



Arson suspected in apartment fire

Predominantly student-occupied complex needs 2 months worth of repair, leaves 35 people in search of a dwelling

By Sandy Heynen
Daily staff writer

The remains bear testament to the work of arson; the barren rooms are left with little but charred fabric hanging haphazardly from the coils of couches.

Posters that adorned the walls are blackened and burned.

No one was hurt. But 35 people, most of them SJSU students, were chased out of their South Ninth Street apartment building early Monday morning by a fire that left the first floor a black disaster and the second and third floors overidden with smoke damage, according to Capt. Don Perkins of the San Jose Fire Department.

Although many of the 35 residents told neighboring apartment owner Dorothy Helms they want to stay, they will be out of the place they call home for approximately two months.

All the chaos can be attributed to an arsonist who may also be responsible for a dumpster fire that was set in the back of the complex two weeks ago, Perkins said.

"It wasn't as panicky as it could have been," said Dave Witton, assistant manager and resident. "They kept their heads."

Witton was on the third floor and managed to feel his way down the smoke-filled stairwell to the front doors.

Others who couldn't get down the stair dangled from their windows, waiting for a

ladder to come to their rescue.

All of the tenants were given food by the Red Cross and 16 were taken to the Townhouse Motel on Second Street, where the Red Cross will pay for their housing until Monday, according to Angela Carrillo of the Red Cross' Disaster Action Team.

The rest were able to find accommodations with friends or family, Carrillo said. Red Cross workers will replace lost clothing and necessary household items, she said. Residents will be referred to Red Cross social workers who will try to help them find a new place to stay.

Fire officials had to call for a second alarm — four fire stations in all responded to the 46-unit apartment complex at 524 S.

Ninth St.

The fire was extinguished in under 10 minutes, Perkins said.

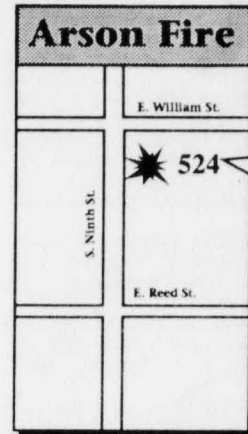
If left for much longer, toxic gases from the burning furniture and paint might have caught on fire, Perkins said.

But as soon as water was applied, the fire was out. "It was a textbook case," he said.

Damage costs will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000, Perkins estimated. Even though the first floor took the brunt of the damage, smoke damage to the second and third floors could be extensive, Carrillo of the Red Cross said.

Red Cross workers will distribute information to the residents on how to clean up after the fire, she said.

If anybody has any information regarding this fire, they are asked to call the fire department's arson hotline: (408) 27-ARSON.



Students surrender after computer theft ring exposed

More than \$100,000 of computer equipment stolen in 18-month period from SJSU classrooms

By Robert Drueckhammer
Daily staff writer

Three SJSU students were arrested after turning themselves in for allegedly stealing more than \$100,000 worth of computer equipment, most of which belongs to the university, during an 18-month period.

Two of the students involved, Brian Caldwell of Palo Alto and Lester Fong of San Jose, surrendered to University Police officials on Aug. 21. The third suspect, Wallace Lee, surrendered on Aug. 28.

Richard Staley, UPD spokesman, said that most of the stolen equipment has been recovered. But he added that some of the equipment stolen was sold to other individuals and businesses. According to UPD investigations Sgt. Bruce Lowe, some of the equipment was sold to people living as far away as Modesto.

"The individuals involved had a computer repair business, and they were taking parts from the stolen computers and upgrading other computers with the stolen pieces of equipment," Lowe said.

Lowe added that most of the stolen equipment has been recovered, but the investigation is still in process.

Lowe also said that some of the stolen equipment was the property of Stanford University, and that other equipment belonged to several Palo Alto residents.

According to a UPD press release, over \$67,000 worth of equipment is currently in evidence, including several Apple and Hewlett-Packard computer systems and software.

In addition, the release stated that two 9mm semi-automatic pistols, several laser and conventional printers, digital scanners, keyboards and hard drives were seized. Police officers also confiscated television, stereo and VCR components, numerous compact discs, a police radio scanner and other items. Staley said that more equipment may be found later, because the individuals committed too many thefts to remember each one.

Staley said the individuals indicted in the case would walk into unlocked rooms and simply take the equipment out of them. In other

cases, he said, the suspects would enter the room through open windows to gain access to the rooms.

To stop future thefts, Staley said that UPD officials have instituted a new program called "COPP," Crime Opportunity Prevention Program. With this program, officers and cadets on duty are now checking doors and windows to make sure they are locked. If they are not, the officers will lock them and then leave a form in the room which says the door or window was unlocked. Copies of the form will also be provided to the chairperson of the department which is responsible for that room.

"On any given day, our officers are finding numerous doors and windows open with no one in them. It's an easy invitation to steal. The people involved had ready access to the university. They didn't need to break in," Staley said.

Renee Rogers of the Santa Clara County district attorney's office said that Caldwell and Fong will be arraigned on Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. in the county courthouse. She added that Lee has not been assigned an arraignment date yet.

A&R generator explodes

27,000-volt generator blast results in minor injury, one-day repair

By Monica Campbell
Daily staff writer

The first week of school for the Admissions and Records office started off with a bang — the explosion of the 27,000-volt generator that supplies energy to the office's main computer.

On Aug. 23 an electrician, who was installing a new back-up system, lost grip of a metal plate that covers areas where there are no breakers. When he dropped it, the high voltage vaporized the panel and the generator exploded.

"I think it was the brightest light I had ever seen. I

thought I was going to be blinded," said the electrician who wouldn't give his name. "That metal plate could have just as easily been me."

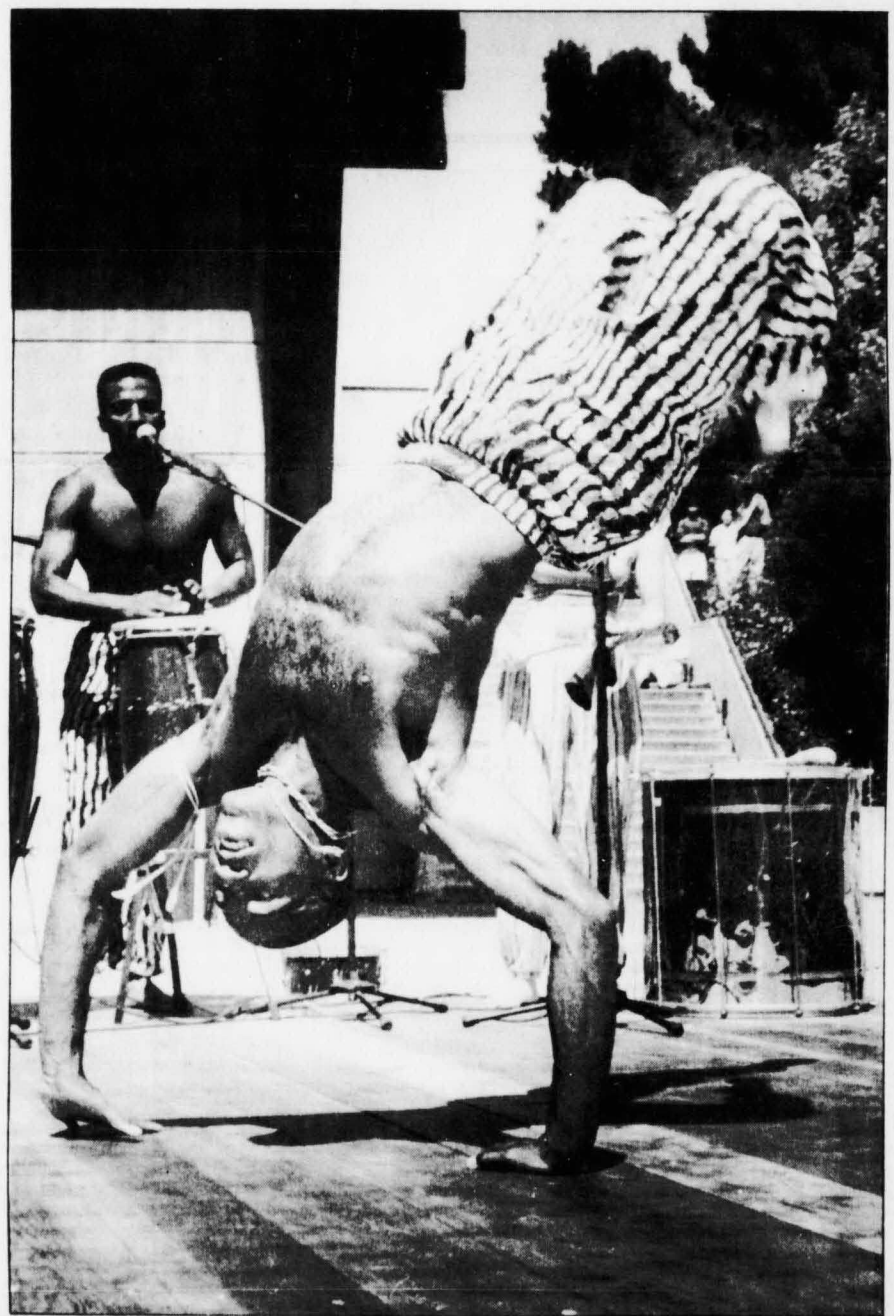
Luckily, the electrician only suffered from singed hair.

The generator was quickly repaired, yet a delayed reaction occurred on Aug. 29. The computer went down late in the night of Aug. 29 and was working again by 10 a.m. Thursday. All transactions were done manually until 2:30 p.m. Thursday, due to time being spent restoring files from the downturn.

"It was very inconvenient because there was no record of the transaction being given back to the student immediately," said Edgar Chambers, associate executive vice president of admissions and records.

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FLIPPIN' OUT



Barry Gutierrez — Daily staff photographer

Mestue Beicola performs a flip as part of a Afro-Brazilian music and dance demonstration on Friday in the Student Union Amphitheater. The demonstra-

tion was a preview to an Exotic Brazilian Carnival held Monday at the F/X Club at 400 S. First St. downtown. The troupe is based in San Jose.

New enrollment figures correspond to last year

By Dede Reis
Daily staff writer

Despite a \$14 million cut in the university's budget and the absence of 600 class sections and 150 faculty positions, enrollment is at an even tide with last fall, according to admissions and records.

Tentative figures show there are approximately 30,000 students presently enrolled at SJSU with an average course load of 10 units. About half of those enrolled registered after their designated time, according to Ed Chambers, the associate executive vice president of admissions and records. The procrastination has caused many students to be caught in the adding frenzy now going on.

"We're handling more (students) than we should be given our budget situation," said Chambers.

One attempt to restrict enrollment in order to open more seats for continuing students was to make closing dates for applications earlier. According to Chambers, the strategy has already shown a

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Humanities may find a new home

By Angela Hill
Daily staff writer

The largest school on campus is housed in a mobile home park.

That's how it seems when students of the School of Humanities and the Arts visit instructors in the eight temporary modular units on Ninth Street and in the multitude of offices and classrooms scattered from Washington Square Hall to the business classrooms.

"We have to go to five different places to talk to professors," according to Teresa Poore, a senior in humanities.

With this "scattering" and the mobile home feel in the modular units, which have no restrooms or running water, the school might easily feel poorly represented.

Students and faculty both agree that the school needs its own home.

That's why a \$22.3 million humanities

building was approved two years ago by the trustees and will be at the mercy of the voting public for the second time in June 1992. The proposal was rejected by voters in 1991.

Voters must approve the use of general obligation bonds to fund this and other building projects in the CSU system, according to the State and Local Government Political Dictionary. No money will come directly from student fees, but as taxpayers, students will help pay for it in the long run.

General obligation bonds are often referred to as "guaranteed bonds" because they are backed by the state government. Taxes are increased to pay off the interest to investors.

Although this issue failed in 1991, Mo Qayoumi, associate executive vice president of facilities, development and opera-

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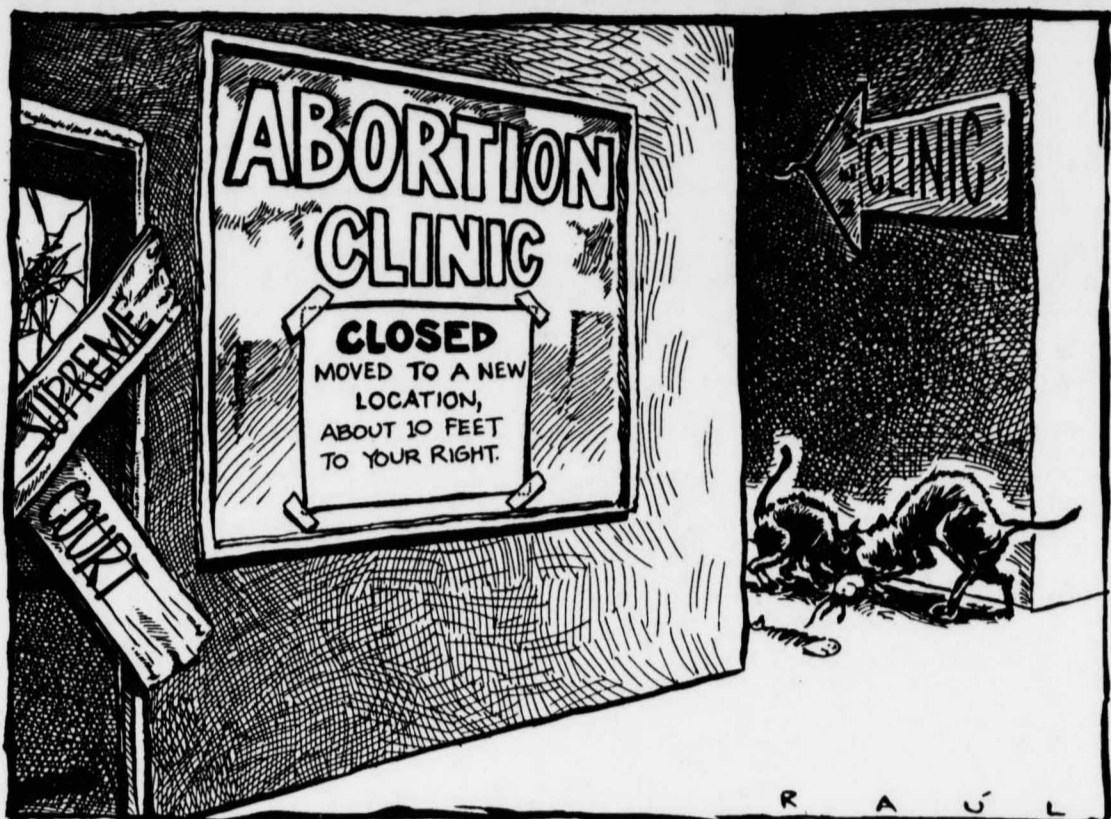
EDITORIAL

Science no panacea

■ Hard-to-swallow evidence should be taken with a grain of salt

Remember oat bran? Scientific journals promised it would mend our evil carcinogenic ways and prevent cancer. Turned out to be perfectly useless. Well, the scientific journal Science has come out with a study more controversial than oat bran ever aspired to be: Last week Science reported findings that brain cells in homosexual men differ from those in heterosexual men. The shock waves have only begun to spread, but the effect of this study on popular perceptions is understandably unpredictable. We say, let's not jump to judgments or premature conclusions. Let's think carefully before we decide what this means. On one hand, this study is a godsend to the homosexual community, which is likely the most misunderstood and oppressed of any minority in America. It could lead to the conclusion that what gays have been saying all these years is true — one is born gay; one does not choose to be. The fundamentalists' arguments that gays can change will be muffled by this news, now that maybe God created gay people. Perhaps they don't need to be changed; perhaps they're not evil. Of course, that was a moot point anyway — why would anyone choose to

be gay in a homophobic society, with the threat of unchecked discrimination and violence all around? Another conclusion some may reach is that homosexuality is some defect in the brain, a handicap, something unnatural or abnormal that should be repaired. Biology can expand horizons, but it can feed small minds, as well. Bigot-driven (a term coined by erstwhile campus gay activist Christine Schmidt) is often peppered with questionable scientific studies citing genetic differences between the races and sexes. Of course, those differences are casually assumed to be evolutionary shortcomings by bigots, rather than advantages. Perhaps someday the white coats will conclude that homosexuality is genetic. With genetic engineering gaining momentum, that's scary. Will people soon be able to choose not only their children's sex, but their sexuality? Besides, studies like this aim to define in minute detail the differences between groups of humans, when really we should be finding the qualities we share. Essentially, science is an impersonal discipline. It also can be wrong. Take studies like this with a grain of salt. The only lesson is to judge your fellow human beings — as SJSU English professor and best-selling author Shelby Steele would say — on the content of their character. Not on the content of their hypothalamus.



Raúl Domínguez — Spartan Daily

WRITER'S FORUM

John Vieira



Whose death is it, anyway?

No one chooses dying, but some people are choosing to die. Dying from a terminal disease can be a long and painful process, so some people are choosing to end their lives sooner. The closest I have ever come to dying was when I was watching Night Court and eating popcorn one evening in the Student Union. I laughed and got some popcorn stuck in my throat. Suddenly, it was hard to breathe. Laughter turned to panic. Was death at my door? Unprepared to die, I jabbed my fist into my stomach while bending over from my sitting position, forcing the popcorn from my throat. I've always wanted to be in the Spartan Daily, but not as the headline, "Student Has Last Laugh." While preparing for the future as a college student, you don't expect your future to disappear. Live everyday to its fullest because you never know when it might be your last. A little over two years ago my aunt died of cancer. Doctors said she only had three months to live, but she was determined to recover and reclaim her vitality. She had a memorable Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Valentine's Day. Unfortunately, Mother's Day was celebrated at her grave. She was 44. Her death didn't come as a surprise; it was finding out that she was dying that came as a shock. I had hopes that she would recover and I always told her that everything would turn out all right in the end. It did turn out all right. She is now without pain and suffering and filled with peace and happiness. That was my first experience with the death of someone close to my heart. Scientists are finding new cures and using new technology to keep patients alive much longer. While this might sound good, sometimes high-tech equipment can leave a patient hovering in limbo between life and death. A state of

being that many people would rather do without. A recent article in Newsweek showed a Gallup Poll conducted in 1975 in which 41 percent of the respondents felt a person has the moral right to end his or her life if that person is in a great deal of pain and with no hope of recovery. In 1990, that figure had risen to 66 percent. The 1990 Gallup Poll also showed that 84 percent of Americans say that if they were on life support with no hope of recovery, they would want treatment withheld. Some people would call that suicide. It is not. Suicide is ending a life. Wanting to end a slow death quickly is understandable. A few months ago I had to make the toughest decision of my life — to put my dog to sleep. He had a severe case of arthritis. I was with him while he was given the shot. Afterwards, I closed his eyes, patted his head one last time and told him what a great dog he was. It was very difficult to make the decision of putting him to sleep. I can't imagine how hard it must be for someone to make that decision for a loved one, but people do. Talking about death is not easy. No one likes to even think about it. As I learned, death can sneak up on you at any time. Be prepared. My aunt was determined to survive but she prepared for death. She made out a will and planned a grave site. As strange as it may sound, negotiate your death with a loved one in a rational state of mind. Death takes away what little control we have in our lives and makes us feel powerless. Exert power while life allows you the opportunity, so that death hands your loved ones no surprises.

John Vieira is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

AGAINST THE GRAIN

Jack Trageser



Lefties learn a creative lesson in life

Every so often an article comes out explaining how or why left-handers are different than right-handers. Usually they discuss right-brain and left-brain activity, and other such technical, physiological facts. The basic premise is always that lefties are born with all of the traits supposedly associated with left-handedness. Having been a lefty in this right-handed world for my entire life, I feel I'm more than qualified to offer an alternative explanation. But first, some background information on left-handers: One of the most famous lefties was Benjamin Franklin. His innovations, inventions and clever sayings practically define what left-handers are supposed to be like — creative, artistic and generally unconventional. Other famous lefties include Bob Dylan, M.C. Escher and Paul McCartney. Two infamous southpaws were Jack the Ripper (no relation) and the Boston

Strangler. The common string which connects these men is their willingness to question conventional wisdom. All of them accomplished things, for good or for bad, that their peers thought impossible, immoral or simply couldn't envision. I suggest that the reason most lefties are inclined to embark on these creative endeavors is not due to the fact that we're left-handed, but rather because we're left-handed. Say what? Rather than being something we're born with, the creative inclinations associated with most lefties are learned from growing up in a cold, cruel, right-handed world. The world has told us that we're different, and it has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. In elementary school we had to use scissors shaped for the right hand, resulting in sore fingers and the first realization that we're different. Later on, we were forced to sit in right-handed desks, found baseball and softball

gloves hard to come by, and at the dinner table we always had to sit at the end of the table so we wouldn't bump elbows with our right-handed siblings. More recently I've had gripes about erasable ink pens (our hands smear the ink unless we hold them above the paper), personal computers (the mouse is always on the right side) and golf (left-handed clubs are very hard to find). So after all of these trials and tribulations growing up, us lefties identify with the individualism with which we have been branded. We are conditioned to go our own direction in life. You may have heard the expression "left-handers are the only ones in their right minds." First of all, I don't subscribe to the left brain/right brain theory and second, I'm not in my right mind because I'm left-handed. Jack Trageser is the Spartan Daily copy chief. His column appears every Wednesday.

WRITER'S FORUM

Robert Drucekhammer



Fare increase a heavy disappointment

After trying to promote its bus and light rail system to SJSU students for the past year, Santa Clara County Transportation Agency officials have again decided to cut services and raise prices for bus service. The issues at stake — a 25-cent increase in the cost of a single ride regular bus or light rail pass, a 50-cent increase in the cost of an express bus ride, and a \$1 increase in the cost of an express day pass — seem contradictory towards everything the agency has done to try to get people to ride buses. In advertising campaigns, the agency claims that taking a bus or the light rail to work and school are the best and cheapest way to commute. Before the latest fee increases and schedule reductions, that might have been an exaggerated truth. But now, the transit agency wants to cut

back or change service on 49 bus routes while at the same time raising rates. A brochure released to bus riders said that the increase is necessary because of state budget cuts. In addition, the brochure stated that SCCTA has the lowest farebox return of any Bay Area transit agency. That may be true, and it may not be, but I take the bus because it saves me money with a minimal amount of inconvenience. If I were to drive to school each day, it would cost me \$81 for parking fees, plus the cost of gas and car maintenance. But it seems that I may now end up taking my car after all. While interviewing Lili Smith, spokesperson for the transit agency, I found out that after the fare increase occurs on Oct. 1, I'll be paying the bus driver an additional dollar each day to ride the Express 180 from Fremont Bart to SJSU, even though I've already purchased

a semester pass. The reason for this is because the transit agency has decided that the semester pass will only be worth a \$1 credit on express bus fares. What that means in layman's terms is that in addition to paying for the pass in the first place, I'll end up spending at least \$50 more in daily fees for a minimal total of \$108 for the semester. Is it worth it? Not when I can buy a parking permit for \$81 and get here 30 minutes sooner with my car. I strongly suggest that SCCTA rethink its route reduction and fare increase proposals once again, because if they do go through with their plans, they'll have lost at least one rider, and probably many more. Robert Drucekhammer is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open meeting, 12:15 p.m., Campus Christian Center.
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262, come by or call 924-4332.
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M.E.C.H.A.: General body meeting, 6:30 p.m., Chicano Resource Center, third floor WLN, call 288-6470.

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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Night life every Thursday,

8 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 275-6518.
CREATIVE ARTS COALITION: First semester meeting, 2 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, call 279-3802 or 289-8251.
V.O.I.C.E.: Welcome back/welcome to school reception, 5 p.m., HGH 215, call 924-6322 or 971-4642.
SJSU SAILING CLUB: General

meeting, 6 p.m., Almaden Room, call 438-5428

FRIDAY

INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: General body meeting, 1 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers, Student Union, call 408-281-7048.

Semester bus pass may ease SJSU parking pains

County Transit offers new alternative to search for spots

By Robert Drucekhammer
Daily staff writer

Under a new pilot program that began Wednesday, SJSU officials teamed up with the Santa Clara County Transportation Agency to offer students a new service called the "semester pass."
The pass gives students the opportunity to ride buses and light-rail vehicles for the entire semester for \$58. Students currently purchasing monthly bus permits pay \$102 in bus fees, and those driving to school must pay an \$81 parking fee in addition to gasoline costs.
Under the agreement, SJSU subsidizes the program by paying \$40 for each pass that a student purchases. Marilyn Todd, business office supervisor in the traffic management department, said that the program is self supporting because

ings is used to subsidize the program.
"Funds coming from traffic tickets can only be used to promote mass transit," Todd said. "So when students get parking tickets, the money they pay to SJSU subsidizes the discount bus passes we have," Todd said.
The pass is good on regular bus lines and light-rail vehicles, and can also be used for free rides on express buses until Oct. 1. After that time, however, the transit agency will raise the price of an express trip to \$1.50, forcing students with the semester pass to pay 50 cents for each express bus trip they take. The pass is not good on the Highway 17 express bus.
Lili Smith, spokeswoman for the transit agency, said that she hopes more people will take mass transit

more flexibility, and it's not a bad deal. It's a lot cheaper than driving to school," Smith said. She added that many students

don't take mass transit because they don't know how easy it is to use. Students who want to plan their trip from home to school and back can call (408) 287-4210 or (415) 965-3100 for more information.

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Students sweat in business classrooms

By Emma Burgess
Daily staff writer

The facilities department worked with haste to get the ventilation system in the business classrooms up and running Friday morning. The system was down for the first two days of school due to a short in the main motor, according to Mo Qayoumi, associate executive vice president of facilities, development, and operations.
Members of the facilities department worked overtime to locate and replace the motor with a new one. The old motor will be repaired and kept in the chance it may be needed as a back up in the future, Qayoumi said.
"This is the first time in five years that that particular motor had failed," he said. The old motor was installed a year and a half ago.
Terry Christensen, political science professor, teaches classes in the business classrooms. "It's awful in there," he said Thursday. The rooms were "unbearably hot," and added agitation was caused by the permanently sealed windows in the classrooms.
The windows don't open, Qayoumi said, because the building has forced ventilation, and closed windows keep the air circulation properly balanced.
Business student Lena Mushall was one of the many who was relieved to have the system in working order Friday. "I was going to faint, especially on Wednesday night," she said.

UC professor fasts in anger at Regents

BERKELEY (AP) — A University of California professor is fasting to protest what he calls the undemocratic nature of the UC Board of Regents.
"This Board of Regents is a truly anachronistic structure that goes back to the days when universities were only for the aristocracy," said physics professor Charles Schwartz, who began his fast Aug. 20.
"What I'm fasting for is not to implement democracy, but to simply discuss the idea," Schwartz said.
UC officials said they will not respond to his fast or his proposals to transfer most power to councils of faculty, staff and students.

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Spartan Marching Band lacks members and practice area

By Nicholas D. Smith
Daily staff writer

The invisible band is on a manhunt.

Before the first home football game the Spartan Marching Band is an almost invisible entity, and this year the first game is Oct. 19 — practically too late for new musicians to march into the band and know the routines for the year.

Not allowed to practice outside on campus because the noise could disturb classes, the band has set up a recruiting table near the music building in order to increase its visibility.

The shortage, if not tightened up soon, could remove SJSU from the opportunity to play in the nationally televised Hollywood Christmas Parade special that will include 12 marching bands.

At least 100 SJSU band members are needed to appear on the show and at present the band has approxi-

mately 80, according to adviser Scott Pierson.

While the trumpet shortage is particularly acute this year, bass drum and drums of all types are needed, in fact instrument players of all types are welcome, as well as color guard members.

"I know they're out there," Pierson said. There "must be hundreds" who don't know about the marching band, he said. It's not hard to get started in the band, Pierson said. "We try to make it easy to the new students."

Band members get elective units that fill physical education requirements for marching with the band, but also get into athletic events for free.

The marching band typically opens the game with fight songs and the spelling of "SJS." During halftime the band will do theme events with marches choreographed to music. For example, an upcoming show with the working title of "Songs of the Sand" will include

songs from "Lawrence of Arabia" and other Middle Eastern epic tunes, Pierson said.

The band explores music from all genres ranging from jazz and epic songs to rock — even to the extreme of a Guns 'n' Roses tune, Pierson said. In 1989, the band did a tribute to Batman during which all band members donned Joker costumes and played music from the soundtrack.

The band plays at all home football games, alumni events as well as some special trips like the upcoming Christmas special and a Macy's Fashion Show last year. Macy's later made a large donation to the band.

At the heart of everything about the marching band is the music — it's what draws this crowd together. For example, J.J. Johnson, a sophomore majoring in business said he joined the band because he wanted to continue playing and marching

after he left high school. But this experience wasn't the same as the band in high school. It was "totally different," he said. "Everyone knew what they were doing."

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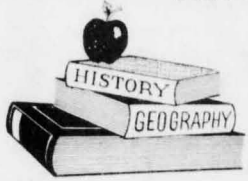
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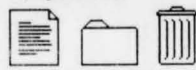


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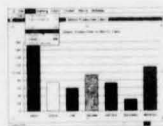
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'Whose Life' opens with jitters

Performance left audience in dark

By John Vieira
Daily staff writer

America has recently become obsessed with the right to die issue. A young sculptress paralyzed from the neck down battles doctors for her right to die in a production by Tzaddi Theatre of "Whose Life is it Anyway?" at the San Jose Stage Company.

Entrapped in a hospital bed, Claire Harrison, played by Reina Woodyard, has lost the use of her limbs and bodily functions due to an automobile accident.

All she could do is move her head. Sarcastically she implied that all she could ever hope for was to be a tennis umpire. All that remains of the sculptress is her consciousness.

"If the only feeling I have is in my head, and I want to feel, I might choose to bang it against the wall. My consciousness is the only thing I have and I must claim the right to use it and as far as possible, act on the conclusions I may come to," Henderson said.

The conclusion she came to was that death is a preferred choice.

Feeling that the wish to die is a symptom of depression and insanity, young Dr. Scott, played by Michael Hickey, prescribes her Valium. Henderson refuses to take the Valium stating that it would be insane not to be depressed.

"The only thing you can do is to stop me from thinking about it — that is — stop me from disturbing you. So I get the tablet and you get the tranquility," Henderson said.

Rule-bound Dr. Emerson, played by Lou Bash, injects protesting Henderson with the Valium.

Dr. Scott takes the side of Henderson and is sympathetic towards her. Henderson tells Scott of her sexual longings. Her inability to have intercourse has driven her to hear sexual innuendo in the most innocent conversations.

"I watch you walking in the room, bending over me, tucking in your sweater. It's surprising how relaxed a man can become when he is not in the presence of a woman. I still have a woman's mind. I still have tremendous sexual desire," Henderson said.

The script is written by Brian Clark and originally produced in Great Britain in the mid-70s. It was rewritten in 1980 when Mary Tyler Moore played the lead role on Broadway.

Tzaddi Theatre originally produced "Whose life is it Anyway?" at the Art League Performance Space in Santa Cruz last June and July. Their first production, "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" premiered at the

Club Oasis in San Jose last November. Estelle Sappington and Woodyard founded Tzaddi Theatre.

Opening night didn't meet expectations. The characters were noticeably nervous.

Woodyard stumbled on a few lines, but her facial expressions conveyed the underlying pain that the character tried to hide. You feel Dr. Scott's dilemma, played by Michael Hickey. Dutiful and stiff ward supervisor Nurse Anderson is well played by Sharon Moore. Lou Bash fails to suggest the strength of medical director, Dr. Emerson. On the other hand, Sappington, director of the play, took command of her character as lawyer Margret Hill. Most disappointing was the fact that Bash had a fake southern accent and played more than one character. And Owen Heter, who also played the

judge, did not portray a believable character of "a judge."

The music, which didn't set the mood of the play, was trying to sound suspenseful when it should have sounded sorrowful. Lighting kept some characters in the dark at times and took the audience out of the play at other times.

Opening day jitters can be attributed to some of the noticeable mistakes mentioned. The play in itself is thought provoking, but the performance left something to be desired.

"Whose life is it Anyway?" opened Friday, Aug. 30, and runs through Saturday, Sept. 14 at the San Jose Stage Company, 490 So. First Street, in San Jose. For more information, call the Tzaddi Theatre box office at (408) 886-6743 or San Jose Stage Company at (408) 283-7142.



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Spartans 2nd in SJSU Classic

By Corey Tresidder
Daily assistant city editor

SJSU's Scott Wiebe hit the net in the second half Monday to beat the Cal-Berkeley Golden Bears 1-0 and clinch SJSU's first win of the soccer season. For the Spartans, it was the only goal they would need to clinch second place in the SJSU Classic Soccer Tournament held Sunday and Monday at Spartan Stadium.

"We played well within ourselves, and today's win was another block in the rebuilding process," said Gary St. Clair, second-year SJSU coach. "We spilled a lot of Spartan-blue blood out here these past two days."

The University of San Francisco finished first in the four-team tournament, while Cal finished third and Cal State Fullerton finished fourth.

Both the Spartans and the Golden Bears had sluggish first halves Monday, but play picked up in the second half as both teams took more chances on offense.

It paid off for the Spartans, as pressure around the Cal goal area set up Wiebe's score.

A Spartan throw-in into the penalty box was mishandled by a Golden Bear defender. There was an opportunity to clear the ball, but the ball went straight up in the air and over to a wide-open Wiebe. Wiebe chest-trapped the ball to his foot and knocked a hard shot past Cal goal-



Elbow room

Spartan Spencer Belideau steals the ball from Cal's Dan Behrendt during the SJSU Classic soccer tournament at Spartan Stadium Monday. SJSU beat Cal 1-0 for its first victory of the season. The Spartans finished third in the tourney.

Photo by Lynn Benson

keeper Alec Rosenberg.

Cal players complained to the linesman and referee that Wiebe was offside — there must be at least one opposing player between a man receiving a pass and the opposing goalkeeper. But since the ball came off the foot of a Cal player instead of a Spartan, Wiebe was not offside by rule and the goal was allowed.

Cal pressured the Spartans for the remaining twenty minutes, but the Spartan defense held fast in the 100-plus degree heat to secure the win.

After the SJSU-Cal match, the

tournament awards were announced and distributed. The offensive MVP for the tournament was Cato Solberg of USF, who tallied two goals and one assist in two games. Spartan defender Anthony Hare was named defensive MVP for the tournament.

"We're looking a lot better early on than last season," Hare said. "The team has been working on fitness, team tactics and individual skill, and after 90 minutes in the heat today our fitness really was the key."

Read about SJSU's first football game of the season vs. Florida in Monday's Spartan Daily

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JIM JOHNSON
Daily Sports Editor

IN THE FIRST game of the 1991 season Saturday, SJSU head coach Terry Shea will lead his Spartans into the Sunshine State, home of the school many are picking in preseason to produce the top-ranked college football team in the nation.

Many think this will be the year Bobby Bowden and his Florida State Seminoles finally win a national championship.

But, perhaps fortunately for the Spartans, they are scheduled to play the other team in Florida, the Gators of Florida University, instead of the highly touted Seminoles.

But the Gators are no picnic. They are being picked to finish as high as No. 3 in the nation by one publication, and in the Top 10 by most others.

Florida finished 9-2 last year including big wins over Southeastern Conference rivals Georgia and Auburn. The Gators' two losses came to Tennessee and Florida State.

A week later, the Spartans travel to Minnesota to take on the Golden Gophers in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

Even though Minnesota, a perennial Top 25 contender, finished an unimpressive 6-5 last year, the Gophers did upset the powerful Iowa Hawkeyes at Iowa and may be the best team not to go to a bowl this year. Minnesota is on probation for a year due to financial aid violations.

These first two games should give the Spartans some much-needed national attention, something they feel will translate into national respect.

Last year, the Spartans felt they weren't afforded that respect and, consequently, were overlooked in the national rankings.

Despite a 9-2-1 record, including a win over Stanford, which beat then-No. 1 Notre Dame, and a tie against Louisville, which slammed powerful Alabama in postseason, the national media remained largely unimpressed with SJSU.

In the California Raisin Bowl, SJSU easily lapped Mid-American Conference champion Central Michigan 48-24. And many thought SJSU would have fared well against many higher-ranked opponents.

But when the final Associated Press rankings came out, no SJSU. The Spartans finished 26th in the voting, just out of the Top 25.

Even a No. 20 ranking in the United Press International poll couldn't assuage the Spartans' bitterness.

"I really believe we deserved to be nationally ranked and nationally recognized (last year)," Spartan coach Terry Shea said.

Florida and Minnesota should test the Spartans' mettle like never before. Two games against top notch, national collegiate football powers on the road will set the tone for the Spartans' season.

Even if the Spartans don't win both games, if they can stay competitive against teams of that calibre they will roll into their Big West opener on September 21 at Long Beach State with a full head of steam and national respect.

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Freshman back looks good in Spartans' Friday scrimmage

By Shigeru Nishiwaki
Daily staff writer

SJSU career rushing leader Sheldon Canley's heir-apparent seems to have arrived. Freshman tailback Donald Lindsey, who hails from Canley's hometown of Lompoc, sparked an intra-squad scrimmage Friday as the Spartans prepared for their first game of the season.

The Spartans will kick off the 1991 football season this Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, Fla. against the Gators of the University of Florida.

Lindsey led all rushers in the scrimmage with 27 yards in three carries, including a 16-yard TD run.

Another first-year Spartan, junior Shon Ellerbe, is tied with Lindsey for the back-up tailback spot. Ellerbe had three carries for 15 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Byron Jackson's 25-yard reverse helped set up the score.

Senior Maceo Barbosa, who tops the depth chart at the tailback position, gained nine yards in four carries.

Other scores came from senior quarterback Matt Veatch, who was selected to start against Florida. Veatch tossed TD passes of 26 and six yards to Gary Charlton and David Blakes, respectively.

"A lot of people are underestimating us," said senior wide receiver Bobby Blackmon. "We are going to be more of a challenge than Florida expects."

Second-year head coach Terry Shea had mixed feelings about the



Lynn Benson — Daily staff photographer

SJSU quarterback Jeff Garcia passes over several defenders in Friday's intra-squad scrimmage at Spartan Stadium. The Spartans open the season against the University of Florida at Gainesville on Saturday.

scrimmage.

"I feel like our scrimmage lacked a little spark that we had in the first scrimmage," he said. "We got some things accomplished that we needed, like getting into a real-game situation."

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Transformer explosion kills power

Cloud of toxic fumes causes evacuations

By Michael Monaghan
Daily staff writer

An electrical transformer exploded about 10:30 a.m. Sunday on Fourth and Santa Clara streets, forcing the evacuation SJSU's Hugh Gillis Hall and Wahlquist Library. The explosion of the underground transformer sent columns of smoke into the air, causing blackouts in the surrounding area.

As a precautionary measure, both Hugh Gillis Hall and Wahlquist Library were evacuated by university police soon after the incident, according to university police spokesman Richard Staley. The presence of smoke and PCBs in the building was a concern, however none were found. No injuries were reported, Staley said.

Fire House No. 1 arrived on Santa Clara Street minutes after the explosion, closing off traffic in both directions. University police were called in to divert traffic around the school, and buildings within a one block radius were evacuated as well, according to San Jose Fire Captain John Charcho.

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