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## No more remedial education after 2007

By Terri Thorp  
Staff Writer

The California State University Board of Trustees has set a target date, 2007, when all CSU campuses will no longer provide remedial classes to their students.

According to Ken Swisher, vice president of academic affairs at the chancellor's office, the CSU Board of Trustees is not responsible for providing remedial education.

"It is a waste of money to spend millions to teach material students should know before being enrolled in the CSU system," Swisher said.

All 23 CSU campuses now require freshmen to take the English placement test and the entry level mathematics test after admission and prior to enrolling in the CSU system. Students may be exempt because of scores earned on other tests such as the SAT and

ACT, two aptitude tests given to high school seniors.

Prior to this fall, freshmen were allowed to take both the English placement and entry level mathematics tests sometime during their first two semesters, with some waiting as long as their third.

Transfer students are exempt from taking the English placement test upon transfer of a community college course that satisfies the English composition requirement with a grade of C or better. Transfer students would also be exempt from the entry level mathematics test upon completion of a course in quantitative reasoning with a grade of C or better from their community college.

According to Swisher, students who scored low on either the English placement test or the entry level mathematics test must complete assigned remedial classes — classes that do not qualify toward a bachelor's

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## Mirror, mirror, on the wall



Rosalinda Garza/ Spartan Daily

Junior Sarah Jenkins prepares to apply the finishing touches to her face during a class on makeup for stage, film and television. Jenkins, a theater arts major, was practicing using various brushes,

color pallets and pencils to recreate her look as Marilyn Monroe. She will portray the late film star in the upcoming theater production "Die, Die, Diana," opening Oct. 23 at San Jose State University.

## Federal Reserve lowers interest rate; Wall Street not satisfied

By Lisa Marie F. Arellano  
Staff Writer

For the first time in nearly three years, the Federal Reserve Board cut short-term interest rates in an effort to minimize the effects of a spreading global crisis on the U.S. economy.

Tuesday's cut brought down short-term interest rates a quarter of a point from 5.5 percent to 5.25 percent.

"By making it easier to borrow money, interest rate cuts prop up the economy and make the U.S. more attractive to investors," said George Bettisworth, vice president and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley-Dean Witter in San Jose.

"At a lower rate, money that might be invested overseas will be kept here."

Bruce Cochran, a finance professor at San Jose State University, said Tuesday's cut is a sign that economic policy makers are taking the threat of a slowdown in the American economy seriously.

"There's a huge economic slowdown elsewhere in the world and the U.S. has been — so far — pretty much insulated from it," Cochran said. "The reserve board is trying to prevent the crises in Asia, Latin America and Russia from affecting our economy."

Earlier this month, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned that the United States was

unlikely to remain an "oasis of prosperity" in the face of a currency crisis that began in Asia, then spread to Russia in August and is now threatening Latin American countries.

Technically, the interest rate cut will slightly lower borrowing costs on everything from auto loans to home equity lines of credit if commercial banks, as expected, follow suit in coming days by lowering their benchmark prime lending rates.

The benchmark prime lending rate is the rate at which banks charge their best customers with no collateral, a form of security given as a pledge for the

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## King, queen nominations due today

By Cecilia Afzelius-Alm  
Staff Writer

Five o'clock today is the deadline for people wanting to turn in an application for the 1998 homecoming king and queen nomination.

According to last year's nominated king and queen, the San Jose State University homecoming king and queen awards are high achievement nominations for students who excel academically and are involved in campus or community activities.

Only student organizations recognized by the Student Life Center can nominate a student for the award.

Alfonso De Alba, executive director of the Associated Students, said the A.S. is coordinating with the alumni association, which selects the committee that will interview and vote on the nominees.

Finalists and winners will be announced at halftime during the football homecoming game against Rice University, which starts at 6

p.m. on Oct. 10. All finalists must also attend a rally on Oct. 9.

"Last year there were eight members of the committee," De Alba said. "They will select the winners, write it down and seal the envelope. (The

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— Jeffrey Batuhan  
1997 homecoming king

names) won't be official until homecoming."

Last year's homecoming king, Jeffrey Batuhan, now interning at

SJSU President Robert Caret's office, said the winner has to take on a project for a year.

"The winners become spokespeople for issues dealt with by the university," he said.

Batuhan himself went to two local elementary schools and talked about the importance of education.

"The younger the kids are when they understand that a college degree is necessary, the better," he said. "I went to fourth- and fifth graders."

The homecoming queen of 1997, Aimee Francioni, said that her most important project was to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

"I trained for six months and collected \$2,100 on my own," she said.

However, most students on campus have never heard of the homecoming king and queen nominations.

Greg Kelly, double major in economics and environmental studies, said that he could have sent in an

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## Frustration level high in parking conflict between Event Center, students



Chris Prevolos/ Spartan Daily

San Jose State University traffic and parking attendant Manuel Villegas turns cars away after the Seventh Street Parking Garage was filled to capacity on Tuesday morning. This scene is a common sight for students searching for parking spaces.

By Julia B. Wright  
Staff Writer

As a result of past problems with traffic congestion and parking during special events, a parking consultant was hired by the Student Union Event Center.

Event parking specialist Nick Carter, hired in June, has previously coordinated parking for the San Jose Ice Arena and the Oakland Coliseum.

"Nick will be working with event coordinators, University Police Department and Traffic and Parking Operations to come up with ideas to accommodate parking for both students and guests during events," said Robbie Sandoval, event coordinator for the Student Union Event Center.

One of the conflicts with special event parking is the \$81 special parking permits purchased

by students living in the residence halls. The resident S-permit restricts students to parking only in the Seventh Street Garage.

"When an event attracts crowds of 300 to 1,000 people to campus, the residents must compete with guests for parking spots," Sandoval said.

As a result, sophomore Jeff Tsai, a resident of Royce Hall, said he was turned away on three separate days in the last year by parking attendants of Seventh Street Garage. On the first occasion in February, Tsai said he came back from the grocery store at about 6 p.m. and was told to park elsewhere by a parking attendant because the garage was full of concert-goers.

Tsai said he explained to the attendant he lived in the residence halls and was not permitted to park in any other garage, but was still refused parking. On the fourth attempt to get into the

garage, Tsai said the parking attendant let him in to look for a parking spot.

Tsai said he waited for almost an hour for a spot to become available.

"They let all the special guests take over the Seventh Street Garage, which is supposed to be for student residents," Tsai said. "It's unfair because we pay money to live here and park here, and we don't have any where else to park."

After being turned away and told to park in the Fourth Street Garage twice more this year, Tsai filed a written complaint with Traffic and Parking. "I really don't like residents being treated this way. (Parking enforcement) should make the guests park far away and walk to the Event Center," Tsai said.

According to Yolonda Castro, citation enforcement coordinator for Traffic and Parking Operations, the parking atten-

dants leave a buffer zone of open parking spaces so S-permit students can still park after the garage is closed.

"Our staff is trained to recognize S-permits and rarely turns students away," Castro said. "When we do send drivers away, it's because the lot is completely full."

Castro said when residents are told to park in another

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Graphic by James S. Gonsalus

# COUNTERPOINT POINT

Doctor-assisted suicide has now gained a foothold in America with the passage of legislation in Oregon. Do terminally ill patients have a right to die?

## Doctor-assisted suicide allows terminally ill people access to dignified death



Margaret Bethel

Doctor-assisted suicide has to become a viable option for the terminally ill.

Anyone opposed to putting a merciful end to pain and suffering is opposing basic human rights in the process. Personal freedoms of choice cannot be dictated by others, whether in our churches or our legislature.

Most adversaries to assisted suicide claim life is a gift from God, and therefore only God can take it.

However, they don't call cancer a gift.

They don't call the complete loss of dignity and capabilities a gift.

They don't call the relentless pain and suffering that can accompany dying a gift.

They do, however, say that to end a life before the Creator is intrinsically evil.

The evil is in forcing families to do nothing as they watch the person they love succumb to a terminal disease.

When the U.S. Supreme Court had the chance last year to declare assisted suicide for the terminally ill constitutional, they left it to the individual states instead. They found that while no American had a constitutional right to assisted suicide, there was nothing unconstitutional about a state passing a law that would allow it.

With that ruling, Oregon's Death With Dignity law, which had survived a court injunction and was twice approved by voters, could be legally implemented.

Unfortunately, the compassion in this law is being overshadowed by the scare tactics of its opponents. Many anti-choice, religious based organizations are calling it doctor assisted murder and implying that people with less than perfect health or capabilities will be targeted for execution.

James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, a Christian organization, was among those to trivialize the law's intent.

"For the moment, if you are elderly and ill, Oregon is the last place you should want to be," he said in an end-of-the-year review.

Such a suggestion is ludicrous and demeaning to the serious nature of the law, as well as to the dying who might be considering it as an option.

A person seeking doctor-assisted suicide has no control over getting a terminal disease. Nobody else should have control over their right to determine how long they're going to endure it.

It is not as a voter or as a Catholic parishioner that I support doctor assisted suicide. It is as a daughter.

A daughter who, when her father was diagnosed with cancer, prayed that it would not kill him.

And then, after several agonizing months of watching cancer deteriorate the man who was always going to protect her, a daughter that begged God for an end to his suffering.

My dad's quality of life was reduced to the standards he feared, and no amount of morphine could reduce the excruciating pain that prevented him from even moving.

I don't know if he would have opted for doctor assisted suicide. However, the respect of his rights as a human being that legal doctor assisted suicide symbolizes would have secured his dignity.

Margaret Bethel is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.



Illustration by Cindy Wong

## Institutionalizing suicide wrong; doctors are trained to save lives, not end them



Shane Lewis

Let's turn suicide into a million-dollar business. All that has to be done is to just legalize doctor-assisted suicides for terminally ill patients like the state of Oregon has done recently, and that will become a reality.

Just think, as easily as you can order a Big Mac, you can get a doctor to kill you or your loved ones. How many patients will the medical community proudly boast that they have served?

So much for the Hippocratic Oath that doctors follow, which tells them to bring no harm to a patient. Dr. Kevorkian obviously was absent the day they taught this oath in his class. Society does not need a bunch of Dr. Kevorkians.

Doctors are paid to save lives, not to end them. Already, HMOs are forcing doctors to cut costs by denying important tests and operations to their patients that could save their lives. Therefore, it is not a stretch that HMOs could convince doctors to cut costs by eliminating hopeless patients. Relatives who want an early inheritance might get a doctor to put their ailing great-grandmother out of her misery. After all, there is no reason to wait the extra six months if they are going to die anyway. Hospitals can convince shocked and bereaved relatives to allow them to end the "suffering" of a patient so that they do not have to foot the cost of taking care of them.

At first glance, legalizing doctor assisted suicides might appear to be about ending the suffering of patients, but money is a major part of this issue. No one will come out and say so, but the Grim Reaper has a financial stake in all of this.

The suffering of terminally ill patients is not to be denied or understated. There is no way for those of us who are healthy to imagine the pain they are going through. To live day by day in this state is unimaginable to most of us and would take an amount of courage that is inconceivable.

Personally, I would not want to deny these people the right to end a pain that is doubtless horrifying and dehumanizing but to institutionalize suicide would be wrong. As a society, it would be wrong to make suicide an acceptable aspect of the medical profession.

There is no guarantee this would stop with just terminally ill patients. Will those who are paralyzed, disfigured, incurably insane, maimed or have cancer also be able to submit applications?

Somebody will have to decide who is worthy enough to die. Pain will become something that has to be measured and not everyone views pain in the same way. What is an acceptable circumstance for one person will not be the same for another person.

Each individual person has a different standard on when a person should be allowed to kill themselves. For some, suicide is never the answer and for others it is the E ticket to a ride on the Hale-Bopp comet to enlightenment. So, which of the above gets to decide?

The truth is that giving human beings the legal power over death is not the answer. With such an issue there may never be an answer, and perhaps that is the way it should be.

Shane Lewis is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

## Talking Heads

Would you help someone you loved who was terminally ill commit suicide if they asked you to?



"Yes, I would so I wouldn't have to see someone I love suffer. I would support their decision, and would help in any way I can."

Ilya Ronin  
graduate student  
computer science



"Yes, I would rather have them die with dignity than suffer."

Paris Raupach  
senior  
computer and art



"No, because I wouldn't want that on my conscience — if there was a possibility later that they might survive. It's a hard decision and I'm a religious person."

Beverly White  
senior  
health science



"No, I wouldn't because I'm too selfish. It's not in me to help someone commit suicide."

Karina Ofrecio  
junior  
psychology



"Yes, I would help them. I believe in the fundamental right to take their own life if they are dying."

Steve Goldstein  
senior  
occupational therapy



"It's a complicated issue. As a friend I would want to help a family member or friend, but legally I wouldn't want to do it because in California it's illegal. If it was legal, I would do it."

Danny Lean  
junior  
computer engineering

Compiled by Terri Thorp and photos by Kevin Sullivan

## Grandparents are as freaky as they wanna' be

My grandpa and grandma do the freaky-nasty more than I know or would like to know.

According to a sex poll done by Roper Starch Worldwide, a national polling firm, half of the people over 60 say they engage in sexual activity with or without a partner at least once a month.

Um ... with or without a partner? Am I reading this right?

Does this mean grandparents all over the world have Mr./Mrs. Hand visits Mr./Mrs. Happy at least once a month?

Does this mean my grandparents have the same sexual impulses I have? So, when I walk around campus, see a good-looking woman and get that special feeling in my loins, my gramps gets the exact same feeling?

This is truly an enlightening experience to know that my elders are people too.

I wish I would have known that fact a lot sooner. My relationship with my grandparents would have been a lot better.

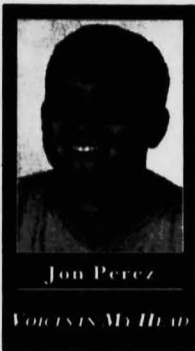
When I envision grandparents, I admit, I am like a lot of people. I see them as people who take a great interest in my life and are always ready to offer good advice, and more importantly, serve me great food, such as my grandmothers' Puerto Rican pates and homemade Japanese sushi.

I have never pictured them wearing kinky clothes, listening to "Let's Get it On," by Marvin Gaye and smoking a cigarette after doing the orgasmic bugaloo.

The next time I visit my grandparents, I will have a new respect for them.

I will also treat them differently.

I'll bring over beer for gramps, sit with him on the front porch and say, "So gramps, which con-



Jon Perez  
Columns in M.D. II

doms do you prefer, ribbed or assorted colors?"

Gramps will take a swig of beer, fix his crotch and say, "Well boy, if you really want to know, I never use 'em."

Hell, I might even invite gramps over for Football Sunday or to my favorite strip joint.

As for my grandmothers, I can't do it. They have always been the vision of angels on Earth and maternal love. Knowing they are involved in anything sexual is way above my high level of intellect. I guess if they keep on feeding me food, I can live with them being sexually active.

I guess I could relate with them by showing them my Victoria's Secret catalogs and Sports Illustrated swimsuit issues.

And maybe I could ask them for advice. "So um ... grams. Do chocolate and bon-bons really increase libido in women? What kind of aspirin gets rid of those headaches that all of you have almost every night?"

Whatever the answer is, this survey has given me a deep sense of pride. I can now brag to my colleagues, "Hey, you know my grandparents? They still know how to get it on."

No really, I'm not joking. With all of the extra time they have on their hands since their retirement, it is nice to know that a couple of hours — or minutes, depending on the skill level — are spent during the day ... well, you know.

It's nice knowing I have something to look forward to in my golden years.

I'll be listening to Marvin Gaye for a long time.

Jon Perez is the Spartan Daily managing editor. His column appears every Wednesday.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Parking situation at SJSU disgusts commuters

I'm disgusted. Not only because I find myself, like many other San Jose State University commuters, circling the parking garages forever in search of the ever-elusive parking space, but disgusted that SJSU is even considering using our valuable 10th Street parking facility as an oversized bookend for accruing joint library materials. Are SJSU administrators unaware of the horrific parking conditions we must face each day?

Come on now, students know

the story much too well. You arrive to school 30 minutes in advance of your morning class only to be greeted by a line of sluggish cars inching their way into the shadowy garage like a line of angry ants. For every BMW or beat-up Volkswagen you see streaming ahead of you, you grow more and more fearful that they will be securing the last remaining parking spot — and you, the hapless student with a midterm in biology, will be left circling while fellow classmates begin their exam.

I see you're nodding yes in commiseration.

SJSU needs more parking, and more access. Issuing \$81 parking permits and expecting the students to fight it out in the lots is unreasonable. What are some of the options available? Perhaps yet another garage, or maybe leveling a few fraternity houses. Solutions are needed. Someone needs to wake up.

Brian Bray  
sociology

## Notions of Lungren based on fallacy, not fact

While Margaret Bethel's Sept. 25 column on the California Governor's race may have been at a stretch amusing, it lacked one thing: fact.

Unfortunately, the line between fact and fallacy is not as thin as Bethel might hope. While she may prefer to resort to name-calling, by making statements like, "Since apparently more Republicans than normal people vote," it seems that most voters prefer facts.

Here are the facts: Dan Lungren is a strong supporter of education. He also supports higher education such as San Jose State University and the junior college system.

Yes, in a state where greater than one out of every two marriages ends in divorce, his marriage is extraordinary. However, his campaign ads do not "brag" about that, as Bethel incorrectly claims. They simply point out the fact that Mrs. Lungren is herself a product of the California junior college system.

As attorney general for California, Lungren not only was a leading figure in subduing a crime rate which had been steadily on the rise for many years, but he also can claim responsibility for helping return crime rates to their lowest levels since the 1960's.

Contrary to Bethel's assertions, Lungren does not hate Mexico, nor does he hate Mexicans. Rather, it was Gray Davis who chose to ignore official meetings with Mexican representatives, in favor of meetings with personal financial consultants in New York.

So, in November, we can choose to vote based on inflammatory statements and fallacy, or we can vote based on facts.

Examine the facts and you too will vote for Dan Lungren.

James A. Coberly  
political science

## Sparta Guide

### Today

**Alternative/Pop Band "Recruits"**  
Free concert at 12 p.m. in Amphitheater.

**Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club**

Film showing: "Dirty Secrets": Jennifer, Everado, and the CIA in Guatemala at 3:30 p.m. in Washington Square Hall Room 04. For more information, call Jonathan Karpf at 924-5721.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**

Daily mass form 12:10 - 12:35 p.m. and Women's series- Theresa of Liseux from 7 - 9 p.m. and faith series- The Death Penalty from 5 - 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets, across from the residence halls. For more information, call Ginny or Father Bob at 938-1610.

**Career Center**

Resume critique from 12:30 - 3 p.m. in Building Q, and interview preparation for teachers from 3:30 - 6 p.m. in the Student Union's Umunhum Room. For more information, call 924-6033.

**School of Art and Design**

Student galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call Scott and Jenny at 924-4330.

**Nutrition and Food Science Club**

Entertainment Discount Books. Save up to 50 percent on dining, movies, sporting events and more for sale from now until December in the Nutrition and Food Science Club box located in Central Classroom Building Room 200. For more information, call Melanie at 997-2860.

**Episcopal Canterbury Community**

Free dinner and discussion from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets, across from the residence halls. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Katherine at 275-1346.

**SJSU Ballroom Dance Club**

Advanced beginning and Intermediate cha-cha from 7 - 9 p.m. in Spartan Complex East Room 89. For more information, call Carmen at 924-SPIN.

**Library Donations and Sales**

### Unit

Ongoing book sale from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Clark Library Lobby and in Wahlquist Library North Room 408. For more information, call Acquisition at 924-2705.

**Asian American Christian Fellowship**

Speaker: Pastor Richard Chung at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Eli at (510) 770-1903.

**SJSU Women's Rugby Club**

Practice from 6:30 p.m. - sunset at Winter Field Track on 10th Street. All interested athletes are encouraged to join. For more information, call Hilda at 924-8799.

**Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society**

Impeachment debate at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call 924-5550.

### Thursday

**School of Art and Design**

Student galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call Scott and Jenny at 924-4330.

**SJSU Study in England Program**

Informational meeting from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Faculty Office Building Room 104. For more information, call Dr. Peter Haas at 924-5574.

**Student Democratic Committee**

Campaign kick-off to end 16 years of Republican governors. Speaker, music and voter registration drive at 12 p.m. in the Amphitheater. For more information, call Ignacio Hernandez at 924-5563.

**Career Center**

Recruiting services workshop at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call 924-6033.

**Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance**

Gay, lesbian partners and children at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Juan Ramos at 456-5058.

**Department of Occupational Therapy**

Advising for O.T. program applicants at 5 p.m. in Central Classroom

Building Room 210. For more information, call Amy Killingsworth at 924-3073.

**Nutrition and Food Science Department**

Measure your percent body fat using bio-electrical impedance. In the Central Classrooms Building Room 103 form 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The cost is \$5 for students, faculty and staff and \$10 for all others. For more information, call Jill Christensen at 924-3110.

**The Listening Hour**

Opera San Jose will be performing excerpts from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliette" and Thomas Webb's "Piano" from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building's Concert Hall. For more information, call 924-4631.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**

Bible study from 7 - 9 p.m. Chapters 9 and 10 of Luke and Daily Mass from 12:10 - 12:35 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets, across from the residence halls. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

**International Relations Association**

Amnesty International guest speaker at 3 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Karim at 379-4950.

### Friday

**Chinese Campus Fellowship**

Fun of the day (picnic) from 2:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. place to be announced, please call Esther Mar at 298-4693.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**

Daily Mass from 12:10 - 12:35 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets, across from the residence halls. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

### Saturday

**Asian Student Union**

College night from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. at Club 383 located at 383 Bay Street in San Francisco. For more information, call Jimmy at (415) 245-8610.

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Jason Kidd  
NBA guard

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# Types of injuries vary among sports

By Julia B. Wright  
Staff Writer

In a split second, starting defender Nikki Beckwith's season ended for the women's soccer team.

As Beckwith went after the ball in the second game of the season, her cleat got stuck in the grass as she was moving forward, causing a tear to the main ligament in her knee.

"I had high expectations for a good last season," the 22-year old Beckwith said. "This was a huge disappointment because I was very confident and in great physical condition."

A study of practice-related injury trends for the 1998 season by the NCAA reported that upper leg, knee and ankle injuries accounted for 51 percent of all reported injuries. In women's soccer, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) knee injuries occurred at twice the rate of men's soccer — consistent with previous studies.

Beckwith's injury, according to women's soccer head coach Philippe Blin, was a surprise because of the strength in her upper leg muscles due to consistent weight-training.

According to Charlie Miller, San Jose State University's head trainer, an athlete can limit the likelihood of an injury through proper strengthening and conditioning, but cannot really prevent injuries.

The frequency and types of injuries vary among sports. In both soccer and football, concern over the effects of head and neck injuries on the function of the brain has instigated studies.

One study by the Division of Orthopedic Surgery and the Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy examined the frequency and effects of head injuries and concussions on 144 male and female soccer players who played in the 1993 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival in Texas.

The results showed 74 concussions in male players and 28 concussions in females. For the men, 48 of the 74 concussions were from collisions with another player. For the women, 20 of the 28 were from such collisions.

The study concluded that men were more likely than women to have sustained a head injury resulting in a concussion.

Men's soccer head coach Gary St. Clair said men get hurt more



Rosalinda Garza/Spartan Daily

After tearing the ligament that stabilizes the knee during a soccer match, senior Nikki Beckwith, left fullback on the women's soccer

team, now undergoes daily rehabilitation. Carey Nielsen, a graduate assistant athletic trainer, carefully bends Beckwith's leg.

often than women because they're bigger, stronger and faster.

Beckwith disagrees with St. Clair's opinion on why men get hurt more than women.

"Women play the game just as physical as men, but the men's team plays at a faster pace," Beckwith said.

Both soccer team coaches said the men play the game in the air and women tend to keep the ball on the ground more.

"The men attack in the air and collide with other players more often, resulting in injury," St. Clair said.

In the overall spectrum of sport injuries, head injuries in soccer are minimal to that of football.

In football, a high contact and collision sport, concussions account for up to 10 percent of all injuries, according to NCAA statistics.

The NCAA fall 1997 Injury Surveillance System (ISS) study

revealed higher rates of concussion. According to NCAA statistics, all types of football injuries occur at a higher rate in preseason practice than in any of the 15

there was lots of contact on non-contact days," said Randall W. Dick, assistant director of the NCAA's sports medicine department. The modifications banned

wear only helmets and upper body pads and still engage in hitting but not tackling.

Even after the legislative changes, practice-related injuries for spring were higher than the 10-year average.

"We are disappointed with the numbers, but won't make anymore legislative changes until we measure results over a period of at least three years," Dick said.

Dick, who oversees the ISS study by collecting, analyzing and disseminating data, said a one-year study is not effective and that changes to legislation must go through a trial period before being seriously re-evaluated.

The results of the study are reviewed by the NCAA committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. The committee's goal, according to Dick, is to reduce injury rates by introducing changes in rules, protective equipment and coach-

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— Gary St. Clair  
SJSU men's soccer head coach

other sports studied — including regular season football.

The NCAA responded to unchanged statistics by amending legislation that was effective this spring to help reduce the number of practice-related injuries.

"Previous results showed

full-contact drills on the first three days of practice and reduced the total number of full-contact days from 10 to eight. For the other four days, contact is optional but with no tackling.

In full-contact drills, players can block and tackle in full gear. On non-contact days, the players

## Brown outshines Johnson, powers Padres' win with 16 strikeouts

HOUSTON (AP) — The marquee matchup between Randy Johnson and Kevin Brown lived up to expectations — close, tense and a lot of strikeouts.

The kicker, though, was that Brown did an awesome imitation of Johnson, showing up the Big Unit in the Astrodome as the San Diego Padres beat the Houston Astros 2-1 in the opening game of their NL division series.

Brown struck out 16 and allowed just two hits in eight innings in a brilliant performance as the Padres stole home-field advantage in the best-of-5 series. Brown's strikeouts were the most ever in division series play and just one short of Bob Gibson's postseason-record 17 in the 1968 World Series.

Brown said this was a bigger game than the no-hitter he pitched for the Florida Marlins in 1997.

"I'll take this one any time because of the impact of the situation," he said. "Being in the regular season, that didn't have the meaning for the team that this one did."

Both aces were obtained in trades to try to get their teams to the World Series. Brown was there last year, winning a ring with Florida, but became expendable along with the other high-priced Marlins and was snapped up for three prospects. The Astros got Johnson from the Seattle Mariners at the July 31 trading deadline.

No one likes facing Johnson, and the Astros found out how

brutal it can be facing Brown.

"I can't say enough about the performance of Kevin Brown today," said Johnson, who has lost his last four postseason decisions. "It was a very dominating performance."

"Now I know why a lot of the hitters drag their bats back," said Johnson, who struck out 12 Padres in an interleague game on June 24.

"He defies the law of gravity with the pitches he throws. With his forkball and sinker, it's no fun facing a guy like that, so I can imagine what it's like for our hitters who were dialed in and focused."

Brown's previous strikeout high was 11.

Brown, 18-7 during the regular season, beat Atlanta's Greg

Maddux and Tom Glavine in last year's NL championship series, and now has added Johnson to his list.

Johnson had been practically untouchable at home, going 5-0 since coming over to the Astros.

Trevor Hoffman, who tied the NL record this season with 53 saves, allowed an unearned run on two hits in the ninth.

Bill Spiers led off with a double, and two outs later, Moises Alou hit an infield single that third baseman Ken Caminiti stopped, but threw wide of first to allow the run to score.

Game 2 is Thursday with the Padres starting Andy Ashby against Shane Reynolds.

San Diego's offense struggled all September, but had nine hits in eight innings off Johnson.

With the Astros flailing at Brown's hard pitches with a lot of movement, the Padres won a postseason game for the first time since 1984.

Greg Vaughn, who hit his 50th homer in his final regular-season at-bat Sunday night, provided the difference when he homered to left on a slider leading off the eighth inning to give San Diego a 2-0 lead.

Jim Leyritz hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the sixth inning to score Tony Gwynn, the only player left from San Diego's 1984 World Series team.

Brown had been 0-2 with two no-decisions in his previous four starts despite allowing just seven earned runs in 30 innings.

Houston's Killer B's — Craig Biggio, Derek Bell and Jeff

ing techniques.

St. Clair thinks one of the ways to cut back on practice-related injuries is to extend the preseason team practice on the field from two weeks to four weeks for soccer and volleyball.

"It's common sense that if an athlete doesn't get enough time to warm up before playing all out in practice, the likelihood of injuries increases," St. Clair said.

According to Dick, there are many complicated factors to extending the length of on-field practice.

"The players might get worked too hard during the practice season and increase the rate of injury," Dick said. "There is also a cost factor to consider, and we just don't have the evidence to support such a change."

Miller thinks practice-related injuries are high because players are simply competing for positions.

"We are all trying to prove ourselves in practice, so we play really hard," said football player Jason Mitchell, a junior defensive lineman who is back in the game after red-shirting last season due to a recurring knee injury.

According to the NCAA, volleyball is one of the few sports monitored that has similar injury rates for practice and games.

"The majority of injuries are shoulder-related," said Paul Foronda, student athletic trainer for women's volleyball. "Rarely do shoulder injuries take the player out of the game."

No season-ending injuries have been reported for women's volleyball so far this season.

Injuries don't necessarily prevent athletes from continuing to play the sport of their choice, but do require professional health care by the team physician for assessment, physical therapists for rehabilitation and athletic trainers for conditioning and strengthening to minimize recurrence of an old injury.

Before getting back into the activity, the athlete is recommended to wear certain medical devices to protect or support the injured body part, such as a knee brace or tape.

Beckwith, one of four injured starters out for the season, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in human performance and plans to stay involved in soccer by coaching or playing indoor soccer in a private women's league.

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information to more than 200 organizations and tried to get them to nominate students. If any student needs to turn in an application after 5 p.m. today, they can call the A.S. office at 924-6240. Friday will be the very last day to send in applications.

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## Remedial: High schools not preparing students for university

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degree — within the first year at a CSU campus. Students who cannot complete the requisite courses within their first year will be asked to finish them outside of the CSU system.

"It will be decided on a case-by-case basis," said Swisher. "It has not been decided if we will ask students to leave a CSU campus or if we will let a student attend a community college to finish remedial work while attending a CSU."

The CSU Board of Trustees has not decided how this policy will affect the admission of students in the year 2007.

This new policy comes at a time when an increasing number of students are in need of remedial education. In

1989, the number of students who failed the English placement test was 38 percent. In 1997 the number rose to 47 percent.

The number of students who failed the entry level mathematics test in 1989 was 23 percent as compared to 54 percent in 1997.

Louisa Bostedt, a graphic design major and a San Jose State University freshman, found that before enrolling in any of her classes she had to first show proof to Admissions and Records that she had enrolled in a remedial math class.

"I think it would have been helpful if my high school had explained to me

that if I did not pass the entry level mathematics test I would have to take an extra class," Bostedt said. "I didn't even know I should study for the test."

According to the SJSU testing center, if a student has taken fewer than three years of college preparatory math or has not used his or her math knowledge for some time, review may be necessary.

A copy of the entry level mathematics workbook, which is available in the campus bookstore, can help a student prepare for the test.

"I took my second year of algebra in my junior year of high school. That was all I needed to graduate," Bostedt said. The entry level mathematics test

consists of first- and second-year high school algebra and geometry. The test also deals with data interpretation, counting, probability and statistics.

According to Swisher, improving communication with California high schools is one of the goals of the CSU Board of Trustees as well as preparing high school teachers with more information to better prepare future college freshmen.

Swisher said these goals will be accomplished through programs implemented by the board that will include giving feedback to local high schools about the entry level mathematics and English placement test scores of their

former seniors.

"I aced all of my English classes in high school," said Jose Diaz, a mechanical engineering major at SJSU.

The freshman now finds himself having to take a remedial English class at SJSU after scoring low on the English placement test.

The test consists of an essay section that requires a student to write about an assigned topic and a multiple choice section that tests both reading and composition skills.

"My high school teachers did not prepare me for this kind of test," Diaz said.

## Conflict: No answers yet for problem parking

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garage, the parking attendant must call UPD with the student's information so the student can avoid getting a ticket.

"The parking attendant can notify dispatch and warn them that students will be parking in garages not designated by the permit," Castro said.

Another resident of Royce Hall, sophomore Tim Li, suggested the 10th Street Garage be designated to special event guest parking only.

According to Sgt. John Hernandez of the UPD investigations unit, overflow traffic from Seventh Street Garage is directed into the Fourth or 10th Street garages during a large event.

"We are looking at the option of keeping the Fourth Street Garage open during all evening events to relieve gridlock, but we still need to work out the cost effectiveness and safety," Hernandez said.

Most of the large events, such as music concerts, are held after 8 p.m., so parking doesn't disrupt daytime or evening class schedules, Sandoval said.

"We have even changed the dates and times of large events to avoid gridlock," Sandoval

said. He also said the Tool concert that was originally scheduled for Aug. 26, a weekday, was postponed to the following Sunday so it wouldn't affect the students or residents.

According to Sandoval, there is a trade-off for the inconvenience to students.

"Most of the special events benefit the students. The Career Center brings hundreds of employers to campus for job recruitment, and the concerts are here for entertainment," Sandoval said.

Each semester the Career Center organizes a job fair that brings over 300 employers from all over the Bay Area to campus, according to Career Center Counselor Margaret Wilkes.

"Traffic and parking has made it so easy for us to bring visitors to campus," Wilkes said. "We all want people to leave here with a good feeling."

According to Wilkes, parking permits are given to each employer with a map on the back to make the parking as easy as possible.

"Guests are not guaranteed parking with the permit. They have to get here early and search for a spot just like stu-

dents," Hernandez said.

Traffic and Parking coordinates parking for events held in the Student Union, Event Center, and Morris Dailey Auditorium.

According to Castro, if an event isn't reported to the parking department, it will not be added to the calendar, increasing the likelihood of traffic congestion.

"The Student Union event coordinator is supposed to inform Traffic and Parking of events that involve large groups of people from outside the university," said Leanne LoBue, Student Union scheduling assistant.

According to Matt Heimbold, an event coordinator of Grant Washburn Productions, he has tentatively scheduled a movie screening in the Student Union Ballroom on the night of Oct. 28 that is expected to attract over 600 viewers.

"Parking was the first thing we asked about when we spoke to the event coordinator, Chris Hightower," Heimbold said. "He told us that guests could just show up and park in any of the garages."

Hightower was unavailable

for comment, but Sandoval said there is still time to get it on the calendar of Traffic and Parking.

"In the past there was a lot of miscommunication between the two departments when scheduling large events, but it's getting better," LoBue said.

Once UPD Lt. Bruce Lowe, manager of Traffic and Parking, has been notified of a large event, a voice mail is sent to residents and faculty.

The faculty is supposed to inform the students of the event in advance so alternative plans can be made for parking on the day of the event.

"I have been going to school here for four years and only one of my teachers has warned the class about an event happening during the week that could upset parking," said Vanessa Curci, a senior resident of Joe West Hall.

"I usually get messages about upcoming events on my dorm room telephone."

Lowe suggested students look at the university web site for a calendar of events and adjust their parking plans accordingly.

## Fed: Critics speak up

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repayment of a loan. The prime rate is currently at 8.5 percent.

Howard Combs, chair for the marketing and management information systems department at SJSU, said the interest rate cut could affect credit card interest.

"This cut could mean lower credit card payments for students," Combs said.

Cochran added that the interest rate cut could also mean lower monthly car payments and lower mortgage rates.

"The interest rate cut makes a huge difference on mortgage payments," Cochran said. "You could be saving \$50 a month from housing costs on a \$300,000 mortgage, which is about the average in San Jose."

Interest rate cuts are normally good news to investors, but on Wall Street, news of the interest rate cut was met with huge disappointment. Investors, who had been hoping for a bigger rate cut, sent stock prices plunging by more than 100 points after the announcement.

The Dow Jones industrial closed Tuesday down 28.32 points at 8,080.52.

"Investors were disappointed," said Bettisworth. He said investors were hoping for a half-point cut instead of only quarter of a point.

"It was just not enough. But anything is better than nothing."

However, Bettisworth said Tuesday's reduction was probably just the first of a series that would send the funds rate down by a full percentage point during the next year.

"That's just how he (Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan) does it," Bettisworth said. "He does it little by little, bit by bit."

Congressional critics, who have complained that the Fed has been slow to recognize the threat of Asian economic troubles to American manufacturers and farmers, were also unhappy.

"America and the rest of the world needs stronger action by the Federal Reserve," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "The weakening of foreign economies is dragging down the U.S. economy."

So far, the main impact on the United States has been to send the trade deficit to record levels, and American exporters such as Silicon Valley's semiconductor industry have lost valuable overseas markets. Fremont-based Cirrus Logic and Santa Clara's Applied Materials have recently announced layoffs.

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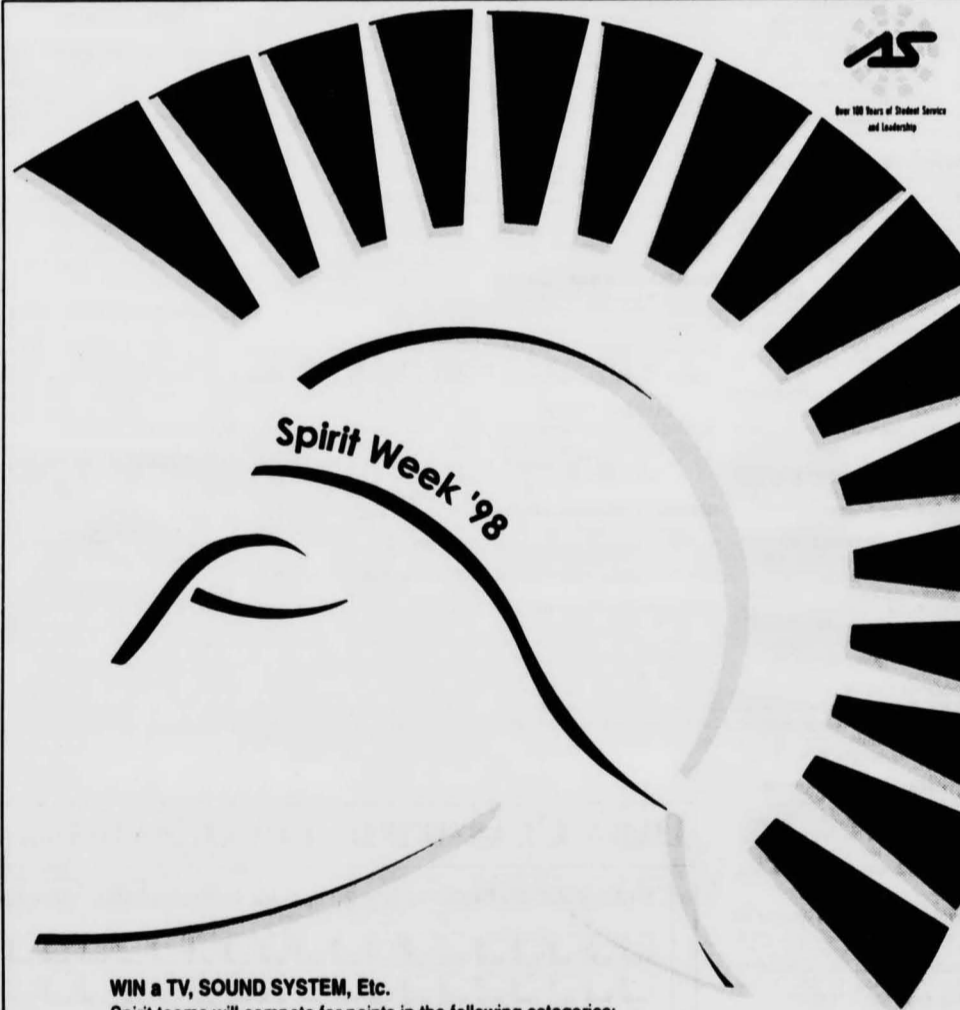
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