

# After shocks and future shocks — One year later

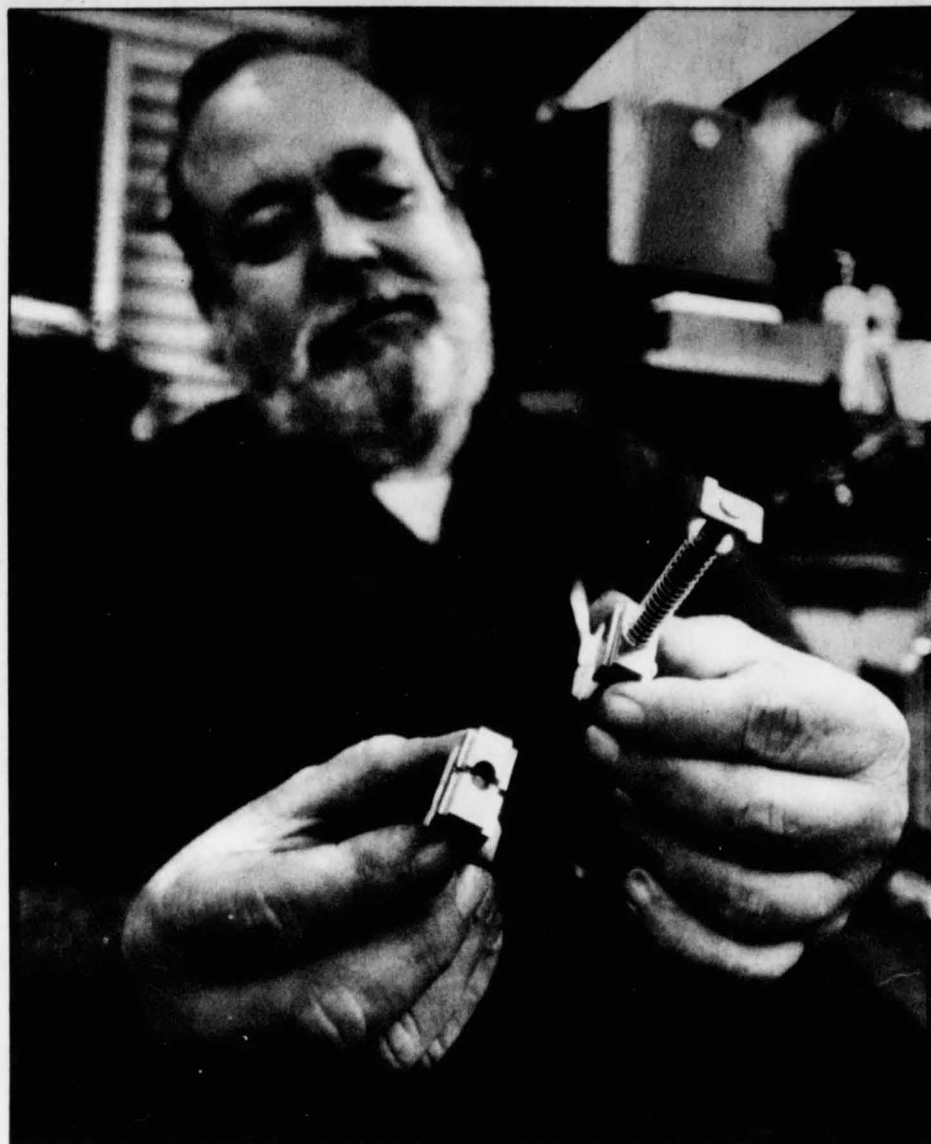
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Anna Marie Remedios — Daily staff photographer

Robert McElroy, a locksmith for the SJSU Department of Public Safety, displays one of the locks in the engineering building that was damaged during the Oct. 17 Loma Prieta earthquake.

## Engineering building still feels damage

By Anthony Cataldo  
Daily staff writer

A year into the aftermath of the Loma Prieta earthquake, many of the psychological anxieties incurred have subsided.

But apprehensions over the safety of the Engineering Building continue to gnaw at the bellies of a few on this campus.

"I'd condemn the building if it were me," said locksmith Robert "Mac" McElroy.

What prompts McElroy to make such a statement was that the day after the big quake he and another locksmith discovered that at least 70 percent of the new doors were jammed shut. It took them five hours to pry them open, McElroy said.

McElroy disassembled 10 lock-sets and found that six of them either were cracked or had slight fissures. When the lock-set, which connects the door to the door frame, is damaged, it is impossible to turn the door handle from the inside or the outside, McElroy said. No other locks have since been checked for damage, he added.

There are no confirmed reports of anyone being trapped in the new Engineering Building during last year's quake.

"He's overreacting," said Robert Trammell, assistant to the dean of the School of Engineering, about McElroy.

"I don't know of any door to any lab that was jammed during the earthquake," said School of Engineering Dean Jay Pinson.

Richard Plaughter, mechanical technician, has a different story.

After the earthquake he tried unsuccessfully to open a two double-doors in a first floor room where he was working alone.

"It occurred to me if I was laying here hurt on the floor nobody could help me," Plaughter said.

The last of three doors he found was open, allowing him to exit the building.

McElroy said a number of factors contributed to the jammed locks after the earthquake.

"The mortise locks we have cannot take the traffic,"



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During the October earthquake, door locks in the engineering building were damaged.

he said. Mortise locks differ from unit locks which are made of thicker metal and are more expensive.

A second problem is the higher-than-normal doors in the new building that range from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 feet and put more strain on the lock-sets, said McElroy.

And because many of the doors were installed with more than an 1/8-inch gap between the door and the door frame, the extra shifting space increases the possibility that the lock-set will pinch and jam the door, according to McElroy.

No other locks in any of the other university buildings were stuck after the quake, McElroy said.

"I don't know if 70 percent was an accurate figure. I know that a number of the door locks were damaged," said University Police Department Lieutenant Shannon Maloney. "Hammers and wedges" are being provided to open doors if they were to jam in the future, he said.

"From what I understand, it's about the only thing that can be done at this time," Maloney said.

Hank Hendrickson, director of operations, design, and construction, said that dialogue between SJSU and the subcontractor who installed the locks has been established.

Hendrickson said the subcontractor refuses to replace all the lock-sets with unit locks because it determined that the glitch was in the faulty way the doors were hung.

"We're saying we don't subscribe to that opinion," said Hendrickson.

Whether or not SJSU agrees with the subcontractor is irrelevant, said Hendrickson, because the two-year

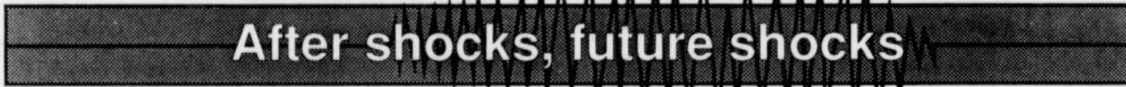
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## 'Big One' still has 67 percent probability of hitting

By Lori Sinsley  
Daily staff writer

It's coming. Sometime within the next 30 years, another earthquake, the size of last October's or greater, has a 67 percent probability of striking northern California, according to local experts.

Last year's Loma Prieta quake measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, caused 62 deaths and more than \$1 billion in damage. But it wasn't the big one. When the big one hits, scientists say the figures will be even higher.



### After shocks, future shocks

Whether San Jose can prepare to sustain another quake relatively unscathed — as it did a year ago today — remains unclear.

Short term costs, which will save lives and money in the long run, may prevent safety guidelines from being implemented,

according to city officials.

In the meantime, United States Geological Survey seismologists are planning for the big one. They can't say exactly when or where, but in a study released in July, they provided details of future quake pre-

dictions.

A pamphlet titled "The Next Big Earthquake — Are You Prepared?" highlights some of the findings of the USGS study. It was a joint information effort put together by the USGS, the American Red Cross and

the United Way.

The pamphlet includes guidelines on how to prepare, figures on earthquake insurance, graphics of the Bay Area's land base types and suggestions for making structures safer.

Copies of "The Next Big Earthquake" are available by writing to the U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, 94025.

There are four sections in the Bay Area that have a potential for an earthquake of a

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## Students still shook over quake

By Shellie Terry  
Daily staff writer

Although the Loma Prieta earthquake last October left many frightened, some SJSU students remain scared and unprepared a year later.

Nagja Bamji, a 28-year-old graduate student from India, moved to California one week before the earthquake. This was Bamji's first earthquake experience.

"I didn't know what was happening," Bamji said. "It was pretty scary not knowing a soul in California."

Bamji had to wait 48 hours to contact her family in India, who only heard of the major damage in the Bay Area.

"They were thinking the worst, and were surprised that we had no damage in the apartment," she said.

As a result, Bamji and her husband moved from Saratoga Avenue to a Fremont condominium because, according to a survey they consulted, it wasn't located on the fault line.

Other than moving to Fremont, the Bamjis haven't prepared for another major earthquake.

"It's sad to say, but the memory

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## Campus prepared better for next time

By Bryan Gold  
Daily staff writer

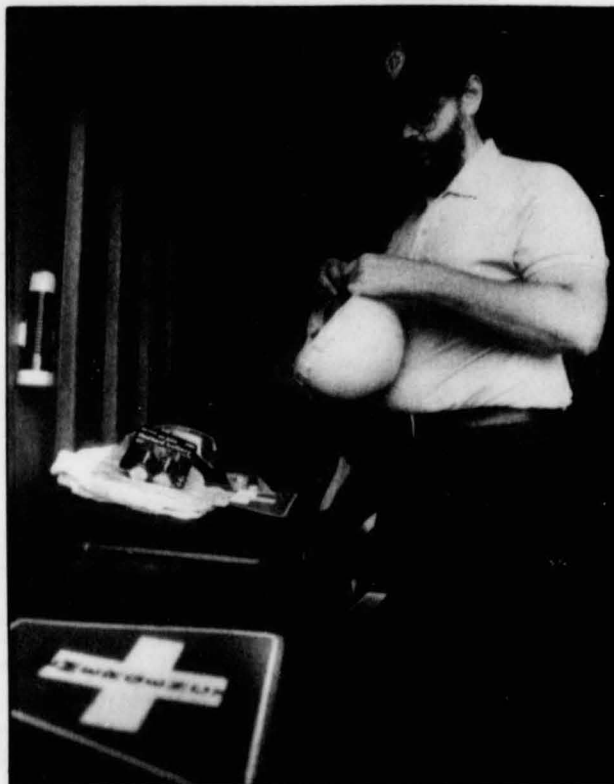
SJSU is in better shape for a major disaster now than it was before last year's Loma Prieta earthquake, according to Richard Staley, campus emergency preparedness coordinator.

"We are a lot better prepared but we are nowhere near ready," Staley said. "We are farther advanced than some of the CSU sister campuses."

Staley, the only emergency preparedness coordinator in the California State University system, was SJSU's public affairs officer before taking over his current duties in November after the earthquake that measured 7.1 on the Richter scale rocked Northern California.

"The administration was foresighted enough to know that Oct. 17 was just a drill. We dodged a bullet," Staley said regarding the creation of his position.

"I hope that people do remember that you can't take for granted that another one won't happen," said SJSU President Gail Fullerton in a press conference earlier this



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Richard Staley, emergency preparedness coordinator, shows the contents of one of the bins that would be used during an earthquake.

semester. "Structurally, the campus is in quite good shape. We know that we can withstand another 7.1 earthquake."

Staley said that he has accom-

plished a number of projects since assuming the position.

He has reviewed, updated, and created more than 30 pages of a

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## Stores stay in S.J. downtown area

By Susanna Cesar  
Daily staff writer

George Yuhasz looked through the racks of clothing at Hammer & Lewis Fashions with the awe of a small child in a candy shop that carries 50 varieties of chocolate bars.

The 21-year-old travelled from south San Jose to 19 N. First Street, because he knew the shop would have what he wanted.

Forty-five minutes later he was at the register with a black polyester-dacron blend tuxedo with a \$135 price tag on it.

"This would cost me \$60 to rent," said Yuhasz, who makes a living singing at church and private events.

After last October's earthquake left its Market Street building unsafe, Hammer & Lewis, which first opened its doors as a working men's clothing shop in 1921, relocated to a new downtown location in August.

"It's a vote of confidence for downtown," said Gayle Randazzo, retail marketing director for the San Jose Downtown Association.

Mary Velez, a co-owner of the store, said she wanted to keep the

shop downtown.

"I like downtown, my life is here," said Velez, who started to work for Hammer & Lewis in 1951.

Dressed in a body-hugging black dress with a green tape measure draped around her neck, the dark-haired woman looks younger than her 56 years.

She said the new location brings in both familiar and unfa-

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## Editor's note

The Sports and Features sections will not appear in today's Spartan Daily because of coverage of the anniversary of the Oct. 17, 1989 earthquake. These sections will run again Thursday.

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## EDITORIAL

## Plan for the real 'big one'

One year ago, the ground shook and life in the Bay Area was changed forever.

That's the popular view on the 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Unfortunately, if you consider San Jose as part of the bay, it probably doesn't wash. Many of us weren't affected by the quake, aside from the boredom the massive power outages caused. At least we weren't affected as much as our relatives, friends and fellow students faculty and staff who live in surrounding areas. Areas such as San Francisco, Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

Because of this, the earthquake has faded from our minds perhaps quicker than it has for others in the region. That's too bad because, according to everyone from the U.S. Geological Survey (who we believe) to pseudo-scientists who watch the reactions of cats (who we don't), agree another major quake is on the horizon. This one has the potential to wreak some major damage in San Jose.

So it's time to get ready.

The campus is already preparing, although even Richard Staley, the person in charge of such preparations, said the University is still lacking.

Some medical, repair and rescue supplies are stocked, but we need more. Basic first aid training should be given to 150 by the end of the year according to Staley.

We realize that the current budget crisis makes such speculative spending a low priority, but we'd rather not think about the consequences if the equipment isn't bought.

We also encourage you to begin preparing — have some supplies stockpiled, take time out to learn about the basic emergency procedures (how to turn off the gas, what to do while the building is shaking, etc.) and some basic first aid.

The American Red Cross and a host of other organizations publish the material — some is even as close as your Yellow Pages emergency preparedness guide.

The old adage is that lightning never strikes twice.

Experts say this time it may. In fact next time it may be worse.

We hope you're ready, because last time, for the most part, we were relatively unscathed.

The quake might not let San Jose off so easy next time.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Gay bashing, preserving the forum, clean up SJSU

## Special interests

Editor,

I want to thank Carlo Ariani for his Letter to the Editor (Oct. 11).

Gay Awareness Week is absurd. The thought of a group drawing attention to themselves because they are consistently ignored by the administration of SJSU is ludicrous. Mr. Ariani doesn't care about the gay community and that is good enough for me.

In fact, I'm sick of hearing these damn women complain about discrimination in the workplace. What do I care if they make half the salary for an equal amount of work? I'm sure that Mr. Ariani would back me up on this.

And enough of this black and hispanic business. I'm not a racist. I don't think that there are many racists on this campus. The whole idea of racism here at SJSU and lack of equal opportunity is a non-issue. Why waste time thinking about it?

Mr. Ariani was on the right track with devoting more attention to Columbus Day. We should be having a week of festivities to commemorate the founding of a New World, one which cheated and nearly exterminated that vile Indian race.

I hope that the idiocy of my comments is obvious. But judging from the level of intellect that Mr. Ariani has displayed thus far, I

hesitate to make any such assumption. The truth is, Mr. Ariani (and everyone who happens to read this), that this is not the 1950s. Why would anyone want to continue to live in an era characterized by ignorance, oppression, discrimination and intimidation? I certainly do not.

We have to realize, sooner or later, that we are living in one large community. What affects one affects us all. What concerns one should concern us all. It is because people don't realize this, Mr. Ariani, that so many suffer unnecessarily. Open your eyes and join the human race.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Spartan Daily. I did not expect the positive and extensive coverage given to the Gay Awareness Week.

Your staff has taken a badly needed step toward changing the "invisible" status of the gay community at SJSU. It is greatly appreciated.

Paul Krug  
Senior  
Journalism

## Liberals not dead

Editor,

Please tell Kevin Couch, "The Problems with Liberals," (Campus Voice Oct. 11) not to hold his breath waiting for liberal thought

to die out. Let him know that as long as we have to worry about electing elitist presidents like Reagan, who delighted in destroying social programs with one fell swoop of his big right wing, there will be liberals like me around to fight back.

Tell Kevin to wake up and smell the coffee. Most Republicans know by now that Reagan's economic policies were a dismal failure. Reagan spent a trillion dollars while he was president and what do we have to show for it? At least if liberals had spent that money, we'd have bought national health care, or better schools, and we'd have something to show for the money spent. From Reagan we got Star Wars nonsense and a half a trillion dollar debt.

Kevin doesn't believe in the necessity of government involvement in private business through affirmative action programs and thinks that the problem with deregulation is that it didn't go far enough. Racism and sexism are not going to disappear as long as there are people like you around who worry about "the excessive rights of the outer-realm" eating up the profits of the upper classes.

Our country was founded on the notion that all men were created equal, Kevin. You call the notion of balancing the rights of property owners with human rights "characteristic of lowly peasants in

medieval Europe." Read the Declaration of Independence, Kevin, and the Bill of Rights, especially the First Amendment. You might just discover the whole point of a democracy, that the common people are the whole source of political power.

It's true that American politics appears headed towards the right. Our conservative Supreme Court has been slowly chipping away at some of the rights society acquired back in the seventies. They haven't yet taken away a woman's right to choose an abortion, but last year they allowed the states to refuse to fund abortions. This indicates to me that conservatism is fueled more by old-fashioned Republican stinginess than by ideals regarding the right to life.

So if the Spartan Daily seems to lean a little to the left sometimes. Criticism of government doesn't necessarily come from the left, and even conservatives have plenty to complain about this administration.

Raul (Dominguez') editorial cartoon was effective in that it generated the thoughts that developed into the opinions that both you and I have expressed in this forum. I think the paper is doing a good job of fulfilling its obligation to keep its forum open

Claudia Bramkamp  
Junior  
Journalism

## A trashy campus

Editor,

Remember when you could walk into your class without your shoes sticking to the floor? Well, those days are gone, at least for now if nothing is done.

We've all seen the signs and labels all over campus reminding us that there should be "no food or drinks allowed in the classroom." But do we obey them?

Being a student myself, I know most of us don't pay attention to this. To be honest, I don't care to obey the signs myself. However, at least I don't leave my trash laying around after I leave.

I'm sure we would all like our learning environment to be the cleanest it could be so as not to

disrupt us from our studies.

One would assume that being college students we could be more mature about this and respect our surroundings and fellow students, especially in the classroom.

I'm proud to be an SJSU student. I chose to come here because of the education I'll receive and the people I'll meet. Not only does it hurt my pride with the university, but I also begin to lose respect in those who don't respect.

Don't be ignorant and just brush it off.

It's your school too. As it was said before, "use it, don't abuse it."

Joe Discipulo  
Senior  
Advertising

## Letters policy

Any letter or column for the Forum page must be turned into the Letters to the Editor box in the Spartan Daily newsroom, WLN 104, during office hours. Submissions may also be mailed to Forum Editor, The Spartan Daily, Department of Journalism, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA., 95192. Articles and letters must contain the author's name,

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**SpartaGuide**

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

**TODAY**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Agape Community Support, discussion on the short film "The Little Prince," 5:30-7:30 p.m., 300 S. 10th St., call 298-0204.

**BASKETBALL TEAM:** Looking for team managers, open to all SJSU students, call 924-1221.

**ART DEPARTMENT:** Student art shows, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., galleries; Lecture by David Best, "How to Keep Working," 5-6 p.m., Art Building Room 133; Openings, 6-8 p.m., Art Building, call 924-4330.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Resumes critiqued by experts on drop-in, first-come-first-served basis, 1-2:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6030; Counting on a career in accounting, professionals provide information on career opportunities, 3:30 p.m., S.U. Umunhum Room, call 924-6048; Choosing your aviation arena, professionals provide information on career oppor-

tunities, 4:30 p.m., S.U. Loma Prieta Room, call 924-6048.

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER:** Workshop-lecture, "Self defense for women," registration required, 4-6 p.m., S.U. Montalvo Room, call 924-6500.

**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Information on eligibility to join, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in front of S.U., call 293-4831.

**PRSSA:** Public Relations Student Society of America presentation by Brad Whitworth of Hewlett-Packard on employee communications, 7 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 248-5683.

**CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT:** Fall Seminar Series: Susan M. Kauzlarich, UC-Davis, "Structure and Properties of Ternary Transition Metal Pnictides and Oxides," 4:30 p.m., Duncan Hall Room 135, call 924-5000.

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** Prevention Education Program's alcohol responsibility skit competition for prizes, 7-10 p.m., S.U. Loma Prieta Room, call 924-5945.

**SPARTAN TRACK CLUB:** Workout, 3 p.m., South Campus track, call 971-8764.

**AKABAYANG:** General meeting, 2:30-4 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 947-8740.

**THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT:** Henrik Ibsen's dramatic tragedy "A Doll House," 2 p.m., University Theatre at Fifth and San Fernando streets, call 924-4551.

**CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION:** Educational forum on the CSU budget with state legislators, 5-7:30 p.m., University Club, 408 S. Eighth St., call 924-3735.

**A.S. PROGRAM BOARD:** Wednesday Night Cinema, "Die Hard II," 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Morris Dailey Auditorium, call 924-6263.

**THURSDAY**

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** The Catholic Adventure, 7 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, 10th and San Carlos streets, call 298-0204.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Bible study of Jeremiah, 12:30-1:30 p.m., S.U. Montalvo Room, call 298-0204.

**A.S. LEISURE SERVICES:** Last day to sign up for Sailing #213, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., A.S. Business Office in S.U., call 924-5961.

**S.A.F.E.R.:** Student Affiliation for Environmental Respect meeting, 5 p.m., Dudley Moorhead Hall Room 235A.

**HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CLUB:** Meeting, speaker from Career Planning and Placement Center, 5-6 p.m., S.U.

Montalvo Room, call 984-5346.

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** Student Health Service and Prevention Education Program's "Sex, Alcohol and More in the '90s," 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union middle level, call 448-0830.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Macy's department stores Christmas season recruitment, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Business Classroom Building Room 1, call 924-6048; Creating career choices in psychology, professionals provide information on opportunities, 12:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6048; Co-op orientation, professional work-experience program, 7:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6030.

**PRSSA:** Public Relations Society of America dinner meeting, \$15 at door, 6 p.m., Palo Alto Holiday Inn, for carpool information, call 248-5683.

**GALA AND SIR:** Marvin Liebman, co-founder of "The National Review," speaks of being publicly gay, 6:30-7:15 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 236-2002.

**CALMECA PROJECT:** Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Chicano Resource Center.

**SEMESTER IN BATH PROGRAM:** Information Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Faculty Office Building Room 104, call 924-2484.

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** Prevention Education Program members and SJSU police hand out leaflets at Seventh and 10th Street garages, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; As the Bell Tolls sponsored by the Athletic Department, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Wahluist Library; Controlled drinking experiment, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., S.U., call 924-5945.

**PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION:** General meeting with guest speaker, 5:30-7 p.m., Student Council Chambers S.U.

**KARATE CLUB:** Working on improving Kata and Kumite techniques, 7:30-9 p.m., Spartan Complex Room 202.

**SKI CLUB:** Bowling night, 7:30 p.m., Oakridge Lanes, call 462-5717.

**ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE:** General

meeting, 5:00 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 287-6336.

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL:** Guest speaker Zenaida Velasquez, Noon-1 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers; Weekly meeting, 7 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers, call 274-9353.

**PHYSICS DEPARTMENT:** Seminar on "Neutron Focusing Using Microguides," by D. Mildner, 1:30 p.m., Science Building Room 251, call 924-5244.

**CHICANO URBAN RESOURCE CENTER:** Brown Bag Seminar Series, Dr. Richard Sanchez, Noon-1 p.m., Wahluist Library North Room 307, call 924-2707.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Interview Preparation, 1:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6030.

**CFA, other unions holding budget forum**

By Bryan Gold  
Daily staff writer

The California Faculty Association, in a joint effort with other unions on campus, will hold a forum to discuss the California State University budget and budget cuts at 5 p.m. today at the University Club.

The topic of the forum, open to all students, faculty and staff, will be the budget cuts and the impact they will have on SJSU, said Barbara Renteria, CFA field representative.

Renteria said the purpose of the forum is to inform the public and state legislators "that the changes that need to be made are the prioritizing of the budget for education and instruction.

"Our most important idea is instructional," Renteria said. "We want to make sure that instructors are not overworked and that they have sufficient time to prepare and instruct."

She said speakers will present topics relating to the budget. The speakers will be:

- Kristi Nowak, A.S. vice president, who will briefly describe the effect of the budget cuts on students.

- CFA Budget Specialist Paul Worthman, who will present a summary of the SJSU budget crisis. He will be coming from CFA headquarters in Los Angeles.

- Judy Reynolds, head of library education, who will describe the

effect on SJSU library services.

Representatives from a trade union and SJSU custodians will speak "on the issue of contracting out," Renteria said.

"We contend that it is not cheaper to contract out. It may be risky because they are not employees of SJSU. They are employees of an outside company who may not be committed to SJSU."

Renteria said that among the guests that are scheduled to appear are California state Sen. Alfred Alquist and Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. Renteria said that the guests are endorsed by the CFA. "The state legislators are the ones who made the budget," Renteria said. "They have the opportunity to respond to the public."

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK '90 "As the Bell Tolls"		
WEDNESDAY October 17	THURSDAY October 18	FRIDAY October 19
<p><b>TODAY</b></p> <p><b>ALCOHOL and SEX HEALTH DAY</b> Student Union 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Back to Basic Blues</b> Amphitheatre 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>UPD ROAD BLOCK</b> Controlled Drinking Experiment KSJS will do a live remote on campus with CHP and UPD 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>As the Bell Tolls</b> Athletic Department 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVE MUSIC: GRINDERS</b> Amphitheatre 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>PEP Student Assistants</b> information table at the Union.</p> <p>Authentic Russian Rock Band <b>Brigadiers</b> Amphitheatre 12:00 noon</p>
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## Cyprus structure hero still feels the pain after a year

OAKLAND (AP) — As Robert Hansen drove past a desolate stretch where the Cypress freeway collapsed, tears flooded his eyes when he recognized Robert "Raven" Majors.

Hansen had seen the muscular, tattooed Majors in news reports helping rescue a woman crushed in a commuter van when a double-decker section of Highway 880 buckled, killing 42 people.

He also knew Majors had tried to help his father, James Hansen, who burned to death nearby in his pickup truck.

"I wanted to meet you. My father was the one who died in the pickup," said Hansen, shaking Majors' hand one month before the anniversary of the Oct. 17 earthquake.

Meeting the son was a bittersweet reminder for Majors, 37, who became both a hero and a victim of the 7.1-magnitude quake that killed 67 people.

"It really upsets me because I came face-to-face with the son of someone I couldn't help because the passage was too narrow," said Majors, who vividly recalls the face of James Hansen trapped as fire overtook him.

Majors, a reggae guitarist, never regained full use of his thumb, broken as he saved the life of a woman dangling 25 feet above on the smoldering ruin.

A fear of bridges he overcame before the quake is back stronger than ever, and he pulls his van to the side before crossing the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

When the subterranean waves hit at 5:04 p.m., Majors ran from his home through dust so thick he couldn't see the freeway.

Despite fears an aftershock would bring the concrete down, he climbed a tree and crawled into the wreckage of a University of California-San Francisco commuter van, helping to free three women. Five women died.

He was cited for heroism by the city and the California Highway Patrol and will be honored by a local television station Oct. 25.

A teetotaler before the disaster, he began drinking and took time off work as a security guard. He was fired in a mixup over his schedule, but the company vice president agreed to reinstate him, Majors said.

The quake gave him a new appreciation for life, but made it more painful to see crack cocaine users on his streets.

"I love the people in my neighborhood, and I see a lot of them drinking their lives away and getting high and it's tearing me up and it's the earthquake that made me think this way."

## Residents not prepared for next major quake in California, authorities say

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Californians are better prepared than residents of other states for a killer earthquake, but that's not enough, officials, social workers and community groups said.

"While we're exemplary, that doesn't mean we're prepared. We're not close to being prepared," state Assemblyman Rusty Arrias told a committee hearing in San Francisco on Oct. 11.

Ignorance of emergency plans, lack of coordination among agencies and difficulty obtaining relief money complicated the response to the Oct. 17, 1989 earthquake, which killed 67 people and did an estimated \$6 billion in damage, witnesses said.

They told the State Assembly Committee on Earthquake Preparedness and Natural Disasters, which is trying to work out a statewide preparedness plan, that those same problems threaten current plans.

"If we had another earthquake tomorrow, we'd have no idea what to do," said Dr. Ken Passamaneck, a psychiatrist who heads a program providing mental health services to San Francisco's elderly.

After last year's quake, when police and firefighters discovered cracks in one apartment building with many older residents, officials evacuated residents to a private high school, apparently un-

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— Dr. Ken Passamaneck, S.F. psychiatrist

aware that existing plans called for evacuation to a public high school with a generator, Passamaneck said.

Afterward, there was no one to take the elderly back to their dark, quake-trashed apartments, and few to help them fill out complicated applications for aid, he said.

"I think we were all ill-prepared and had inadequate training," he said.

In Watsonville, where many people were left homeless by the magnitude 7.1 quake, federal, state and local agencies and volunteers worked together well — for a while, said City Councilwoman Betty Murphy, who was mayor at the time of the quake.

"We had a plan. The plan was rehearsed. The people were informed, and it worked pretty well — initially," she said. "When we had trouble with people setting up independent shelters that weren't adequate, weren't safe, weren't sanitary and dealing directly with the state."

"People were dumping (food and supplies) off at these shelters and things were wasted," she said. Despite good intentions, gov-

ernment and private relief workers didn't understand the special needs of the community about 75 miles south of San Francisco, which is largely Spanish-speaking, she said.

In San Francisco's Chinatown, city workers didn't post signs in Chinese indicating which buildings were off-limits because of damage, said Lorraine Low, community organizer for Asian Neighborhood Design.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos

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and Julia Brown, head of Oakland's Office of Economic Development and Employment, expressed frustration over the red tape and delays in filing for relief from the federal government.

In San Francisco, advocates for the homeless had to go to court to get temporary housing assistance, and in Oakland, 13 businesses are still waiting for answers on their federal loan applications.

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miliar faces and that she is happy with her move — so happy, she bought the building.

But times weren't always good for Velez. Her family immigrated from Puerto Rico 38 years ago. She wandered into Hammer & Lewis when she was 17, looking for her first job, and immediately hit it off with then-owner, Sig Hammer.

Hammer hired Velez and took her under his wing, she said.

She didn't have the proper clothes to wear to work, so Hammer's wife took Velez shopping and to the hair dresser.

"He only had one daughter," Velez said in a thick Spanish accent.

It was also Hammer who nicknamed Velez. Her real name was Felicia, but Hammer thought it was too hard to pronounce and called her "Mary," and it stuck.

The downtown Velez remembers is much different than what is there today.

The downtown San Jose of the 1950s boasted major department stores — J.C. Penney, Harts, Roos Bros. and Hales, and specialty stores, such as Blums women's clothing. Major financial institutions were located downtown and Plaza Park was home to city hall.

"You could get everything there," said Leslie Masunaga, archivist for the San Jose Historical Museum.

Velez can recall when there were crowds of people flooding the streets, especially during the holiday season.

Now customers could park and enjoy the ease of shopping in one location, Masunaga said.

Businesses soon packed their

bags and left downtown. About the same time, city hall moved to the North First Street area. What was left was a lot of dirt parking lots, Masunaga said.

The Redevelopment Agency of San Jose was established in 1956 and in the 1980s an urban renewal project began.

About \$1 billion in development as taken place downtown and projects have included the Pavillion

Shops, the Fairmont Hotel and the Convention Center, according to Anna Harshbarger, spokeswoman for the redevelopment agency.

Velez is pleased with the new downtown, she said.

Now she and her 38-year-old son Irving own Hammer & Lewis. They took over the tradition in 1977 when Hammer became ill.

Few things have changed there though. The original cash register still keeps track of money and generations of families still shop there. But the shop has expanded it's horizons and now carries clothing for both sexes.

"We have something for everyone," said Irving, who, dressed in a brightly-colored shirt, bolla tie and

funky shoes, is a walking advertisement for the store.

The self-made businessman started his working career by shining shoes when he was 11-years old and eventually went to work for Hammer & Lewis when he was 16.

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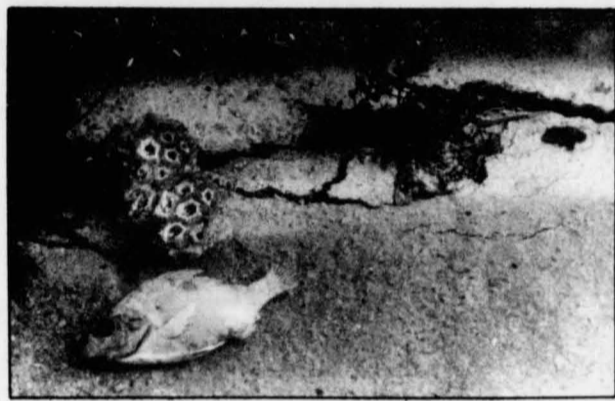
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# The fate of Moss Landing



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Above, a seminar room at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories is damaged from the October quake. The laboratories, which were used by SJSU students before the 7.1 earthquake, are closed permanently. Left, lab specimens, including this fish, were killed when their containers fell to the ground. Approximately 50 people were present when the earthquake hit, but no one was injured.

# Quake forced one shopkeeper to stay in Pacific Garden Mall

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — Tom Rader can forget about retirement.

The Oct. 17 earthquake killed his plans to sell Rader's Jewelry & Loan, one of the few shops on the Pacific Garden Mall spared by the shaking.

Aside from a few thousand dollars in damage, minor for the mall, the store hasn't changed. But the street outside has.

Scaffolds and fences line the tree-shaded thoroughfare a year after the 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake crumbled and cracked the mall's old brick buildings, more than two dozen of which were destroyed or later demolished. A trickle of shoppers walk streets that used to be jammed with tourists combing coffee shops, antique stores and boutiques.

"We were thinking of selling it and retiring. This kind of puts a damper on it," said Rader, who's owned the 30-year-old pawn shop with his brother, Bob, since 1972. "We'll have to stay for awhile to build it back up."

Most of his neighbors on the mall before the quake were forced out by the damage and set up shop in plastic tent pavilions a block away. They won't move back until there's a promise of profit. About

100 of the city's 630 businesses never resurfaced.

For now, the brothers share the mall with a smattering of other shops, construction crews, painters and architects.

"Everybody who's planning on rebuilding here is kind of holding back to see what the other guys do. So everything is moving kind of slow," Tom Rader said.

Sidewalk musicians strum to a rhythm of power tools and pounding, as crews work to restore decades-old buildings.

"In October, after it happened, it was really depressing. Now, people are bouncing back. There still are some neat hangouts," said Jonathan Benack, 20, a student at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

He said the quake had one benefit.

"One good thing I can get out of it — less tourists," he said.

Despite a plunge in business in the months after the quake, Rader's has a steady stream of regulars who come by to hock or buy televisions, toasters, violins and guitars.

Santa Cruz, with 50,000 resi-

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dents, sustained about \$112 million in damage, \$51 million of it to businesses. The quake damaged or destroyed nearly half the Pacific Garden Mall — about 130 buildings — and claimed three lives.

Like the others left on the mall, Rader closely follows developments in city-led repairs.

A proposal to increase the sales tax in Santa Cruz County goes before voters in November. Supporters say the plan could raise \$40 million in revenue.

Santa Cruz city officials are considering a plan to bring in a six-theater cinema where the mall's anchor department store used to be. There's also a plan for an office building across the street from the cinema and a city-run parking garage.

A record store and a clothing chain outlet liven up the block. A few eateries are back in action.

# Terror, fear of quakes persist for some

OAKLAND (AP) — For Connie Bishop, a simple thing like changing lanes is enough to jolt her back to Oct. 17, 1989.

"I still don't like those little reflector bumps someone sold to the highway. You hear that thump thump when you change lanes, and you try to catch your breath," Bishop said.

She was driving on the upper tier of Highway 880's Cypress

structure when it crumbled in the 7.1 earthquake, killing 42 people. She felt what she thought was a flat tire, then saw the freeway wobble and a huge section yards in front of her sink to the bottom deck.

Uninjured, Bishop put her experience to work.

"It was probably the biggest rush of adrenaline I've had in 37 years," she recalled. "I kind of

went into my old staff nurse mode. After about a minute or two, I was checking out people's injuries. It's second nature."

Quake nightmares and sudden bursts of fear of "the big one" persist for many Northern Californians. Those who experienced the quake's worst devastation may still suffer severe, on-going stress and anger.

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# BUILDING

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warranty on the lock-sets has expired.

"We're going to have to solve that problem at San Jose State," Hendrickson said. He added that he will wait for a recommendation from the lock shop before any decisions are made.

The Engineering Building is also in the midst of a bureaucratic quandary in its effort to make quake-damage repairs. Some damages have been attended to and are awaiting federal compensation while some haven't been repaired at all.

Total cost to repair the building will be more than \$64,000, according to Jim Hill, director of purchasing and logistical services. Costs to replace damaged equipment totalled \$20,050. Replacing the ceramic tiles is estimated to cost \$24,000 and repairs to cracked wall board will run as high as \$19,825. Other minor mendings will also be attended to, he added.

"I think we came through in flying colors," said Pinson about the damage to the \$27 million building. "I know people that had ten times that much damage to their homes."

SJSU is in the process of applying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a supplemental damage survey report, which is basically a request to cover the cost of bid design documents, said Warren Weeks, FD&O design and construction manager.

These documents were not included in the original damage assessment, Weeks said.

"We probably didn't move as expeditiously as we should have," Trammell said.

# REACT

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is short," Bamji said. "I should do more. I'll probably be more scared of the next one because I'll know what's happening."

Some people who knew what was happening last October have prepared themselves, but also feel they should do more.

"We all know now to turn off the gas," said Shirley Arata, 23, marketing major. Arata said she has five gallons of water ready, as well as flash lights and candles.

Amy Kaswen, 23, liberal studies major got together her flash light and radio, but isn't ready for another quake.

"I had a hard time handling the after shocks," she said. "I'm better prepared to deal with it now than I was before because I'll know what happens and the consequences."

Marsha Kertz, a 44-year-old accounting instructor, was born in Palo Alto and experienced earthquakes before, but was particularly bothered by last year's.

"The thing that got to me the most was the media coverage," Kertz said. "The more I heard, the more uncomfortable I felt. I have a renewed respect for the experience."

During the October quake, Kertz's office was located on the second floor of the Business Tower, where had a book case fall over.

Kertz isn't afraid of her new eighth floor office, but her book cases are now bolted to the walls.

One student actually didn't mind the earthquake. Bob Cowles, 45, a graduate student who lives in Sonoma wasn't afraid.

"I actually like (earthquakes), they're kind of exciting," Cowles said.

Cowles believes that although California is better prepared than it was during the 1906 earthquake, it should have been more prepared for the October quake.

"The damage in San Francisco were things that had been forewarned, they just didn't do anything about it," Cowles said. "People who lived in the Marina district knew they lived on unsafe land."

Bruce Handa, 22, an economics and political science major knew immediately at 5:04 the quake was bad, but afterwards, wasn't surprised.

"It's one of those things you have to expect when you live in California," said Handa, who is originally from San Jose.

# QUAKE

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seven magnitude or greater," said David Oppenheimer, a seismologist with the USGS in Menlo Park.

Three sections run along the Hayward Fault. The fourth is part of the San Andreas Fault.

"Each of these has a 20 to 25 percent probability of erupting," Oppenheimer said. "The numbers added together bring the probability for all these faults up to 67 percent in the next 30 years."

Probability is calculated by measuring when a fault last ruptured, the built up strain, and how fast the strain is accumulating.

Using laser ranging instruments, seismologists measure distances from one benchmark to another, studying how specific peaks are moving past each other, according to Oppenheimer.

San Jose's geographic location was a large factor in it's being able to withstand an earthquake.

The soil San Jose sits upon is a major determining factor in its ability to stand up to earthquakes.

One reason the city fared so well is because of "fairly stable ground that doesn't magnify effects of earthquakes," said Ted Buckius, the city's building administrator.

San Jose's "soil is not high in clays or water tables, both of which, during earthquakes, undergo a liquefaction process, similar to what happens when dry sand is added to water in a glass — the volume decreases," he said.

As a result, only a few down-

town buildings suffered major damage. City Hall's marble floors cracked, a sign crashed to the ground from atop the California Commerce Bank building at Market and West St. John Streets, water leaked from the Center for the Performing Arts and the Convention Center and the city's main gas lines were out.

"The damage in San Jose wasn't that significant," Buckius said.

In an effort to see San Jose successfully through the big one, the city council appointed an ad hoc committee that is looking into mandatory retrofitting for all unreinforced masonry buildings. Committee members are made up of downtown business and property owners, real estate experts and engineers.

"The council requested we come up with a policy regarding reinforcement standards for any building that's made from unreinforced masonry," said Joe Guerra III, a committee member specializing in real estate.

According to Guerra, most of these buildings are one to three stories, erected in the early '30s.

As far as the cost of strengthening structures, "It's gonna cost a lot," Guerra said, "much more than anyone's gonna be willing to pay."

But, it will save lives and property in the long run, he added.

Because of the high construction costs, the committee may recommend that building owners receive property tax breaks as incentives to pay for strengthening structures. Building permit fees may also be waived for structures yet to be erected.

# PREPARE

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multi-hazard campus plan, he said.

"Oct. 17 caused us to take a very sober look on what went right and what went wrong," Staley said.

Another project is that by the end of this year, about 150 SJSU faculty and staff will be trained in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, two more people have received their teaching certification in first aid and CPR. Staley said that his goal is for instructors to offer two courses a month at no cost.

Staley said that SJSU has acquired two facilities to store emergency equipment. The equipment includes supplies, forcible entry equipment and a 1953 prepackaged hospital.

"The hospital is a Cold War relic, and many of the supplies are still useful. . . just to have them," Staley said.

The medical supplies are 37 years old but are packaged and still usable, according to Staley.

SJSU has also acquired an emergency occupation center, a school bus with lockers with the capacity to monitor events during a disaster.

According to Staley, an eight-foot long status board will be placed on the bus and the board will note the present condition of the campus and the status in the disaster aftermath.

"We learned that it would be helpful to have a map," Staley said. "It would be useful to know meteorology. We have to be able to

answer questions like 'will it rain' and 'will it be cold outside'."

The University Room will be the central meeting location in the event of a major disaster, according to Staley.

Campus radio station KSJS (90.7 FM) and the Amateur Radio Club will also play key roles as sources of information in the event of a disaster.

"As for KSJS, we plan to involve them as far as education is concerned," he added. "We want to direct them to KSJS for information because the campus has been designated by the power company as an essential service."

A grant of \$100,000 from the CSU system was given to SJSU to supply generators on the roof of Wahquist Library North to provide power for KSJS.

"We have a contract with amateur radio. They have a specific legal assignment," Staley said.

In addition to Staley, others are getting involved in making the campus better prepared.

The development of the Emergency Response Team and the Building Emergency Team will aid Staley on campus during a disaster.

The ERT will be responsible for chemical spills while the B.E.T., "the first line of defense," according to Staley, and will be accountable for evacuating buildings, reporting emergencies, and helping the injured.

Performing these functions requires volunteers.

Trish Dillon, administration assistant in the human resources department, is the volunteer coordinator.

"The department is responsible for coordinating the volunteer effort," Dillon said. "We put people in the best places where their skills can be utilized. Skills are going to be needed."

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