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Lecture looks at post-9/11 America

Department chairwoman says event 'shattered our illusion of invulnerability'

By Kristin Schwarz
Daily Staff Writer

On a day when many people reflected on the events of Sept. 11, professors from the political science department discussed looking forward.

The professors focused their annual Fall lecture on the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Professor Marshall Goodman introduced the panel of political science professors and requested 30 seconds of silence in homage to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Professor Sharyl Cross began speaking to a packed Morris Dailey Auditorium by saying, "Sept. 11 shattered our illusion of invulnerability."

Cross discussed the security issues the United States faces after the attacks in her speech titled, "America and International Security After 9/11."

Cross referred to the terrorist attackers as elusive and said, "The unfortunate truth is, we will never be able to fully insulate or protect our society from such threats."

She explained why the United States must act as a member of the United Nations. A rigidly unilateral approach will not provide the solution," she said.

Cross said that we do not need to remind other nations and countries of our power, nor can we win the war on terrorism single-handedly.

"The question is whether America can shoulder the burden of destroying and rebuilding every failed nation that would seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction or to harbor outlaws committed to the destruction of America and other democracies," Cross said.

The way in which President Bush has responded to the attacks was outlined by Professor Ronald Sylvia.

After chiding the audience about how Bush obtained his current employment, Sylvia became blunt.

"Bush's sputtering domestic agenda and the flagging economy were just pushed aside as the nation came to grips with the surprise attack," Sylvia said.

"On that day, George Bush became President of the United States. He visited the sites and articulated our common grief and expressed our col-

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Dividing into scuba

Two field trips to Monterey are required for certification

By Lea Blevins
Daily Staff Writer

College is fun, especially when scuba diving is involved, some students say.

Frank Degnan, human performance lecturer, has been teaching scuba diving at San Jose State University since 1998. He was certified in 1980 and became an instructor in the Monterey area in 1983.

Each class meets once a week and begins with a pool side lecture at the indoor pool on campus. The class then follows with students spending time in the pool learning kicking and other techniques associated with scuba.

Degnan said he wanted to learn scuba diving because he thought it would be fun. After teaching for almost 20 years, he said he still enjoys it.

"It's as much fun as it ever was," Degnan said.

Outside of SJSU, Degnan teaches all levels of scuba, from beginning to training new instructors, according to his Web site.

Rory Martinez, a junior history major, said he decided to enroll in the scuba class because he thought it would be fun to do, and he wanted to learn the survival skills associated with scuba.

"I like the water," Martinez said. "Steve Lucero, a junior zoology major, said he wants to incorporate scuba diving with his major.

"I want to go diving for zoo creatures," Lucero said.

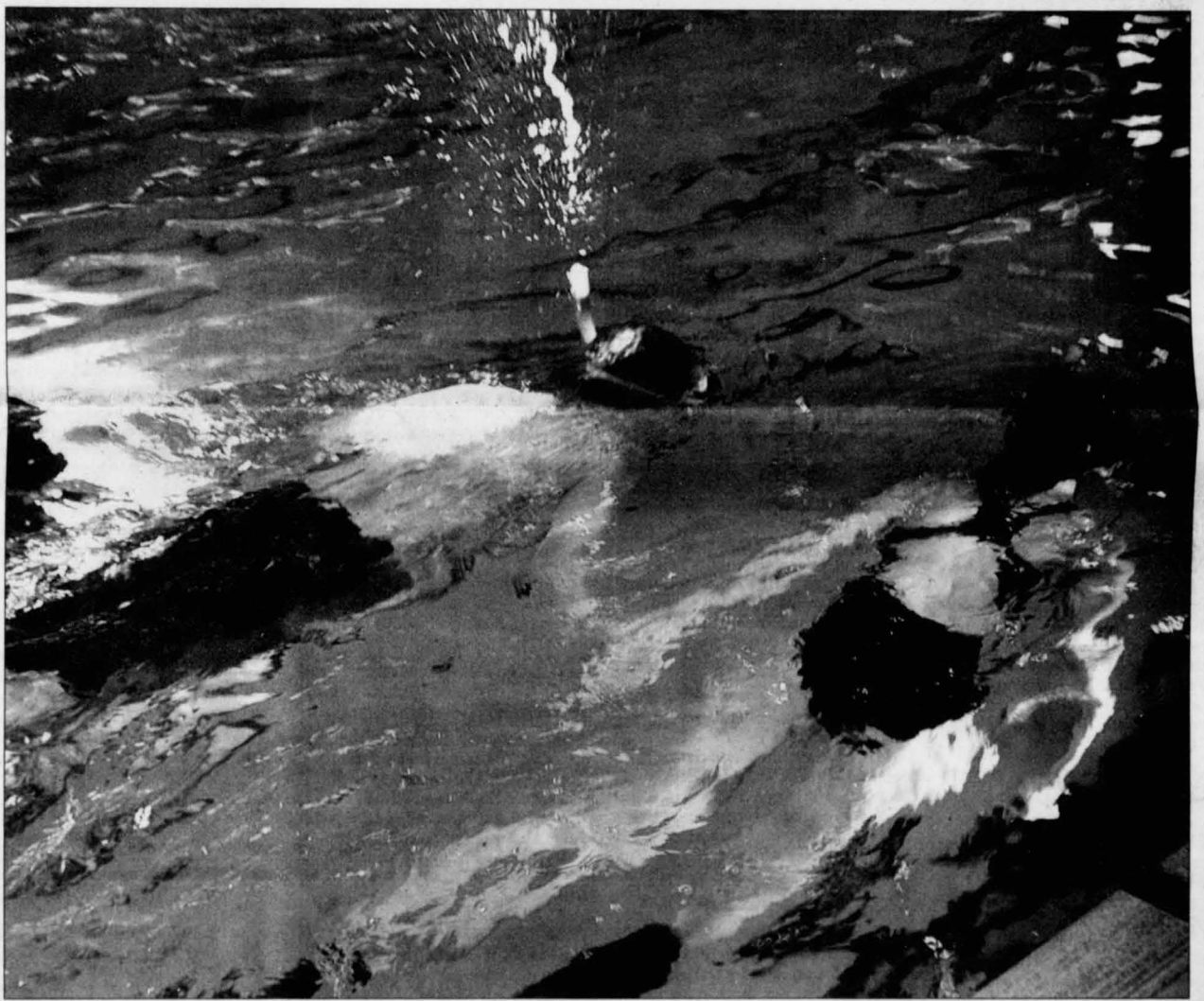
Both students said they like the class, though Martinez said it's not as easy as he expected.

"It's been a little bit harder for me because I'm not a strong swimmer," Martinez said.

Although the class is titled "skin and scuba diving," they focus more on scuba, Degnan said.

Degnan described skin diving as being the same as breath-hold

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Vedada Sirovica, a freshman majoring in international business, and Khjem Nguyen, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, practice underwater breathing in their beginning scuba diving class on Monday. TOP: Student instructor Sergio Schirripa, a junior majoring in liberal studies, helps out in the beginning scuba diving class on Monday afternoon in the Spartan Complex pool.

All they want to do is dance the Bhangra

By Bryn Graziano
Daily Staff Writer

Dressed in casual attire and bare-footed, a small group of women fell into the familiar rhythm of music as it poured out of a boom box in the Student Union Thursday afternoon.

Familiarity of culture brought them together, and a respect for traditional dance unified these San Jose State University students.

The SJSU women's Bhangra dance team was holding a tryout, hoping to discover other students who share their passion for this unique cultural pastime.

Bhangra, a lively form of folk dance, originated in the small northwest Indian state of Punjab and is steeped in tradition.

Suneet Sidhu, a junior in marketing and native of Punjab, said she has been dancing since age 12 and hopes to be selected.

"I just love to dance," Sidhu said. "It's a release for me. I also love to compete."

Arty Sharma, a junior and business management major, said she began

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Gopi Malhotra, a senior double majoring in occupational therapy and child development, leads tryouts for the Girl's Bhangra dance team on Thursday. Behind her, Priya Vaidanathan, a junior in computer engineering, and Arty Sharma, a junior majoring in business management, follow her lead.

Some students chose college to improve their earning potential

By Anne Ward
Daily Staff Writer

Annual salaries of high school graduates can be 70 percent lower than college graduates with a bachelor's degree, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report issued in July.

"We are now in a skill-based economy, and a college degree is a basic minimum," said Lina Melkonian, assistant director of San Jose State University's Career Center.

Almost 90 percent of young adults graduate from high school, and about 60 percent of those graduates go on to college, according to the report. Future earnings is cited as one of the driving reasons to attain a college degree, the report said.

"Some people now choose to pursue higher education to improve their earning potential," Melkonian said.

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PeopleSoft system to report information about students to immigration services

By Saadia Malik
Daily Staff Writer

PeopleSoft and the California State University have announced the implementation of a new system that will track foreign students and report detailed information on their status to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Because the Patriot Act of 2002 specifies that universities in the

United States provide this information to the INS, PeopleSoft developed the new system free of charge to CSU to comply with the act.

"If there was ever a time to use the technology advantage of this country to defend this country, that time is now," said Craig Conway, PeopleSoft president and CEO in a press release issued by CSU.

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S&M AIRLINES

Remember what mom told you, it's good to share

Orgies, group sex and swingers. Now that I have your attention, I'm writing to get down to the bottom of those words and what is behind them. Along with offering my opinion and sharing either personal experiences or those of people I know, exploring legitimate facts is fun too.

There are tons of people of whom I am aware who believe having sex with more than one person at once is either disgusting or just plain frightening.

There are others who may say this, but privately they are very curious about what this act involves. Even still, there are individuals who say this and have actually experienced group sex in some form.

No matter what category you or your friends fall into, here's some info that will draw you in closer or send you running in the other direction.

No matter how homogenous you think this topic is, there are many ways to go about engaging in this "shared experience."

The Formal Sex Party
There are numerous groups and individuals who organize "sexy parties" for fun, or even more interestingly, for a living. One such organization that actually makes group sex an industry is One Leg Up NYC. Its founder, identifying

herself only as Palagia, arranges events that require passwords, costumes or themed dress, and a very strict set of rules.

On their Web site, www.onelegupnyc.com, one can sign up to attend an on-site event, which is at a discreet apartment or swanky hotel room and follows much stricter guidelines than the off-site event, which often occurs at an upscale club in the city. On-site events require that males arrive accompanied by a female, and each attendee goes through a screening process before they can pay the exorbitant ticket price. Off-site revelers get away with lower ticket prices and no pre-screening.

Either way, all of the organization's events are for the upper class sexual adventurer.

I'm Drunk, Why Not?
Another, much less glamorous way to initiate sex with multiple partners is the informal route. This is usually arranged directly by those who are to engage in the act. The members of the group don't necessarily have to be drunk as the subheading suggests, but that certainly would make

something like that more likely to occur.

Good ol' "liquid courage" played a significant part in one experience related to me by an acquaintance who will go unnamed in this column. After an eventful night at a bar, said friend comes home only to discover his roommate is having sex with a girl in his bed. Quite pissed off and in desperate need of sleep, he yells at the couple to "get the f--- out of my room!" Instead of being met with opposition, the girl yells, "take your clothes off!"

There, ladies and gentlemen, is a perfect example. Even without the above-mentioned "courage," the informal invitation is usually spur-of-the-moment, and it has lots to do with one person accidentally walking in on another couple. This said, let's move on, shall we? To...

The Online "Swingers' Service"
In doing research for this article, which was partly online, I found it quite difficult to find legitimate answers to my questions. Typing in the words group sex, orgy or swingers not surprisingly brought me to countless porn sites.

Frustrating as it was, without that (almost) fruitless

search, I would never have known that there are online sex organizations for practically every major city. "Swingers" is another name for people who do this sort of group hooking-up on a regular basis. In order to retain anonymity, online services are a safe way to meet others who one can be sure are interested in doing the same thing.

The Atypical
One reason why the general public may shy away from learning about this or actually trying it out is its misrepresentation in the media, particularly in porn. Typically, the woman in the pornographic movie or photo looks like she's just having the greatest time servicing all these men at once. These images are staged for maximum shock value, and while some think they are arousing to look at, I doubt they would inspire anyone to replicate what's happening.

Images in porn rarely show that sex in groups can focus more on the woman.

So, upon reading all this information, remember that many things in life are more than meet the eye.



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Viewpoint | Reader responds to A.S. President's essay

Dear Editor,

This is a clarification to an essay published Sept. 11, 2002, written by the President of the Associated Students, Maribel Martinez. As the grandchild of two Palestinians I feel perfectly free. I am not what would be considered by today's media coverage on CNN as a Palestinian, though. My grandparents both lived in the state of Palestine under the British mandate. In fact, both of them carried Palestine identification cards, but they were Jewish.

One of the key problems with Martinez's article is her statement: "That is the reason why the government chooses not to free Palestine," it is hard to free what does not exist. In 1947, the United Nations called for an end to the British mandate which had, until then, governed the region. The original plan was for two states to be created: one Jewish state and an Arab state.

Both would have equal seaports so that there was equal opportunity for both states to grow.

After the Jewish state was created, and recognized by the U.N., Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia promptly attacked it in 1948.

During this attack the Arab inhabitants left

and went to camps on the promise from their Arab brethren that after victory they could return and take the spoils. This was not the case. Israel managed to win the war and also captured additional territory. After the war, the countries that tried to wipe out Israel would not even take in these now displaced peoples.

The displaced inhabitants are now deemed those that should have the right of return. They left of their own accord with promises of larger stakes in the holy land. Had it not been for their avarice there could have been a Palestine today.

I also do not believe that an essay meant to remember the horrific attacks on the U.S. should bring up personal political views especially given the authors position in student government where impartiality is of the utmost importance. I can only hope that those statements in her essay were written out of a lack of knowledge of the problems in the Middle East; also, that she confines her public position to the problems at SJSU.

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Freshman
undeclared major

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Commercializing tragedy?

Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93, was one of the brave souls who decided that he wasn't going down without a fight.

Little did he know that his final words would turn into a catchphrase.

Now you see it everywhere: "Let's Roll."

Or should I say, Let's Roll (R), a registered trademark of the Todd L. Beamer foundation.

The foundation has wonderful goals — to help children coping with trauma. I'm not debating their motives. But I find something disturbing about trademarking a man's final rallying cry.

These were words spoken with passion and deep emotion, with the knowledge that he would never speak with his loved ones again. These were words of someone who knew he was going to die.

And now, one year after Sept. 11, these words are a slogan. It doesn't stop there. There's "Let's Roll: A Musical Tribute to the Heroes of Flight 93."

Neil Young released a song, "Let's Roll." Now I wouldn't be so bothered if this were the only case of Sept. 11 commercialization — after all, at least people might still think of Beamer when they hear those words.

In the past year, whether we realize it or not, our most horrific national tragedy in recent history has been pictured, packaged and delivered to the American public.

Don't believe it? Just think back to last year and remember all those flags, all the t-shirts, all the patriotic bumper stickers with catchy lines like "United We Stand" and "God Bless America." We were hungry to display our patriotism, eager to swathe ourselves in red, white and blue, all because of a deep and abiding love for country.

And now, it's grown into an industry. One year later, you can buy a million commemorative books, magazines, films, and God knows what else at your neighborhood mall.

They remind us of where we were a year ago — showing us the devastation of a year past in artsy pictures, eloquent writing, and slick infographics.

The media jumped to find a name for the terrorist attacks, and they found it in the date — Sept. 11, or 9/11 — or 9-1-1, to give it that little extra irony and urgency.

The twin towers, our gleaming beacons of capitalism and American might, are now completely gone. We're already trying to figure out what to do with the space.

In our struggle to move on, we moved past the dirtiness and ugliness of the day and replaced it with pretty pictures of children waving flags, candlelight vigils and political leaders in crisp navy blue suits reassuring a wounded America.

What we need to remember is how raw it was.

Sept. 11 was unscripted. It was not compiled in an editing room. It was not a collection of glossy photographs, soundbites and special effects.

The horror was all too real.

It was bloody, fiery murder on our own soil. New York's tallest buildings were reduced to rubble, robbing thousands of innocents their lives.

America's military fortress, the Pentagon, became a tomb for 184 workers and airplane passengers.

Forty passengers and crew sacrificed their lives in a field in Pennsylvania.

Sept. 11 was the worst tragedy our generation has ever suffered, and hopefully will ever suffer.

Now we are at war against terrorism, a nebulous and elusive enemy which has no logical motivation to fight us.

We don't know when this war will end, or if it will ever end.

Too often, in the coziness of our living rooms with our televisions giving us warm and fuzzy Sept. 11 tributes, we forget that our troops are fighting.

People are still dying as a result of Sept. 11. They will continue to die.

But we knowingly turn away from the ugliness.

We don't want to acknowledge all the death that resulted, and will result, from that fateful day.

We need to remember our heroes, the firefighters, the emergency crews, the citizens who lent a helping hand, the brave souls like Beamer who gave their lives to save others.

We need to remember what they gave their lives for and not in the form of magazines, or commemorative items, or TV specials.

It needs to live inside of us, to where we don't need reminders, because it becomes us.

Let's not allow this day to become "September 11," a registered trademark of U.S. commercialism.



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SPARTA GUIDE

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Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

A.S. Campus Recreation
Adventure group is having its rock climbing weekend in Placerville, near Lake Tahoe. For more information contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

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.

Monday
Disabled Students Association
Disability meeting will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information contact Stacie Haro at 924-6041. sjsu_dsa@hotmail.com.

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Career Center
The Career Center will be taking drop-in appointments from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building F. For more information contact the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

TUESDAY
Human Resource Management Association
HR Management Association presents Michelle Archuletta of Corona Systems 7:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. For more information contact Melissa Shoemaker at 378-1913.

SJSPIRIT.ORG
SJSPIRIT is offering meditation and meditation instruction from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 484 E. San Fernando St. For more information contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

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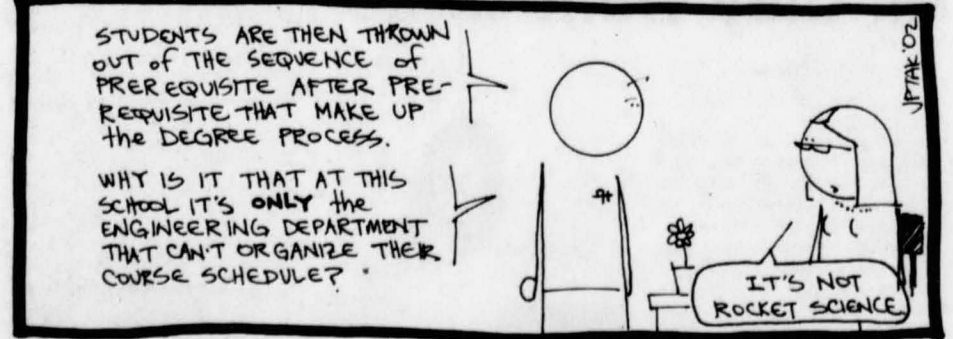
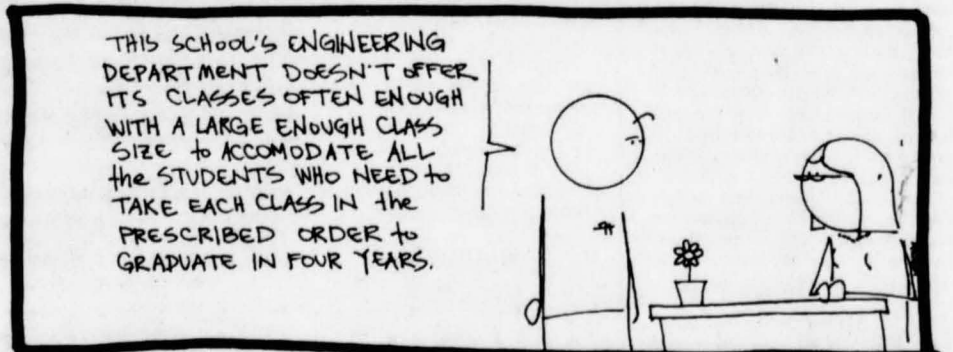
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International Programs and Services
There will be a study abroad informational meeting from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Alison Gerard at 924-5931.

Financial Management Association
There will be a meeting and guest speaker at 4:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Tuan Le at 666-0729.

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her love of dancing when she was in first grade and immigrated to America from Punjab in 1997.

"I grew up with Bhangra. In Punjab, it's what we do," Sharma said. "I love the beat and steps."

Their feet shuffled smoothly and swiftly across the floor as their arms and hands swirled in a pattern of circular motions and soft claps, soon giving way to their body's gentle sways.

The soothing sounds intensified as the movements quickened. The women's feet began to tap as their arms rose above their heads and quickly lowered in unison.

This culturally rich dance dates back to the 15th century, according to a cultural Web site, and is alive and well at SJSU.

"Bhangra is a way to maintain our culture, with an emphasis on tradition," said Gopi Malhotra, an occupational therapy and child development

major at SJSU.

Malhotra and Jasbir Jassu, a computer science major and fellow dancer, are in search of three to four dancers to join their competition team.

Once defined, the team will gather to practice about once a week until the competitions begin, said Jassu, and is slated to make its debut at the Glimpse of India festival in November, which will be held at SJSU.

"We're very excited and hoping to have a fun dance ready to perform," Malhotra said.

According to Malhotra, the festival will include a fashion show and a variety of dancing styles from various Indian regions.

By the time competitions begin in February, the dancers will have spent hours choosing music and mixing it, choreographing their dance and preparing traditional costumes, said Jassu. They will have eight minutes on stage to show their stuff for the judges.

The shows are held on participating university campuses in California, such as UC Davis, UC Berkeley and Stanford, according to Malhotra, and each dance is set to a lively, vigorous beat.

Originally only men performed Bhangra dancing, said Jassu, so her goal is to make the team's dance "nice and girly," while maintaining the dance's integrity.

Bhangra has become a tradition at SJSU, and a representative team has had the opportunity to share this South Asian heritage for the past four or five years, according to Rasheel Dhillon, last year's competition coordinator.

"SJSU hosts a competition each May," Dhillon said. "And the main focus of the show is to promote our culture and enjoy the dance."

Tryouts will be held for the next few days. If interested, email Gopi at bhangrarani@hotmail.com or Jasbir at Junijasi@yahoo.com.

Judge dismisses fraud verdict against Simon investment firm

Although Simon was not named in the suit, the jury's decision hurt his campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon scored a major victory Thursday when a judge threw out a \$78 million civil fraud verdict against his family investment firm that Democratic Gov. Gray Davis had used as a key campaign weapon.

"The court does not set aside a jury's fraud verdict lightly. But substantial evidence does not support the fraud claim, and the jury's verdict cannot stand," Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant said in a written ruling.

William E. Simon & Sons and other investors were actually defrauded by the founder of a pay phone company who sued them for fraud, he wrote.

Simon, who faces Davis in the November election, welcomed the news at a press conference.

"Today is a new beginning for our campaign," he said. "I have said all along that the jury verdict was fundamentally flawed and would be overturned and that's exactly what happened this morning."

Simon was not personally named in the lawsuit, but with corporate wrongdoing in the spotlight the July 30 fraud verdict was political poison that stunned the GOP and struck at a key theme of his first-time candidacy, his boasts of private-sector success.

Thursday's ruling gave Simon's campaign new life, analysts said. It's "the resurrection of William Simon," said veteran GOP strategist Ken Khachigian.

"It keeps him in the race," said Allan Hoffenblum, a Republican consultant. The fraud verdict had created a delicate situation for the White House. During a California visit, Bush raised money for Simon but did not appear with him in public.

"The president has supported Bill Simon's candidacy all along ... and all along took Bill Simon at his word that the verdict would be thrown out," White House spokeswoman Anne Wornack said after the ruling.

Davis emphasized the original verdict in comments after a bill-signing in East Los Angeles.

"A jury of 12 people still found Mr. Simon fraudulent and awarded a (\$78) million verdict against him. No judge's decision is going to change that fact," the governor said.

A half-dozen protesters outside Simon's event carried signs reading "It took a Wilson judge" and "Simon says thank you Wilson."

Chalfant was appointed a municipal judge in 1996 by former Gov. Pete Wilson, a Republican, and elevated to the Superior Court by Wilson in 1998.

"As a Democrat, having a Republican-appointed judge alter a

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decision by the people during an election on behalf of a Republican candidate rings all too familiar, so nothing surprises us," said Davis campaign press secretary Roger Salazar.

The verdict was the subject of a Davis attack ad that remains on the air. Simon called on the governor to pull the ad, but Davis aides said it remained accurate, although it was being phased out. A Davis ad launched Thursday attacks Simon over a different investment, in a failed savings and loan.

The jury awarded the huge verdict to Paul Edward Hindelang of Santa Barbara, a convicted marijuana smuggler who founded Pacific Coin.

Hindelang's attorney, Geoffrey L. Thomas, said he will appeal Chalfant's decision.

"It's hard to know what the judge was going to do and this was certainly

an option that we considered. It simply sets up the final phase on appeal," Thomas said.

The lawsuit arose from the 1998 acquisition of Pacific Coin by investors including Simon & Sons, the New Jersey and California firm Simon started with his brother and father, a former U.S. Treasury secretary.

Hindelang had served 30 months in prison in the early 1980s, but the investors didn't know that at the time, they said.

The investors planned to grow Pacific Coin, but with the pay phone market shrinking, the company faltered, fell into debt and was seized by its lenders in December 2000.

That same month Hindelang sued Simon & Sons, alleging the investors defrauded him by concealing a perilous and ultimately failed plan to take Pacific Coin public and make huge profits.

The investors countersued, accusing Hindelang of committing fraud and costing them millions by hiding his troubled drug past. Simon & Sons invested \$16.5 million in Pacific Coin and lost it all, and Simon personally lost \$1.2 million.

Jurors found unanimously for Hindelang and awarded him \$65 million in punitive damages and \$13.3 million in compensatory damages from Simon & Sons. The other investor, B-R Investors, was assessed \$10.9 million in punitive damages and \$8.9 million in compensatory damages. The damages against B-R Investors were also tossed out Thursday.

In his 36-page ruling, Chalfant wrote that it was "an immutable fact established by overwhelming evidence that Hindelang defrauded" the investors by failing to disclose his criminal troubles and the fact that Pacific Coin might have been founded with drug money.

Investors' testimony "that they never would have invested \$26 million in Pacific Coin had they known the truth was uncontradicted and undisputable, underscoring the magnitude of Hindelang's fraud," the judge wrote.

But, the judge said, there was no evidence Hindelang's failure to disclose his past caused Pacific Coin to fail, and he refused to award damages on that basis. He awarded the investors \$125,000 to cover costs they paid for investigations of Hindelang once his past came to light.

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lective sense of loss," he said. Sylvia described Bush's actions in his "War on Terrorism" as "measured, systematic and effective."

"Now, on the anniversary of 9/11, all is quiet on the terrorism front," said Sylvia, but Professor James Brent explained the costs involved in achieving what the United States has in its efforts to extinguish terrorism.

Brent explained the threat to civil liberties that exists in the form of the Patriot Act.

The Act gives government agencies more privileges in regards to techniques they may use to gather and share information.

"Civil liberties have never been absolute. They have always been balanced with other pressing needs including the needs for order and national security," Brent said.

This fact made computer science major Chris Confer think about how that affects American society, he said.

"How much freedom are we willing to spare for security?" Confer asked "Not only does security cost money, but it costs us our civil liberties. How far will they go?"

Brent echoed Confer's thoughts. "Dirty bombs, airplanes and anthrax are not the only ways to destroy democracy. Democracy is also threat-

ened by the slow erosion of our civil liberties over time," he said.

Brent's lecture was followed by professor Larry Gerston who spoke to the audience about a shift in power from local government to federal government.

"All politics isn't local anymore," Gerston said.

"Ever since 9/11, on most matters related to terrorism local governments have been taking orders from Washington as they never have before, rather than the other way around," he said.

Gerston explained how local government has been burdened with much of the financial cost of securing communities against the threats and acts of terrorists.

He said with the passing of the Patriot Act last October, the federal government assumed all kinds of new powers in an effort to chase down an elusive predator.

Gerston asked the audience, "How much do we pay (financially), how much local freedom are we willing to give up? Have we approached a point where the national government will do more for us or more to us?"

After Gerston's questions to the audience, the tables were turned and the panel answered questions from the audience.

Professor Terry Christensen led the

question-and-answer period with students asking a variety of questions, ranging from American foreign policy issues and security issues to what actions the president wants to take against Iraq.

Christensen said he was pleased with the turnout and the quality of questions asked by the audience.

Students like Rachel Vatanni, a sophomore student of child development, appreciated the event.

"This is the type of discussion I am very interested in," she said.

"It's time that we move past mourning into a different phase, find out why this happened and begin taking action," she said.

Jocelyn Griffin, a freshman political science major, showed concern for America's approach to protecting its own interests.

"I know as Americans we have to protect our own interests, but if you go into foreign countries and mess with their system without doing anything to correct it, then you leave them open for attack," Griffin said.

Gerston said he was pleased with the event.

"Our job is to get people to think. Our job is to ask questions that will get students asking other questions, not only now but for years to come," he said.

MONEY | Careers hinged on education

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Some students, when considering career decisions, take money into account.

"Basically, yeah, I want to make money," said Stacy Perez, freshman.

"I heard that there's a high demand for nurses and that you can make good money at that."

Melkonian said to note that the Career Center or SJSU hasn't done any formal research on this topic, and these are her generalizations and impressions.

Money is not the sole motivation, Melkonian said.

"It's a big motivation, but it's not the only motivation," said Todd Ryan, a senior in business.

Tony Telles, a senior majoring in history, said he spent 11 years in retail and was tired of feeling less than satisfied in his career.

"I know I'll never be rich being a teacher, but it's better and more fulfilling than retail," he said.

Kelsey Christian, a senior majoring in recreation management, agreed with Telles.

"I know I'll never be rich being a teacher, but it's better and more fulfilling than retail."

Tony Telles, history major

"It's not like I'm going to make millions in my career," Christian said. "There's not a lot of money in parks and recreation until you get to the director level."

Average annual earnings in 1999 showed that workers who had a master's degree earned about 20 percent more than those holding a bachelor's degree, according to the report.

A greater difference can be seen in the report between the earnings of workers with a doctoral degree who

can earn more than 70 percent higher wages than holders of a bachelor's degree.

Some SJSU students said that while the money is enticing, they are not willing to make the commitment required to attain a doctoral degree.

John Barney, a senior majoring in business said, "It's a matter of being willing to put in the time, but you are also giving up life experiences."

Barney said the difference between receiving a bachelor's and master's degree is worth the time.

"Definitely, I'll go on and get my master's," he said.

Both Barney and Ryan said their motivation for education is split between educational experience and money.

"Without an education these days, you can't get anything. You definitely do better monetarily with a degree," Barney said.

Business climates are considered more fast paced than in the past, Melkonian said.

"For those who are career-oriented, there is a direct correlation to success based on college education," she said.

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International Students

Witnessing Sept. 11 from a world away

By Bob Meredith
Daily Staff Writer

CHINTAN PARIKH: EGYPT

The terrorist attacks of last fall exacted different experiences upon many people, including four international students at San Jose State University who were in different parts of the world.

HELLE GRAM: DENMARK

For Helle Gram, 25, the activities of last fall are filled with extra meaning - Sept. 11 is her birthday. Gram, who is from Copenhagen, Denmark, learned of the attacks while driving to an appointment with her rehabilitation coach.

"The car radio was on and it was right when it was happening. They didn't know if it was an accident or if it was a terrorist attack," Gram said.

Gram, a senior sociology major, said she had to convince her coach to turn on the television because it is not normally on during the appointments.

"The television was switched on to CNN. They were showing the pictures already," Gram said. "We just sat there, and I didn't receive any treatment."

After returning to her residence at the International House on 11th Street, Gram's mother called from Copenhagen. Her mother was unaware of the attacks.

"She started to sing 'Happy Birthday' to me, and I started to cry," she said.

Gram said that 30 to 40 students at the house were gathered around the television watching in disbelief.

"Parents were calling their children," Gram said. "It was just horrible."

Since Sept. 11, documentation for some international travelers has come under close scrutiny. Students have their F-1 visas issued by the applicable consulate.

Gram, who's F-1 student visa valid for 5 years, said that in addition she must carry her signed I-20 form as well as a letter certifying her enrollment at SJSU before leaving Denmark to return to the U.S.

The relations between Denmark and America has an influence on how often her documentation is checked, as compared to individuals from Middle Eastern countries, according to Gram.

Even though she has returned to Denmark eight times since attending SJSU, security has questioned her about her school status, major, as well as her anticipated graduation date. Gram said she believes that every student should be checked automatically and not on the basis of country or major.

Gram said she believes some of the security measures in place are common sense, such as checking identification papers and verifying luggage ownership.

"Sometimes in the past you could get on board without anyone checking your identification or boarding pass. Even on domestic flights," Gram said. "To me it is the way it should've been. It is a shame it took something so tragic like this for security to realize that."

Chintan Parikh is originally from Egypt, and is studying electrical engineering at SJSU. He was attending school at the Schutz American School in Alexandria, Egypt on Sept. 11.

The Schutz American School has programs for international students through grade 12. Schutz American School, established in 1924, also includes children of ambassadors.

"I was shocked," Parikh said. "It was bad because something like this all of a sudden happens. I was watching the news and saw the second plane. You don't like to see the destruction."

According to Parikh, school was closed the next day to ensure the safety of the students and because there were Americans enrolled.

"Sept. 12 was a holiday. It was up to the students if they wanted to go to school. I went to school and everyone was talking about the incident,"

"I don't know if that helped but it was fast. I got it the next day. My friends in Egypt usually got their visas within a week," Parikh said.

According to Parikh, his traveling was incident free, the most he was checked by security was in Germany, and in the U.S. he was only asked about food.

"In Frankfurt all they did was check my handbag," Parikh said. "I think it was the only one who was checked on the plane, maybe another person."

"I was coming from Egypt, and all the other passengers were from Europe," he said.

THOMAS WIEST: FRANCE

Thomas Wiest, 19, of Nantes, France, was on holiday with co-workers from Boston, Massachusetts arrived in Manhattan on Sept. 10.

"I was sleeping and didn't hear anything. It was kind of far to hear with all the tall buildings in Manhattan," Wiest said.

"The people who were with me just went down for breakfast and saw it on television. Then they came up and said to take a look."

He added, "We were maybe 10 to 20 blocks away. So we went out to see. The police were there to prevent people from getting too close. They were there in minutes after it happened."

"You could see smoke, a lot of smoke," he said.

In disbelief, Wiest and his companions returned to their hotel room to watch the initial television broadcasts where reports "didn't know if it was a terrorist attack or a problem with the plane."

During those early turbulent moments of uncertainty, Wiest said that communication and transportation facilities were choked to capacity, and "four or five" days passed before Wiest and his companions could drive away from New York.

"We were so scared. We couldn't leave Manhattan. We didn't know what would happen next," Wiest said.

"We stayed a few days and then there was an alert about the Empire State building. We were so close to it we had to leave, as did the people in other build-

ings," he said.

Compounding the anxiety of the situation, Wiest was unable to contact his family in France of his whereabouts for a significant period of time.

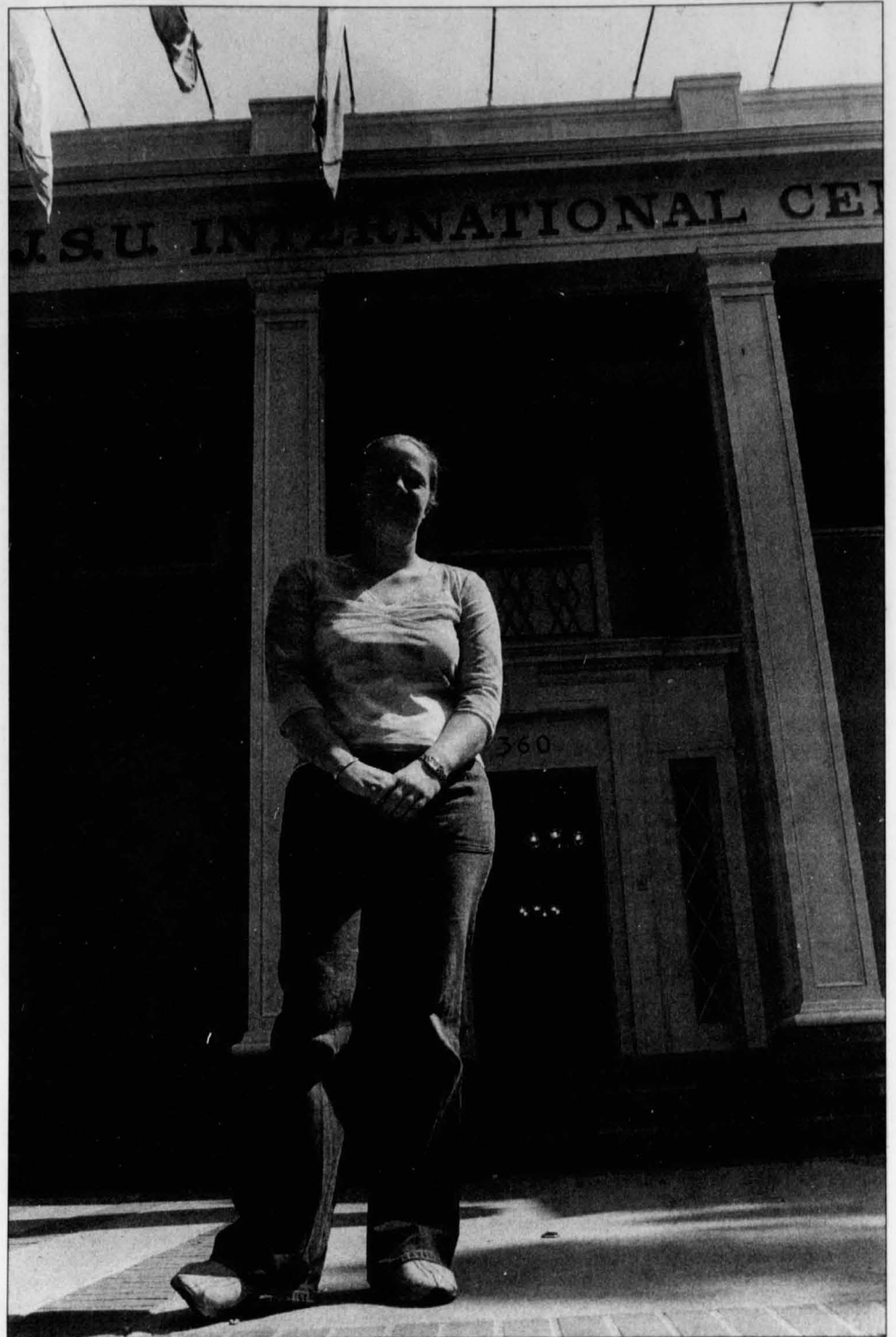
"They did not know where I was, because I was traveling around. Everyone was trying to call New York. It was difficult to get through," Wiest said.

"We finally managed to get through after four or five hours."

Before driving to New York, Wiest and his co-workers had decided not to take all their luggage and secured unneeded pieces in storage lockers at Logan International airport in Boston.

"When I returned to Boston to get my luggage, I discovered that it had been searched," Wiest said. "Security had searched all the storage lockers and anything inside, but there wasn't anything missing."

Since Sept. 11, France has instituted a national security plan. Also, unlike



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Helle Gram, a senior sociology major, said she was saddened about how an event like Sept. 11 caused changes in airport security. Gram turned 25 on Sept. 11, 2001.

American politicians security is not routinely mixed with other issues in France, said Wiest.

"Security has changed since Sept. 11. We have our national plan and people are more careful about security," Wiest said. "It is a program to prevent terrorist attacks. For example, we don't have anymore trashcans in railway stations, even the streets."

"There is no reason to tie security with the economy, or anything else," he said.

According to Wiest, security at French universities is unlike that at SJSU because most students attend school near their family.

"Not a lot of students live in dorms. Generally students go to the university in their community and use public transportation," Wiest said.

Since the event of last fall, F-1 student visa applications procedures have changed. Applicants are now required to use the mail service, thus visa processing takes about five days.

Wiest said that because he previously had a J-1 visa to work in the United States, the processing time for his F-1 student visa might have been quick. He hasn't had any background checks conducted yet but said he would have no problems if required.

Wiest said he has experienced little scrutiny while traveling.

"I didn't have any problems in Paris or San Francisco. I just put my bags in the check-in," Wiest said. "When I passed through security they didn't ask questions about anything. It didn't take any time."

DANIELLE ZAHN: CHINA

Danielle Zahn, an industrial and systems engineering major, was in Shanghai, China on Sept. 11. She was sleeping at time of the attacks and learned about the events from sketchy early morning newspaper reports.

"However, many people knew immediately because family members called from the United States," Zhan, a graduate student,

said. "It was very early in the morning. Some people were watching television and others made phone calls. We also accessed Internet sites in the states."

Zhan, worked at a global construction and engineering company, Bechtel Corporation in Shanghai. He the enormity of the incident shocked most people and that she had difficulty fathoming the totality of the attacks.

"I didn't believe it could be completely destroyed like that," Zhan said. "I thought only a part of it was damaged, not the whole building."

Zhan said it was difficult to talk about it because she was working for an American company, and there was

sorrow and sadness for those who died in the incident.

Zhan said she hasn't experienced any difficulty obtaining the necessary visas in the past Sept. 11 arena. She credits this to having traveled to Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, as well as working in the United States for Bechtel Corp. as a market manager with a J-1 work visa.

According to Zhan, her F-1 student visa application took less than four months to process.

She said that some of her friends experienced difficulties with their visa applications to travel to the states and others were surprised have their applications approved at all after Sept. 11.

According to Zhan, a F-1 student visa to travel from China can be valid only up to 6 months, and students must reapply when they return home. China allows their nationals to remain beyond the expiration date, so long as they remain enrolled in class.

The short-term F-1 visas carry a risk for students, according to Zhan. Should relations between China and the U.S. turn unfriendly, permission to travel could be denied, thus encouraging students to complete their education.

Zhan said the only real scrutiny exacted upon her happened in North America, where she and other international students had been visiting.

Before the flight from Canada to Utah and again while changing planes in Salt Lake City, Zhan said, "I had everything searched, but they searched the other students as well. There was nothing they found that had to be removed."

Zhan said her only luggage was a backpack, and it was thoroughly searched by security.

PEOPLESOFT | Some international students say they are not disturbed by the system

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The new tracking system and Conway's comment have Shabnam Molapour, a sophomore, concerned about her status as an international student studying microbiology.

"I feel like a little pressure is being put on me without any reason," said Molapour, who has been studying here for two years from Sweden. "When I came to this country I thought I had certain freedoms to study what I want. Now I feel like I have to watch my step in case I get in trouble."

Last year, international student enrollment at San Jose State University was 1,401. Now the univer-

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Shabnam Molapour, sophomore microbiology major

sity must regularly send information on all students to the INS. Failure to do so could result in deportation of the student or elimination of federal funding for international student programs.

"The university would be in trouble, as well as the student's status," said Khim Loc, office manager for the San Jose State University International Programs and Services office. Helen Stevens, director of

International Programs and Services, said she was concerned whether the new system would accommodate the needs of her office and although the new method of sending data to the INS would not require a large amount of additional information, she said she is still concerned that students are the object of scrutiny.

"I don't think students should be the primary targets of investigation," she said.

But as intrusive as the new system may seem, some students were not disturbed by what could happen once the system is put in place.

Ana Sanz, a graduate student in radio, television and film, said she did not have any reason to be alarmed by the new system.

"I understand it's something they have to do for their own safety," said Sanz, who is studying here from Spain. "I doubt it will change anything too much."

Sindy Mulyono, a senior electrical engineering major seeking asylum in the U.S. from Indonesia, said students have an obligation to give over any information that might be needed by the school or government.

"They have a right to do it," she said. "We're foreigners in their country after all."

The additional information to be collected from universities, as stipulated by the Patriot Act, is information such as address and phone numbers of the student, academic disciplinary actions taken against the student, visa

classification, and information on the date and port of student entry.

The new system was developed after the INS launched their own student tracking system called the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), shortly after Sept. 11.

Called the Patriot Act SEVIS Solution, the system will transfer the information from the university to the SEVIS system via the Internet.

California State University is slated to be one of the first university systems to be SEVIS compliant, along with the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, Duke University and the University of Minnesota.

ANALYSIS: FOOTBALL FORECAST NFL season underway, editors make predictions

At the beginning of each professional sports season, fans from around the country make their predictions for who they believe will win the championship, about who plays the role of "dark horse" and who are the guaranteed winners.
As sports fans, four Spartan Daily editors, Ben Aguirre, Jr. (Sports), Mike Corpos (Opinion), Chris Giovannetti (Sports) and Dray Miller (Managing), sat down and made their predictions for this 2002 season.
These picks are solely the opinion of each editor and not that of the Daily and should be used as entertainment.



Super Bowl Winner:
St. Louis

Aguirre

AFC

EAST: *Miami Dolphins* — One guy: Ricky Williams.
NORTH: *Pittsburgh Steelers* — I hate Kordell Stewart, Jerome Bettis and Bill Cowher, but who else are you going to pick in this division?
SOUTH: *Indianapolis Colts* — Peyton Manning is a stud and with Edgerrin James back, this team can finally live up to the hype ... or will it?
WEST: *Oakland Raiders* — The veteran team will take care of business.
WILD CARD: *New England Patriots* — Hey, the defending champs have to make it to the playoffs, despite my hatred for Antowan Smith. And *Tennessee Titans* — A healthy Eddie George is key here and with Jevon Kearse returning mid-season, the defense will be fine.

NFC

EAST: *Philadelphia Eagles* — McNabb is set to top last year's career highs.
NORTH: *Minnesota Vikings* — Culpepper to Moss ... how'd you like to face them?
SOUTH: *Tampa Bay Buccaneers* — Gruden is a god, his defense will dominate and get the Bucs into the playoffs.
WEST: *St. Louis Rams* — Week No. 1 was a joke. Faulk's 19 yards rushing was odd, but still had 14 receptions.
WILD CARD: *San Francisco 49ers* and *Green Bay Packers* — Favre is a proven winner, Owens and Garcia are one year older and one year more experienced.
AFC Championship: *Miami vs. Tennessee* — A matchup of defenses and superior ground games.
NFC Championship: *Tampa Bay vs. St. Louis* — this would be a beauty with Tampa Bay's defense trying to stuff St. Louis' offense.
Super Bowl: *St. Louis vs. Tennessee* — 1999 rematch
Super Bowl winner: *St. Louis* — They say defense wins games ... that adage doesn't usually apply when defenses face the Rams.
MVP: *Ricky Williams* — He is that damn good ... just needed a change of scenery.
ANALYSIS: This season we will finally see the return of dominance. I've had it with the flukes (read: Patriots.) Antowan Smith is garbage and I have no respect for Tom Brady, there is no way Brady and the Pats do it again. ... Ricky Williams, my pick for league MVP, has changed teams and will once again prove his Heisman status. Peyton Manning will take a seat next to Jeff Garcia and Kurt Warner as the top three quarterbacks in the league.



Super Bowl Winner:
San Francisco

Corpos

AFC

EAST: *New England Patriots* — Tom Brady is a far better quarterback than most people give him credit for.
NORTH: *Pittsburgh Steelers* — The Steelers are the dominant force in a division filled with sad-sack has-beens this season.
SOUTH: *Tennessee Titans* — The strongest offense in the south, they may be challenged by Indianapolis.
WEST: *Oakland Raiders* — Bill Callahan isn't Jon Gruden, but the team remains strong.
WILD CARD: *Miami Dolphins, Indianapolis Colts* — Indy will finally get it together under new coach Tony Dungy.

NFC

EAST: *Philadelphia Eagles* — Donovan McNabb and his Eagles will run roughshod over the East.
NORTH: *Green Bay Packers* — Green Bay will take the division in a fight to the death with Chicago.
SOUTH: *Tampa Bay Buccaneers* — If Jon Gruden's Bucs can't beat the old NFC West rejects, there is no hope for them.
WEST: *San Francisco 49ers* — With ex-SJSU quarterback Jeff Garcia at the helm, the 49ers have a chance to return to their former glory.
WILD CARD: *St. Louis Rams, Chicago Bears* — The Rams were never as good as everyone made them think they were. This year will be a real wake-up call for them.
AFC Championship: *New England vs. Pittsburgh* — Still riding the wave of excitement of last year's Super Bowl upset, the Patriots will emerge victorious.
NFC Championship: *San Francisco vs. Philadelphia* — McNabb is good, but the 49ers have a talented defense to stop him.
Super Bowl: *San Francisco vs. New England* — 49ers will have their way with the Patriots as experience overtakes youth on offense.
Super Bowl winner: *San Francisco*
NFL MVP: *Donovan McNabb* — He does far more for his team than most other players.
ANALYSIS: It's going to be a long season. The ball clubs will all be fighting harder than ever with the new realignment. San Francisco will finally show the world what it's made of. The Rams will not live up to the "dynasty" expectations. New England was better than most people gave them credit for last year, and this year, many teams will make the same mistake. Perennial playoff team Green Bay will have another strong showing. Philadelphia will make itself known with McNabb at the wheel.



Super Bowl Winner:
Philadelphia

Giovannetti

AFC

EAST: *New England Patriots* — But only if Tom Brady doesn't run into the sophomore jinx. I'm not sold on him — yet.
NORTH: *Pittsburgh Steelers* — Cincinnati is horrible, Cleveland is two years away and Baltimore is tired and washed up. Steelers win by default.
SOUTH: *Indianapolis Colts* — First year coach Tony Dungy finally puts Colts' defense together.
WEST: *Denver Broncos* — Brian Griese finally plays more like his dad, rather than his mom.
WILD CARD: *Oakland Raiders* — Oakland will get by on experience and get clobbered in the playoffs. Was anyone more over-rated than Ricky Williams when he was coming off of his Heisman year at Texas?

NFC

EAST: *Philadelphia Eagles* — Six games against New York, Washington and Dallas?
NORTH: *Chicago Bears* — Defense wins championships and the Bears are just plain scary.
SOUTH: *Tampa Bay Buccaneers* — It's the Bucs division to lose. They're too deep on both sides of the ball.
WEST: *St. Louis Rams* — a season opening loss to Denver was a fluke
WILD CARD: *San Francisco 49ers* and *Green Bay Packers* — If we've learned one thing, it's that you can't write off Brett Favre.
AFC Championship: *Indianapolis vs. New England* — Colts punk Pittsburgh just like the Pats did last year.
NFC Championship: *Philadelphia vs. Green Bay* — the most balanced team, shuts out the Packers.
Super Bowl: *Philadelphia vs. Indianapolis*
Super Bowl winner: *Philadelphia* — team caps an improbable year with a 27-24 victory over Indy.
MVP: *Donovan McNabb* — edges out Kordell Stewart.

ANALYSIS: This will be the year of defense. There's not enough good quarterbacks floating around and those who are at the top of their game will be fading out of the picture in two seasons. Besides, who would you rather have — Urlacher or Jon Kitna? ... The NFL is where baseball needs to be. Ninety percent of the teams have a realistic shot at making the playoffs.



Super Bowl Winner:
San Francisco

Miller

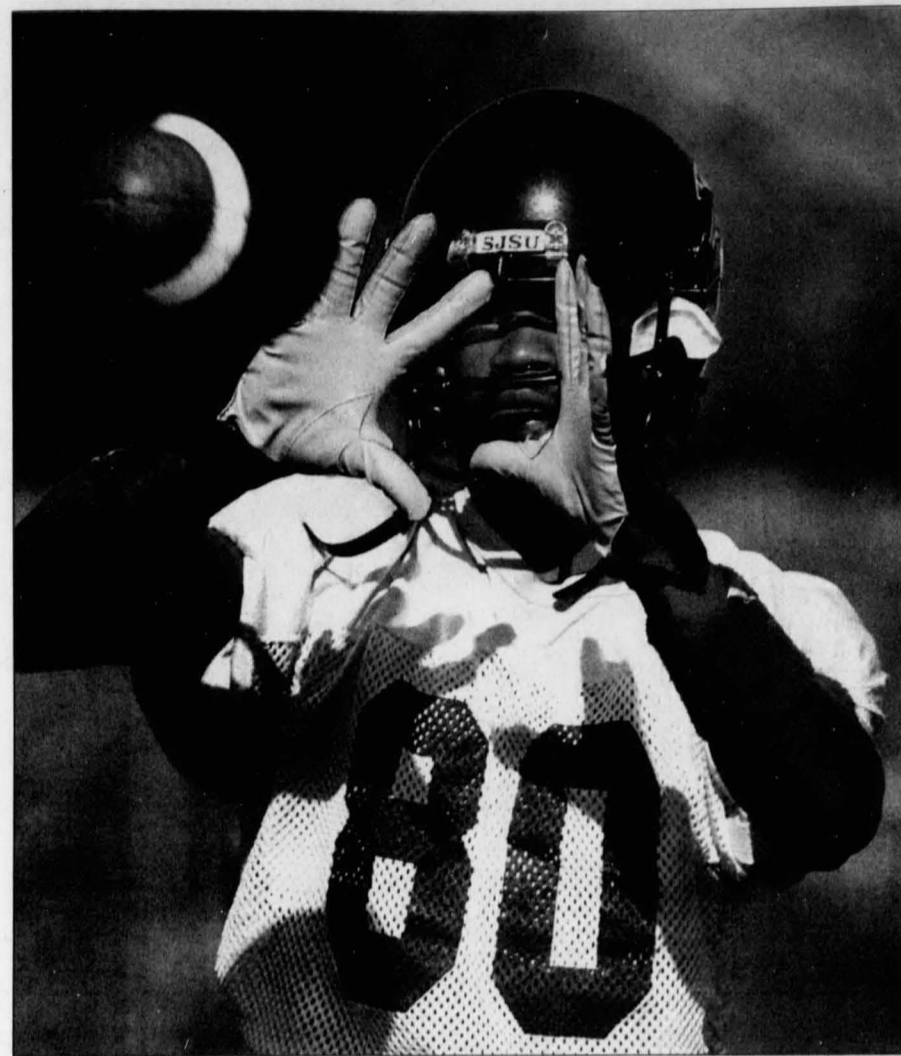
AFC

EAST: *New England Patriots* — Pats proved Super Bowl victory was no fluke Monday night against Steelers
NORTH: *Pittsburgh Steelers* — Steelers are the only team in division that's better than mediocre
SOUTH: *Tennessee Titans* — Tighest division title race in the league will be between the Titans and Colts
WEST: *Denver Broncos* — Broncos will take back division title from aging Oakland
WILD CARD: *Indianapolis Colts, Oakland Raiders* — Tony Dungy makes Indy as good as it should have been last season

NFC

EAST: *Philadelphia Eagles* — Donovan McNabb will establish himself as most dominant player in league
NORTH: *Chicago Bears* — Aging Brett Favre is still solid, but not solid enough to overtake the hungry Bears
SOUTH: *New Orleans Saints* — Tampa Bay, as proven last week, is the most overrated team in the league
WEST: *San Francisco 49ers* — Rams a dynasty? They need to win more than one Super Bowl!
WILD CARD: *St. Louis Rams, Green Bay Packers* — Ahman Green will be the top running back in the league in 2002
AFC Championship: *Tennessee vs. Indianapolis* — Titans take division title, but Colts peak in time for AFC championship
NFC Championship: *Philadelphia vs. San Francisco* — SJSU product Jeff Garcia faces off against fellow Pro-bowler McNabb
Super Bowl: *San Francisco vs. Indianapolis* — Niners return to glory behind talented young defense
Super Bowl winner: *San Francisco*
MVP: *Donovan McNabb* — McNabb makes a good team great
ANALYSIS: New Orleans and Indianapolis are the dark horse teams of their conferences, while St. Louis and Tampa Bay will not be as dominant as most "experts" think ... The success of defending Super Bowl champion Patriots depends on the performance of QB Tom Brady. ... Chicago LB Brian Urlacher is far and away Defensive Player of the Year while Houston QB David Carr is Rookie of the Year.

Eye on the prize



ANTHONY REGINATO / DAILY STAFF

Spartan wide receiver Rufus Skillern receives a pass during yesterday's practice. It was the last full practice before Saturday's game at Stanford.

Virginia Tech storms Marshall

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech's 47-21 victory over No. 16 Marshall was pretty much a coaching staff's dream. The Hokies had the game well in hand, then made enough mistakes to realize there's more to do.
Kevin Jones and Lee Suggs each ran for more than 150 yards and combined for five touchdowns, and the Hokies (3-0) contained Byron Leftwich when it mattered en route to their second straight victory over a ranked opponent.
Then, they let Leftwich throw for three touchdowns in the final 12 minutes as a 33-0 defensive masterpiece deteriorated at the finish.
"I guess we kind of let up a little bit," defensive end Nathaniel Adibi said. "We came in with the mindset of trying to get a goose egg, but then he did his thing. That didn't go over too good with our coach."
Leftwich finished 31-for-49 for 406 yards, his fifth consecutive

game with at least 400 yards passing, but the Thundering Herd (1-1) rushed for just 34.
"We came here to get a win," Leftwich said. "If we didn't win, we failed."
Playing rugged defense and challenging the Thundering Herd to stop the running game, the Hokies ran Jones and Suggs through and around Marshall's 10-man fronts, gaining 395 yards and averaging 6.0 per rush.
Jones had 171 on 24 carries, including scoring bursts of 25, 15 and 1 yard. Suggs had 153 yards on 24 tries, and twice dove in from the 1.
"If everybody on the team is clicking, you know, the linemen and the fullbacks and everybody, there's no telling what we can do," Suggs said.
John Candelas added a late touchdown run for Virginia Tech.
Leftwich, burned by a sure touchdown pass that was dropped in the first quarter, another that could

have been caught and several other drops, didn't want to consider what those plays could have meant.
"I'm not an 'if' guy," he said. "It didn't happen, but we still should have fought and tried to find a way to make plays. But we didn't."
The Hokies had a lot to do with it. They repeatedly pinned Marshall deep in its territory and turned two first-half turnovers into field goals. The Herd did not start a drive beyond their 25 until very late.
Leftwich had 15 completions and 197 yards in the final quarter, including touchdown passes of 9 yards to Darius Watts, 18 yards to Denero Marriott and 19 yards to Brad Bates, all in a span of 9:31.
The game began with Marshall hoping to gain respect for its program not afforded by its success in the Mid-American Conference, but the Hokies didn't let it happen and turned their visitors into the Blundering Herd.

All charges dropped in case against Iverson

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The last two counts against NBA All-Star Allen Iverson will be dropped because his accusers don't want to pursue the case, District Attorney Lynne Abraham said Thursday.
Iverson originally was charged with 14 counts, including four felonies, for allegedly barging into an apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife.
All but two misdemeanors were dismissed by a judge July 29, after the two accusers, Charles Jones and Hakim Carey, gave conflicting testimony, including whether the Philadelphia 76ers' guard was carrying a gun.
Abraham said her office could have compelled Jones and Carey to testify.
"I don't think the taxpayers want to spend that kind of money on this kind of case," she said.
Iverson's uncle, Gregory, faced the same charges and also will not be prosecuted.
"We are gratified by today's decision to drop all remaining charges against Allen Iverson," the 76ers said in a

statement. "From the beginning, we urged our fans, the press and the public not to immediately react, but to allow the matter to be processed by the judicial system."
It was not Iverson's first brush with the law.
As a teenager, he was arrested in Virginia in 1993 after a brawl in a bowling alley brawl and spent four months in jail before he was granted clemency by the governor. The conviction was later overturned.
In 1997, Iverson pleaded no contest to gun possession.
He has squabbled several times with 76ers coach Larry Brown and made an unreleased rap CD in which he used derogatory terms for women and gays.
Through it all, Iverson, who led the 76ers to the NBA Finals and was named the league's MVP in 2001, remains enormously popular. His 76ers jersey is the among the league's top sellers, and Reebok last year gave Iverson a lifetime extension of his 10-year, \$50 million endorsement contract.

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