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Scheller house bid date extended two weeks

University gives bidders more time to research costs of site restoration

By Corey Tresidder
Daily staff writer

In the best interest of SJSU, the deadline for bids for the Scheller house has been extended to Friday at 2 p.m., according to Kim Woodard, campus facilities planner and the building's bid solicitor.

The original deadline was set for March 29 at 2 p.m. but the university wanted to give the prospective bidders adequate time to research and produce a bid, Woodard said.

Many of the prospective bidders are not contractors and do not have connections afforded to builders.

"We have a list of 23 or 24 possible bidders that we believe intend to submit a bid," Woodard said. "Most of the ques-

tions I've gotten concerning the requirements for an adequate bid have been intelligent and thoughtful."

Woodard also stated that all prospective bidders have been informed of the extension.

At the pre-bid meeting held March 21 the issue of returning the area surrounding the Scheller house to its condition before moving was addressed.

Alan Freeman, SJSU space management and facilities planner, said the university added a clause to the bid requirements after the meeting.

"We wanted to protect the university from having the lot left in a disaster," Freeman said. "So we are requiring that the successful bidder replant the trees and bushes on the lot once the house is gone."

Freeman also said the deadline was extended to give the City of San Jose an opportunity to come up with a plan of



Daily file photo

Bids for the destruction of Scheller house are due by Friday.

action.

City Council members David Pandori and Judy Stabile have been interested in the house, and Pandori has shown a desire to keep the house in the district he represents, said Freeman. However, Freeman restated, the house will not remain where it is.

The university expects bids to be submitted at Friday's public meeting in the Facilities Development and Operations building at 404 E. San Fernando St. Woodard said she does not expect any bids to be submitted before the meeting.

Suspect released due to lost court records

By Chris Lillie
Daily staff writer

An SJSU student accused of attempting to rape and bite the lip off a 44-year-old woman is currently free because the county court temporarily lost the complaint filed against him, University Police said.

Ricardo Navarro, 23, has yet to be arraigned on charges of attempted rape and attempted mayhem, according to UPD Spokesman Dick Staley.

"Apparently the court misplaced the complaint," Staley said. "The complaint did not make it to the arraignment. The complaint was in fact found after the suspect was released."

"That's what I'm told what happened," said Richard Titus, the Santa Clara County deputy district attorney responsible for prosecuting Navarro's case. "There was a complaint on file and the defendant was erroneously released."

UPD officers arrested Navarro the night of

March 17 after he allegedly exposed himself to the victim near Spartan Memorial Chapel, bit her face and lip and attempted to rape her, according to UPD.

Navarro was then booked into Santa Clara County jail on suspicion of attempted rape and attempted mayhem, Staley said.

The suspect was scheduled to appear in municipal court at 2 p.m. March 20 but was released because the complaint was missing, Titus said.

UPD is now pursuing an arrest warrant for Navarro, Staley said, adding that the warrant could be obtained as early as Thursday and Navarro arrested as early as Friday.

The alleged assault appeared similar to attacks depicted in the hit movie, "The Silence of the Lambs," which described and showed one character biting the nose and face of another.

However, Staley declined to speculate whether the movie had any role in Navarro's alleged attack.

Groping groupies



Hillary Schalit — Daily staff photographer

Material Issue band members and one of their roadies were mobbed by concert-going fans wanting autographs on the free posters handed out after

the band played to a packed Student Union Amphitheater Friday. Material Issue played to SJSU students as well as local teenagers who gath-

ered enough nerve to weather the crowd. The amphitheater concert was sponsored by modern rock radio station Live 105 FM.

Message system goes down overnight

By Carolyn Swaggart
Daily staff writer

The Voice Mail system was down Friday, the victim of a "corruption in the database," that threatened to spread to every Voice Mail system on campus, according to Karen McCarty, director of telecommunications.

The communications began around 4:45 p.m. on Thursday night, when a fault in the software that controls Voice Mail appeared in 70 mailboxes.

The light on the mailboxes would appear, notifying users that a message was stored. However, they couldn't retrieve the messages.

Specialists from Intercom, the technicians who service the VMX manufactured mailboxes, were able to fix the problem temporarily. However, after running some additional tests in the morning, the problem was identified.

It was deemed as being potentially serious, and the specialists advised starting repairs immediately.

"It was an unplanned repair," commented McCarty. "We had a system problem."

All departments were alerted prior to the shutdown of the Voice Mail system, and the 70 mailboxes were isolated, McCarty said.

At 11 a.m., the shutdown began. They then proceeded to do a "master rebuilding of the system," a procedure that would take them an estimated 17 hours to complete.

The procedure consisted of reconstructing the files and replacing the ones that were corrupted.

The last time a system shutdown occurred was on Oct. 24, when there was

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Quake drill response positive

Emergency preparedness lacking

By Robert W. Scoble
Daily staff writer

Most students — even though it is only a year and a half after the Loma Prieta earthquake — are not prepared for a real disaster, Dick Staley said, and that is one reason that SJSU had an earthquake drill and campus evacuation Tuesday.

Staley, SJSU emergency preparedness coordinator, headed last week's drill and evacuation. While the results from the drill are positive, he said, it was needed to get the campus in shape for the next emergency. "If you value your life, you ought to pay attention."

While talk like that may turn off students who lived through the last

earthquake and think that the "Big One" is a hoax, Staley is paid to save student's lives and he gets mad when students and teachers don't take emergency preparedness seriously.

"By God, it is going to happen again," he said of the October 17, 1989 earthquake. "That's why I take these drills very seriously."

He points to the fact that the Hayward Fault is only seven miles from campus and could cause much more damage to the campus than the Loma Prieta quake.

The drills are planned months in advance and play an important part of the disaster planning for the campus. "You do drills to find

problems," he said. "This is not somebody's idea of a jolly time."

"You don't just say, hey let's have a drill and pull the alarms at 10 o'clock," he said. The latest drill was also part of a statewide earthquake preparedness drill and education event.

What would happen, he asked, if someone pulled a fire alarm and nothing happened because the alarm system didn't work? "That's a real problem," he said.

The campus evacuations allow him to test every alarm at once. "We have gained data that is absolutely invaluable."

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Math professor dies of cancer

Paul Byrd, a former SJSU mathematics professor, died of cancer on Tuesday, March 26. He was 74.

Byrd, who served 31 years on the faculty, was known by his students and fellow faculty as a man in love with numbers and dedicated to his students.

"I remember him as a very energetic man who enjoyed working with students more than anything," said Dr. Veril Phillips, chair of the mathematics and computer science department.

"He was a champion problem solver, and he could solve the most difficult problems published in mathematics magazines," Phillips said.

"He leaves some tangible things in his articles, but his spirit and his love of mathematics is his major contribution," Phillips said.

Byrd continued his regular teaching duties when he fell last year, but continued to work with some students on an individual basis as recently as February.

He received his master's degree from the University of Chicago

and was beginning his doctorate work when World War II called him to duty. An Army officer and meteorologist, he was wounded in battle in Italy in 1944.

Byrd later went to work for NASA/Ames as a research scientist, and in 1958 began teaching part time at SJSU.

He was hired by SJSU in 1974. He became an associate professor in 1975, and a full professor in 1983. He was one of the first black tenured professors at the university.

A private service was held last week, and Byrd's remains were scattered at sea.

—Brooke Shelby Biggs



P.F. Byrd

EDITORIAL

Recycling plan sensible

If the profit motive is the fuel that drives people to step up production, it would follow that the prospect of losing cash would persuade people to produce less. This is the exact reasoning that the San Jose City Council subscribed to when it approved preliminary plans to drive up the garbage bills for those households who don't even wince at the profligate amounts of trash they throw away.

For us it is apparent by this vote that the gravity of the environmental struggles before us has finally infiltrated into local concerns. The plan calls for a three-tier garbage rate based on the amount of garbage wasted for every household. Discouraging vast waste would work just as paying a penalty exceeding water rationing limits persuades people to save water. Enforcement in the form of monetary fines, although perennially cursed at, are most

likely to be successful. It would be the perfect method to goad those who still refuse to recycle to do their part.

There was one dissenter among the council members whose complaints, we feel, amount to nothing more than a bleating blunder. Councilman David Pandori insists that the new plans might lead to illegal dumping.

Although there will always be minor outlaws, we don't foresee the masses making stealthy 2 a.m. treks to empty lots in order to save a few dollars.

Besides, San Jose already has one of the cheapest unlimited garbage rates in the valley, according to Recycle America.

But don't stop there, San Jose. The environmental movement is only beginning to make a dent in our landfill crises.

Corrections and amplifications

Due to a reporting error, last Thursday's issue of CenterStage inaccurately stated the cover charges for Club Oasis in the article, "Local clubs offer students low costs, big fun."

The article should have stated that the Oasis admits students without a cover charge every Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

CAMPUS VOICE — W. THOMAS BOOTHE

Dismal student participation calls for A.S. election reforms

Less than 6.6 percent of SJSU's students cast ballots in this year's Associated Students general election. Three board of directors seats failed to attract a student - any student - candidate. Those three seats are equivalent to one quarter of the total membership of the board! Only two "races" out of the 18 electoral "contests" allowed students a choice between declared candidates at all!

Are we, collectively, so apathetic, dispassionate, and ignorant a group with regard to campus matters and our education, in general, that we rightfully and fairly deserve to be dismissed - consequently disregarded by our leadership, student and institutional?

Do these marginally elected student leaders, brought by this same system to power and influence over the A.S. care?

The State Education Code states that: "A student body organization may be established at any state college or university under the supervision of the college or university officials..."

John W. Francis, attorney at law, retained by the A.S. writes: "The

provisions shall be designed to allow all those eligible to vote complete access to all information on issues and candidates."

The A.S. is an auxiliary organization created under the authority of Section 89300 of the Education Code to which more than 30,000 students must belong as a condition of matriculated enrollment. We each pay mandatory fees to this association, currently \$18 per semester, and it directly controls a budget which exceeds \$2 million dollars, annually, making the A.S. of SJSU one of the largest and wealthiest student associations in this state or nation.

So why can't our A.S. effectively solicit more ballots and input from students? And why don't the student services professionals who can so quickly find and assert "supervisory" authority devise an effective system which truly allows "all those eligible to vote complete access to all information on issues and candidates?"

I believe they can, if they care and if they choose to... but again the proof is in the pudding.

I am voluntarily a member of other

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supervision of student body elections is arguably within the scope of that authority." Mr. Francis clearly respects and even asserts the institutional "supervisory" role. Does this "supervisory" role imply institutional responsibility for insuring A.S. compliance with other sections of the State Education Code and state statutes?

Election of officers and board members states: "Each auxiliary organization shall establish, by constitution, statute, bylaws, or resolution, provisions for elections of officers and board members. These

equally large non-profit organizations that command possibly smaller discretionary budgets while better informing me with regard to the election of officers and directors of said organization. They accomplish this by compiling information about candidates and issues and mailing this information with a postage prepaid ballot to my home address. I can open this packet and then read about the issues and candidates I am asked to vote on. I am allowed time to consider my choices and I vote in the privacy and confidence of my own home. I then mail my ballot to a



Raúl Dominguez — Spartan Daily

REPORTER'S FORUM —

— PRECY CORREOS



Foreigners deserve tolerance, respect

One afternoon I stopped in at the Chinese takeout next to Peanuts restaurant called Little Palace. Chicken chow-mein sounded really good so I asked the Asian woman behind the counter how long it'll take.

"About 30 minutes," she said. "Thirty minutes?" I said, "that'll take too long, I have to be at work by that time."

Then she said getting frustrated, "No, 30 minutes."

"Yeah, I know, I don't have time to wait, thanks anyway."

I was about to turn and go but she began to gesture with her hand.

She then shows me three fingers and said again slowly, "Three minutes."

Then I understood.

As I was walking towards the parking lot at San Fernando and 10th streets, my conversation with her made me stop and think about how many times she must've had to try and explain herself to other people that day. I only had to endure that interaction one time but just think of how many times that woman had to repeat herself to other people who couldn't understand her accented English.

My dad has the same problem. Dad has an accent thicker than Balki, the man on the television series, "Perfect Strangers."

Dad would cut sentences short like, "What you mean?"

When he first came to this country, about 25 years ago, his first job was working as an elevator operator in a hospital in New Jersey. People would stop and greet him saying, "How ya doin' Perry?" And dad would answer, "I'm not doing anything," because he mistook the greeting for "what are you doing?"

Some people behind the line were getting impatient and say unkind things shaking their heads: "why don't these people learn to speak English?"

The person would laugh not bothering to explain what was so funny. Of course my dad finally caught on, but he was very frustrated trying to converse with people initially. His f's would sound like p's, pronouncing words like perfect for ferfect and pickle for fickle.

My roommate's father is Chilean and he said he laughs everytime his dad pronounces piping hot for peeping hot.

Like many immigrants my parents left their homeland for better opportunities

and a safe haven for their family. My parents made the decision to leave the Philippines because of the impending martial law. Many people fled to various countries for fear of an unstable government and unknown conflicts for the future.

So when immigrants arrive here in the good ol' U. S. of A., they are faced with not a street paved with gold, but more problems of education, language, jobs, housing and information about services. Every day tasks like going to the grocery store can be a frustrating experience to a person whose English is not up to par.

I have witnessed people whose native tongue was not English struggle through something as simple as a double rung item on their receipt.

One man was desperately trying to explain the mishap to a cashier and couldn't get his point across easily. They must have been standing there for 15 minutes trying to understand one another as the line was building up.

Some people behind the line were getting impatient and say unkind things shaking their heads: "why don't these people learn to speak English?"

President Bush's public relations people couldn't have written it better — we definitely need "a kinder more gentler nation."

Next time you encounter an individual who speaks with an accent and whom you have difficulty talking with, put yourself in their place. Who knows, someday when you finally get out of SJSU and decide to travel abroad, you may also need a patient ear and an understanding heart.

Precy Correos is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

neutral third party who counts, tabulates, and then announces the results. Why couldn't the A.S. implement such a system?

In previous years the A.S. has written and mailed news letters, printed and mailed brochures, and otherwise accessed student addresses kept by the university and directly contacted their student members. But efforts have been sporadic and inconsistent, unlike other branches of the university which routinely mail to our home addresses.

Our A.S. is not so large or unwieldy, and most certainly not too poor to reasonably allow such an option! But first our leaders and their supervisors must decide that they really do value student participation.

Regardless, the present system, which I once helped design, obviously needs to be scrapped; not tinkered with — scrapped. It simply does not work. Arguably, it

never did. Only nine school days were allowed this year from the time of the candidates declarations to the date we, the 30,000-plus students were asked to vote. Nowhere were the candidate's names nor the ballot issues posted for member inspection, nor were these candidate's names nor ballot issues published by the A.S. Such noticing is required by the California state non-profit, public benefit, corporate codes — but these statutes are now knowingly ignored.

The nomination process, at best, was shrouded. Again, encoded state law, designed to protect the rights of the members, is wantonly disregarded. Minimal requirements are ignored. The process itself remains a mystery to 99 percent of the membership, whose ignorance seems to be either routinely lamented or tolerated — justified as apathy.

These same or similar explanations are made to account for the lack of voter participation, usually with feeble finger pointing at the lack of national, state or local voter participation. And nothing will change, until the informed minority — our elected student leaders or the professional supervisors — learn to communicate much more effectively. Further, they must choose to share their knowledge of process which grants them personal control of our 30,000 mandatory member, fee funded student association, with us, the membership, if they want our involvement or value our opinion.

Now, that would really require responsible, secure, concerned, and insightful leadership! Do we have it? The proof is in the pudding.

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TODAY

ALPAC: Meeting, 4:30 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room, call 236-2152.
MEChA: Meeting, 6 p.m., Chicano Resource Center.
ART DEPT. STUDENT GALLERIES: Student art exhibitions: MFA candidacy review, 10-4 p.m. daily through 4:12.
ARMY ROTC FUNDRAISER: Spartan Shoot-out competition, open to everyone, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., MacQuarrie Hall basement, call 924-2920.
GALA PRIDE WEEK: Who are those people anyway? A question and answer session with a panel of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, 1:30-2:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 236-2002. Silent Circle - A gathering in support of equality for all people, 5:30 p.m., lawn outside Clark Library, call 236-2002.
CHICANO LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER: Brown bag seminar, John Martinez: La Raza United Against War, "The Psychologi-

cal Effects of War," noon-1 p.m., WLN room 307, call 924-2707.
SOCCER CLUB: Looking for a goalie for competitive women's soccer team, call 978-3740.
LAMBDA SIGMA GAMMA: Formal meeting, 6 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room, call 298-2549.
CAMPUS MINISTRY: Fellowship discussion: "Cultural Realities in our Faith Journeys," 7-8:30 p.m., Campus Christian Center, 10th and San Carlos, call 298-0204.
METEOROLOGY DEPT: Seminar, 4-5 p.m., call 924-5200.

TUESDAY

ART DEPT STUDENT GALLERIES: Student art exhibitions: MFA candidacy review, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily through 4:12.
H. MURRAY CLARK MEMORIAL CHAIR LECTURESHIP: "Chemical Mapping of Planetary Surfaces," 4:30 p.m., Duncan Hall room 135, call 924-5000.
ART DEPT LECTURE SERIES: Nature: Culture, faculty panel discussion, 5 p.m., Art Dept. Room 133, call 924-4330.
CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Co-op orientation, 12:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, 924-6003. Career Opportunities in Sales: Myths and Realities, 12:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-6033.

ARMY ROTC FUNDRAISER: Spartan Shoot-out competition, open to everyone,

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., MacQuarrie Hall basement, call 924-2707.
GALA PRIDE WEEK: Out of Our Closet: discussion on gay issues and the Republican party, noon-1 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, call 236-2002. What Your History Prof Won't Tell You: presentation by the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California, 10:30-noon, call 236-2002.
ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Message on Handling Your Parents, 7 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 275-1057.

WEDNESDAY

SJSU FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB: Weekly meeting, 5:30-10:45 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 924-7097.
SJSU CLUB: Forum: "Can Democracies Keep Secrets?" Kenneth Peter, Political Science, 12:30-1:20 p.m., Woodward Room, University Club, 8th and San Salvador, call 924-5559.
METEOROLOGY DEPT: Seminar, 3-4:15 p.m., call 924-5200.
RE-ENTRY PROGRAM: Brown bag lunch, Exercise and Mental Health, 12-1:30 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room, call 924-5939.
CAMPUS MINISTRY: Rev. Drew Christiansen, "Just War or Non-Violence: Evolution of Western Thought on War and Peace," 12:30-1:20 p.m., WSH 109, call 298-0204.

YesterDaily

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

In response to budget cuts by Gov. Pete Wilson, SJSU will slash 640 classes from next semester's schedule. Approximately 128 faculty positions were deleted.

Corporate executive Barry Munitz was named chancellor of the California State University system Thursday by the CSU Board of Trustees in Long Beach.

A.S. President Arneze Washington said Thursday that he will resign from his position to readjust to life on campus after serving on active status in the Air Force.

Today's forecast

Partly cloudy skies with light winds coming from the west throughout the day. Highs in the 60s with lows in the 40s.

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— National Weather Service

Woman who broke into Letterman's home investigated by Colorado police

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A woman who posed as David Letterman's wife and broke into his home seven times has returned to Colorado promising never to bother the talk show host again. Margaret Ray was found by Colorado authorities this week after being reported missing from a Fairfield, Conn., psychiatric hospital Sunday. A nursing supervisor at Fairfield Hills Hospital said earlier this week that Ray left a note saying she was returning to Colorado and would not bother Letterman again. Ray was approached by deputies from the Delta County Sheriff's Department in western Colorado Tuesday after authorities there re-

"My understanding is that that phase of her life is over."

— Fred McKee, Undersheriff

ceived a request from the hospital to check on her welfare, Undersheriff Fred McKee said. McKee said Ray was simply asked if she was doing OK. He said authorities do not believe she poses a threat to Letterman. "There's no reason at all to believe that. My understanding is that that phase of her life is over,"

McKee said. McKee said Ray is living with a friend in Crawford, about 200 miles southwest of Denver. Ray was arrested six times on charges of breaking into Letterman's New Canaan home. She was first arrested in 1988 when she was found driving Letterman's Porsche in New Jersey. She identified herself as Letterman's wife. Ray was convicted of trespassing last year for a break-in on March 19, when Letterman found her in a hallway near his bedroom. She was sentenced to one year in prison and released in December after serving about nine months of her sentence.

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NORTHERN TELECOM
Thursday, 4/18/91 - 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. - Guadalupe Room, SU

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Dolphins may be her future, but Lopez is no fish in softball

By Susan Brown
Daily staff writer

An intense player on the softball field, one would hardly imagine that Tracy Lopez off the field is the down-to-earth, laid-back individual that wants to train dolphins when she graduates from college.

Lopez, SJSU's starting shortstop, transferred from Sacramento City College where she was a second team All-American last year. She has always had an affection for animals and decided she wanted to

train dolphins after seeing them at Marine World while in high school.

"I was always the one to bring home the stray dogs and feed them," Lopez admitted.

Feeding stray dogs and putting others before her is characteristic of both her personality as well as her style of play on the field. From watching Lopez play softball it is not difficult to figure out what kind of athlete the 5-foot-9-inch junior from Vacaville is. Lopez is among

those athletes who seems naturally gifted and has the ability to excel in several sports.

For example, when Lopez was at a junior high school invitational track meet, her coach needed someone to do the triple jump. Lopez had never competed in the triple jump nor did she know how. Minutes before the event her brother and grandfather instructed her as best they could in how to do the jump. Not only did she pull off the event, she ended up taking first place in the meet.

Lopez lettered in three sports at Vacaville High School including basketball, softball and track. Those familiar with high school sports will realize that track and softball season's coincide. No problem for Lopez, she participated in both. Lopez made the state finals three years in a row for her efforts in the shot-put and discus. She made all-league in basketball, most-valuable player in softball and her school's outstanding athlete of the year.

Playing in the two sports didn't conflict too much, and when they did, track took precedence over softball.

"I felt more obligated toward track. They wouldn't let me do both my sophomore year so I just did track," Lopez said.

Both her softball and track coaches made an agreement her junior year that she could participate in both sports but track would come first. This meant a lot of running around for both Tracy and her mom.

One day her junior year, Lopez had a track meet at Modesto Junior College while her softball team was playing in a tournament of champions in Elk Grove, near Sacramento. When she finished her



Daily file photo

Junior shortstop Tracy Lopez is considered a quiet leader by coach Kathy Strahan. Through the first 25 games, she's compiled a .307 batting average and played steady defense.

achieved in her athletic career you would most likely not hear of them from her.

Lopez's mom, Judy Lopez, recalls awards Tracy has won going all the way back to her stint as the first girl ever to make her little league all-star team.

Mrs. Lopez is Tracy's biggest fan. She makes the hour and a half drive from Vacaville to see all of the Spartan home games. The admiration she has for her daughter shows when she talks about her.

Fortunately for the Spartans, Lopez's abilities on the field didn't stop in high school or junior college. She has proven to be a solid player for the Spartans which was a relief to head coach Kathy Strahan.

"When she was playing for Sac she was asked to sign a draft card for the San Diego Padres. The guy said she was one of the best athletes he'd ever seen," Mrs. Lopez said.

"She is a very intense player and the intensity comes very much from within. She's the kind of player that you don't really know is around even though she may

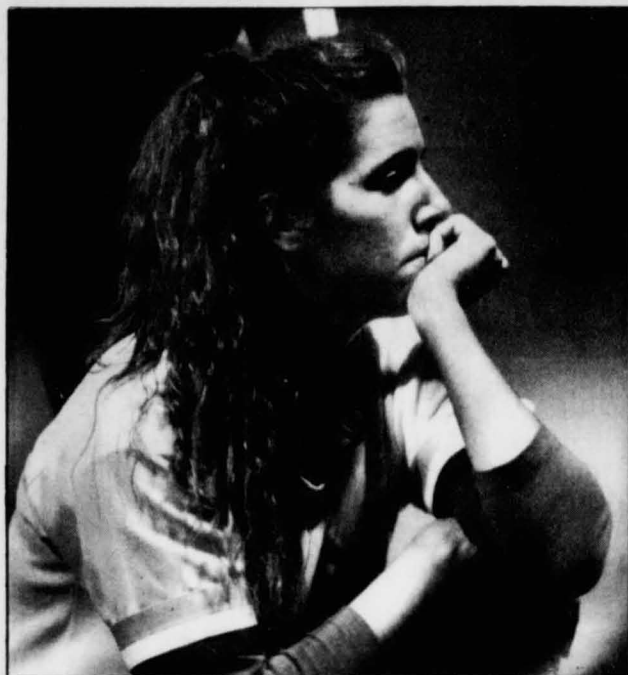
have just made all the plays on the field and hit in the winning run," Strahan said.

According to Strahan, Lopez was SJSU's strongest bet to take the place of former Spartan shortstop Tiffany Cornelius. Strahan and her staff looked around at the high school level for a new shortstop but couldn't find anyone that could step in right away and not require a lot of coaching.

"Tracy stepped in right away and made the transition. She had to learn a new system and face a new level of competition, but she is settled in now and it shows in her play," Strahan said.

Strahan isn't the only one to sing praises for Lopez. Teammate No-leana Woodard said that Tracy is "an awesome person, a great competitor and fun to be with."

According to Strahan, Lopez basically anchors the left side of the field and counts on the strength and stability she brings to that position. Between coaches, teammates and her mom doing most of the praising, Lopez has the room to play her game, and play it well.



Don Richey — Daily staff photographer

SJSU's shortstop Tracy Lopez is contemplative between innings of a recent doubleheader game against Fresno State.

Coach criticizes campus court conditions

By Corey Tresidder
Daily staff writer

Top-ranked men's tennis teams will not play the Spartans at the South Campus courts any longer due to the poor surface conditions.

Spartan Coach John Hubbell has been forced to find alternate sites for these matches, and so far this season the Almaden Valley Athletic Club has been receptive to holding matches on short notice.

Since the condition of the South Campus courts hinders the quality of play and increases the chance for injuries, Hubbell is looking into the possibility of playing more matches away from these courts next season. He said he will meet with James Bryant, head of the Human Performance department, and Tom Brennan, SJSU athletic director, at some point this week to find a way to repair the dilapidated South Campus courts.

"I am committed to my team and this school to somehow repair the courts," Hubbell said. "Every other team we play is either putting in new courts or upgrading their old ones. We have 20 courts out here, where other schools usually only have six. That should say something."

The courts are over 30 years old, with little or no repairs done since the courts were first built, Hubbell said. Five or six years ago Hubbell tried to get some of the cracks filled in, yet those repairs have gotten worn out from use since then.

"The cracks and the worn down areas around the baselines are dangerous to players because they could step wrong and injure themselves," Hubbell said. "Players' shoes and our practice balls get worn out quickly here."

Looking at the courts it is understandable why top teams like Cal and UCLA will not play at South Campus. There are several courts with cracks across the middle which are so large that pieces of the playing surface could break off at any moment. Also, most courts have cracks along the baseline that interrupt the continuity of the playing surface.

Wind used to be a problem for matches, but Hubbell and the men's team have since put up wind guards on the fences surrounding the courts. Hubbell also said he, his staff and players handle the maintenance of the courts themselves, removing debris and stray tennis balls from the courts before matches and after practices.

Yet Hubbell and his team enjoy playing matches at AVAC because

"The courts should be in good shape . . ."

— John Hubbell,
Men's tennis coach

the courts there are of championship quality. AVAC hosts the 18-years-and-under U.S. Tennis Championships every year in addition to local leagues and lessons.

Joe Shank of AVAC has been supportive of college tennis, and has made it easy for the Spartans to play matches there. He has not charged the Athletic Department for use of the courts this season.

The problem with AVAC is the popularity of the club. At times Hubbell has had difficulty squeezing in a match there between the other bookings for the courts.

"AVAC was booked so I had to search elsewhere for our match against Utah (on April 15)," Hubbell said. "We're going to play that match at Courtside Tennis Club in Los Gatos."

In the past, some of the more well-known tennis professionals have competed in matches at the South Campus courts. Hubbell said the Volvo San Francisco tournament has held its pre-qualifying matches here 15 of the 18 years of

the tournament. Players such as Pat Cash, Hank Pfister, John McEnroe, Roscoe Tanner and Vitas Gerulaitis have qualified in San Jose.

The courts are locked except when Hubbell opens them for classes, practices or matches. The courts used to be open for use by students at any time, but since the courts began to be abused and beaten up, Hubbell had to resort to keeping them locked.

"Students should be able to come out and play whenever, since the courts are part of this campus," Hubbell said. "The courts

should be in good shape, too. If it means we have to do the repairs ourselves, I think the students and the athletes deserve it."

Hubbell wants the courts to be repaired but is tentative about "rocking the boat because of what happened to the track and field program."

He noted that complaints the track team made to the Athletic Department about the facilities led to the removal of the program. He does not want the same thing to happen to tennis but believes the age and condition of the courts merit attention.

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For whom the ball rolls

By Bryan Gold

The United States has served as a positive influence in the world of sports in recent years. Now comes the biggest challenge. The 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in New York made fans out of millions of people as the U.S. hockey team came from obscurity to take the gold medal. "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" Los Angeles gained more popularity by hosting the 1984 Summer Olympics. U.S. Olympic commissioner Peter Ueberroth, an SJSU graduate, pulled off the games without a major hitch. Even the smog went away. A few years later, the United States regained the America's Cup after losing for

the first time in its history, when it was called the Queen's Cup. In 1994, the United States will host the championships of soccer, the World Cup. Local preparations are already underway. Spartan soccer coach Gary St. Clair is making a bid for SJSU to house a team and serve as a practice site should Candlestick Park in San Francisco or Stanford Stadium become a venue for the Cup.

Landing a venue in one or both of these spots seems a probability considering the popularity of soccer in the Bay Area. But it will take more to bring the sport to the level of baseball, basketball and football. In fact, when the curtain falls on the 1994 World Cup, when the lights are dimmed on the field, if the ovation for soccer in the United States is not impressive, the sport will dwindle in size and popularity. "The 1994 World Cup is a last chance for soccer in the U.S.," St. Clair said. "If soccer is going to be a major league sport, time is running out." This country will not get to host another World Cup anytime soon. And in

reality, the U.S. team will get to compete only because the host team is guaranteed a berth. It was only a year ago that the U.S. team shocked the soccer world by playing in the Cup for the first time in over 40 years instead of just watching the games on television. There was no surprise, however, when the team finished 23rd among 24 teams and failed to get past the first round. Hopes are high for the team in 1994. Bora Milutinovic replaced Bob Gansler as head coach last month. This is a step in the right direction. Milutinovic coached Mexico to the quarterfinals in the 1986 World Cup and guided a weak Costa Rica team to the second round in last year's competition. Milutinovic hopes "to show everybody that even Americans know how to play soccer," he told the Associated Press. Optimistically, he promised that the U.S. team "will be better than ever. I believe they can make it to the second round." Realistically, however, betting money says the United States will not do well.

Part of this problem begins in this country. Soccer has lost its appeal as a participant sport for adults. Many youngsters play soccer into their teenage years. In fact, St. Clair said that more people play soccer than Little League baseball or Pop Warner football. However, only a few play soccer in high school and the percentage of those playing in college drops even more. The game loses its appeal as people grow up.

Another part of the problem stems from the techniques U.S. players are taught. Young players are taught to kick the ball and pass it upfield using a fast-break approach. Players in other countries are taught to move the ball up slowly, sort of like setting up the half-court offense. This style of play will hurt the U.S. team in 1994. Changes in the sport are needed. Pele, whose name is synonymous with the sport of soccer, has recognized the need for changes. Defense seems to have the advantage. The game has become slow visually. In 1990, there were fewer goals (2.21) per match than in any other World Cup.

"Many coaches...no longer play to win, they play not to lose," Pele told Sports Illustrated. "That subtle shift in attitude has had far-reaching effects at all levels of the sport, from the mechanized way kids learn the game to the questionable defensive tactics pros use to frustrate their rivals." He wants to see the game become more oriented to offense, not specifically to help the U.S. team in the World Cup, but to help soccer become more attractive to the viewer. He fears, however, that FIFA (the governing body of international soccer) will not act on his recommendations before the 1994 games. Some changes, even if not Pele's, need to be made. Viewers will fall asleep in front of their television sets if the game is slow. With the games in the United States, fan support becomes essential. However, if FIFA ignores these requests and Americans ignore the World Cup, then even 1994 may already be too late to keep the soccer ball rolling. Bryan Gold is the Spartan Daily's Managing Editor/Editorial. His column appears every Monday.

Spartan sports week
This week in sports for SJSU

Day	Sport	Opponent	Time
Mon	Men's Tennis	San Diego State	1:30
	Women's Tennis	St. Mary's	2:00
	Men's Golf	S. West Intercollegiate	All Day
Tue	Women's Golf	Arizona State	All Day
	Men's Tennis	Univ. San Diego	1:30
	Baseball	Santa Clara Univ.	2:30
Wed	Women's Tennis	Santa Clara Univ.	2:00
	Men's Golf	S. West Intercollegiate	All Day
	Women's Golf	Arizona State	All Day
Thu	Softball	Santa Clara Univ.	6:00
	Baseball	UC Berkeley	2:30
	Women's Golf	Arizona State	All Day
Fri	Women's Tennis	Sacramento State	2:00
	Softball	Fullerton State	6:00
	Baseball	UNLV	7:00
Sat	Men's Volleyball	League Playoffs	7:30
	Softball	UC Santa Barbara	1:00
	Football	Scrimmage	3:00
Sun	Baseball	UNLV	1:00
	Men's Volleyball	League Playoffs	7:30
	Ice Hockey	U.C. San Diego	6:15
Sun	Baseball	UNLV	1:00
	Ice Hockey	U.C. San Diego	11:30

Home games in bold face type
Baseball at Municipal Stadium, Men's and Women's tennis at South Campus Courts, Softball at P.A.L. Stadium, Football at Spartan Stadium

IRS decision may jeopardize future sponsorships in sports

DALLAS (AP) — If the Internal Revenue Service rules that money paid to the Cotton Bowl by Mobil Oil Corp. to sponsor the New Year's Day game is taxable, it could mean the end of sponsored non-profit sporting events such as bowl games and golf tournaments, Cotton Bowl president John Stuart says. Stuart said Thursday he has met with the IRS and is awaiting a decision in the case. If the IRS rules against the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association in an ongoing tax case, the results could be felt across the country. Not only would the ruling force the Cotton Bowl to pay \$1 million in back taxes, but it could end sponsored non-profit events, he said. "If one non-profit event is taxable, then they are all the same," Stuart said. Without Mobil sponsorship, Cotton Bowl officials said, the association would not have been able to pay the University of Miami and Texas \$3 million each for participating in this year's game. The Cotton Bowl also donated \$10,000 to each school's general scholarship fund. Cotton Bowl officials say if bowl games lose sponsorships, the quality of the events could suffer

and ticket prices, concessions and the price of other things would have to increase. "The concern is that this will go beyond the bowl organizations," said Bruce Bernstein of Arthur Anderson, the Cotton Bowl's accountant. "The real impact, the real losers, could be the universities. They will receive less money." Stuart and other Cotton Bowl officials attended a meeting with the IRS two weeks ago in Washington. Both the Cotton Bowl and the IRS presented their sides of the issue in the first official hearing between the parties. The IRS contends in a test case that the sponsorship money the Cotton Bowl receives from Mobil Oil Corp. is unrelated business income and therefore taxable. IRS spokeswoman Marle Gaysick of the Dallas regional office said she could neither confirm nor deny anything to do with the IRS and Cotton Bowl. Cotton Bowl officials contend that because the New Year's Day game is a non-profit event, the millions of dollars received from Mobil annually is a contribution that goes directly to participating universities and their conferences and is therefore tax exempt.

We Make The Call

SJSU sports dogs' 1991 baseball picks

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Steve Helmer: Giants, Pirates, White Sox, Orioles
NL Champs - Giants. AL Champs - White Sox. World Champs - Giants.
Jack Trageser: Giants, Mets, White Sox, Red Sox
NL Champs - Giants. AL Champs - White Sox. World Champs - Giants.
Corey Tresidder: Giants, Pirates, A's, Red Sox
NL Champ - Giants. AL Champ - Red Sox. World Champs - Giants.
Jim Johnson: Giants, Expos, Royals, Orioles
NL Champs - Giants. AL Champs - Royals. World Champs - Giants.
Randy Robertson: Reds, Cubs, A's, Red Sox
NL Champs - Cubs. AL Champs - Red Sox. World Champs - Cubs.
Angus Klein: Giants, Expos, A's, Blue Jays
NL Champs - Giants. AL Champs - A's. World Champs - Giants.
Kevin Squires: Giants, Mets, A's, Blue Jays
NL Champs - Giants. AL Champs - A's. World Champs - A's.
Bryan Gold: Dodgers, Cubs, Angels, Tigers
NL Champs - Dodgers. AL Champs - Tigers. World Champs - Dodgers.

Update News

Don Gordon: Dodgers, Cubs, A's, Orioles
NL Champs - Dodgers. AL Champs - A's. World Champs - Dodgers.
Chris LeMire: Dodgers, Cubs, Royals, Red Sox
NL Champs - Dodgers. AL Champs - Royals. World Champs - Royals.

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DRILL

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From the last drill, the university learned that louder alarms are needed in some places and more crowd control measures needed to be taken.

The campus will soon be getting new fire alarms, he said, and some places need "strobe alarms" that will warn people in places with high-background noise levels. These alarms would use strobe lights to warn of impending disaster.

Other changes on campus include a battery backup system for the public address system in Tower Hall. Staley also is working to build a direct link between the Emergency Operations Center, located by the Pub in the Faculty Dining Lounge, and the campus radio station in Hugh Gillis Hall. The link would allow Staley and others to let the community know how to handle the emergency, what buildings are closed and who is needed on the campus.

He has also put TV and HAM radio antennas on top of the Emergency Operations Center so that amateur radio teams can plug their equipment in and use the campus as a base for community communications.

During the 1989 quake, the



Chip Lovén — Daily staff photographer

Technical Coordinator of the SJSU Biology Department John Chipman directs students away from Duncan Hall Tuesday.

campus was one of the only places in the city not to lose power. That allowed KSJS to stay on the air and serve the community as an emergency information outlet. "We're fortunate that we have an emergency broadcasting system of our own. KSJS is one of three stations that stayed on the air (in the Bay Area)," he said.

In the next emergency, Staley will have a new computerized call-up device that will call Campus Emergency volunteers automatically and tell them when they will be needed on the campus.

Also students and parents will be able to call the Touch-SJSU phone number (924-SJSU) to get advice or to report community emergencies.

Students, he said, still need to know to call 911 with any campus emergency. During any emergency, people on campus can dial 4-2222 from any campus phone or they can pick up any of the blue-light or elevator phones.

"We lucked out," he says of the Loma Prieta quake. "We just have to be ready. You don't get a second chance."

VOICE

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a major system failure that was also tied to corruption in the database.

In that instance, the corruption in the software caused all four voice-data diskdrives to crash. The specialists had to replace parts of the system and purge all the greetings and messages on it, according to McCarty.

The system was not able to be brought up again until Oct. 27.

The parts replaced were sent back to headquarters in Texas to try to determine what caused the corruption, but it still has not been determined.

McCarty said that the reason the specialists decided to repair so soon was because they wanted to avoid a repeat of October's system failure.

The process of rebuilding the affected files is lengthy in part because it is an older technology, and it is thus more time consuming to fix, McCarty explained.

Another reason is that there are around 5,000 mailboxes on campus, with every mailbox having two "boxes" in it; a sending and a receiving box.

McCarty speculated Friday that the system should be up and functioning by Saturday morning.

How to prepare for major emergencies

By Robert W. Scoble

Daily staff writer

Everybody should know by now that getting under your desk during an earthquake is the only way to protect your head from falling ceiling tiles, lights and glass.

But, most people still haven't prepared for a major disaster like a fire, chemical spill or an airliner crashing into campus, says Dick Staley, SJSU's emergency preparedness coordinator.

Yes, an airline crash. Staley points out that the main air traffic route goes almost directly over the campus and he hopes that most students will know how to conduct themselves during a major disaster.

Here are his hints on basic earthquake and emergency preparedness:

• Read the SJSU emergency preparedness guidelines. (Every instructor was given one)

- Take basic first aid and CPR
- Have a family emergency plan.
- Know where to meet. Every building has its own designated meeting place. Tell your family where to meet.

• Put together a survival kit or buy one at the campus bookstore (\$15). It should consist of food and water for three days, a blanket, good walking shoes, a pocket knife, a flashlight and first aid supplies. Enough prescription drugs for a week should also be included.

• Put a small stash of cash in small bills. "ATM's don't work."

• Make sure that your instructors brief you on emergency procedures. "It only takes two minutes and 30 seconds. That is information that could save the lives of 30 or 40 students in that class."

"A lot of this stuff is common sense," Staley said.

NATO proposes post-Cold War plan

ROME (AP) — NATO is considering deploying a rapid reaction force capable of defending alliance members should war break out anywhere in Europe, NATO's top military commander said Friday.

U.S. Gen. John R. Galvin said if NATO military leaders approve of the idea at a meeting this month in Brussels, the alliance's policy makers will take it up at a meeting in May. He did not elaborate.

"NATO is changing, putting

more emphasis on crisis management," Galvin said.

The issue of a multinational rapid deployment force has come up as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization debates its new military strategy following the end of the Cold War. NATO envisions smaller, more flexible forces with less reliance on nuclear weapons.

NATO's Allied Mobile Force, which sent aircraft into Turkey during the Persian Gulf War, is not

a permanent force but draws units from several NATO nations during exercises. Its key role is seen as that of deterrence.

Some NATO planners envision a rapid reaction force capable of fighting a war anywhere on NATO territory, as opposed to the Allied Mobile Force, which only has 5,000 troops.

Galvin was in Rome for an annual meeting of U.S. commanders in Europe.

Veteran's hospital admits negligence in deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six men who died at a veterans' hospital in suburban Chicago were victims of bad care, the government said Friday in accepting blame.

"Mistakes were made," Veterans' Affairs Secretary Edward Derwinski said. "The medical care was clearly not what it should be."

The VA's admission of some responsibility comes a week after department investigators questioned delays between diagnosis and surgery, poor supervision and other practices at the North Chicago hospital.

One-hundred twenty patients died between June 1989 and March 1990. After extensive review of 15 cases, the agency acknowledged blame in six deaths, said Dr. James

Holsinger, Jr., the VA's chief medical officer.

In one of the six, "there was absolutely no question in our minds that the VA was at fault in the care of the patient," Holsinger said Friday.

In the other five, "we were not clearly sure if the complication was natural or the complication was due to less-than-quality care," he said. "Whenever we see this, we find in favor of the veterans. That's a longstanding position."

But in nine of the 15 deaths, the VA takes no blame.

"The care issue was not the determining factor in what happened to the patients," Holsinger said.

Holsinger and VA spokeswoman Donna St. John said they

would not describe the six deaths that were linked to poor care until family members were notified. That process started Thursday night.

The VA will eventually invite the families to discuss a financial settlement with agency attorneys.

The VA last month demoted the North Chicago's hospital's chief of staff and discontinued two types of surgery. The 1,004-bed facility is one of the largest in the country, with most patients coming from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

"There were errors in medical judgment and errors in medical procedure which were extremely upsetting, and the VA is not tolerating them," Derwinski said.

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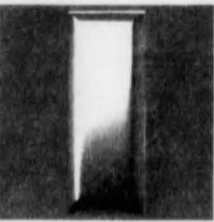
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