

Daily briefing

Five-year degrees

Students are taking more time to get their degrees, often to round out their education. **Page 3**

Who has the Last Laugh?

SJSU grad Jim Valentine owns the Last Laugh comedy club in the Pavilion, which attracts many people for its funny routines. **Page 10**

Hot movie

Metropolitan could be the sleeper of the year, or at least the fall season.

The movie focuses on young socialites discussing life and philosophy during the debutante season in Manhattan. **Page 10**



Sports

Lampkins out indefinitely

SJSU linebacker Everett Lampkins will undergo arthroscopic knee surgery today. The 1989 first-team All-Big West linebacker was hurt Saturday at Washington. **Page 8**

Big West football opener

The Spartans travel to the University of the Pacific Saturday. **Page 8**

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Weather
Mostly sunny, with scattered clouds. Highs in the low 80s with overnight lows in the 50s.
—National Weather Service

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'We're trying to pick up the ball and hope others will roll with it.' — Ron Duval

Seventh street blooms despite budget cuts

By Jill Bryant
Special to the Daily

Seventh Street took on a new look over the summer, despite budget cuts and rising costs at SJSU.

In just a few months, Seventh Street changed from a blocked-off asphalt street into a cement walkway with potential foliage areas. The project was financed with \$145,000 in grants to the university.

The new plaza was officially opened with Earth Day activities in April.

It hasn't been planted yet because "right now we're waiting for cooler weather in the fall and donations in our hands," said Victor Castillo, director of grounds, transportation and custodial services.

Work has stopped because all of the donated money has been used.

Budget allocations for campus improvements like these are low priority within the California State University system, said Alan Freeman, director of space management and facility planning.

"Because of growth in CSU and a great need of academic buildings, CSU is not likely to fund landscape projects," Freeman said.

No other landscaping projects are planned unless outside money is found, Freeman added.

The primary source of funding for the Seventh Street project came in the form of a \$100,000 donation from the Valley Foundation.

"Our purpose is to give to causes within Santa Clara County...and

President Fullerton made a request," said Ervie Smith, executive director of the organization.

On top of the Valley Foundation's grant, Spartan Shops donated approximately \$45,000 to the Seventh Street project.

"Our mission is to serve the university in whatever way we can," said Ron Duval, executive director of Spartan Shops. "Any excess funds are required to go back to the university."

If Spartan Shops has any money left at

the end of the fiscal year, it is put back into the university.

The grant was given by Spartan Shops in an attempt to create other outside donations. "We're trying to pick up the ball and hope others will roll with it," Duval said.

When Seventh and Ninth streets were initially closed off more than 15 years ago, the city of San Jose expected SJSU to turn them into pedestrian walkways.

It has taken until now to get even one

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Dan Ocampo — Daily staff photographer

Donald Ryan, director of SJSU's financial aid office, is working to assist students with their increasingly difficult financial needs.

Ryan helps students

Increased student fees keeps director busy

By Leigh Ann Clifton
Daily staff writer

Donald Ryan knows the right buttons to push when it comes to providing money for students.

As director of SJSU's financial aid office since its inception in 1965, Ryan, 56, has been working to develop a financial aid service capable of meeting students' increased demand for assistance.

In July he was elected to chair the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. The association is made up of 3400 members representing all segments of post-secondary education. Ryan said he is very proud of having been elected chairman, because he was chosen by his peers — people who understand his position and challenges, and recognize the contributions he's made to student financial aid.

A major concern for Ryan is working to see that Congress makes adequate reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The Act is due to terminate in 1991. Since the inception of the Act in 1965, Congress has reauthorized the Act six times, he said, each time they do some "fine tuning, sometimes add programs, sometimes dropping them."

The association has a committee providing input to re-authorization task forces in both the House and the Senate. Ryan said. Association members "must continue to work with Congress and state governments to insure that funds are available for all segments of the student aid population," he said.

Ryan wants all people to have the opportunity to benefit from a college education.

His roomy office, lit by several '50s style lamps, gives the impression of walking into someone's home study;

Ryan's file

- Age: 56
- Education: B.A., Education, San Jose State College, 1959. Master's, Guidance and Counseling, SJSU, 1962
- Elected chairman of National Association of Student Aid Administrators
- Director of the SJSU Student Aid office, 1965 to present
- Assistant dean of students, 1960-1965
- President of Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, 1978-1979.

personalized with smiling photographs of his wife and daughters.

When the SJSU aid office was established, he and a staff of five handled about \$1.5 million in financial aid money, Ryan said. The staff has grown to 26 and the available money to over \$19 million.

Often students receive money from more than one loan because existing loan program limits on the maximum amount a student can borrow are not always realistic, Ryan said.

He would like to see these limits raised, so that students who could "justify the need" for more money would be able to get it.

"It's better to have one loan to repay than two."

An example of Ryan's talent is his

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Students fight apathy in the battle for alternative transport

By Marcos Azcarate
Daily Staff Writer

It was intended to be an educational fair, to get students and others out of their cars to find other ways of commuting.

Some people legitimately seemed concerned. But for many others the attraction to this week's "Alternative Transportation Fair" in the art quad was only the free Frisbee flying disks, T-shirts, round-trip CalTrain tickets and a chance to win a mountain bike.

Those students who admitted they came only for the freebies would not give their names.

Christy Hart, a 26-year-old senior in art education, attended "first because of the bike but also because commuting is important."

Environmental Resource Center Director Steve Shunk, a 23-year-old junior in geophysiology, staffed one of the busiest tables where people could fill out a commuter survey — and also register for the bike.

Shunk saw the raffle as a "sad" way to attract students, but "it is one of the more effective," he said. "There is apathy among many students and we have to do what we can to call their attention."

He had no estimate of the number of people who would fill out the surveys by the end of the two-day fair. It could be 500, could be 1,000, he said. No matter the number, he said, they are important.

"Through these surveys we can get what the concerns are and do something about it," Shunk said.

The survey results should be back in about six weeks, said Marilyn Todd, business office supervisor for the department of traffic and parking operations.

Samtrans, BART, County Transit, Air Quality Control and Caltrain Environmental Resource Center and other transportation-related organizations distributed pamphlets and general information sheets and at the same time gave away freebies such as buttons and pencils.

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Nikki Hart — Daily staff photographer

Chuck Phelps, left, takes a free frisbee and BART day pass from Mitch Swanson. The giveaways were part of the Alternative Transportation Fair next to the Student Union, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Employers keep in touch Career center offers choices

By Laura DiMascio
Daily Staff Writer

Two-hundred employers will be on campus to discuss job opportunities, training, internships and general questions with faculty and staff at this year's Career Exploration Day.

This year's program, scheduled for Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is moving to the Events Center to enable coordinators to fit the activities that previously took three days into one.

"It's an opportunity for employers to come on campus and give our students a chance to learn about their organiza-

tions," said Lina Melkonian, event liaison and assistant coordinator for the Career Planning and Placement Center.

"Basically it is the employers' way of keeping in touch with SJSU because they know we provide thousands of graduates every year," she said.

According to coordinators, this year's event promises to be even more helpful than past ones.

"The great thing about this year's event is that it's in the Events Center," said Margaret Wilkes, career counselor

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By Laura DiMascio
Daily staff writer

The Career Planning and Placement Center tries to provide students with help regarding career choices both now and in the future.

According to the assistant director for the center, Lina Melkonian, the main objective is to serve students and help them make an effective transition from the university into the world of work. It

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EDITORIAL

'Disenrollment' blues

Thousands of SJSU students face "disenrollment" after Sept. 21 even though they might have paid their fees.

Somehow this doesn't sound surprising. Because of the "budget crunch" students are being asked to part with \$12 to \$18 more to help the school through the tight times.

Students are not being asked. The administration is hiding behind vague concepts like "disenrollment" to soften the blow. Let's not mince words here. If you don't have \$18, you're outta here, expelled, kicked out — "disenrollment" indeed.

Once again the big guys can't solve their problems so they've left it to us little guys to take care of it. Never mind that we paid our fees on time as required. Never mind that we agreed to pay \$471 as our tuition for this semester, not \$489.

What happens to the poor student who can't come up with the money? What happens to the student that viewed the fees as a contract for which he or she fulfilled their part?

We don't think the administration would look too kindly on that student saying, "Hey, I'm in a personal budget crisis right now, so I'm only sending in \$453. I hope that's not a problem."

The administration wouldn't be able to "disenroll" that silly person quick enough.

We all know that \$18 is not a lot of money, even to a student. It probably won't even cause any undue hardship except for in the rare case. But that's not the point. Will it be \$30 next semester because it went so smoothly this time around? And maybe \$50 the one after that and \$219 the one after that?

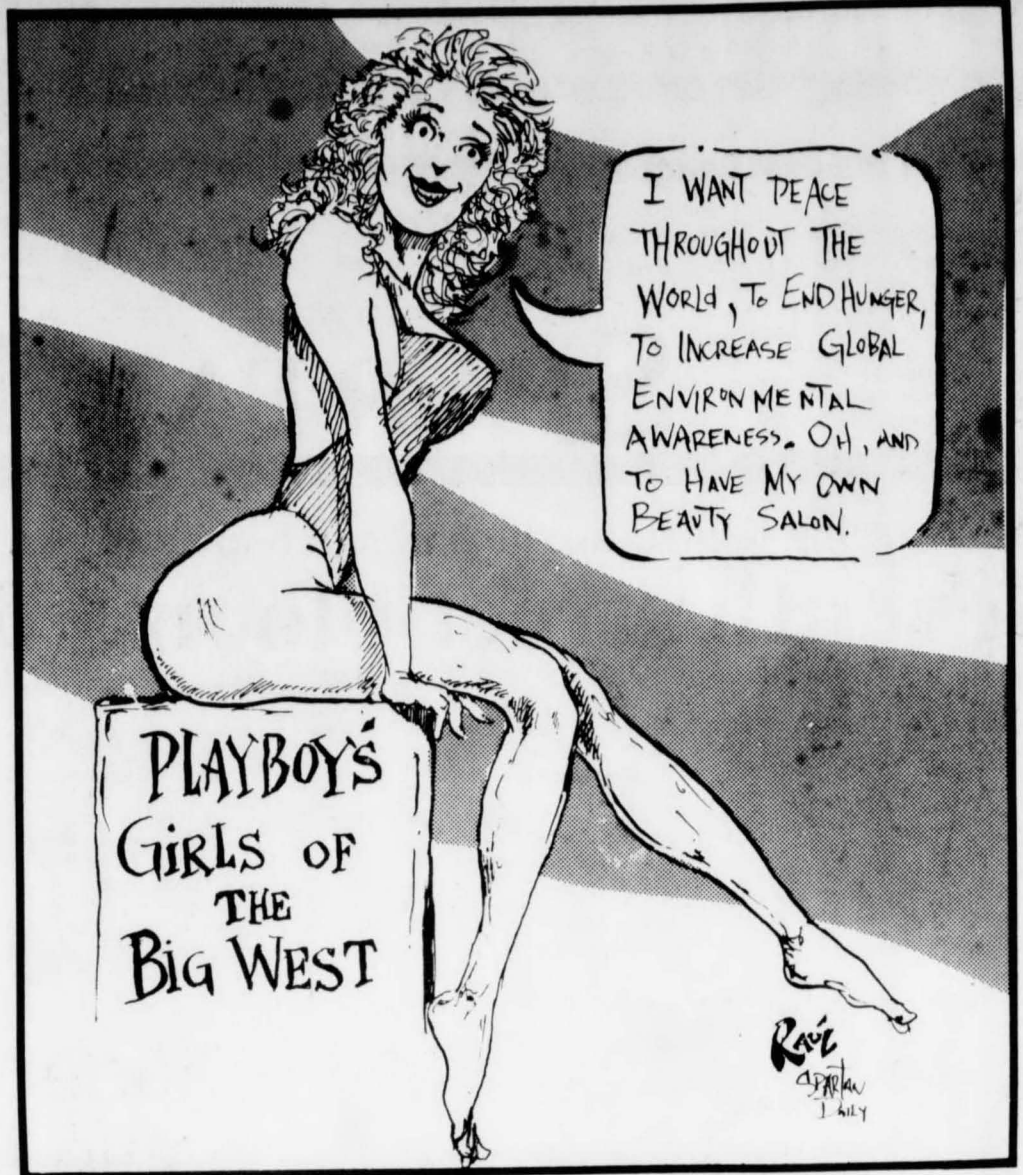
What choice will the student have? They could go to another school, which would be SJSU's loss. Maybe they could work more, take longer to complete school and pay even more money.

No, it has to stop somewhere. The administration needs to make some long range plans now to avoid this problem in the future.

If the administration continues to make knee-jerk reactions every time a crisis comes along, they could be sounding the death knell for the future.

And it won't be the pleasant tolling of a Sunday morning church bell, it will be the hollow clanging of a funeral procession.

Ask not for whom the bell tolls . . .



Raul Dominguez — Spartan Daily

REPORTERS' FORUM — SUZANNE CESAR

Think before speaking

Last winter I was raising my school fees working at a restaurant in a downtown hotel. A man in his late 40s came in, ordered a bacon cheeseburger and a chocolate milkshake, and I started to make friendly conversation — part of my job. He told me he was from Reedley, a small town near Fresno. Immediately I perked up. I told him my brother also lived in Reedley. He laughed jokingly and said, "There are only two things in Reedley — a college and a crazy house. Where does your brother live?"

I managed a half-smile, but I felt like my heart had sunk into my stomach.

At the time, my brother was diagnosed as schizophrenic and lived in the mental health institution.

My first reaction was anger. I wanted to shake the guy and let him know his remark was thoughtless and ignorant. But I was at work and it is against the hotel policy to strangle guests.

So instead I told him that my brother was mentally ill.

He quietly paid his bill and left.

Now my brother lives in a halfway house in San Jose.

But ignorance towards the mentally ill abounds in jokes and thoughtless remarks.

There are 14,000 people in Santa Clara County that are disabled because of mental illness. Most of them are harmless and go about their lives quietly.

A small minority earn recognition among SJSU students and community as "the guy who sits at the corner by Peanuts and asks for money," and "the woman who has black under her eyes and wanders through Lucky's."

The majority of the mentally ill do not have an intelligence deficit.

My brother will often rattle off high-tech lingo and discuss why he thinks John F. Kennedy was a great president. He fixed my computer last week when the hard disk crashed.

He also cried when he saw "Love Story" and is a 49ers fan.

He just has a hard time relating to people. He has some problems with motivation and he sometimes won't answer you.

It's very frustrating dealing with a family member that isn't up to par on social skills. It would be easier to brush it off and make jokes.

But he isn't going to go away, and neither are the 14,000 others.

Suzanne Cesar is a Staff Writer for the Spartan Daily.

Forum page policies

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REPORTERS' FORUM — STEVE HELMER

The media's effect on positive rap

As I was driving to school yesterday, I was listening to the new Boogie Down Production album, "Edutainment." I heard the wise vocals from group leader and metaphysician Kris Parker, a.k.a. KRS-ONE.

His lyrics are intelligent and meaningful, ranging from world peace, equality of all races, the unhealthiness of beef, police brutality, and most of all, history — both African and world history.

This album makes me proud to be a rap fan.

But then I thought of the way the majority of society views rap. Thanks to the media, the very few groups who have negative lyrics pin a negative stereotype on all rap music. The positivity is once again overlooked and forgotten. Bad always outshines good, and the media loves to focus on the "ugly."

True rap fans listen to the knowledge of B.D.P. and Public Enemy over the crude comedians 2 Live Crew and N.W.A. yet the media says the latter groups are going to brainwash children into violent lives. I strongly disagree.

Sure N.W.A. swears a lot, tells stories of running away from the police and growing up in the ghetto. But is this any different than a rated R movie? There is much more cursing and violence in a Sylvester Stallone movie than an N.W.A. album, yet those movies are not slashed by the media and power-hungry politicians. Some may argue that R-rated movies are closed to those under 17. Bull! I started

watching those movies when I was 11. And with cable TV, the sex, violence and cursing is brought right into the home.

When an item is pumped up by the media, like the 2 Live Crew situation, it just makes people more curious. Two major things came out of the 2 Live Crew situation. First, the group sold an extra million records. If ignorant politicians and the media would have stayed out of it (they only got involved because white suburbia started buying the album), the majority of America would have never heard of the Miami bass kings. Second, it was another negative bang on the head for rap music. Now Mr. and Mrs. Smith from small town Idaho think all rap music is about sex and violence.

If politicians want to help black, urban kids and not subject white kids to hear what they call "trash," they should promote positive groups like B.D.P., Public Enemy, Poor Righteous Teachers, Lakim Shabazz,

Chill Rob G, and so on. Intelligent rap outnumbers the ignorant, 25 to one.

But I can't dis (disrespect) N.W.A. and the 2 Live Crew by calling them ignorant, because they know exactly what they're doing. I'm going to appraise them by calling them smart businessmen. They found an item, dirty raps, mass produced it and became millionaires. Isn't that the American dream? It's a much more harmless product than cigarettes. I may not agree with what N.W.A. says, but I believe they have every right to say what they please. That's called Freedom of Speech. And if you don't like it, don't listen to it.

Here's something to think about: Kids might not have ever heard it if it wasn't publicized by the media.

And if your kids are listening to it, don't just take it away from them. You should ask why they listen to it and provide them with a positive alternative, such as B.D.P.

So the next time you hear a rap song, don't stereotype it. Give it a listen. But chances are, you won't hear any positive raps on the radio, except on college stations, because they are too controversial. And what makes them controversial? They tell blacks to be proud of their African heritage, tell them to get an education because they're just as smart as anyone else and tell them to stay away from drugs because it will kill their brains and minimize their chances of a successful life. Real controversial, right?

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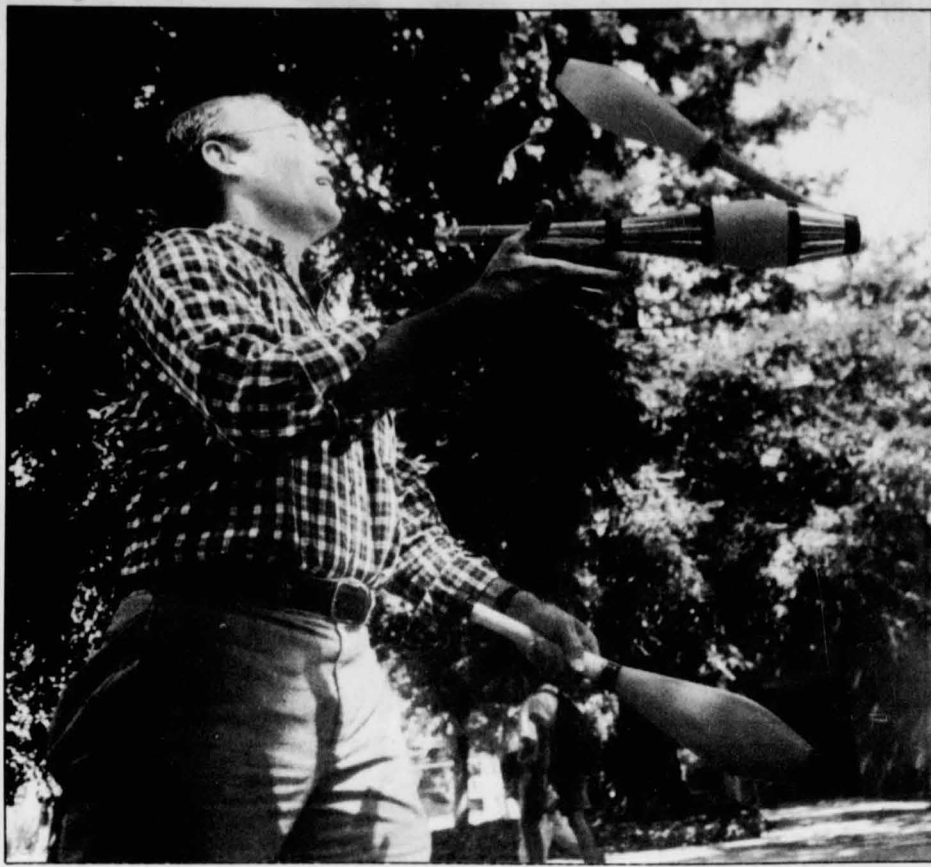
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Up in the air



Nikki Hart — Daily staff photographer

Richard Pfeifer, a faculty member in the math department, took a break on Monday to juggle.

SpartaGuide

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

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No phone-in items will be accepted.

TODAY

ART DEPARTMENT: Gallery shows, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Art Building, call 924-4330.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Women's Spirituality, initial meeting to determine interest in an on-going group, 4 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 298-0204.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Career Resource Center tour, 2:30 p.m., Business Classrooms Room 13, call 924-6030. "Co-op: The Finishing Touches," 2 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6048.

PRE-MED CLUB: First meeting, 1:30 p.m., Duncan Hall Room 345.

LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE: Meeting, 4:30-6:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 236-2002.

TAE KWON DO CLUB: Practice, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Spartan Complex Room 202, call 929-3341.

CLARK LIBRARY TOURS: 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., meet at the first floor display case, call 924-2810.

SKI CLUB: First meeting, 8 p.m., Spartan Memorial Chapel, call 462-5717.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT: Seminar, "Defects in Amorphous Silicon and the Photo-voltaic Application," 1:30 p.m., Science Building Room 251, call 924-5244.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION: Group advisement session for people interested in teaching secondary school, 3-5 p.m., Business Classroom Room 212, call 924-3608.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Meeting, 12-1 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, call 297-0266.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Meeting, 7 p.m., A.S. chambers in S.U., call 286-0512.

DELTA SIGMA PHI: Social fraternity's ice cream social for interested students, 6 p.m., 497 S. Sixth St., call 288-5218.

CHI PI SIGMA: Pledge initiation, 6 p.m., Spartan Memorial Chapel, call 009-9113.

FRIDAY

CLARK LIBRARY TOURS: 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., meet at the first floor display case, call 924-2810.

CHINESE ENGINEERING STUDENT ASSOCIATION: First meeting, 1:30 p.m., S.U. Associated Student Chambers, call 725-1362.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Congregational prayers, 1:20 p.m., Islamic Center, 325 N. Third St., call 947-9389.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Resume critique, 12:30-2 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6030.

AKBAYAN CLUB: Pizza night, 7:30 p.m., Pizza Hut at Tully and King roads, call 947-8740.

CHINESE ENGINEERING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: First general meeting, 1:30 p.m., A.S. chambers in S.U., call 725-1362.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: "Radical Reality," weekly worship service and Bible study, 7:30 p.m., Duncan Hall Room 135, call 948-0822.

A.S. LEISURE SERVICES: Last day to sign up for It's Hue, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., A.S. Business Office in S.U., call 924-5961.

OTHER

AVIATION DEPARTMENT: Recruiting meeting for flight team, 6 p.m., Sept. 25, 1120 Coleman Ave., Room 108, call 246-5214.

CALMECA PROJECT: First club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 5, Chicano Resource Center, Wahlquist Library North 307, call 225-1297.

Students delaying graduation but most aren't falling behind

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—College students who delay graduation a year probably haven't fallen behind, but are using the extra year to take more classes to round out their education, educators say.

"A five-year degree is widely accepted now," said Ray Colvig, spokesman for the University of California, Berkeley. "In the last 10 years or so, four-year graduation rates have become pretty meaningless."

Only about 30 percent of graduates from the eight University of California campuses in 1988 earned their degrees in four years, said John Stewart, a senior analyst for the university's Office of the

President. Forty percent took up to six years to complete their undergraduate degrees.

"What students seem to be doing is stretching out the time it takes to get their degree," Stewart said. "What's important to note is that they're not dawdling. Most of the students seem to be taking longer for well-founded academic, financial and personal reasons."

A 1988 University of California survey shows 65 percent of the students who took more than four years to graduate did so to take extra classes. In addition, 60 percent were slowed by a necessity to work while in college, according to the survey.

"Many students 'stop out' full time at some point to earn both money and work experience," Stewart said. "In the last 10 years, federal money for education has become more and more tight."

The expense of a college degree often has the opposite effect, motivating students to get their degrees as quickly as possible.

Among the exceptions to the five-year degree trend are the most expensive private schools, said Oscar Porter, senior analyst for the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities in Washington.

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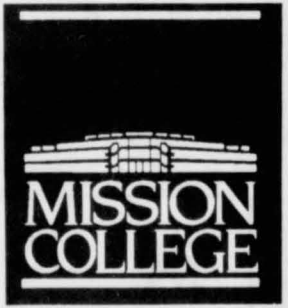
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New San Francisco museum to open

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A new San Francisco Museum of Modern Art will have twice the amount of gallery space as the 55-year-old one near City Hall, officials said.

A model of the new 200,000-square-foot museum was unveiled Tuesday. It is expected to open within five years in the South of Market area on a Third Street lot.

"Our biggest problem with the current museum has always been lack of adequate space," said museum director Jack Lane. "Last year, we had to turn down 50 percent of the requests for group tours by public school children."

The \$85 million project will be paid for by private donations, making it the largest privately funded museum project in the United States, said Brooks

Walker Jr., chairman of the museum's board.

Museum officials say more than 75 percent of the money already has been pledged.

The building was designed by Italian architect Mario Botta, who featured an atrium-cylinder with a surface of dark and light colored stone. Botta said he wanted to present a maximum amount of natural light to the galleries through skylights.

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1. Eligible participants include all first, second or third year Jewish students attending San Jose State University.
2. All work must be original.
3. Speeches must have a maximum length of 10 minutes.
4. Written speeches must be submitted (typed, double spaced) to contest director Dr. Larry Gerston, 465 Business Tower, San Jose State University, no later than 5:00pm, September 28, 1990.
5. Those speeches selected for first round competition will be heard on October 9, 1990, at a site to be announced.
6. Top three contestants will present their speeches on October 13, 1990.
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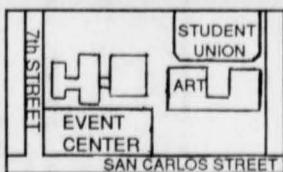
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Plaza: Seventh Street gets a new look

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of the streets finished and this is one of the reasons the city is hesitant to close San Carlos, said a city council assistant, who asked not to be identified.
SJSU's requests to close San Carlos was deferred from 1986 until 1990 because many parts of downtown were under construction at the time of the request and the city didn't want to see the

neighborhoods disturbed any more than they already were, the city council assistant said.
The city also wanted to see university funds in place for converting San Carlos into a walkway, the source said.
SJSU's appeal to downgrade San Carlos from a major arterial, which classifies it as high traffic area, to a neighborhood street will be presented to the city in

November, the first step toward closure.
The council assistant said the changes on Seventh Street should help the university's plea.
Future landscaping projects probably won't happen if the university waits for state funds, Freeman does hope greening up the campus will someday be possible.
"One thing this campus needs

is more green space for student use," he said.
Once funds for planting are received, shade trees, expected to grow between 25 and 35 feet high, will be planted a few feet from the central walkway, Castillo said. In addition, groundcover and hedges will be inserted. As for maintenance, "the intent is that everything will be drought resistant."

Transportation

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Connie Van Dalen, an environmental studies graduate, represents Rides, a non-profit organization that offers car pooling and van pooling services. "Fairs like this educate people how to get to school but there are people who are not very concerned about transportation problems and gifts and prices encourage them to participate," she said.
In her job, she said, "most of the people who call are either stressed or are concerned about their transportation expenses but there is not

much concern about traffic problems."
Some SJSU students showed concern about transportation problems. Lois Monrol, an 18-year-old freshman, doesn't care about the bike, he is just concerned about the commuter survey. "If it is on campus it must be important," he said.

To 22-year-old Nasaron Wimolniti, a junior in computer engineering, "the survey is good because they are trying to find out students' concerns. They have more information so they can find solutions."

Death penalty invoked in Illinois for the first time in 28 years

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — A man who murdered a young couple in a 1983 holdup that netted him \$40 for beer was put to death by injection early Wednesday in Illinois' first execution in 28 years.

Charles Walker, 50, was pronounced dead shortly after midnight at Stateville Prison.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday had rejected a last-ditch effort by two other Death Row inmates to block the execution, and Illinois' high court turned back a challenge from death-penalty opponents as well. The appeals had argued that the injection system did not comply with the Illinois capital punishment law.

Walker, however, had opposed any attempt to save his life, saying he preferred death to imprisonment for the murders of a young couple he tied to a tree, shot and robbed. "I'm guilty. I can accept my punishment," he once said. "I'm sorry I done it, yeah, but it's done."

cent. "His genius or unique talent is his political skill," Pfaff said.
Pfaff said that while many people talk about "the good 'ol days," and resist changes aimed at improving the ways things are done, Ryan is open to new ideas and approaches; eager to make use of technological advances.
"He's seen the entire growth of the system, his roots go back, yet he's really modern."

Careers: Planning goals

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does this by:

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- "A number of our programs put students in touch with employment organizations from the freshman year on," Melkonian said.
The Career Planning and Placement Center is located in Building Q, near the Business Tower, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Center: Employers meet students

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and co-ordinator for the event.
"When it was for three days in the ballroom, students couldn't always make it to each day so they missed out on several employers," Wilkes said.
Career Exploration Day is the biggest program that the Career Planning and Placement Center has each year and this will be the first time it is held in the Events Center.
In light of the larger location, coordinators are expecting more

than 5,000 students to attend this year.
"We hope students realize that they can't come back a second day so they need to take care of things while they're there," Wilkes said.
The event is open to all organizations and all students. According to Wilkes, the reputation of the university attracts many new employers.
"It's a highly sought-after program for employers to attend because we go the extra mile for

them and they get a chance to talk to students before graduation," Wilkes said.
Some students can use the event to gather information. Others can use it to make contacts, and some can try to find employment opportunities.
"In the past the students that attend are really on the ball," Wilkes said. "They know how to conduct themselves and that's the feedback we've gotten from employers."

Finance: Ryan works to raise loan limits

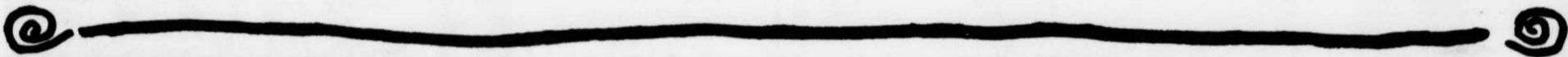
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work on the Perkins Loan, one of four loans available to students at SJSU.
The loan was originally known as The National Defense Student Loan and later as the National Direct Student Loan before it was designated as the Perkin's Loan. Ray Shoemaker, also an assistant director of financial aid, said.
In the early days of SJSU's aid

The Perkins loan is one of four loans available to students at SJSU.

office Ryan was able to acquire "so much federal money for this loan program," that currently, Shoemaker said, the federal government's contributions have almost disappeared.
Those original funds have allowed him to continue to award

loans in this program to the tune of \$1.5 to \$2 million a year, because "the money is replenished," as Richard Pfaff, assistant director of financial aid said.
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