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Republicans head toward gains in House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans extended their eight-year control of the House of Representatives early Wednesday, turning aside crucial Democratic challenges in region after region and positioning themselves to expand their 223-seat majority

Democratic hopes of regaining a majority ended as Republicans chalked up wins in most of the races earlier seen as toss-ups. Americans voted to fill all 435 House seats, but only a tenth of them were truly competitive.

Early Wednesday, Republicans had won 221 seats and were leading in 6 others. If that trend continued,

Republicans would hold 227 seats — four more than they do in the current Congress. Majority control requires 218 votes.

If Republicans post net gains, it would be only the third time in a century that the president's party has gained House seats in a midterm election — after Presidents Roosevelt in 1934 and Clinton in 1998.

"We'll probably end the night up two or three seats, I think," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said early Wednesday.

Republicans appeared helped by President Bush's popularity, his energetic campaigning and by the relatively low number of competitive races.

"We had a precise message we were

able to take to our districts around the country," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Democrats had needed a net gain of seven seats to reclaim the control they lost in 1994, but they failed in several high-profile challenges to Republicans and lost some of their own incumbents as well.

In a closely watched Kentucky contest, three-term Republican Rep. Anne Northup defeated Democrat Jack Conway. Republican Jeb Bradley defeated Democrat Martha Fuller Clark for an open New Hampshire seat that had been Republican.

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Volunteers, voters turn out at booths

Prop. 47 a hot item on ballot, some say

By Karen Imamura
Daily Staff Writer

One hundred forty six people had slid their votes into the cardboard box sealed with official tape by 3 p.m. at the International House polling booth Tuesday.

"After 4 p.m. it's going to be nonstop," said Ruben Delarosa, about the foot traffic coming into the International House.

Delarosa has been volunteering at voting stations for the past three years. Voting is important to Delarosa who said, "It's better to pro act than react."

Students, professors, and local residents stood at six individual tables, intently eyeballing their voting forms, concentrating on marking the correct candidate.

Cesar Bantilan, a United Airlines worker and Democrat, said he liked voting at the International House because it was peaceful and the process went smoothly. "The Democrats are the winning team," he said.

Proposition 47, the kindergarten-university public education facilities bond act of 2002, had support from Robert Umstadter, a senior art major who also said he is a Democrat.

"I voted yes on 47 because SJSU could benefit from improved classrooms and facilities," he said.

Voting properly is a responsibility Henry Morrillo, the supervisor of this particular polling location, takes seriously.

A SJSU alumnus, has been working at polls for the past 12 years.

"I was here when there were wooden booths," he said. As the supervisor of this location, Morrillo has to swear in the other clerks who are there for the day, and oversees the general voting process.

In terms of the voting process itself, Morrillo spoke about the latest advancements.

"Today is the first day that an electronic voting system is being used in different precincts," he said. "We're sitting in the middle of Silicon Valley, why did it take so long to get this new system?"

Morrillo said budget cuts meant there were less materials, such as sample ballots in different languages, to work with this year.

While Mike Brown, an art major in his senior year, said there are a lot of things wrong with the voting system, he also said participation was the key.

"Participating and doing what you can to make a change is the first step," he said. Brown, a Green Party supporter, said he voted for Peter Miguel Camejo for governor and yes for Prop. 47.

Another voting station, located at Third and Reed streets, had a stream of people walking in to cast their votes.

Michael Harden, the supervisor for the location, had been there since 7 a.m. when the polls opened.

"There's a little bit of a chance that we might stay open past 8 p.m.," he said.

A voter exiting the Third and Reed streets polling station spoke about his long-term voting goals.

"I want to impeach Bush because he's sending us to war. He's corrupt and he has the lowest IQ of any president in recent history," said Mike Sternad, a financial consultant.



ABOVE: At the polling booth in the SJSU International House on Tuesday afternoon, polling supervisor Henry J. Morrillo helps Mike Brown, a senior majoring in art, find the English version of the voter's guide.

Mike Fleckles, a volunteer at the SJSU International House polling booths, helps Robert Umstadter, a senior majoring in art, fill out his ballot before voting Tuesday afternoon.

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Online courses becoming a more realistic option

By Sylvia Lim
Daily Staff Writer

Imagine taking a quiz at home — in your pajamas — at 1 a.m.

For students who fancy that, join the ranks of 900 students at San Jose State University who are taking online classes.

The number may increase dramatically if projections for enrollment in the California State University system are accurate.

According to the Associated Press, Chancellor Charles B. Reed told trustees last week that enrollment in California State University system has increased by 5 percent. The CSU estimated another 120,000 students would enter the university system by 2010.

With that increase in enrollment, Reed said it will put more pressure on CSU campuses to accommodate these numbers, and urged CSU trustees, faculty and staff members to find ways to ease this pressure, such as integrating the use of computers and providing more online classes.

According to Jeremy Kemp and Corey Gin, academic coordinators for eCampus, an online course support service offered by SJSU's Center of Distributed Education, online courses offer students a chance to learn at their convenience, regardless of geographical restrictions.

"We would like to increase access to students in Silicon Valley and the world by using instructional technology and resources," Gin said.

There are two types of online courses — synchronous, where students enrolled in an online class log on at the same time for class, and asynchronous, where students can access class materials at their convenience.

Gin said the online courses are highly secure, because students and instructors need passwords to logon to a particular class.

A regular online class includes one or two learning modules, or classes per week that include discussions with other classmates, additional notes to required readings, links to other pertinent Web sites and online exercises. Students can post their comments or discussions on an online discussion board. All this can be done at the students' and instructors' convenience, Kemp added.

Most of the courses offered at SJSU are currently asynchronous, said Kemp, who also teaches a business class online.

Kemp said these classes are not exclusively online. "We also meet with students personally," he said.

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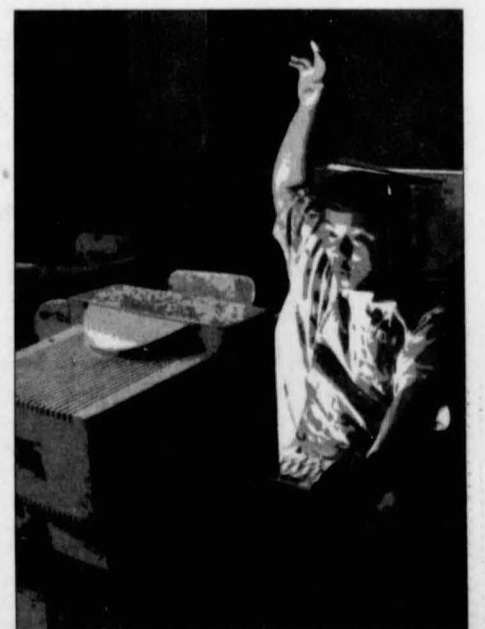


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With projected enrollment of 120,000 by the end of this decade, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed suggested online classes as a way to provide education to an increasing student body.

Ultimate truth, extraterrestrials topic of forum

Possibility of God, aliens to be discussed

By Sylvia Lim
Daily Staff Writer

Albert Einstein once said that nothing in the universe actually exists alone, and a few speakers are invited to argue on validity of this statement Thursday.

The San Jose State University's Institute for Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education is sponsoring a campus forum deliberating the topic "Theology and the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence" at

noon in the auditorium, Room 189, of the Engineering building.

The event is funded by Emilio D'Arpino, a 68-year-old retired senior citizen who is interested in such discussions.

"I believe there are answers to these questions," he said. "(Einstein's statement) is the most solid premise to begin with."

D'Arpino, who takes classes at both SJSU and Stanford University, said the topic for this forum evolved from previous essay competitions he has funded at SJSU.

"It grew out of the essay contests, and feedback from people. It's a collaborative effort," he said.

The event is slated to feature three panelists who have done extensive research on

the subject and written books in their respective fields.

Ted Peters, a professor of systematic theology at the Pacific Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, will be presenting the theological ideas at the forum.

To balance things out, D'Arpino said, he has also invited "his devil's advocate," Michael Shermer, the publisher of Skeptic magazine who has written on the subjects of science and religion.

D'Arpino added that his third speaker, astronomer Seth Shostak, would represent the "applied philosophy" aspect of the discussion.

San Jose Mercury News religion and ethics writer Richard Scheinin has been

invited to act as moderator and Provost Marshall Goodman is set to provide the opening introductions.

The forum's topic elicited a mixed response from some students.

Tabitha Muetschard, an art major, said she is interested in attending.

"I don't believe in extra-terrestrial life, and I believe that God made the earth and created human beings," she said, "I don't think that anything happens by chance, therefore I don't believe in any alien life forms."

Graduate philosophy student Chris Wiebe expanded on Muetschard's sentiments.

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opposing views:

Should the library be asking its employees for donations?

YES | Asking employees for donations is not a bad thing

San Jose State University is asking library employees to donate money to the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

There is nothing wrong with soliciting a portion of someone's earnings, because first and foremost in this case it is a choice to donate, not an obligation.

Those who choose to do so can feel good about themselves knowing that they were able to buy their name onto a plaque or wall. Contributors can also choose to remain anonymous or donate in memory of a person. The university can sell space on a plaque, and that is essentially what it is doing. The funds raised from this capital campaign will serve to complete construction of the new library.

Recognition will only go to those who shelled out the cash in the form of a plaque in a conference room in the new library, not to those who have donated by other means.

The university may send out packets asking employees to contribute, but the bottom line is that if a person doesn't want to donate or can't, they shouldn't.

Those who do not make a donation should not feel singled out. There are many people who do good deeds and never get any recognition. If people are motivated to donate or if the incentive of getting recognition encourages charity, then they should do it.

It turns into a win-win situation for those involved. The library gets the donation it seeks and the donor gets his or her name on a plaque for everyone to know that they were one of the people who had the money to buy a place for their name on it.

Those who make other contributions should understand that true recognition doesn't come on a plaque. It comes by looking at a finished product and knowing that they helped make it possible. There really is no harm in asking for donations, however, it might come as a slap in the face to those who have donated time and effort to the new library and not get any recognition while someone else makes a monetary donation gets his or her name on a plaque. The question to ask is what does it mean to have your name on a plaque?

It doesn't mean a damn thing. If I were able to donate \$1,000 or more to the library, then my name, Daniel Lopez "Corridos," could be on a plaque to recognize larger contributors that will be in the main lobby of the new library.

Before making a donation, a person should give some thought to what it will mean. Even if these solicited donations are reinvested into the library, the most important donations and charitable work are not measurable in dollars and cents.

It is important to stress that if the university wants to ask employees for donations, as officials said is customary to do so in a capital campaign, there is nothing wrong with simply asking. Donations are not given by force.

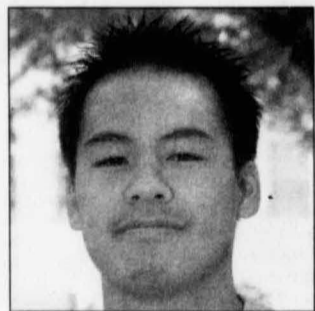
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"No, it's kind of strange. The library employees are not responsible for the new library."

Trisha Traugher
graduate student,
secondary education



"Yes, everyone in general should be asked, students, employees. It's everyone's facility."

Peter Le
sophomore,
computer engineering



"Yes, don't think that's a bad idea. It's a contribution to their workplace."

Elanor Sakamoto
senior, Japanese



"No, the city should be providing the money, I don't think library employees get paid a lot anyways."

Corlis Edwards
freshman, psychology



"No, I don't think they should be made to pay toward the place they work, they should ask major corporations or alumni."

Scott Jacobs
senior, business management
and finance



"No, it's appropriate to ask the general public, and silly to pick a specific group for donation, they shouldn't fund the place they are working for."

Ian Anderson
senior, physics

Compiled by Sylvia Lim | Photos by Anthony Reginato

NO | Asking employees to give money back to library is wrong

A large, gleaming edifice is slowly fleshing out at San Fernando and Fourth streets.

In the eyes of its supporters, the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library will be a glorious marriage of town and gown, of the city of San Jose and the university that dwells within it.

And like any married household, the children will be asked to build the new home.

Doesn't make sense, does it? Yet that's exactly what the new library is doing.

As part of its goal to raise \$16.5 million in private donations, the library is asking full-time employees from the San Jose State University Clark Library and the San Jose Public Library to donate toward the new facility. The revenue goal for employee donations is \$35,000, according to Caroline Panches, director of development for the library campaign.

Donations are completely voluntary, so I'm not arguing about compulsory monetary solicitation.

It's the principle of the thing. First off, asking for donations from employees is rather rude. It's like parents asking their young children for donations toward their upbringing.

Since the new library fund is currently asking only full-time employees of the city and university for money, the donations would be coming from people whose individual income is given by the library itself. For some, this is their only means of getting money. City and university employees aren't known for receiving extravagant salaries, and attempting to squeeze more out of their paychecks seems not only desperate, but mean. You'd think that the organization would have more respect from their employees than to attempt to glean more from their modest income.

Secondly, there's a disturbing element to an employing corporation asking its own employees to give it money. In case they haven't read the general rules of capitalism, the employer gives the employee money in exchange for labor. Whatever changes the employer decides to implement, costs are shouldered by the organization, not employees themselves.

I'm sure that if Microsoft asked its employees to donate toward building a new headquarters, it would get some press. Granted, Microsoft is a huge multi-billion dollar enterprise, and they need more money like students need more homework, but the principle is still the same.

Now I know that the amount the library is asking for from employees is relatively small compared to the total cost, but that leads me to my next point: that soliciting donations is less about money and more about library rah-rah.

If employees give money, the library can say, "See? Our employees support the project. Everyone loves the idea of a new library, including those who work for us."

The fact is, the people in charge need to justify all the money and time invested in a project that has arguable necessity.

This joint venture between the city and university could work marvelously, or it could go down in flames. It's all a toss-up at this point, and saying that employees gave to their library looks good, even if the employee contribution came from feelings of guilt rather than a whole-hearted support of the project.

Employees can give their money to whatever cause they please. But it's a breach of courtesy when the entity that gives employees the money is essentially asking for it back.

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SPOILED

You can also exercise your right not to vote

I'm not wearing an "I Voted" sticker this year. Chances are, the people who wore those stickers are in the minority — especially among college-aged people.

As Americans, we have the constitutional right to vote, which is a great thing to have. It also means we have the constitutional right not to vote.

But you should vote; it's being involved in government. It's picking the people who are going to represent you.

But lets face it, part of voting is picking who you want to be in office. But in regards to the governor's race, I don't want Gray Davis or Bill Simon in office. And we all know the Green Party guy isn't going to win. So what's the point?

Voting for the lesser of the two evils isn't what we should be looking for.

Davis, I'm sure, is a shady character. Remember the power crisis? What exactly did he do to fix or prevent it? Nobody knows? Not surprised.

And Simon, who publicly accused Davis of misconduct, backed out when he didn't have any evidence. Apparently law school didn't help him figure out that slander is the incumbent without hard evidence was a bad idea.

I can't vote for Simon because whenever I see him I see "idiot" plastered across his forehead.

And I'm probably not the only one who feels this way.

What we need are issues and candidates we can identify

with. (When I say "we" I mean young adults.)

I don't relate to Davis.

I think Simon is an idiot.

I hadn't heard of Peter Camejo, the Green Party candidate, until Tuesday.

Yet politicians, analysts and our parents wonder why we don't vote. This is why: We can't relate to them just as they can't relate to us.

But imagine if every student at San Jose State University voted for one candidate — that's nearly 30,000 votes.

With all those votes at stake, you'd think they'd try harder to woo us into the polling booths.

Imagine if Gray Davis had shown up at SJSU's Rock the Vote event and played with one of the bands for a little bit.

Maybe he'd seem a little more approachable.

What if he brought out the sax and sunglasses?

Oh wait, that was Clinton ... and the ploy worked.

Another problem is that a lot of the issues don't pertain to us.

Why would I care about Medicare? It won't affect me for

another 40 years.

But some issues transcend age boundaries.

I would vote if I lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

This year, the state's voters are going to decide whether they want "idiots" and "insane persons" to be able to vote.

The state Constitution actually says idiots and insane persons. The amendment would remove those words to "better reflect current understanding of mental health and remove archaic language," according to a Reuters story.

The kicker came from Kathleen MacRae, a resident, who said, "I'm for liberalizing all voting laws. Voting should be open and easy for everyone. And God knows there are already a lot of idiots voting."

Those idiots are probably electing idiots to lead them as well.

I would vote in a local Utah election to get rid of the mayor who charges residents \$25 to speak at Town Council meetings, according to an Associated Press article.

As far as I'm concerned, that's extortion and an obstruction of free speech. He also seems to use it to block out debate on certain topics.

If I lived in Florida, however, I'd never vote again. I'd be

too embarrassed.

What if I had hanging chads?

What if the vote counters saw my last name and threw out my ballot?

What if they changed my vote to favor George W. Bush?

The state recently botched it's September primary under Jeb Bush's careful direction.

Two botched elections; now that is sad.

It's also reason for losing faith in the system.

If people can't even vote right, how can they truly elect someone who represents them?

And we wonder why people don't vote.

We put up with pompous politicians who we don't trust, then have to choose one to lead.

We put up with hanging chads, bad counters and intimidation.

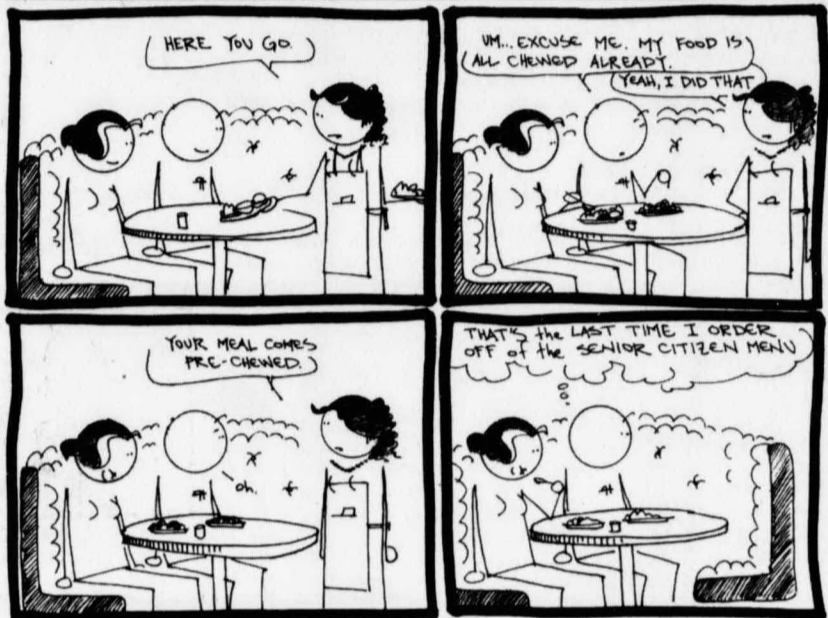
And what do we get for the honor of participating in our democratic system? Jury duty.



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ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | JONAH PTAK



Letters | Outside political parties

Dear Editor:

I am troubled by the fact that your newspaper chose to run a piece on Green Party candidate Peter Miguel Camejo on the day of the election. Clearly this gives the appearance that your periodical presents unbiased information to its audience, but in order for people to have any motivation to vote for a candidate they need to know who that person is before election day. One student quoted in your article remarked that Camejo's name didn't ring a bell, while another said she didn't see why anyone would vote for someone they

haven't heard of. I would like to propose a theory: perhaps most people never hear the names, let alone the ideas, of third-party candidates because of media bias. The media outlets, including even our own university newspaper, only cover the campaigns of the two major parties. The debates have been arranged in such a way as to prevent most third-party candidates from even getting into a public forum with their competitors. Who do you think set up the stringent requirements for entry into the debates? Surprises! It was a committee of Republicans and Democrats. Did you even know that

there are six candidates running for Governor, let alone the variety of candidates running for other positions? Why is it that the two major parties are so afraid of letting third-party candidates get any exposure? I don't think everyone should vote for Camejo, but it would be interesting to see how many people chose not to vote for Simon or Davis if every candidate was given equal exposure to the public.

Colin Caret junior, philosophy

A.S. Members on Measure V

Dear Editor:

The advertisement paid for by the Associated Students is not an accurate representation of Resolution 02/03-05, passed by the Association on Oct. 23, 2002.

The final resolution will be available for distribution at all A.S. department offices, beginning Nov. 5 as well as the A.S. House.

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Department of Nutrition and Food Science
Try the latest in body fat testing: Bioelectric Impedance. Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Central Classroom building, Room 221. For more information, contact Sherry at 206-7599.

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.

Alpha Phi Omega
Alpha Phi Omega is having a book drive all week at Clark Library, the MOSAIC Multicultural Center, the student life center, the peer health education office and the residence halls. For more information contact Phi Tran at 319-7646.

Counseling Services and the Student Health Center
Healthy Lifestyle Series: How to make friends with yourself. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Health Center, Room 208. For more information contact Jen Styles at 924-6118.

Black Student Union/African Awareness Committee
General meeting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. For more information contact Nika at 806-2799 or e-mail sanjosestsbu@yahoo.com.

Alpha Phi Omega
National Service Week: Martha's Kitchen. Begins at 3 p.m., meet at Joe West Hall. For more information contact Phi Tran at 319-7646.

Re-Entry And Commuter Help Program
REACH is having a brown bag lunch: Interpersonal effectiveness and healthy relationships. Featuring Amanda Fargo from Counseling Services. Runs from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information contact Jane Boyd at 924-5961.

Phi Alpha Theta
Phi Alpha Theta is having its weekly meeting from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in DMH 134. For more information contact Paul at 246-3062.

Career Center
The Career Center will be taking drop-in appointments from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Career Center, Building F. For more information contact the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

International Programs and Services
There will be a study abroad general information meeting at 4 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information contact Ali at 924-5931.

Student Life Center
Applications are still being accepted for Leadership Today: creating community in a diverse world. Student leaders are invited to sign up for this 4-day retreat at Asilomar Retreat Center in Monterey Bay. Retreat dates are Jan. 1-10, 2003. Deadline to apply has been extended to Friday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. applications are available

in the Student Life Center and the MOSAIC Multicultural Center. For more information contact Cori at 924-5963.

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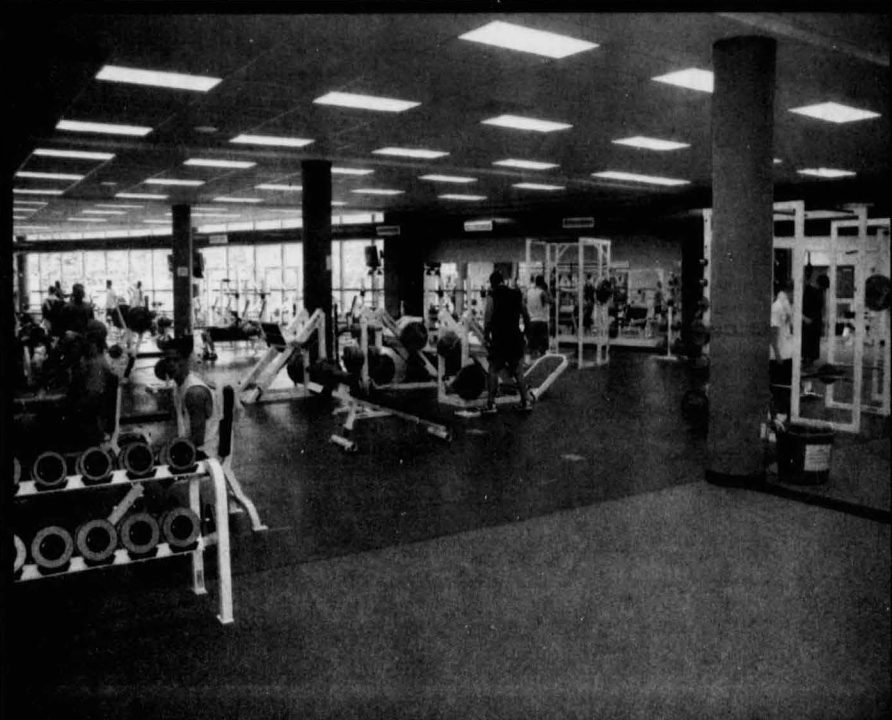


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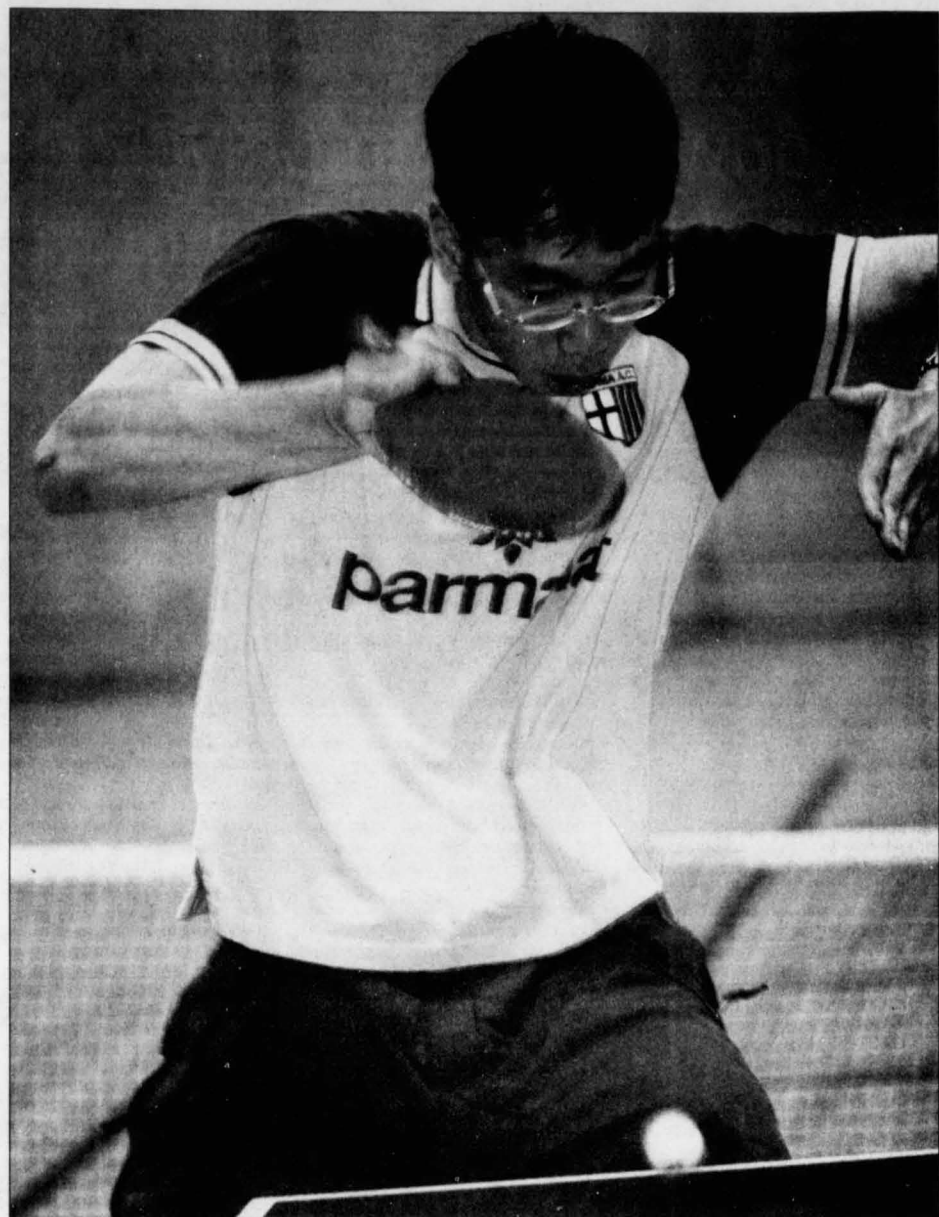
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Measure V



A little ping, a little pong



Raymond Yip, a sophomore majoring in computer science, plays a game of pingpong in a beginning table tennis class Monday afternoon.

DANIELLE GILLET/ DAILY STAFF

Slaying of lone cowboy mystifies little Oregon county

FOSSIL, Ore. (AP) — A lone cowboy headed no place in particular rides through the rugged canyons and hills of Wheeler County, miles from any road or town. A rifle shot shatters the mountain stillness, and hours later, his horse and dog show up back home. He doesn't.

Indian trackers find the body of 23-year-old James Phillip Brooks two days later.

That was in 1994. Law enforcement officials and the prosecutor in the tiny Eastern Oregon county are still casting about for a motive and some evidence to help them solve the county's first slaying since two men were killed in a mining dispute in the late 1930s.

"We were dead-stalled for seven years," said Tom Cutsforth, the district attorney in Oregon's least-populous county. "Now we have a whole new list of witnesses, witnesses we should have had seven years ago. We're going back to zero, to the day it happened. We're asking, 'What's the most likely scenario?'"

Initially, he said, the investigation concentrated on a logging crew in the area that heard the gunfire, but that turned out to be a dead end. One theory now is that the cowboy crossed paths with a poacher.

Cutsforth convened a grand jury this year and is calling some 90 witnesses. That is a lot in a county of only 1,500

people, though some come from elsewhere. The grand jury's term expires at the end of the year.

"I can't guarantee an indictment," Cutsforth said. "But we're going to chase it as far as we can chase it."

Unanswered is why someone would want to kill Brooks, a well-liked rodeo competitor.

"They may not understand this, but he was a cowboy," Cutsforth said. "He got in some fights with friends and not-so-close friends. He drank a little bit and he would stand his ground if he thought he was right or his pride was hurt. But most cowboys do."

"Bitter enemies? We identified a couple of potential ones, but they didn't pan out as suspects."

At the Shamrock Lounge, a smoky watering hole in this county seat of 430, bartender Pat Ignowski said there have been whispers of drugs, even though there is no landing strip within many miles of where the shooting took place.

"They talk about planes that used to fly over the area real low, with lights on that lit up the whole countryside," Ignowski said. "They talk about how maybe the kid saw something he shouldn't have."

Sheriff Dave Rouse said he is inclined to dismiss a drug connection: "They'd be hard-pressed to grow it up there."

Given the remoteness of the area —

Wheeler County has less than one person per square mile, and the shooting took place about 18 miles from Mitchell, a town of 170 — Brooks' encounter with his killer almost certainly was a random one, Cutsforth said.

The ranch where he worked leases out hunting rights, and Brooks was killed in the last week of bow-hunting season. Anybody hunting with a rifle that day would have been poaching.

"It could be that he saw someone with a rifle," Cutsforth said. "Part of his duties was to apprehend trespassers. He may have confronted somebody who decided it was easier to shoot him than to deal with it."

Cutsforth said loggers in the area heard a rifle shot. Some say they heard three. Brooks died of a single shot to the chest.

Over the past years, a reward of \$64,000 raised by area ranchers has gone unclaimed. In a county where the average age is well into the 50s, witnesses die and memories dim.

"Cases like this do not age well," the district attorney said. "They're not like fine wine."

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VOTING 2002

Nevada voters turn down legalized pot; Ohio voters defeat drug-reform measure

Florida approves measure to stop restaurant smoking

Associated Press

In twin setbacks for the drug-reform movement, Nevada voters refused Tuesday to make their state the first to legalize possession of marijuana, and voters in Ohio rejected a treatment-instead-of-jail proposal.

In Florida, voters approved a sweeping ban on smoking in restaurants and virtually all other workplaces. "It's going to save lives," said Martin Larsen, chairman of the Smoke-Free for Health campaign.

Smokers also were targeted in Arizona, where voters approved an increase in cigarette taxes from 58 cents to \$1.18 per pack.

In Tennessee, partial returns showed a proposed state lottery winning with roughly 60 percent support. Approval would leave Utah and Hawaii as the only states still without legalized gambling.

North Dakota voters also approved a lottery.

In all, there were 202 propositions on ballots in 40 states.

Defeat of the Ohio measure was a blow for a national alliance of drug reformers, including billionaire New York financier George Soros.

Voters approved treatment-instead-of-jail proposals in Arizona in 1996

and California two years ago, in each case covering non-violent first- and second-time offenders. But in Ohio, Gov. Robert Taft and most of the criminal justice establishment campaigned vigorously against the proposal, and it was soundly defeated.

The reform movement also helped get places on the ballot for the Nevada marijuana proposal and a similar measure that would decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana in Arizona. The federal drug czar, John Walters, came to both states to denounce the measures.

In South Dakota, voters heeded the urgings of politicians and judges, and defeated a proposal that would have allowed defendants to tell juries they could disregard a law if they don't like it.

In Massachusetts, voters agreed to eliminate bilingual education and replace it with a one-year English-immersion program. A similar question was on Colorado's ballot.

Under the proposals, students would be taught all classes in English, though a teacher could use a student's native language only to help explain a complex theory.

On the financial front, elected officials in Arkansas and Massachusetts warned of dire results if voters decided to eliminate major taxes.

The Arkansas measure would abolish the sales tax on food and medicine, costing state and local governments more than \$200 million in revenue.

The initiative in Massachusetts, pro-

posing repeal of the 5.3 percent state income tax, would dry up a \$9 billion funding source that represents 40 percent of the state budget. Herman B. Leonard, a professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, called it the state's most radical ballot initiative in 50 years, though the Legislature would have the option of defying it.

Taxes in Oregon would climb if voters there approve the nation's first comprehensive health care plan, which would give every citizen full medical insurance. The plan — opposed by the insurance and health care industries — would cost an estimated \$19 billion a year, to be financed by higher income taxes and a new payroll tax.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Jeb Bush cited budget concerns in opposing an initiative backed by many Democrats that would limit class size in public schools. Limits would range from 18 in the lowest grades to 25 in high school.

Only one statewide ballot measure dealt with gay rights — a measure approved by Nevada voters that reinforced the state's existing ban on gay marriage.

Among the many measures on local ballots, the proposed secession of the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood from Los Angeles drew particularly vigorous opposition from elected officials. Mayor James Hahn, hopeful of defeating the two measures, said he would seek a state law barring future secession attempts.

No charges in UNR drowning, district attorney's office says

RENO, Nev. (AP) — No criminal charges will be filed in the drowning death of a fraternity pledge in a lake on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, the Washoe County district attorney's office said on Tuesday.

Assistant District Attorney John Helzer said that while the death of Albert Santos was a tragedy, it did not involve hazing because the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity pledge class decided on its own to swim to a fountain in Manzanita Lake.

Helzer said his decision was based on an investigation by the university's police department and interviews of several witnesses, including eight other members of the pledge class who took part in the Oct. 10 swim with Santos, 18, of Las Vegas.

"When asked by law enforcement why they had decided to swim to the fountain, officers were told that it was a 'pride thing,'" Helzer wrote.

"When hazing, there are people setting standards people have to achieve in order to become a part of the fraternity," Helzer told The Associated Press.

"You had a pledge class who collectively set the standard."

He said the investigation supported the determination by the coroner's office that the drowning was accidental.

"In conclusion, while these facts reveal a tragedy took place, they do not support the criminal prosecution of individual students," Helzer said.

Any form of hazing is a misdemeanor in Nevada. It is a gross misde-

meanor if substantial bodily harm occurs.

Helzer said investigators determined that when the pledges decided to swim to the fountain, Santos told them he could not swim. His classmates asked if he could float and he said he could. They also told him he could practically walk in the shallow lake, which they estimated to be 3-4 feet deep. He was found in about 7 feet of water, some 30 feet from shore.

"They may not have realized the depth until they actually were committed in the lake," Helzer said. "A number of people urged them to get in, get wet and get out. A prior decision had been made as a class that they were going to swim."

Helzer's decision came one day after the university banned the fraternity indefinitely as a result of the drowning.

Rita Laden, UNR vice president for student life, said a review board of

three faculty members found the fraternity had violated school policy requiring it to protect student pledges.

"We have high standards for protecting our students and when those standards are not maintained, we must act accordingly," Laden said in a statement.

She said she did not know if it was the first time a formal ban had been put in place on the campus.

"It is a rare occurrence when a chapter's recognition is revoked," Laden told The Associated Press Monday.

She said the panel did not consider probation.

Pi Kappa Alpha has had a chapter at UNR since 1986, although it has no fraternity house.

The ban prohibits the fraternity from participating in any campus activities as a student organization. It also bars current fraternity members from joining any other Greek organization on campus.

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Financial aid over a brown bag affair

By Kristin Schwarz Daily Staff Writer

There's no such thing as a free lunch, but you can bag your own and attend a lecture on how to apply for and obtain scholarships and financial aid at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the MOSAIC Multicultural Center in the Student Union.

"Scholarship season begins in January," said Maureen Evans, a San Jose State University scholarship coordinator. She said she will be telling students how to get a jump on scholarship applications at the lecture, which is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, a service-oriented fraternity.

"Phi Tran, president of Alpha Phi Omega, said the brown bag lecture is part of a series of lectures to be presented over the semester as a service to students.

Tran said she was a recipient of scholarship monies in the past and she wanted students who don't think they qualify or don't know about certain scholarships to attend so they can have the same opportunities she has benefited from.

"This is just a way to give back to the students," she said. Evans said she would be talking about the application process, including the essay portion, the way the student presents himself or herself as an applicant and the requirements that must be met prior to the application process.

She said that although the number of scholarships offered is down from last year because of a downward-spiraling state economy, some donors still have extra dollars they can offer to students who meet their requirements. Students like Michael Glover, a junior finance major, said the require-

ments can be a deterrent to searching out scholarship money and going through all the hassles of letter writing and getting the recommendations needed for some applications.

"Sometimes it is not realistic for the average guy to get a scholarship," Glover said.

Evans said service and leadership-oriented scholarships will also be discussed at Thursday's lecture.

"A lot of people who do community service are humble," she said.

Evans said she wanted to attract people who did community service and leadership activities because they rarely seek out help, especially where their own scholastic finances are concerned.

One student who has received scholarship money is Brian Forst, a junior majoring in digital media. "I am getting some money now, but I found scholarship money online," he said.

"I think the school should show people where to go and what to do about getting scholarship money," he said. "The money is out there. It just seems that some people know how to get it and others don't."

Evans said scholarships up for grabs include the Helen Newhall Purdee scholarship, which is available to all California State University students and awards \$2,000 to one student each year.

Another is the Baron Student Leadership scholarship, which awards \$5,000 each year.

Some of the scholarships set to be discussed are only available to SJSU students.

Evans said one is provided by the Associated Students for \$1,500 per year, but all scholarships can be applied for through an online application, which should be available from Jan. 5 through March 2 at <http://scholarships.sjsu.edu/index.html>.

ELECTIONS | Major issues drew voters' interest

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Republican Rep. Shelley Moore Capito won a second term in West Virginia, defeating Democratic challenger Jim Humphreys, a wealthy lawyer, in what was the most expensive congressional race in the country, with \$9 million raised and spent.

Republicans won three of four races that featured incumbents running against other incumbents — the result of a redistricting to reflect population changes.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., defeated Rep. Jim Maloney, D-Conn., and Rep. Charles Pickering, R-Miss., defeated Rep. Ronnie Shows, D-Miss. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., defeated Rep. David Phelps, D-Ill., in a downstate district. But a Republican incumbent was trailing the Democratic incumbent in a see-saw vote count in the other such race in Pennsylvania.

In another closely followed race, GOP businessman Chris Chocola won an open northern Indiana House seat that had been Democratic. In a Gulf Coast Florida race, Democratic Rep. Karen Thurman was ousted by Republican Ginny Brown-Waite.

However, Democrats took formerly Republican seats in Tennessee and Maryland. In a Tennessee House seat vacated by Republican Van Hilleary to run for governor, Democratic State

Sen. Lincoln Davis defeated Janice Bowling.

In the Maryland suburbs of Washington, eight-term moderate Republican Rep. Constance Morella lost to State Sen. Chris Van Hollen in the nation's second most expensive race with \$7 million in spending. In Baltimore, Democrat Dutch Ruppersberger defeated former GOP Rep. Helen Bentley for a vacant Republican seat.

On New York's Long Island, Republican incumbent Felix Grucci was on the verge of defeat.

Republicans won two out of three races for new seats in Georgia. In a hard-fought battle for a new seat in eastern Georgia, Republican Max Burns, a college professor, defeated Democrat Charles "Champ" Walker. In two other new Georgia seats, a Democrat had a narrow lead in one and a Republican won the other.

Democrats became less and less optimistic of making gains as the evening wore on and it even appeared likely that Republicans would gain a few seats. "Everyone here is accepting the fact that the House will stay Republican," said Robert Weiner, a former Clinton administration official who spoke with reporters at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Meanwhile, in a victory that was not a surprise, Katherine Harris, former Florida secretary of state

and a GOP heroine for her role in the 2000 presidential election, coasted to election for a House seat in Florida representing the Sarasota area. President Bush called Harris and Northup to congratulate them and other winning Republicans.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., coasted to easy reelection.

Republicans were counting on Bush's popularity to help them keep the House, and he campaigned hard for House candidates in the closing days. Democrats had hoped history would repeat itself and inflict midterm losses on the president's party.

While the president's party traditionally loses seats in mid-term elections, Democrats had to buck another national trend after picking up seats in three previous congressional elections — in 1996, 1998 and 2000. No party has gained seats in four successive elections since the 1930s.

The closely fought battle for control came down to just a dozen or so extremely competitive races. Democrats needed a net gain of seven seats to wrest majority control from the Republicans — a large order, even the most optimistic Democrats acknowledged.

Short of recapturing the chamber, a Democratic pickup or loss of several

seats would have little effect on legislation.

One reason for the lack of expected changes: Most incumbents of both parties were protected when House districts were redrawn to reflect population changes reported in the 2000 Census.

Competing for voters' attention was a potential war with Iraq, terrorism fears and homeland security, corporate accounting scandals, a plunge in consumer confidence and an erratic stock market in which most Americans' retirement accounts have lost ground.

But none of these issues became a unifying national theme. Democrats were reluctant to take on the president on national security issues and sought to focus attention on domestic issues. Bush's popularity, which soared after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, still hovered in the low-to-mid 60s on Election Day.

REPUBLICANS TAKE SENATE

By winning their 50th seat with a victory in Missouri, the GOP was ensured control of the chamber next year because Vice President Dick Cheney will cast tie-breaking votes.

The triumph came on a night that began with Democrats clinging to a one-seat margin, and it meant they will have to relinquish the majority they have held since Vermont Sen. James Jeffords abandoned the GOP in June 2001.

With at least 47 senators, Democrats will still be able to use filibusters — procedural delays — to kill Republican initiatives because such roadblocks need only 41 votes to succeed.

Even so, the GOP's capture of the Senate seemed likely to deny Democrats of their major remaining source of power. Republicans already control the White House and they recaptured their House majority Wednesday.

Close race for California's top office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis led Republican businessman Bill Simon with about half the precincts reporting Tuesday as the Democratic governor tried to overcome two years of budget problems and a statewide energy crisis.

Davis held a 47 to 43 percent advantage with 51 percent of precincts reporting in a race that reflected voters' disappointment with both candidates.

"I really didn't like either one," said Margaret Cazric of Los

Angeles, who voted for Simon because of the governor's mishandling of the power crisis. "Davis hasn't shown he's worth it."

Michael Stolz, a San Diego salesman, voted for Davis "kind of by default."

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ONLINE | Enables some to take 'responsibility for their own learning'

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"Online does not necessarily mean that it's totally online. Sometimes professors meet their students five or six times during a semester."

"A majority of our courses are not only online courses. They also use online resources," Gin added.

Don Reed, a geology professor who teaches two sections of general oceanography online, said he always makes it clear to his students at the beginning of class that the three physical meetings on campus are required.

"One of the reasons why students take these classes is that they fit into their schedule," said Reed, who has been teaching classes online for four years.

He added that he has students from Arizona to Hawaii attending his online courses, and they fly in for the actual meetings.

The cost of these online courses for the institution, faculty and staff members and students varies as well.

Last month's Distant Education Report magazine estimated that the preliminary startup cost for e-learning could be expensive, but the overall return for investment for online courses may be more than the cost of a physical class. The article also stated that this is no indication of the quality of the education that the students will receive.

An article in the Nov. issue of Syllabus magazine however, stressed that the revenue of online classes depends on how an institution approaches its target market and the amount of funds retained after the revenue has been distributed across the university. The question that remained here would be if the remaining revenue could cover the overhead expenses of online courses.

Gin, the academic coordinator for eCampus, said that when considering the issues of costs, online courses might solve certain transportation and space availability problems for students and the university.

"Since SJSU is in a landlock, we cannot grow outside of the perimeters of the university. Online classes can free up some room that could be used for another class," he said.

"The (saving) is to the students as well," he added. "A student doesn't have to get in the car, drive and hunt for parking, and then park and then run to class. They should be in an environment that is conducive to their learning."

Faculty and staff members may have a different view, however, about the

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eCampus academic coordinator**

cost effectiveness of online courses. One of the issues in their teaching and supporting an online course can be the amount of work and compensation they get for the extra time spent in preparing for such courses.

Steve Sloan, a technical staff member in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts who has taught an online class before, said organizing an online class is not as easy as it seems.

"There is more preparation involved. The delivery of content is a lot of work; you have to make sure that it makes sense to the student," he said.

Henriette Langdon, a communicative disorders and sciences associate professor who teaches speech and language for the normal and exceptional individuals online, agreed with Sloan.

"This is a time-consuming endeavor. I think more units should be assigned to instructors who teach online," she said.

Langdon said she teaches a courses online as a personal challenge to herself.

Reed, the oceanography professor, said he also thinks online courses require more time to prepare.

"It is time consuming, but you can work at your own schedule and convenience," he said.

Reed said planning ahead can spread the workload out, and the courses can be managed more efficiently.

He added that getting ready and cleaning up after on ground classes can take up more class time, because they require things such as notes, making copies, and checking out overhead projects.

Gin, the academic coordinator for eCampus, said instructors are compensated initially because the first course always takes up more time.

"A \$1,500 stipend goes to faculty for

their first semester (of) teaching," he said.

Patricia Hill, a history professor who is also the president of the SJSU chapter of the California Faculty Association, said she is concerned about the faculty member's intellectual property rights.

"After a course and course materials are developed, who owns it? I hold the copyright and receive royalties when people purchase my book," she said.

"Would I own the online course and any course materials that I develop or would the university consider the course its property?"

Kemp, the eCampus academic coordinator, said the policy on this is clear, and is identical to the university.

"The curriculum committee will determine the concept of the course, and the requirements as stated in the school catalog," he said. "The content of the course, such as exams, notes, etc., belong to the faculty. It doesn't mean they lose ownership."

Another concern that confronts both faculty and students would be academic honesty.

Art student Nikki Fuller said she had seen an ex-boyfriend cheat during a test for an online course.

"Online classes allow students to cheat on tests, and this would not have happened in a classroom with a real professor watching over the class," she said.

Kemp however, said that there is not way to stop cheating regardless of teaching methods. He went on to say that cheating can also occur in an on ground environment, where students carry their cell phones to bathrooms and call their friends for help during an exam.

"Instructors would have to structure their assessment of learning better," he

said. After considering the logistical issues of online learning, the question remains whether the advantages of online courses equal or surpass that of an on ground class.

Cross, the political science professor, said online courses offer students an international education component to a class.

"My online War and Peace classes give students here a chance to have joint discussions with students in the Russian Federation," she said.

Stephanie Huber, said she has taken three online classes since last year and liked them.

"Being a full-time student, working 30 hours a week and having a family, online classes allow me to take the required units I need and be on campus the least amount of time possible," she said.

On the other hand, Sloan, the technical staff member, said he believes that technology does not substitute the university experience.

"Technology should be an added value to education, not replacing it. Education should be a sensual experience," he said.

James Lindahl, a humanities and philosophy professor who teaches science, technology and human values classes, said he thinks that education is not about absorbing information, but socializing, knowledge, wisdom and judgment.

"It's like watching PBS videos and calling that education. We might as well just watch videos instead of attending lectures," he said. "It's not like having a real conversation with a real human being, to feel like a human being rather than a functional part of society."

Assistant professor Brian Belet agreed with Lindahl. He said he is not resisting technology because he teaches computer music, but he thinks that online classes do not offer any physical feedback.

"When I talk to a student, I want to hear what a student is saying, not reading what he or she is saying," he said. "The inflection and body language is important for me."

Spanish major Jaime Margason said she never considered online classes as an option for two reasons.

"I am concerned about resources such as computer equipment and the cost of getting connected," she said. "I also like interacting with my professors."

Margason added that she cannot interact via a computer, and said she doesn't think that virtual communities would work well for her.

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"If there is extra-terrestrial intelligence, and God is not a part of it, then that would shatter reality as we know it," he said.

Wiebe added that since God is supposedly an omnipotent being, and if something is outside His sphere of creation, it undermines His capacity to exist.

"That would challenge the notion of God," he said.

When asked what he would get out of the forum if he attends it, he answered "mass confusion and more questions."

D'Arpino, who conceived the idea for the forum, said there is a source "out there" that knows we exist.

"I think if we take our time and think it through, there is a way to prove it," he said.

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