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Peace rally to protest bombings

By Kemberly Gong
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In response to the bombings in Afghanistan, a peace rally is scheduled for Friday evening to expose students, faculty and community members to a different viewpoint.

The rally, slated for 5 p.m. at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, said Vanessa Nisperos, a member of Students For Justice.

She also said there will be faculty speakers from San Jose State University and Santa Clara University, a community speaker from Muslims for Global Peace and Justice, as well as student speakers from De Anza college, SJSU, and SCU.

She also said there would be hip-hop artists at the event.

In the art quad at SJSU on Thursday, a student wore a white mask with the word "dissent" written across the forehead and the mouth taped shut and walked passing out fliers for the event.

The mask was to symbolize the "media white out and the unnamed victims in Afghanistan that the United States is not telling us about," Nisperos said. She said Friday's rally is to educate people on the other side of the bombings in Afghanistan.

She also said the American people are not being told the entire truth about the war on terrorism and the bombing of Afghanistan.

"The mainstream media is massively supporting it," Nisperos said. "I want to see that my tax dollars are not going to the bombing of an innocent country."

Lucia Espinoza, a literature student who was painting a sign said that some people might not agree with the bombings in Afghanistan but are afraid to speak out for fear of being branded as un-American.

"I think the point of the rally is to show that some people are against the war," she said.

Some students said that the whole picture is not being shown.

"I think we're being involved in a propaganda war and we need to find out the truth rather than what we're being fed by my major media networks," said Freeda Yllana, a political science major.

Some students supported the decision to retali-

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Say goodnight, Gracie...



Phil Nikkel takes a nap in the Student Union after finishing his classes for the day.

JaShong King / Daily Staff

Alumni members receive discount Pep rally pumps up SJSU for game

By Colin Atagi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Anyone who wasn't a registered alumnus could not enter the Spartan Bookstore Wednesday night because of the Alumni Association Fall Bookstore Event.

The purpose of the event was to honor San Jose State University alumni members and to cele-

brate homecoming, said Fred Najjar, associate vice president of alumni affairs.

The event takes place twice a year: once during homecoming and again around spring graduation, said Deanna Gonzales, who has been an alumni board member for four years.

Invitations were sent out three weeks prior to the event to regis-

tered alumni members, said Holly Miller, an SJSU alumni program officer. A little more than 100 alumni members were expected to attend, she said.

To honor those who attended, 20 percent discounts were given for any purchases made at the bookstore.

"A lot of the alumni ask us when they can come and get stuff

at a discount," Najjar said. "By being members of the alumni association you always get a 10 percent discount, but this is an added 10 percent on top of that."

The only items that were excluded from the discount were computers, books and graduation paraphernalia, said Sandy

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Forum examines terrorism

By Andrew Toy

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some campus community members opened their minds, and voiced their thoughts on the "hows" and "whys" of terrorism at a symposium, hosted by the History Honor Society on Wednesday afternoon in the Engineering Auditorium.

The auditorium was almost filled to capacity, as the audience first listened to three guest speakers talk about the history of terrorism, the justice and injustices that surround the issue and how society deals with it.

Those in attendance also got a chance to ask questions and make their own statements about

Sept. 11's terrorist attacks.

For Morgan Kalakosky, a senior history major, the symposium was an excellent experience that he said he was happy to be a part of.

"It was good just being able to be part of the conversation, to take part in it and to benefit from the intelligence and the knowledge of other people," Kalakosky said. "It was not necessarily (people) telling me what to think, but sharing what they think."

Noel Odland, a junior history major, said he was proud to hear what other students felt about terrorism and how it has affected the country today.

"I'm really glad of the open mindedness of our students,"

Odland said. "When you get in an auditorium with a few hundred fellow students and see all the different opinions, it's really wonderful to realize that we're not going into one single tunnel of vision."

The first speaker, Professor Robert Kumamoto, started the event with an overview of the history and definition of terrorism. He pointed out how the existence of these violent occurrences has been an ongoing issue throughout our country's history.

"Between 1968 to 1979 there were over 1,200 attacks by terrorists against the United States and against American civilians," Kumamoto said.

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Free screening held to recognize depression

By Fernando F. Croce

DAILY STAFF WRITER

With all the stress weighing on the shoulders of students, the line between a slight sense of blues and a potentially deadly melancholy can become blurred for some of them.

"Depression is still the biggest cause for suicide among university students," said Phyllis Connolly, a professor in the school of nursing. "Usually around 70 percent of people

their age experience some kind of depression, even if they're not aware of it."

As part of the Mental Illness Awareness Week, a free screening was held Thursday at San Jose State University in hopes of getting students to acknowledge National Depression Screening Day.

It was the second year the nationwide event was held at the university, sponsored by the California Student Nurses

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By Lisa Butt

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A pep rally for the first home game for the San Jose State University football team is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Bud Winter field located across from Spartan Stadium.

Today's pep rally is the first one Ryan Grotz, director of programming affairs for the Associated Students, said he has known SJSU to host.

"I wanted a way for us to get loud before the game," Grotz said.

He said he came up with the idea to have the rally.

In honor of homecoming, the court of kings and queens will be announced and eight of the floats made by student organizations are planned to be displayed.

He said some SJSU football players and head coach Fitz Hill would be speaking to students to thank them for their support and saying some inspiring words about Saturday's game.

Not all of the players will be able to attend because the rally is planned the same time as their practice, Grotz said.

He added that Hill would lead the crowd in singing the school's fight song, played by the SJSU marching band.

In addition, the band will also play "Down from Under" and "Fight on Spartans," said band director Scott Pierson.

Grotz said three local rock and punk bands are slated to play.

Homecoming T-shirts will also be distributed at the pep rally and Grotz said he would encourage spectators to wear them at the game.

A shuttle will be taking stu-

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Event gives insight into Aztec calendar mysteries

By Moses Peraza

DAILY STAFF WRITER

About 15 to 20 students and staff workers attended the promotion for "The Aztec Calendar Handbook," a five-year collaborative effort between Randall C. Jimenez an instructor of Mexican-American students, and Richard B. Graeber a former San Jose State University student.

The event was held at the Chicano Library Research Center in Module A, on Wednesday.

Those who attended received an Aztec astrology sun sign reading.

Jeff Paul, a librarian at the research center, said the readings were created by a computer program that compiled a personality chart based on ones birthday.

"We had people put their name

and birthday on a sheet of paper," Paul said. "And then we sent them e-mails and told them to send them back so we could get a confirmation how many people were going to show up."

Paul said the only those who e-mailed a confirmation got a personalized astrology chart.

Elena Seto a staff worker at Clark Library said that she was there because she had an interest in the indigenous people of the Americas.

Graeber said he developed an interest in the calendar when his uncle gave him a sculpture of one as a gift.

He said he noticed the different symbols on the calendar and asked his uncle what they meant,

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Elena Seto listens to the presentation of "The Aztec Calendar Handbook" by Dr. Randall C. Jimenez and Richard B. Graeber.

Omar Ornelas / Daily Staff

Letters

A request on eve of Columbus Day

This Friday is the 509th anniversary of when American Indians discovered Christopher Columbus on their shore. Columbus returned to Europe. I ask that the remains of American Indians in museums, universities and private collections be returned to their respective tribes for a final resting place. Our past and our future are linked together. If our children do not respect their ancestors, how can they respect themselves? Many American Indians believe that if they worship the creator of their ancestors, then their soul will go back to that creator. In order to save the souls of our children, give us back the remains of our ancestors.

Lawrence "Eagletears" Miller
alumnus
criminal justice

An hour to call into question life's purpose

I have been here 21 years, five months and two days and I am trying to figure something out — why are we here?

As humans, what is our purpose for even existing?

At times, I stare into space and ponder this question that really has no answer.

There isn't some textbook I can look this up in.

"Who Wants to be a Millionaire" won't be having this as its million-dollar question.

And I know I won't find an answer in the dictionary.

A lot of people will debate that one needs to have religion in his or her life to figure out this problem. And with religion you will be able to experience life to the fullest and understand its meaning.

But I am still not sold.

I am not a religious man.

When I was 11 years old, my mother enrolled my sister and me in a Catholic catechism class with hopes that I would become baptized and follow the Catholic faith.

Things went fine until the day of the baptism. We participated in the 13-week program and learned the prayers and such, but I guess things weren't

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meant to be for me.

I woke up that morning feeling odd. I had what felt like a 50-pound weight on my shoulders, one that was holding me down. As I got dressed for the rehearsal, I had a million things running through my mind.

And then I broke down in tears. Out of nowhere I cried like a baby and that's when the whole fate thing hit me.

I started feeling like this wasn't the right time to be devoting myself to one religion.

I convinced my mother and father that I was not ready for this. Part of my body was saying, "just go, everyone is expecting you to."

But I couldn't do it.

After the rehearsal we went home. My mother was baffled by my reaction and couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. After spending all that time in

the classes, week after week, how could I do such a thing?

Nonetheless, I sit back and look at that event in my life and start wondering why I acted that way.

Was it because I was being rejected by a superhuman force? Or is it because it wasn't my time?

But even to this day I am still curious as to why it happened.

Which brings me back to the origins of this column. If one is not here to be a religious person, then why are we here?

Are we just here to be part of this thing scientists call evolution?

Let's start with the dinosaurs.

Why were they here?

Were they here to eat the bushes and knock down the trees and mountains?

I don't understand their purpose.

And now we are here, occupying the same space that they once did.

Are we here to develop this land and create hi-tech machinery for future forms of life?

Will the "aliens" come and take over the earth?

For all we know the dinosaurs could have been thinking the same thing.

Some dinosaurs were big, they killed each other and have been known as some of the most ferocious life forms to ever run the planet.

I am sure the last thing on their minds was that little people no taller than 8-feet tall would one day rain supreme.

In pre-historic times, we could have been the "alien" that we are so curious to know about now.

None of this really makes any sense at all.

As soon as one theory pops into my head, another enters my mind defeating the other.

It really doesn't make any sense to me. Then again, one has to wonder, why am I even writing about this right now?

Why does anything happen?

Why has my mind decided that it wants to debate this question at a time like this?

At an age where I should be just worrying about schoolwork, family and my future?

But, maybe that's it. Perhaps it is the "future" that I am worried about.

I don't have an answer, but it's my time to question these things.

Ben Aguirre Jr. is the *Spartan Daily* Managing Editor. "Annoyed" appears Fridays.

Quote for the Daily:

"There is no sin except stupidity."

— Oscar Wilde

Quote for the Daily:

"It is easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people if you have none of your own."

— Herbert Samuel

THIS, GENTLEMEN, IS THE BLACK HOLE OF LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATIONS



Saturday

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County

"Developing strong, healthy neighborhoods." Eighth annual United Neighborhoods Fall Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center for Employment Training, 701 Vine St., San Jose. Keynote speakers will be Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda. Public admission is \$15 and free for those 18-and-under. For more information, call 286-8661 or e-mail at unscoc@pacbell.net.

Mensa

Think you're smart enough? Then take the entrance tests for Mensa, the High IQ Society at 1 p.m. in the Redwood City Public Library's small meeting room, located at 1044 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City. The fee for the exam is \$30. For more information and to reserve a seat, e-mail Ken Uhlund at uhlundk@juno.com or Jerry Duke at joduke@sfsu.edu.

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Today

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Go take a hike, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Advanced registration is required. Open yourself up with the opportunity to go out-of-doors and into the world of nature. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or visit the Web site jespirit.org.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in galleries two, three, five, six, eight and Herbert Sanders in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Students for Justice

Peace rally: Where did they poll for a 90 percent approval rating for bombing? Those of you who have questions or who do not approve of the bombing of innocent people, are invited to a rally for peace, at 5 p.m. in the Cesar Chavez Park. Let your voices be heard. For more information, e-mail at sfj@sjsu.org.

Career Center

Internship workshop, 12:30 p.m., and interview preparation, 2 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

SJSU Concert Choir and Chorales

Debut concert, 8 p.m. at the Campbell United Methodist Church. For more information, call the Choral Activities office at 924-4332.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

New Student Orientation: Leader Recruitment

Looking for a job on campus where you can make a difference? Join a team of 25 paid orientation leaders and impact more than 3,000 new students. Applications are available in the Student Life Center in the Old Cafeteria building. Deadline is Nov. 2. For more information, call 924-5950 or e-mail gwolcott@sjsu.edu.

Birthday wishes, advice in time to blow out candles

Querida Miguelito: I wake up and think there is something in the air that reminds me of Sundays at home and a squeaky voice singing, "Desperate lovers, porque nuestro amor es una esmeralda que un ladrón robó," (Martha Sanchez, Ole, Ole). You were 5 when we first sang that song — I was 16.

On Oct. 11, 1988, you decided to surprise us all and came into our lives. I was 11, Liz, 21, and my brother Marcelo, 18. At the time I was the only one still living at my parents' house in Quito, Ecuador. I was your baby sitter.

I couldn't ride my bike until you went to sleep. So I sang Bon Jovi, Van Halen, REO Speedwagon, White Snake, Def Leppard, Richard Marx and other '80s bands Liz sent to us from California. Do you remember, "Shot through the heart, and you're to blame, baby you give love a bad name" or "Hold on to the nights, hold on to the memories?" Sorry, I know it sounds beyond cheesy, but that resumes the '80s in a nutshell.

We lived together for 7 years. I remember trying to make you my little clone, my mini me. I used to make you get on top of monkey bars, waiting for you to be the tomboy I always was. You sat up there and cried, begging me to put you down.

You grew older and became your own little person. So delicate, sensitive, emotional. When Liz came to visit, she would fight with you day and night, because you were spoiled. I would defend you, because I had fallen in love with you from the moment you were born.

We both grew up. You and I so different, yet sharing a common past, a room, a family so melodramatic and unique.

I called you up today to wish you a happy birthday. What I regret the most is missing five years of your life. You are 13. The start of your teen-age years, one of the most confusing times of your life. Thirteen is a serious age.

Because of this, and looking back at my own, I made a list of suggestions that might make things a little easier:

1. You have acknowledged that boys are not as stupid as you thought they were. When the one you like talks to you, you stutter and whatever comes out is bound to be rude.

Fact: Boys are in the same boat. They act tough, but you'll find they are as intimidated as you are — the difference is you will eventually grow out of it, but some boys don't.

Myth: You start to think someone made a mistake when they assembled your body, and forgot to give you the attributes of a model.

Fact: Models are fabricated in a factory called advertising. When you graduate from high school and are a well-rounded individual, they will still be trying to perfect their smile in front of the mirror.

2. You cannot understand our parents' language anymore. There's no way you're related to these creatures who are persistent on finding ways to make your life impossible.

Fact: They're scared to death because you're getting older and wiser. Sometimes it takes for you to go away a long time to realize how much you are like them and how much you love them. Survive these years with them and you'll be rewarded.

3. You learn all the lyrics of your favorite songs. You write them down in your notebooks and memorize them.

Fact: Music touches your spirit from the day you are born, songs remind us of periods of our lives, and even though the older you

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get, the less time you have to write songs and memorize them, it always makes a difference.

4. You start paying less attention to the person trying to teach you in class and start passing notes back and forth with your friends.

Fact: In the big scheme of things, that will be what you will take with you. Education is important, but you learn more about life from your friends than any textbook can teach you.

5. You become the definition of the word laziness and cannot comprehend why the word "chores" was invented.

Fact: I think that has to do with the changes your body is going through, enjoy and find the time to relax.

6. Your ear will become an extension of the phone.

Fact: For me, it still is, plain and simple.

7. Sex is this R-rated movie you are still not supposed to watch.

Fact: The desire to uncover the unknown is what makes it so intriguing. All the stories you hear about at this age are probably not true. Learning the bare truth about it is best.

8. Fitting with the "in-crowd" seems like another class you need to pass.

Fact: You don't want to be a copy of someone else. Being part of the in-crowd takes effort, especially if you are a follower. We all want to fit in and we do, with the right people.

9. Swearing becomes second nature. Every other word you say is a swear word.

Fact: Just make sure you don't say it in front of my parents, and you'll be in the clear.

10. You fall in love with singers, movie stars or soap characters and make up situations where you meet them, and they realize you are "the one."

Fact: It doesn't happen. They live too far away and chances are they have such a fat head that they are in love with themselves.

11. You daydream more than you dream.

Fact: Keep it up. Just make sure you are not drooling in the middle of class.

12. You will spend hours getting ready for your first dance.

Fact: When you grow up, you become one of two kinds of people: the kind that still needs to spend hours to look good enough to be accepted, or the kind that puts on make-up on the way to the party.

13. You dream of changing the world, there are no limitations to your dreams.

Fact: Staying in that frame of mind might actually make a difference.

I cannot go back in time and give back all the years we have been apart, but I want you to know you are one of the best writers and critical thinkers I know and because of you, this world is a better place. Happy Birthday.

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BOOKS: Graduates were able to win prizes in a raffle

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Moran, an alumni program officer.

The clothes sold at the store are the main products sold for the event, Najjar said.

"It's an opportunity for alumni to come back to the campus for homecoming week, which is a great time for people to have their logoed items to wear," Najjar said.

Gonzales said she thinks the event is a good way for alumni to re-experience their college years.

"I think it's a great way to relive your college experience by coming back to your campus, especially on homecoming week," she said. "It's also a good way to get a discount and get some good stuff from San Jose State."

Two raffles were held during the event for pull-over fleece sweatshirts, which were valued at \$59.99.

The winners were Clara Lopez, a 2000 graduate with a degree in criminal justice, and Judy Pataky, a 2000 UC Florida graduate with a degree in sports management who is working toward a master's degree in counselor education at SJSU.

In addition to the raffle, people

purchasing products from the bookstore that found a star stamped on the back of their receipt, received their purchase for free.

The winners were Robb Drury, a 1992 graduate, Judi Bruce, a 1986 graduate, Steve Caplan, a 1965 graduate, Clara Lopez and Gonzales, an alumni board member.

To commemorate the event, members of the SJSU cheerleading squad performed a cheer.

Paul Richardson, director of marketing and program development for the Alumni Association, was on hand to take photographs of the event.

Some who attended said they were proud of the event.

Caplan and his wife, Cheryl, said they both graduated from SJSU and thought it was a good opportunity to visit the campus and buy discounted items.

"I always enjoy coming back to the campus and it's a good deal, getting a 20 percent discount," he said.

Keysh Boyd, an SJSU staff member, said Wednesday night was her first time in the bookstore and thought everything was nice.

"I think it's a good way to pro-

mote the bookstore," she said.

Court Warren, the bookstore director, said he thought the event was going well, though he wished more alumni would attend.

"We thoroughly enjoy having the event and inviting all of the alumni back to the bookstore to maybe see it in a different light," he said. "We wish more alumni would take advantage of it, but regardless, it's a fun event. We have a good time and hopefully the people who come will have a good time."

"We schedule it at this time to promote homecoming and we take pride in the university, trying to attract more people to attend homecoming events."

Warren said he hopes the people who came this year will tell others to attend the next time.

Some of the employees at the bookstore said they weren't as busy that night compared to normal days.

Marjorie Mataro, a junior majoring in computer science, said she saw no difference in the size of the crowd.

"It's just as busy as another day," she said. "But not as busy as the first day of school, though."

FORUM: Discussed possible reasons behind terrorist attacks

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He continued to explain that developing countries and underdeveloped countries do not possess nuclear bombs or a large military.

"Therefore, they must make do with what little resources they have," Kumamoto said. "And acts of terrorism campaigns ... are perhaps their only way of pursuing revolutionary ends."

Next, Professor David Simon discussed the security measures taken after the Sept. 11 events. He also talked specifically about why the United States was targeted and how citizens were affected by it.

According to Simon, one of the reasons for the attack is because the United States has invaded sacred Muslim land.

"One of the goals (of the terrorists) is to provoke a violent response from the United States," Simon said.

He later talked about how the country deals with tragic events. He made the point that government officials and the media go searching for examples of what it is to be an "American."

This is in reaction to events like Sept. 11 that makes officials say those responsible for the attacks are actions that are "un-American," Simon said.

He broke the audience's silence by asking, "How do we prove that we're Americans?"

"We all go out and buy American flags, that's how we prove it," Simon said, as the audience laughed.

Simon also spoke about how the recent declaration of war may lead to a division of society, much like what occurred during the Vietnam War.

"In the long run this issue may expose a unity that only runs a mile wide and an inch deep," he said.

His resolution was for everyone to "stand up and express how you feel." He said it is better to communicate one's feelings rather than keep them inside and pretend that everything is going OK.

The last speaker, political science Professor Cobie Harris, threw a twist to the symposium by talking about how the United States in its history, "is a terrorist state."

Harris used examples of how violence and intimidation are the tools of terrorism that were used against American Indians to drive them out of their own land, and the experience of African Americans during slavery and the Civil War.

Faten Hijazi, a senior computer engineering major, said he

understood the opposing audience member's feelings, but stood by Harris' remarks.

"But Harris said things that were bold because it was the truth and the truth hurts," Hijazi said.

Professor Stanley Underdal, the moderator for the symposium, said he thought the event was a success.

"It did exactly what we wanted to do," Underdal said. "We presented topics of interest to everyone in the way people would have the chance to hear different ways in looking at the subject."

Underdal said the student body had very good questions overall and created the idea that there was an exchange of ideas.

"It's not that someone was trying to foist a single idea on somebody else," he said.

According to Underdal, the point of the symposium was to create a rational conversation where people could exchange ideas and exchange information.

"We are trying to create a community in which we can have different ideas, and yet, being able to share them and learn from one another," Underdal said. "That's what education is all about and we learn from one another and hopefully learn how to get along."



Omar Ornelas / Daily Staff

Sundown Hazen passes out fliers to Farah Khan on Thursday as part of the Student for Justice's campaign for peace in front of the Student Union.

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ate to the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"I support the government decision to attack Afghanistan," said James Wang, a senior in graphic design. "If you want a short-term goal for peace, you shouldn't fight, but for long term peace, we should. We're fighting for peace, not against it."

Geoff Crockwell, a senior in the political science department, said the rally was to denounce violence in all parties and to ask people to step back and question why this even happened and why this hate is directed at the United States.

"We need to ask the real questions about U.S. foreign policy," Crockwell said. "For a country that espouses democracy, liberty and self-determina-

tion, why do we support authoritarian governments and dictatorships that violate every principle of our nation and constitution?"

Nisperos said SJSU Students For Justice, Santa Clara Students For Justice, De Anza Students for Justice, Muslims for Global Peace and Justice, the San Jose Peace Center and Silicon Valley Debug, coordinated the rally.

RALLY: Encourages students to support football team

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dents from campus to the rally.

It will meet in front of the Dining Commons and will run every 20 minutes from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Grotz said.

He added that he hopes for a large turnout and encourages students to attend.

"We want to show students are behind (the football team)," he said.

Some students, however, said they didn't know about the pep rally.

"Nobody said anything," said freshman Silvia Kandah. "I didn't see any fliers going out."

An SJSU football player also did not know about it.

"I didn't know of any announcements," said offensive lineman Ian White.

Cedric Howard, a senior graphic design major, said he encourages students to go.

"We need to show up in numbers," he said. "It gives the team less confidence if we don't go."

He added the pep rally is a

good way to get away from the news for awhile.

Even though the football team has a record of 0-4, Grotz said students should still support it.

"We do want to win," he said. "But all they have to do is play a good game."

He said if the rally is successful, more are probable for the future.

"I hope it sets a standard," he said. "Our spirit is lacking ... we need to show support for a commuter campus."

SCREEN: Helps students find ways to cope with depression

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Association and the Student Health Services at the university, among others.

Connolly organized the screening with the help of various volunteers.

Cliff Cordoza, a senior majoring in nursing, said he was one of the students encouraged by his instructor to volunteer for the screening.

"I think it's important to take part in this to see what we learn in class in more practical terms," Cordoza said. "And you learn a lot about other students and about what they are going through on campus."

Connolly listed pressure from studies, distance from home and money problems as the most common causes of depression among college students.

"Yet depression is the most treatable of mental illnesses," she said. "The hardest part is getting people to acknowledge their condition. Hopefully, the screening today will inform and aid all those who come."

A student, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the personal nature of his participation in the screening, said the presen-

tation "opened my eyes. The stuff on the pamphlets is what I've been through for the past month."

"I never thought depression was really a problem. I'm glad I noticed it this early," he said.

The presentation offered continuous showings of videos detailing depression statistics, testimonials from specialists and patients and dramatizations of the symptoms and effects of the illness.

Also included were educational pamphlets on how to cope with the effects of depression and optional anonymous forms to be filled by interested students.

"The forms help us contribute to national statistics," Connolly said. "If the person wants, a confidential screening with a professional to discuss the results of the form can be arranged, and more information can be provided."

Silvia Martins, who graduated last year, returned to volunteer to handle a subject she said she feels strongly about.

"Students live under stress day in and day out," Martins said. "Particularly this time of year, with winter approaching. But life has to go on."

Senior Sandra Ribeiro was

another student volunteer who said the event held particular relevance to young people.

"People may walk around with depression and not even know about it," Ribeiro said. "It's easier to improve your life when you know what's troubling you."

Although Connolly said she hoped more people would show up at the screening, she said she was happy with the results of the event.

"Everybody was working at their max," Connolly said. "Just talking to a few people already helps reduce the stigma of the problem. We're throwing a pebble out there, and the ripple effects are going out."

"Helping students cope with depression, making a difference in their lives, is a great investment," she said.

The screening was held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in two simultaneous locations, at the Ummunum Room in the Student Union and at the John XXIII Center on Fifth and San Fernando streets.

For more information, students can call the Santa Clara County mental health department at 1-800-704-0900.

Member of crime ring pleads guilty in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A leading figure in one of Mexico's most notorious criminal organizations pleaded guilty Thursday to smuggling tons of cocaine across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Everardo Arturo Paez Martinez, 34, of Tijuana, Mexico admitted organizing, supervising and managing at least five other people who smuggled cocaine into California from 1989 to 1996.

Paez, in entering his plea, told U.S. District Judge Judith Keep said that he authorized violence in the course of running the smuggling enterprise, but he did not provide specifics.

Prosecutors described Paez as a principal and trusted member of the Arellano-Felix organization, a Tijuana-based ring that is

believed to control the flow of drugs across the border into California.

Paez pleaded guilty to money laundering. Profits from the drug trade were used to rent stash houses in San Diego County and buy cars used to smuggle more cocaine into the United States, Paez's attorney, Knut Johnson, said.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys have agreed to recommend a sentence of 30 years when Paez is sentenced Jan. 14, 2002, Johnson said.

Paez has declined to cooperate with federal authorities, he said.

"He believes he got himself into trouble and believes he should be the one who should be punished for it," Johnson said.

The plea agreement comes nearly four years after Paez's arrest in Tijuana. He was one of 14 Mexicans who staved off extradition with appeals under a section of Mexican law that said any of that country's citizens had to be tried under Mexican law, in Mexican courts.

In a unanimous Jan. 18 ruling which applies only to extraditions to the United States, Mexico's Supreme Court said the government can send its citizens to the United States for trial, provided they are sentenced under Mexican guidelines.

As part of the plea agreement, prosecutors dropped four counts against Paez, including a charge that would have carried a mandatory life imprisonment term.

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Swing is in the air

After a lengthy delay, women's golf team starts its run for a national title

By Mike Osegueda

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

When the Spartan women's golf team finally got in the air, it may have seemed like they were going to Disneyland, not a tournament.

"We couldn't wait," said senior Helle Gram. "We were like little kids on the plane."

"We've been here for a month-and-a-half without a tournament."

On Monday, the San Jose State University women began competition in Las Cruces, N.M., for their first tournament of the season.

After deciding not to attend a tournament at Penn State University earlier in the season — because golf director Nancy Lewis decided she didn't feel comfortable flying her team across the country — the Spartans were one of the few teams at Price's "Give Em Five" intercollegiate tournament with pre-season rust.

And while the Spartans performance wasn't magical, Gram said it was decent.

SJSU finished seventh in the 14-team field, shooting 910. Baylor University took home the trophy with a three-day total of 870.

"We could have done better," Gram said. "But as a first tournament I think we did really good. A lot of the teams have already been in action in a couple of tournaments."

Gram was the top Spartan finisher, shooting 225. On the final day of play, Gram shot a 72.

She ranked 18th overall. Freshman Nicole Deacon finished 25th overall with 227.

"I was pretty nervous on the first day," said Deacon, who was recruited out of Scottsdale, Ariz.

For Deacon and the rest of the Spartans, the first tournament in the eight-month season was a learning experience.

"I think this is kind of like our warm-up tournament in a way," Gram said. "Now everybody is really ready. We can actually do a lot of damage out there. Now the freshmen kind of know what it's like to play collegiate golf instead of juniors."

Lewis, the team's coach, said she doesn't expect much of a learning curve for the two freshmen, Deacon and Mariana Salazar, who was recruited from Mexico.

Lewis is looking at the two freshmen to make an immediate impact and fill the void left by departed seniors Georgina Simpson and Jessica Krantz.

"We lost two, but we gained two," Lewis said. "And the two we gained are very strong. They're top recruits."

Lewis said she feels this year's team can eclipse last year's performance in the national tournament, where SJSU finished 17th.

"It isn't high enough," Lewis said. "We need to get into the top-10 at nationals."

Lewis isn't alone there.

"Going to national is absolutely the goal," Gram said. "Definitely that's what we think about. This tournament was just the first three rounds out of 30-whatever rounds we have this year."

To improve on the national level, Lewis said the most important factors are mental and physical toughness. Also on the list is consistency.

"You're only as good as your highest score counted," Lewis said. "We had to count too many 80s last year and we need that to not happen this year."

One of leaders determined to instill such values is senior Marcela Leon, the team's No. 1



returning player.

Throughout her four years with the Spartans, one of the lessons Leon said she learned was patience.

"I think that's one of the areas we need to work on," Leon said. "Just having the discipline and the desire to get better, that's one of the things I would love to pass to the freshmen and sophomores. I think if we have those values on the team, the team will get better."

And Leon is trying to do anything she can to make the team better for one simple reason: she wants a championship before she leaves SJSU.

"It's something that has been motivating me since I got here," Leon said. "It would be fantastic and unbelievable to wear a ring and say that you're the national champions."

For now, though, Leon has another goal: getting healthy.

She missed the New Mexico tournament with an infection in her foot, an injury that has been nagging her since the beginning of the season.

"It was a difficult decision in a way," Leon said. "I knew that if I went to that tournament it would be kind of frustrating. I think it was a good decision. I think I'm ready for the next tournament."

She hopes to be ready for action when SJSU tees off at the Spartan Invitational on Oct. 19. Until then, she's following doctor's orders to check on her foot, while the team is without one of its most experienced players.

"We have a pretty good team," Leon said. "I know they're strong enough to deal with these kind of things."

But in the bigger picture, Leon's foot isn't the focus.

In the end, it all goes back to success. It goes back to the ring. It goes back to championship.

And as the Spartans learned last year, 17th doesn't get those things.

"That's the past," Leon said. "Part of golf is to stay in the present and forget the past. I think that's long gone. We're right now just focusing on what we have and what we can do."



Top, Nicole Deacon, a member of the San Jose State University women's golf team, puts her ball down as she prepares to tee off. Above, members of the women's golf team do a team cheer before they start their practice at the Coyote Creek golf course.

photos by JaShong King / Daily Staff

It doesn't matter if Los Angeles fans are apathetic

I never really knew about the animosity between the northern part of this state and the southern half. Nor did I really care.

Then I moved up here.

I got the earful of hearing how Los Angeles fans are a soft, fair-weather bunch that leaves games early.

Well, for starters, why do we leave early? Do you enjoy sitting in three hours of traffic when you live 15 minutes away?

Actually, I've only left a game early once. Eons ago, before I could drive. My dad was fed up with the Dodgers as they were losing to the Chicago Cubs, and he didn't want to sit in traffic after what looked like a slaughter.

We paid for it when the Dodgers came back to beat the Cubs. The home run ball that landed 50 feet from our car and won the game in the bottom of the ninth really was an insult.

But that's my point. L.A. fans aren't fair-weather fans. We're cynical and apathetic.

I mentioned this earlier in the week to a guy from New York, of all places.

L.A. fans don't expect anything other than two results: championships or dismal, catastrophe-sized choke-jobs. It's a bleak, big-

picture perspective.

This is sports in L.A.:

The Lakers are expected to win the NBA Championship, nothing else. The same goes for the UCLA basketball program.

The Los Angeles Clippers are expected to contend for the first pick in the NBA Draft or field a young, exciting crop of players who will be traded or signed away.

The Dodgers and the University of Southern California's football team are either underachieving bums or lucky bums.

The Anaheim Angels will find a way to break their few fans' hearts and make stupid moves in the business side of the game — sign a has-been free agent or let go of a star like Nolan Ryan or Jim Edmonds.

The Los Angeles Kings hockey team is expected to produce miracles or catastrophes on the ice.

The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim aren't taken seriously; they're just expected to sell a bunch of merchandise for Disney and keep the beautiful Arrowhead Pond in business.

And the women's pro basketball and soccer teams are supposed to do well or something, for those who care.

L.A. Times columnist Bill Plaschke hit it right on the but-

D.S. PEREZ

A VIEW FROM THE BOX

ton when he commented on the Kings' victory over Detroit last year in the playoffs: a big market team should win in the playoffs. It's expected.

That's how it is in L.A. Post-season results count. Regular season? Whatever.

As for what I've seen of Northern California, y'all think beating an L.A. team means something. That there's a rivalry to care about between the Dodgers and Giants, the Clippers and the Golden State Warriors, the Sacramento Kings and Lakers, L.A. Kings and Sharks, and the Pac-10 college teams.

Sorry. In L.A., the Giants beating the Dodgers is ho-hum, as is a victory. A friend of mine who is a Dodger fan didn't jump up when they eliminated the Giants last week. I recall Giants fans were doing that a few years ago when they eliminated the Dodgers' chance to reach the postseason.

The fans of Southern California teams also don't care about

in-state rivalries, in both pros and college. USC fans don't care about Stanford and UC Berkeley. Pac-10 rivalry, sure, whatever, games do count. But it's beating the crap out of local rival UCLA and national rival Notre Dame that we remember.

You see, in Southern California's eyes, our rivals are national in scale — New York and Chicago. Again, it's focusing on the big picture. When I went to Kings games against the San Jose Sharks — easy tickets to score — it was just a rougher game, but no real passion compared to beating the crap out of Montreal, New York or Detroit, which were harder tickets to land.

And for all of you chanting "Beat L.A." and holding up the signs saying so, I'm sorry to tell you that amuses L.A. fans. It gives a feeling of superiority, like we're all inhabitants of some evil empire terrorizing the land. And we are.

But I've actually seen those "Beat L.A." signs on sale in L.A. too. I got the one with Lakers' icon Jack Nicholson drawn on it, saying "Beat L.A.!" at my house.

Well, I know I'm going to get hit by people saying you got pro football teams, the Giants' Barry Bonds launched his record home run against the Dodgers and the

A's are in the playoffs.

My replies to these criticisms?

— My family in L.A. misses the Rams more than the Raiders, but now they get better games on TV that aren't blacked-out. Plus, the citizens of Los Angeles are not stupid enough to spend taxpayers' dollars to keep a sports team or build a stadium. The owners paid for Dodger Stadium and the Staples Center, the way it should be.

— It's fitting Bonds, who has done a lot in the regular season and nothing in the postseason, is on a team that hasn't won a damn World Series since it moved to "The City."

— And the A's? I respect the team and the few non-bandwagon A's fans; I'm an Angels fan and acknowledge that the A's are a better-run, low-budget franchise. But all I have to say to A's fans thinking of winning the World Series in seven words: 1988, Game 1, World Series, Kirk Gibson.

And that was voted as Los Angeles' best sports moment, by the way. Rivalry?

Nah. Just a home run when it counted.

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Midnight Madness event to take place tonight

DAILY STAFF REPORT

The San Jose State University women's basketball team is scheduled to play an intrasquad game tonight in Uchida Hall.

Part of the team's traditional "Midnight Madness," the event will take place at 10 p.m. in YUH Room 6, which is across from the Fourth Street garage.

The event, said Sascha Spalding, assistant coach on the women's basketball team, is free of charge. Giveaway prizes will be offered and food will also be served.

The season starts Nov. 13.

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Gant comes through to propel Oakland to 2-0 series lead

NEW YORK (AP) — The forgotten old-timer came through for the young Oakland Athletics.

Ron Gant, left out of the lineup most of the last two months, hit a leadoff home run in the fourth inning Thursday night to help Oakland beat the New York Yankees 2-0 and take a two-game lead in their best-of-five series.

The A's have relied almost entirely on the long ball in this series, hitting four leadoff home runs and going 0-for-19 with runners in scoring position.

But the 36-year-old Gant provided the big hit when Oakland's stars couldn't come through. Jason Giambi, Eric Chavez and Miguel Tejada — all 30-plus home run

hitters in the regular season — went a combined 2-for-12.

Gant is a well-traveled player, going to the A's — his seventh team in 15 years — in a July 3 trade with Colorado.

The Athletics acquired Gant partly because of his playoff experience with Atlanta, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and to provide right-handed pop in the lineup.

"They picked him up for that threat," Yankees manager Joe Torre said after the game.

But he started slowly and saw little action after the A's acquired Jermaine Dye on July 25, playing in just 23 of Oakland's final 62 games.

Gant, who was 1-for-20 lifetime at Yankee Stadium, including a

flyout in Game 1, got the start against Andy Pettitte, a left-hander. Gant hit .302 against lefties after coming to Oakland.

He singled to start the second,

then homered to left in the fourth. He came out for pinch-hitter Jeremy Giambi in the eighth with right-handed reliever Ramiro Mendoza pitching.

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but his uncle didn't know.

"I would have the calendar hanging on the wall in my room," Graeber said. "And when my friends would come in and ask me what the symbols meant, I would tell them I didn't know."

Graeber said that when he started to learn about the Aztecs the more confused he got.

He said that he put everything he learned in to a book that he wrote by himself.

"Half of what I learned was truth," Graeber said. "And the other half was legend."

Jimenez said when he read the book, he thought it was garbage.

"I thought that was ok," Graeber said. "Because I consider it my test balloon."

Jimenez said it was important to know one's heritage.

"If you don't know your heritage you can't have any respect for yourself," Jimenez said.

Jimenez said his father and grandfather didn't know how to

read or write period, but they taught him a lot about his ancestors and his heritage.

Jimenez said when he and Graeber both started on the project that he wanted it to be solid, and if it wasn't, he didn't want anything to do with it.

Jimenez said when they wrote the book they used eyewitness accounts of people who were there, such as Friar Bernardino de Shogun, who learned to speak Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs, and Friar Diego Duran who was raised in the Aztec capital Tenochtitlan, what is now known as Mexico City, where he learned to speak the language of the Aztecs before he spoke Spanish.

Jimenez said that when it comes to the Aztec calendar every one put their own spin on what they think it means.

Graeber said as he learned about the Aztec culture he became able to read the glyphs and find out their meanings.

Jimenez said the stone calendar was a monument to the Aztec civilization because they

were too big to work with.

"The Aztec calendar was placed on the Temple of the Sun where it could greet the sun as it rose every morning," said Jimenez.

"The working calendars were on paper and kept in books," Jimenez said.

Graeber said that the Aztecs were originally from Chaco Canyon, an area now known as New Mexico. They were originally known as the Nahuatl, which means "Four Waters."

Graeber said that in the region in which they lived had a 50-year drought.

"That is a drought that spans over two generations," he said.

Graeber said the Great Potato Famine of Ireland never would have happened if it were not for the Aztecs.

"Potatoes were brought to Europe from the Americas," Graeber said. "They also grew pineapples, avocados and tomatoes."

Graeber said they even had flavored ice that they made from the snow that covered the local mountains.

Jimenez said that the Aztecs recycled their own dung and cultivated it back in the soil, which in turn helped the soil become rich.

The students and staff workers in attendance were impressed with the presentation that both Jimenez and Graeber did.

"The presentation was very powerful," said Jesus Chavez, a junior liberal studies major. "They exposed us to a lot of information today."

Chavez said he learned a lot in a very short time.

Some staff workers came whom were not of Hispanic descent.

"Insightful, I am not of Hispanic descent," Elena Sote, a staff worker at the Clark Library said. "The information they have is not common in the public school system."

While other left with a great understanding of who they were.

"I have a great sense of who I am," said Isaac Mendoza, computer-engineering senior. "And who my ancestors are too."

Bush assures nation terrorists will be found

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Thursday night "it may take a year or two" to track down Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network in Afghanistan, but asserted that after a five-day aerial bombardment, "we've got them on the run."

At a prime-time news conference at the White House, Bush said he did not know whether bin Laden was dead or alive. "I want him brought to justice," he said of the shadowy figure believed behind the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington that killed 5,000 people one month ago.

Bush, at times forceful, emotional and funny, look confidently beyond his war with the Taliban regime and suggested that the United Nations help rebuild Afghanistan with help from the United States. He warned other terrorist-harboring nations that they may be next, with an ominous nod to Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

"We're watching him very carefully," he said of Hussein, defeated by Bush's father in the Persian Gulf War. Some Bush advisers want to turn next against Hussein, whom the president called an "evil man."

Bush said that an FBI warning issued earlier in the day was the result of a "general threat" of possible future terrorist acts the government had received. "I hope it's the last, but given the attitude of the evildoers it may not be," he said.

At the same time, he sought to reassure Americans the government was doing all it could to make them safe. "If we receive specific intelligence

that targets a specific building or city or facility I can assure you our government will do everything possible to protect the citizens," he said.

He urged all Americans to report anything suspicious to law enforcement authorities.

Despite the aerial pounding, Bush held out a carrot to the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan harboring bin Laden. "If you cough him up, and his people today ... we'll reconsider what we're doing to your country. You still have a second chance. Bring him in. And bring his leaders and lieutenants and other thugs and criminals with him," Bush said.

Asked whether he envisioned expanding military action beyond Afghanistan to Iraq or Syria, Bush said that the United States would "bring to justice" nations that harbor terrorists. He said the administration has already had success rooting members of bin Laden's al-Qaida network from nations other than Afghanistan — a reference, aides said later, to terrorist arrests in France and Germany, among others.

"We're looking for al-Qaida cells around the world," Bush said, and if the United States finds any, it will pursue them.

Bush spoke at the first prime-time news conference of his presidency, but more importantly, one month to the day after terrorist attacks in New York and Washington murdered thousands, damaged the nation's economy and shattered its complacency.

In the month since, the president has labored to construct a foundation for an international war on terrorism, moving to

choke off the funding essential for terrorists to carry out their strikes, lining up support from other nations, creating a new Office of Homeland Security and — beginning on Sunday — unleashing the nation's military.

The news conference capped a national day of remembrance. There were memorial services around the nation to remember the more than 5,000 people killed when suicide hijackers seized four commercial airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania countryside.

At the news conference, Bush calmly fielded 13 questions in 40 minutes — disarming his questioners at times with humor. When a reporter promised to ask a follow-up question, Bush joked, "Thank you for the warning."

Vice President Dick Cheney, kept away from the White House in recent days for security reasons, "looks swell," he said with a grin.

On serious matters, Bush said that Syria, a nation often linked with terrorist groups, had expressed a desire to help with the anti-terror coalition. "We'll give them an opportunity to do so." He did not give specifics on the type of assistance Syria offered, but said he takes it seriously.

"If you want to join the coalition against terror, we will welcome you," Bush said.

Asked whether he was calling for sacrifice from Americans as part of the war against terrorism, Bush said, "I think there's a certain sacrifice when you lose a piece of your soul."

He said he had seen tears in the eyes of some of the people attending a ceremony of remembrance earlier in the day at the Pentagon.

Bush said that despite Russia's cooperation in the war on terrorism, he had not changed his mind about abandoning the Cold War-era Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and proceeding with a U.S. missile defense system. He said the 1972 ABM treaty "is outdated, antiquated and useless," and said it makes sense to permit development of an alternative system that could thwart terrorist attempts to launch missile strikes.

"I am more than anxious to continue making my case" to Russian President Vladimir Putin, he said.

He urged American children to send \$1 to help impoverished Afghanistans youngsters. The money, which he asked to be mailed to the White House, will symbolize the nation's compassion and give children something to do in reaction to the strikes, aides said.

Senate approves bill to improve airport security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted unanimously Thursday to boost the security of airlines and airports and, as an important byproduct, restore the nation's confidence in flying.

With the 100-0 vote for aviation security legislation, the Senate then moved to an anti-terrorism bill to give law enforcement new powers to pursue terrorists. "I hope that Congress can and should act quickly," said Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said both bills, coming a month after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, would help in "ensuring that this kind of thing can never happen again."

The security bill also was seen as essential to ending the current slump in air travel. "People are going to feel better about flying," said Sen. John D. Rockefeller, D-W.Va., head of the Senate Commerce aviation subcommittee. "It will put people back in planes."

The Senate also approved by 100-0 a resolution designating Sept. 11 as a national day of remembrance.

The bill, following recommendations made by President Bush, authorizes the presence of more air marshals on flights, directs that steps be taken to fortify cockpit doors, increases anti-hijacking training for flight crews and imposes a \$2.50 passenger fee per flight leg to pay for the changes.

It requires that every checked and carryon bag be X-rayed.

All 28,000 airport screeners and other security personnel would be put on the federal payroll, although smaller airports would have the option of hiring local and state law enforcement officers subject to the same training and standards as screeners at larger airports.

"There's no Swiss cheese approach here," said Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings, D-S.C. "Every hole is covered."

The bill faces an uncertain future in the House, where some Republican leaders object to creating a new federal bureaucracy for screeners. Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the House's third-ranked Republican, said he would block

consideration until he gets the votes for legislation that would increase federal supervision over screeners but keep them as private employees.

The two chambers appeared closer on the anti-terrorism bill. The Senate began debating its version Thursday, with senators saying they expected to finish debate and vote during the night.

The House will take up its version of the bill Friday. The Bush administration is pressuring the GOP-controlled House to replace its bill with the Senate version.

Unlike the House anti-terrorism bill, the Senate version has no expiration date on the new police powers and also includes money-laundering legislation requested by the White House.

However, House and White House negotiators appeared close to a deal Thursday that would extend the new wiretapping laws for five years, instead of the two years currently specified in the House bill said a spokesman for House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

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Investigation of hijackers continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirteen of the hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks entered the United States legally, but no entry records exist for the other six, raising doubts about who they are as well as how they got in, the nation's immigration chief said Thursday.

"Six of the individuals, we can find no record of them period. That's not just INS, that's everywhere," James Ziglar, head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said as his agency released records.

Three of the four suspected hijacker pilots were in the country legally on Sept. 11, including Mohamed Atta, suspected of being the coordinator of the four terrorist crews who hijacked the flights.

The fourth pilot, Hani Hanjour, had been in the United States legally at various times for the past decade, but immigration officials said they were unable to determine that was the case on the day of the attacks.

Three of the hijackers who entered the country legally had overstayed their visas: Nawaf Alhazmi, Waleed M. Alshehri and Ahmed Alghamdi.

Ziglar's testimony underscored the government's doubts over the identities of some of the hijackers.

"I suspect one of the reasons the FBI issued the pictures and the names a week or so ago was to find out if anybody out there knew whether this person was the person who has the name," Ziglar said.

"It's a problem not knowing who these people were and being able to match these names with faces," Ziglar told a House Judiciary subcommittee. The chairman, Rep. George

Gekas, R-Pa., had requested data about the 19 hijackers.

FBI Director Robert Mueller said Sept. 27 the bureau has been working to find the hijackers' true identities.

He said some of the names attached to the photos of the 19 released by the FBI may not be correct.

"Our investigation has reached out to a number of countries" in an effort to determine the identities, Mueller said.

INS spokesman Bill Strassberger said that regarding some of the hijackers, "you've got the possibility of stolen identity, multiple identities or someone who sneaked across the border."

In other developments Thursday:

—The FBI said it has received information there may be additional terrorist attacks inside the United States or abroad in the next several days.

The bureau said its information does not identify specific targets, but it has asked local police to be on the highest alert and for all Americans to be wary of suspicious activity.

"I think the next several days are obviously important partially because of the environment in which we find ourselves in the initial response period," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in an interview taped for ABC's "Nightline."

—After meeting in Washington with U.S. Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner, Canada's Customs and Revenue commissioner said his country does not think "we are a source" of transit for any of the 19 hijackers.

"There is no evidence that

they did" visit or enter the United States through Canada, Rob Wright said.

The INS records show that several of the key hijackers, who had been in the U.S. during the year 2000, entered the country for the final time in May and June. They included Atta, Marwan Al-Shehhi and Khalid Almihdhar.

Three of the six hijackers whose names do not appear in immigration records received Florida photo identification cards in early July.

For the other three, there is no record of a driver's license or ID card issued by either Florida or Virginia, the two states where the other 16 hijackers obtained identification documents.

Two of the hijackers, Khalid Almihdhar and Alhazmi, were placed on a watch list this summer after U.S. intelligence received information they might have been meeting with suspected terrorists.

By the time they were added to the watch list, they already entered the United States, officials said.

Almihdhar entered the country in July, the month before he was placed on the watch list; Alhazmi entered in January 2000.

In his testimony, Ziglar said "there is no quick fix, technological or otherwise, to the problems we face."

Gekas said in an interview that the presence of the hijackers in the country warrants a review.

"We have to see whether something failed because of the negligence of individuals or the failure to include some part in the structure to keep these people out," he said.

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