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A bystander looks on as a San Jose Police officer enters the Federal Building Wednesday afternoon after a suspect allegedly tried to rob the credit union.

A San Jose man wanted federal attention; held three hostages

By Melinda Latham, Sylvia Lim and Daniel Lopez
Daily Staff Writers

A San Jose man was taken into police custody yesterday afternoon after holding three bank tellers hostage in the Golden Bay Federal Credit Union, located in the Robert Peckham Federal Building on South First Street.

According to Sgt. Steve Dixon of the San Jose Police Department, John Jesse Cadena, 43, entered the credit union at 1:45 p.m. and presented a demand note. Two customers who were inside ran out and notified two federal agents across the hall. The agents locked the suspect inside with five civilians and then made a call to the SJP.

With a California Highway Patrol helicopter circling the area, 75 SJP units were dispatched to the scene, including a special operations unit, according to Press Information Officer Joseph Deras.

A perimeter was set up around the building, blocking off areas between First, Second and San Carlos streets and some parts of San Salvador Street, Dixon said. The federal building went into lockdown, sealing Cadena inside.

In an unsuccessful attempt to escape, he threw a chair at a window.

While inside the credit union Cadena ordered the two customers to leave and told the tellers to call 911. He then demanded the tellers give him money and proceeded to light cash on fire.

Dixon said the police made contact with Cadena over the telephone at 2 p.m., and 15 minutes later they were able to negotiate the release of the hostages. The hostages, all of whom were females, were not injured, Dixon said.

The police at one point temporarily lost phone contact with Cadena, but he called them back, and referred to himself as "Jesse James."



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Witnesses to a robbery attempt at the Golden Bay Federal Credit Union talk to San Jose Police officers while a special operations unit clears the bank.

As the hostages were being released, a backpack belonging to Cadena was discovered at Chicago Pizzeria, located on the corner of San Pedro and San Fernando streets. Cadena had been eating at the pizzeria earlier and left without paying, leaving his backpack behind.

At first, police believed the backpack might contain explosives. X-rays later showed it only had Cadena's clothing and notes on the government, the army, and references to the "sons of god."

After further negotiations, Cadena walked out of the building and was taken into custody at 2:31 p.m.

He was booked for robbery, kidnapping and false imprisonment. No bail was set.

Since the incident occurred on federal property, the FBI could take over the investigation and press federal charges, Dixon said.

It will be decided in the next day whether or not it will be tried in a Federal Court.

The situation caused traffic problems in the area surrounding the building. The Valley Transportation Authority shut down Light Rail service, and police officers redirected traffic.

Dixon questioned Cadena's judgment in choosing his robbery target.

"The credit union isn't a good target," he said. "The U.S. Marshals office is in the building, and U.S. Marshals are always armed."

According to officer Deras, Cadena, who he said the police were "familiar with," had personal problems with the government.

Deras said Cadena had hoped to gain more attention by robbing a federal bank instead of a regular one.

He added, however, "all banks are federal."

Professors make the grade - or not - online

A new website tries to improve students' quality of education

By Devin O'Donnell
Daily Staff Writer

Each semester students have to fill out anonymous teacher evaluations without ever seeing the result of a particular assessment. A Web site called RateMyProfessors.com could change all that.

According to a press release issued by the Web site, it is the Internet's largest listing of professor ratings, with San Jose State University as a listed school.

"Every semester, thousands of students use the site to help plan their class schedules and to improve the quality of their educations," said Chief Executive Officer and Founder John Swapceinski in the press release.

"When word of the Web site gets out at a university, the ratings grow like wildfire, and students begin to benefit from the information," he said.

Students like nursing major Lourdes Rivera said the rating concept was a good idea but redundant because teachers already receive their due

evaluations from students.

However, Ruchira Sulochana, a business administration junior, said she believes if any teacher is assessed it should be the students who review the results.

"I know a lot of students who, before taking a class, ask other students about the teacher and the class," Sulochana said. "This is a better way to assess a teacher, designed for students."

Each school is listed geographically, and the professor rating is based from 1.0 as the worst to 5.0 being the maximum score, ranging in categories such as easiness, helpfulness, clarity and even sexiness.

"I think it's a cool concept," said John Pearce, a computer science professor.

He said clients for the Web site would be students who need to decide which classes or professors to take, but they would need to be careful of their interpretations of the ratings.

Having reviewed the Web site, Pearce said it could be organized better. He raised questions concerning the Web site.

"I'm still curious as to how this is policed because the students who contribute to the ratings are either very disgruntled or have time on their

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SJSU'S PARKING PROBLEM

Public garages offer students what SJSU can't

As a convenience, students pay up to \$12 a day for guaranteed parking; free parking after 6 p.m.

By Bryn Graziano
Daily Staff Writer

Nearly two weeks into the semester, some San Jose State University students have made the conscious decision to stop the madness created by the pursuit of parking and are doing so in a public way.

Atsuko Yamada, a senior at SJSU, has already purchased a fall semester permit, but she has also chosen to sink additional funds into securing off-campus public parking in the 610-space garage at Second and San Carlos streets.

"Until things calm down, I'll be parking in a public garage every day," Yamada said. "It's worth it to know that I can park."

The garage, and others like it near SJSU, offers free parking to those cars entering before 6 a.m. and after 6 p.m. with the collection machines closing at 10 p.m.

For students that want to save a buck, this alternative is a viable one.

"Some students have caught on that if you stay late, you can save money," said James Gonzalez, a cashier at the garage. "We have probably 140 students per day that park here, with a large number of them staying after 10 p.m."

Yamada said she knows of students who take advantage of this late-night freebie.

"I don't do it, but I know quite a few students that do to save money," she said.

The collection system used involves a machine that spits out a ticket upon

entry and the ticket is inserted into another machine prior to returning to your car. The amount owed is quickly calculated, and the payment is made. During business hours, parkers pay a posted amount of 75 cents per 20-minute period, with a daily maximum of \$15.

Michael Levinsohn, a San Jose attorney and regular patron of the garage, said he doesn't feel displaced by the number of students' cars.

"I park here frequently to go to the federal building and have never experienced a problem," he said.

In light of the recent \$34 increase in daily permit fees and a loss of about 750 street spaces due to permit requirements, students said alternative

parking solutions and ways to save sanity may become a way of life.

Tiah Morton, an SJSU graduate student who attends classes one day per week, said she feels her money is well spent to park off-site at the 400-space lot on Fourth and San Fernando streets.

"I may pay \$10 to \$12 per day to stay for several hours, but I know that I can always find a spot and don't have to worry," she said.

For a \$90 monthly fee, students are guaranteed a spot in the Colonnade Apartment garage on Fourth Street, according to cashier Ruben Martinez.

"Students are always welcome here, and we will never oversell our spots. We think it's wrong to sell what we can't provide, like SJSU does. It's just wrong."

SJSU allotted \$200 million by state

Delayed assembly action will affect spring budget, not fall's

By Kristin Schwarz
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students won't feel the effects of California's delayed budget until the spring semester, according to university officials.

The state's budget was finally approved on Saturday by the California Assembly, after it was stalled for two months in the state

legislature, but SJSU students, faculty and administrators received payments as if the budget had already been signed, according to Rose Lee, associate vice president of the department of financial & administrative program planning at SJSU.

"The problem will be in the spring," said Terry Christensen, professor of Political Science.

Christensen said that cuts could begin in the spring, and a hike in student fees is inevitable.

The delay in signing the budget will be felt by students in the fall as well, according to Lydia Ortega, chair of the department of economics.

"The funding for this year came last year," Ortega said.

"Waiting for a budget meant that we had to let go of teachers, who we were securing for classes next year. Uncertainty makes for inefficiency," she said.

Failure to secure teachers means canceled classes for students, Ortega said.

Student concern for the delayed budget ranged from "don't know don't care" to students like journalism student, Daniel Miranda, who worries that the classes he needs to graduate will not be offered when he needs them.

"It's hurting me because I want to get out of here in a certain amount of time," Miranda said.

"If I have to sit around and wait

because a certain class isn't offered, it's going to hold up my degree a semester or two, and I don't like it," she said.

State funds made up 57.4 percent of last year's annual revenue as stated in an academic senate report.

This year, SJSU received \$201,121,398 from the state, according to the report.

The budget was delayed because of a standoff between Democrats and Republicans in the state assembly.

Legislators argued whether to raise taxes or cut programs, to help close the budget deficit.

Later today, Governor Gray Davis is scheduled to sign the most delinquent budget in state history.

NO SHAME

Parking on track tarnishes Bud Winter's memory

Just when I thought our parking problems couldn't get any worse, a Spartan Daily colleague of mine rushed into the newsroom last week to eagerly tell me what was transpiring at Bud Winter Field.

"You'll never guess what's going on down there," he said. "They drew parking lines on Bud Winter Field and are letting people drive up there and park on it."

"Wait, wait, wait," I replied. "You mean people are parking right on the track? Are you serious?"

"I'm serious."
"No way."
Way.

And it's just another ridiculous move by the San Jose State University administration to make students feel like their parking situation is being improved.

In fact, the situation is worse than ever. Parking on streets surrounding school is a privilege all but lost to students with the emergence of the residential permit plan, which allocates the approximately 750 parking spaces surrounding the school to the neighborhood



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dweller. This thrilled my fellow brothers at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity because it gave us five permits to use in addition to the eight parking spaces we had already created behind our house.

However, in the long run it wouldn't have mattered for us since there are only two parking spots in front of our house, neither of which we had a decent chance to claim once 28,000 students descended on campus.

So now nearly 1,500 students were displaced and made to buy a parking garage permit (at a raised price) or drive to South Campus and use Park and Ride (wake up earlier to stand in line for half-an-hour to have a bus drive us

10 blocks to school).

What else is going wrong?

For starters, gas prices and insurance rates aren't already high enough for students so administrators thought it would be a good idea to raise parking permit prices from \$81 to \$115.

Also, the price of single-day permit jumped from \$2 to

\$4. Extort (v.t.): to obtain from an unwilling or reluctant person by physical force, intimidation or the use of legal or official authority.

And people wonder why permit theft is so high. Next on the hit list are the people living the Spartan-Keyes neighborhood, the community that uses Bud Winter Field for exercise and recreation.

San Jose State University, always mindful of its image in the community, decided to pave over Bud Winter Field and turn it into a parking lot.

The idea was met with opposition from the citizens and by June, the city and university reached an agreement to keep the field untouched.

As happy as I was to see the citizens in the area score a victory, I thought it was equally important to preserve a piece of SJSU athletic history.

In 30 seasons as the track coach at SJSU, Bud Winter produced 102 all-Americans, 27 of whom became Olympians. His runners set 49 separate NCAA records, 37 world records and the Spartans won the 1969 NCAA outdoor championship.

In fact, SJSU runners won more medals at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics than the entire Soviet Union delegation.

He was such a legendary coach that the school came up with the half-assed idea of drawing lines over the track and grass to honor him.

I'm sure coach Winter is spinning in his grave right about now.

So in summary, the University is at odds with its students and neighbors and a piece of SJSU athletic history has been desecrated.

There is no way to solve the parking problem at SJSU. Absolutely no way. The logistics of any project work against any reasonable plan.

SJSU is a commuter school with over 28,000 students, many of whom must drive to get here. The school sits on just a few acres of land a few blocks from a bustling downtown, so cramming that many bodies in that little of space is a feat itself. Forget their thousands upon thousands of automobiles.

It simply doesn't work.

And neither do any of SJSU's parking plans.

Chris Giovannetti is the Spartan Daily Co-Sports Editor. 'No Shame' appears on Thursdays.

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

THURSDAY

sjspirit.org

Drop in today to begin the year with an individual blessing. The chapel will also be open for meditation and prayer. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spartan memorial Chapel. For more information contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

SJSU Choraliers

The SJSU choraliers are looking for new singers in all voice categories. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Charlene Archibeque at 924-4333.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) MEChA's weekly meetings are scheduled to begin Thursdays at 6 p.m. meetings will be held in the Chicano Library. For more information contact Adriana Cabrera-Garcia at 250-9245.

SJSU Choirs

Fall 2002 auditions are being held. To be scheduled, call Prof. Elena Sharkova in the Choral Activities Office (Music 262) at 924-4645. E-mail sharkova@email.sjsu.edu.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia (ABSK)

Student Welcome Night. Please join us for a night of skits, music, pizza and more. Begins at 5 p.m. in the Umunhum Room of the Student Union building. For more information contact Maria Chung at 482-5183.

SJSU Akbayan

Akbayan will be having their first general meeting of the semester Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Loma Prieta Ballroom of the Student Union building. For more information contact Aldrich Sales at (650) 580-7991.

Chicanos in Health Education Chicanos in Health Education is having their first informational meeting Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in

Duncan Hall, room 250.

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is having an information night Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union building. For more information call 924-6626.

The Listening Hour Concert Series

A piano recital featuring Dr. laurel Brettell will be held Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building concert hall. For more information contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Career Center

The Career Center will be taking students for drop-in appointments Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Career Center (Building F). For more information contact the career resource center at 924-6031.

School of Art and Design

The School of Art and Design will be having student galleries and art exhibitions through Friday. The exhibition will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos Streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are Mon.-Fri. 12:10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. For More Information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Scripture Reflection begins at 7 p.m. at the SJSU CCM Center located on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos Streets next to Robert's Bookstore. For more information contact Sr. Marcia at 938-1610.

FRIDAY

A.S. Campus Recreation

The Yoga I class begins meeting at the Event Center from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

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SJSU Panhellenic Council

The Panhellenic Council will be offering sorority house tours beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Friday in the Student union Amphitheater. For more information contact Kary Crumm at (510) 673-5442.

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21ST CENTURY DIGITAL BOY

Saying 'thank you' for all the life lessons

I learned a lot this summer—especially about the value of hard work and the impact one person can have on so many others.

My grandfather passed away in July. He was a good man, I just had no idea how good until he died.

It was when dozens of friends and former coworkers showed up at his house in the final days that it began to occur to me that one man can make a difference.

I grew up seeing "Gramps" (as my brothers and I came to call him in the last few years) only once or twice a year. I didn't have a clue who he was, beyond being my mother's father.

After my grandmother passed away in 1998, my mom was free to spend more time with her father, and as a result my brothers and I were able to as well.

I got to know Gramps as an adult. We talked a lot, and the stories he had to tell were amazing.

He walked from central Mexico, just outside of Guadalupe, to San Jose when he was only 11 years old.

He worked in the cotton fields, in the strawberry fields, on the dock in San Francisco and in the canneries that were once all over the area north of our campus.

Gramps was a labor man. He hated poor working conditions and fought for his God-given right to something better.

He fought alongside Harry Bridges in the Longshoremen's union strike in the 1930s.

Later on, he began organizing his fellow cannery workers here in San Jose.

He fought for his rights and the rights of others.

He worked with Cesar Chavez as

well as one friend from Mexico.

The parade of people who came to see him in the final days astonished me.

At the wake, and at the funeral his impact on the community and on his family and friends was evident.

My grandfather died at home, quietly and in very little pain.

He died just as he lived, as he taught others to live, with dignity.

People talked about him and his accomplishments.

People talked about his life as a brawler and a carouser.

I learned he spent time in jail for stabbing a friend in a bar fight in Mountain View.

I learned a great deal about myself and where I come from.

I had a great time talking with my cousins, whom I rarely see, sharing memories of Gramps and learning how far his legacy reached.

His friends spoke at the wake about everything from how he gave them hope to how he taught them to fight for themselves.

The city of San Jose honored him with a proclamation at his funeral.

Some of my cousins sang for him.

My uncle spoke at length about Gramps' life.

All I could do is say "thank you." Thank you, Gramps, for teaching me about hard work, and what it means to help people.

Thank you for showing me that one man can make a difference.

Thank you for restoring so many people's hope and dignity.

Thank you for helping to make the world a better place.

Mike Corpus is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Digital Boy" appears on Thursdays.



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ple and making them believe they had a right to something better.

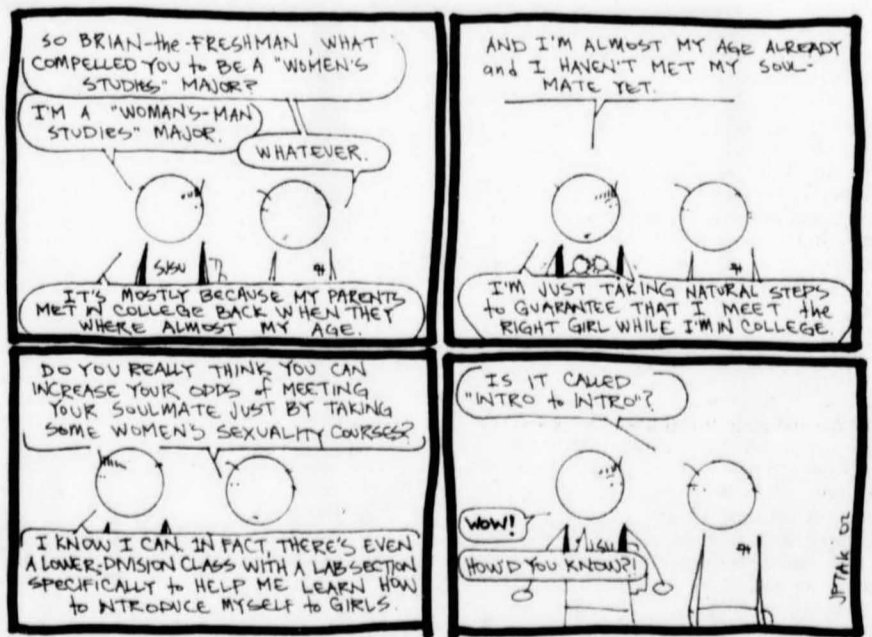
I am forever thankful I got to know him in these later years because I was old enough to understand what he was talking about.

Gramps was diagnosed with cancer this summer at the age of 94.

He died three weeks after the diagnosis.

My brothers and I went to see him as often as we could, and as we did we met many of his friends from the union days and from the fields, as

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Letters |

Parking problems nothing new to SJSU

To the Editor,

Each year, the first few editions of the Spartan Daily are so predictable. The story is always the same: students complain about the lack of parking and its "high" cost. Everybody needs to take a deep breath and face some facts. First, San Jose State is not unique. Parking is a problem at almost every college campus in the United States. Further, students have been complaining about parking at SJSU for more than 30 years. Second, the parking fee currently paid by SJSU students is extremely reasonable. Even at \$115 per semester, parking at SJSU is significantly cheaper than parking in the lots owned by the City of San Jose. Parking fees at SJSU are comparable to those at other CSU campuses. This

year's fee increase is the first in 15 years. I challenge students to name one other product whose cost has not gone up in that period of time. Third, students complain, but when push comes to shove, they oppose viable solutions to the parking situation. The one obvious solution would be to build more parking, perhaps a new parking garage. Apart from the fact that this would be very difficult because of the lack of space on the SJSU campus, a new parking garage would cost more than \$10 million. Where is this money going to come from? The state of California isn't going to pay for it. Therefore, the only other place to obtain that money is from student parking fees. And yet students howl and complain about any increases in parking fees. In other words, students want more parking, but they are not willing to pay for

it. Students have also opposed other, more realistic and immediate solutions to the parking problem. For example, students protested the plan to pave over Bud Winter Field for more parking, which would have provided hundreds of additional spaces at relatively low cost. President Caret was responsive to the wishes of students and others and has decided not to pave over Bud Winter Field, and now our students are reaping what they have sown. Fourth, the "decrease" in parking at SJSU this year has nothing to do with any actions taken by SJSU. The loss of streetside parking is due to decisions made by the City of San Jose, and any complaints should be directed to the city. I am a member of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC). Last year, I voted in favor

of raising the parking fees to \$115 a semester, and I am proud of that fact. This money will permit SJSU to make much-needed improvements to our parking garages and other facilities, and to set aside some money for the day when the 10th Street garage will have to be replaced in 2012. I am proud of the fact that I took a positive action to keep the parking situation from deteriorating even further, something that surely would have happened if they fees had remained at their previous level.

James C. Brent
Associate Professor, Political Science
Member, Campus Fee Advisory Committee

Tobacco might as well be crack

This letter is in response to Kirstin Schwarz's letter to the editor "A ban would alienate smokers and violate their rights," August 28, 2002.

To say that smoking is as collegiate as coffee, pizza and ibuprofen is to condone negative behavior that occurs at colleges. What about marijuana use, theft, or rapes? These things too happen at our colleges. Does the fact that they are "collegiate" make them acceptable? People don't die from drinking too much coffee or eating too much pizza, or using prescribed medications as intended. You can die from using tobacco as intended. Furthermore, you cannot become a lifelong addict to any of those products as you can with tobacco. To smoke cigarettes is to die slowly. College is a place to learn and grow, not to smoke and die. If a cigarette and a commuter cup of coffee is the only way to start a simple day, then you've got problems. Whatever happened to a nice big healthy breakfast?

Kirstin Schwarz asks, "Do smokers really

need to feel any worse about their habit than they already do?" Forgive me for being blunt, but of course they do. They don't feel bad enough. Wouldn't you feel bad for doing something that caused your neighbor to become terribly ill or die? The problem is that smokers care more about their own selfish desire to smoke rather than the health and general good of the public. It's the Universities responsibility to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff. By banning smoking on campus, the University would only be assuming its role and exercising what it should be doing.

Not being able to smoke on campus may not be the means to an end for the entire world, but it's a start. Banning smoking on campuses will solve the problem at college campuses. Too many people don't respect the current smoking policy, which in turn, fails to protect people like me. As a matter of fact, somebody tore down the no-smoking signs that were posted at the Jazzland café near Macquarrie Hall.

Kirstin Schwarz claims that we are all adults and that as adults we are allowed a certain degree of self-damaging behavior or habits. We're not talking about damage to yourself. Don't miss the point. We're concerned about protecting the innocent people that you expose to secondhand smoke. Adulthood is all about making responsible decisions and good choices. Adulthood is not about engaging in self-destructive behavior.

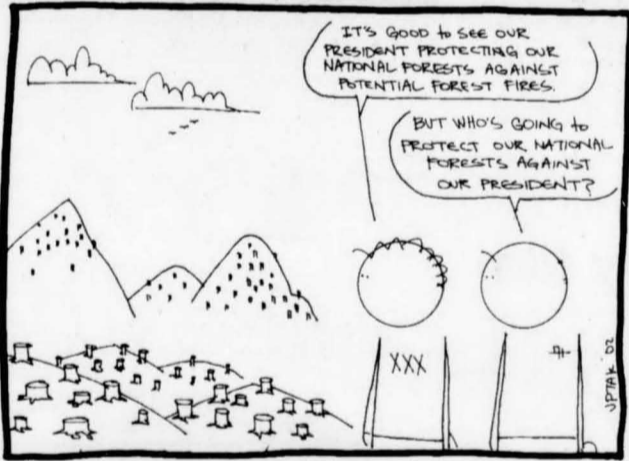
Smoking may very well be a coping mechanism for people, but you need to cope without affecting other people around you. Unfortunately this is not happening.

If you need something to keep you on track in life, try a stress management course, or some yoga, or even a visit to your nearest drug addiction program. Let us not forget that nicotine is a drug. The concept of smoking a cigarette is no different from the concept of smoking crack. You are drugging your brain the same exact way.

We all need to understand that banning smoking is a great way to get people to quit smoking altogether, especially if the college provides adequate and effective smoking cessation services. It may not be the complete solution, but whose trying to solve the entire world all at once? In order to make a positive change in society we have to do things gradually. If we take incremental steps such as banning smoking at colleges, then we will be that much closer to changing community norms, which in turn, will reduce the prevalence of smoking among this age group. To say that a ban on smoking will not have an impact is simply to not understand how social norms are changed. Think back 15 years ago. People were smoking everywhere, even inside buildings and airplanes. Haven't all those laws made a difference in today's society? I think they have.

DennisAcha
Student, public health

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Thank you to a special department

Open letter to the African-American Studies Department - Faculty, Staff, and Students - at San José State University

With utmost respect I write this letter to say thank you!

My special thank you goes to Dr. Steven M. Millner for his interest in my education, his mentoring, guidance, and support over the last two years. In our conversations Dr. Millner took time and patience to answer all my questions; nevertheless, he often raised even more questions challenging my understanding of the African-American experience and my critical thinking. However, Dr. Millner taught me more than just the material covered in the classes, he showed me how an outstanding professor is able to enlighten a student's personal and educational life. Thank you, Dr. Millner you will always be my role model.

I also would like to thank Dr. Daniel E. Georges-Abeyie, with whom I was fortunate to work this summer. Dr. Abeyie not only gave me the opportunity to learn under his guidance, but he also shared his wisdom and knowledge. I learned so much more about Africans in America and about myself. San José State students should take advantage of his classes and expertise. We are fortunate to have a Professor like Dr. Abeyie on our campus.

In the academic courses, which were taught in the African-American Studies Department at San José State University in the last two years, I was often the only Caucasian student in the classroom. Not one day was my color, in or outside of the classroom, an issue for the faculty or student body. I was accepted as

a student who wanted to learn; we were a team. I learned to appreciate the openness and honesty in the African-American courses among faculty and students who created a wonderful curriculum atmosphere in which to learn history.

In addition, the faculty went through great lengths to teach the African-American experience to all of the students. Examining background information and not limiting studies to only the foreground issues at hand taught both, history and contemporary issues. The facts and exceptional scholarly works used in the courses spoke for themselves. To all my professors, thank you for teaching me about your past and present.

I would like to thank the students personally, with whom I was privileged to share classes. You helped me understand the issues, which were discussed in class that I, for many reasons, did not understand. Furthermore, you too raised my level of consciousness.

Thank you again, faculty, staff, and students for two years of education that changed my life, my critical thinking, and increased my understanding of the African and the African-American past and how the African-American experience has affected African descendants all over the world. As a result I will never forget what you have taught me and will try to work for social change as long as I am able.

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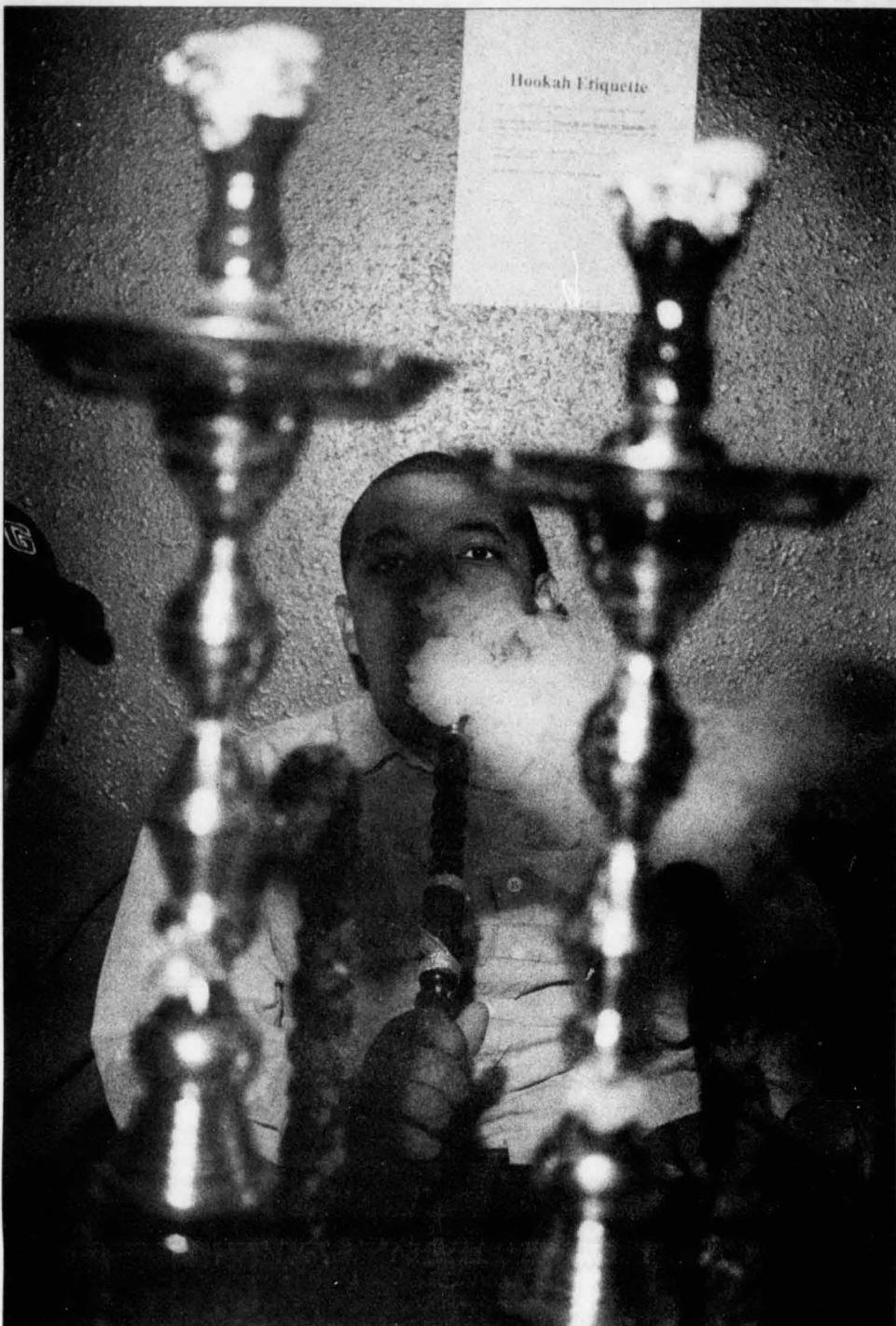
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Smoke rises from Egyptian traditions at Giza



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TOP: Travis Perkins smokes out of a hookah at the Giza Lounge on First Street last Friday. The hookah is packed with flavored tobacco and shared with friends.
RIGHT: Three hookahs are prepared and ready for patrons at the lounge frequented by smokers and non-smokers. Giza recently ended providing beverages and entertainment due to regulations set by the planning commission.

By Justine DaCosta
Daily Staff Writer

The sounds of trip-hop music and the bubbling water of a hookah drift through the 10-foot doorway that separates business from pleasure at San Jose's Giza Hookah Lounge.

A hookah is a water pipe that is used to smoke shisha—fresh, ground tobacco leaves that are blended with dried fruit pulp and flavored molasses.

Also called a nargile, the smoking device originated in Turkey more than 500 years ago and has been popular in many middle-eastern cultures since its creation, serving as a means to relaxation and social interaction.

"You can tell if a hookah hasn't been cleaned and Giza's are all meticulous," said John Tam, a management information systems major at San Jose State University. He has smoked the hookah for nearly five years and has become a regular customer at Giza.

Giza's birth is the result of many laborious hours that 23-year-old Hanh Luong and 22-year-old Long Tran spent in researching and creating their dream business.

Luong, an SJSU alumna, and Tran, a marketing senior, thought of the idea for Giza Hookah Lounge while spending time in southern California, an area that has a number of hookah cafes.

"It's something different," Luong said. "We want people to feel like they aren't in San Jose."

The lounge, which opened in June, is the first of its kind in San Jose and boasts 30 types of shisha, including sweet melon, strawberry and apple.

Hookahs and shisha can be purchased for personal use in the front room of Giza, while the back room is reserved for the age-old, Middle-Eastern tradition of smoking the device.

Imported Egyptian art adorns the red walls and heaps of imported pillows cover the velour couches of the smoking room's six private seating areas.

Egyptian wall lamps produce a dim, distilled light and the subtle smell of fresh fruit and incense enhance the tranquil environment.

The music, a combination of soft melodies and loud trip-hop dance songs, fills the air.

"We're going for a sensual, relaxing atmosphere," Luong said.

Giza is not a place for the drunk or drugged, a rule Luong and Tran strictly enforce.

Alcohol is prohibited, as is smoking anything other than shisha.

Although Luong and Tran have never had any problems with people attempting to use illegal drugs or sneak in alcoholic beverages, last week the city planning commission laid down the laws that pertain to their business.

Belly dancing and authentic Middle-Eastern music was once a crowd pleaser on Friday and Saturday nights, but the commission ordered Giza to stop all forms of entertainment.

Not only was Giza forced to discontinue belly dancing, they were told that beverages were no longer allowed to be



consumed on the premises.

Giza, who served only tea and bottled water, was told by the commission that because they make their money off of tobacco they must be treated as a retail shop and not a business that makes money off of entertainment.

The lounge is dealing with their new environment by supplying thirsty patrons with a water jug and Dixie cups — located outside the front door.

Giza is not taking any more chances, and with hookah etiquette posted on the wall, the do's and don'ts of hookah smoking should be clear.

No one is allowed to touch the hookah, stir the coals or blow on the tobacco and anyone caught breaking any of these rules may be asked to leave.

According to Tran, this policy is standard for hookah cafes all over the world and to disobey the laws is a sign of disrespect.

"Originally, the hookah was a sign of status," Tran said. "Men weren't even allowed to smoke with a woman that wasn't his wife because it was seen as inappropriate."

According to Luong, a social faux pas many people make is passing the tube of the hookah to the next smoker instead of setting it down when they're finished.

Traditionally, the hookah is accompanied by alcohol, coffee or tea and is placed on the floor where smokers sit on pillows that surround the water pipe.

Giza accommodates those who prefer to smoke the good old-fashioned way by providing floor seating.

Although smoking in public places was banned in California eight years ago, the lounge is exempt from the restriction because they are a retail store whose main source of income is tobacco.

Adequate ventilation must be provided in the smoking area and Giza cannot have employees due to potential health risks associated with breathing in smoke.

According to Luong, smokers and non-smokers alike come in to see what Giza is all about.

"Shisha is nothing like cigarettes," Luong said. "We wouldn't recommend some of our premium blends to non-smokers. Peach, pineapple, mango and raspberry are good for smokers because they're stronger."

Giza's flavors of shisha fall into one of two categories: standard blend for \$14.99 a bowl and premium blend for \$19.99.

For those who want to try a little puff of Egyptian tradition, the Giza Lounge is located at 18 N. First Street and is open every day from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Queen of Castille professes 'Mad Love' in new film

By Allison M. Foley
Daily Staff Writer

"I want to love you, even if you loathe me." This quote sets the tone for the entirety of "Mad Love." Based on the real life story of "Joan the Mad," the queen of Castile, Spain in the early 16th century, this movie never contains a dull moment. If you normally shy away from period costumes and subtitles, stick around a while longer and don't let that sway you from making the decision to see this movie. Allowing oneself to absorb the story and take notice of every detail, it's easy to stay intrigued until the credits roll. Believe me — you'll wish the movie didn't have to end.

During Joan's time, a much more conservative period, she was considered to be crazy with excessive love for her husband, Phillip. What began as an arranged marriage for political reasons turned out to be love at first sight

for the couple. However, things didn't stay this way for long. Phillip, a known womanizer, cheats on Joan routinely, and as she finds out, she is prone to fits of jealousy that prove her to be unstable in that more conservative of eras.

The aforementioned quote is Joan's reason for acting in ways that are unacceptable for women at the time, and especially members of royalty. She is so obsessed with being loyal to her husband, that she doesn't care about what is going on around her, even what is going wrong with her marriage.

This story will surely strike a personal chord with anyone who has ever been in a relationship. Whether it be an unfaithful one or not, the audience will relate to the feelings Joan has at being cheated on repeatedly and what she does after these events take place in order to rectify the situation in her own mind. Her actions, seen as "mad" in the 1500s, are certainly not too far off from something that would be

done by a jealous wife in today's society. Joan is disrespected by her community for being a strong, expressive woman, standing up for her own rights and well-being, and for acting before her time.

In addition to the movie's centering on a familiar topic, the visual aspects of the film were astoundingly beautiful. As if there weren't already enough reasons to be enthralled, the cinematography of "Mad Love" was appropriately evocative of the emotions involved in any one scene. For instance, the colors used in the film managed to be vivid throughout, while being dark and a tad depressing also. The period costumes brought another enjoyable aspect to the film from a visual standpoint.

Pilar Lopez de Ayala, who plays the role of Joan, or Juana, in Spanish, is outstanding, and performs the part eagerly with every fiber of her being. She is quite convincing. A notable moment in the film, which showcases her ability to enact the deepest throes

of emotion doesn't occur until close to the end of the movie. Lopez de Ayala paces back and forth in the courtyard of her residence, in a pouring rain-storm, screaming, "my mother is dead, my husband is unfaithful" in Spanish, over and over again. This particular scene is one that turns the audience in favor of Joan. Although she convinces the court she is crazy because of her actions, the scene evokes the sort of emotion that true love drives someone to feel.

"Mad Love" has enough varied aspects to cater to a wide range of audiences. This film wraps you up and takes you to a completely foreign place that becomes eerily all too familiar as the plot unfolds.

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Kelly Clarkson becomes first 'American Idol'

NEW YORK (AP) — Kelly Clarkson, a cocktail waitress from Texas whose signature song was Aretha Franklin's "Respect," was judged America's next pop star Wednesday by the viewers of "American Idol."

After more than 15 million telephone votes were cast by viewers, the 20-year-old Clarkson beat Justin Guarini, the big-haired crooner from outside Philadelphia.

Clarkson was the survivor among 10,000 entrants who thought they had what it takes to be pop stars. Along the way, the Fox series became the tel-

evision hit of the summer, particularly among young viewers.

Even Simon Cowell, the British judge with a penchant for the withering insult, was seen to wipe away a tear at the result.

Clarkson earns a recording contract, and will release a CD single later this month and a full album in November.

Celebrities sprinkled the crowd at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre, including sitcom stars Ray Romano and Jane Kaczmarek, of "Malcolm in the Middle."

More than 100 million votes were

cast over the course of the show this summer.

All three of the show's judges — Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul — thought Clarkson was the most deserving of the two. The British Cowell said he had to " begrudgingly admit the talent is better here."

Through the final weeks of competition, Clarkson and Guarini said they were the best of friends and weren't interested in undercutting each other.

"I'm so happy with tonight's decision," Guarini said. "No one deserves it more than this woman."

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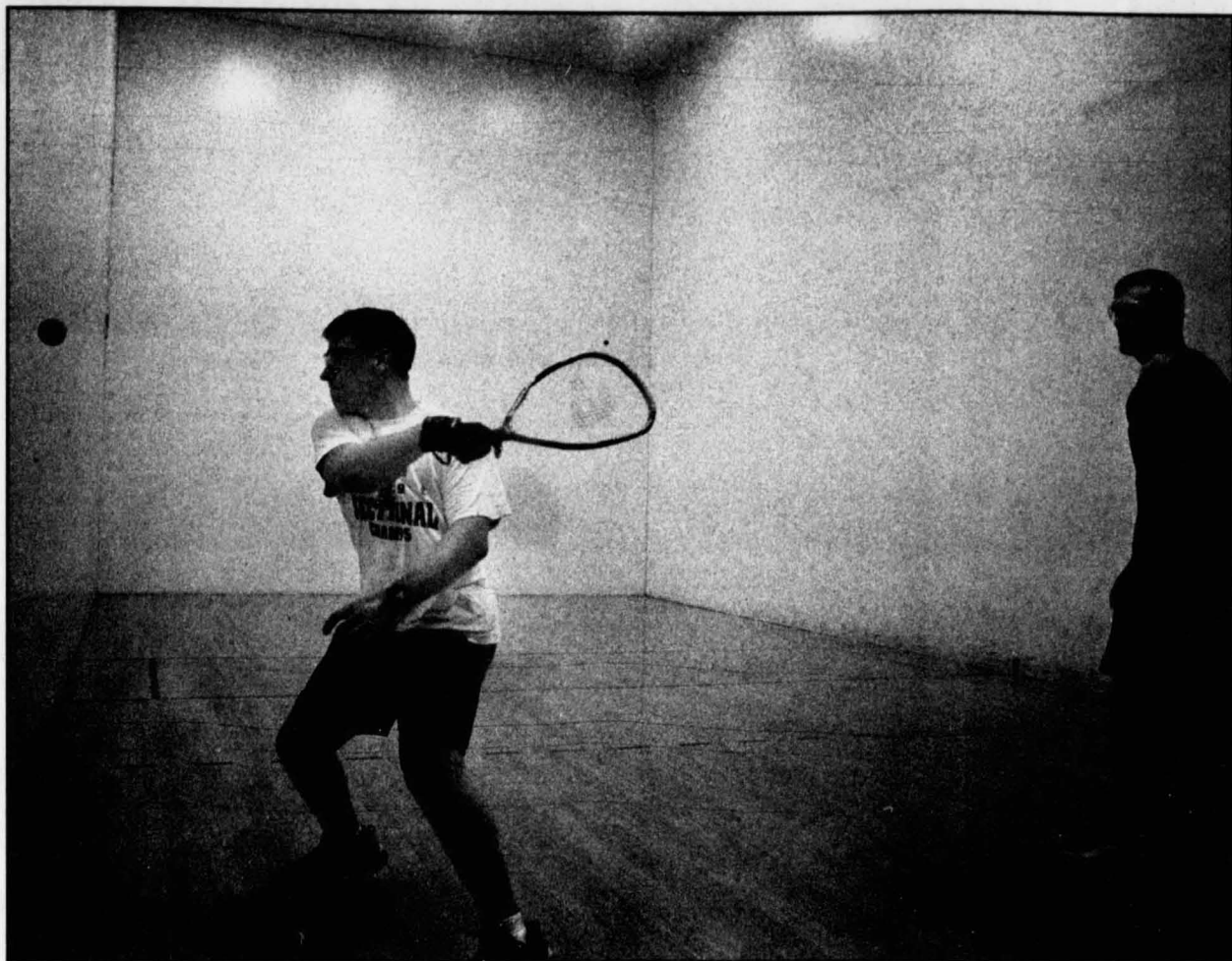
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Martin Horne, mechanical engineering senior, swung for the ball during a racquetball match with Josh Allen, an aerospace engineering junior, in the Event Center on Tuesday.

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Suspect arrested for possible threats against Bush's life

Police found 10 rifles and six handguns in man's rental car

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who police said may have made threats against President Bush was arrested Wednesday about two miles from the White House after authorities discovered 16 guns in a car he was driving.

The man was stopped around 12:30 p.m. EDT in the Adams Morgan section of Washington. Washington Police Chief Charles Ramsey said the suspect may have threatened Bush, but he offered no specifics.

The Secret Service received information Tuesday suggesting a man was driving from Pennsylvania toward the White House with explosives. The Secret Service issued an alert for police agencies to be on the lookout for him.

Washington police stopped a Chevrolet Cavalier registered in Pennsylvania and driven by Jeffrey Cloutier, 33, of Newport, N.H.

Authorities found 10 rifles and six handguns in the car, but Ramsey said no explosives were discovered.

Newport Police Chief David Hoyt said his department was alerted Tuesday night that Cloutier was headed to Washington, and officers notified the Secret Service based on that information.

Hoyt would not discuss what information the informant provided or who it was, but noted it was not a relative. The Secret Service declined to com-

ment on whether Cloutier had made any threats toward the president, but a New Hampshire law enforcement source said Cloutier had talked of harming Bush.

"He said President Bush was doing a poor job, and he was going to take care of him and take over," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Cloutier's grandmother told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that her grandson had been having problems recently and had sought treatment for epilepsy.

"He needs help and he needs it bad," Marjorie Cloutier said. "I think he was trying to get help and he wasn't getting it."

She said she was not aware, however, of any problems her son might have had with Washington.

Cloutier rented a vehicle from an Enterprise Rent-A-Car office in Claremont, N.H., several days ago, according to sales records from the rental company. He got another car when he arrived in the Philadelphia area, according to Aaron Phinisee, manager of an Enterprise office in Center City Philadelphia.

Cloutier then picked up a white 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier from an Enterprise Rent-A-Car on Route 291 near Philadelphia International Airport Tuesday night, the company said.

Cloutier was held for investigation of possessing unregistered firearms and ammunition. Cloutier's wife was also taken into custody, but a Secret Service source said she was unlikely to face any charges.

RATING | Concern for excessive negative feedback

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hands," Pearce said. "What's to stop the same student from making several contributions to one teacher."

According to the Web site's rating system, however, a student is required to log in with a password and other information such as course codes, which acts as some deterrent toward a

student's vengeance. Jeff Yang, an industrial technology junior, said the Web site is a great idea, but students should not base their decisions on one student's rating of a professor.

"There is some validity in the rating of teachers in terms of simple statistics," Pearce said. "If there is a bigger sample of students giving the same teacher the same bad rating, that

should tell you at least something about the teacher."

According to the Web site, the rating category of "helpfulness" asks questions such as approachability, niceness, rudeness and help outside of class.

"The helpfulness category is very good," Pearce said. "Our teacher evaluations don't include such a category and it should."

Ratings for the Web site include an option of directly commenting on a teacher, and it lists the top 15 "Funny Ratings," such as "He will destroy you like an academic ninja."

"It might frustrate some professors," Sulochana said, "but maybe rating the teachers will also make professors work harder as well helping students in the process."

Faculty upset over switch to paper plates

By Laura Buckingham
Daily Staff Writer

Over the summer, a decision was made by Spartan Dining Services to stop using china and silverware in the University Room and switch to plastic and paper disposables.

The change has outraged some San Jose State University faculty members who believe that discarding of the additional waste created by using disposables will only add to the growing environmental problems California faces.

English professor John Engell is particularly concerned about the switch.

"It is an environmentally unsound move to say the least and flies in the face of state mandates that universities and other organizations must cut back on their land fill waste products," said Engell.

California State Assembly Bill 75, passed in 1999, required that each state agency and large state facility divert at least one-fourth of the solid waste generated from landfill disposal or transformation facilities by Jan. 1, 2002, and at least one-half by Jan. 1, 2004.

Michele Gendreau, director of Spartan Dining, says that SJSU has already met those requirements.

"We are, overall, very environmentally sound. We are now recycling and composting over seventy percent of waste, and we have decreased our diversion rates," she said. According to Gendreau, 23 percent of waste was being recycled in June of 2001, compared with 70 percent in June of 2002.

The decision to stop using china and silverware in the University Room was part of an overhaul of the room itself, which included some remodeling and new menu items, targeted at increasing customer traffic,

according to Gendreau. After repeated requests for "to go" boxes and complaints by some patrons that the plates were too heavy, the ceramic plates were replaced with plastic ones.

Also a concern to Spartan Dining was the fact that the specific china pattern they were using in the University Room was very difficult to replace and had to be special ordered.

Bruce Olszewski, a lecturer in the

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**John Engell,
English professor**

environmental studies department and director of the Center for Development of Recycling, said he feels this decision is irresponsible.

"What Spartan Shops is doing is counter-intuitive to the efforts that have gone on and steps that have been taken by SJSU in the past," stated Olszewski.

He said more needs to be done to make use of the resources already in place instead of taking advantage of their very existence, and he challenged the university to review its contractual relationship with Spartan Shops.

Olszewski said he has implored stu-

dents in his classes not to patronize the University Room in light of this recent development.

"I'm not ever going to go back," he added.

Engell suggested a faculty/student boycott of the University Room.

"The key here is the ecological fallout. Any food service establishment that operates as regularly as the University Room and with the number of customers the University Room does, is very considerable to say the least," said Engell.

Gendreau defended her department's choice.

"When we looked at the overall focus of the room, we thought this would be an advantage to faculty, staff and students."

Until the change, the University Room was the only restaurant on campus that utilized reusable plates and silverware.

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Bush promises Congress a say in Iraq decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush promised Wednesday to seek Congress' approval for "whatever is necessary" to oust Saddam Hussein, including using military force, as the White House considered giving Iraq a last-ditch ultimatum over weapons inspectors.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert said Congress would vote before the Nov. 5 elections on how to deal with the Iraqi president, ensuring that Iraq is a high-profile issue in the campaign for control of the House and Senate.

Democrats who control the Senate said a resolution is possible but not certain because of the lack of time and Bush's failure thus far to make his case for war. "It would not be my assumption that the military course is the only action available to him today," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"This is a debate the American people must hear, must understand," Bush said after a Cabinet Room meeting with 18 Democratic and Republican congressional leaders. "And the world must understand, as well, that its credibility is at stake."

After weeks of conflict and criticism, Bush began a public relations campaign to convince Americans and wary allies of the need to overthrow Saddam and secure his weapons of mass destruction program — perhaps by opening a second, perilous front on the war against terrorism.

Essentially seeking a blank check, Bush told lawmakers, "At an appropriate time, and after consultations with the leadership, I will seek congressional support for U.S. action to do whatever is necessary to deal with the threat posed by Saddam Hussein's regime."

Baghdad denounced Bush's "evil plans." Iraqi foreign minister Najib Sabri, speaking at the Arab foreign ministers meeting in Egypt, said: "These are whims and lies and pretexts ... all prepared with no evidence at all to support them."

Also in Cairo, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said the threat of war against Iraq "constitutes a danger to the stability of the entire region." But Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson said Bush was making the situation "politically manageable."

In South Africa, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he received "a solid expression of support" from allies at a U.N. development summit.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the congressional resolution could include "any number of things, including the option of military force." Congress may be asked to approve "all-encompassing" language, before Bush make a final decision.

Sensitive to the political pitfalls of bucking a wartime president, Democratic lawmakers cautiously

accepted Bush's talk of consultations and a sense-of-the-Congress vote. But they said Bush has yet to justify war with Iraq.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who attended the White House meeting, said he does not think there is time for a resolution before the election.

"I think everyone acknowledged this is a good start, but I don't think anyone walked out of there ready to invade," he said.

The president plans to make his case before the United Nations on Sept. 12, a day after the nation commemorates the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed more than 3,000 people.

He will meet Saturday at Camp David with Tony Blair, the staunchest U.S. ally on Iraq. Bush said he would reach out to presidents Jacques Chirac of France, Jiang Zemin of China and Vladimir Putin of Russia — all three opposed to war with Iraq.

Bush will argue that Saddam has flouted U.N. resolutions aimed at curbing his weapons of mass destruction program since the Persian Gulf War, and thus the world body is obligated to help the U.S. punish Saddam for not complying, administration officials said.

The president is strongly considering a U.N. Security Council resolution that would set a deadline for Iraq to open its weapons sites to unfettered inspection and to apply punitive action if he refuses, three administration officials told The Associated Press on condition they not be identified.

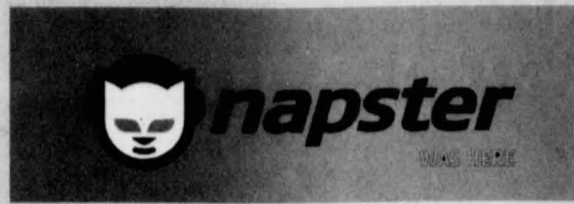
To get the resolution past a threatened veto by China or Russia, the resolution likely would not spell out the threat, but it would be obvious to Saddam, the officials said.

Some two dozen ideas are circulating within the administration, and among them is the notion of "coercive inspections" — forcing Iraq to open its suspect sites to inspectors by deploying thousands of American or multinational troops in or near Iraq who would launch an attack if inspectors were denied, officials said.

In any form, White House officials said Saddam is unlikely to comply with either a U.S. or U.N. ultimatum. Even if he does agree to wide-open inspections, the official U.S. policy still calls for a regime change.

Thus, senior Bush advisers acknowledge that Bush is setting the stage for a confrontation with Saddam while knowing the outcome eventually will lead to military force unless the Iraqi leader is deposed by other means.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld went to the Capitol on Wednesday for classified meetings. He said Tuesday that the Bush administration has secret information that Saddam is close to developing nuclear weapons.



Napster's tombstone intoned "Ded Kitty" as its original epitaph on Wednesday. Later its Web site it settled for its familiar logo with homage to the famed World War II Kilroy.

Song-swapping Web site signs off

REDWOOD CITY (AP) — At first, Napster's Web site said, "Ded Kitty," with a tombstone.

Later Wednesday, the familiar logo merely acknowledged its onetime presence one day after its remaining 42 employees were fired and the song-swap company's doors closed for good.

After a Delaware bankruptcy judge blocked the sale of the company's assets to its chief investor, the company prepared to convert its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization filing into a Chapter 7 liquidation proceeding.

There was no eulogy for Shawn Fanning's innovative software application from the recording industry, which helped kill Napster with its lawsuits.

Record labels, artists and copyright holders all realize Napster's legacy is very much alive. For example, comScore Networks said 8.2 million users shared files on KaZaA Media Desktop last month, a 1,491 percent increase from the previous year. And those numbers don't even touch upon the various Gnutella networks, clusters of users banded together by computer bandwidth, sharing everything from Adobe Photoshop 7 (\$609 retail) to the latest chart-topping music hits — all free of charge.

It's still too early to tell how successful MusicNet and pressplay are because neither company has released information on the total number of subscribers.

Suits by several of those major labels effectively brought Napster down. And the close relationship between Napster chief executive Konrad Hilbers

and his former employer, Bertelsmann AG, undermined the bid by the German media giant to purchase Napster's remaining assets.

Bertelsmann loaned Napster \$85 million to keep the embattled company afloat during its legal battles with the recording industry and had been seeking to buy Napster's remaining assets for an additional \$8 million. Now, instead, Bertelsmann is simply another creditor waiting in line.

Late Tuesday, a low-key beer and pizza party provided the entertainment for Napster's last day. Freshly fired Napster employees milled about on the company lawn in Redwood City snapping pictures of each.

They once lauded the promise of Napster's next software version, one that would screen out unauthorized music files to comply with a federal judge's ruling. But for all its promise, Napster will be remembered more as a catalyst for change and not a business bonanza.

Programmer Keith Melmon, upon hearing he had been laid off, said, "It's a real shame because I put a lot of effort into the new user interface that would have really turned some heads. Now nobody gets to see it. A year and a half of work just gone completely to waste."

GartnerG2 analyst Mike McGuire said Napster should have weaned its users off the free music model much earlier.

"It's kind of hard to ask for money for something you've been giving away for free for a while," McGuire said.

Governor says he'll cut 1,000 more state jobs

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis said Wednesday he will eliminate another 1,000 government jobs on top of the 6,000 already slated to be cut so that the "size of government reflects the revenues that are coming in."

Davis is set to sign the budget on today, more than two months after the state spending plan was to go into effect. The \$98 billion budget uses a combination of borrowing, program cuts and taxes to cover a record \$23.6 billion deficit.

The Legislature passed the budget Sunday after a two-month standoff over proposed tax hikes.

Davis said Tuesday that he plans to "veto some additional money," but he has not said how much it will be or where it will come from. He was asked by the Legislature to cut \$750 million from state agencies and departments rather than programs.

"I won't have the specifics of it until late tonight or early tomorrow morning, but the bottom line is, this year's budget will be less than last year's budget," Davis said Wednesday.

State lawmakers say they are already gearing up for future budget battles. Last week, Controller Kathleen Connell said that revenue for June, July and August were below expectations, meaning the \$23.6 billion deficit could jump to \$27 billion before the state's fiscal year is over.

"The budget did little to address declining revenues and nothing on a permanent basis," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project, a nonpartisan policy research group.

Assembly GOP leader Dave Cox said he plans to ask Democrats to allow an equal number of Republicans on the next budget conference committees. "Most Republicans believe they are involved in the process too late," Cox said.

Pot, he said, helped his game; judge lets him try to prove it

SANTA ANA (AP) — The 20-year-old former high school basketball star told the judge he smoked pot because it made him a better player. So the 42-year-old jurist challenged him to a game of one-on-one on a different court.

"I thought maybe he was kidding," said defendant Alvaro Alvarez, who accepted the challenge after he was charged with marijuana possession.

Superior Court Judge Marc Kelly sentenced Alvarez to attend drug abuse classes for the misdemeanor, then told him to return to court ready for a game.

On Tuesday, Alvarez proved he attended class. Then the judge stripped off his judicial robe and laced up his sneakers.

Alvarez, who said he's been smoking pot since he was 10, added he wouldn't need the relaxing qualities he said marijuana provides to take on a player more than twice his age. After all, he was the defensive player of the year as a sophomore at Santa Ana Valley High School.

As he faced off against the judge

outside the Orange County courthouse, Judge Steven L. Perk stepped up to referee and court employees made up the cheering section.

Although both players stood about 5-foot-10 and appeared physically fit, it was no contest.

In a game to see who could score the first 10 baskets, the judge beat the former high school star 10-3.

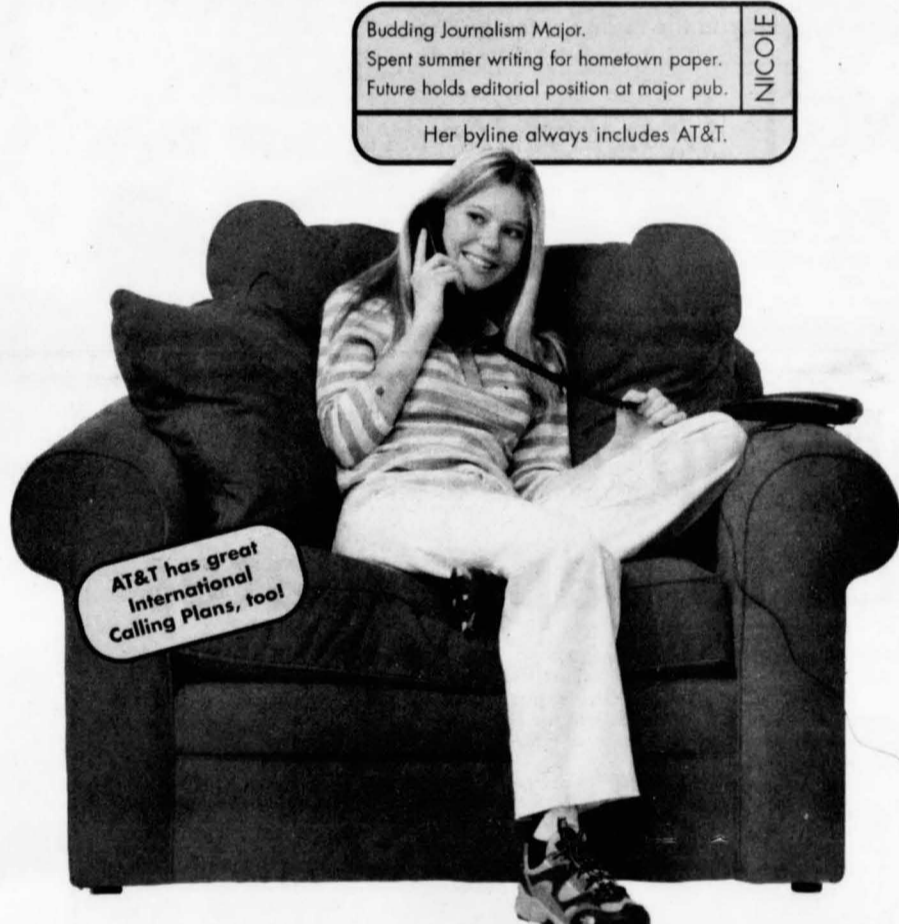
"Defensive player of the year, Alvarez? Come on," Kelly trash-talked at one point, then drove for two consecutive lay-ups. "The marijuana's getting to you, Alvarez. You're exhausted, aren't you?"

After the game, the two embraced. "You surprise me," a winded Alvarez told the judge. "You are quicker than most of the guys I play with."

Perhaps that's because Kelly had played some ball himself, on a Notre Dame team that included future NBA players Orlando Woolridge and Bill Laimbeer.

"Lay off the marijuana," he admonished Alvarez.

"I might have to, because it's getting me tired," Alvarez replied.



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Spartans looking for upset at Washington

San Jose State (1-0) at No. 14 Washington (0-1)

By Chris Giovannetti
Daily Sports Editor

For the San Jose State University football team, the mission for Saturday's game at the University of Washington is clear. Take care of the football. Earlier this week, head coach Fitz Hill made it clear that if his Spartans are to have any chance of defeating the nation's No. 14 team, ball protection is key.

SPARTAN FOOTBALL IN THE RED ZONE

NOTEBOOK

In last week's 33-14 season opening win at Arkansas State University, the Spartans committed four turnovers — three fumbles and an interception.

Fortunately for the Spartans, Arkansas State committed five turnovers, two of which SJSU returned for touchdowns.

"We can't play the way we played on offense (against Arkansas State) and expect to win with the team we're playing this week," Hill said.

Saturday's kickoff at Husky Stadium is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The Spartans face off against a Washington squad that suffered a 31-29 loss at the University of Michigan as Wolverines kicker Phillip Brabbs booted a 44-yard field goal as time expired to drop Washington to 0-1.

"You hate to play a team like Washington when they've had such a heartbreaking loss," Hill said. "They're dangerous."



Rislov

Despite the defeat, Washington head coach Rick Neuheisel noted that his players should have no problem getting excited about Saturday's game.

"We have to cover all of the bases. The bottom line is that this is our home opener and our second game and we haven't tasted victory yet," Neuheisel said. "There should be no reason we shouldn't win. That Michigan loss was a great lesson for how to come back from adversity."

The most interesting on-field storyline on Saturday should be how the Spartans defense stacks up against Washington's offense, namely the Huskies potent passing attack.

The Spartans defense turned in its best performance since 1999, allowing just 290 total yards to Arkansas State.

Leading the way is linebacker Luke La Herran, who had 12 tackles against Arkansas State and was named Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

Cornerback Carlos Koustas, who had an interception return and Gerald Jones, who had a fumble return, highlight a Spartan secondary that will once again need to turn in a strong performance against a passer such as Washington quarterback Cody Pickett.

"They really make you play your man on defense," Neuheisel said. "They're very efficient and very opportunistic. The fact they created five turnovers (against Arkansas State)

The book on ... Washington

Nickname: Huskies
Location: Seattle
Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference: Pac-10
Head Coach: Rick Neuheisel (26-10 Washington, three seasons; 59-24 overall, seven seasons).
2002 record: 0-1 (lost to Michigan 31-29 on Aug. 31).
2001 record: 8-4 overall, 6-2 Pac-10, 2nd place. Lost to Texas 47-43 in Holiday Bowl.
Players to watch (2002 statistics, one game):
QB Cody Pickett (318 yards passing, 2 touchdowns);
WR Jafar Williams (72 yards on six catches); RB Rich Alexis (98 yards on 28 carries).
Offense: Multiple sets.
Defense: 3-4

is a credit to their coaching staff."

Pickett tossed two touchdown passes against Michigan including a 51-yard strike to tight end Kevin Ware that gave the Huskies a temporary 14-7 lead.

"Pickett is a solid quarterback," Hill said. "We'll have our work cut out for us."

Jafar Williams, who Hill said, "is the best wide out we'll see this year," is another of the Huskies' offensive threats.

On the ground, the Huskies' top weapon is running back Rich Alexis, who scored twice against Michigan.

"Washington is big, fast and strong.

We have to be moving and keep on their heels," Hill said. "We can't smash these guys so we have to play the whole field."

Scott Rislov will again get the start at quarterback for SJSU. In his first I-A start last week, the junior transfer was 14-for-31 passing for 162 yards and one touchdown.

Against a much more experienced and talented team, Rislov must learn from his first game mistakes.

He shouldn't be alone however. Against ASU, Rislov completed passes to seven different receivers. Kendrick Starling emerged as his most viable target, hauling in 59 total

receiving yards and a touchdown to lead the team.

"I'm impressed with their offense," Neuheisel said. "Their offense works sideline-to-sideline so our defense has to find a way contain them. We have to pressure the quarterback as well. (Rislov) will only get better."

Higher Education

Hill has always been a proponent of education and across the sidelines from him on Saturday will be a man who shares his same ideals.

Hill and Neuheisel, along with Texas Tech University's Mike Leach, hold a distinction of being the only three Division I-A head coaches that hold doctorate degrees.

Hill, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, earned his doctorate in Education from the University of Arkansas in 1997.

Neuheisel earned a Juris Doctorate from USC in 1990.

"We're about higher education. The bottom line is: that comes before the spectacle of Saturday afternoon," Neuheisel said. "I'm proud to have passed the bar. We have to impress upon our players that education is important."

Of note: SJSU last defeated over a ranked opponent 27-24 when it defeated No. 9 Texas Christian in 2000 ... Washington leads all-time series 7-0 (won last contest 53-10 on Nov. 16, 1996) ... Neuheisel agreed on Tuesday to a six-year contract extension that runs through 2008 ... Game can be seen on Fox Sports Northwest on tape delay at 5 p.m. on Sunday. KLIV 1590-AM will carry the game via radio beginning with pre-game show at noon.

Rockies upend Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Denny Neagle combined with two relievers on a four-hitter and Todd Helton singled twice and scored as the struggling Colorado Rockies defeated the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Wednesday night.

The Giants, who had won eight of nine, remained 2 games behind the Dodgers in the NL wild-card race after Los Angeles lost 7-1 to NL West-leading Arizona.

Colorado won for just the second time in 12 games. The Rockies were swept by the Giants in four games last week at Coors Field.

Larry Walker drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning. Juan Pierre reached on a bunt single with one out, stole second and went to third on a groundout. Walker followed with his hit to make it 2-1.

Todd Zeile also had two hits for the Rockies, who played the Giants for the final time this season. San Francisco won 11 of 19.

Jose Jimenez pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 40 opportunities.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-4 with a fourth-inning single as Colorado held him in check for the second straight night. Bonds, who hit five home runs in three games last week at Colorado, flied out twice to left.

Neagle (8-9) gave up three hits and one run in seven innings for another solid outing. He has allowed just 10 earned runs in his last seven starts, lowering his ERA from 5.92 to 4.68.

58-and-Oh! Americans lose at Worlds

INDIANAPOLIS-(AP)-Argentina pulled off a victory that until recently seemed nearly impossible, beating the United States 87-80 Wednesday night in the World Championships.

It was the first loss for a U.S. team in 59 games since the Americans began sending NBA players to international tournaments in 1992.

The defeat did not knock the U.S. team out of the tournament, but gave them a lower seed for the medal round where the nations could meet again.

Argentina's victory was shocking enough, but what made it even more

incredible was the manner in which it accomplished it. The United States never led, trailed by as many as 20 and couldn't mount an adequate comeback down the stretch.

"We'll be back to win the gold," defiant guard Baron Davis said.

The Argentines leaped and hugged each other as the final buzzer sounded, while the American players stuck around and congratulated them.

The Argentines then formed a tight huddle for several seconds before emerging with their hands raised to salute a small but vocal contingent of

their fans in the lower seats at Conseco Fieldhouse.

This U.S. team had said it wanted to keep the unbeaten streak intact, but it also knew that the competition from around the world is getting better.

Like the U.S. team, Argentina won its first five games in the World Championships to set up a meeting of the only two nations with unblemished records.

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