden's first new boothmate in more than two decades. Madden and Pat Summerall were paired at CBS in 1981, then moved to Fox in 1994, along the way becoming the signature voices of NFL games.

Madden had one year at \$7.5 million left on his contract with Fox, but the network agreed to scrap that deal after Madden rejected a three-year, \$15 million extension and asked permission to talk to ABC, an industry source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Madden and ABC then hammered out a contract worth about \$5 million per season, another source said, also on condition of anonymity. It all happened in about six hours Wednesday.

"This is something that came very quickly. I'm numb, but even through the numbness I realize how lucky I am," Madden said.

"Every broadcaster would love an opportunity to be part of 'Monday Night Football.'"

He'll also work for ESPN, appearing on NFL studio shows and possibly "SportsCenter."

While with Fox and CBS, Madden was one of dozens of NFL announcers working each Sunday, and viewers didn't necessarily get his game in their market.

Now, Madden moves to the only game in town on Monday nights.

And ABC gets the strongest NFL color analyst it's ever had, along with the sort of buzz that Miller's hiring only initially generated and that "Monday Night Football" really hasn't held since the days of Cosell, Meredith and Gifford.

Mirroring a general TV trend, the show's ratings declined seven straight years, including a 9 percent drop this season to a new low of 11.5 (each rating point represents a little more than 1.05 million TV homes). Fox's NFL games averaged 10.2, down 4 percent from last season, while CBS stayed at 9.5.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on John — he's been with us all of 20 minutes now — but," ABC Sports president Howard Katz said, "yeah, I expect the ratings to go up."

Madden "has a tremendous knowledge of football and of television," Michaels said. "I can't imagine the blending not working almost perfectly from the first telecast."

Madden's ABC debut will be at the Aug. 5 Hall of Fame pre-season game between the Giants and Texans. ABC will air the 2003 Super Bowl, Madden's ninth as a broadcaster.

Madden said Thursday that Summerall's departure from Fox — the network didn't renew his contract — played a role in his own move.

"I was going to be working with a new partner, anyway, and to have the opportunity to work with Al Michaels — you just can't beat that," Madden said.

Fox outbid other networks in 1994 to lure Madden and Summerall, thereby lending legitimacy to its new status as a sports broadcaster. So why let him go now? In part, Fox didn't want to keep an unhappy Madden for a year, then have to start its search for a new top announcing pair afresh in 2003.

"It was made very clear to us by (his agent) that John's wish for a long, long time has been to work on 'Monday Night Foot-

ball," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said.

Plus, Fox's parent, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., took a \$909 million write-off this month on its NFL, major league baseball and NASCAR contracts. Saving something by letting Madden go can't hurt.

Unlike Miller, Madden comes by his football bona fides honestly. He coached the Oakland Raiders to the 1977 Super Bowl championship and his .750 regular season winning percentage is the highest in NFL history.

ABC has tried to get the NFL, CBS and Fox to agree to flexible scheduling to avoid poor late-season matchups.

While the generally accepted theory is that viewers tune in to watch teams and not announcers, Madden could be an exception.

"When you have a lopsided game, someone like Madden can help keep the audience tuned in longer," said Paul Schulman, of media buying company Advantures PHD. "His personality, his knowledge of the game and his sense of humor is such that he can find something in a game that other color men might not see."

That, perhaps, is why Madden's \$5 million salary at ABC was surpassed by only 11 NFL players last season.

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Hewitt advances at Siebel

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt fought off four match points and won the final five points of a third-set tiebreaker to beat Paradorn Srichaphan 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (6) at the Siebel Open on Thursday.

loss at the Australian Open, Hewitt realizes his strength and skill will take a while to return. "It's hard when you haven't played in a while to get back into the match, but I picked it up as it went on," Hewitt said.

star Kim Clijsters, cheered from the players' box. "You feel tight when you're up there serving for the match, especially against Hewitt," Srichaphan said.



Ivan Kashinsky / Daily Staff

Australian Lleyton Hewitt, the top seed at the Siebel Open and No. 1 player in the world advanced to Friday's semifinal against American Todd Martin with a 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (6) defeat of Paradorn Srichaphan in Thursday's quarterfinal.

San Jose wins seventh straight

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The scoring chances didn't come often for San Jose, but the Sharks took advantage when they did. Alex Korolyuk scored the tiebreaker to spark a three-goal second period as the San Jose Sharks won their seventh straight, 5-2 over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

ing from the faceoff circle. The Sharks had a balanced attack, with 12 players getting points. "Everyone is chipping in one way or the other," Nolan said.

The Sharks now have 74 points as the Pacific Division lead. San Jose took a 1-0 lead when Graves scored on a rebound.

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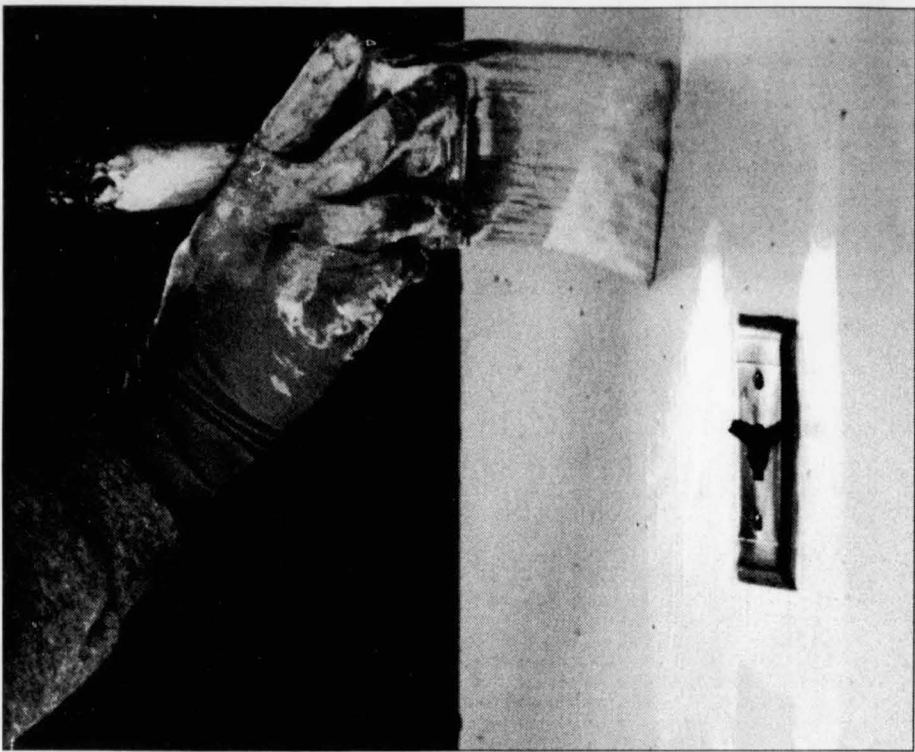
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## Painting the town...



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Jim Williamson painted around a light switch on the third floor of Sweeney Hall on Tuesday.

## PARKING Spaces will be needed for construction crews

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Debra Yantis, an active member of the committee, said the parking lot would cause more problems for students and for residents.

"Two acres of parking equals more cars, and we're already maxed out," she said.

Providing more parking spaces, she said, will just invite more students to drive their cars.

The solution would be to get students to use other means of transportation such as public transportation, she said.

Sgt. Jim Renelle of the University Police Department and head of Traffic and Parking Operations said SJSU understand the concerns but the needs of students and staff must be met.

"The area is used regularly for parking already and the track hasn't been officially used since the '80s," he said. "We're not just paving over it, we're actually upgrading it and doing some landscaping."

President Robert Caret said the decision to use the field for parking was based on several factors.

He said the growing number of enrollment, lack of property to build a parking lot in the down-

town area and the new policy for resident-only parking permits have left students with nowhere to go.

Other options have also been looked at, he said, including building a new parking garage, but said the school cannot afford it.

"In Maryland ... when you build a parking space, it will cost an average of \$6,000 a parking space. In California, we build a parking space, it costs \$21,000 a parking space," he said.

The track has been a candidate for a parking lot for nearly five years, he said.

He said costs might be considerably less because the field is already flat, and not a lot of construction will have to be done.

Parking spaces are also needed for construction crews when they begin the construction of the housing project on campus.

For residents, the concern goes past the obvious that the neighborhood will be losing a recreational center, Yantis said.

"They (SJSU) talk about being a metropolitan university and about how they want to work with the city. There can't be a partnership if it only benefits (the school)," she said.

"It's a strong case in environmental racism. The neighborhood is mostly low-income with a

high number of minority residents," she said. "Just because the 'wealthier' neighborhood didn't want students parking in their neighborhood, we end up getting dumped on."

Renelle said that the outcome would have been the same whether the track was near the Spartan Keyes neighborhood or not.

"Our intent isn't to take advantage of the residents. It is our property, that's why we're doing it," he said.

Caret said ongoing discussions are planned take place between the university and the Spartan Keyes residents during the course of the month.

At those times, residents are able to share ideas and other solutions to change the construction, he said.

Hutchinson said even after paving over the track, Bud Winter would continue to be memorialized.

"He is already honored on this campus as a member of the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame. There is also a plaque honoring him at the field, which will be removed during construction and repositioned at an appropriate place, still to be decided," she said.

## Lawmakers ask Skilling to clarify testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) Lawmakers are challenging the veracity of former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling's recent testimony to Congress and asked him Thursday to clarify statements he made regarding his involvement in questionable financial transactions.

Leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee told Skilling in a letter that documents obtained by the panel's investigators "appear to raise serious questions about the accuracy of your testimony."

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the committee chairman, "remains convinced that Mr. Skilling was not candid in his statements before Congress," said Ken Johnson, a spokesman for Tauzin. "Testifying under oath is sacred, and anyone who violates that trust will be held accountable. We intend to aggressively pursue this until we get the truth."

Skilling's attorney, Bruce Hiler, defended his client's conduct in an interview on CNN. "Congress doesn't have the right to basically accuse my client of failing by not negotiating transactions on behalf of the company," he said. "We can't create liability for him by simply saying he was a CEO. ... What happened here cannot be laid at the feet of my client."

Documents made public Thursday, meanwhile, show that the government's top energy regulator met with senior Enron executives last fall, continuing a series of contacts that began when he was head of Texas' public utility commission.

Pat Wood, appointed by President Bush to head the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission in August, told a lawmaker that he first met then-Enron chairman Kenneth Lay in May 1996 at a meeting of the Governor's Business Council in Texas.

Between March 1997 and January 2001, Wood said, he had contacts with Lay, Skilling and Enron chief of staff Steve Kean, who came to Wood's office at the state utility commission in January 1998.

Wood said he phoned Lay in March 1997 as state commission chairman seeking Enron's support for a utility restructuring bill and in January 2001 to express concern about the company's shift in policy regarding a Texas market issue.

Last November, when Enron was spiraling toward collapse, Lay called Wood, who was then the FERC chairman. An e-mail of the phone message appears to indicate that Lay was calling to inform Wood of a proposed merger between Enron and rival energy company Dynegy, designed to rescue Enron, according to a document Wood provided to the lawmaker. Wood said he didn't return the call.

During that time, Lay was calling several Bush administration officials, including the treasury and commerce secretaries, seeking help as Enron floundered. The energy-trading company collapsed into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

The House lawmakers' letter to Skilling notes that he testified on Feb. 7 that when he resigned in August, he believed Enron was in strong financial condition and its financial reports accurately reflected its condition. Skilling

also stated that he could not recall being involved in approving transactions related to the so-called Raptors, fragile financial structures that kept more than \$1 billion in debt off Enron's books and eventually brought the company down.

The Raptors' main financial assets improperly consisted of Enron's own stock, which plummeted last year.

The documents obtained by the committee show, for example, that former chairman Lay and other Enron executives told company investigators last month that Skilling knew the details of many of the transactions.

"Given the financial significance of the Raptor transactions to Enron's balance sheet, ... the recollections of these Enron employees with respect to your personal involvement seem highly credible," the lawmakers told Skilling. "Accordingly, your testimony regarding your lack of involvement appears less so."

Wood has been an advocate of market-oriented regulation of utilities, a position espoused by Enron, whose aggressive trading had made it a favorite of Wall Street.

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## CLARK Computer lab will be undergoing changes soon

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taking up too much time.

"In the beginning they probably had e-mail and saw people writing long messages," Waqar said.

Advertising major Jessica Thompson said the 30-minute time limit should be sufficient enough in deterring people from spending too much time at the computers.

"Some people may not have Internet access or e-mail at home and it could be more convenient to access it down here," Thompson said.

There is a computer lab on the second floor that has unrestricted Internet access, which is supervised by Condon.

"The lab is a true computer lab with no time limits, there are no filters and you can check e-mail, Ebay and anything you can do on your home computer you can do in the computer lab," Condon said.

Psychology major Rick Ferguson said he would rather use the computers on the first floor.

"I would think it would be better so you don't have to walk upstairs or somewhere else," Ferguson said.

Thompson tried to use the lab before and said it is usually pretty crowded.

"Some people may not have Internet access or e-mail at home

and it would be more convenient to access it down here," Thompson said.

The lab may be undergoing a few changes in the near future, according to Condon.

"We currently have about 50 computers and in the next couple of weeks we're trying to get that up to 100. They (information technology personnel) are working really hard to get it done because people really need to use the computers," Condon said.

Woods said there are never enough (computers), but San Jose State University is doing a good job right now in making more computers available.

Until the expansion is complete, some students will continue using the first floor computers to meet their academic needs.

Ferguson would like to have e-mail access, but understands the need to cut down on the time spent online.

"(Using e-mail is important) if you have to get a hold of a professor or if you miss a class and need to e-mail someone for the missed notes and some professors give out all their assignments on e-mail," Ferguson said.

Woods said researching is the primary reason to use the library computers.

"(To use e-mail they would have to go to the lab. Telephones are a way to get information, as well, (since e-mail) is not some-

thing that's been a traditional library service," Woods said.

Aviation major Troy Freymiller said he uses the first floor computers for research.

"I use (e-mail) at home," Freymiller said.

Kenneth Miller, technical supervisor of the Washington Square Hall computer lab, said he is aware of the library computers being limited to some degree.

"I don't think we let people do their e-mail as such, except maybe web-based mail. I don't really know how they do it on the first floor," Miller said.

Theater Arts major Karen Rourke has secret ways of accessing e-mail, but said she would like to access Amazon.com.

"You can't go on (Amazon). If I wanted to look up a book or the spelling of a name and do research, I can't (because) it's blocked. Genealogy books that are specialized, published by small companies, which are not carried by this library and only Amazon carries it; I just want to look up the titles. I know better then to order them here because of card numbers," Rourke said.

Rourke agrees with the need to limit the time spent at the computers.

"Sometimes everyone would be on the Internet and I just want to look up one book, but I have to wait. So there are two sides," Rourke said.

## TESTING Certain cultures are susceptible to Sickle Cell

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at risk.

Eva Naredo, an organizer of the screening, said hypothetically if she were pregnant there would be a 25 percent chance that she would give her unborn child the disease. Also if she were pregnant, there would be a 50 percent chance for her unborn fetus to become a carrier, and a 25 percent chance that her unborn baby would be unaffected.

Lee said that Latinos were the second most common group to be infected by the disease.

She said there were 1,000 people who were infected with the disease in California.

Since 1990, all newborns have been tested for sickle cell anemia and every year about 250 newborns are diagnosed with the disease.

She said in African countries, like Ghana, 15,000 babies are diagnosed with sickle cell anemia and in Niger, 100,000 babies were also diagnosed.

Within the first hour seven

students had been screened at Wednesday's event, Lee said.

Lee said the blood would be taken to a children's hospital in Oakland to be tested to see what type of trait the testee had and how many red blood cells they had.

Lauren Droira, president of Health Science Undergraduate Student Association, had her blood tested because she considered it a health-related issue.

Droira said that the Student Health Center offers free X-rays and testing for those with sickle cell anemia.

The Student Health Center, The Ethnic and Cultural Health-Peer Health Education Program, Peer Health Education Department and Health Science Undergraduate Student Association sponsored the free sickle cell anemia testing, and was cosponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and the Masters of Public Health Student Association.

## Fees drain money sent by Hispanics to family back home

WASHINGTON (AP) People from Latin America working in the United States send more than \$20 billion a year to their families back home, but \$3 billion of that is eaten up in transaction fees and other charges, according to Senate testimony Thursday.

Immigrants trying to support relatives in their home countries are subject to "hideous, and often hidden, practices in the international money transmitting business," Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., told the Senate Banking Committee.

Guterrez and others said that lower income immigrants, some in the country illegally, are particularly susceptible to higher fees because they do not have bank accounts and must go through smaller, sometimes less reputable transfer companies.

On average, he said, Latin American migrants wire home around \$250 a month, but with transaction fees and losses through unfair exchange rates, their relatives may receive as little

as \$200.

Manuel Orozco, author of a report on remittances commissioned by the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank, said the average fees have declined in recent years for those countries where there is market choice. He said it costs an average \$11.60 in local currency fees to send \$200 to Mexico, but for Cuba, where there is little competition, the price is \$25.58. The actual cost of sending money is about \$6, he said.

Sergio Bendixen, who conducted a survey last year for the Inter-American Development Bank on the remittance issue, told the panel that 69 percent of Hispanic immigrants send money back to their relatives, and those making less than \$20,000 a year are more

likely to send cash remittances than older, more middle-class immigrants.

About two-thirds are unaware that their families receive less than they send because of additional commissions, fees and exchange rates and only 46 percent of non-citizens have bank accounts.

Orozco said that in 2001, immigrants sent \$9.2 billion to Mexico. The nearly \$2 billion sent to El Salvador was 17 percent of that nation's gross domestic product while the \$600 million returning to Nicaragua was 22 percent of GDP.

Guterrez said he has introduced legislation that would require money transfer companies to fully inform customers of all commissions and fees charged and clearly state the exchange rate.

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