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is the first one I thought would be an appropriate match."

Leventhal expressed concern about budget problems in California's higher education system. She said California is the fastest-growing state in the country, with a high percentage of growth coming from immigrants. Over the next two years, the state is planning on 120,000 new students, but they aren't allocating any more money, which is distressing, Leventhal said.

"It's problematic for the students, because it means they're going to have fewer classes," Leventhal said. "They're

going to have a harder time graduating and getting the courses they need."

Leventhal said the budget cuts at SJSU would require much attention immediately, which she felt she wouldn't be able to give. She said she'd have to meet with various groups and let them get to know her, in order to help her create the necessary changes.

"That would have taken a lot of time that needed to be spent dealing with the budget crisis," Leventhal said. "I would have needed to do too many things at the same time to do them effectively."

Leventhal said the financial problems in California schools are comparable to the budget crunch facing Pennsylvania schools, but will be more serious in the

long run, because the projected growth in Pennsylvania is not as intensive or diverse.

Personal finances also influenced her decision to withdraw, Leventhal said. In addition to giving up extra income she gets from local board memberships, she stood to lose her vesting and retirement, and her expenses would have increased greatly.

"The cost of living out there is astronomical," Leventhal said. "My house here would cost me four times as much out there."

According to the Spartan Daily, SJSU's student newspaper, the president is expected to "entertain CEOs and city leaders," making a house choice important. The SJSU Foundation had agreed to contribute \$300,000 toward a down payment on the new president's house, but houses cost about \$800,000, so Leventhal faced monthly mortgage payments of about \$3,000.

Leventhal, dean and provost since 1984, declined to say what her salary is at PSH, but said she would not have had to take a pay cut if she accepted the position at SJSU. The salary range for Cal State's university presidents is between \$116,000 and \$124,000, depending on longevity and campus size. Leventhal said that after taxes, however, it wouldn't be much of an increase.

"I don't make as much as they offered me," Leventhal said. "But, the whole package altogether would have been pretty awful."

Here at PSH, instead of entertaining local community and business leaders, Leventhal said she gets to know them by working with the community and non-profit boards.

"I just get involved where I can meet

people and talk with them," Leventhal said. "I'm involved in a lot of 'friendraising,' which is the first step before you can do fundraising." She said donors want to know the institution before they support it, so she spends a large part of her time showing them how important PSH is to the community.

At PSH, she is well-known in the local community, and she doesn't need to convince people that she's on their side, Leventhal said.

"I would have spent the first year or two (at SJSU) just getting people on board, on the train that's going the same way," Leventhal said.

Leventhal said she's glad to be home, and doesn't think the experience will adversely affect her position at PSH.

"I think it's going to be better than ever before," Leventhal said. "I'm getting a lot of nice calls from people saying that they would really miss me if I went away, and they're happy I'm here. I feel very warmly welcomed back home."

As for the future, Leventhal said she is not clear on where she will be in five years. "I'd be happy being here, or if there was another institution that felt right, I'd be happy," Leventhal said.

Faculty and alumni of SJSU criticized the selection of Leventhal, saying she was not qualified for the position. According to the Spartan Daily, the president of SJSU's Alumni Association noted her lack of management capabilities and her background as provost of a small college.

One SJSU professor noted that Leventhal had a "poor track record with minority students." San Jose State University has 30,000 students and a 40 percent minority ratio, compared to Penn State Harrisburg's 3,400 students with a seven percent minority ratio.



Photo by Stacey Simmers

Mike Hermick draws a cold non-alcoholic beer for Bill Stoner as Rick DelGiorno and Candy Franks congregate at the keg before the Comedy CUB.

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When Krauss returned to the stage, he sang a song by James Taylor and another by Elton John. He said he wanted to do more Taylor, but there was only one fan left in the house.

"I don't know what else to do," Krauss said. Someone shouted from the crowd that he should do some country.

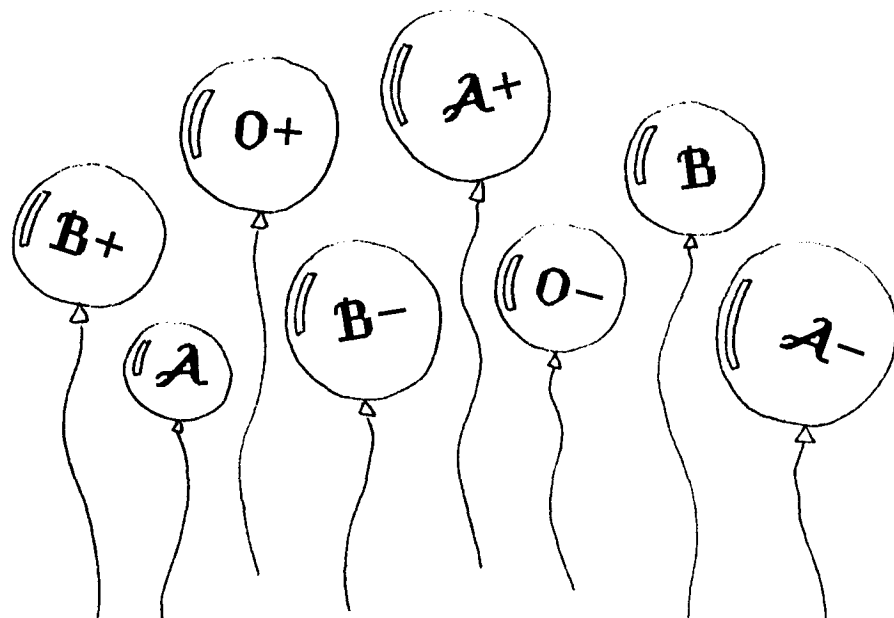
"I just forgot it all," Krauss said with a sneer.

He ended his set with his rendition of Billy Joel's "Italian Restaurant."

"Every time I do this song, I break my G-string. Let's see if I can do it tonight with it breaking," he said.

Sure enough, the string broke. But the show must go on, and it did. Minus the G-string.

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