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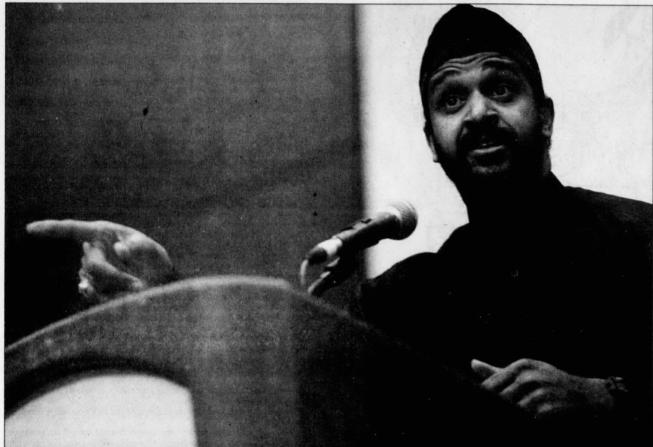
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## Role of American Muslims discussed



Amir Abdul Malik Ali spoke about a variety of topics concerning Muslims, such as American foreign policy and social activism Tuesday in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union Tuesday. The Muslim Student Association organized the

Muslims experiencing collective witch hunt' speaker says

By Sylvia Lim

For a few hours Tuesday, the atmosphere on the third floor of the Student

Union was buzzing with tension.
The Muslim Students Association invited African American Muslim speaker Amir Abdul Malik Ali of Oakland to speak on the roles of Muslims in America at 3 p.m. in Barrett Ballroom in a controversial event.

Ali started his speech by saying that he understood why there is a controversy about him being there to an audience of more than a hundred people. He added that Muslims worldwide are experiencing a collec-tive witch hunt and questioned the role of a Muslim in the United States. "We are too afraid to talk about our

role," Ali said. Mohammad Naaman, the president of the Muslim Students Association, said Ali is an Imam, or religious leader, of a mosque in Oakland and has spo-ken in several venues. He added that Ali has spoken at San Jose State University before, as well as other Bay Area campuses such as DeAnza, Foothill and Mission colleges.

When asked about the protesters outside the ballroom and why they would be upset at his association's

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## Muslim speaker met with protest

By Kristin Schwarz Daily Staff Writer

The Jewish Student Union and members of Hillel of Silicon Valley quietly protested Amir Abdul Malik Ali, an African American Muslim leader, who spoke on cam-pus at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Ali came to the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union to speak about the role of Muslims in America.

Members of the Jewish Student Union began to stand outside the ballroom at about 2:30 p.m. and held signs as they stood confined

behind a red rope.

Baskin said there are about 30 members of the JSU, and about 15 attended the protest.

The signs ranged from "Different Beliefs Can Live Together," and "Support a United Campus," to "Malik Spreads Hate." JSU President Aaron Baskin said

signs that support a united campus were created because of rifts between Muslim and Jewish organ-izations at other schools where Ali had spoken, like Foothill Junior College and San Francisco State

"These groups no longer talk to each other or have events with each other," he said.



University Police Officer Michael Barnes monitors a crowd protesting speaker Amir Abdul Malik Ali outside the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union Tuesday. The protestors included members from the Jewish Student Union and Hillel of Silicon Valley

Baskin said the group wanted to get their message across without

being confrontational. Baskin, a junior majoring in economics, said that his student group had held events with Muslim stu dent groups in the past but didn't have anything scheduled currently. Baskin said the two groups had a

good relationship in the past, but he

is concerned about the future.
"Up until now we worked together really well," Baskin said.

He characterized Ali as a pro-violence speaker and called him a hate-

University

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# Library employees asked for donations

\$35,000 sought from workers

> By Lea Blevins Daily Staff Writer

Library employees say they have spent time and efforts making plans for the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Now they are being asked to donate their money to the library oject as well.

Employees from San Jose State University's Clark Library and San Jose's Public Library were sent packets about two weeks ago asking them to donate money to the new joint city and university library, which is slated to open next fall, said Patricia Breivik,

Library employees said they have questioned whether the library should ask for funding from the employees or

"I think it's asking a lot of staff," said librarian Toby Matoush. "We're all involved in planning committees for the new library and we're all really overextended planning for it. We don't get paid a lot. We don't have the salaries that donors have.

Employees who choose to donate are asked to send their money to Caroline Punches, director of development for the new library. The packet was sent to library employees with a letter from Breivik and Jane Light, director of the downtown public library, that asked

for employees' financial support. "This is pretty standard operational procedures for a project like this,"

She said whenever a project like this is done, some funds are typically received from large and small donors

The total cost of the project is \$177.5 million, with \$16.5 million coming from private fund raising, according to the library.

The approved monetary goal for the The approved monetary goal for the library employee campaign is \$35,000, according to the packet. A group of library employees decided on that amount before the campaign began, Breivik said. A little less than \$6 million has been raised so far from larger donations from public and private

supporters.

Breivik said fund raising was includ-The "quiet" part of the campaign is under way, and in the spring they will go to San Jose residents for financial

support. The main problem so far is that fund raising is more difficult now because of the downturn of the economy, she said.

Employees who choose to donate can do so in various ways. They can choose to be billed annually, quarterly, monthly or do a one-time gift. Also, they can choose to have monthly pledge payments taken through a pay-roll deduction, according to the pack-

It suggested employees deduct a minimum of \$10 per month if they choose to have the donation come out

of their paychecks.
"I feel it is entirely legitimate for the library to ask staff to make a donasaid Bob McDermand, library head of outreach. "It evidences sup-

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# Weekend dance erupts into on-campus riot

Sorority event overfills Student Union; UPD called in

> By Saadia Malik Daily Staff Writer

Fights, vandalism and general rabble-rousing erupted from a sorority dance on campus last Saturday night, according to the University Police Department.

The dance was a fund-raiser organized by Zeta Phi Beta sorority in the Loma Prieta Ballroom of the Student Union.

However, according to the event organizer, UPD's report of the dis-turbance was inaccurate.

According to Sharee Williams, Zeta Phi Beta sorority member and coordinator of the event, the sorority distributed flyers in all California State Universities, UC Berkeley, Sacramento and Davis.

They all came from far away and got frustrated when they couldn't get in," she said. "There are not a lot of events for African American college

events for African American college students, so they'll travel for an event to support black sororities."

According to UPD, the first sign of trouble on Saturday happened at 10:17 p.m. when a minor was cited and later released for possession of alcohol and drinking on campus.

At 11:02 p.m. a physical fight involving three people, with a crowd of about 200 people watching, broke out in the Student Union. One person was arrested, but later released. son was arrested, but later released. Capt. Bruce Lowe of UPD reported that six minutes later a number of people rushed the stairs in the Student Union, trying to get into the party without paying.
At 11:19 p.m., Lowe said people

started becoming combative with police officers. Bottles were being thrown, and another arrest was made. At that point, the San Jose Police Department was called for assistance, and officers were using pepper ball guns, a form of tear gas, to disperse the crowd, which were trying to prevent officers from mak-

ing arrests.
"The crowd numbered about 200 people, and they were being held off by one UPD officer with a pepper ball gun," Lowe said.

At 11:34 p.m. another fight broke out inside the Student Union, and officers tried to shut down the event. Shortly thereafter, the DJ hired for the party began to incite the crowd to stop officers from shutting down the dance, according to UPD reports. But Williams said she was in the

Student Union the entire time that trouble was stirring, and did not see the DJ try to stir up the crowd in any

Williams said UPD encouraged event organizers to control the prob-lem first so the event would not be forced to shut down. However, organizers could not control the crowd, and UPD forced them to shut down shortly before midnight, said Williams, a senior advertising

major. The dance was scheduled to go until 2 a.m.
In addition, Williams said the

event organizers were forced to turn attendees away because the room had reached its maximum capacity. About 400 people were allowed in, and 40 were turned away, she said. But eventually of those turned away, police allowed 30 to attend.

"The problem was the capacity limit," Williams said. "People got mad because they were being turned away. We weren't having any problems with the crowd before they capacity."

closed capacity."

In addition, Williams said it appeared people also became upset that the dance was canceled after attendees had paid up to \$15 per tinder.

At 11:47 p.m., UPD reported, a serious fight broke out in the Student Union and all officers available were working to respond. During the altercation, an officer dislocated his about trains to step someone from shoulder trying to stop someone from jumping over the third floor balcony of the Student Union.

Lowe said it is unknown when the officer will be able to return to work. Williams said police were trying to do their job at first, but later they

became hostile toward the crowd. "People get defensive when other people are talking down to you,"

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## Humorous poet to bring work to SJSU

Poet laureate uses 'turn-of-the-century' conversation

> By Laura Buckingham Daily Staff Writer

U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins will be making two stops at San Jose State University this week, as part of the Center for Literary Arts' Author

"A Reading by Billy Collins" is slated to take place on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music and Dance Concert Hall, followed by "A Conversation with Billy Collins" at noon on Friday in Spartan Memorial Chapel.
Mitch Berman, director of the

center for literary arts at SJSU, said that Collins is an irresistible talent.

He writes wonderful, lucid poetry," Berman said. "His poems are understandable by just about everyone, and he uses humor in a way that I haven't seen a poet do."

Anne Jennings, a graduate student in creative writing, said the accessi-bility of Collins' work is what makes

him so popular.

"He writes about everyday things, and people can relate to his work," she said. "He writes about nursery she said. He writes about nursery rlymes, objects in your house, shov-eling snow. He finds something poetic about these moments and makes the subject matter rise above the ordinary."
At Thursday's event, Collins will

read from his new collection of poems, "Nine Horses," as well as sign books and answer questions from the audience.

Collins has authored six books of poetry, including "Sailing Alone Around the Room," a bestseller. English Professor Alan Soldofsky

said that Collins has had a profound affect on the landscape of American "He has democratized it and made

it available to many more people," he said. "He has taken it out of the realm of specialized language that you have to decode and put it in the language of everyday, turn-of-thecentury conversation.

After being appointed the position of poet laureate, Berman said Collins has taken great initiative to

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# opposingviews:

Should people be allowed to register and vote on the same day? YES | Proposition 52 stands to

increase voter turnout for elections

California needs all the help it can get to increase voter turnout Only 63 percent of eligible voters were registered to vote in the 1998 congressional elections, and only 35 percent of those who were registered actually turned out, according to the federal election committee. California has one of the nation's largest populations of people that are less than 35 years old, yet we are not participating in the process that will shape our future. We need measures like Proposition 52 because it will make voting that much easier by allowing people to register to vote all the way up until Election Day. By creating this

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opportunity, we could increase voter turnout and create a political system that is actually representative of the community.
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current registration process does not require potential voters to show identification, which leaves the door wide open for fraud. Prop. 52 would require a current California I.D. or two forms providing proof of residence. Also, under the meas-ure, voter fraud would be considered a felony. This will tight-en up our political system by eliminating potential deception.

There are currently six states that use Election Day voter registration, and they have some of the highest voter turnouts in the. In 1996, when the nationwide voter turnout totaled 49 percent, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wyoming and Wisconsin had a combined turnout of 57 percent; Maine had the highest in the nation with 71.9 percent.

In 1998, Minnesota had a 60 percent turnout in the congresonal elections. California had

35 percent. Same day registration is a wellorganized way of conducting business. By allowing people

more time to register, we could attract more people to the polls. I'm sure some people who didn't have the time to register didn't prioritize voting because it was so easy to put on the back burner. With Prop. 52, you can register and, since you're already at the polling place, you can vote, too. It kills two birds with one stone. So many people in California don't vote that we've become complacent with the idea of being politically removed. We're politically "neutral" or we don't like our government or nothing on the ballot relates to us. These are all bad excuses

Well, if you don't vote, then someone you don't know, or maybe even someone you do know and don't like, is voting for you.

We need to get involved in government, starting at a local level, so we can say that our politicians and city officials are truly representative of us. By allowing more people to vote through the implementation of Prop. 52, it is estimated that there will be up to a nine percent rise in voter turnout. That is nine percent more voices from our community.

Those who oppose the measure are afraid of change. Politicians don't want more people to vote because then they'll have to address those people and their needs. They don't want the political system to be infected with new ideas and opinions, so they threaten that Prop. 52 will increase voter fraud and won't have an effect on voter turnout. This is a ridiculous theory because if just one person utilizes the same day election registration, that is one more person voting.

If we want a political system that is a fair representation of its constituents, then we must support Prop. 52. Otherwise, we are being politically passive, and no one will hear us when we have something to say. Part of our responsibility as citizens of the community is to support one another, and Prop. 52 is a way to give a voice to those who didn't have one.

## Justine DaCosta is a campus voices



"It's a good idea for slackers like me who wait till the last minute. If you're willing to get your ass to the booth, you should be able to vote."

> Jessica Mazur junior, RTVF



"Yes, because the system is so messed up. I registered months ago, but I still don't know if I'm going to be able to vote in this election because I haven't gotten my sample ballot."

> Michael Mussman senior, English



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"No, we've got enough idiots voting as it is."

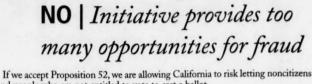
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Prop. 52 does not require voters to show any other identification than their driver's license and their mailing address on the day of registration, and this will eas-

Any nonresident could get a California dri-ver's license, a fact that also defeats the whole purpose of even having to show photo identifi-

The Department of Motor Vehicles does not require a person getting a license to even be a resident of the state, and especially not a citi-

We all know that a person's mailing address could be false, and even if the address was correct, it does not prove who the person is.

How do you know this "voter" is not going

directly over to the next polling station with a new address to cast a second vote? There will be no time to check a registration's validity before a person casts his or her vote. Even though photo I.D. is currently not required to register or to vote, the polling station has 15 days to check the registration infor-

We want California's governor to be elected by the state and not by residents of other states

or even illegal immigrants.
According to an argument for Prop. 52, a Cal-Tech/MIT election study found that California would experience an increase of one million new voters if Prop. 52 was to pass. It does not matter if the turnout increases if the new voters are not citizens of California.

Prop. 52 argues that officials will crack down on fraud by having penalties, but these penalties will never be effective because it will be impossible to distinguish the invalid votes from the valid ones after the election. We do not want

another Florida election to be repeated. The government is already occupied trying to avoid undercounted votes to occur, and Prop. 52 will only add on to the confusion and make the voting system less accu-

Also, being able to register on Election Day will contribute to people making random or ill thought-out decisions. They will come to the polling station unprepared and pick a candidate they know

The fact is that if we allow random registrations, we will also get random votes. Since electing a governor is something California only does every four years, people have plenty of time to go over their pros and cons and decide whom they agree We want everyone to have an equal chance of casting a vote, but they evidently

do since the only requirement they have to fulfill is to register 15 days in advance. They do not even have to cast their vote until the first Tuesday after the first We want people to inform themselves about the issues and know why they do or why they do not agree with the candidates. If they do not care enough to be aware

of the registration date, they prove that they do not care enough about the issues.

As a student I am wrapped up in my own little world with all the work I have to do, and I could easily miss the registration date. However, that means I also missed most of the candidates' unsuccessful attempts to inform me about what they stand for and how they can make California better.

It is better not to vote than to make an uneducated vote. If you only decided to drop by the polling station because you happened to feel spontaneous that day, it is not fair to all the other informed Californians who have been waiting to vote for months because your vote makes an impact.

That is what will happen if we say yes to Prop. 52. We will get quantity over quality.

Finally, only six states currently have Election Day registration, and 44 states do not. There are no definitive statistics that prove the six states have had a larger turnout because of Prop. 52, according to Times-Herald, a Napa and Solano county newspaper. Different states with Election Day registration have sometimes experienced opposite voter trends, according to Times-Herald. California is also much bigger than the six states that currently have Election Day registration, and therefore we have no reason to believe it would be successful here.

If California is going to spend \$6 million only to realize that it did not work and made our system less fair, it is not worth try-

Therese Bratherg is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



Yes, it would increase voter turnout because registering and voting would become one act. "

having to wait another one to four years." Tara Kendig

sophomore, public relations

"Yes, because it would give

people who turn 18 right

before the election date an

opportunity to vote without



"If you're prepared to vote, you're probably smart enough to know about the issues and should be able to vote regardless of when you're able to register."

> **Ariana Flores** junior, RTVF

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# Shuffles in life keep one going and guessing

MICHELLE JEW

It's called the shuffle, and life is full of them. There's the "Thank god I'm graduating" shuffle Before knowing you're even close to the big G-day, you have to know which classes count for what.

So you shuffle to your major office and pick up the papers. When you think you're close, you head to your

This adviser will either laugh or say you're close enough to turn papers x, y and z into the major office with his or her signature on it.

Those papers are dropped off, and the department head

Now you have to shuffle your way to Admissions and Records. Wait in line (hopefully the right one) and turn signed papers x, y and z in to them.

Sometimes it pays off to see a general education advis-

or to see a general education adviser too e changes in classes and policy could mess with graduation. So you shuffle over there just to be safe.

When you finally get the go ahead, there's caps and gowns, diploma holders, tassels, rings, license-plate frames, photo frames and god only knows what else to be bought.

And when you've finally made it to the podium to get that degree, you have to learn a brand new shuffle.

It's the "Oh crap, I need a job" shuffle. Some get lucky and have a job lined up before gradua-tion. Others have to hit the pavement.

Some think of it as begging. Some think of it as pre-senting. Others think of it as selling themselves. Whatever the term, it's still a shuffle. People get dressed

in their most professional outfits, comb their hair, buy a new pair of shoes and head for the slaughter.

It's the "If you're not hiring why are you at this job fair" shuffle. It's the "I'm overqualified for working at McDonald's, but my parents won't let me live at home without a job" shuffle. It's the "Please sir, I've been standing in job fair lines for six hours and

haven't gotten a single nibble, so can't I be your coffee girl" shuffle.

If the plan works, you can quickly discard the "need a job" shuffle and switch to the more militant "working every day" one.

Walk in the office. Clock in. Sit down. Check messages.

Do work. Take break. Back to work. Space out. Back to work. Space out. Clock out. Get in car. Sit in traffic.

Oh there are perks: a steady income, independent life and no more school/homework. And if the office is fun, there's a party of some sort every so often. But that's where it stops, because the worst shuffle of all is the hospital shuffle.

(This is also known as the "put everything on hold to go to the doctor" shuffle.) You get hurt and want to see the specialist

who helped you the first time something

Call the hospital. Hold for hours. Can't see the specialist without being

I was referred last time.

That was too long ago. Hold for different department. Get appointment. Go in. Pay fee.

Doctor doesn't know what's wrong. Refers

you to the specialist.
Call the hospital. Hold for hours. Try to make an

appointment. Go in. Pay fee. Shuffle. Shuffle. Shuffle. Life, in general, is one big shuffle. You do the school shuffle for years

You do the work shuffle until retirement You do the dating shuffle - and probably never do it right. That's why it takes so long to find that one person.

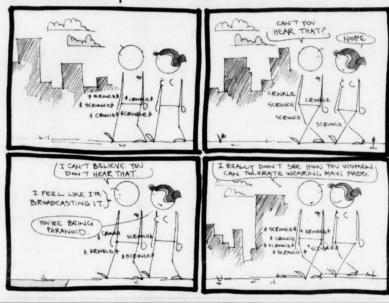
You do the long-term relationship shuffle.
You do the re-occuring fight shuffle.
And if you're lucky (or unlucky depending on your perspective), you do the marriage shuffle.
Buy the gown. Go crazy. Rent the tux. Go crazy. Get flowers. Get the reception place. Get church. Go crazy.
Get broke. Get institutionalized.

Or just buy the gown, rent the tux and get to Vegas.
Kids are a whole different shuffle, more like a mad
panic/hysteria kind of a thing.
But the best thing about life's shuffles is the simplicity

No matter how bad you mess up, you just shuffle on.

Michelle Jew is a Spartan Daily Copy Editor. 'Spoiled' appears Wednesdays.

### ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | JONAH PTAK



### SPARTA GUIDE

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Sikhism — A Universal View: Lecture Series Wednesdays through Dec. 4 from 7:10 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. in the Boccardo Business Center, Room 106. For more information contact Robbie Singh at www.sikh.sjsu.edu.

Peer Health Education Program Boobs: Breast Cancer Awareness Program: discuss awareness of breast cancer, prevention and early detection. From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the MOSAIC multicultural center in the Student Union. For more information contact the



(please bring coupon)

Peer Health Office at 924-6204.

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.

Re-Entry And Commuter help program

Brown Bag Lunch Road Trip: going to SJSU Career Center, Building F for a tour with Stacie Haro. Meet in Workshop F—

check in at front desk. Tour runs from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Career Center. For more informa-tion contact Jane Boyd at 924-

Department of Biological Sciences Stephen Morse, Associate direc-tor for science bioterrorism preparedness and response program, CDC, Atlanta, Ga. lectures: "Bioterrorism in the United States

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## Letter | Reader has strong reaction to Monday's 'Dimentian'

Dear Editor.

Your (cartoonist) is one sick person. Paul, Sheila, and Marcia Wellstone are dead.

There are 2 sons left without a father, mother, and sister, and you decide to crack jokes about it.

If you want to make fun of Republicans, go right ahead. But don't use people's deaths as ammo. You're probably telling yourself this letter is from a reader who's upset at someone attacking Republicans, and that is the real reason I'm writing. Why don't you send a copy of yesterday's paper to Wellstone's sons. I'm sure they don't like Republicans, do you think they'll appreciate the humor? While you're at it send a copy of yesterday's paper to your parents as well. See if they are proud of the sense of humor they instilled in their son.

It's not so funny anymore is it?

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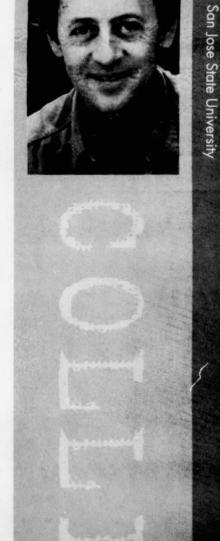
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## SJSU prepares for busy weekend Kent ready to part will put a record of eight wins in the last 13 matches on the line against

Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University women's volleyball team might just have its toughest matches of the regular season this weekend, said Spartan outside hitter Stephanie Pascucci.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL FROM THE **BACK ROW** 

The Spartans are slated to face off against Fresno State University at 7 p.m. on Saturday and the University of Nevada at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Both matches will be played at the Event Center. The Spartans hold an overall record of 11-11 on the season and 5-3 in the Western Athletic Conference.

Prior to its match against the University of Hawai'i on Friday, the University of Nevada- Reno has an overall record of 18-7 and 7-1 in the WAC. Fresno State has a record of 18-3 overall and 6-2 in the WAC. In Saturday's match the Spartans

SISU head volleyball coach Craig SJSU head volleyball coach Craig Choate said this weekend's matches set the table for the WAC tourna-ment. With the teams from the Western division of the conference, which includes SJSU beating on each other, Choate said it opens the door for teams from the east to creep in and take the No. 4 spot. Choate said the Spartans have

The seniors on the 2002 Spartan

team have never lost to Fresno State.

"We're going to beat them, and that's all there is to it. We haven't lost

to them in three years and we're not about to do it. Not my senior year,"

She added that winning would not be an easy task but that the team had

Fresno State.

Pascucci said.

to be confident.

love-hate relationship with Fresno and they look forward to continuing their rivalry Saturday. Sunday, the Nevada Wolf Pack will look to sink their teeth into the

Spartans for the second time this sea-In the first meeting, Nevada took SJSU in a four-game match played in in the first two games of that match.
Pascucci said the Spartans are ready

for Nevada, having made the neces-sary changes, including moving out-side hitters Katherine Powers and Liz Hudson to the middle and to the right

NEW DEPTH

To add depth to the team, Choate said freshman Jessica Woldarczyk is expected to play in every match for the remainder of the season. Woldarczyk made her debut as a

Spartan on Saturday in Game Three the match at Boise State University.

Before entering the match, she said she was nervous but not scared. She hit .385 for the one game and had six

Woldarczyk attended Shasta High School in Redding, Calif., where she led her team in both blocking and hit-

A FAMILIAR FACE

The Sunday match will be a her in the lineup.

Homecoming of sorts for Nevada volleyball head coach Devin Scruggs. Scruggs, who received a master's degree from SJSU in interdisciplinary sports, business and communications, also served as an assistant volleyball coach at SJSU from 1991

Scruggs said the match against SJSU is the most important of the weekend for her team. The match against Hawai'i on Friday, she said, is one where her team has nothing to lose because they are underdogs.

Against the Spartans, Scruggs said

her team might need to bounce back from the high of playing Hawai'i on

In the previous meeting this season, she said, the Spartans struggled in the

she said, the Spartans struggled in the first two games against her team.

However she added that the Spartans are a team that "you can never let up against," even if you are up two games to none.

Nevada also expects the return of outside hitter Laura Wooley, if she is released to play after dislocated a

shoulder early this season.

Though Wooley has not played in five weeks, Scruggs said, the Wolf Pack are a much tougher team with

But Williams gave Detroit a 2-1 lead

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SAN FRANCISCO Francisco second baseman Jeff Kent filed for free agency Tuesday, two days after the Giants lost in the World Series

Kent, the 2000 NL MVP, could be one of the top free agents on the market after prospering for six years

in San Francisco.
The 34-year-old Kent hit .313 with 37 homers and 108 RBIs this season in helping the Giants reach the Series for the first time since

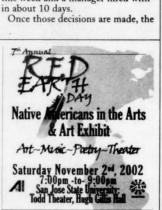
He hit three homers and drove in seven runs in the World Series, won in seven games by the Anaheim Angels on Sunday.

Kent said after the Series ended he would spend some time fishing and hunting, and use that time to think about his future — and whether it is in San Francisco.

He made \$6 million in 2002. "We've always had good communi-cations with the Giants. I assume at some point we'll talk," Kent's agent, Jeff Klein, said Tuesday.

First, the Giants must make decisions about their general manager and manager. General manager Brian Sabean's contract is up, along with manager Dusty Baker's.

Owner Peter Magowan said he would like to have a GM in place this week and a manager hired with-



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Giants say re-signing Kent is one of

their top priorities.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to bring
Jeff back if he has the interest in
coming back," assistant general manager Ned Colletti said. "It's one of

our main priorities, providing he has an interest in coming back. "He's been one of our top players the last six seasons and productive in the middle of the lineup. He's one of the reasons we've been successful."

Colletti said the Giants are "still in the process of looking at a lot of fac-tors related to our roster."

Included in those decisions are sev-eral mutual club/player options. He said he can't offer a timeline as to when many player decisions will be

"Regardless of what we think, it's going to depend a lot on what he thinks," Colletti said of Kent. "This is the first step. It's not a surprise. We're not alarmed."

### Fedorov nets two goals in win over Sharks there, that was a help," he said. "Both

DETROIT (AP) — Sergei Fedorov

is in a groove. Fedorov scored two power-play goals, including the game-winner in the third period, as the Detroit Red Wings beat the San Jose Sharks 3-2

Tuesday night. Fedorov scored a 5-on-3 goal 2:12 into the third to break a 2-all tie. His one-timer from the top of the right cir-cle beat Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov between the pads.

Fedorov has eight goals this season, and five in his last three games "Playing with the great players out goals on the power play. I guess I was in the right place at the right time.

Red Wings goaltender Curtis Joseph got his 350th career win.

"He's having a great year and he's an incredible talent," Joseph said of Fedorov. "It's hard to know how great a player he is until you play with him." Jason Williams also scored and Luc Robitaille added two assists for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who improved to 6-3-1-0.

Owen Nolan scored both goals for San Jose, which dropped to a disap-

pointing 3-6-0-0. Niklas Sundstrom

Sharks coach Darryl Sutter was upset that Detroit got a two-man advantage so late in the game. Vincent Damphousse was called for tripping 43 seconds into the third period and Scott Hannan was called for elbowing at

"I'm not just saying this because I'm the coach of this team, but I've got to wonder how the fourth- or fifth-least penalized team is leading the league in on-3s against," Sutter said. "I have so much respect for the Detroit Red

Wings, but they have three or four guys talking to the officials on every whistle And the young official bought into it." Nolan scored both of his goals in the

His first goal came 2:41 into the period when his wrist shot from the inside edge of the right circle beat Curtis

second period, and each one tied the

Joseph low on the short side. That tied

2:28 later when he beat Nabokov with a backhander from the bottom of the





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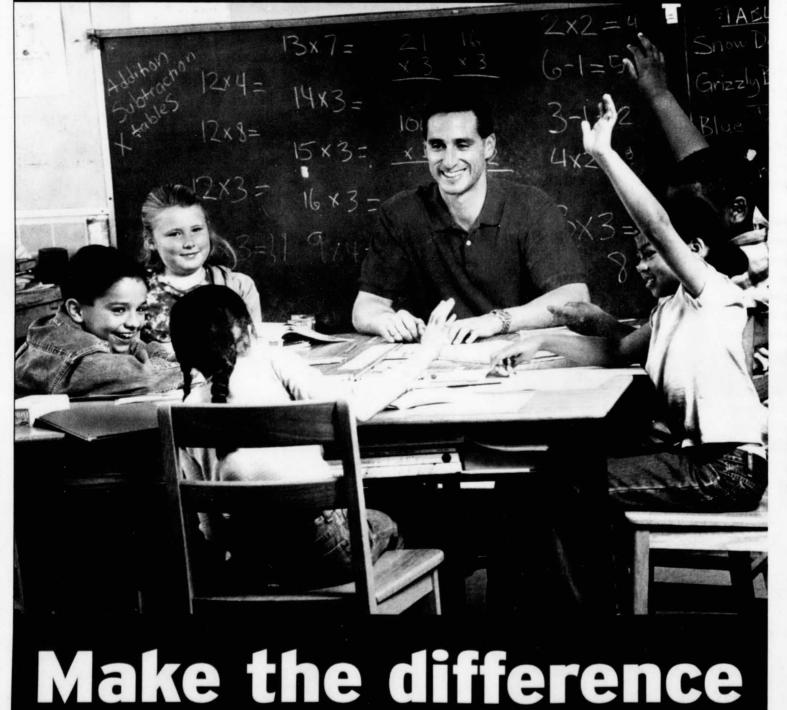
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# MUSLIMS | Range of topics covered | PROTEST | Some felt threatened

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choice of speaker, Naaman replied that Ali probably has had views that did not agree with the protesters'.

"Personally, if you know the way how they figure out he is coming, you would see that they have had an issue with the MSA before," he said. "I am happy that they are here. I just hope they will sit inside and listen to what they have to say."

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The event began with a short Muslim prayer session. Naaman then presented Ali, who came in through one of the side doors of the ballroom,

with a black-clad entourage.

He covered a wide range of topics, from Sept. 11, the impending war in Iraq, terrorism, racism and Islamic

You must know the history to understand what is going on today," he said. Ali also listed the roles of a Muslim

The first would be to teach people about what Islam is — to get people to understand us," Ali said. "The second is to build more Islamic communities, and the third is to stand up for the truth."

He also said that Muslims would

face nonMuslims who are friendly, neutral and hostile, and said the last group often oppresses Muslims.

"Fighting against oppression is an act of worship, and if (a Muslim) were to die in (a fight), it's a dignified death," he said. He also made statements about the

United States becoming an imperialist nation and that a Muslim revival is taking place worldwide.

"This Islamic revival is scaring imperialists, as Islam does not recognize national boundaries," he said.

Ali stressed that Muslims should have patience and stand firm and against hostile nonMuslims.

"(We have to) stand on who we are; do not compromise who we are," he said. After his speech, Naaman, the president of the association, started a question-and-answer session with the

audience. Some students who attended the event had mixed feelings about Ali's

Some said they felt Ali threatened



Leya Babchin, a marketing junior, reacts to a statement made by Amir Abdul Malik Ali, the featured speaker in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union Tuesday. Before listening to the speaker, Babchin stood outside with a group of protestors from the Jewish Student Union and Hillel of Silicon Valley.

Brett Shore, a business and communications major, said he is upset by Ali's views of Zionism.

"He made comments about the goal s not to kill all Jews but just Zionists. I am a Zionist, so that means he wants to kill me," he said. "I feel personally threatened. And when people applaud" that, I feel personally threatened also." Shore added that he felt upset about

Ali's explanation about Muslim martyrs.
"When he calls Palestinian suicide

bombers martyrs and said that they are heroes, that hits home," he said.

Business major David Goodman, who is also the chairman of the stu-

dent initiative team of the Jewish Student Union, said he was disturbed by Ali's presentation.
"I am concerned that he tries to intimidate nonMuslims, not those

who are with them or are apathetic, but those who are against them," he said. "I find it interesting that he said, 'don't tell me about Islam as a nonMuslim' and he goes ahead and uses a David and Goliath analogy."

Goodman said he was not particularly pleased with Ali's definitions

about "jihad," stating that Ali did not mention that the nonviolent ways of settling a dispute as a noble struggle when he could.

"I think that he is a speaker that lacks credibility. For his particular audience, he is effective in inciting a

revolution," Goodman added. Electrical engineering major Jeff Lin said Ali made some valid points.

"I agreed with a lot of things that he said. He pretty much puts into words my ideologies," he said. "In regards to 9/11, I am really disappointed with the way the government has handled the situation, and this is mob mentality. The overall racism of the American people just sort of bugs me." Rabia Qureshi, a management

information systems major, said the event has helped other people understand Islam more.

"People think that Muslims are terrorists because of several reasons, such as our dress code," said Qureshi. Goodman said he thinks that as a

speaker, Ali presented his ideas poorly. "There are lots of holes in his arguments. He is not basing it on logic," continued from page 1

with two uniformed officers and

about five plainclothesmen. Sgt. Jenny Pak said they were not there to enforce anything or try to arrest anyone but rather to keep things

"This was pretty well organized," she said.

As students arrived to hear Ali speak, many took notice of the protest and some felt a need to stare at the protesters.

Three students from Evergreen Valley College, who are members of the group Students For Justice, stood about 15 feet from the protesters and glared at them but made no comments to the protestors. One member, Carlos Padilla, said he was there to show support for the Muslim commu-

nity.
"We are here to show our dislike for the hate speech that's being brought by the Zionists from Israel as well as the propaganda against the Muslim community in the United States," Padilla said.

Others who came said they were curious such as Yasir Khan, a fresh-

man computer engineering major.
"I don't really know who Malik is or his background, but he is speaking about Muslims in America, and since

"We are here to show our dislike for the hate speech that's being brought by the Zionists from Israel as well as the propaganda against the Muslim community in

the United States." Carlos Padilla, **Evergreen Valley College** 

I am Muslim in America, I would like to hear what he has to say," Khan

Students For Justice member

Senior Tarek Khouzam, a computer science major, went to hear Ali speak as he had done on other occasions and held a flier with what he called antisemitic quotes handed out by members of the JSU.
"I have heard this person speak

before and he's not anti-semitic," Khouzam said. "If he was, I wouldn't be here. I am an Arab. They need to get their fliers straight."

As the lecture ended and people began to filter out, the slight tension that was prevalent before Ali spoke was heightened, but the protest remained incident free.

Sami Balbaky, a junior computer engineering major, exited Barrett Ballroom holding a handmade sign that said, in symbols, "the Jewish Star of David equals swastika."

"Nazism equals facism and what is going on in Israel is also facism," Balbaky said. Ali said the protest was understand-

"They are going through a rough situation, and what I mean by that is the Zionist-minded Jews," he said. "We are still going to stand up. We may not have the FBI behind us, like they do, or the government behind us, like they do, or the media behind us, like they do, but we are going to stand up. You can call us what you want; we are still going to stand up

for the truth." Ali said groups like JSU intimi-date by withholding donations to universities when speakers like himself are invited to speak, but he was comfortable with its form of

"They were cool. They got the chance to express themselves. That's how it should be," Ali said, "They sat in and asked some of their questions. That is how it should be."

## POET | To speak twice on campus

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increase the visibility of poetry in America.

"He interprets his duties with a great degree of discretion," he said. "He is a man with a mission."

Among these efforts include an interactive Web site located at the Library of Congress called Poetry 180, that Berman said has, among other things, integrated poetry into the everyday framework of education.

"Among populations who weren't interested in poetry before him, his idea is that he's going to raise public

His efforts have made a difference,

and he has been appointed to a second term, Berman said. Poetry itself is something that Soldofsky said can appear intimidat-ing to some, and he said Collins tries to make light of this intimidation

"He's on the reader's side," Soldofsky

Berman agreed

You will easily understand every thing this man says in his poems," he said. "People will go to these events and have fun. Collins actually wants

awareness of the art form and bring it to make poetry fun and bring it to into schools," he said.

Jennings said that Thursday's event will provide more laughs than anything else.

"Going to see Billy Collins will be more like going to see a stand-up comedian than seeing your average poet," she said. "Humor is really important to him."

Soldofsky said that Collins specializes in satire, and it will be evident during his reading.
"It will be much like the cynical,

ironic attitude of Jerry Seinfeld, but more sophisticated."

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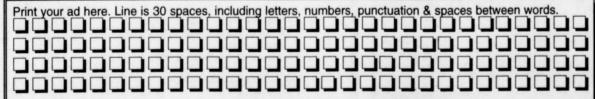
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## LIBRARY | Plaque

## to have donors' names

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port of the library staff for the new library."

Some people said they believe donat ing to the project is a way to show support, but it is not the only way.

"I think that if people didn't donate, they shouldn't think of them as not participating in this project because someone might be able to do something else," said Francis Howard, Clark Library's night manager.

Howard said that in addition to working at the library, he is a student at SJSU. He said his expenses exceed what he makes from working at the library, so he is not sure if he will donate.

"I was a little concerned that they would ask employees to donate, Howard said. "Our salaries are so low how can we manage something like

Donating to the library is one way employees can show their dedication to the project, Breivik said.
"I think things that you really care

about you like to put money into," she

Employees who help with the fund raising will be recognized on a plaque inside a staff conference room on fourth floor of the new library. Breivik said she thinks employees like the idea that their names will be on a plaque if they donate. People who donate \$1,000 or more will also be recognized on the Donor Wall, which will be installed in the San Fernando lobby of the new library, according to

the packet.
"If it motivates people to donate, who can donate, I think it's a good idea," Howard said.

Other employees said putting names on a plaque separates the employees who did donate from the employees who did not. Matoush, who works at



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"It's like a way of judging people," Matoush said.

More than \$15,000 has been pledged already for the library employee campaign, leaving \$20,000 still needed to meet the goal, accord-

ing to the packet.

"The building is on schedule and on budget," Breivik said. "Working right alongside of that is the fund-raising part which is, again, on target."

McDermand said the library asking

its employees to donate is not very different from all the other requests for donations people receive on a regular basis.

"You get asked all the time to donate," he said. "It's up to you to make a decision if you're going to be charitable at all. I feel since we are all essentially free agents, you can do what you want.

## DISTURBANCE | Crowd estimated at 1,000

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Williams said. "The partygoers felt like, 'you don't understand why I'm mad, I just paid \$15 for a ticket, and now you're telling me I can't participate."

Williams also said UPD's account of

events that unfolded was not accurate. "It's been made to look like some-thing worse than it is," she said.

Williams said that although crowd was somewhat hostile, UPD could have done a better job of controlling the crowd by directing traffic after they kicked everyone out of the Student Union. Williams said major trouble began to escalate after the partygoers were told to home.

By 11:53 p.m., UPD reported that bottles were again being thrown at offi-cers, but with the help of SJPD, they had the situation under control. By this time, Lowe said, every police officer in the King district, the Downtown San Jose area, was at San Jose State University trying to quell the situation.

At the same time, UPD received a call that a number of people were under the Dining Commons trying to turn over an orange Cushman vehicle. Lowe said the crowd started moving toward South Campus by 12:13 a.m.

"We had a dozen noise complaints from the residence hall area," Lowe said. Mike Harold, an Allen Hall resident,

said from his building he saw a large noisy group of people moving south toward San Salvador Street, and there was a big cloud of smoke, what looked like tear gas to him, above the crowd.

"I wasn't paying attention for awhile, but then it began to escalate," said Harold, a graduate student pursuing his MBA. "It got kind of scary. I did-

n't want to go out at first."

But Harold said he went out to the street behind his building and saw a line of police in riot gear standing across Ninth Street trying to get the crowd to disperse and go home.

Eventually, Harold said, "the police seemed to get it under control. At quarter after midnight, UPD reported that people were holding a sideshow – spinning cars in circles – on the south side

of campus – between Eighth and Ninth streets, on San Salvador. UPD reported calls from residence

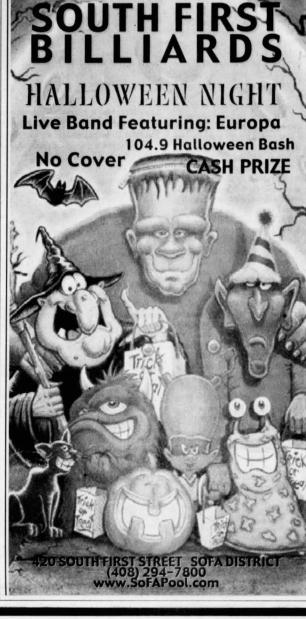
directors requesting help after a dis-turbance was caused in and around the residence halls, but all UPD and SJPD units were tied up trying to control the crowd, estimated at 1,000. Someone in Washburn Hall had their door kicked down. A vehicle in Lot A, which is outside the residence hall, had been jumped on and the wind-shield smashed out. But eventually, Lowe said, "the whole thing got

pushed away and dispersed."

Lowe said he has seen disturbances

like this on campus before.
"They happen," he said. "We don't like them to happen. We're concerned

when there is potential for somebody to get hurt or worse. They involve the people who come to the event, but because all these people cannot get into the Student Union, they start engaging in criminal behavior at other locations on and around the campus, and the possibility for innocent victims to be swept up into the goings-on



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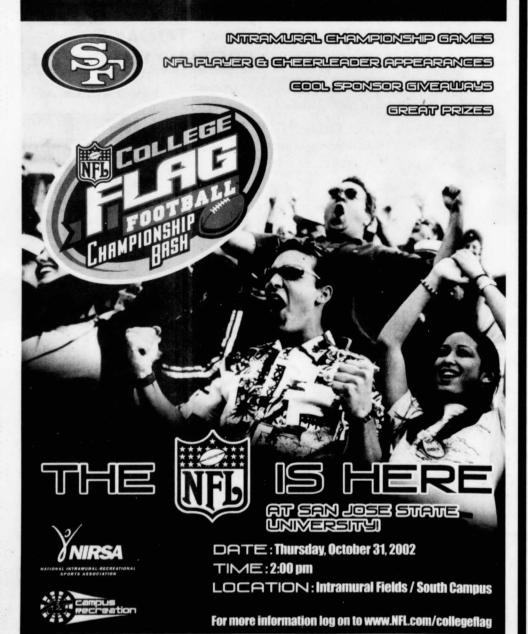
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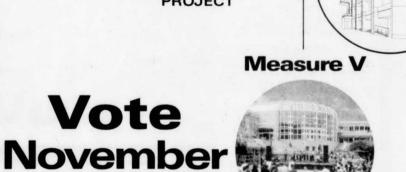
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