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Gail Renetty uses her crutches to get from wheelchair to car.

Photos by Russ Leo

## Rare disease fails to hinder student

By Pam Alexander

Gail Renetty has been breaking her bones since the day she was born.

Suffering from a rare genetic childhood disease which makes her bones brittle, Renetty, 22, has broken her upper legs nine times, lower legs four times, left arm five times and right arm once.

"When I was born, the doctor broke my ankle. Apparently he didn't know I had brittle bones," she said.

The anthropology senior wants to go into some area of social work and work with people from different backgrounds.

Renetty currently is vice president of the SJSU Disabled Students Coalition.

Riding in a battery-operated wheelchair imported from England, Renetty said, "It's more compact and easier to get around in than a regular wheelchair."

"Sometimes I almost run over people," she said. "I guess they think I can stop immediately, but like a car, it takes time."

On crutches since kindergarten, Renetty has been using a wheelchair for more than two years.

**Home teaching**  
"Any fall I make means a breakage. Because of the constant dangers of falling and breaking something, I almost always had a special teacher who came out to my home to teach me my studies," she said.

Renetty said she is very cautious when driving. She once broke her right leg in a minor traffic accident in the Seventh Street Garage.

"A lot of times people don't know

whether to speed up or slow down when I'm getting on the freeway. I guess I'm overly cautious," she said.

Renetty finds the doors to MacQuarrie Hall difficult to get through.

"They are very heavy and bang on me every time I go through them."

"There are a lot of things that are hard to do, but I have mastered most of them. I have most of the doors around campus timed," she said.

Renetty encounters different kinds of problems when meeting people.

### People's reactions

"People are not used to seeing handicapped people in the streets. They don't know how to react when they see me."

"Some people patronize me by saying, 'Oh, you're so brave' or 'You're an inspiration to us all,'" she said.

"I scare some people. I see a lot of petrified looks on people's faces. I don't know if it's because they look at me in the wheelchair and are afraid of becoming crippled, or if they feel sorry for me."

"It's hard to tell if people's reactions to me are normal or if it just seems abnormal."

"Sometimes when people are walking down the halls and they see me, they stop whistling or talking," she said.

Renetty said she finds teachers and students willing to help when she has a problem.

"Last fall the elevators in the Business Building broke and three guys carried me up the stairs for a class test."

"Another time I had a class moved from the Journalism

## Missing grade change files possibly lost in campus mail

By Jim Jones

Two confidential files on student grade changes may have been lost in the campus mail system at the end of last semester.

Perry Litchfield, A.S. attorney general, said he sent files given to him by a member of the Academic Fairness Committee (AFC) to the Academic Senate office via campus mail, but the senate's secretary said she never received the files.

Litchfield said Judy Appleby, a student member of the AFC, gave

the files to him on the last day of school "because there wasn't anyone left to turn them (the files) in to."

### Files sent

He said Appleby gave him the files because she knew he had some dealings with the AFC. Litchfield said he sent the files to the senate office via campus mail.

"I know the files are gone from here," Litchfield said.

Litchfield recently turned in his resignation as attorney general

because of time conflicts, but remains in office pending selection of a replacement.

Lucille Vittimos, senate secretary, said she keeps only correspondence and minutes in her file on the AFC, which is a senate committee. But she added she would have kept the files over the summer and then given them back to the committee if they had arrived.

She said it was possible the files had been lost in the campus mail or delivered to the wrong place.

Made up of students and faculty, the AFC hears and investigates requests by students for grade changes.

Other files turned over to the committee this semester by spring chairman Robert Crawford-Drobot, a student, seem to be incomplete. A log book of AFC cases lists several case files which were not among those turned over by Crawford-Drobot.

### Files transferred

Crawford-Drobot turned the files over to temporary chairman Dr. Dennis Chaldecott two weeks ago, after keeping them at his home all summer. This was over the objections of Don DuShane, assistant to the dean of student services, who acts as liaison with the AFC.

He said the files should never have been taken off campus.

Crawford-Drobot said he kept the files to safeguard their privacy since no new chairperson was appointed last semester.

Chaldecott confirmed Appleby turned in her files to Litchfield. Appleby met with him earlier this semester, he said, and told him she had given Litchfield the files.

According to Chaldecott, one of the files marked in the log book as being assigned to Appleby was indeed missing, but another was accounted for.

He had no explanation, but admitted it was possible he had been assigned a case which had not been



Perry Litchfield

recorded in the log book.

"Anything's possible," Chaldecott said. He said earlier there were some AFC files for which there was no log book entry.

Chaldecott said two files he turned in to Crawford-Drobot personally were among those still unaccounted for.

According to student AFC member Pam Alexander, not everyone turned in their files at the same time, or at the last meeting held, when Crawford-Drobot had told the committee the files were due.

Chaldecott said Crawford-Drobot called three meetings after, but all were cancelled when he failed to show up.

Chaldecott said part of the uncertainty over files stem from the lack of funding for clerical help. He said the committee chairperson had to deal with a great amount of paperwork.

"It all depends on who's in charge," he said. "Some people have tidy files and some people don't have tidy files."



Gail Renetty uses her battery powered wheelchair to go to and from class.

Building because it has no elevator, to the Education Building," she said.

### Elevator problems

"Once I got stuck in the elevator between the third and fourth floors in MacQuarrie Hall and a student had to run down to the first floor and press the elevator button so I could get out."

"During the rains last week, the ramps got flooded and I had to go out of my way to class to avoid crossing at the badly flooded corner of Seventh and San Carlos," she said.

SJSU has made a lot of improvements on campus during the last two years, she said. But she added that elevators still are needed in the Journalism Building and Speech and Drama Building.

According to Renetty, the Foreign Language Department and the School of Social Sciences are low

on priority lists of students in wheelchairs.

"There are no ramps or lifts and I have heard of no plans to modify those buildings. It makes it difficult to talk to teachers and take classes from those departments," she said.

"It really pees me off when people park in spaces marked for handicapped students."

"I can't walk more than half a block without getting tired and sick," she complained.

Renetty enjoys reading anthropology books and contemporary novels, as well as stitching, embroidery, caring for house plants and watching television.

"A big motivation in my life has been the fact that I am a Christian. Having faith means a lot when you're really down and out," she said.

## Carpport fire victim may sue owner

Student apartment dweller Marla Marlow, whose car was destroyed by a carpport fire Sept. 8, is taking the apartment's owner to small claims court unless she is compensated for damages.

Marlow, who resides at The Campus Apartments, 555 S. Eighth St., said Ralph Reeder, the property manager of the complex, promised tenants the day after the fire that damaged property would be "compensated for."

The fire destroyed three SJSU student's cars and caused an estimated \$20,000 worth of damage.

"Reeder told everyone they would be fully compensated," Marlow said. "I think he said it to pacify us and make himself look good."

Marlow claims the loss of her car has caused her to lose job opportunities. "I lost one job and lost the chance for another in Sunnyvale because I have no transportation."

Robert Gularte, Marlow's boyfriend who was using her car at the time, also was affected. "He lost one job because of having no car and

lost a good opportunity to advance himself," she said.

In addition to the loss of the car, Marlow will go to small claims court on the grounds that Reeder, who is a spokesman for apartment owner A.M. Wilson of Los Gatos, was "negligible and irresponsible" in the upkeep of the apartments.

According to Marlow, Reeder repeatedly was asked to remove debris from the carpport that was blocking parking space.

The pile of debris, some old furniture and mattresses belonging to the apartment complex, is where the fire reportedly started Sept. 8.

Marlow said the previous tenants of her apartment had asked Reeder to clean up the debris on numerous occasions.

Joe Clark, SJSU student and a former tenant, said he had requested Reeder to remove the debris "more than once."

"I requested him to remove the stuff at least six months ago. It was blocking parking space. It just didn't have to be there," he said.

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## \$200 million project to rebuild downtown

The San Jose Redevelopment Agency Board last week gave conceptual approval of a \$200 million downtown redevelopment project adjacent to SJSU.

As introduced by the San Antonio Plaza Ltd. development group, the four-block long project would include a hotel, offices, a department store, and 104 housing units and parking facilities.

If approved, the project would be completed in about five years and encompass an area bordered by San Carlos, San Fernando, Fourth and Market streets.

Speaking before the board, architect Robert Odermatt stressed the project would be "people-oriented with an emphasis on pedestrian use."

Second Street would be closed to auto traffic and three footbridges would allow SJSU students easy access across Fourth Street.

In a slide presentation, Odermatt showed how a landscaped walkway or paseo would run through the center of the project from west to east, unifying the plaza area.

Small retail shops and restaur-

rants would border the walkway. Housing, according to Odermatt, would include high, medium and low income units, dominating the southwest corner of the project.

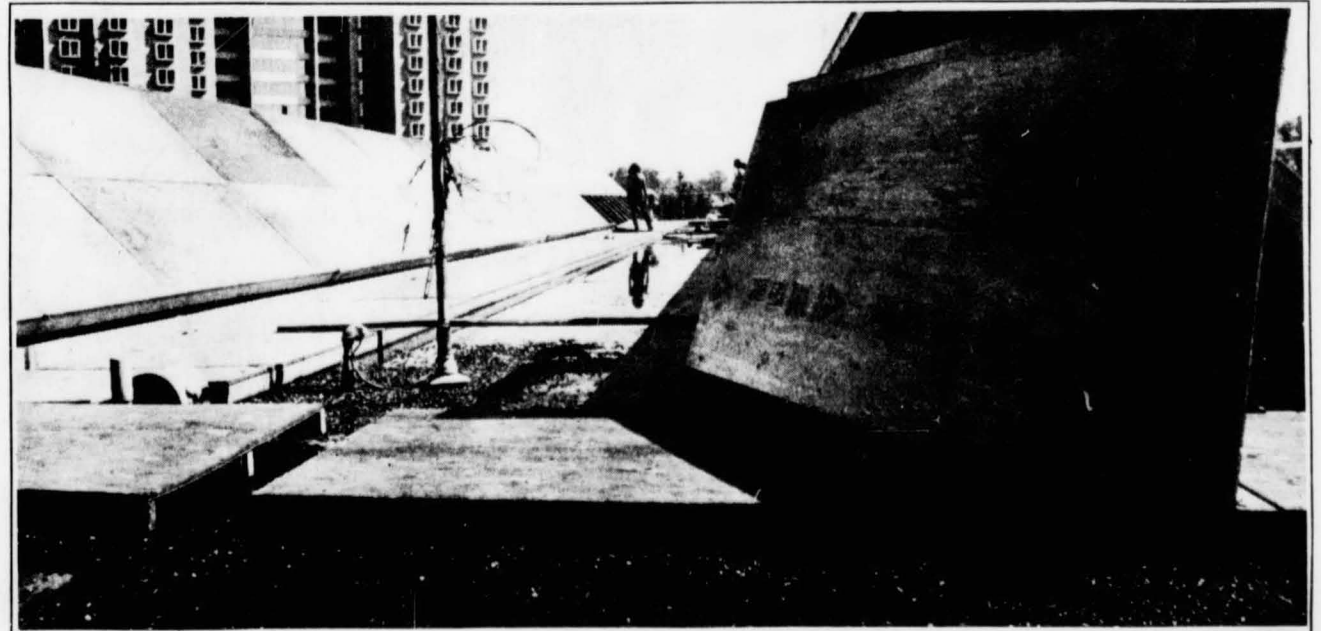
The board voted 5-1 to authorize the city staff to begin negotiations with the partnership. The negotiations involve the city and partnership to conduct a preliminary market analysis, continue tenant solicitation and initiate long-term and short-term financing.

Negotiations between the city and plaza group is limited to six months.

"Either this group performs," said Stanley Twardus, assistant redevelopment director, "or we find somebody else."

Two previous development plans for the area have failed in the past decade because of the lack of financing.

In response to a question by Councilman Jim Self, Odermatt said construction on the Ampco parking lot between Third and Fourth streets would be held off for three or four years.



Already flooded with rain water, environmental studies students complete construction on Royce Hall's Solar panels. In two weeks, the project will be halted until rainy season is over. The \$125,000 project to heat Royce, Washburn and Hoover Halls domestic water using the sun's rays, is scheduled to be completed in the spring. Construction began within a year of the project's conception. The project grew out of a question by William Schooler, SJSU

business official, who asked whether solar power could help reduce the school's energy bills. The heating system is expected to pay for itself twice over and then some by the year 2000. The technology for solar heating is here, solar cooling is not far away. SJSU dorm residents have to wait until spring to see it work.

David Pacheco

"TESTING... ONE... TWO... THREE..."



# Opinion

## Time for A.S. Council to reveal stand on proposed Rec Center

By Burt Dekker

The A.S. Council should let its stand on the proposed Recreation Center be known.

It should either throw its support behind the project or let Dr. Dan Unruh, who has done much of the footwork on the project, know it doesn't want to get involved.

Unruh proposes a center which would be funded by an increase in student fees.

Governor Brown recently vetoed a bill which would allow A.S. to vote on whether to increase fees. Brown reasoned the participation in student elections is traditionally low and thereby not representative of the student body.

So Unruh came to council with a resolution to finance a major drive for 10,000 signatures on a petition agreeing to have the center built with student funds.

That is when the Council began to look like a part of the bureaucracy that Subs-n-Staff owner Tony Brenner is trying to avoid with his donation of three percent of the gross receipts to Spartan Shops.

One councilperson said he would like to see some kind of response from the students on the project before he would vote to spend

anything on it, even to fund the signature drive.

He suggested some sort of initial petition which would allow the council to determine if there is enough student interest to support any expenditure on the project.

Burt Dekker is the staff writer on the Spartan Daily who covers Associated Students.

Other members of council either voiced their agreement or were, by their silence, in agreement.

The council has at its disposal a budget of about \$500,000 with which to present programs, services and to aid in its administration of those funds.

If the members of council were doing their job correctly, the initial petition would not be needed. If it is truly representative of the students on campus, council should make a decision and make it soon.

As was mentioned at the meeting, each year's delay will cause an approximate 12 percent increase in the cost of the project.

A.S. Council should be willing to spend a small portion of the

students' money to inform itself so that decisions involving larger amounts can be made intelligently.

Another argument is that students should have total control of anything which is funded by student fees.

This argument is valid, but unrealistic.

The system is designed so that the only way this could happen would be if A.S. also owned the land upon which the center is built and the state legislature did not have final say.

If the A.S. demands total control of the center before it will fund it, the university will deny use of the land and students will be stuck with what they have now — very little.

Perhaps the council should spend some of its money on a questionnaire dealing with a number of issues so that it will be informed of the students wants and needs.

# Other Ideas

Why not the best of the two?

## Ex-Udall supporter sides with commoner Carter

By Roy Christman

Californians have this myth about themselves.

They think they are informed, intelligent voters, carefully studying issues and candidates. They are fond of saying, "I vote for the man, not the party," of prefacing remarks on politics with "I've been following this campaign pretty closely, and..."

In reality, voting for most of us is a mixture of the rational and the silly, of cold calculation and gut reaction. Various voting studies tell us that the actual vote decision depends on our attitudes toward and perceptions of the parties, the issues, and the candidates.

Of course, these three elements vary in importance from election to election and from voter to voter. For me, for this Presidential election, the choice is Jimmy Carter.

First, Carter is a Democrat. Once I did vote for a Republican. My father, a Republican, was running for the post of township supervisor. After agonizing, I decided to give him my vote, although I should quickly point out that he is a liberal Republican.

Ordinarily I find it difficult to identify with Republicans — people who (in my mind) live in big houses, play golf a lot, own banks, and sleep in separate bedrooms.

I feel Democratic. This is called party identification and mine is strong, indeed.

Beyond this personal identification with Democrats, however, there is a good rational reason for party voting in 1976.

When the Congress is Democratic and the President is Republican — or the other way around — government tends to drift, action is difficult, and perhaps most importantly, we don't know who to blame for screw-ups. The most elemental choice a voter can make is the "ins" vs. the "outs," but with divided government both parties are "ins" and we can't pin responsibility on them.

"Responsible government" is not just something cooked up by political scientists for intellectual debate. It is the essence of democracy, and by electing Carter along with the Democratic Congress, we get it.

The argument could be made that we should elect a Republican Congress along with Ford, but that will not happen in this election. If Ford is elected, we bumble along for four more long years.

Second, my views on most political issues correspond to the planks in the Democratic platform

and to stands taken by Carter.

I have read both party platforms (I've been following this campaign pretty closely), and find the Democratic platform opposes immediate production of the B-1 bomber, supports mandatory sentencing for criminals using guns, does not think a child's education should depend on the wealth of the surrounding community, and opposes a constitutional amendment on abortion.

Dr. Roy Christman, a SJSU political science instructor, was Rep. Morris Udall's Tenth Congressional District coordinator during the California Democratic primary.

I agree with the Democratic platform on energy policy, land use planning, environmental protection, bureaucratic reform, and much more. I find the Republican platform appealing only in its recognition of the importance of community (belied by the rest of the platform), and in its opposition to affirmative action programs as they are presently administered.

Compared to my own positions, Jimmy Carter himself often stands a little to the right (on foreign affairs) or to the left (mostly in his views on certain social issues), but I can live with his beliefs. Knowing that, I'm sure he will sleep much better tonight.

As for the man himself, I had a lot of trouble with Carter.

He was religious, he took advice from Dean Rusk, he had a mean streak, he was personally opposed to abortion, he was an Annapolis graduate, and he kept beating Udall — my candidate — in the primaries.

When I knew he was going to get the nomination, I even considered McCarthy. McCarthy, though, is guilty of what in the Soviet Union would be called the "cult of the personality." He is not going to be President, he is not forming a movement, but he is indulging in a fantasy.

While he is witty, articulate, and often very wise, he will also cut into Carter's vote and may help Ford to victory. He has said that he does not regard that as a bad thing, but I do.

Since I tend to be a sore loser, it took me a while to come around to Carter, but I have come around.

When he picked Minnesota Sen. Walter Mondale, he was reaching out for my kind — he remembered my wing of the party and I appreciated that.

I have other reasons. A student lent me a copy of "Why Not the Best", Carter's autobiography, and

I learned that Carter had an outdoor toilet in his early years.

So did I — a tenuous bond, but one which grew when I read his description of growing up on the farm. It made me homesick and nostalgic.

Carter, you see, came from a place where people knew one another, had ties, common values, common concerns. How pleasant to play softball after supper, to like one's neighbors, to know one's neighbors.

Norman Mailer did an interview of Carter for the New York Times in which he describes Plains, Georgia, and Carter's roots. Some people felt this interview reflected badly on Carter — to me it provided almost enough justification to vote for the man by itself.

Carter has also proved to be human. He makes mistakes. He was nervous in the first debate.

He lusters after women. And admits it. And feels guilt. His kid is a brat.

But what is really important about Carter is that he has the capacity to learn. This is clear from his book, his political history, and the campaign itself.

He sees problems in their complexity, and while he may overestimate his ability to solve them, he is at least a generalist thinking in general terms.

Ford is not a man to learn, to plan, to weigh, to think. Ford is a pleasant man who has performed a difficult caretaker role with a certain amount of grace and humility but with a parochial vision.

We have had our share of discussion this year about where America has been and how great it is and can be. I am too fashionable, cynical to add to that.

Nor do I expect miracles from President, and I think it is bad for democratic government when others do.

Still, Carter may add an element to our political life that has been missing for a number of years — a sense of public spirit, a feeling that life can be better, a little hope.

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# Letters

## Spartan Daily reporting distorts parking plans

Editor: I must admit to being continually disappointed at the quality of reporting regarding "my" parking proposal.

The gist of every article has been that this proposal is a flagrant violation of student rights and would only be harmful to their interests. This is entirely false.

Student interests have been an integral part of the study and proposal and continue to be of foremost concern. It is our position that student and neighborhood interests would be better served by a comprehensive parking plan.

The two most important parts of the plan are the simultaneous restricting of parking (to which you have given plenty of play), and the implementation of the shuttle service to the municipal baseball park lot near the football stadium.

If you could be bothered to actually read the study, you would see that only 100 student parkers would be displaced by the six-block prohibition while the shuttle would immediately provide 600 parking spaces for the students. By simple

arithmetic, six times what we propose to eliminate.

And just what do you propose we do in order to get the university to take responsibility for the 6,000 parkers they generate daily?

I have yet to hear one reasonable alternative from any reactionaries, including Mr. Barozzi's CCIA (which purports to work to solve neighborhood problems but prefers to do nothing).

I graduated from San Jose State only two years ago and my wife and quite a few friends and neighbors are students here. It is with a heavy heart that I find so much resentment, defensiveness and reactionary comment to this problem which we all share and should, if we were responsible citizens, work to resolve.

As Mr. Barozzi says, students are the real victims here and the university is to blame. Maybe the Daily should re-address the problem, placing the true culprit in the spotlight.

Bill Plate  
President, Naglee Park Homeowners Association



# Misunderstanding sexuality cited as problem by lesbians

By Pam Alexander  
The phrase "coming out" has a different meaning for everyone, especially for Lisa Nelson and Rande Stevens, coordinators of SJSU's Lesbian Feminist Alliance (LFA).

Describing her "coming out," the acceptance of lesbianism, as a "traumatic experience," Nelson said she was "experiencing a lot of guilt feelings about being a lesbian."  
"I'm am scared to tell

people that I am gay. I work around teenagers," said Nelson, a 23-year-old psychology senior.  
"You can lose everything: your job, children, and home because you're gay," she added.

There are no proven facts why people are gay or "straight," Nelson said. "Everyone is different."  
"Some women become lesbians because they fall in love with another woman. I always fought being a lesbian, until I came out one year ago," she said.

Many gay people lead double lives said Stevens. "They lead the straight life and the life of a closet homosexual. It's really sad and tragic," said Stevens, a 23-year-old music senior.

The "straight" community cannot deal with homosexuals showing affection for one another in public, Stevens said.

They say it's okay to kiss and hug in the privacy of your own homes, but not in public, she added.

"I hate having to hide being affectionate in public with another woman. Once

I had bottles thrown at me for showing my affection in public," Stevens said.

Currently fighting against stereotypes associated with lesbianism, Stevens believes the best way to end stereotypes is to rid oneself of the fears and ignorance associated with lesbianism.

"People always ask, who plays the 'butch' and who plays the 'feminine' role?" Stevens said.

There is no role playing in a modern lesbian relationship she said. The house work and cooking duties are shared. It is more of an individual relationship rather than a superiority relationship, she added.

According to Stevens, the daughter of heterosexual parents, lesbians never had a 'role model' to pattern themselves after.

"Straight people get confused when they use such terms as transexual, homosexual, transvestite and bisexual when describing us," she said.

A transexual is someone who has had a sex change operation while a trans-

vestite is someone who dresses in the opposite sex's clothing, she explained.

"The terms are so different and cannot be used synonymously," she said.

"A lot of men believe that all lesbians need are a 'good screw' to make them a full woman. "There is more to being a lesbian than sex," she said.

"I am a lesbian because I am physically, emotionally and sexually attracted to women," she said.

"People think all we got on our minds is screwing," Stevens said. "If you think about it it's ridiculous. Men don't want to screw every woman they meet, and we don't want to screw every woman we meet either."

Lesbianism is no longer referred to as a sickness; now it is considered a matter of preference, said Stevens.

"I want to be me," Stevens said, "fighting for individualism and equality."

"I don't want to be a man. I want to celebrate the fact that I am a woman."



Lesbian Feminist Alliance members sit outside the Women's Center on 10th St.



Rande Stevens (l) and Susan DeNault.

## NAACP gets appeal funds

Despite a massive effort to raise \$1.5 million to appeal a recent Mississippi court decision, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was only able to raise \$750,000 in donations and had to borrow the rest.

According to Henry Gage Sr., president of the San Jose branch of the NAACP, \$800,000 was loaned to them by the AFL-CIO. He said \$50,000 of the loan was used for administrative costs.

On Oct. 1 the NAACP entered "Phase II" of their struggle to raise funds to pay off the AFL-CIO, he said.

"We are still conducting our fund-raisers and we

propose to have raised a half million dollars by Christmas," Gage added.

By Sept. 29 the NAACP had to raise the money to appeal an Aug. 9 decision made by a Mississippi judge, awarding white merchants in the Clairborne County-Post Gibson area \$1.25 million.

The award is the result of a lawsuit filed in October, 1969 by the white merchants because of a 1966 boycott.

The boycott, a civil rights activity, was participated in by local NAACP officials and other civil rights activists in Port Gibson in an effort to protest employment and other forms of racial abuse.

## Guidelines for rape treatment outlined by W.A.R. advocate

By Gilbert Chan

Hospitals should adopt guidelines for treating rape victims similar to those recommended by a federally funded study, according to Patricia Nava, an advocate for San Jose's Women Against Rape.

Some hospitals, she said, provide good treatment for rape victims but fail to collect proper evidence for a criminal case. Other hospitals collect proper evidence, but fail to meet the needs of the woman, she added.

The recommendations came from a committee of representatives from the medical and legal professions under the Queens

Foundation Project, a federally funded program researching the needs of rape victims.

The committee was formed in June to survey the procedures of treating rape victims used by the hospitals in the six Bay Area counties.

The report was presented in San Francisco to representatives of hospitals, police agencies, district attorneys' offices and rape crisis centers.

The guidelines included provisions for privacy, sensitive questioning, laboratory tests, medication, proper handling of evidence and counseling.

Nava said "some hospitals refuse to see victims of rape" and direct them to Santa Clara County's Valley Medical Center (VMC). Such a refusal, she said, "makes them feel like a leper."

Nava added that hospitals treating rape victims should use the foundation's guidelines as a checklist against its own procedures.

Dr. Bob Violante, director of emergency medical services at VMC, said the guidelines are

similar to the hospital's procedure for handling rape victims.

"We see most of the sexual assaults in the county," he said. He said a Palo Alto Police Department survey indicated that there are 350 rapes per year in the county.

He agreed that many hospitals are reluctant to accept rape victims because "most physicians do not see themselves appearing in court," he said referring to medical testimony.

"It's going to be seen by these (smaller hospitals) as more red tape," he said. "They seem fine with us," said Clayton Haupt, Santa Clara County deputy district attorney. He said the guidelines would aid law enforcement but doubted some hospitals would follow every guideline.

Victims accepted

"They're more exhaustive than a doctor may have time to handle," he said, referring to the 60 to 70 items in the report.

San Jose Hospital has been accepting rape victims for the past three years, according to Naomi Nakano, supervisor of the emergency room.

She said it is important to have guidelines for treating rape victims, even though the hospital receives very few cases. San Jose Hospital has handled 10 rape cases this year, according to Nakano.

It is an injustice to the victim herself, she said, if she does not receive the proper care. The proper collection of evidence and emotional support is important, she added.

## Viking project shows Martian soil similar to Earth's, biologist says

There are no little green men on Mars. However, experiments by Vikings I and II show the soil on Mars to be similar to the soil on Earth, and, there is a possibility that some living organisms do exist on Mars.

These were the conclusions of Dr. Donald De Vencenzi, assistant chief of the extraterrestrial biology division at NASA-Ames research center, during an on campus lecture-seminar held last week.

The seminar, entitled "Mars-Viking Life Detection Experiments" and presented by the SJSU Chemistry Department, was given exactly 19 years after the Russians launched the first man-made spacecraft, Sputnik.

Synthesis universal  
"Life began on Earth as a result of condensation. The synthesis of organic compounds is universal and not restricted to our own planet. The laws of physics and chemistry are universal," De Vencenzi said, in explaining why Mars was picked as the "target" to prove these points.

De Vencenzi also gave a brief history of Earth's analysis of Mars to the capacity crowd of 100 students and instructors.

In the 1950s "it was thought that there were areas of widespread vegetation on Mars because the darkness in colors (in different photographs of Mars) changed with the seasons.

"On a planetary scale, Mars is like the Earth," he said.

He added that after further experiments it was concluded that the colors changes were due to windstorms that blew different colored surface soils from one place to another.

In the 1960s scientists concluded that deep canyons in the surface of Mars were caused by liquid water, showing further examples of Earth-Mars similarities.

Slides entertain  
With the aid of slide photographs, De Vencenzi entertained the audience with magnificent color photos of Mars taken by Viking I. Among the distinctive characteristics are that the "red planet" really is red and has a desert-like

geography with sanddune-shaped hills.

De Vencenzi proceeded to discuss the three experiments Viking I and II conducted to determine stronger similarities between Earth and Mars.

"The pyrolytic release experiment was used to test photosynthesis. It's purpose was to look for organisms and bacteria that were able to carry out photosynthesis," he said.

Conclusions from this experiment showed the Mars soil was weak, much like that of the Antarctica on Earth.

The second experiment, called the labeled release, showed the soil on Mars was "very active" and "compared to that of the

soil on the front lawn."

"The experiment showed us (NASA-Ames) that Mars possibly has as many organisms as on Earth," he said.

Breathing test  
From the gas exchange experiment, which tested what kind of breathing the organisms on Mars had, De Vencenzi said "95" percent of the martian atmosphere is carbon dioxide and that the "soil on Mars gave off oxygen."

DeVencenzi declined to give any definite opinions on life on Mars, saying that Viking I has not completed its experiments yet and that a great deal of laboratory work would have to be performed before conclusions could be made.

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# Black poets express gamut of experiences

**By Marion Whittaker**  
Poetry is a very strong tradition and form of expression among black cultures.

These were the feelings of SJSU English Prof. Shelby Steele as he introduced the poets in last Thursday's poetry reading in the San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St.

The reading, entitled "Writer's in the Gallery," was presented in conjunction with the contemporary black artists' work also on display.

The poets featured for the day were Primus St. John, visiting poet and English professor of Portland State University, Ore.; Titilayo, SJSU student; and Kathy Matthews, SJSU graduate.

"Someday the words will all be beautiful..." said Titilayo as she began her reading through a variety of poems.

The collection ranged from thoughts of her grandmother:

"Grandma, she pawed her life to breed a future in me..."

to verbalizing the joy/pain of love.

"I did not know how to stop loving you I feasted on my hunger tallying the timetable of your absence."

With an already established reputation in poetry reading on the SJSU campus, Titilayo had no problem encompassing the audience in her poetic travels.

On the other hand, the following poet left a lot to be desired. Several things about Primus St. John made him a less than polished performer.

St. John never raised his eyes from the podium through out his reading, which gave the impression that he was not speaking to the audience but more to his collection entitled, "Skins on The Earth."

**No microphone**  
The lack of a microphone only served to add insult to injury — those sitting in the rear of the



Titilayo



Kathy Matthews

*It rains like this every day  
It is so invisible  
it knows our name*

*and wet  
We've let the dirty street  
beat out this story.*

And this from "Riding The Wolver Hollow Road,"

*I am tired of the smell  
of prosperity  
fencing in the land;  
of an old bitch  
unfit to dream  
Wearing out her children  
with special schools  
and special rules."*

St. John has style and flair but as for his oratorical abilities they are non-existent. He failed to enunciate and effectively use verbal emphasis which is a must in poetry reading.

**Audience dissipated**  
Unfortunately a large part of the audience had dissipated by the time

Kathy Matthews was announced.

This was to the disadvantage of those who left because she gave an excellent performance, in both the writing and the deliverance of her work.

Rather than reading poetry, Matthews gave a delightful rendition of an old fashion Southern Sunday School Baptismal, in the form of a short story.

The story was well delivered, and 'almost immediately' engrossed the audience in an aura of nostalgia. Most, I'm sure, were able to identify with the ole-Saturday-nite-bath-for-Sunday-going-to-church-routine.

She moved naturally from one character to another, portraying eight-year-old Tish, ten-year-old June and their mother, Ma Dear.

Here is a scene where Tish is experiencing pre-baptismal jitters:

*"Then it was my turn. I stood in the water, my hand in Reverend Phillip's hand. My body began to shiver. I was scared. I was going to have to go to the bathroom."*

Reverend Phillips mumbled something about 'In the Name' and then folded my arms across my chest like undertakers do to the dead bodies. I was plunged into the depths."

Matthews and Titilayo without a doubt added the

necessary spice to what was nearly a dire failure. The next reading on Oct. 26 will feature Chicano poet Garry Soto along with local poet Wende Rose.

The reading will again be held in the Museum of Art beginning at 8 p.m.

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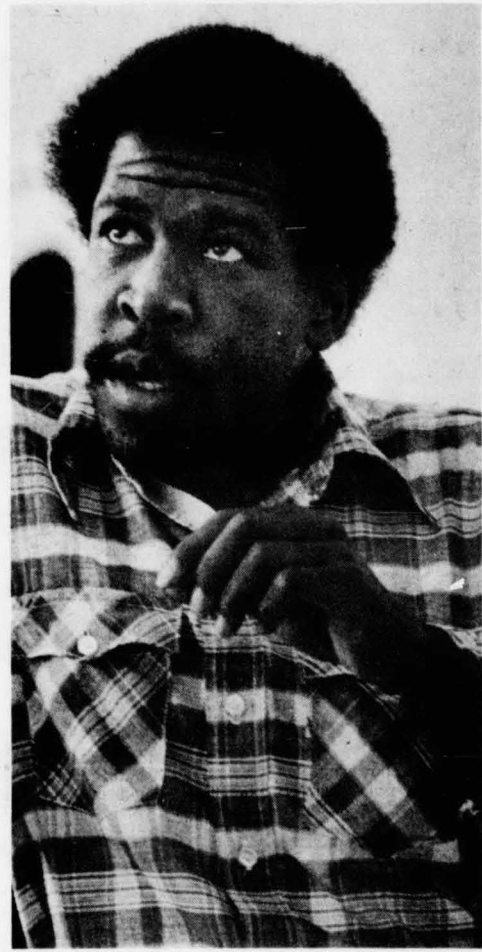
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Primus St. John

## Student sees 'reality in art'

**By Thelma Fiester**  
Senior art major Pat Jones sees almost everything as an art form even bits of broken glass on the sidewalk and masses of industrial pipes.

"Just look at those patterns," Jones will say. "Very interesting."

"I work in art as a way of dealing with reality that is most satisfying to me," Jones said.

**Successful artist**  
Jones, a successful artist before she began college, explains that she wants the intellectual growth her art courses help her acquire.

Her work was shown in galleries in Albuquerque, N.M. as early as 14 years ago. She also served as curator of the Yuca Gallery there. Since moving to Sunnyvale in 1966 her work has been shown in local galleries and

in San Francisco.

**More unified**  
"My work has improved since I've been at San Jose State," Jones said. "It is more unified now. The class critiques have been very helpful."

She worked in different media for 15 years before deciding to concentrate on sculpture, Jones said. Her major is sculpture and she plans to teach after graduation.

"I like sculpture because of the physical labor," she said. "It allows me to use my muscles."

She finds it amusing that some people think the casting and grinding she does are masculine.

**Very technical**  
Art has become very technical, Jones said. But she refuses to become so wrapped up in technology that she fails to get her

ideas across. Jones became interested in art while working in New York as a dietician a few years after graduating from high school.

**Never exposed**  
She was raised on a farm in Wisconsin and had never been exposed to art museums, she said. New York's galleries opened up a "fascinating" new world for her.

Now that her children are adults, Jones said she has more time to grow as an individual.

"I achieve personal growth through my sculpture," Jones said.

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# Tapestry trip annual event for prof

**By Ray McNeil**  
Prof. Robert Freimark will go a long way for his art, even to Czechoslovakia.

Since 1970, the SJSU art instructor has traveled at least one a year to that Central European country to make tapestries.

The textile design which Freimark works with in Czechoslovakia is known as "art protis." It was developed by the Czechs at the Brno Wool Research Institute in that country.

The state-owned textile machinery can make a Gobelin tapestry in less than half the time it takes by manual methods. The Gobelin tapestries are woven of wool and are traditional in Europe.

**Originally painted**  
Freimark, who is the only American ever invited to Czechoslovakia to use the machinery, said he was invited while touring Europe

with his exhibit of lithographs.

Originally a painter and print maker, he now devotes most of his time to weaving.

In his six years of working in Czechoslovakia, Freimark has created more than 150 tapestries, which range in price from \$800 to \$8,500. Among these is the largest tapestry in the Santa Clara Valley, which hangs in the Park Plaza Center in San Jose.

**Sketched first**  
His pictorial abstraction of the Santa Clara Valley in tapestry hangs in the lobby of American Micro Systems Inc. in Santa Clara.

"Most of my tapestries are done on a commission basis. The patron and I agree on size, price, color, theme and symbols. I then make a sketch of the design and get the patron's approval," he said.

Among his projects for the future, Freimark

has been invited to submit a sketch for a tapestry to the Russians for possible use in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

**Pressure felt**  
Freimark described the Czech people as "treating strangers better than they treat their own people. When I'm in the country I have as much freedom as anybody, maybe more," he said.

"The Czechs feel tremendous pressure from the Russians because they are one of the more advanced technological colonies," Freimark said.

"While the Russian army maintains a low profile everyone knows they are camping in the forest and usually know exactly where they are camped," he said.

Freimark, who has taught at SJSU for 12 years, will exhibit his tapestries and lithographs at the Art Connection in Los Angeles in November.



Robert Freimark with a Czechoslovakian tapestry.

# spartaguide

Dr. Smith will speak tomorrow at the Industrial Arts club meeting. All I.A. students are urged to attend the meeting at 11:30 in IS 241.

Students interested in information about Sigma Pi, the alternative fraternity, are invited to come by the information table from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside Spartan Bookstore tomorrow.

Intercultural Steering Committee (I.C.S.C.) meets for nominations at 4:30 p.m. today at The Campus Christian Center, 300 S. 10th St. in the rear lounge. All foreign student organizations are invited to send a representative.

Congressman Norman Y. Mineta will speak on "Congress Today — You and Your Government," at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Umunuh Room in the Student Union. The talk is sponsored by Delta Tau Kappa, Social Science Honor Society.

Sis Institute at 3352 Sacramento St., San Francisco. Admission is \$5. For further information call 922-9182.

Tau Delta Phi, publishers of the Tower List, is looking for new members. Come to an informal smoker at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information call David Schirle at 296-7802.

A Transcendental Meditation program introductory lecture will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the S.U. Guadalupe Room.

GROPE's Free Flix will present "Multiply and Subtract the Earth" at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow in the S.U. Ballroom. "The Tribe that Hides from Man," will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in the S.U. Umunuh Room.

The Student California Teachers Association will hold an organizational

meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ed. 101. All are welcome. Programs, activities, membership drive and election of officers will be discussed.

S.A.C. screening for nursing class in the spring of 1977 for pre-nursing and change of major students will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today in HB408. For further information call 277-2700.

Co-op jobs in the FAA air traffic control program, once restricted to aero majors, have been opened to math, geography and meteorology majors. A 2.5 over-all GPA and a 2.9 in the major are required. Applications will be accepted Wednesday and Thursday in Building Q, room 4.

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# Mental program holds benefit

A mini flea market scheduled for Oct. 16 and 17 will benefit a new recreation and companion program at SJSU for board and care residents.

"The Microbe Market," sponsored by Parents of Adult Mentally Ill (PAMI), will help raise funds for the Friends and Neighbors program based at SJSU.

The market, at 79 S. Fifth St., will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Friends and Neighbors, which offers sociology and New College credit, is a non-profit student project which attempts to increase communication between students and ex-mental patients.

Students enrolled in the project spend four hours a week visiting the former patients and also attend bi-weekly seminars on com-

munity mental health affairs.

The program will receive 25 per cent of the proceeds from the two-day event scheduled.

Friends and Neighbors will use the money to purchase office supplies, games, and athletic equipment, according to a spokeswoman for the organization.

She also said the money will be used to provide free

dances and picnics for the board and care residents.

The job referral service of the San Jose Urban Ministry, which helps ex-mental patients find part-time and temporary work, also will receive 25 per cent of the proceeds from the flea market.

The remainder of the funds will be used towards establishment of board and care home downtown.

# Allocations meeting set for Tuesday

A.S. will hold a special allocations committee meeting tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the third level of the Student Union.

At least four campus groups will be going before the committee to request funds. They include KSJS-Sports, Mexican-American Graduate Studies, Blood Drive and the Young Socialist Alliance.

Already, close to \$10,000 of the approximately \$69,000 fund has been allocated to various groups.

The committee studies proposals and makes recommendations to the A.S. Council, which decides whether to approve allocation to the group.

Any group wishing to receive funds may contact A.S. Treasurer P.J. Wade.

# Career office offers variety of jobs

Students looking for a career or part time job can consult the university's Career Placement Office. The service is free to all SJSU students.

According to Alice Gunnell, adviser in the placement office, all part time openings are listed on the job board as soon as they arrive. The jobs are available on a first come first served basis.

are diverse, ranging from clerical and sales work to manual labor. There also are many jobs now available for tutors.

Gunnell said that many area employers use the university service because they feel students make "intelligent and stable employees."

There are usually about 600 jobs available at the beginning of the school year, Gunnell said, but the actual

number of jobs secured through the service is difficult to determine because employers and students often fail to report when a job is filled.

The only requirement for using the job placement service is a valid student body card. These are checked at the door to insure that only students use the service.

"It is amazing how many people try to use the

service that are not SJSU students," Gunnell said. "It's unfortunate that they can't, but the jobs are for students only."

In addition to part time jobs the placement office aids students near graduation in securing jobs in their fields of study. The office lists career jobs from all parts of the United States.

The Career Placement Office is open year round and also helps students find summer jobs. It is located on the second floor of Building AA, near the corner of 9th and San Fernando streets. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Medi-Cal aid may replace federal abortion funding

SACRAMENTO (AP) — If a new law banning federal funding of abortions is upheld in court, the state will have to pay for abortions had by Medi-Cal recipients, an aide to Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. said Friday.

Nearly half the 142,000 abortions in California last year were performed under the Medi-Cal program, at a cost of \$10 million, said J. Anthony Kline, Brown's legal affairs secretary.

Currently the federal government pays that cost. But Congress recently passed a law banning federal funding of all abortions in which the mother's life is not in danger.

A federal judge in New York has suspended the ban until Oct. 20. Kline said lawsuits are being prepared in virtually every state, including California, challenging the new law.

"In the unlikely event that this federal statute passes constitutional muster, in my view the

abortion is reimbursable under state law," Kline said.

# Service center open to aid night students

As a result of an increase in the number of evening students on campus, the Evening Services Center was created this semester to help meet their needs.

The center, located in the office of program and services, is open Monday through Friday until 7 p.m. to provide student assistance and answer questions.

Thirty-nine per cent of the student body are now

beyond the traditional college ages, and 79 departments offer a total of 836 night classes to 3,000 to 4,000 students per week.

The center provides assistance in helping students fill out transcript requests, withdrawal forms, add/drop cards, change of address forms, petitions for academic renewal, petitions of reinstatement, and extension of incompletes.

# Unemployment drops in California, nation

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's unemployment rate declined from 7.9 per cent to 7.7 per cent during September, the state Employment Development Department said Friday.

The state figure, which is traditionally higher than national rate, followed the downward trend of the national figure, which dropped from 7.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent in figures re-

leased today by the U.S. Labor Department.

The state said the number of employed persons in California set a new record high in September at 8,764,500. The unemployed figure was 835,300, the lowest figure since December 1974.

Among that unemployed total, 595,607 were receiving unemployment benefits, the state reported.

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