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Critics pack chambers to protest A.S. budget

By Mary R. Callahan

Daily staff writer

Approximately 80 people crowded into the Associated Students chambers Wednesday to protest recommended cuts to next year's A.S. budget.

The gathering preceded the board's special meeting today to discuss approval of a new student referendum developed last week in hopes of resolving the current budgetary dilemma.

The most vocal critics of budget reductions were members of SJSU's team sports and other instructionally related activities (IRAs) facing across-the-board cuts of between 6 percent and 7 percent.

A.S. budget committee members have consistently defended their recommendations, saying they were forced to cut funding for all programs because of a \$20,000 reduction in revenue donations from Spartan Shops.

Other factors contributing to budgetary constraints are increased funding levels for A.S. Leisure Services and the A.S. Program Board, which need additional funding to take full advantage of the new Rec Center facilities, said Scott Santandrea, president-elect and a member of the budget committee, last week.

The Frances Gulland Child Development Center also received additional funding this year.

Also, the A.S. recently granted a 5 percent cost-of-living increase to union employees under contract to the A.S.

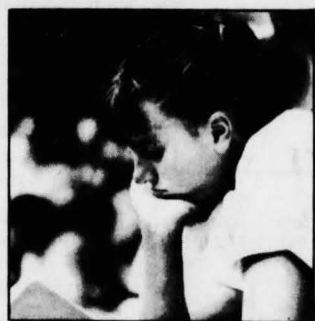
The board's "current level of support in all areas has decreased," A.S. President Terry McCarthy said

at the meeting.

Of particular concern to the athletes were proposed budget reductions bringing IRA funding below the 30-percent minimum funding level established by a student referendum in the spring of 1986.

IRAs include intercollegiate athletics, campus music and theater groups and university media outlets.

The so-called "Spartan Excellence" referendum called for an \$8



Karen Smith

meeting observer

increase in A.S. fees with the provision that no less than 30 percent of the fee revenue would be spent on IRA programs.

Proposed cuts bring IRA funding down to just more than 25 percent of the revenue generated by projected 1989-90 A.S. fees.

Dana Jones, a member of the women's basketball team and perhaps the most vocal athlete during the past several months, decried the athletes' increasingly frequent role as "student athlete beggar."

"We're tired of begging," she

said to those assembled.

Jim Walters, director of academic affairs and vice president-elect, suggested Jones and other athletes recommend other areas of the budget to cut.

"Nobody wants to be cut," he said.

Jones responded that the job of student athletes is to provide a service to the university, not to "figure out where to cut the budget."

"We feel that we've been cheated, that you've gone back on your commitment," Jones said.

"When you go to finalize the budget, please remember what you were doing to us a year ago," she said, referring to the board's freeze on athletic funds. "Please remember what you're doing to us right now."

"Remember what the commitment was, what the percentage was," said Tina Krahn, women's basketball coach.

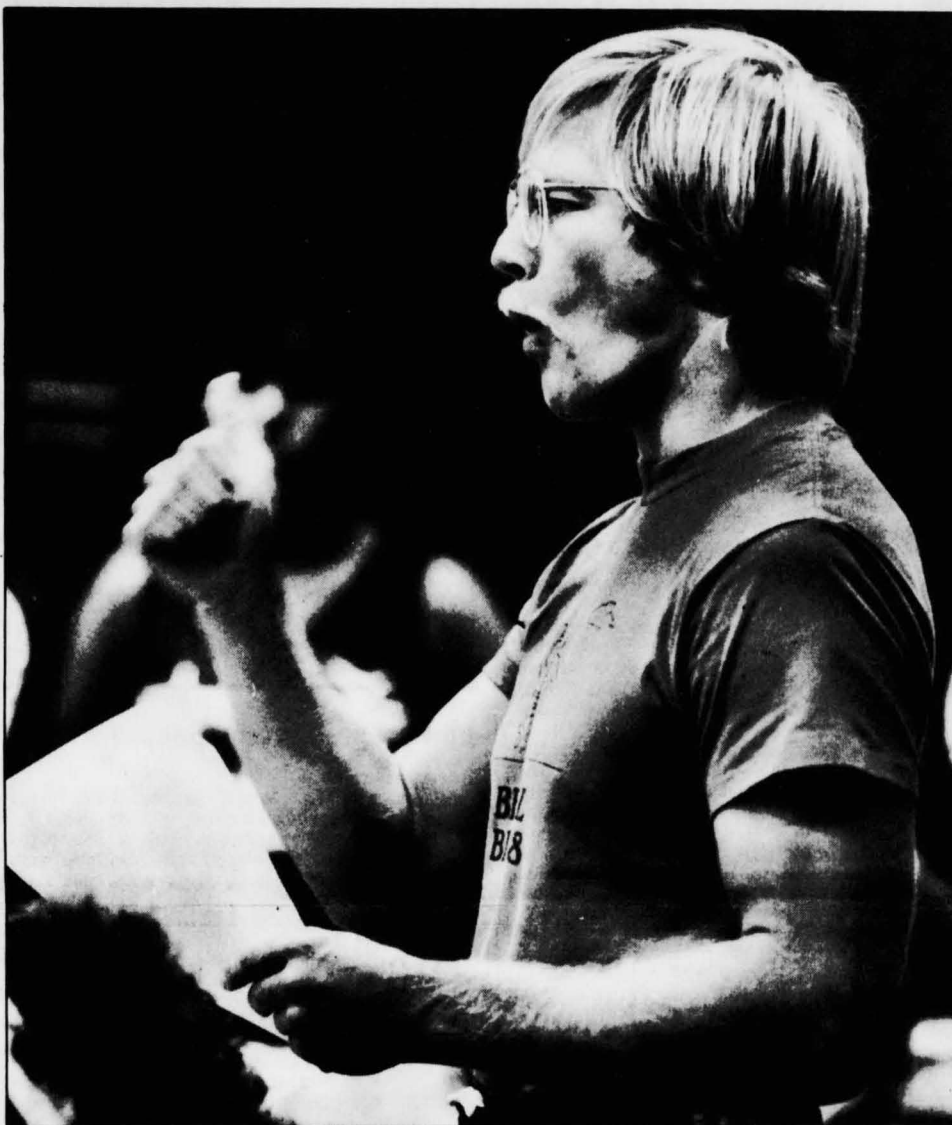
Former SJSU student Paul Sonneman also addressed the board, stressing that restoring full IRA funding is the only way to retain the integrity of the student government and of the 1986 student referendum.

Sonneman authored the Spartan Excellence referendum.

The newly proposed referendum would eliminate IRA funding from the A.S. budget, giving exclusive control of the programs to the university IRA Committee.

The IRA Committee is chaired by the A.S. President, who also appoints three students at large to sit on the committee. Four faculty members, including Arlene Okerlund, academic vice president, comprise the committee.

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Mark Studyvin — Daily staff photographer

Kevin Hejnal, A.S. director of student services-elect, discusses proposed sport funding cuts

SJSU solves smelly sewer line problem — temporarily

By Rob Lyon

Daily staff writer

The "rotten egg" smell originating from a sewer near the Aquatics Center vanished as the main contractor of the facility temporarily solved the problem using a piece of wood.

Roebelen Engineering Co., the contractor for the Rec Center and the pool facility, boarded up a sewer grate in the flower bed on Eighth and San Carlos streets, according to Patrick Moss, utilities manager for Facilities, Development and Operations.

The piece of wood prevents the release of hydrogen sulfide, a smelly gas common in sewer lines, and keeps the smell from rising into the atmosphere. But this is only a temporary solution, Moss said.

A meeting last week between Moss and officials from Roebelen, San Jose City Neighborhood Maintenance

Department and the architectural firm of Hall, Goodhue, Haisley & Barker, resulted in a promise to fix the problem permanently.

HGHB agreed to formulate a solution, but hasn't produced one yet, Moss said.

Bob Lustig, an architect for HGHB who is handling the problem, could not be reached for comment.

"We're going to be on his case until he comes up with a permanent solution," Moss said. "We don't want to be stuck with the problem once the building (Rec Center) is turned over to us."

Upon a second investigation into the sewer problem, Neighborhood Maintenance, the city's sewer control division, found that there were two sources of the smell:

- one from a sewer hole in the flower bed.
- another from a sewer hole in the middle of San Carlos Street.

The line that runs from the flowerbed is not an appropriate hookup because it was designed to drain storm water but it is connected to a sanitary sewer line, said Larry Mukai, a supervisor for Neighborhood Maintenance.

The other line could also be considered inappropriate, according to Mukai.

The line is supposed to receive chlorinated splash water from a drain on the pool deck, he said. But the location of the drain would receive very little splash water.

Instead, the only thing the drain is likely to catch is excess storm water, which would cause an unnecessary strain on the city's water treatment plant.

Officials from HGHB are supposed to provide a solution to both problems, and Roebelen will be responsible for making the repairs, Moss said.

Tom Onishi, project manager for Professional Man-

agement Associates, the firm hired by the state Chancellor's office to oversee construction of the Rec Center, did not return several phone calls.

Since it is unknown what permanent repair plans are needed, Moss couldn't say exactly what would be done.

But the plans could entail leaving the board over the flowerbed drain, or tearing up the street and rerouting both lines so they properly connect, he said.

Moss said fixing the flower bed drain hookup is a priority because of the smell and because the other line is not as much of a problem.

City officials agreed to accept the pool deck configuration as long as they could work with the university to

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Dorm barbecue marks grand opening of park

By Mary R. Callahan

Daily staff writer

More than 1,400 SJSU students attended the first Residence Hall "Beachin' Barbecue" at Quirk's Meadow Wednesday evening.

Guests played volleyball and other games and enjoyed music played by Lights Out, a band which regularly appears at the Spartan Pub.

The Residence Hall Dining Commons, which sponsored the barbecue, passed out 1,000 sun visors, 500 Frisbees and 60 beach balls in celebration of the park area's grand opening.

The event marked the completion of nearly eight months of work to ready the recreational area for students.

The park area next to West Hall at San Carlos and Ninth streets is especially convenient for campus residents, although all SJSU students and faculty are

welcome to take advantage of the spot, said Robert Quirk, the West Hall residential adviser heading the project.

Quirk and his fellow R.A.s from West Hall installed a sprinkler system and lawn sod, painted picnic tables for the area and planted volleyball pole bases into the ground.

Interested students can check out volleyball poles, nets and other equipment if they decide to use one of the two courts.

The Associated Students noted \$7,000 to the project, mostly known as Quirk's Meadow.

Additionally, the Residence Hall Association and West Hall contributed \$1,000.

Work on Quirk's Meadow came to a close Wednesday

Volkswagens burgled in 10th Street Garage

By Lisa Elmore

Daily staff writer

SJSU student Dennis Thomatos had not even made the first payment on his 1987 Volkswagen Golf when someone tried to break into the car Tuesday, causing \$150 in damage, according to his mother, Irene Thomatos.

Thomatos' car was one of at least five Volkswagens broken into between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the 10th Street garage Tuesday, according to university police.

Four of the cars were Golfs and one was a Jetta, according to police records.

Dennis Thomatos purchased the

car Saturday and obtained insurance Monday, Irene Thomatos said.

"He is very upset," she said.

Nothing was stolen from Thomatos' car, but the door lock was broken.

Apparently no one witnessed the crimes, and there are no suspects at this time, according to Lt. Shannon

Maloney of the University Police Department.

Volkswagens are a favorite of thieves because of the type of radios installed, Maloney said.

"Apparently someone has found a market for this particular radio," he said.

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Leisure studies offers variety, rewarding benefits

By Jeff Christensen

Special to the Daily

Municipal recreation careers require professionalism and are more than just "staying out on the playground and handing out balls to kids," Foster City Recreation Superintendent Kevin Miller told students and faculty Friday.

Miller, current president of the local district of the California Parks and Recreation Society, spoke to a group of 13 about careers in municipal recreation.

To assist students in their job searches, he encouraged them to become active members of the society,

a statewide association of professionals in the recreation and leisure fields.

"It's drudgery for a person to have to dread going to work," Miller said.

But he noted that in municipal recreation, he is able to see his department in Foster City benefit the community.

"When you choose a career, you are talking about a considerable amount of time. What I do, I find very rewarding," he said.

Addressing student concerns about internships and entry-level opportunities, Miller observed that

most students "are not prepared to interview. It's something you should be thinking about now."

He encouraged students to ask their professors to include interviewing and resume-writing skills in their curricula.

Students should also plan goals for their entire careers, as opposed to focusing solely on their first jobs, Miller said.

Sandy Lorenz, a senior majoring in recreation and leisure studies, said she appreciated Miller taking the time to speak.

"I think it's good that professionals in the local district (of the Parks

Students should plan goals for their entire careers.

and Recreation Society) are keeping students involved and informed on opportunities for involvement," she said.

The department offers both bachelor's and master's degrees in recreation and leisure studies. See LEISURE, page 10



Jennifer Dorrelli (left) and Nicole Viskovich remove a window from one of the trollies

Joe R. Villarin - Special to the Daily

Greeks bring life to old trolleys

Restoration efforts called 'a big success' by project coordinator

By Lisa Elmore
Daily staff writer

Trolley car restoration efforts by SJSU fraternity and sorority members Sunday were a big success, according to project coordinator Donna Kaylor.

Projects that were expected to take the entire day to complete were finished within the first few hours of work, Kaylor said.

Restoration of San Jose's historic trolley cars, which were built in the early 1900s, was the philanthropy chosen by the Greeks to kick off this year's Greek Week at SJSU.

About 19 sororities and fraternities participated, according to Kaylor, with around 30 volunteers alternating shifts about every 90 minutes.

Trolley car representatives were pleased with the group's performance.

"We made a long list of things to do and they sort of chewed it up in half a day," said Dick Furman, Trolley Barn assistant project manager.

The total cost of the volunteer work, if it had been paid for, was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$7,000, Kaylor said.

"They had to keep finding projects for us to do," she said.

Furman said he enjoyed working with the students.

"They were very energetic and cooperative," he said. "Some of the music was a little loud, but it was enjoyable. We welcome them back any

time."

Furman was referring to the music played during the event by radio station KXXX (99.7 FM) on their giant radio.

A barbecue, organized by Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon, provided food and drink for the volunteers, Kaylor said.

According to Furman, some of the work performed by the students included:

- Building a replica of a wooden track crossing over rail lines.
- Removing windows from a trolley car.
- Taking covers off cable wiring trays.
- A great deal of clean-up work.
- Painting and sanding.

Nader will rally environmentalists

By Andrew H. Channing
Daily staff writer

Ralph Nader is coming to SJSU Friday, and he's mad.

The ozone layer is depleting, and San Jose's International Business Machines Corp. is one of the reasons why, Nader claims.

The consumer advocate and environmentalist will speak in the SJSU Student Union at 1 p.m. to boost SJSU's involvement in the 19th annual Earth Day environmental rally.

Earth Day will be held Saturday in Santa Teresa Park, at the intersection of Bernal Road and Santa Teresa Boulevard in San Jose near the IBM research labs, to protest the use of ozone-destroying chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) by IBM.

The ozone layer blocks the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays, which can cause skin cancer and eye cataracts.

In addition to destroying the ozone, CFCs have been shown to magnify the so-called "greenhouse effect," in which an excess of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere causes an increase in the planet's surface temperature.

According to Ted Smith of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, the San Jose IBM factory on Blossom Hill Road is the largest emitter of the hazardous chemical in the United States.

Nader will speak on corporate re-



Ralph Nader
... speaks Friday

sponsibility and the environmental movement as a prelude to Saturday's gathering in front of IBM, which will call for the company to stop using CFCs in production.

Two campus clubs, the Student Affiliation For Environmental Respect and the Environmental Resource Center, will sponsor the gathering. The event, which will feature music and refreshments, is expected to draw more than 1,000 people.

"We want to show IBM that a lot

of people are concerned about what CFCs do to the ozone layer," said Steve Shunk of the ERC.

Shunk will be one of many SJSU students involved in the gathering.

SJSU student Phil Woodward, director of ERC, will also be on hand to give out leaflets and speak to people at the SJSU booth.

"We're trying to get everyday people involved in the environment," Woodward said.

A flyer promoting the event features a photo of a computer with a warning sign across its screen: "This product is made with CFCs which destroy the earth's protective ozone layer."

Needless to say, IBM is concerned.

IBM started to use CFCs because they are "non-flammable, non-corrosive, and non-toxic," said Bob Neudecker, spokesman for the San Jose branch of the company.

Earth Day organizers hope IBM will sign the "Good Neighbor Treaty," which calls for the company to completely end the use of CFCs by April 22, 1990.

"We want them to be out of the CFC business," said Smith.

Twelve other countries, including Sweden, Poland and England, will also celebrate Earth Day Saturday.

Candidate for state controller vows to legalize drugs

STOCKTON (AP) — An ex-Stockton councilman who was thrown out of office for bribing a voter announced his candidacy for state controller Wednesday on a platform of legalizing drugs.

"We should legalize drugs because it would stop the killing between gangs," Ralph Lee White said at a news conference announcing his

candidacy for the Democratic nomination if incumbent Gray Davis runs for governor as expected.

White's colorful and controversial career on the council in this city 75 miles east of San Francisco ended in 1987 when the state Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling disqualifying him from the council seat he won in a 1984 special election. The

lower court found that White bribed one voter and defrauded and intimidated three others in that election.

White, a black man in a largely black district, contended during the 1984 campaign that the incumbent councilman, Mark Stebbins, was passing as black but really was a white man.

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Lucille Ball recovering from surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Lucille Ball was recovering Wednesday from an emergency heart operation in which a surgeon replaced part of her aorta and aortic valve with organ tissue donated from a 27-year-old man.

Miss Ball, 77, who reigned for decades as the zany, rubber-mouthed queen of comedy, had her heart stopped for two hours during the procedure, which had seven hours in the operating room for about seven hours.

Dr. Robert Kass, the surgeon who performed the operation, described her condition as guarded but optimistic. He said she had suffered a tear in her aorta, the main artery in the body. The donor was a 27-year-old man, he said.

"The fact that she came through this leaves me optimistic," Kass said at a news conference after the operation late Tuesday night. "The major risk is in the operating room, at least initially."

The redheaded entertainer and her late former husband, Desi Arnaz, starred in "I Love Lucy," one of the most popular TV shows of all time, from 1951 to 1957. The show is still seen around the world in syndicated reruns.

Miss Ball, who had been in ill health in recent years, suffered a mild heart attack last May 11. She arrived at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center about noon Tuesday with husband Gary Morton.

Doctors said she had suffered a heart attack in the couple's fashionable Roxbury Drive home in Beverly Hills.

Kass said the first 24 hours after surgery would determine how well her recovery would go, but that she could describe a full recovery.

Kass described the surgery as a "high-risk procedure with a fairly substantial mortality rate." A recovery for someone her age "depends on the individual," Kass said.

Meanwhile, the switchboards were jammed with calls from news media organizations around the world and well-wishers. Hospital spokesman Ron Wise said that flowers also were arriving. He said Miss Ball would be in the intensive care unit for several days, at least. Kass said she would be in the hospital a few weeks.

Miss Ball was conscious when she arrived at the hospital. She complained of moderate chest pains and shortness of breath.

"I told her the nature of the condition she had, that it was life-threatening and that we had to operate immediately," Kass said.

The actress was last seen in public introducing the Young Hollywood production number with Bob Hope at the 61st Academy Awards on March 29 and received a standing ovation. Wearing a fashionable a slit skirt, she appeared to be in good health and giggled freely throughout a brief routine with Hope.

Miss Ball went solo in 1962 with "The Lucy Show." The name was changed to "Here's Lucy" in 1968. The show went off the air in 1974.

In 1950, Miss Ball and Arnaz started their own production company, Desilu, on a shoestring budget of \$5,000.

Healthline

Healthline is a column for those who have questions regarding any aspect of health. Those with questions are encouraged to write to Healthline at the Spartan Daily. Letters may be dropped off at Dwight Bentel Hall, second floor, or at the Student Union Information desk. All questions will be printed anonymously.

This week's Healthline is devoted to questions regarding women's health and were answered by a staff doctor at Student Health Services.

Q. What are some beneficial effects of taking the birth control pill besides pregnancy prevention?

A. Recent data indicate that oral contraceptives slightly decrease the risk of developing ovarian and uterine cancer. Women on the pill also have lower incidences of benign breast disease, fewer incidences of ovarian cysts, tubal pregnancies, and pelvic inflammatory disease. There is also less anemia for women on the pill because it lightens the menstrual flow, and for those on a low protein diet because it increases the use of amino acids.

Q. Should a condom be used during sexual intercourse even though a woman is on the pill?

A. Yes. A condom should always be used whenever there is a risk of infection. While the pill

prevents pregnancy, it is not adequate protection against infections or sexually transmitted diseases.

Q. How long can a woman take birth control pills before they become dangerous?

A. Present information indicates that the pill is as safe in the first year as in the seventh to tenth year. Information beyond the tenth year has not yet been clearly evaluated. However, there does not appear to be any serious problems as long as a woman stays on the lowest dose possible.

Q. What is molluscum contagiosum?

A. This is a primarily sexually transmitted virus affecting both women and men. It can be spread from person to person or from one body part to another. The disease appears as small pink bumps in the shape of a dome and are usually found on the genitalia and inside of the upper thigh.

Occasionally, the virus will appear on the hands, face, or other parts of the body. While the incubation period varies, usually a matter of weeks, the bumps grow slowly and are fairly easy to recognize. The only way to get rid of the bumps is to have them removed by a physician. If they are not removed, they will grow in size and number and can be spread to others.

Young girl loses hand after toothpaste bomb explodes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Bower was near his 5-year-old daughter when a pipe bomb hidden in a toothpaste container blew up, and he's thankful her injuries were not more severe.

"We're very lucky," he said. "We have a daughter. Many people have gone through much worse than this."

Two men seen leaving the K mart store after the explosion were being sought for questioning. Police also interviewed employees and former employees of the store to try to find out why someone planted the bomb in the store.

Authorities also were on the lookout for a second bomb.

Erin Bower lost her left hand and may recover only partial sight in her

left eye as a result of the Monday's explosion, doctors at Methodist Hospital said.

She was listed in fair condition today and "more than likely will move out of pediatric intensive care to a regular ward," hospital spokesman David Richards said. Her mood was quiet, he said.

The girl's mother, Maurine, 31, was slightly wounded by flying bomb fragments, but no others were hurt in Monday night explosion at the store on Indianapolis' northeast side.

The bomb, hidden in a pump-type toothpaste dispenser, was concealed among packages of trash bags in the hardware section toward the rear of the store.

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Heads up



Lisa Issacs — Daily staff photographer

SJSU Chi Omega Christine Hettman prepares to bump the ball during the Sigma Pi Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Santa Cruz. Thirty-seven Northern California sororities played with proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis Society. SJSU's Delta Gammas won the recreational title.

Explosion on battleship USS Iowa kills at least 15

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A fiery explosion in a giant gun turret rocked the refitted battleship USS Iowa Wednesday near Puerto Rico, killing at least 15 people and injuring an undetermined number of others, the Navy reported.

The ship was not seriously damaged and was sailing to a rendezvous with the nearby aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, which has medical facilities,

said Atlantic Fleet spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Chris Baumann, who confirmed the deaths.

The explosion occurred about 10 a.m. in one of the battleship's three 16-inch gun turrets as the ship was taking part in a gunnery exercise about 330 miles northeast of Puerto

Rico, said another Navy spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Steve Burnett.

The training exercise to improve fleet readiness began April 13 and involved 19,000 people aboard 29 U.S. ships, three allied ships and shore-based aircraft, Baumann said.



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Students will spend summer clownin' around



Shelley Scott — Daily staff photographer

SJSU freshman Michael Goshey coerces a member of the audience to dance with him

By Andy Nystrom
Daily staff writer

Making a fool of one's self isn't normally the top priority of a college student.

However, there are seven SJSU students who do this every weekend — and get paid for it.

They are all members of the "Kings of Komeidy," a 12-person comedic musical group that performs at Great America amusement park in Santa Clara.

The group has existed for five years, and gathers its members from all over California.

The high percentage of SJSU students in the group results from the great amount of talent displayed on campus, said member Allan Goshey, an SJSU sophomore.

"I guess it just worked out that way when we auditioned," he said.

"But then again we are all in the area, so it was convenient also."

Dressed in traditional clown costumes, the group tours the park hourly in search of victims to entertain and embarrass.

Goshey, who has been involved with the "Kings" for two years, explained the troupe's purpose.

"What we're basically doing is entertaining people using music," said the baritone saxophonist. "And whatever we can get the crowd to laugh at, we'll do it."

This "entertainment" has ranged from the members pulling down their pants for attention to grabbing people out of the audience and dancing with them.

One particular situation stood out in Goshey's memory as being the group's most classic comedy performance to date.

What started out as the familiar water bucket-filled-with-streamers routine soon turned into a nightmare for a friend in the audience, he said.

"One of the guys in the group actually filled the bucket with water; which was unknown to us or the crowd," he laughed. "Our friend ended up getting doused with about two gallons of water."

However, SJSU sophomore and trombonist Laurie Stuntz's recollection of a humorous and embarrassing situation was on a more a personal level.

"During one of the musical numbers one of the guys in the group just came over and kissed me," she said. "It was so funny."

Making people laugh, although it may seem easy, is one of the hardest parts of the job, according to SJSU senior Kevin Twomey.

The trumpet player said that performing the songs, which include "Gimme Some Lovin'" and "You Made Me Love You," is only secondary to the group's main goal.

"I'm still learning the little things that make people laugh," he said. "We can't force people to laugh, so it takes a lot of practice."

While Goshey finds the job to be helpful in building self-confidence and developing his personality, there are also some difficulties to deal with.

Leaving behind his role of the outgoing, and often obnoxious, clown at the park is a major problem, he said.

"I tend to bring that role into the outside world at times," he said. "For example, I wouldn't think twice about standing up and yelling in a crowded movie theater."

Although there are a lot of sacrifices to be made for the job, including the six-days-a-week summer schedule, Twomey is glad he is involved with the group.

"We have a lot of fun, plus we only work 20 minutes out of an hour," he said. "And it's definitely better than waiting tables."



Alyssa Jensen — Daily staff photographer

Allan Goshey and brother Michael are two of the 'Kings'



Shelley Scott — Daily staff photographer

Michael Goshey scans the audience at Great America



Shelley Scott — Daily staff photographer

Seven SJSU students, all members of the 'Kings of Komeidy' comedic musical group, spend summers making others smile



Alyssa Jensen — Daily staff photographer

SJSU graduate student Joe Yung slams the ball to Chin Mai Trung of San Jose. Trung did not return the shot.

Campus life

Table tennis favorite pastime for many

By Shelby Grad
Daily staff writer

It is 10 p.m. on a warm weekday night, and the only sound to be heard is trees rustling in the springtime breeze.

With the exception of the few students making their way from the library to the parking garages, the campus appears to be dead. That is, unless you go underground.

On the bottom floor of the Student Union, even the late hours of the night bring an infusion of activity.

The smell of sweat and the constant sound of small plastic balls hitting wood dominate the mood as a group of about 20 people surround the four ping-pong tables.

It's Tuesday night and the SJSU Table Tennis Club is in action.

Many club members were brought up in countries other than America, including Japan, China, Vietnam, Iran and Egypt.

"This is a big sport everywhere

in the world but here," says Azmy Ibrahim, a professor of Sociology and a native of Egypt, as he wipes the sweat from his face after a grueling match. "I've been playing it all my life."

The club has existed for 10 years and now boasts about 40 members, most of whom are either SJSU students or alumni.

Membership generally drops during the winter and rises during the spring and summer.

"For the serious player, this is a year-round sport," Ibrahim said.

Members say that table tennis is most popular outside of the United States — especially in Asia.

"You meet people of many different cultures here," Ibrahim said. "We are a very diverse group."

So it is not uncommon to see a SJSU graduate, who learned to play table tennis when he was a child in Tehran, play against a student from Cupertino who learned the game on the elementary school playground.

While the group is officially recognized by the university, some of the members are non-students. One member joined the club while he was getting his Master's degree in civil engineering in 1982 and continued to play with the club after he received the degree.

Over the years, the club has produced several state and national champions. SJSU student and club member Koa Nuyen is currently ranked third in the country for table tennis.

But beyond any competition, members say it's the enjoyment and physical benefits of the sport that keep the ritual of returning to the Student Union each Tuesday and Thursday night.

"It's great exercise. The ball travels at the speed of a bullet," Ibrahim said. "You have to be very physically fit to play. You don't see any heavy people here."

For many club members, table tennis playing offers a needed stress reliever, and improves one's concentration as well.

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Local band sets out to prove there is more to folk than 'phloundering' around

By Andy Nystrom

Daily staff writer
Folk music is getting a lot of attention these days.

While it is currently being popularized by the likes of Tracy Chapman and Michelle Shocked, a local folk group called the Phlounders is also giving it a try.

The band was formed in Palo Alto more than a year ago. It consists of acoustic guitarists and vocalists Bill Sleeper, Scott Kirkman and SJSU student Larry Peters.

Prior to its performance at the Student Union Amphitheater last Thursday, Peters discussed the band's interesting features and history.

Coming up with the name "Phlounders" was his first concern.

"One night after drinking beer and eating tortilla chips, we went searching for an open-mike club," said the stubble-faced advertising major. "We never found it, and ended up floundering around town."

And Kirkman summed up the reason for the unusual spelling of the group's name.

"We spelled it that way because we can," he said.

The band has come a long way since that somewhat stagnant beginning.

It has since played shows at many local clubs, as well as performing at San Quentin prison. Currently it is the regular attraction on Tuesday nights at The Brewing Company in San Francisco.

Despite the sense of humor displayed in its name, the band is very serious when it comes to music.

All three Phlounders have been avid fans of folk music for many years, and it was only appropriate

that they form a band, said Peters.

"We've always played guitars together and sang at camp fires whenever we got the chance," he said.

However, in today's world of important making big money is important to most artists, the Phlounders see things differently.

One of Kirkman's main reasons for being in a folk band is the music's message.

"It's great being able to play in front of older and younger audiences," he said. "There's a niche in our music that transcends across many generations."

While Sleeper shares the same musical philosophy as Kirkman, the Phlounder sarcasm once again came into play.

Sporting a "Murder Burger" shirt and dark sunglasses at the show, he discussed the band's criteria for choosing the venues it plays.

"We'll play any gig, anytime, anywhere," he said. "As long as there's beer available."

There were no alcoholic beverages present at the amphitheater last Thursday, but judging by the group's performance, obviously none were necessary.

Starting with its opening number, a rendition of "Tom Doolley," the band proved to be talented in many areas.

Immediately coming to mind was the mean slide guitar and kazoo playing by the band's jack-of-all-trades, Sleeper.

The traditional three-part vocal and guitar harmonies were also excellently displayed on the Peter, Paul and Mary version of "Pack Up Your Sorrows" and a Phlounders original, "All Over, All Over Again."

And it was the Phlounders' own material and humor, once again, that stood out during the set.

For example, the Peters-penned song "French Kissing You Through

the Bars of My Jail Cell" contains some clever lyrics:

"I don't know why I robbed that liquor store last year, I don't understand it because I don't even like beer."

Peters got the idea for the song while sitting around with a girlfriend of his a few years ago.

"She stuck her hand in front of my face, and that's what I thought of," he said. "When an idea like that comes around, you should forget it — but I followed through."

Also included in the band's reper-

toire was a version of U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," which had some of the concert-goers shaking their heads in disapproval.

However, one song did stand out favorably in SJSU student Robert Szmigiel's mind.

"Their re-make of 'Nights in White Satin' is exactly how the Moody Blues would have done it," he said.

Overall, the Phlounder's performance was entertaining and showed definite promise for the newcomers.



Alyssa Jensen — Daily staff photographer

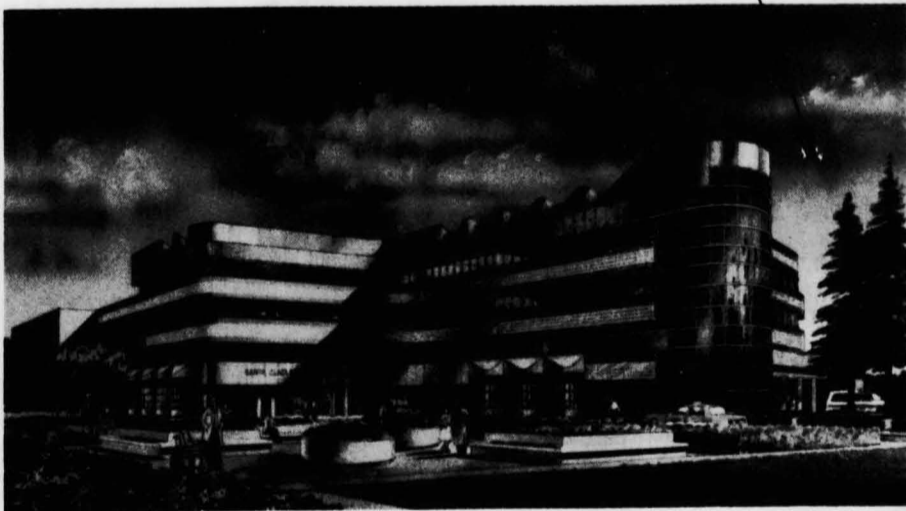
The Phlounders play before a sparse crowd at SJSU



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Phlounders Scott Kirkman, Larry Peters and Bill Sleeper performing folk songs and original compositions

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SPORTS

SJSU pitching staff has mentor in former A's farmhand

By Matthew D. Anderson
Daily staff writer

Pitching success is two-fold. You need someone to throw the ball, but you also need someone to teach them how.

For the No. 17 SJSU baseball team, pitching coach Tom Kunis is the teacher. His top three students are junior Dave Tellers (11-2, 3.06 ERA), and sophomores Donnie Rea (8-3, 2.44) and Chris Martin (7-0, 3.07).

"We don't have all the experience in the world," Kunis said. "But they have a lot of heart, a lot of guts. Those guys are great competitors. They're not going to back down from anybody."

Kunis, 28, is in his second season as SJSU's pitching coach. In

lege, Kunis pitched for Cal State Hayward in 1982-83 before signing with the Oakland A's and San Diego Padres organization's instructional league teams. He was the pitching coach at West Valley College before joining coach Sam Piraro's staff.

"I'm appreciative of being able to coach here," Kunis said. "Sam, from a baseball standpoint, is outstanding. So is (assistant coach) Scott Hertler. Both of them do an outstanding job."

Kunis is a very unassuming man. He would rather have everybody else take the credit than get the recognition for being an effective teacher.

He makes it a point to talk about the pitchers that are deserving, but

just don't receive the publicity.

"Larry Martinez (2-0, 2.16) has gotten five starts on the year and they all have been quality starts. But he's been overlooked somewhat, simply because of the starting pitching."

Kunis has the pitchers on a program where they throw 10 minutes every other day.

When speaking of the intense competitive spirit on the pitching squad Kunis points out, "Doug Henderson (who's pitched one-third of an inning) is probably the hardest worker on the staff. All the pitchers like (Kent) Campbell, (Don) Drydon, (Bill) Bentley and (Paul) Anderson are willing and eager to learn."

Dissecting each phase of a

pitcher's motion and then offering a remedy is what Kunis does best. But it wasn't that long ago Kunis was in a similar position, so he can relate on a personal level.

"I can pick up on mechanics real quick," Kunis said. "I think that's my strong point. You have to make adjustments every time you go out and pitch."

"But I also have to be personal with those guys. If I'm not personal with these guys, trying to be a friend at the same time as being a coach, I don't think they'll go out there with the same type of confidence."

With Kunis' mental pitching philosophy, SJSU's pitchers have responded.

"I like him a lot," Martin said. "He is young and has a lot of inno-

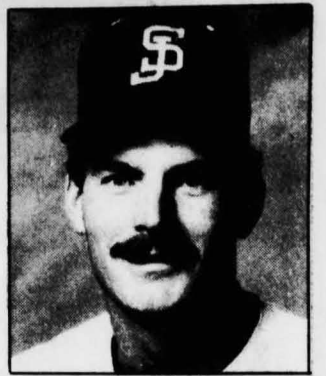
vative ideas. He has a sound format about what he wants and how he wants it done."

Last season the staff set a school record with 437 strikeouts. Through 44 games in 1989, the Spartans are close to that pace with 287 strikeouts and 16 games remaining.

This season Tellers is one victory away from tying the school record of 12. Bentley has tied the school record for saves in a season with five.

And the future is bright for the pitching staff. The only pitcher the Spartans will lose to eligibility is Martinez.

"We are going to be returning with a good nucleus next year," Kunis said.



Tom Kunis
pitching coach

Former football coaches named in steroid indictment

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Four former South Carolina assistant football coaches were indicted following an investigation into the alleged illegal use of anabolic steroids at the state-supported university.

Thomas E. Gadd, James W. Washburn and Thomas Kurucz were charged with conspiring to "conduct a program of illegal steroid use by members of the athletic community, and particularly by the university's football team."

The grand jury also charged the three with importing steroids into South Carolina and distributing them without prescription.

The indictments also charge Kurucz with lying to the grand jury concerning his knowledge that assistant

football coaches had either provided players with steroids, had made arrangements for players to obtain steroids contrary to the law or had provided money for the purchase of steroids.

A second indictment charges former Gamecock strength and conditioning coach Keith Kephart with conspiring with other members of the university's athletic community to import and distribute steroids without prescription.

The charges are all misdemeanors.

Also, John L. Carter of Bethesda, Md., was charged with felony counts of intending to defraud and mislead the Federal Drug Administration in connection with the impor-

tation and distribution of steroids to four former South Carolina players, including Tommy Chaikin.

The other players were identified as David Poinsett, Heyward Myers and George Hyder, according to indictment.

"Today's indictments highlight the growing problem of the illegal use of anabolic steroids and the abuse of them by college athletes," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said in a prepared statement.

The State Law Enforcement Division initiated the investigation after an Oct. 24 Sports Illustrated article alleged that about half of the 1986 football team used steroids. The article was co-written by Chaikin, who played at South Carolina from 1983

to 1987.

Richland County solicitor James Anders has said Chaikin and several other former Gamecock football players have been granted immunity from prosecution for participating in the probe.

The investigation was part of a nationwide effort by the U.S. Department of Justice to crack down on an estimated \$100 million annual black market for anabolic steroids.

While some athletes maintain the drugs are not harmful if taken properly, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has concluded that steroids have serious side effects, including liver problems, cancer and heart disease.

Drunkennes, rowdiness blamed in Liverpool tragedy

LONDON (AP) — Police say drunkenness and hooliganism were major factors in the soccer stadium disaster in which 95 Liverpool fans were crushed to death by a stampede of fellow supporters.

But nine survivors of Saturday's disaster at Hillsborough soccer stadium in the northern city of Sheffield are suing South Yorkshire police and the owners of the stadium, Sheffield

Wednesday Football Club, alleging negligence.

The Times of London on Wednesday quoted an unnamed senior police officer as saying: "As we struggled in appalling conditions to save lives, fans standing further up ... were openly urinating on us and the bodies of the dead."

"As policemen on the pitch tried to save the injured, they were ham-

pered by other Liverpool fans running up, kicking and punching them."

The Times said other police officers reported seeing Liverpool fans picking the pockets of the dead. It quoted unidentified police as saying they were sickened by reports portraying the disaster as a consequence of their failure to control an orderly crowd.

Paul Middup, chairman of the South Yorkshire Police Federation, the local police union chapter, told reporters Tuesday: "There was mass drunkenness among many of the 3,000 (Liverpool) supporters who turned up at the turnstiles just before kickoff. Some of them were uncontrollable."

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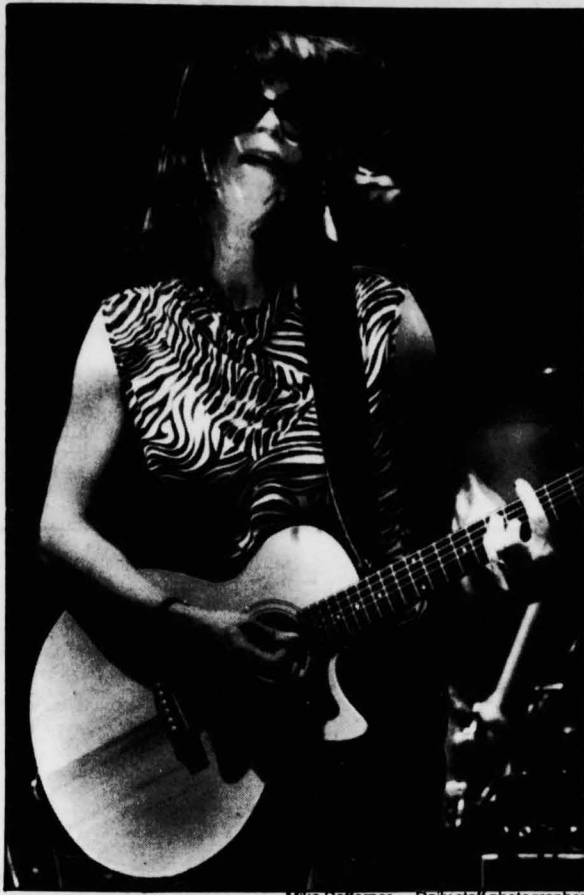
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Senate bashes Bush for oil spill policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration faced sharp criticism Wednesday for not acting decisively enough in taking control of the Alaska oil spill, as senators called for new laws that would require the president to direct such cleanup efforts.

"There has never been a time when this situation was under control," declared Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate environmental protection subcommittee, which convened a hearing on the oil spill recovery effort.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said that President Bush was "slow to comprehend the magnitude of this disaster" and valuable hours were lost after the March 24 spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound when the spill might still have been controlled.

Mitchell, of Maine, said federal environmental laws need to be changed to require the president to

either take over oil spill cleanup efforts or specifically to declare that the cleanup is being conducted properly through private efforts.

Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner, the president's point man on the oil spill recovery, who was scheduled to testify before the Senate panel later, has said that Bush rejected a federalization of the Alaska cleanup because of concern that such a move might affect Exxon's financial liabilities.

The president has said the U.S. Coast Guard is coordinating cleanup efforts.

But in a round of opening statements, one senator after another criticized everyone involved in the cleanup, especially recovery efforts in the first days after the Exxon Valdez tanker ran aground, spilling 10 million gallons of oil into the pristine waters.

"From all accounts the cleanup crews initially ... acted more like the

Keystone Cops," declared Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I.

Chafee said the recovery effort demonstrated "fundamental shortcomings" in state and federal government agencies as well as Exxon. But he said he understood Bush's reluctance to take a more aggressive role, saying he had been told it stemmed from disputable legal advice and not from White House disinterest.

But Baucus said the Bush administration as well as the industry "have been unbelievably slow to ap-

preciate the magnitude of the response" needed to deal with the spill, the worst in U.S. history which now affects thousands of square miles.

In addition to Skinner, the subcommittee also was scheduled to hear from William K. Reilly, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Alaska Gov. Steve Cowper, who has been critical of Exxon's handling of the spill, and Lawrence Rawl, chairman of the giant oil company.

USSR uses skimmer ship to aid spill cleanup effort

SEWARD, Alaska (AP) — A huge Soviet oil-skimming ship glided through fjordlike Resurrection Bay today to join the war against America's worst oil spill, whose tentacles have stretched 200 miles to stain the beach here.

A tug guided the 11,400-ton Vaidogubsky to its dock in Seward, the first town outside Prince William Sound to have a beach coated in oil from the Exxon Valdez wreck.

"It's pretty impressive for a skimmer," said Coast Guard Petty Offi-

cer Ken Safford, who snapped photos as the more than 400-foot-long ship arrived in port after traveling 30 miles through the bay. Oil skimming ships usually run 40 to 50 feet in length.

It was the second time in less than a year that a huge Soviet ship aided rescue efforts in Alaska. Last October the Soviet icebreaker Vladimir Arseniev smashed its way through the frozen waters off Point Barrow to help free two California gray whales trapped in the ice.

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Adam Rech, a sophomore majoring in English, relaxes in a hammock on the porch of his house on Eighth Street while listening to the reggae music of Bob Marley.

Shelley Scott — Daily staff photographer

Budget: Athletes protest

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The referendum also calls for a \$1 or \$2 decrease in A.S. fees, accompanied by a \$5 increase in IRA fees, said Leigh Kirmsse, director of California state affairs.

"It seems to me that it's only fair to take you out of the political fiasco" and give exclusive responsi-

bility for IRA funding to the university IRA Committee, Kirmsse said during the meeting.

Passage of the referendum would prevent athletes and coaches from having to come back year after year as student beggars.

"I'm not sure this board wants to separate athletes and university IRAs

from its accounts" with the A.S. through elimination of IRA funding from the board's budget, said Kevin Reese, chairman of the budget committee and director of business affairs.

But approving the referendum and raising IRA fees appears to be the only way to obtain sufficient funding for athletics and other IRA programs, he said.

— Joel Beers contributed to this report

Burgled: Damage reported

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Service adviser John Phelan of Bob Lewis Volkswagen on Capitol Expressway said he hears about these types of break-ins "all the time."

Volkswagens are not easier to burglarize than other cars, according to Phelan, who has worked for the company for eight years.

Most newer Volkswagens are

equipped with Heidelberg radios, he said.

"They're very good radios, excellent radios," he said.

Phelan suggested car alarms or pull-out radios to prevent theft.

"If they can't see them, they won't break in," he said.

Because of the number of thefts, Phelan said some manufacturers are installing lock-up radios that won't

work if they are stolen.

Lock-up stereos are identified with a little key symbol, he said.

Losses on one of the other Golfs burglarized were estimated at \$300 — \$500 for a stolen stereo and \$200 in damages.

Nothing was taken from the Jetta, which sustained \$150 in damages.

Owners of the other two cars have not yet filed reports with UPD. Police noticed the cars had been broken into when investigating the other reports.

Barbecue

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funds on a commemorative plaque and permanent barbecue pits.

The A.S. Board granted permission for Quirk and his staff to use \$600 for barbecue pits only. The plaque, however, is already in place.

Small portable barbecue grills are available for rental from the Dining Commons, he said.

The memorial plaque, dedicated Wednesday, reads: "For all the students who strive for and achieve the total college experience."

Apparently, the quest for the total college experience is in full swing.

Students already have been taking

full advantage of the area for picnicking, studying and just relaxing, Quirk said.

"They've been using it so much that it's hard to maintain the grass sometimes," he said.

"I hope it stays around for a long time, because everybody really enjoys it," Quirk said.

Positive attitude promotes good health

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A positive outlook on life appears to promote natural killer cell activity for fighting disease in certain cancer patients as well as healthy individuals, according to studies presented Wednesday.

"It doesn't seem to be so much whether one is exposed to stress or not, but how people are reacting to similar types of stress," said Dr. Ronald Herberman, director of the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and part of the research team.

"If they're not as well adjusted ... we have indication that it has health consequences."

Herberman and Dr. Sandra Levy, an associate director at the institute, say they have found that colon and skin cancer patients who combine standard medical care with psychotherapy have higher natural killer cell activity than those who do not undergo counseling.

In a separate study being presented at a medical symposium at Johns Hopkins University, they said

healthy people with positive outlooks have higher natural killer cell activity than physically fit complainers.

The upbeat subjects suffered fewer colds and other viral infections. Their ailments also did not last as long as illnesses suffered by those expressing "more hostility and anger about their life," said Herberman, who followed the subjects for six months.

These findings, based on an analysis of 120 men and women between ages 18 and 45, confirm the results of a smaller pilot study conducted by Herberman and Levy three years ago at the National Cancer Institute.

"We were looking at how serious the stresses were to them ... their hassles, things that happen to all of us, fights with the boss, that kind of thing," Levy said in an interview Tuesday night.

James Zabora, director of patient and family services for the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center in Baltimore and the symposium's co-director,

called the findings "interesting" but said they must be kept in perspective.

"They're moving into a very difficult area," Zabora said.

Leisure

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ation and leisure studies and a 15-unit undergraduate minor.

Of the four concentrations in the undergraduate major, the private/commercial concentration, which requires a business minor, is the most popular, said lecturer Kate Sullivan.

Recreation graduates are highly marketable, according to Sullivan.

Career opportunities include employee recreation, amusement parks, travel-tourism industries, health fitness centers, residential complex management, retail/merchandising in leisure goods, and small business leisure enterprises.

Sewer line

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ensure that a minimal amount of storm water enters the system.

Mukai said he would allow university officials, the architect and Roebbelen to work out the problem, but if they couldn't formulate a permanent solution, then his department would step in.

"If we can't reach a satisfactory agreement, then it's going to be turned over to our code enforcement agency," Mukai said. "Then it would be up to them."

If that happened, Mukai said, several actions could be taken against the university, including a fine or

curtailed sewer service.

An earlier Neighborhood Maintenance investigation in November determined that there was a smell problem on the corner of Eighth and San Carlos streets, but they thought it was the result of another drain from the pool deck, and not the one from the flowerbed.

Mukai said the drain in the flowerbed should be connected to a storm system and not a sanitary line because it only collects storm water, not chlorinated water.

In its recent investigation, Neighborhood Maintenance ran tests to determine the amount of hydrogen sulfide being released into the air.

The gas can be lethal in high

doses, but Mukai said the levels were not a threat because they were within the standards set by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

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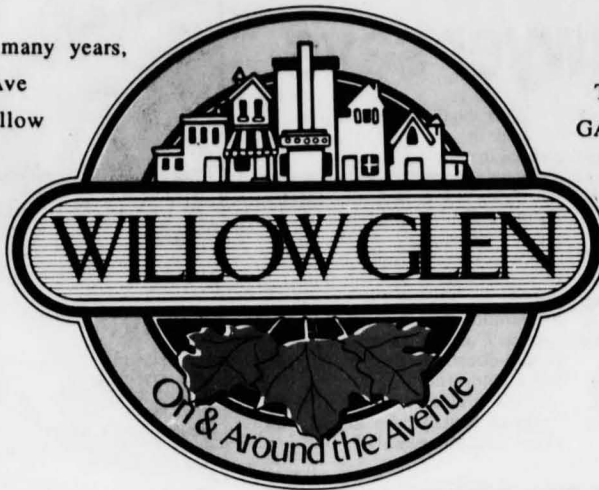
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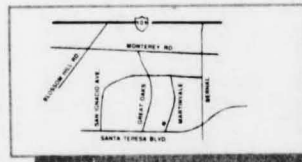
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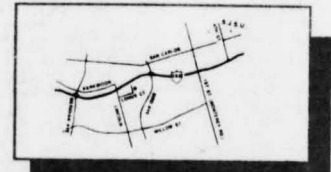
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