

## McCarthy says CSU report held

By Stacey De Salvo  
Daily staff writer

Associated Students President Terry McCarthy claims California State University officials' intentional delay of a report will postpone the creation of an SJSU child-care center for two years.

The Academic Senate, of which McCarthy is a member, unanimously passed a resolution Monday urging that a child-care implementation report be completed by March 1989.

The resolution, submitted by McCarthy, requests that the CSU Academic Senate help prepare the report in five months, despite Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds' recommendation that it be delayed.

Later completion of the report, McCarthy said, would mean no university child care for the 1990-91 school year.

McCarthy said a delay would also mean that child care would not be considered again until 1991, because CSU officials have designated libraries as the highest priority in 1990's budget.

Reynolds' office formed the child-care implementation committee to study the results of a July 1988 report on child care in the CSU system. According to the report, SJSU has the greatest need for child-care services in the system.

McCarthy said he submitted the resolution in response to a claim by CSU Academic Chair Ray Geigle that a March deadline was too early.

"The committee is set up to implement the results of that July 1988 study, which has been out for months already," McCarthy said. "That study only took me an hour to read. I believe an additional five months is enough time for the CSU Academic Senate to evaluate the report."

But Geigle said a March deadline for the report would not allow time for the Senate to assess the different child-care needs of CSU campuses. He said the CSU Academic Senate will meet in October, January and March to evaluate those needs.

"After the March meeting we will vote on the recommendations," Geigle said. "Because the trustees are meeting less than a week later, that would be an inadequate amount of time to meet and discuss with the trustees our resolution."

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## Ride sharing



Tony Farmer (left), a sophomore accounting student, and Dwain Daniels, a junior business student, share the same bike to get to the bookstore. Both were going there to buy books.

Brian Baer — Daily staff photographer

## Hall residents angered over new guest rule

By Leah Pels  
Daily staff writer

Dormitory residents are angry over a new guest rule enacted by University Housing officials in response to a recent campus crime wave.

Benjamin McKendall, interim director of University Housing Services, has prohibited dorm residents from having overnight guests Sunday through Thursday.

On Friday and Saturday nights, residents may have guests of the same sex in their rooms, according to a notice from McKendall. Visitors of the opposite sex must make other sleeping arrangements.

This semester, a rape, a sexual assault and a fight involving knives were allegedly committed by men living in the dorms without authorization, according to University Police.

More than 200 angry West Hall residents have signed a petition protesting the new rule. The signatures were presented to President Gail Fullerton and to McKendall's office

Tuesday.

Richard Staley, director of public information, said Fullerton supports the new rule. McKendall could not be reached for comment.

West Hall resident Mark Kraft initiated the petition Sunday. He said residents from other halls also want to sign.

"We want security, but we don't want to be banned from having guests over," Kraft said.

"My sister comes down and visits me a lot, so I have a real problem with the rule," said West Hall resident Paul Boster.

Theresa Peace, also from West Hall, planned for a friend from Watsonville to stay Thursday night. Now Peace has to cancel her plans.

"My roommate and I don't have classes that day, so we were going to go out and celebrate," Peace said. "If the housing office is trying to solve safety problems, they're going about it the wrong way."

The previous guest policy allowed residents to have overnight visitors

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## Safety policies still not relayed

By Sallie Mattison  
Daily staff writer

On Oct. 3, Ingrid Schumacher, a 21-year-old junior majoring in human performance, collapsed during a chemistry test, and later died.

The five other students in the Duncan Hall laboratory took 20 minutes to dial 911.

As of today, instructors still haven't relayed basic information about what to do in a medical emergency, according to Harold V. Manson, special projects coordinator at the University Police Department.

"I've heard from only two in-

structors that they've actually announced the procedures in class," Manson said.

The deans were told to have their instructors read the emergency guidelines on the first day of classes, according to Lou Eastman, special assistant to the academic vice president.

The guidelines included directions to dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

The first week of September, Eastman sent a memo to deans formally instructing them to direct instructors to announce the guidelines

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## Fraternity supports drug awareness

SJSU alumna presents substance abuse seminar to Sigma Chi pledge class

By Zac Shess  
Daily staff writer

As part of this semester's effort to battle substance abuse in the Greek system, Judy Staples, a 1970 SJSU graduate, lectured members of an SJSU fraternity on drug and alcohol awareness Tuesday night.

Staples, a community relations manager for Parkside Recovery Centers, directed her speech to Sigma Chi's pledge class.

In her presentation, Staples, told the fraternity members they were fortunate to be college students in an era of increased alcohol and drug awareness.

She said it was more difficult to be aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol when she was at

SJSU.

"I wish I had the information 18 years ago," Staples said. "It would have relieved me of a lot of pain. It was harder to get help, it was more of a stigma back then."

Staples told the group of the physiological, mental, social, and emotional effects of chemical abuse.

"Alcoholics Anonymous defines alcoholism as a physical allergy and a mental obsession," Staples said. "I like that definition."

The American Medical Association estimates that 39 percent of all hospital beds are being used as a consequence of drug and alcohol abuse, she said. Staples described how the abuse isolates people from friends and family.

"You can't be emotionally available to someone if you're hooked on drugs," she said.

Scott Taylor, the fraternity's pledge trainer, scheduled the lecture, Taylor said he was motivated for both fraternal and personal reasons.

"I think it's a definite problem in our fraternity and in our society, and I come from an alcoholic family," Taylor said.

After the meeting, Staples said she was pleased the fraternity asked her to speak.

"I thought it was great. It means that they're aware there's a problem," she said. "College is a

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Judy Staples speaks to the Sigma Chi fraternity

Mark Studyvin — Daily staff photographer

## Destruction of tropical rain forests tied to changes in Earth's climate

By Darren Sabedra  
Daily staff writer

By the year 2057, San Jose and other low-elevation cities could be under water.

Some biologists believe this might become reality if the world's tropical rain forest, a 3,000-mile-wide band circling the equator, continues to be destroyed.

SJSU biology instructor Julie Phillips, referring to a recent biological theory, said the theory is tied to the greenhouse effect.

And with the second annual "World Rain Forest Week" in full swing, there is new information the public should be concerned about, Phillips said.

SJSU, which did not put together a series of events for the week, will plan informative events on the rain forest in the spring, Phillips said.

According to a 1986 report in the "Economist," the greenhouse effect

is, in fact, a global greenhouse. By man's continued destruction of the rain forest, there is a greater amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Carbon dioxide, the magazine reported, traps heat that would otherwise escape into space. This is why the Earth's temperature is rising.

"It may have something to do with the drought we're having this year," Phillips said. "This may be tied to the change in climate we're having."

"Weather patterns in the Southern Hemisphere are changing as a result of the rain forest."

The temperature change is about a three- to seven-degree increase, causing the polar ice-caps to melt. When the ice-caps melt, sea levels will rise.

"Many of the rain forests could be gone by the year 2057," Phillips said. "In our lifetime we could see some major changes."

**'This may be tied to the change in climate we're having. Weather patterns in the Southern Hemisphere are changing as a result of the rain forest.'**

— Julie Phillips, biology instructor

The forest covers only 2 percent of the globe, Phillips said. But it's the home of 40 to 50 percent of all life on the planet.

The forest runs through parts of Central and South America, Africa and Madagascar, and Southern and

Southeast Asia. The United States has the tropical rain forest in Hawaii.

According to recent biological studies, the reasons for tearing down the forest are cattle-ranching, logging, road-building, agriculture and

industrial developments, such as dams and mines.

Once the land is used for agriculture, Phillips said, its farm value will last only three to five years.

"It's very poor quality soil," she said.

However, cattle-ranching, or the "hamburger connection," benefits the United States.

"About 90 percent of the beef produced in Central America is used for our fast food chains," she said. "Our fast food chains pay something like five cents less per pound for hamburger."

Still, only 2 percent of the hamburgers consumed in the United States come from Central America.

In a biological sense, the rainforest is the richest area on Earth. More than five million species of plants, animals and insects live in the tropical rain forest, Phillips said.

"Forty to 50 percent of the

world's plant and animal species are found in the tropical rain forest," she said.

The rain forest also has value in the production of medicine, Phillips said.

She explained that the rain forest contains 70 percent of all plants on the Earth identified by the National Cancer Institute as having anti-cancer properties.

"Three thousand plants contain anti-cancerous properties," she said. Phillips said she also thinks the rain forest has other medical benefits.

A plant called the rosy periwinkle gives a 99-percent chance of remission in lymphocytic leukemia cases.

"Rain forest has been a major issue the past five or six years or longer," she said.

Phillips said she believes there are many unidentified plants in the forest that could be useful to humans.



## FORUM

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## Letters to the Editor

## Residents object to dorm policies

## New dorm rules unreasonable

Editor,

As you know there have been many problems concerning rape, drugs and crime in the residence halls. In order to protect the residents from unsafe conditions, new unreasonable rules have been enacted.

According to Benjamin W. McKendall, Jr., acting director of University Housing Services, in a memo on Oct. 6, residents may only have guests of the same sex and may only receive visits on Friday or Saturday nights.

In addition, visitors must register with the front desk, showing identification. Resident directors can require visitors to leave their driver's license at the front desk.

Neither of these rules are mentioned in the Residence Hall Handbook, which is given to the residents when they move in at the beginning of the semester.

Instead, they are forced to sign an intolerable contract which states, "Licensee shall permit no visitors or guests to enter the Housing Facility except as permitted by Housing Facility Regulations."

Therefore, they have the right to change the rules any time without consulting the residents.

The Residence Hall Handbook clearly does not state the before mentioned rules concerning guests and visitors.

Jill Bryant  
Sophomore  
Public Relations

## Residents have rights, too

Editor,

In response to the recent rash of attacks in the residence halls, University Housing Services Director Benjamin McKendall has imposed regulations that are insulting, violate the residents' privacy, and will have little effect on security in the residence halls.

On Oct. 6, four days before he was quoted in the Spartan Daily saying "We're not introducing new policies, we're enforcing current ones more strictly," McKendall released a memo to the residents that said, "On my instructions and for an indefinite period, Resident Directors will approve guests only on Friday and Saturday nights, in same-sex rooms." This is a new policy. I doubt that many residents would have consented to the terms of their contracts if that had been one of the current policies at the beginning of the semester.

This policy does not prevent all guests from staying overnight in the halls and does not insure that those who do stay are any less likely to cause trouble. The only thing it does is to deny the residents the ability to provide lodging for visiting relatives or friends of the opposite sex and limit their relationships with boyfriends or girlfriends who live off campus or in a different hall.

University housing services has also taken some very positive action to help each hall's authorities keep track of who is in their hall and to force residents to take responsibility for the actions of their guests. This is the sort of action that is necessary to make the residence hall safe. The morality policy that McKendall seems to be attempting will not help.

Adam Steinhauer  
Sophomore  
Journalism



## Living in the middle of the road

I suffer from a mental malady that is known to strike individuals in my age group.

It is a personality disorder, and is more common than you might expect, afflicting nearly 75 percent of the population between 18 to 25 years old. It's known to lie dormant for years at a time, often resurfacing during election time.

My name is Mary Hayes, and I am a political schizophrenic.

The onset of political schizophrenia occurs when the victim relates to the ideologies of both the Democrat and Republican parties, but is uncomfortable with both extremes. Symptoms include feelings of frustration and confusion about politics, and the victim may even feel some distrust and paranoia.

I am at the stage of the disease where I coyly refer to myself as "non-partisan." But sometimes the disease accelerates, and victims develop a genuine milque-toast attitude toward politics. And, in the last stages of the disease, victims are known to hallucinate while watching political conventions and debates on television.

In one commonly documented hallucination, Gov. Michael Dukakis and Vice President George Bush leave their respective podiums and skip toward a sawdust-covered platform. While circus music plays gaily in the background, Dukakis begins a jerky, sweaty balancing act on the tightrope, while a grinning Bush stuffs himself into a huge cannon that has "defense" painted in radioactive green on its side.

Meanwhile, the audience oohs and ahhs, rating each act with placards numbered one through 10.



Mary Hayes

Once political schizophrenics start having these kinds of visions, they give up all hope and don't vote at all.

For me, the Friday before last was a typical day-in-the-life of a political schizophrenic. It started out as a sort of Republican kind of day. I picked up a copy of the Spartan Daily, and read that an SJSU alumnus had been thrown in a Yugoslavian jail for muttering "those filthy Communists" in public.

"Those filthy, filthy Communists!" I said to my roommate, as I sipped my steaming mug of imported French roast. I hate spending money on defense, but I'd fight to the very end if I ever thought my freedom was at risk.

But later that day, things changed. I was sitting in a restaurant, when in walks an old man with soiled clothes and filmy eyes. His trembling, arthritic hands clutched a shopping bag containing God knows what, and he just stood there looking kind of lost.

I started imagining what he'd look like in a pale pink golf sweater, when a restaurant manager popped out of nowhere and said, "Sir, you'll have to leave now."

"I'm not leaving until I get some-

thing to eat," the transient stated stubbornly.

"Come on, sir, you have to leave now," said the now-agitated polyestered manager.

"I'm not leaving until I get something to eat!" The transient shouted, on the verge of tears. Suddenly, two beefy employees appeared and began shuffling the old man toward the door.

Uh oh, I thought, here it comes.

A large lump in the shape of a "D" began forming inside of my throat. A look of alarm entered my Republican companion's eyes as I reached for my purse.

But it was too late.

Before my companion could tackle me, I was off and running toward the door, with two crumpled dollar bills clenched in my fist. But when I poked my head outside, the bum was gone.

"Probably off looking for another sucker," my friend said.

Still, I'm not ashamed of my ailment.

The rest of society can help keep political schizophrenics at the non-partisan stage, by encouraging presidential candidates who have higher priorities than simply pleasing their party's platforms. And if more people joined us in our "non-partisan" declaration, maybe politics could become more for the people and less for the bureaucrats.

Oh well, at least the guy had guts. The late Winston Churchill recognized political schizophrenia.

He said when you're 20 you're a liberal with a heart, but when you're 40 you're a conservative with a brain.

God, I'm glad I'm still young.

## Because It Matters

Dani  
Parkin



## Blinding experiences

I never could resist surprises.

At Christmas I was always the first awake, running down the stairs in my p.j.'s before my brother or sister had even rolled groggily out of bed.

But as an adult this enjoyment of surprise has been trashed by well-meaning friends and that scourge of romance—the blind date.

My favorite show as a child was "Let's Make a Deal." I would watch, my blue, bespectacled eyes glued to the screen as I ate Lucky Charms out of the box. I whispered to the contestants to choose the prize behind the door.

Invariably, they would. And get at least 100 cans of tuna.

But what have I got for all my trouble?

Well, one time I was very surprised when my court reporter friend opened the door to reveal a gorgeous, 6'6", reasonably intelligent, blind date. I had a terrific evening with him. It wasn't until the end of the night when I found out he'd just been released from prison.

Other blind-date evenings have gone better.

My Dead-head girlfriend, Carole, invited me to go on a double date with her lawyer friend. He seemed wonderful. He was good looking, could talk politics and didn't have a prison record. We went out with Carole and her husband to a reggae bar. We danced, drank and ate until 4 a.m.

Encouraged, I saw him a few more times. We went to jazz concerts, and foreign movies. I thought I had met someone really special.

That is, until he drove my 16-year-old babysitter home one night. She didn't know her way home and he had yelled at her until she was in tears, her mother told me the next day.

As any single mother knows, a good babysitter is more important than a dozen good-looking dates. The lawyer was history.

The problem with these scenarios is they are not isolated. Since I've been without a boyfriend, my friends have targeted me like a big-spending consumer, like an unregistered Republican.

Maybe it's my age. At 27, still fighting pimples, but beyond going to singles bars, I have my friends frightened.

They worry I might get elderly (over 30), and still be a trendy single mother, eating sushi with the kids and riding my motorcycle alone in the rain.

Perhaps it's because they think I spend too much time studying and working.

Perhaps it's because I can't say no. Part of me is still that little girl who wants to peek behind door number two, who wants to make a deal with Monty Hall.

Whatever the reason, the calls on my recorder have increased. "Dani, you've got to meet this guy, he's got a job!"

Despite these inducements, I beg off. I use any desperate excuse until invariably my non-single friend says, "Please, I promised him he could meet you. We never spend any time together."

Coerced by guilt, I agree. Just like I did Monday night when one of my last remaining high school buddies called. "Pleecease," she said.

So last night I played an almost friendly game of Scrabble. That was the fun part. Then the three of them, my friend, her husband and my "date," launched a barrage of sexual and racial jokes. My date's favorite punch line: "The most painful part of a transsexual operation, from a man to a woman, is having a straw inserted in the ear and sucking half of the brains out."

I left as early and as unpolitely as possible.

There is always next week, and door number three. If I choose to open it.

Dani Parkin is the Political Editor.

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The Spartan Daily would like to extend an invitation to our on campus readers.

A bimonthly feature on the Forum page this semester "Campus Voice" will be your opportunity to speak out in the Daily on issues concerning the campus community.

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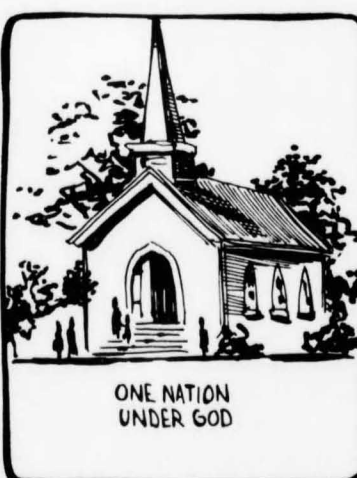
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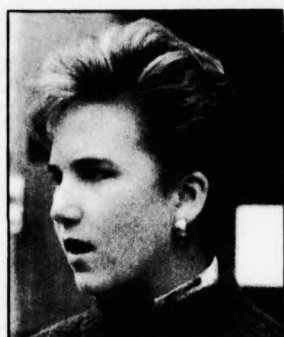
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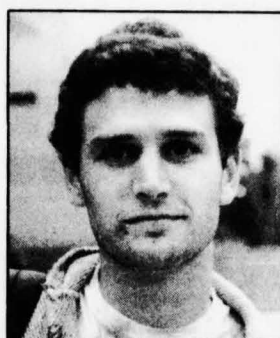
*If you were getting married tomorrow, would you want to draw up a pre-nuptial agreement?*

**Iben Quach, Junior, Mechanical Engineering:** "Yes. There are so many different cases. It's like 'Raw.' Everyone wants half. The world has become so materialistic. You have to protect yourself and your money."



**Lisa Quinn, Freshman, Journalism:** "No. There are values that go into being married and material things should not enter that. People shouldn't marry for the other person's money."

**Geoff Nixon, Junior, Art:** "Absolutely not. Marriage is supposed to be a sacred union. Signing a contract like that (defeats) the purpose."



**Brenna Berman, Freshman, Undeclared:** "You never know. I probably would not sign one. You should be able to trust a person. But that person you choose to marry could be psychotic."

## Corrections

On Oct. 3, the Spartan Daily incorrectly identified Mark Kubin as Resident Director of West Hall. Kubin is the Resident Director of Royce Hall.

The Daily also reported that Moulder Hall resident advisers were on a retreat in Santa Cruz for the weekend. They were actually having meetings.

Wednesday, the Daily incorrectly identified the band Balancing Act in a cutline. Also, the band was not performing to remind students to vote.

## Rather declines debate invitation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS anchorman Dan Rather said Tuesday he has declined an invitation to be a panelist in Thursday's presidential debate, saying he would rather report on it than participate in it.

In refusing to join the debate panel, Rather becomes the only network anchor not to participate in the nationally televised election encounters.

ABC's Peter Jennings served as a panelist in the Sept. 25 clash between Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and vice president George Bush. NBC's Tom Brokaw asked questions of vice presidential candidates Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle on Oct. 5.

"I prefer to report on the process than participate in it," Rather said in a statement.

# Calendar features fashion, not skin

**By Martin Cheek**  
Daily staff writer

Fashion, not skin, will be the emphasis in Pi Kappa Alpha's annual "Women of SJSU" calendar, said promoter Ted Rich.

Rich, a junior majoring in advertising and a member of the "Pikes," said he hopes the calendar will avoid past controversy by emphasizing clothing and a downtown San Jose setting.

"We've got what we think are the most beautiful women on campus in fashionable attire rather than bathing suits," Rich said.

Last year's calendars received bad publicity because some students objected to the portrayal of women as sex objects.

"Typically, that's what sells calendars — the skin," Rich said. "Give people what they want."

Rich said this year's calendar portrays the models in fashions from a local store and in downtown settings, including the Retail Pavilion and the San Jose Athletics Club.

"There's only one bathing suit in there," he said. The photo appears in a summer month.

One reason for the calendar's new approach is to acknowledge downtown development, Rich said.

"We're trying to promote downtown as a fun, safe place to be," he said. "The Pavilion had a lot to do with the backing of the calendar publicity-wise."

With the calendar, the "Pikes" also want to change the public's view of the fraternity, Rich said.

"Our fraternity is in the process of trying to clean up its image," he said. "This is a step to show the people and administration that we do want to change our image."

The size of the calendar has also changed. It measures 11 and a half inches by 22 inches — "almost like a little poster," he said.

Rich said the price should range from \$5 to \$5.95.

Profits from the sales will go to a fund to help homeless children in San Jose. In past years, the proceeds went to the Special Olympics.

"The profit we're going to make is the (new fraternity) image," he said.

Daymian Moore, a junior majoring in advertising, said she did not think most women would object to the calendar.

"I think they're good photographs, looking from a creative view," she said, after seeing a copy of the unreleased calendar.

Her only complaint was the limited space it provides for notes.



Kathleen Howe — Daily staff photographer

Senior Ted Rich, majoring in business, collates the calendar

## SpartaGuide

*SpartaGuide is a daily calendar for SJSU student, faculty and staff organizations. Items may be submitted on forms in the Daily office, Dwight Bentel Hall Room 208, but will not be accepted over the phone. Deadline for the next day's publication is noon.*

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**Access Magazine:** Would like to hear from students who have started their own business or knows a student who has. For information call 286-8153.

**Clark Library:** Tour, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For information call 924-2752.

**Reed Magazine:** Send submissions for fiction, poetry and art to Faculty Offices Room 102. For information call 286-8153.

**Ski Club:** Alpine Meadows ski trip on sale in front of the Student Union, 9 a.m.-noon. For information call 288-9880.

**Physics Colloquium:** Talk titled "Where does money come from?" at 1:30 in room 251 of the Science Building. For more information call Dr. Lam at 924-5261.

**Pre-Medical Association:** Speaker Dr. Zysman on E.R. medicine; food drive, 1:30 p.m., Duncan Hall Room 345. For information call 489-7628.

**Germania Club:** Oktoberfest/German food and music, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., barbecue area in front of Central Classroom Building. For information call 279-3258.

**Alpha Eta Rho:** Meeting, 7:30

p.m., Aviation Department Room 109. For information call 286-3161.

**Asian Business League:** Free technical writing workshop, 4 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room. For information call 292-7978.

**An Empowerment Project Production:** "Coverup: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair," 6 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Camera Three Theater. For information call 288-9151.

**National Association of Industrial Technology:** 21st Annual Conference, "Refining Our International Technology Edge," Red Lion Inn. Cost \$18.75 for students. For information call 924-3190.

**Bul-Lyt Undergraduate Society:** Bake Sale, 8:30 a.m.-noon, in front of Student Union; Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Faculty Offices Room 104. For information call 867-4327.

**B/PAA:** Pizza and Pictionary social, 6 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room. For information call 723-4835.

**Amnesty International:** Meeting, 7:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room.

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## SPORTS

# The Big West is no big deal for Spartans

By Sean Mulcaster  
Daily staff writer

The Spartans aren't the only Big West football team itching for league play to begin. The rest of the conference has also faced a brutal first month against non-league opponents.

Collectively, the Big West has logged a not-so-stellar 3-21 record against non-conference foes.

Fresno State registered two of those wins against patsies. So much for 1988 being the year the confer-

## Analysis

ence moves toward respectability.

Take the University of the Pacific (0-4), the Spartans' opponent Saturday in Stockton. UOP was patted 63-14 in their opener against 11th-ranked Arkansas.

The Tigers were let off the hook in a 30-6 loss against Cal. Cal coach Bruce Snyder played the "B" team in the second half after building a 27-0 halftime lead.

It gets worse.

Utah State's 63-7 loss at Nebraska in the second week was ugly. In another mismatch, BYU routed the Aggies 38-3.

Utah State was supposed to challenge SJSU for the Big West title. And although the Aggies are 2-0, what respect did they gain from beating New Mexico State and Long Beach State?

Long Beach State did well financially against second-ranked UCLA. The 49ers suffered a 49-3 drubbing, but received a healthy \$225,000 for a starved athletic program.

The once-lowly Oregon Ducks boosted their confidence with a 49-0 win over the 49ers.

Fullerton State, which lost to Florida 65-12 last year, took on West Virginia. But it was only a scrimmage for the Mountaineers. Final score, 55-3.

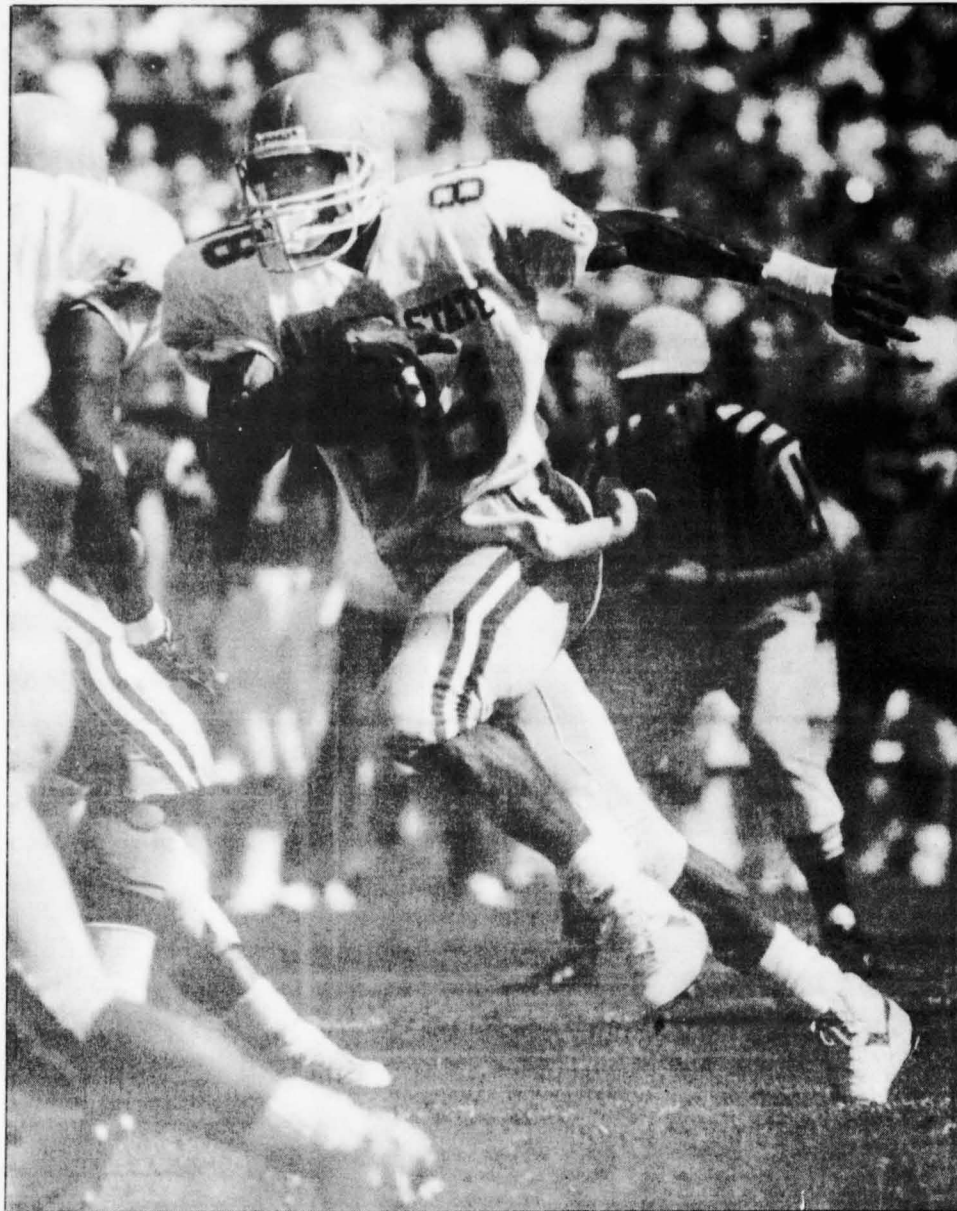
The Titans played Wyoming two weeks ago, taking a 35-16 loss on the chin.

UNLV ventured into Cornhusker-ville, too. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne had the nerve to complain about his team not looking sharp in its 48-6 trouncing of the Runnin' Rebels.

Bring on the Big West. Please.

SJSU and Fresno have proved to be the only worthy foes competing outside of the conference. But the Spartans' 44-12 loss to Stanford last Saturday and the Bulldogs' 45-3 showing at Colorado last month didn't help the conference's image.

It wasn't always this bleak. Just two years ago, UOP beat Minnesota 24-20 and UNLV beat Wisconsin 26-23 — both Big-10 teams. And



Greg Walton — Daily staff photographer

Wide receiver Kevin Evans picks up yardage in the futile attempt to win against Stanford

SJSU had beaten Stanford and Cal in consecutive years.

All signs were encouraging, as Fresno and SJSU were about to crack the Top-20. After the Big West's shameful non-conference showing, national powers like Nebraska, Arkansas and UCLA will become bored playing Long Beach, UOP and Fullerton. Say goodbye to any chance a Big West school has to crack the Top-20.

As for the Spartans, they might be the only 1-5 team in the country still feeling confident about a bowl-game appearance.

Despite SJSU's close-but-no-cigar performances against tough teams — Washington, Hawaii and a no longer brain-dead Oregon State — the Spartans have afforded themselves little breathing room.

Being favored against UOP — a team which has never beaten a

Claude Gilbert-coached team — and playing its following two games at home against Utah State and Fresno, SJSU may indeed reach the Cal Bowl. And they're still 1-0 in the Big West.

In the meantime, you can almost hear a collective sigh from the conference as league play begins. If the NCAA is an ocean, the Big West would prefer to stay in its pond for the time being.

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## Take pride enough to say 'no'

My condolences and apologies go out to the parents of Len Bias and Don Rogers.

Your sons' deaths were in vain.

Bias, a college basketball star, and Rogers, a Cleveland Brown defensive back, both died of cocaine overdoses.

At the times of their deaths, it appeared that America might have learned the lesson from cocaine; that even well-conditioned athletes cannot escape cocaine's wrath.

The latest senseless cocaine-induced death belongs to David Croudpin. Croudpin, a cornerback and special teams performer for the Atlanta Falcons died early Monday morning. Preliminary coroner reports said Croudpin may have used up to a gram of cocaine.

I had no sympathy for Croudpin when I learned of his death. He undoubtedly knew the dangers of the drug, disregarded them, and proceeded to put his family through the anguish of his passing.

I know the addicting properties of cocaine. My father fell victim to the drug, and lost his

job as a result. He battled the drug, he took enough pride in himself, and cared enough to give up the drug for his family.

David Croudpin in no way showed me that. He also fatally abused the wealth he achieved through playing football and his privilege as a role model for children.

Something else bothered me nearly just as much. The coverage the story received in the paper, small headlines at the bottom of the sports page. When Bias died, I recall it being big news. Granted Bias was a more gifted and as a result, more famous athlete than Croudpin, however the small coverage dictated to me that the public may have become jaded towards athletes dying of cocaine. I can only hope our society is not taking the attitude, "Oh well, another one bites the dust."

I hope it will not take another Nancy Reagan, a woman completely oblivious to what drug addiction is all about, to motivate this country to know the evils of cocaine.

It was pretty obvious David Croudpin didn't say no.

## Oakland hopes Series helps city

OAKLAND (AP) — When Jose Canseco comes up to bat during the World Series, the hopes of more than Oakland baseball fans will be riding on his performance.

Civic leaders, investors and residents are hoping baseball will do for Oakland what years of community effort and millions of redevelopment dollars have so far failed to do: Make the "other" City by the Bay a bona fide major league town.

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## Tyson refractures hand, jeopardizing Bruno fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has reportedly refractured his right hand, possibly putting a crimp in his scheduled title defense on Dec. 17 against Frank Bruno.

Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, confirmed Tuesday that he had been called by promoter Don King from Cleveland with the news that may affect the champion's fight schedule.

The latest revelations were contained in a story in Wednesday's edition of the New York Daily News.

According to reports, Tyson was hitting the heavy bag in a gym on King's farm in Orwell, Ohio, when the injury occurred.

Tyson originally had been scheduled to start training Monday in Catskill, N.Y.

Cayton said he could not be positive whether the apparent hairline fracture on the third metacarpal of the right hand, which Tyson injured in a street fight with Mitch Green in August in New York, was new or old.

That original injury forced postponement of the fight with Bruno until October. Further problems moved the fight back two more times, to December.

According to the News, Cayton said he spoke to the doctor who treated Tyson in Cleveland and was told the injury was "minor." Cayton

said it is still possible for Tyson to keep his four-times postponed date with Bruno.

Cayton said Tyson was expected to arrive in New York today or tomorrow to be examined by Dr. David Chiu. Chiu treated Tyson after the fight with Green.

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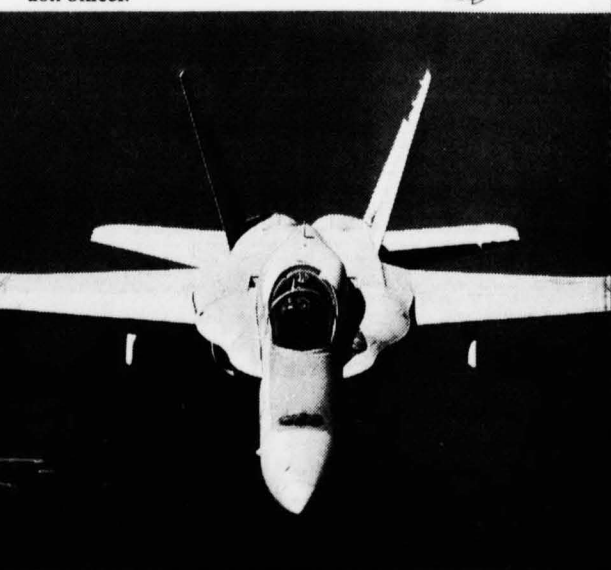
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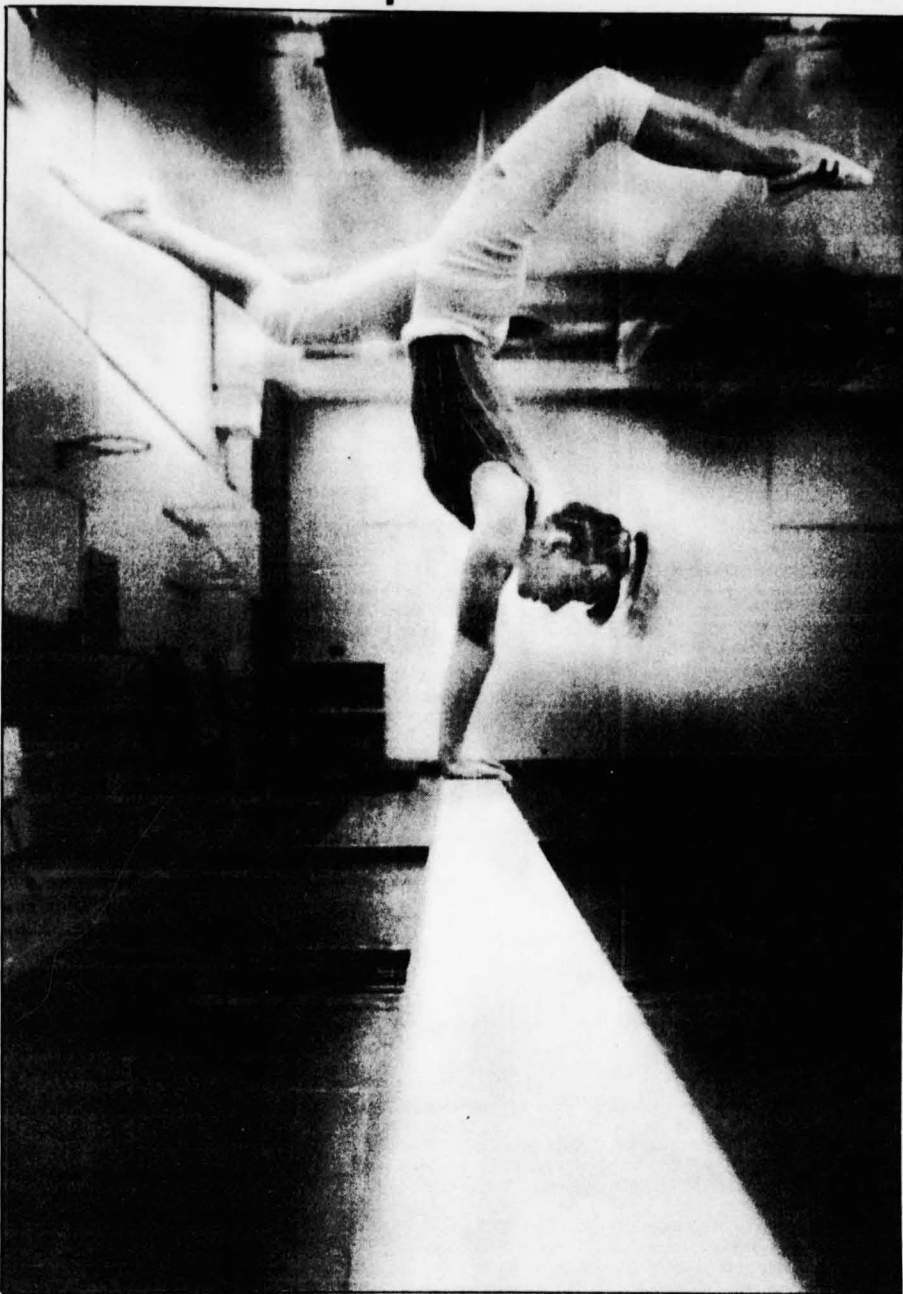
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## SPORTS

## Beam me up



Gymnast Karen Fenton, a junior majoring in child development, practices her balance beam routine. The gymnastics team, coached by Jackie Walker, begins its conference competition in January.

Doug Duran — Daily staff photographer

## Suspect booked in Cal shooting

BERKELEY (AP) — University of California at Berkeley officials announced Tuesday that a 19-year-old Richmond man had been booked for attempted murder in connection with the campus shooting of a popular UC football player.

UC Berkeley spokesman Ray Colvig said Kenneth Jackson surrendered to campus police late Monday afternoon at the Richmond police department.

Campus police Sgt. John Powell said Jackson and defensive tackle Joel Dickson had exchanged words during a dance at the Bears' Lair, but there was no apparent motive for the Oct. 1 shooting that "appears to be

just a random incident." He described Jackson as unemployed, and not a UC Berkeley student.

Dickson, recuperating from two bullet wounds suffered in a campus shooting, said Monday that doctors want him to wait at least three weeks before exercising.

He said doctors fear he might disturb muscle tissue. They also decided to leave one bullet in place, because removing it might cause damage.

Dickson, who was shot in the left arm and side, was wounded outside a campus dance after Cal had beaten San Jose State. It was the first on-campus shooting since 1975.

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## Foster swings his way to the top

By Stan Carlberg  
Daily staff writer

For junior golfer Mike Foster, the best is yet to come.

After two not-so-impressive tournaments already behind him in the '88 campaign, Foster believes that he is far from reaching his overall potential.

"I played really bad in my first two tournaments," he said. "But I'm happy to have them behind me. I have enough time now that I feel I can get myself back on track."

He shot a 238 in the Wolf Pack Classic (Oct. 3 and 4) and placed third in last week's Stanford Invitational with a final score of 213. He led going into the second round of the tournament.

"Last week's tournament was all right, but I have a way to go," he said.

Although this year's golf team hasn't come together, Foster believes that the team has a bright future ahead of it.

"We have a good program here," he said. "Our goal is to make the NCAA tournament this year. We've been getting better as we go. If we can play to our capabilities, I think that we can make it pretty easy."

Foster has been in the game since he was 7-years-old. Since then, he's been participating in junior golf tournaments and has won over 20 competitions.

He came here in 1986 from Vacaville High School, where he was voted the most valuable player of his team three out of his four years.

Last year, Foster was voted as a First Team All-Conference selection in the PCAA. But it took a lot of hard work for him to reach that level.

As a freshman, he came to SJSU unsure of what to expect.

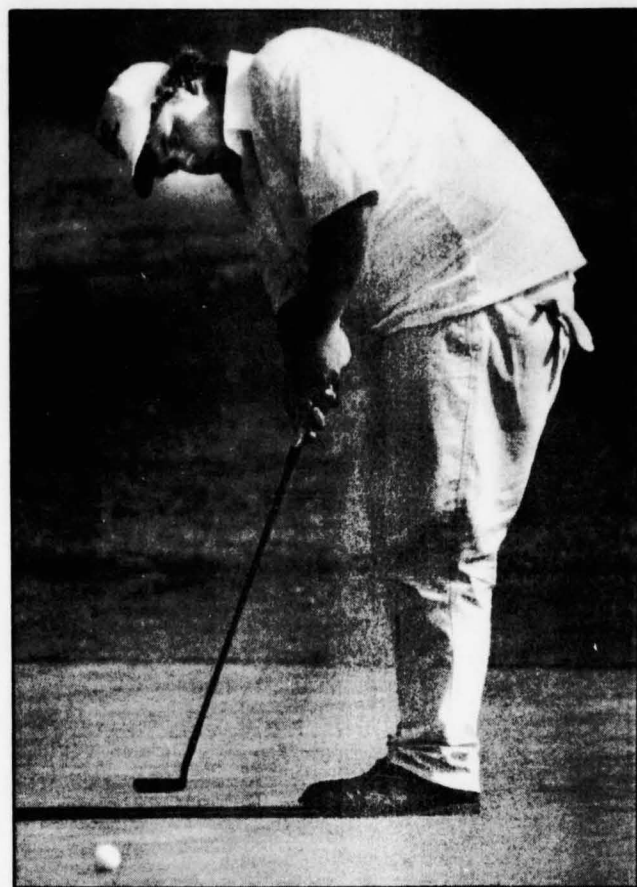
"It's a lot different than high school," he said. "There, I was one of the best players on the team. Here, in college, I'm playing with all of the top players from high schools all over."

In fact, his rookie season was a year of frustration and learning.

"I had to work on building my confidence because I didn't have a good tournament all year. But I finally worked my way out of it when I finished high in the Stanford Tournament."

Since the final tournament last season, Foster has been working on every aspect of his game. He participated in five tournaments this summer, two of which are big tournaments for amateur players.

He was a low qualifier in the U.S. Public Links Tournament in Jackson Hole, Wyo., but he lost in the second round match. In another prominent tournament, the U.S. Amateur Tournament in Hot Springs, Va., he



Doug Duran — Daily staff photographer

### Mike Foster putts during the Stanford Invitational

missed the final cut by one hole.

These tournaments have already proved to be a real value to his game.

"I have become a better player," he said. "Each time I play, I get better."

Now, in his third year at the collegiate level, Foster feels that he is gearing up to have a great season.

"I have to shoot par to be competitive," he said. "But at the end of the year, my goal is to be All-American."

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Imagining John Lennon



John Lennon's life as a Beatle, activist, family man, is chronicled in "Imagine: John Lennon."

## 'Imagine: John Lennon' film proves revealing

By Douglas Alger

Daily staff writer

Remember that toy you were given as a child, the one with the innocuous-sounding words, "some assembly required?"

No one knew where to start and you could only hope someone would know when to stop.

This is how filmmaker David L. Wolper and producer/director Andrew Solt must have felt while compiling "Imagine: John Lennon."

Some 200 hours of footage, including newsreels, theatrical films, countless photographs, and radio and television interviews were used to make the documentary. Wolper also had dozens of books previously written on Lennon and the Beatles at his disposal.

"Imagine: John Lennon" opened last week, inviting viewers to "Discover John... the angry youth, the musician, the radical, the husband, the father, the lover, the idealist... through his own words and personal collection of film and music."

For Beatles fans, rare footage offers yet another glimpse of their

group's leader, and only Lennon's narration could so effectively express his beliefs.

For those who know only of John Lennon as a long-haired peace-maker, the documentary offers some insight into the man's motivations.

The film makes a noble attempt at being a definitive biography of Lennon, but suffers from trying to fit 200 hours worth of footage into 100 minutes.

Music from Lennon's solo career, some previously unreleased material, as well as several Beatles songs are included in the documentary's soundtrack.

Interviews with Cynthia Lennon, John's first wife, Yoko Ono, his second, his sons, and others give viewers an idea of who the man was behind the rock-star image.

Conspicuously missing, though, is any input from the other three Beatles.

If you know about Lennon, watch the movie for its rare clips. If you're not familiar with his career, watch and learn. The film may not be all-encompassing, but it is an excellent beginning.

## Lennon quiz offers prizes

"Imagine: John Lennon" profiles the life of former Beatle John Lennon, and Warner Bros. wants to reward those who already know a bit about him.

Posters, T-shirts, and copies of the movie soundtrack will be awarded in this contest.

Participants should submit the answers these questions to the Spartan Daily by noon Tuesday. Name, major, and phone number must accompany entries.

1. Name the group John Lennon founded that eventually became the Beatles.
2. Name the members of the Beatles. (Bonus for including the original drummer!)
3. In what movie did John begin wearing spectacles?
4. Name both of John's sons.
5. Complete this Lennon phrase: "All we are saying, is..."
6. Give the last line of the last song of the last Beatles album.

Prizes will be awarded to entries with the most correct answers. A drawing will be held in the event of a tie. Winners will be announced in next Thursday's entertainment section.

# Comedy doesn't sacrifice plot for laughs

By Martin Check

Daily staff writer

Sometimes, the world of a stand-up comedian isn't funny. That's the message of "Punchline," a bittersweet comedy about the lives of two aspiring comics working in an amateur comedy club called The Gas Station.

The movie is an honest, hard-hitting portrayal of how tough it is to make it in the competitive world of stand-up comedy.

Tom Hanks plays Steven Gold, a medical student moonlighting at the Gas Station. At first, he was an obnoxious character who took no one but himself seriously. But after he performs for patients at a New York city hospital and shows real concern for people, Gold emerges as a caring person.

Sally Field co-stars with Hanks as Lilah Krysick, a New Jersey housewife and mother of three daughters who dreams of becoming a stand-up comic. Her home life plunges into chaos as her comic aspirations conflict with her duties as a mother and wife.

Krysick spends her family's vacation money to buy jokes — stale jokes the audience has already heard. She goes on stage night after night, getting frustrated when the laughs are scarce.

The family's home life disintegrates because of Krysick's dedication to her career. She finds she can't balance her family and comedic roles. In one hilarious scene Krysick has only five minutes to prepare a dinner for two of her husband's clients.

Her career starts to turn for the better, though, after Gold tells her to be herself on stage and talk about



Sally Fields and Tom Hanks star as aspiring stand-up comics in bittersweet comedy "Punchline."

daily life.

"We're all animated characters in God's cartoon of life," he says.

She takes his advice and starts telling the audience about Charlie Manson, her babysitter. Krysick's gift for comedy starts to come out and the audience loves her.

Romeo, the manager of the night club, is the only real villain in the movie. He calls the comedians at his club "family."

But as soon as they start to falter, as Gold does when he loses his stage confidence, Romeo quickly drops them.

The climax of the movie is a televised network comedy competition at the The Gas Station. The winner appears on the "Tonight Show."

The characters are put in a situation where they would all lose — es-

pecially their humanity — whatever the judges decide. But the outcome provides a warm ending in which, in Romeo's words, "Everybody wins."

The movie could easily have portrayed the comedians as victims of life. Instead, the film strives to show them persevering in their struggle.

The comedy never seemed forced, but came out of the lives of the characters. That's how comedy should be.

Woody Allen once said, "The laughs don't come from jokes, they come from people in emotionally desperate situations."

Perhaps that's one of the reasons "Punchline" works. It doesn't emphasize jokes so much as the personal relationships between its characters.

# New sounds to be found at the Spartan Pub

By Denise Zapata

Daily staff writer

Tonight, the San Jose band "Lights Out" will perform in the Spartan Pub's third concert of the semester.

The eight-piece band features a four-piece horn section.

"They're a very jazz-oriented group, almost fusion," said Jim Desmond, student supervisor at the Pub.

"I like them," he said. "I think

they will appeal to a broad spectrum of people."

The decision to bring "Lights Out" to the Pub reflects changes under the leadership of Steve Doo, who assumed his duties of Pub manager four weeks ago.

Although he is new on campus, he said he heard of the problems with rowdiness and fights at Pub concerts in the past.

"Certain bands brought the wrong crowd," he said.

Doo said he wants to emphasize quality entertainment.

Desmond agreed that bringing fewer concerts to the Pub has resulted in higher quality concerts.

"We're trying to create a different atmosphere here," he said. "It's a place for students and we're trying to get more of their input."

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Unique guitar-play on 'See the Light'



With an upcoming U.S. tour in the works, the Jeff Healey Band's latest work opts for skilled guitar-work rather than top 40.

### Variety of music on premiere album

By Teresa Lyddane

Daily staff writer

You can get a little bit of everything listening to The Jeff Healey Band.

The band skillfully blends the fire of rock 'n' roll, the sincerity of country music and the soul of the blues on its debut album, "See the Light."

The album features Healey, who has been blind since he was 1 year old, and his unique guitar-playing style. His blindness led to his unusual technique.

"I tried playing the guitar the normal way," Healey said in a press release. "But I just wasn't very comfortable, so I decided to hold it in my lap."

"I do a lot of bending with my thumb and use it to hit notes above and beyond where you could normally reach."

Other famous artists agree that Healey's style is "above and beyond."

B.B. King told Healey that he would be "bigger than Stevie Ray Vaughn, bigger than B.B. King."

His amazing musical ways prompted the legendary Stevie Ray Vaughn to say, "Man, he's going to revolutionize the way the

guitar can be played."

And so he has.

Now 22, Healey is hailed as a musical genius. The Canadian-born musician organized his band in late 1985.

Drummer Tom Stephen and bassist Joe Rockman met Healey through jam sessions throughout clubs in Toronto. Stephen and Rockman each left secure careers in Toronto to join Healey.

What seemed like a risky move has proved otherwise for The Jeff Healey Band. The band has a major U.S. tour coming up, while Healey will be featured in a soon-to-be-released film starring Patrick Swayze.

"See the Light" is a successful mixture of musical styles. It has Healey originals like the title track and "My Little Girl."

Most of the songs on this album are up-tempo and have a blues-rock flavor.

"See the Light" is a welcome change from the Top-40 doldrums, but it may not be for everyone. It's geared toward guitar enthusiasts and down-home fans. You won't hear any high-tech synthesizers here.

The album gives an impressive initial look at The Jeff Healey Band.

## U2 combines live cuts with studio gems

By Zac Shess

Daily staff writer

The crowd in Denver's McNichols Arena hangs on Bono's every word.

"This is a song Charles Manson stole from the Beatles, we're stealing it back."

The lead vocalist then plunges U2 into the Beatles' Helter Skelter.

Now recognized as one of the world's most popular rock bands, U2 has released "Rattle and Hum." The album, which is also the soundtrack for the concert movie of the same name, combines live cuts from U2's 1987 "Joshua Tree" tour and new studio releases.

"The Joshua Tree" is flavored with the band's American folk and blues roots. "Rattle and Hum" takes them one step further by bringing in music greats like B.B. King and Bob Dylan.

With the album's second song, "Van Diemen's Land," it seems the Irish band has taken a folksy turn. That is, until you hear "Desire." This fast-paced song, reminiscent of the live album "Under a Blood Red Sky," reminds fans that U2 has a superior combination of musical versatility and commercial success.

The first clue that the album is also a soundtrack comes when a question is asked between the tracks "Desire" and "Hawkmoon 269."

"Hawkmoon 269" opens and closes with Bob Dylan on organ. He is backed by the vocals of Edna Wright, Carolyn Willis and Billie Barnum. They give the song a distinctive gospel flavor, which complement Bono's booming, scratchy voice.

"All Along the Watchtower," written by Bob Dylan, was recorded in November at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco.

The Dylan tune is followed by a live "Joshua Tree" track, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For."

Recorded at Madison Square Garden, the song is strengthened by the harmonies of the New Voices of Freedom. The vocals of George Penadergrass and Dorothy Terrell create a gospel mood.

The last two songs of side one are "Silver and Gold," and "Pride (In the Name of Love)."

"Silver and Gold" is from the B-side of their 12-inch single, "Where the Streets Have No Name." "Pride" is from the "Unforgettable Fire" album. Both were performed at McNichols Arena.

The band's insightful political views shine in the middle of "Silver and Gold." Bono said the song is about a man in a shantytown south of Johannesburg, South Africa "who is looking down the barrel of white South Africa."

He says the man has no hope because of the failures of peacemakers. Bono finishes by saying, "Am I bugging you? I don't want to bug you."

The second side, except for "Bullet the Blue Sky," are studio tracks.

U2 dedicates "Angel of Harlem" to late blues singer Billie Holiday. The soulful strains of wailing horns deviate from the folksy patterns de-

veloped throughout the album.

The next track, "Love Rescue Me," was co-written by Bono and Dylan and features Dylan on backup vocals.

The highlight of the second side features blues great B.B. King with "When Love Comes To Town." The guitar and singing is unmistakably King. The pairing of King and Bono make this the best cut of the album.

"Heartland," is vintage U2. The striking clarity of Bono's higher range, which hasn't been heard since the "War" release, adds feeling to

the song. The harmonies evoke memories of the song "Stories For Boys." "Heartland" also features Talking Heads producer Brian Eno on keyboards.

The second side also includes a tribute to John Lennon, "God Part II." "All I Want Is You," and Jimi Hendrix' version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" conclude this great album.

"Rattle and Hum" can be appreciated by both rookie and veteran U2 listeners. The band does not rest on its commercial laurels. The album shows that the band is still branching out from its Dublin, Ireland roots.

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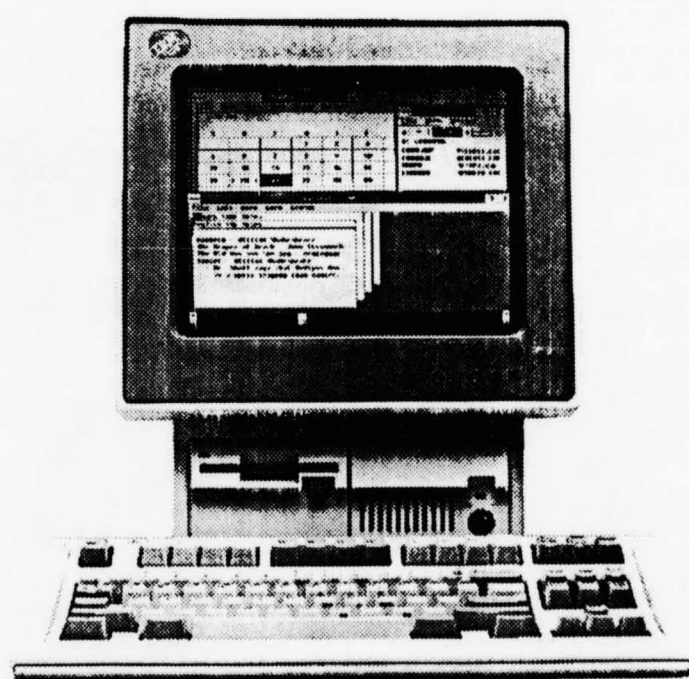


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# Speaker says 'Star Wars' issue clouded

By Martin Cheek  
Daily staff writer

Many Americans don't understand the proposed Strategic Defense Initiative because misinformation has clouded the issue, said Gene Vosseler, an expert on the topic.

Vosseler, senior adviser for the pro-SDI Americans for the High Frontier, spoke to about 20 students at a meeting sponsored by the College Republicans Tuesday in the Student Union.

Most Americans don't realize the Soviets already have an SDI program of their own, he said. Yet, they have criticized the United States' proposal to establish a high-technology defense system.

"The Soviets have had a strong strategic defense program in operation for 15 years," he said. "The Soviets have over 10,000 scientists in various sites working on lasers alone."

Moscow is the only Soviet city protected from a missile attack. The Soviets plan to extend their defense system to other cities, he said.

On the other hand, the U.S. has no such protection, Vosseler said.

"Right now, we're totally unprotected," he said. "If we can put up a system that's 90 to 95 percent effective," the Soviets probably will not launch a first-strike attack.

Depending on the source one consults, the Soviets spend 19 to 40 percent of their gross national budget on defense, Vosseler quoted William E. Simon, a former secretary of the Treasury, as saying the U.S. and other Western nations partly fund Soviet defense systems.

Simon said the First National Bank of Chicago loaned the Soviet Union \$200 million last year. He speculated part of the money would buy missiles.

The United States now has the



Doug Duran — Daily staff photographer

E. Gene Vosseler discusses the advantages of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The lecture was sponsored by College Republicans.

technology to start its own missile-defense system.

The system would include satellite interceptors to destroy Soviet missiles along with their decoys and land-based weapons to shoot down missiles missed by the interceptors.

"The system that I'm talking about is known," he said. "I'm talking about non-nuclear technology that attacks weapons, not lives."

Some scientific groups have said the SDI system would cost more than \$1 trillion. But Vosseler said the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has estimated the system would cost about \$120 billion.

"Exotic" weapons such as lasers and particle beams could be developed after more research, he said.

The American press is too critical of SDI and too lenient on the Soviets, Vosseler said.

The press has called the SDI program "Star Wars" to make it appear offensive instead of defensive, he said. He would like the media to use the official name.

He called NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw's interview with Gorbachev earlier this year "a puff piece." Vosseler said the Soviets, through the news media, are "seducing" the American public into thinking the USSR has become more open.

"The rhetoric is very good," he said. "But on the whole, nothing is going to change. There might be a little tinkering to give an illusion of change."

The presidential candidates waver on the issue, Vosseler said. "George Bush says he's for rapid and certain deployment of SDI."

But he said Bush has "Eastern elitist" friends like George Schulz

who are pushing for a 10-year delay on setting up the SDI program.

"I tell you my friends, by that time it'll be too late," he said.

Michael Dukakis has said "Star Wars is a fantasy, an idiocy and a fraud," but is willing to spend money for SDI research, according to Vosseler.

He criticized the Democratic candidate for being "willing to invest a billion dollars in American taxpayer money in a system he calls 'a fraud.'"

Scott Lane, a senior majoring in industrial and systems engineering, said he favors the SDI program.

"I just came to the conclusion that we have to have a defense system to protect our country," he said. "I think we have enough incredible minds in our country to implement an affordable system."

"I like the idea very much," said Jason Walker, a junior majoring in political science. "What's the harm of putting in a system that won't harm a single human. I find great glory in that."

Arnold Argao, a senior majoring in environmental studies, said he opposed SDI before listening to Vosseler, but is now undecided.

"People need to get more informed," he said.

Deborah Thomas, a graduate in occupational therapy, said she opposes SDI because the money should be spent on domestic programs.

"We're too paranoid about communism taking over the world," she said. "I think it's too extreme and we don't have to spend so much money on the 'Star Wars' program."

"I'm not for it," said Jim Jithens, a recreational therapy graduate. "Though there might be a need for it in 30 years, our scientists can't agree whether we should have it or not."

## Students willing to work on SDI

By Martin Cheek  
Daily staff writer

A sampling of SJSU engineering students said they would not oppose working on the technology for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

SDI will need engineers to develop complicated weapons systems intended to destroy enemy missiles.

Several students, like Bruce Frye, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, said they would work on such a project.

"I wouldn't bat an eye," Frye said. "It's the cutting edge of technology."

He said technology from the program would also bring technology to the civilian community.

"A lot of it flushes over to domestic markets," he said.

"I don't have any moral qualms about (SDI) weapons," said Greg Sexton, who also studies mechanical engineering. "It'll be a defensive weapons system. Nerve gas, I'd have problems with that. But SDI, I see no problems with that."

But fellow engineering student Steve Loft said he would not work on any SDI system.

"I don't think it would ever work," he said. "I think it's technically impossible."

Loft said that although the technology exists to develop such a system, it would not be perfect and some missiles would get through the shield.

"The odds are that you are going to miss," because of a failure in the system, he said.

Susan Johnson, a graduate in computer engineering, said she would probably not work in the SDI program.

"It's just not an area I'm interested in," she said.

Johnson would rather develop software for computer assisted drafting instead of defense.

"I've also worked in a life and death career (in nursing) so I don't want to do that again," she said.

"It (SDI) is good because it helps us defend ourselves from any nuclear attack in the future," said Nabih Akkawi, a senior majoring in electrical engineering.

"I'd be willing to work for it just for a good reason, just to defend our country, not to attack other people," he said.

The SDI program will eliminate the nuclear threat, said Rodney Campbell, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

"It's giving us a chance to survive or eliminate nuclear weapons completely," he said.

## Judge orders drug smuggler to open AIDS hospice

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — An organizer of a marijuana-smuggling ring ordered by a judge to open an AIDS hospice rather than serve years in prison says he's pleased with the sentence, but may have had an easier time behind bars.

The sentence issued Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Gene Carter, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, calls for Harvey M. Prager to operate a hospice in Maine that will house at least three AIDS victims.

The 41-year-old Prager, who helped open the first AIDS hospice in South America, and his French-born wife, Sandrine, will act as non-paid resident managers for five years.

"I'm sure ... two or three weeks down the road, when we're in the grip of the struggle, we'll think it may have been easier to have gone to jail," said Prager, who had requested the sentence.

Prager pleaded guilty in January to conspiracy, possession and importation of marijuana. He could have received up to 15 years in prison and a \$125,000 fine.

'There's not much point in his going to prison.'

— Joan Gauche,  
director of Sentencing Options

The sentence proposal drew criticism from the public, and some people have written letters to newspapers calling it "outrageous" and an "insult to all law-abiding citizens of Maine."

However, it was applauded by advocates of alternative prison sentences, among them a private, non-profit group called Sentencing Options, which helped devise the plan.

"There's not much point in his going to prison," director Joan Gauche said. "He has a lot to offer and society is going to benefit."

Carter, who is known for handing down maximum penalties in drug-related cases, said he will impose a jail term if the hospice fails to materialize.

"I am concerned that you do what you say you'll do because ... if you do not do this, I will not hesitate to reconsider this matter," Carter told Prager, a Yarmouth resident.

More than 20 others connected with the smuggling operation — which imported more than 20 tons of marijuana worth \$83 million through Deer Isle between 1979 and 1981 —

each have been sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Prager, an art and real estate broker described by family and friends as a well-educated, intelligent man who had a few bad years, said he will have the hospice open by the Oct. 1, 1989, deadline imposed by the judge.

"I think we have taken the harder road and I'm hoping that people do realize that we're about to do a lot of very, very hard work," he said. "We're pleased to be able to do this work, but I don't believe it'll be easy."

As part of a plea agreement, Prager will forfeit proceeds from the smuggling operation and liquidate his assets, which include a \$500,000 townhouse in London, a Paris apartment worth about \$200,000, property in the Caribbean and at least one Swiss bank account, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph H. Groff III.

## Self-employed women prosper

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Self-employment is the fast track for California's working women, and unemployment among females in the job market has nearly been cut in half, Gov. George Deukmejian told a businesswomen's conference Wednesday.

"One of the most promising developments is that in California, women-owned businesses, which now generate \$12 billion in annual sales, are increasing faster than those owned by men," the governor told the Fourth Annual Governor's Conference on Women in Business at the downtown Westin Bonaventure Hotel.

"Self-employed are the fastest growing group of working women," the governor told a crowded auditorium of delegates at the state-sponsored event. "In the past eight years, the number of women-owned businesses in California has increased by nearly 55 percent," Deukmejian said in his keynote address.

The governor also told his audience that the unemployment rate for women seeking work five years ago was above 10 percent, but currently stands at 5.4 percent.

Deukmejian also cited issues of concern for working women, including child care, equal opportunity for employment, education and health care.

He claimed California now spends more than \$500 million a year in child care services and tax credits, and told delegates he recently signed into legislation a law offering tax credits to businesses that provide child care to their employees. The credit has a limit of 30 percent or \$30,000 a year.

Terry Mulready, vice president of corporate communications for Pacific Bell, a co-sponsor of the conference, outlined some of the issues faced by working women.

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# Soviets explore tax reform

MOSCOW (AP) — Another Western influence may soon follow rock music and fast food into Soviet society: the ritual of filing annual financial returns and paying a progressive income tax.

A pair of economists said in articles published Wednesday that a complete reform of the Soviet tax system is necessary to expose those who have made fortunes in the multi-billion dollar black market, and spread income more equitably.

"To search for some kind of scientific approach in our system of taxation is useless," Deputy Finance Minister Viktor Semenov told the weekly Moscow News.

Semenov and economist V. Yaroshenko, writing in the Communist Party daily newspaper Pravda, both said a yearly statement of income and expenditures was essential.

Yaroshenko added that the income tax should be made more progressive, as it is in many other countries, to be fairer to poor people.

Currently, Soviets pay a flat 10 percent of their income in tax if they make less than \$320 a month, the av-

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Finance Minister

erage industrial wage. The rate increases a few percentage points for higher incomes. Most taxes are deducted at the work place and workers don't need to file annual tax returns.

"Declarations of income and expenditures would serve as a means of strong economic and psychological action most of all against the system of organized crime," said Yaroshenko.

By filling out such forms, illegal millionaires would be making a "preliminary accusation" of themselves, he said.

Black marketeering and other organized crime saps the economy of more money every year than is paid out in benefits to pensioners, invalids, students, families with many children and orphans, he said.

It is so well-organized that it constitutes a "government within the government," he said.

The current economic and tax structure hurts the poor, Yaroshenko said. He suggested the government impose more progressive income taxes, and that illegal millionaires be allowed to give their ill-gotten wealth to state-run charities anonymously before filing their financial statements.

Yaroshenko's article was the second published in Pravda in two days to address the effects of economic reforms on the Soviet poor. In an article published Tuesday, a farm economist said increasing food prices would be an unacceptable way to eliminate the \$105 billion the government pays every year in subsidies. Instead, Kim N. Khmelkov said the Soviet Union must make farming much more efficient.

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