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## Looking for pride, unity in the SJSU community

By Mary R. Callahan  
Special to the Daily

You walk into a bar, and several patrons gathered around a table hoist their beer mugs and launch into a heartfelt rendition of "Hail Spartans, hail! Hail blue and gold! We pledge our hearts and hands to keep thy colors every bright. . ."

A drug-induced hallucination? Not necessarily. But San Jose State University students who don't even know their school song, let alone their school colors, aren't alone.

SJSU serves some 29,000 students from a wide variety of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, with a broad array of interests and goals. Sixty percent are transfer students. Forty-one percent attend part time. Nearly half have permanent residences outside the county.

Such diversity breeds fragmentation and, given the sheer size of the student body, creates an environment many believe is

poorly suited to development of a strong school identity.

The challenge faced by campus leaders struggling to unify students still enrolled at the university is multiplied for those whose interests lie in building and sustaining the relationship between graduates and their alma mater. On a campus where the ties that bind may be tenuous at best, alumni groups must also grapple with time and distance between SJSU and its graduates.

University groups spend "tremendous time and resources tracking down alums," said Janet Redding, assistant to the president, alumni affairs.

Redding, who received her teaching credential from SJSU in 1976, oversees the Alumni Association, which serves as an umbrella group for alumni organizations specific to individual schools within the university.

Presumably, public promotion by the

alumni associations of SJSU enhance SJSU's image, generating pride and greater willingness to contribute time, money and talent, which nourish the institution, which enhances its image, and so forth.

In a perfect world.

But in reality, Redding and her colleagues in the Alumni Association face a bumpy trail, though they greet it with optimism.

Frank Bisceglia, a 1968 graduate of the School of Business, shares interest in fostering positive perceptions of the university. Bisceglia is current president of the Spartan Foundation, a group of SJSU alumni and friends who raise funds for athletic scholarships and team travel benefiting more than 350 student-athletes.

Both groups face a "chicken and the egg" situation, where alumni must first feel pride in, and connection to, the university before they can help create the kind of image that inspires others to support it.

For some SJSU graduates, that emotional tie is elusive. And the problem may be as simple as low self-esteem.

"Our alums, for whatever reason, when they're in a room full of people . . . SJSU people kind of hang back," he said.

San Jose, long in the shadow of San Francisco, has struggled against an inferiority complex of its own, and that sense of inadequacy has rubbed off on SJSU, according to Bisceglia.

And then, there are THE OTHER SCHOOLS.

"We live in the shadow of Stanford," Bisceglia allowed, and the U.C. Berkeley is "another fabulous university," he said.

Though SJSU produces achievers and wins awards, the proximity of more prestigious universities make it "difficult for us to receive some of the accolades," he said.

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*Editor's Note: In the past year, SJSU has experienced an image problem that may be with the university long into the future. This is the second in a two-part series of stories, written by advanced reporting journalism students, examines some of the causes and resulting problems. The first part appeared Tuesday.*

## Stabbing suspect nabbed



Kenneth Kwok — Daily staff photographer

Tham Dang looks at the flowers and pictures which have been placed in memory of Rosallina Lo Bue, who was stabbed to death 2½ years ago while working at a local Photo Drive-up.

By Kevin J. Weil  
Daily staff writer

It's been more than two years since Rosallina Lo Bue was stabbed to death at the 7-Hour Photo Drive-up where she worked.

Family and friends turned the Eleventh Street and San Carlos Street store into a memorial with flowers and letters, expressing remorse for the senseless loss and pleading for the killer to be found.

It finally came Sunday night when a nationwide search for suspect Erik Chatman ended with his capture in a Houston apartment where he was living with a co-worker.

Houston police said that Chatman had been living there since at least early spring 1989, according to Tuesday's San Jose Mercury News. He had been employed as an attendant at Methodist Hospital and later took a maintenance job at the First Congregational Methodist Church.

San Jose police detectives are still in Houston interviewing people Chatman was acquainted with, according to Officer Bruce Toney, public information officer.

Extradition is expected to take place by the end of week, bringing Chatman back to San Jose for arraignment.

San Jose police issued a warrant for Chatman's arrest following a chilling account of an apparent witness to the slaying — Chatman's son Mario, who was 2 years old at the time.

The details of Mario's account of the killing are contained in a 211-page police report submitted to obtain the warrant for Chatman's arrest. The court documents were sealed by a judge at the request of the San Jose Police Department following the issue of the warrant.

According to the documents obtained by the Mercury News before they were sealed, See STAB, page 8

## Singer arrested at blues festival

By Michael Moeller  
Daily staff writer

The 10th annual Fountain Blues Festival was interrupted for a brief time when performer Joe Louis Walker was arrested by University Police for battery after punching Associated Students Program Board adviser Ted Gehrke.

Walker was the third act to perform Sunday and, according to program board director Kari Peterson, he had been hard to deal with from the start.

"Walker made a big fuss about KSJS broadcasting his performance," said Peterson. "We (the program board) finally ironed out the details with him in the contract. He was to get a tape of his performance from KSJS after the concert. When Walker finished his set, he came down to get the tape. He got real mad when we didn't have the tape right at the end of his performance."

"Ted went over to KSJS and brought them (KSJS personnel)

back with him to tell Walker when the tape would be finished," Peterson said. "As soon as Ted finished telling Walker about the details of the tape, Walker insulted Ted, said that he doubled-crossed him then threw a punch. Ted went down. It all happened so fast that we could hardly believe what had happened."

The UPD log stated that Walker was arrested, cited for battery and released. UPD spokesman Richard Staley could not be reached for comment.

Gehrke declined to discuss the events leading up to the incident on the advice of his lawyer. He did say that the fight loosened two of his teeth, knocked out two fillings, broke his glasses and severely split both of his lips.

Thursday Gehrke said he is returning to the doctor to see if anything else is wrong.

Walker has a previous record and was jailed for a year at one point.



Joe Louis Walker arrested

"Never before have I run into anybody like that before," Gehrke said. "I am not known as a hard guy to work for. I am actually a pretty calm and responsible type person."

He said that this was the first time that the program board had dealt with Walker and it would definitely be the last. In all, Gehrke said that the festival went well and that he hoped that the event didn't overshadow the whole concert.

## Cub Scouts escape area perils

By Lisa Billigmeier  
Daily staff writer

The boys of Cub Scout Troop 1217 live in a low-income section of downtown San Jose where crime and gangs are prevalent factors.

Roy Recio, a junior majoring in therapeutic recreation, wants to show the boys that there are other options than just becoming products of their environment.

Troop Den Mother Debbie Lomeli and several of the parents of the 15-member troop look upon Recio, an Eagle Scout himself, as a godsend.

Recio, who recently took the position of leader of the downtown pack, has reshaped and revitalized the program.

"With Roy the boys behave more, they give him their attention and he talks to them on a one-on-one basis," said Deborah LaBaron, mother of a 6-year-old Josh.

The troop, located in downtown San Jose, is made up of 15 boys, who range from 8 to 12 years old and all reside in the downtown area.

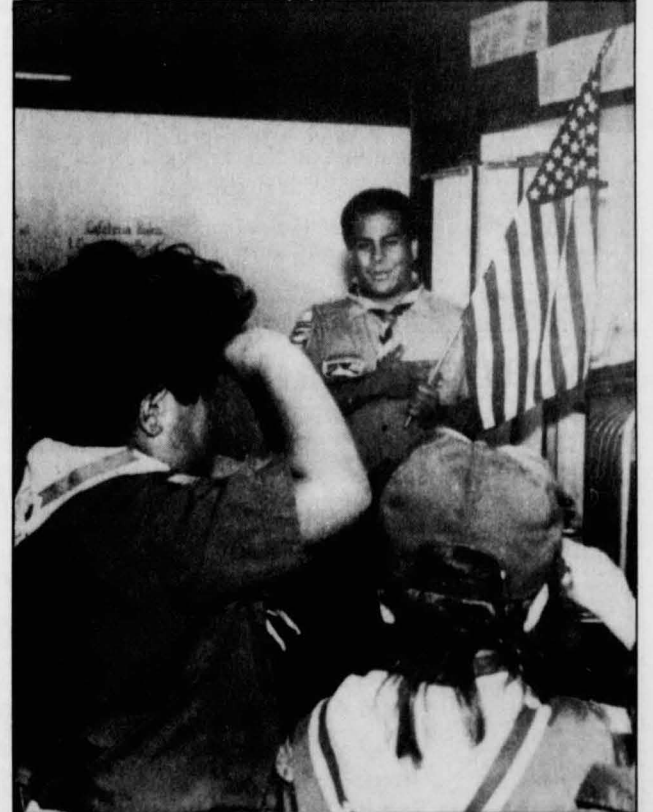
"With these boys down here they need someone like Roy to get them involved," Lomeli said.

When Lomeli first took over the troop there were 36 members and only three leaders. The boys dropped out because there was a lack of "adult power" and individual attention.

"Four of the 6th graders dropped out and immediately joined a gang," Lomeli said. "We're not Los Gatos or Cupertino."

Recio has donated Cub Scout manuals and uniforms to some of the boys who were unable to afford them.

"We need to show these boys



Rick Romagosa — Daily staff photographer

SJSU student Roy Recio says the Pledge of Allegiance with the Cub Scout troop he leads in San Jose.

that there are options other than joining gangs," Lomeli added.

In an effort to get the boys involved, Recio has also turned the Cub Scout troop into one of his fraternity's philanthropic activities. The Sigma Alpha Mu's recently hosted a "cub day" to benefit the

troop. They spent the day at Williams Street Park, where members of the fraternity had fun and educational activities, such as flag demonstrations, games and two pet See CUB, page 6

Campus Voice

## Ethical matters a personal affair

**I**N 1985, John Harte, photojournalist for the Californian, Bakersfield, captured on film a convulsive moment in the lives of a family grieving over their drowned son whose lifeless body lay inside a half open body bag. Since publication of Harte's photograph, video ethics has been the focus of public scrutiny without comparison.

As a result of the publication of Harte's photo, the Californian received bomb threats, calls from outraged readers and newspaper cancellations. . . . The managing editor, Robert Bently, made a public apology. Although "lives were saved by the use of Harte's photo," the publication of that particular image was considered unethical.

Photojournalism is a means to visually document the good, as well as the bad and sometimes ugly events occurring in society to inform the public, yet images intended to inspire public participation and thereby stimulate social reform can and have provoked angry public sentiment toward the media.

Social reformers such as Jacob Riis, Lewis Hine, Gordon Parks and Mary Ellen Mark, among others, presented reality in a way that did not encroach on anyone's privacy or sensationalize the event. Take, for instance, Stanley Forman's shocking photograph of a woman and child falling to their death (the child lived). Wrought by wide publication and ensuing public outcry, higher standards of fire safety regulations were enacted.

A disparity exists between the ilk of picture content photographed by photojournalists: Riis and Forman and those images captured by Harte and Maggie Steber, JB Pictures.

Is it absolutely necessary to subject the public to graphic detail in order to convey the plight of the downtrodden? A 1984 exposure by Sebastiano Salgado, a Brazilian economist, revealed a close-up look into the last hours of an Ethiopian child. The child in Salgado's photograph sat wide-eyed and crying while someone was injecting liquids into the child's cranial vein, an apparent last-ditch effort. Jason McManus, editor-in-chief, Life magazine, allowed publication of this photograph in the winter of 1980.

**T**HE Press - Telegram, July 22, 1988 ran a near half page enlargement of an Anencephalic, brain absent, baby in the arms of her mother. The image, taken by Michael Patrick, News-Sentinel, Knoxville, KY, because of its size, made some readers squeamish. Despite the apparent deformity, readers returned positive comments as it related to the story content.

According to a United Press International survey, 25 journalists were killed in 1988: five of them in Afghanistan, five in Columbia, four in Mexico and four in India. Another 28 were wounded and 90 were beaten or otherwise assaulted in attempts to discourage them from their journalistic duties. Photojournalism is designed to provide a socially valuable service, but for this, sometimes risky business, the average photojournalist earns a paltry salary.

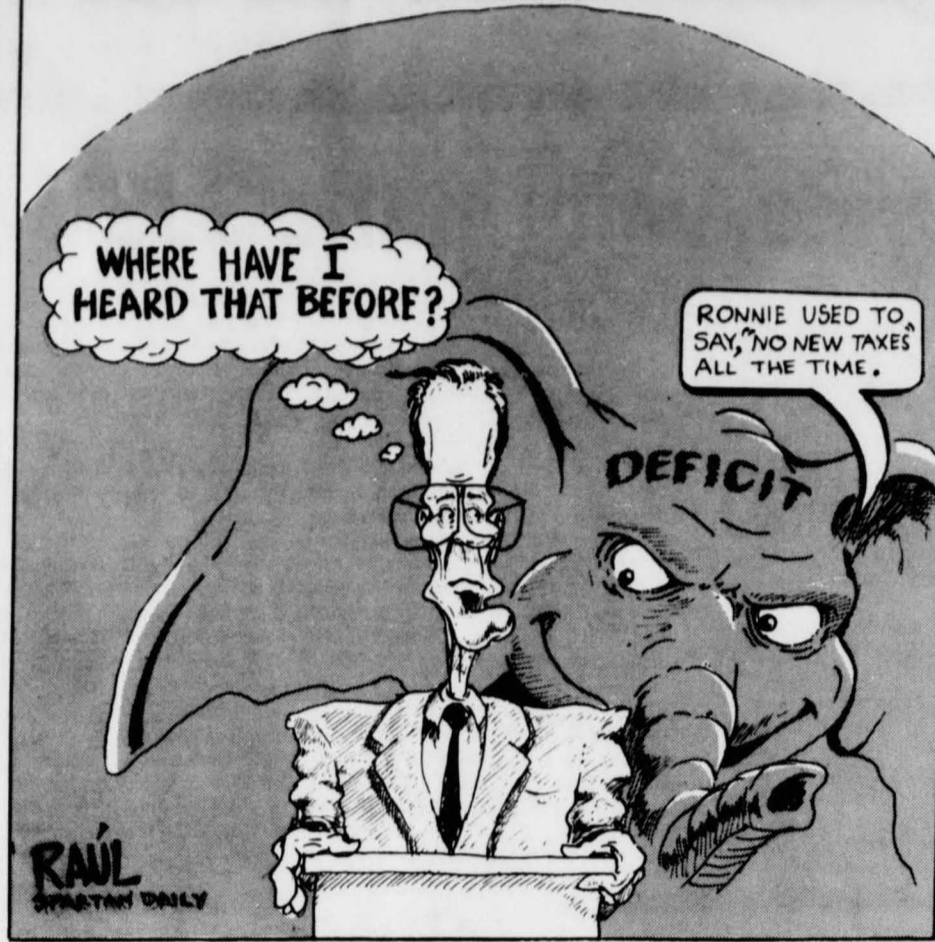
A natural sense of competition spurs them to exceed established coverage norms, particularly when a need for higher station ratings or newspaper circulation is stressed. With all factors considered there is a tendency toward diminished ethical values.

The documentary photographer, whose job is to freeze society's events on film, attempts to capture the "feelings" associated with the event, to bring home to the viewer, but at whose cost?

It is probably safe to say that deciding what is ethical is a personal affair and often left for the moment when a judgment call is required.

*Andres Moura contributed this piece for Campus Voice.*

## "READ MY LIPS, NO NEW TAXES."



### Letters to the Editor

#### Positive achievements ignored

Dear Editor,

This letter is an inquiry into your one-sided coverage of the Economics Department. On Wednesday, May 2, the Spartan Daily prominently displayed a front page story about student discontent with the department chairman.

The day before, one of our faculty, Professor Douglas Greer, delivered his President's Scholar Address, "Mergers and Acquisitions: Actions and Meanings" — the first ever such award for a member of the Economics Department. As yet, I've not seen any comparable media publicity about this individual and departmental accomplishment.

Speaking as a member of the Economics Department and a colleague of Professor Greer, I would appreciate equal billing for his highly acclaimed professional creativity. The campus community should know that an incident of student dissatisfaction is not all there is to the Economics Department.

**Marvin Snowbarger**  
Professor

#### Better atmosphere needed

Editor,

As a soon-to-be-alumnus, I feel it is my duty to elaborate upon the number one problem at SJSU. But first, let me say that the problem is not Randy Hoffman. Gail Fullerton, fraternities, sororities, cartoon writers, newspaper reporters, alcohol advertisements, the CSU trustees or the A.S. board. The problem is that SJSU is more like a way station than a university.

This problem is a direct result of the student body itself. Most people attending classes don't give a damn about the university or the college experience.

The reasons for such a pitiful attitude are rooted literally in where most students come from and where they've been.

It is little wonder that there is a lack of pride in both the SJSU campus and the university as an institution when over 70 percent of the students drive to school. Most of these people spend a minimum amount of time in the immediate vicinity of downtown, much less on campus. Driving 20 miles to class and then rushing home certainly does not make one a college student. It follows that a campus filled with such people hardly makes for a college atmosphere. Perhaps if some of the people commuting from Union City and Fremont were to move away from home and actually try to be college students (i.e. socially interact with fellow SJSU classmates in San Jose) everyone would be better off.

Combining with the high percentage of commuters to make an unsuitable college atmosphere is the large number of Junior College transfers. While there is nothing wrong with attending a J.C. prior to enrollment at SJSU, doing so should not be a badge of honor. It seems that more students can relate to the happenings at Foothill and De Anza than to what should be relevant — their present college experience. When a person spends little more than half their college classroom time at their degree-granting institution, there is something wrong.

To those commuting transfer students who believe that they are helping SJSU become more like a real university by protesting Gail Fullerton's pay raise or demonstrating against CFC's, I say you are misguided. There should be more to a person's life than complaining. And there should be more to a college campus than a group of people who whine at the drop of a hat. So, if you want to improve the campus, live life. Attend some campus events. And most of all, come to the realization that every action you take does not have to be negative.

Many of those who transfer to SJSU from a J.C. and/or commute from miles away say they do so because there is not a college environment at SJSU. Well, you're right. But the reason for the current situation has nothing to do with parking fees or an inept administration. The problem is you, and until you realize this fact, there can be no solution.

**Grant R. Rostad**  
Graduating Senior  
Political Science

#### Article suffers from inaccuracy

Editor,

On April 25, 1990, Clube Lusitania (the Portuguese Student Association) of SJSU sponsored the 2nd Portuguese-American College Encounter. It may have been the most important event held this year for local Portuguese-American high school students who are currently enrolled at San Jose High Academy, Independence and James Lick High Schools.

In recognition of Clube Lusitania's efforts, State Assemblyman John Vasconcellos and State Senator Henry Mello, both Portuguese-Americans, sent their messages of good wishes to everyone involved with this college recruitment day.

On her opening address, Dr. Gail Fullerton urged the more than 80 students present to consider college as an option for their future plans while Mr. Ron Barrett spoke on the 20th anniversary of the Student Union and the importance of student involvement in school government.

At the end of the conference, Clube Lusitania presented the Citizen of the Decade Award to the president of Portugal, Dr. Mario Soares, for his involvement in movements for peace and democracy all over the world, especially in Eastern Europe, Africa, and Latin America.

Due to Clube Lusitania's involvement in the community, more students are enrolling in college in numbers which are becoming more and more significant in a Portuguese-American community of 50,000 people in the Silicon Valley alone.

But I suppose that all this information was not important to the Spartan Daily reporter Jamie Pitts who covered the event. Besides misspelling, this reporter took quotes out of context and she was even confused about the date of the event.

Mr. Editor—for those few times that your newspaper decides to cover a campus event, please be accurate on your reporting and proofread before you print anything.

**Miguel V. Avila**  
Chairman, A.S. Intercultural Steering Committee  
Former President, Clube Lusitania  
Junior, Biological Sciences

#### Printing error discovered

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out a small error in my letter to the editor that appeared in the Friday edition of the Spartan Daily. In the first sentence, the word "pathetic" was incorrectly printed. I wrote "apathetic." There's a big difference between the two words. I do NOT think the students at SJSU are pathetic! I was only pointing out that the students' lack of involvement on campus should be addressed. Please correct the error.

**Kaydon Coburn**  
President  
Association of Rock 'N' Roll  
at San Jose State

#### Setting a bad example

Editor,

After reading the story of Sigma Alpha Mu's Roy Recio's involvement with downtown San Jose's Boy Scouts, I can only breathe a sigh of relief that I am not a parent or guardian of one of the children in Pack 1217. I also comfort myself in the fact that I never became involved with the aforementioned fraternity, the result of which would have been association with such delinquents as Mr. Recio. I was very impressed with the fact that Roy "even learned to drink beer in the Scouts." Are we to assume this is one of the skills he is passing on to his current troop? Judging by the article's picture, the children hardly appear to be of legal drinking age. If you want to truly help these "poor, Hispanic children," Mr. Recio, I suggest you seek a method that will prevent them from emulating their "poor, Hispanic elders."

**Todd L. Anderson**  
Senior  
Civil Engineering

Campus Voice

**M**Y first encounter with the Chicano movement was during my last semester of high school. A woman by the name of Aurora had been hired by the school to serve as a tutor in the bilingual department. One day as she spoke to me she revealed to me that she was a student at the university of California at Santa Cruz and asked me where I was going in the fall. She seemed disappointed when I answered Cabrillo College. Didn't I know about the track system? Wasn't I aware, she asked, of the programs designed to help minorities get to universities? For about an hour she lectured me on the present conditions of Chicanos and of the activities of MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atlan), a Chicano student organization. Wow! MEChA. The word and its meaning were new to me. I was surprised and excited that there are Chicanos committed to the betterment of The Raza. It gave me warmth and pride, and at the same time filled me with anger and resentment at those who had for a long time denied me my history. Most importantly, it enhanced my motivation to attend a university and join in the fight. It gave me the strength to begin to break free of the barriers placed on me by a biased society. To Aurora, I owe my thanks for giving me back the motivation taken from early in my education. To MEChA, I owe my thanks for reinstating the pride I now have for being Mejicana.

**W**ITH this surge of nationalism, I entered San Jose State, only to be disappointed at the lack of unity expressed by the Chicano students on campus. How can I believe in MEChA if they cannot believe in themselves? What happened to "La Union Haze La Fuerza"? From the sidelines I observe their petty disagreements with other Hispanic organizations on campus. Why the hostility amongst us? Our future and that of our people depends on the degree of internal oppression in our movements. The unity required to create the social and economic change that our people desperately need leaves no room for ethnocentrism.

It makes me angry that Cinco de Mayo was used by certain fraternities to gain recognition and status. Have we forgotten the meaning of Cinco de Mayo? It is one of the few times our culture is recognized and commemorated. One of the few days we are able to educate the world around us about our culture, language and people. It is not a time to compete with each other over who is more Chicano than who, or who will have the best presentation. To have denied our fellow students and our community a Cinco de Mayo celebration is to have denied the honor due to the many Mejicanos that fought the French. If we cannot unite ourselves for the sake of maintaining our culture, then how can we expect any progress?

We will not see any kind of change if we continue to replicate the systems that have oppressed us in our own organizations and movements. The dismantling of racism begins within ourselves. We owe to much too our Gente to let ethnocentrism get in the way of future accomplishments.

*Dora Rios is a sophomore, civil engineering major. She wrote this piece for Campus Voice.*

### Letters to the Editor

#### GALA can stand improvement

Editor,

Now that we have heard two drastically different opinions concerning the Gay and Lesbian Alliance's budget request, I would like to throw mine out into the open. First, I am a gay student at SJSU, and I have some problems with both of the editorials regarding this issue.

GALA would have us believe that they are an integral part of campus life by providing various amounts of services to gays and lesbians on campus. I must disagree with that. What have we seen? They may have scheduled the event and had the event take place, but when did they let the rest of the population at SJSU (or at least the other 3,700 gay and lesbian students) know what's going on.

I have gone to a total of four GALA meetings during the 1989-90 school year, and let me say that I was not impressed. Each meeting was in disarray. I knew not who was in charge, or even if there was an organizational structure. On two of the four occasions, the group of approximately 50 was trying to decide between partying and having some kind of discussion; the party/social chit-chat option was chosen. I have not seen fliers on campus advertising upcoming events, and if we (the non-GALAIans) might see an event listed in the Spartan Daily the day before it happens, I have also called their "Voice Mailbox Information System," only to hear an outdated announcement of what I missed. My phone calls have never been returned.

As far as the Video Exposition was concerned, I was highly disappointed. I did not find out about it until it was almost over (obviously more good advertising). I was one of two people in the audience, the movie was of poor quality and there were NO bisexual movies (GALA does emphasize that they are open to bisexuals).

I did, however, discover there is a gay fraternity on campus. But again, I have not seen any announcements of their events. Neither of these groups has had a booth/table in the Student Union, or has participated in any activities. To my knowledge, GALA did NOT sponsor the AIDS and People of Color or any other AIDS-education event, which is sad.

Other schools in this state have very active Gay Alliances. I can only challenge SJSU's GALA to be a part of the school, not hide away in a room next to the men's restrooms. At this time, I shudder at the thought of my money going to GALA; I would rather see it go to Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. At least they do something for the whole community.

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**YesterDaily**

Because many students are not on campus every day, YesterDaily provides readers with a recap of the previous day's top stories.

A strong odor which was thought to be natural gas, filled the men's gym at SJSU on Monday. Officials evacuated the building at around 11:45 a.m.

Firefighters who responded said that they could not find a gas leak, but that it could have been caused by an "unstable boiler" and turned off the gas in the building as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, a welder from the Facilities, Development and Oper-

ations department who was working on the "unstable boiler" was aware that his work on a new steam line for the boiler would cause the building to smell of natural gas.

Roy Recio, a 21-year-old therapeutic recreation junior, has dedicated his time to becoming a Cub Scout leader for a local troop.

Recio, who is legally blind, chose the downtown-based troop because he believed that the boys were "in the same boat" as he was growing up - poor, Hispanic and growing up in an impoverished

area. Recio, an Eagle Scout himself, hopes to leave the same positive impact on the boys that scouting left on him.

A two-part series of stories on SJSU's image problem, written by advanced reporting journalism students, examines some of the causes and resulting problems.

Some of the issues included campus safety at night and the negative image of the Spartan athletic program, including the firing of Claude Gilbert, former head football coach at SJSU.

**SpartaGuide**

SpartaGuide is a daily calendar available to SJSU student, faculty and staff organizations at no charge.

Forms are available in the Daily newsroom, Wahquist Library North Room 104 and at the Information Center of the Student Union. The deadline for entries is 10 a.m. No phone-in items will be accepted.

**TODAY**

**ECONOMICS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** End of year Graduation reception, 5:30 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room. Call 262-2961.

**REED MAGAZINE:** Prose and Poetry Reading, 7 p.m., Spartan Memorial. Call 335-5753.

**SJSU THEATRE ARTS:** Pacific Rim Film Festival, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Camera 3. Call 924-4530.

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE:** Film series: "Stress Management: Cause and Effects" and "Stress Management: Coping Skills," 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 1:30 p.m., Health Building Room 208. Call 924-6117.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** Testimony meeting, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room. Call 258-1035.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Bible study, noon, S.U. Montalvo Room. Call 298-0204.

**FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB:** Open gaming, 6 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room. Call 924-7097.

**STUDENT AFFILIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT (SAFER):** Meeting and short take on global warming, 5 p.m., DMH 235A. Call 924-5467.

**THURSDAY**

**A.I.A.A.:** End of Year Party and Elections, 12:30 p.m., Engineering Building 276. Call 244-9370.

**LESBIAN/GAY AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE:** Meeting: Topic TBA, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room. Call 236-2002.

**PHYSICS SEMINAR:** Speaker: B.W. Holmes of Physics Dept., SJSU on "A Guide to Introductory Physics Teaching," 1:30 p.m., Science Building (Room 251). Call 924-5267.

**ASSOC. OF ROCK N ROLL:** Concert, Cave Gods, noon, S.U. Amphitheater. Call 287-6417.

**PRE-MED CLUB:** Last meeting of the semester, election and post final beach picnic, 1:30 p.m., DH 345.

**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Dr. Maxwell from Business Office will speak on "What if?" 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room. Call 295-0415.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** barbecue and games, 6 p.m., Quirk Meadows (next to Joe West Hall); Ecumenical Prayer Service, all are welcome, 4 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel (10th and San Carlos). Call 298-0204.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Meeting, noon, Campus Christian Center.

**CHICANO COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE:** Are you planning to participate in our ceremony? Attend for info, 5:30 p.m., Chicano Library, WLN, 3rd floor. Call 452-7460.

**CYCLING CLUB:** Election meeting, 7 p.m., S.U. Montalvo Room. Call 292-2511.

**FRIDAY**

**A.S.P.B.:** Comedy act "Black Shabbos," 8 p.m., (Tickets available in A.S. Box Office), Morris Dailey Auditorium. Call 924-6261.

**PHI ALPHA THETA (HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY):** "An Irish Adventure," a dramatic and storytelling presentation, 3:30 p.m., DMH 150. Call 971-8256.

**RADICAL REALITY CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Bible Study and Worship service, 7:30 p.m., DH 135. Call

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**SATURDAY**

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## Contamination from old gas tanks found on Fourth Street building site

**J**ACK DOUGLAS has fond memories of the San Jose State College campus he first came to work at in 1959.

There were lots of green lawns and a public library where today's Wahlquist Library stands. Roberts' Bookstore was just across 4th Street from the library, and right next door was this little garage, housing an auto repair shop.

Douglas remembers that little garage changing hands several times over the years. It started renting out parking spaces to San Jose State faculty members in the 1960s and '70s and several of Jack's co-workers parked there daily.

Today Jack Douglas still works at what now is San Jose State University — in the archives in Wahlquist Library North as head of special collections, and the soil that little garage stood on has become a potential health hazard.

### A thousand on record

Like more than a thousand similar sites in Santa Clara County on record with the Fuel Leaks Section of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the buried gas tanks left in the ground under the little garage have begun to deteriorate. As they do, the old gasoline breaks down and contaminates the surrounding soil with hydrocarbons. Given enough time, those hydrocarbons can leach all the way to the underground aquifers.

According to Wayne Yip of the county health department, aquifers are a lot like a freeway system. They run in all directions at all levels, and seasonal rainfall and water table levels can cause those directions to change. This means that if hydrocarbons from the old gas tank were to seep into the aquifer, contamination could reach the aquifer SJSU wells draw from.

### A known carcinogen

Dave Chesterman, a Santa Clara Valley Water District representative, describes any presence of hydrocarbons in the water as a "serious problem, because benzene is a water-soluble part of hydrocarbons, and it is a known carcinogen."

The health department's Nicole Jakaby cited 0.7 parts per billion as the drinking water standard for benzene, which she likened to "a drop of water in a football field." Anything above that concentration requires cleanup.

San Jose's Redevelopment Agency owns the block bounded by San Antonio, Third, San Fernando and Fourth streets where the little garage once stood. The agency is involved in a joint project with Goldrich Keste developers of Culver City to construct some 200 residential units there. Although the project is still in the design stage, the Redevelopment Agency has committed \$1 million to site preparation and cleanup and \$4 million to design and construction.

### Tests in February

As part of that site preparation, Environmental and Energy Services Co. (ERC) of San Diego was hired to do a series of soil and water tests. The water tests were done in February 1990, when ERC's hydrogeologist spent a week overseeing the drilling of six test wells at various locations on the site. Her purpose was to locate any contamination and pinpoint its extent.

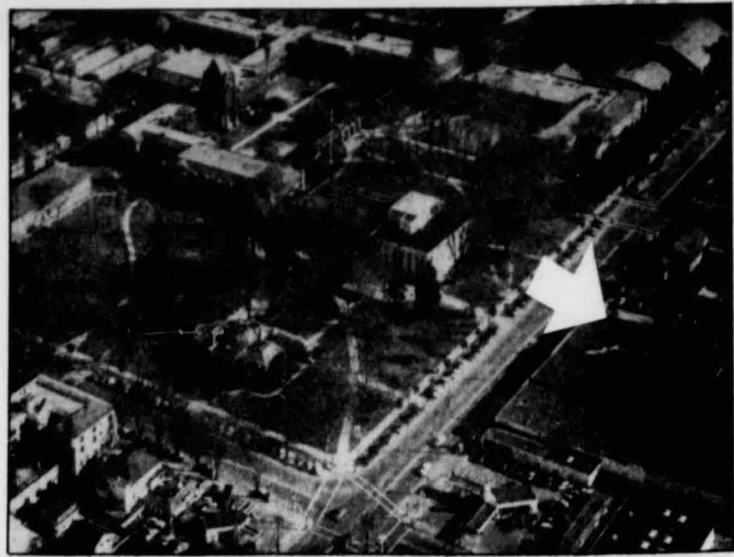
John Lusardi, a Redevelopment Agency representative, said this week that while water testing has not been finalized, there is no indication that significant levels of contamination have been found. In a draft report, the ERC recommends quarterly monitoring from three wells to be installed on the site.

### Unacceptable levels

ERC's soil tests revealed unacceptable levels of hydrocarbons in the soil surrounding the tops and sides of two gas tanks and one oil tank. In the past few weeks, all of these tanks have been excavated, along with 1,100 cubic yards of soil. This soil has been stored on the site in covered 50-cubic-yard piles.

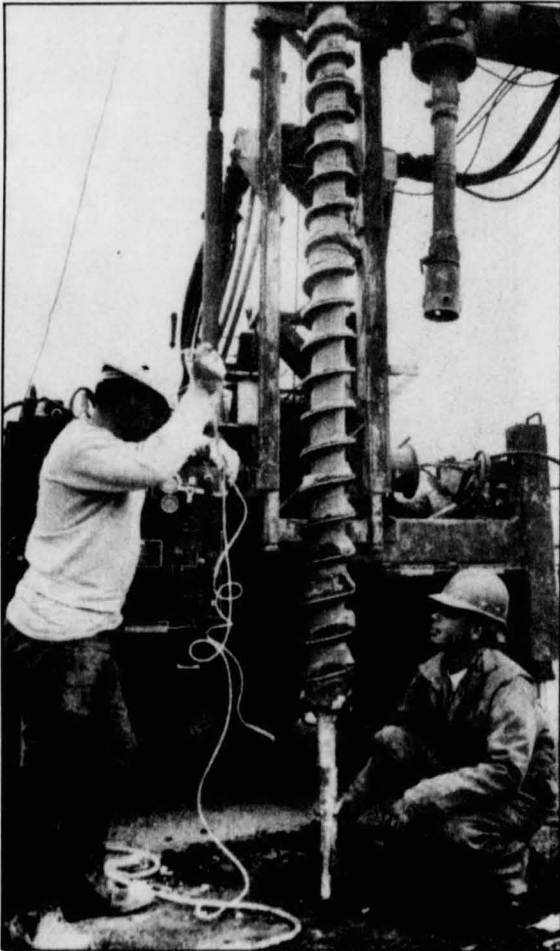
The cleanup plan recommended by ERC is to aerate each pile by spreading it out on the site, using a timetable approved by the California Department of Health Services. This aeration allows the hydrocarbons contaminating the soil to evaporate, leaving soil that can be disposed of safely.

The Fourth Street soil and water tests and the thousand others documented by the water district aren't the whole story. As John Lusardi put it, "It has only been in the last five to ten years that we've begun to realize how dangerous those old tanks are."



Arrow in 1950 photo at left shows garage and auto repair shop where soil contamination has been found. Fourth Street runs from the upper right to the lower center, where it intersects with San Fernando Street. Two gas stations are cater-cornered from each other and the old San Jose public library, surrounded by lawn, is where SJSU's Wahlquist Library and Hugh Gillis Hall now sit. Tower Hall is in the upper left-center.

Photo courtesy SJSU archives



Rick Thomas, left, and Daniel Ruiz of Maggiora Bros. Drilling remove casing from test well.



Piles of contaminated soil in photo above surround hole from which gas and oil tanks were removed. Fourth Street runs from lower left to lower right.

ERC hydrogeologist Helen Corley, at left, holds tube containing a water sample pulled from test well.



In makeshift lab set up in trunk of her car, Corley, at left, completes some on-site analysis of water samples.

Text and photography by Celeste Cook

# Roz Rios named Big West player of the week; SJSU softball team is ranked 11th nationally

By Randy Robertson  
Daily staff writer

After scoring high marks in the classroom this semester, Roz Rios scored the Big West Softball Player of the Week Award for April 30 to May 6.

The SJSU second baseman batted .632 for the week with 12 hits in 19 at-bats to raise her season average to .333. Besides leading the team in batting, Rios was the club leader in hits and runs scored.

On the strength of Rios' performances, the Spartans had double-header sweeps over ninth-ranked UNLV and 20th-ranked Pacific to finish the regular season with a 34-26 record.

"She is an outstanding all-around athlete," SJSU coach Kathy Strahan said of Rios. "She's improved a lot in her last two years."

Strahan said Rios has been nominated to be an Academic All-American and spoke just as highly of Rios' academic skills as her athletic talents.

The talent of the team overall may be good enough to make it to the NCAA playoffs. In the latest NCAA top-20 poll, SJSU is ranked 11th nationally.

Three Big West teams — Fresno State, Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton — are ranked ahead of the Spartans. Even though SJSU lost 26 games this season, the team impressed the voters with its tough schedule.

"That is probably the greatest discriminating factor, strength of region," Strahan said of the top-20 voting criteria.

The Spartans are ranked ahead of teams with as few as 7 and 14 losses, but those teams played less than a dozen games against top-20 teams this season, Strahan said. In

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—Kathy Strahan, SJSU softball coach

comparison, SJSU played 42 games against top-20 teams, Strahan said.

NCAA bids will be allotted on Sunday. The country is divided into seven regions, and the top two teams from each region will be invited to play in the 20-team NCAA playoffs.

SJSU is ranked fifth in the west region, with a new ranking coming out today. The Spartans are in the running for one of the six at-large berths.

The playoffs begin May 18-19 with regional play. Eight teams will then play in the NCAA College World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla. on May 23-26. If SJSU is selected, it would be the first time in the team's five year history. With the new high ranking, Strahan said the Spartans have a good chance of making the playoffs.

"It certainly better our position for getting in," she said. "I am very pleased. We had a good year."



Joseph R. Villarín — Daily staff photographer

SJSU second baseman Roz Rios tags out Utah State's Marlo Mazerowski at a tournament in March. Rios is the Big West Player of the Week.

## Tigers facing charges

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Two of the 15 allegations against Missouri may put Norm Stewart's basketball program in particular peril.

As expected, the NCAA is charging the Tigers with having an agent help them recruit a specific area. The area would presumably be Detroit and could constitute a serious violation since so many of Stewart's finest players have come from there.

Secondly, NCAA-watchers learned long ago the Enforcement Department dislikes being lied to. And allegation No. 13 says a member of the athletic department "... provided false and misleading information ... acted contrary to the principles of ethical conduct ..."

And, "... demonstrated a knowing and willful effort on his part to operate the university's intercollegiate men's basketball program contrary to the requirements and provisions of NCAA legislation by his involvement in this case."

All names were carefully blacked out in the copy of the inquiry distributed at a news conference Monday. But all key staff members on hand during the years in question, are still in place.

Stewart, who has directed the basketball program for 23 years, acknowledged some of the allegations are true. But he, Chancellor Haskell Monroe and athletic director Dick Tamburo all refused to answer specific questions regarding the charges.

"With regard to the specific allegations contained in the letter of inquiry, I cannot comment much other than to say that the allegations are merely allegations. They are not conclusions," Stewart said in a statement.

"Some of the allegations we have already admitted," he said, apparently referring to assistant coach Bob Sundvold, who was suspended temporarily by Missouri after allegedly buying airline tickets for recruit P.J. Mays.

"As you know, Bob self-reported his infraction regarding an airplane ticket to the athletic director. ... Once the NCAA investigation started, Bob helped obtain written statements from key witnesses and he then turned those statements over to the NCAA for its use."

### Spartan sports notebook

#### SJSU baseball stats

Batting				
Name	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Booker	71	5	37	.378
Ball	74	14	75	.330
Fernandez	67	2	41	.324
Havel	42	1	19	.318
Borgerson	38	0	19	.311
Mora	25	0	14	.291
Gonzales	53	1	27	.286
Hanf	13	0	3	.283
Henderson	42	2	33	.280
M. Brown	18	0	9	.277
Mornhinweg	18	0	9	.265
Mugg	34	0	12	.264
Jacobs	23	0	12	.258
D'Errico	22	1	14	.256
Sanchez	2	0	3	.250
S. Anderson	24	4	23	.238
Davis	1	0	0	.200
Drotar	1	0	0	.111
B. Brown	0	0	0	.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>.298</b>

- statistics through 5-6-90

#### Final top 20 softball poll

1. UCLA 53-6
2. Fresno State 56-13
3. Arizona 47-13
4. Long Beach 45-16
5. Cal State Fullerton 42-21
6. Oklahoma State 38-9
7. SW Louisiana 43-6
8. Oregon 31-21
9. California 39-26
10. Texas A&M 46-18
11. SAN JOSE STATE 34-26
12. Iowa 40-25
13. Kansas 43-17
14. Florida State 43-14
15. Arizona State 42-30
16. Connecticut 34-7
17. UNLV 37-24
18. Indiana 42-16
19. New Mexico 25-17
20. Missouri 30-14

## Are racers too fast for Indy 500?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A great irony at the Indianapolis 500 is that one of the hardest-charging drivers, a former winner, track record-holder and three-time pole position starter, is the most vocal opponent of the ever-increasing chase for speed.

Tom Sneva doesn't like it, but he has no choice.

"It's just a factor of rules and regulations. The only reason I'm against high speeds is because it's hard to run close and put on a good show. The faster we go, the harder it is to run close together, and people want to see people close during the race," said Sneva, the 1983 Indy winner.

Sneva, who 13 years ago became the first driver to qualify at the Speedway at more than 200 mph, started from the pole position in 1977, 1978 and 1984. Since 1983, he has finished no better than 14th. Last year, after setting a one-lap record for a turbocharged stock block engine in qualifications, he wound up 27th when his car caught fire during a pit stop on the 55th lap.

He expects Rick Mears' year-old records of 224,254 mph for one lap and 223,885 for four laps to be broken Saturday on the first day of qualifications for the May 27 race.

On Sunday, defending champion Emerson Fittipaldi outduelled Mears for the top speed with a lap at 222,607. Mears was next at 221,658, followed by Arie Luyen-

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—Tom Sneva, race car driver

dyk at 221,130 and Al Unser Jr. at 218,245.

"I'm very pleased with the speed," said Fittipaldi. "I'm sure during the week, if the weather doesn't change, if it doesn't get warmer, it can go a little faster."

How much faster will it take? "It's going to take right around 225 to sit on the front row," said Sneva, whose 215.646 on Saturday was the fastest lap ever recorded on the first day of practice. He improved his top lap to 217,860 on Sunday.

"I don't know what it's going to take, and I don't know how much we're going to be able to get, but we'll just have to keep trimming it and make it a little more comfortable to drive."

One problem affecting Sneva and many other drivers this year is a new rule designed to slow the cars by reducing their downforce, the aerodynamic glue that keeps them on the track at high speed.

Cars built in 1990 have an advantage in that the engineers were able to design the new models to accommodate the aerodynamic changes.

"The cars that were designed around the '90 rules are going to get more suck out of the bottom of the car than the guys that had an '89 car that were built with '89 rules and all of a sudden had to put a two-inch plug in the back of it," he said. "A couple teams spent a lot of money redesigning their '89 to make it '90 specs, so even though they say they have an '89 car, it cost 'em more than it would have cost them to go out and buy a '90 car."

## Homers fly in bunches

(AP) — Time was, they used to hold home-run derbies. The top sluggers on each team would show off before games and it was something special for the fans.

In more recent times, players became afraid of messing up their swings and getting hurt. So, just like doubleheaders, home-run derbies aren't scheduled any more — but occasionally they still happen.

On Sunday in Toronto, Detroit's Cecil Fielder hit three home runs as the Tigers and Blue Jays combined for 10 homers, one shy of the major-league record.

## Expansion hockey comes to San Jose

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Howard Baldwin didn't get where he is today by being a pessimist.

And where he is today is the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, site of the NHL Board of Governors meeting that will determine his immediate fate — and that of the Minnesota North Stars ice hockey team.

Last Wednesday, Baldwin and former Budget Rent-A-Car executive Morris Belzberg agreed to buy the North Stars from Gordon and George Gund.

The deal is complex, Baldwin, who helped found the Hartford Whalers in 1972, served as that team's chairman until being bought out as part of a takeover in 1988. He and Belzberg would pay about \$31.5 million for the North Stars and keep them in Minnesota.

The Gunds would get an expansion franchise in the San Francisco area for the 1991-92 season — a year earlier than the NHL had planned to expand.

It has also been reported that the Gunds would select up to 17 of the North Stars' minor-league or unsigned players and that Baldwin would be allowed to share the Gunds' players in an expansion draft.

Both sides say it's an all-or-nothing deal. So, by the end of today, Baldwin should know if he's back in hockey.

"I've done as much as I can do. It's not up to me to keep hounding the league," he said. "In terms of how the league will react to it, I'm confident."

"I'm also going in with ut-

most realism. Whatever the league's decision is, I'll respect it."

He was asked if he would be crushed if the deal was disallowed.

"Crushed? No. But I would be disappointed," said Baldwin.

If the transaction doesn't get "yes" votes from 15 of the Gunds' 20 fellow governors, Baldwin and Belzberg would likely go back to trying to get an expansion team for San Jose, Calif.

The future would be cloudier for the Minnesota franchise and for the Gunds, who necessitated this meeting back in January 1990 when they said they were planning to move the North Stars to the San Francisco area. Asked what would be his next move if the league rejected the deal, Gordon Gund said: "I'm not going to talk about that. I'm optimistic."

One reason for his optimism has been the encouragement of NHL president John Ziegler, who was updated regularly during negotiations.

"We've been talking to the league all along," Gund said. "I don't think the league was surprised by the deal."

The Gunds' expansion team would play in the Cow Palace near San Francisco for a year before moving into a new San Jose arena.

When they were threatening to move the North Stars, they cited \$16 million in losses in three years, during which time the team had the league's worst attendance.

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# Alumni: Spartan pride is lacking

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Mercury News columnist Leigh Weimers, a 1958 SJSU graduate who has served on the Alumni Association board of directors and is now an adviser for university publications, said those educated at SJSU are viewed as well-qualified, well-trained individuals who are able to do the job.

For his part, Bisceglia would like to see the media help publicize positive aspects of the university.

Local media outlets consistently report the negative side of SJSU life, he said, while other newspapers throughout the state actively promote universities in their areas and even treat SJSU more kindly.

"I try to be objective" when comparing coverage, but "I think that they look for the bad going on at the university, instead of the good," he said.

It does, however, add to the challenge of inspiring alumni to support the university.

Redding, in fact, believes the makeup of SJSU's student body is the major reason for the shortage of graduates' allegiance.

The average age of SJSU students is 27, according to the fall 1989 census, and many students find themselves juggling schedules to accommodate jobs, families and classes, Redding said.

As at other universities, SJSU students are taking longer than the traditional four years to complete college programs because of time conflicts and the trend toward completing courses not required for degrees, Redding said.

The fact that SJSU graduates are "not uniformly 22 or 23" means they may not identify themselves as class of 1990 or '91 or any other year, she said, and thus they are less likely to feel an emotional link to their classmates or their alma mater in general.

Because so many SJSU students work their way through college, they don't have time to participate in extracurricular activities that tend to tie a person strongly to the university, Bisceglia said. Both the Alumni Association and the Spartan Foundation, which share some members, hope their efforts to

unify alumni through social and recreational activities will help promote support for the continuation of that tradition.

But Bisceglia, Redding and others would like alumni to view their contributions to SJSU as the real reward.

Weimers is a case in point. "I've always had a soft spot in my heart for San Jose State," and working with the Alumni Association is his way of giving something back to the university, he said.

Financial contributions also enter into the picture.

But because it is funded by the state, SJSU has had trouble persuading would-be supporters that it needs contributions from alumni and other private sources, Wiemers said.

Increased budget limitations have forced public universities to follow the lead of private institutions, Wiemers said, which means using alumni contacts to solicit funding for grants, awards and endowments. But SJSU and other public schools got into the money game late and are having to play catch-up, he said.

For the Alumni Association, recruitment of new graduates is the first step.

Upon graduation, students are given one free year of association membership and subscription to SJSU Digest, the monthly publication that serves as the primary voice of the Alumni Association and the university. Each year, about a third of the 4,400 or so graduating students accept the free membership, Redding said.

Thereafter, they are asked to pay annual dues of \$25, which includes membership in alumni groups for specific schools. Somewhere between 11 percent and 20 percent pay dues the first year they are asked, but a "much higher percentage" join the second year they are billed, she said.

As of April, there were some 4,000 members paying annual association dues and 2,300 lifetime members, who joined with a one-time fee, according to Redding. About 2,000 new graduates are expected to sign up for free

## 'We just don't seem to attract and keep people'

— Alan Simpkins, former president, Spartan Foundation

membership this year. The Spartan Foundation has membership problems of its own.

As of early April, members numbered just more than 1,000, said Angelo Aguiar, development director for the Spartan athletic program. That was down about 400 members, according to a March 21 Mercury News report.

According to Luke Argilla, a 1938 graduate and an active alumnus since the 1950s, the 400 members mentioned had pledged contributions to the foundation for the year, but their money was never collected because of poor organization on the part of foundation leaders.

Bisceglia did not give reasons for the drop in membership but said, "A good portion are expected to renew this year" when they are contacted during the annual spring fund-raising drive.

Alan Simpkins, past president of the foundation and a major supporter of the university for decades, believes the problem goes much deeper than just forgetting to renew one year.

Following the university's dismissal of head football coach Claude Gilbert in March, Simpkins and an as yet undetermined number of foundation members have vowed to withdraw their support from the university in protest to Gilbert's removal.

Some of those involved have formed Fans for Claude, a group committed to the coach's reinstatement and concerned with "the complete disregard for alumni and boosters" that they believe the ouster represents, according to a Fans advertisement.

Bisceglia, however, views the conflict as temporary. He and others in the foundation have stated repeatedly that most of those now protesting will eventually put their

loyalty to the university before their current objections.

Such contentions are still subject to debate, however.

Regardless of the outcome, the challenge to garner strong support for the university will continue to exert pressure on Bisceglia. The foundation looks for help from local business leaders and others not already affiliated with the university, and therefore image plays a much larger role.

Even before the recent show of dissent and accompanying publicity, Bisceglia expressed concern about the foundation's ability to reach beyond the university.

"There are those, I think, who are benefiting from the university without putting anything back down," Bisceglia said.

Bisceglia, Redding and others try to fight apathy by encouraging students and alumni to take advantage of university offerings in the areas of theater, music and lectures to remind themselves of SJSU's value.

And people are attracted to academic events, she added, citing the standing-room-only crowd that turned out to hear author and SJSU alumna Amy Tan read from her best-selling novel, "The Joy Luck Club," in Morris Dailey Auditorium March 8.

But athletics stands out as the key rallying point.

"Division I (play) is expensive," but it is necessary to raise money for athletics programs because they can bring exposure to the university, Redding said.

"In terms of 'Does it draw money away from other areas of the university?' I think not," she said.

Both the Alumni Association and the Spartan Foundation also recognize room for improvement and acknowledge the tendency for others to view them as "closed clubs." To improve membership, they continue to make changes, such as bringing in development personnel and broadening publications. Both hope soon to have student representatives on board to increase communication with the student body and generate student interest.

# President to abandon 'no new taxes' policy

(AP) — President Bush likely will rule out raising income taxes but is willing to discuss other tax increases, ranging from a national sales tax to higher levies on alcohol and cigarettes, Republican lawmakers said Tuesday.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, however, said the White House would withhold comment on any specific tax — including income taxes — in an effort to get unbiased deficit-cut talks launched.

"We start these negotiations from scratch," Fitzwater said. He said the type of tax increases that might emerge from a White House-Congress budget summit were "up to the negotiators."

"We aren't specifying what's under consideration. There are no preconditions," Fitzwater said.

Bush, having abandoned his "no-new-taxes" pronouncements, discussed taxes with congressional GOP leaders after Budget Director Richard Darman delivered a gloomy assessment of the economy, said participants at a White House meeting.

Darman told the GOP lawmakers that automatic budget cuts in the range of \$45 billion to \$55 billion — and possibly even more — could take place next fall in the absence of major additional deficit-cutting steps, according to both GOP lawmakers and Fitzwater.

Republicans said that a range of possible taxes and new ways of raising revenue were discussed at today's White House meeting.

"Value-added taxes, taxes on booze and cigarettes, a national lottery, a one-cent national sales tax, all sorts of things like that are in the mix," said Assistant Senate Republican Leader Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming. However, he added, "Nobody's talking about raising income tax rates."

At the hour-long White House session, participants said that an automatic budget cut in excess of \$55 billion was likely this fall in the absence of major new deficit-cutting steps.

That could chop about 20 percent across the board in defense and most domestic programs.

Despite the president's earlier pledge against new taxes, Simpson said, Bush "is fully aware that he's got a country to run. And he's got to do that in a responsible way because lots of figures have changed."

Simpson, speaking to reporters in the driveway outside the White House, said Darman had spelled out spending cuts so massive that they would be "totally unacceptable to the American people."

"We're going to see the economic jitters set in unless somebody assumes some responsibility for the budget," said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss. "The president is trying to do this. And I applaud him for it."

House Assistant Republican Leader Newt Gingrich of Georgia said Republicans would not agree to any plan that would hurt them in an election year.

# CUB: Adventures for kids

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snakes that the boys played with. "I learned history about the flag and the stars and stripes," Todd Cotter, 10, said.

"I liked it when the snakes went on our backs, because it was slimy," said 7-year-old Isaac Bernal. "It was my first time petting a snake, but I wasn't scared."

Recio, who is the philanthropy chairman for Sigma Mu, was enthusiastic about the support that he has received from the Sammies.

"They are totally willing to help me out," Recio said. "They see what's going on and they want to join in."

Recio hopes the assorted activities will influence the members in his Cub Scout troop to attend college.

"There is a lot of aspects of SJSU that can turn their heads and hopefully lead them to attend SJSU," Recio said.

The troop recently had a tour of KSJS, where a disk jockey, Scott Krinsky, who is also a fraternity

brother of Recio's, gave the boys a tour of the station.

"I thought the radio station was real. When I grow up I want to be a DJ someday," Joseph Obeso, 8, said.

Recio is planning an excursion to Pizza-A-Go-Go, where the boys will have hands-on experience at making pizzas. He would also like to take his troop for a tour of the science or art buildings on campus.

Recio would eventually like to organize a trip to Disneyland for the boys because he thinks that "it is something that they could never do."

According to Lomeli, problems can start as early as first and second grade. The students begin to show a lack of respect towards their elders — at home and in school.

"I could be the mom who just sits back and says 'I don't give a ...,'" Lomeli said. "Nobody wants to take responsibility."

# Twelve sailors injured, one dead in destroyer fire

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A fire broke out Tuesday aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Conyngham about 80 miles off North Carolina, killing one crew member and injuring at least 12, the Navy said.

Five of the sailors had injuries serious enough to require evacuation to shore, Capt. Paul Hanley, a U.S. Atlantic Fleet spokesman, said.

The Conyngham was conducting routine operations with about 360 crew members when the fire broke out at 5:35 a.m. in the ship's engineering area, of-

ficials said. Fleet spokesmen had no information on the extent of the blaze or damage to the ship.

Hanley said three Coast Guard cutters were standing by along with the Normandy and the destroyer USS Briscoe as the Conyngham crew fought the blaze.


"The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. The primary fire is out. The crew is fighting secondary fires," Air Force Maj. Tom Johnson, joint duty officer at the Norfolk naval base, said at mid-morning.

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## Election free for Croatia

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — The leader of a separatist party declared victory today in Croatia's first free elections in 50 years and exulted that the republic was finally "free of Marxist one-party hell."

Preliminary results of balloting Sunday and Monday in the republic's final round of parliamentary elections showed the center-right party, the Croatian Democratic Union, had won at least 158 seats in the 356-seat state legislature.

With about 70 percent of the 2 million votes counted, the Party for Democratic Reform, which ruled the republic as the Croatian

## Stab: Son a witness

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Mario — now 5 — recounted to police how he went with his father to where his mother worked on Oct. 7, 1987 and saw his father take a knife and repeatedly stab Lo Bue in the stomach.

"Mario remarked how the blood got all over, including onto him," Sgt. Steve Ronco told the Mercury News in April. "Mario said after that thing happened to the lady, he and his

dad went home."

Mario and his father showered together to wash the blood off.

The status of Mario has not changed. "He's been interviewed and he did describe, quite well, the incident," Toney said. "He is a witness, like anyone, but handled a little more delicately because of his age."

Currently, Mario is in the custody of relatives.

Communist Party before the elections, had 42 seats.

A centrist coalition of independents and other smaller parties won

six seats, with distribution of the rest still uncertain. Final results were not expected before Wednesday.

## SJSU makes own good press



By Mary R. Callahan

Special to the Daily

SJSU's Public Affairs Office is up against a wall.

Staffing limitations, a long-standing handicap for the office, reached a critical point last fall, when Richard A. Staley, former director of news and publications, was reassigned to serve as campus emergency preparedness coordinator and department of public safety information officer.

His duties as spokesman and media liaison for the university have since been divided between Joanne Rife, publications editor for the Office of Public Affairs, and Dan Buerger, executive assistant to SJSU President Gail Fullerton.

Buerger has become the acknowledged damage-control chief—the man called upon to face the press each time controversy arises.

"When there are hot cases in the media, there's not much that a public affairs person can do to squelch that," Buerger said.

"Hot cases" aren't limited to students and employees, and those involving the administration present very distinct difficulties for Buerger.

As assistant to the president, he is often involved in the very decisions that generate public debate.

"I have ended up in front of the media explaining those decisions," and it's "double jeopardy," he said.

Questions such as "Why do you think the university did that?" can turn into "Why did you do that, Dr. Buerger?" He sometimes appears to be defending himself.

Though he declined to cite examples, Buerger said he had firsthand experience with reporters who skew the facts, "apparently to make a better story."

The resulting stories not only compromise his own credibility but "ultimately the image of the university that you are trying to make and create," Buerger said.

"I'm not indicting media people in general," Buerger said, but the reading public doesn't draw distinctions between accurate reporting, biased reporting and what has been added or removed during the editing process.

While Buerger struggles with the

media, Rife faces challenges of her own.

In Staley's absence, she has been fielding requests for general information about the university and issuing press releases regarding things such as awards, gifts to the university and special events.

Rife admits that without a replacement for Staley, she can't do as good a job as she would like.

"I've only done about 11 press releases this year," fewer than would have been issued under normal circumstances, she said in late April.

Time is always a problem, and issues that warrant phone calls to media outlets or other attention sometimes get neglected, she said.

But Rife is more concerned about her ongoing responsibilities as publications editor, and here the main issue is money, she said.

The number of publications produced by Rife's staff suffers accordingly.

The university does not have, for example, an informational pamphlet describing the institution, the programs available and the general makeup of the campus community.

"I must get requests once a week for something like that" she said.

"Buerger said he 'saw all the things that were not being done' last spring, when he took over as manager of the publications budget, part of the executive management budget.

Funding shortages are a problem all over the campus, but a good manager can still find ways to get things done, he continued.

"You try to be as creative as you can and pool your needs and pool your resources," he said.

As an example, he cited the presence of Alumni Association members on the editorial board of university publications—a presence that is not surprising, given the valuable role administrators believe such publications play in linking alumni to the university.

SJSU Digest, published quarterly, is considered the "voice of the university," according to Rife, and is designed to keep readers informed about the school through articles about new programs, events and personalities.

The newsletter, which usually runs about eight pages, is sent to approximately 85,000 people, including about 80,000 alumni, some 4,000 members of the campus community and assorted legislators, as well as local media outlets, politicians, supporters and business leaders, Rife said.

The university also publishes One Washington Square, which is the "showcase of faculty, students

and alums," Rife said.

The glossy annual magazine contains excerpts of written works by noted alumni or faculty members, articles about achievements of former students and researchers, and samples of student work.

"The point of doing this is so that people realize there are a number of talented people involved in this university," she said.

Another slick magazine, the Donors Report, is sent to SJSU supporters each year. It contains profiles of longtime contributors and a lengthy list of those who have made donations to the school as a way of rewarding generosity and inspiring others to give.

When the Donors Report first came out, "the comments kept coming in" from recipients saying, "That's what they need to help get donations to the university," Buerger said.

Current plans for SJSU Digest call for eliminating its newspaper format, Buerger said.

The hope is that a glossy, alumni magazine will be developed to replace it, when and if money becomes available, Rife said.

According to Buerger, while money will continue to be a problem for SJSU, as state funding is not likely to increase much, there are changes on the horizon that will enhance the ability of the Public Affairs Office to get out the word about the university, he said.

The first order of business is to find a replacement for Staley and for Robert Ringe, who left his post as director of development and university relations last fall, Buerger said.

One of the reasons the positions have been left open so long is that they are part of a restructuring plan that will bring development and fund raising together with public relations in the new Office of University Relations and Development, he said.

In the meantime, Buerger has inherited Ringe's responsibilities as development director, which is "a much larger position" than university spokesman, he said.

Job announcements were issued last month for a new public affairs officer to work with Rife on publications and press relations, and for a director of university relations and development to coordinate the complementary goals of university promotion and fund raising.

SJSU's Public Affairs personnel didn't work much on image in the past, she said, but now "we really need to define our niche better to the community at large."

## 'Turtles' pass \$100 million

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" passed the magical \$100 million mark, but the streetwalker-to-sweetheart fairy tale "Pretty Woman" occupied the top spot at the nation's movie theaters for the second consecutive weekend.

According to figures released Monday by Entertainment Data Inc., "Pretty Woman" grossed \$6.8 million, down only 5 percent from the previous weekend. Starring Julia Roberts as a hard-luck hooker and Richard Gere as her Prince Charming, "Pretty Woman" should pass the \$100 million mark this weekend.

"Ninja Turtles" eclipsed that milestone Friday. With a take of \$5.3 million over the weekend for second place, "Ninja Turtles" has now grossed \$104.8 million.

In third was the new horror anthology "Tales From the Darkside" on ticket sales of \$5 million in its debut weekend. "Spaced Invaders," a science-fiction sendup, landed in fourth on a gate of \$3.2 million.

"The Guardian," a supernatural thriller about a creepy babysitter and dead babies, finished in fifth with a gross of \$3 million. Following in sixth with ticket sales of \$2.4 million was the submarine drama "The Hunt for Red October." The Sean Connery movie also passed the \$100 million mark two weeks ago.

In seventh was "Q & A," starring Nick Nolte, with receipts of \$2.1 million. Falling 35 percent to eighth place was the steamy "Wild Orchid" on a gate of \$1.7 million.

"Driving Miss Daisy" was in ninth with \$1.5 million and the new film "Short Time" opened poorly in 10th with collections of \$1.2 million.

Here are the top movie ticket sales for last Friday through Sunday as tallied by Entertainment Data, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average per screen, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on a combination of actual box-office receipts and studio projections where actual figures are not immediately available.

1 "Pretty Woman," Disney, \$6.8 million, 1,726 screens, \$3,946 per screen, \$90.6 million,

seven weeks.  
2 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," New Line, \$5.3 million, 2,330 screens, \$3,082 per screen, \$104.8 million, six weeks.

3 "Tales From the Darkside," Paramount, \$5 million, 1,535 screens, \$3,275 per screen, \$5 million, one week.

4 "Spaced Invaders," Disney, \$3.2 million, 1,845 screens, \$1,709 per screen, \$8.5 million, two weeks.

5 "The Guardian," Universal, \$3 million, 1,736 screens, \$1,740 per screen, \$10.1 million, two weeks.

6 "The Hunt for Red October," Paramount, \$2.4 million, 1,377 screens, \$1,748 per screen, \$102.6 million, 10 weeks.

7 "Q & A," Tri-Star, \$2.1 mil-

lion, 923 screens, \$2,240 per screen, \$5.8 million, two weeks.  
8 "Wild Orchid," Epic, \$1.7 million, 823 screens, \$2,060 per screen, \$5.3 million, two weeks.

9 "Driving Miss Daisy," Warner Bros., \$1.5 million, 1,120 screens, \$1,370 per screen, \$98.4 million, 21 weeks.

10 "Short Time," 20th Century Fox, \$1.2 million, 557 screens, \$2,221 per screen, \$1.2 million, one week.

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## New pill safe for some, research says

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — New birth control pills, containing one-fifth as much estrogen as the original pills, can safely be used by non-smoking women, even those in their 40s, according to researchers who presented their findings at the annual meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. Daniel R. Mishell, chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and other doctors gave the update Monday on the latest safety studies of the pill and IUDs.

It was also reported that the Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve, perhaps as soon as this year, the surgical implantation under the skin of a source of birth control hormones

that lasts five years. This birth control method, with the contraceptives usually placed in the arm, already is used in more than 40 countries.

Because of health concerns, most American women stop using birth control pills or IUDs after their prime child bearing years. Studies show that they are used by less than 5 percent of women 35 and older, and that sterilization is now the No. 1 method of birth control among women in the age group.

Mishell noted that women remain potentially fertile until nearly age 50, and he said, "It is often a real problem deciding what to do."

"It's really up to the woman, but there are many highly reliable, and generally safe, methods of contraception available."

The original pills with strong doses of estrogen were found to increase a tendency toward blood clots. The new pills use a fifth as much estrogen and add another hormone, progestin, and studies show that they present no increased risk of cardiovascular disease or of breast cancer.

The new pills have labels which say, with FDA approval, that the benefits of birth control pills may outweigh the risks.

But, Mishell said, women who smoke should consider pills dangerous because nicotine and estrogen acting together worsen the risk of blood clotting.

Many infections and a number of deaths were blamed on the Dalkon Shield IUD, which researchers said allowed bacteria to enter the uterus.