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S. J. cops face overreaction claims

By Robert Drueckhammer and Michael Monaghan

Several SJSU students involved in a distur bance with about 100 police officers in front of Roxy's Roller Rink on Blossom Hill Road Saturday night have filed charges against the San José Police Department, claiming that they were arrested without just cause.

And despite SJPD's statement that no one

was hurt by the officers, several party-goers at the fundraiser for Phi Beta Sigma, a predominantly black fratemity, have also claimed phys-

ical and mental abuse from police.
Responding to party-goers' claims that

police used over-kill in handling the situation at the fundraiser, which was disrupted when sev-eral people tried to crash the party, Bruce Raye,

spokesman for SIPD, said that all the officers were needed to perform "several duties."

These duties included the closing of Blossom Hill Road in the area near the rink. dispersing the crowd at the site of the distur-bance, and quelling fights and other gatherings

They were doing a whole lot of things There was no one thing all of the officers were assigned to do," Raye said.

Raye added that during the dispersal no one was injured by police officers and the only injuries occurred as a result of "people tighting

amongst themselves."

But party-goers claim that police did injure

people.

Dwane Cantrell, fraternity president, said events unfolded because officers concentrated their efforts on getting the crowd to leave instead of finding the "gun-toting thugs" who tried to crash the party. But he, along with other fraternity members, declined to comment

Cherice Bender, an SJSU student who was in the rink when police arrived, said at least one student was hit by a policeman's baton. And other SJSU students related stories

about the alleged mental and physical abuse they suffered during the incident as well.

Xatron Maloof, a 17-year-old SJSU fresh-man majoring in administration of justice, said he spent over 14 hours in jail Sunday after he s arrested while trying to leave the party.

Maloof, who was in a group of eight peo-ple, said he was ordered to drop to the ground at gunpoint after he tried to help a friend who

at guippoint after he fred to help a friend was getting a ticket for a broken tail-light.

"The officer told us to 'get the fuck away from the car,' and we started to get across the street," Maloof said. "But while we were waiting for our friend this cop came up with her gun drawn and ordered us to get on the grass While they were handcuffing us, we asked them what we were being charged with, and

they told us 'obstruction of justice.'

Maloof, a minor, plans to sue the depart-ment because he says he was placed in an adult prison, and because he feels he was arrested

The force they responded with was ridiculous. They had guns on us. At the party, the cops had their clubs out and were hitting peo-

ple," Maloof said. Rob Hodge, an 18-year-old SJSU freshman majoring in electrical engineering, also plans to talk to SJPD's internal affairs department about his arrest following the incident. The internal affairs department investigates police officers for misconduct while they are performing their

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A.S. approves new mission statement

Some argue goals are vague

By Sandy Heynen

A year and a half has gone by since Gail Fullerton suggested SJSU's mission statement be revised and a committee be formed

Fullerton is gone but the committee carried on her wish. The old

mission statement is now revised. Discussion at Monday's Academic Senate meeting from for the most part supported the work the committee had done, however there were a few hesitant to approve

"There is no bite to it," Nicole Launder, Associated Students president and senator said. The first draft was specific and had some definition to it but after all the revisions the statement is now very vague,

Launder said. She also referred to a statement by another senator who called it generic enough to put a bar code on

More concerns of Launder's are the lack of an alumni member on the committee as well as very little response from the rest of the school besides the Academic Senate.

"It is a mission statement from the Academic Senate not the cam-

pus," Launder said.
"The goals may be addressed better through individual colleges," John Galm, Academic Senate senator and chair of the mission com-mittee said. The vagueness in the goals is to allow individual colleges to expand on them.

The statement is divided into three different sections: Character and commitment, mission and goals. The heart of the mission is

to enrich the lives of its students to transmit knowledge to its students along with the necessary skills for applying it in the service of our socity, and to expand the base of knowledge through research and scholarship.

Even though the mission state ment has been approved, Launder said it can still be amended. Galm plans to use the design tal-

ents on campus to create a good looking brochure of the new mission statement to be sent out.

A.S. Mission Statement

For undergraduate and graduate students, the SJSU emphasizes the following goals in its revised mission statement approved Monday by the Academic Senate

➤ In-depth knowledge of a major field of study.

➤ Broad understanding of the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the arts.

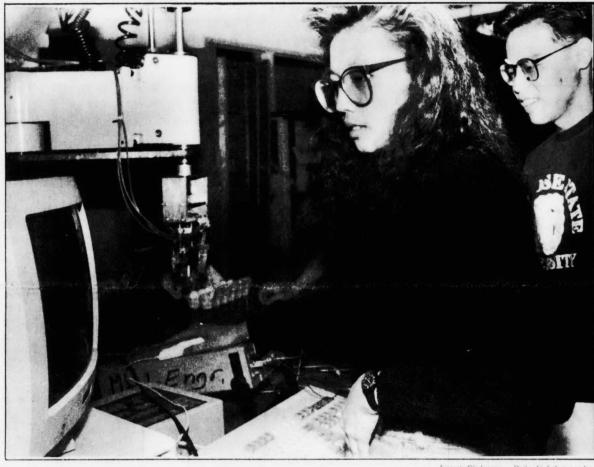
Skills in communica-tion and critical inquiry.

➤ Multi-cultural and global perspectives gained through intellectual and social exchange with people of diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds.

➤ Active participation in professional, artistic, and ethnic communities.

➤ Responsible citizenship and an understanding of ethi-cal choices inherent in human development

ROBOTIC REFLEXES



Jeanette Glicksman - Daily chief photographe

Nancy Reyes, a mechanical engineering senior, works on the computer software that she and fellow members of her senior project group designed to control the closed loop robotic system with force feedback seen next to her, while mechanical engineering senior Nelson Kong looks on.

The other project members are Winston Tai, Mike Ramos and Eddie Lee. They have been working daily on this now completed project for two semesters under the advisement of Professor Ji Wang of the mechanical engineering depart-

NASA provided the tactile sensors for the feedback system which allows the robotic arm to pick up and transport delicate items, such as raw eggs, without crushing them. According to Kong and Tai, the robotic arm will be used as an educational tool, since the force feedback system is still relatively new technology

BREAKING THE CULTURAL BARRIERS

Club strives to overcome stereotypes

By Barbara Doheny

A year ago, the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers was formed with just four people at its first meeting. Today, the club averages 35 members

per meeting and is involved in an expanding network of projects committed to academic excellence, getting more black students on campus and a promoting a minimal drop-out rate.

B.A.S.E. was founded to form a sup-

port network among black students in science and engineering programs where there may frequently be only one black

Black students number 104 out of more than 4,100 engineering majors this semester. Only a handful of the 122 degrees awarded to black graduates last spring were engineering degrees, according to BASE president Willyetta Brown.

'We're not a social group," said wn, "The retention rate (at SJSU) is really bad. We wanted to put together an

organization that will make it better."

B.A.S.E. students established the club and initiated academic excellence and recruitment programs and the projects to achieve them with minimal help from the engineering department

"They see that they are in control," said club advisor Dr. Nabil Ibrahim. 'Students in B.A.S.E. have realized that they can succeed and break a major barrier in the ability to excel."

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NABA struggles to help black accountants

By Barbara Doheny

When a handful of members decided to revive the National Association of Black Accountants at SJSU last semester, they got off to an encouraging start. About thirty students attended their kick-off panel discussion led by minority

professionals in accounting.
But this semester, the club is struggling to re-establish itself from scratch
— without an adviser, without a room for regular meetings and with the loss of

one of last semesters' key organizers.

Aron Kiebreab, a senior accounting major, organized last semester's event and to promote it, he compiled a list of

NABA, but he is now unable to help because he is no longer an SJSU student.

because the last few classes he needed were full. If he can't enroll at SJSU this

accounting and finance majors.

He is still enthusiastic about the Kiebreab was scheduled to graduate this semester, but could not enroll spring, he said, he'll transfer to alifornia State University Hayward and get his degree there.

Lack of continuing leadership has hampered NABA's "on and off" growth for the past decade, according to Johnny Shackleford, who helped found the original SJSU chapter in 1980. "There were still members, but no leaders," she said.

Shackleford, now a professional accountant with Litton Industries, is a club mentor and liaison between

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Psychology professor Robert Zaslow dies

By Angela Hill

A caring man who was an innovator in the field of child psychology has died. Robert Zaslow, SJSU associ-ate professor emeritus since

1988, died suddenly at his south San Jose home on the morning of Dec. 1. He was 72.

The cause of his death is assumed to be a heart attack, according to his son David

"He loved kids," Zaslow's son David said. "Everyone on the faculty liked him. He loved

Zaslow's theories in psychology spoke for his concern for children. Working primarily with autistic children, Zaslow developed what he called the "Z-process" — a holding, consoling technique for controlling

anger. In a 1974 Spartan Daily article, Zaslow told of his practical use of the Z-process with a little girl. "Rather than being a superpsychologist, I approached as a human being and I held her," he said. "She went into a rage but I continued to hold her until she relaxed. Then without knowing why, I told the child I loved her and she told me she loved me." This was when he This was when he realized the impact of his theo-

"This child who had not been relating to anyone, was responding to me so I felt this theory had something to it," he

After retiring from his 28year career at SJSU's psychology department, Zaslow took his theories all over the world. He

recently returned from a sum-mer lecturing tour in Germany, Born in New York City of Russian immigrant parents, Zaslow became a sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed in Burma. He came to the West Coast after the war and earned is undergraduate degree at UCLA. He went on to graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley where he received his doctorate in psy-

Chology.
Zaslow's co-workers at
SJSU also thought of him as a
caring person."Around the office, he was a delightful gen-tleman, a nice person," said Corky Smith, psychology department secretary.

EDITORIAL

First Amendment comes under fire once again

Hate speech law denies right to free expression

he government should not prohibit hate speech because it will inhibit free speech.

The attorney of a 17-year-old white skinhead wants the Supreme Court to overrule a St. Paul, Minn. hate-crimes

In St. Paul, speech that may "arouse anger, alarm, or resentment ... on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender," is against the law

This city law contradicts the Constitution of the United States. The First Amendment guarantees all citizens the right to freedom of

expression.
The Court is now struggling with a controversial subject. According to a Mercury News article, Edward Cleary. the attorney for Robert A. Victora said that the real test of the First Amendment is "whether there is freedom for the thought we loathe." But an attorney for the city described hate speech as the 'cancer of society.'

Victora was accused of burning a cross in the middle of the night on the

front yard of a black family.

Cleary said that the city should not prosecute his client for the hateful message but for trespassing with malicious intent.

The burning of a cross or spray painting the Nazi symbol on someone's house is not protected by the First Amendment and should never be. This is not a form of speech but trespassing and destruction of property.

The First Amendment guarantees every American citizen the right to say what they want and if you disagree you have a right to say what you feel.

You cannot condemn someone for their beliefs.

Speech that goes against the popular morality and ethics must be protected as

The burning of the American flag can also be considered as hate speech. Any one can do what they want with an American flag; they could never destroy the patriotism in people's hearts.

Even though many citizens are against hate speech, it should be protected by the First Amendment.



Raúl Dominguez - Spartan Daily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRITER'S **FORUM**

Angela Hill



Cop mentality frightening

new perspective on life has glared in my eyes this week and made me squint in discomfort. It's the slightly scary — to me at least — point of view of a friend of mine who is veteran police officer.

In a recent conversation with this

friend, in which we discussed several political differences, I strained not to fall for the temptation to generalize about cops. But it wasn't necessary. He did it

"All the cops I know feel this way," he told me. "You don't know the things I've seen in the back alleys and apartments. People on welfare just don't want to

And so on and so on. I was appalled, but not totally surprised. My cousin is a former CHP officer and he holds a photocopy of these views. I had hoped he

was an anomoly. Not so. Very scary And after hearing of the recent charges of police brutality flying all over campus, this apparently common mentality of workers in the police force would seem to be a fertile ground for hostility and even unnecessary violence.

As a whole, I admire police officers. I really do. They're heroes when they show up after a crime or even when they make noisy neighbors shut up at three in the morning. But somewhere there must be a median point, a tempering of the cop mentality before it goes too far. Before innocent or even guilty citizens are commonly viewed with contempt and lumped into stereotypes.

ike to avoid stereoty plugged into enough of them in my time to know there's always another side to

I've derived the generalization that cops are the masters of generalization.

something. But I'll dare to fall off my high and mighty wagon for just a moment and place a toe in the stereotyping trap.

After peering into my friend's gravenin-concrete opinions, I've derived the generalization that cops are the masters

of generalizations.

My friend instructed me in the ways of the world. I had no idea that women on welfare have more babies on purpose so that they can stay on welfare. I'm so glad to know this. Poor, uninformed me didn't know that gays don't deserve a right to housing much less to life itself. I was in the dark about the liberals in the world causing every problem facing society today. Thank God my eyes have

been opened.

And they have indeed. I see the underlying foundations of violence in heroes clothing. And it scares me. Most everyone knows of the Rodney

King videotape where police brutality was permanently logged in our memories. Most everyone was shocked by it. I wonder if my friend was.

Angela Hill is a Daily staff writer.

Memo not harassment

Your editorial concerning Tom Brennan is an example of how hysteria can affect people who would otherwise know better. The editorial asserts at the start that "Tom Brennan is as insensitive to women and per-naps even more lacking in judgment and common sense than (Clarence) Thomas." Thomas has been accused, among other things, of trying to get women under his employment to have sex with him, making sexual comments about their anatomy, describing sex acts he saw in porn films to them, and boasting about his own anatomy. This is clearly sexual harassment, as every one I'm sure would agree.

To therefore assert that Brennan is as insensitive to women as Thomas is a serious charge, and should be backed up with some evidence. And what evidence is supplied? First, there is the famous joke male conduct memo, distributed to the athletic staff by Brennan; a memo described by the editorial as "tasteless and clearly degrading." Second, Brennan eliminated nine positions due to a budget deficit, of which six were held by women. One was the senior women adminwomen. One was the scand women administrator. Which proves ... what? Third, he postponed a discussion in the department about issues of gender equity and sexual harassment. And that's it. It's hard to see how this constitutes anything like the acts Thomas was accused of

It used to be the case that if X was accused of sexual harassment, there was some specific person or persons who had been the target of X's actions. No longer. Now you can hand out a memo which you did not write and anyone who is offended might file sexual harassment charges against you. To be offended is equated with being harassed: "I think (the memo) was inappropriate, that's why we filed the com-plaint" — Coach Walker. It must be a real oleasure for Brennan to hold staff meetings knowing that any comment or action of his may lead to sexual harassment charges. One wonders how many charges will be filed by the coaches after the postponed equity meeting is held?

And what of the "tasteless and clearly degrading" memo? The humor is if anything rather tame for my taste — the typical TV sitcom has exactly this type of material on it every night of the week.

I did like the rule that one should not discuss, describe, or attempt to re-enact in mixed company any movie starring actors named Johnny-be Goooood, or Tina Twin Peaks. But according to the "moral majority" quoted in the newspaper, to make light of sexual harassment is equivalent to condoning it, so I suppose I should not be

It must be a real pleasure ... to hold staff meetings, knowing that any comment or action ...may lead to sexual harassment charges.'

Daniel Goldston

The conclusion is that the most minor or unintentional action which offends any woman may now be branded sexual harass-ment. The delicacy of interpersonal relations thus required does not extend to the accusers, who are free to tarnish anyone who offends them as being just as bad as a "real" sexual harrasser. And to joke about the subject is forbidden. Which reminds me of the following joke: How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: THAT'S NOT FUNNY!!!.

Daniel Goldston Professor Math/CS

Cartoon incites racism

On Dec. 5, the Spartan Daily published a cartoon by Raul Dominguez which I found offensive. The cartoon depicts a stereotypical portrayal of a Japanese man with the label, "Japanese Automotive & Electronic Industries," holding a gun with the words "Pearl Harbor" on the side in one hand and gripping "Payoffs to Congress" in the other. The cartoon not only invokes anger and

hostility toward Japan and the Japanese but it also incites racism toward all Asians by pre-senting a caricature of an Asian. This can be dangerous in a racially charged climate. For instance, in San Jose last week a Filipino-American had the windows of his car shot out with the words "Nip" and "Go home" ritten on the car. This past weekend Molotov cocktails were thrown at the home

of a Japanese-American in San Leandro. I am particularly disturbed with the refer ence made to ancestry in the cartoon when the caricature of an Asian states: "My father used guns to destroy the dreams of many Americans. I use unfair trading. Japanese-American I strongly object to this statement. Although my parents were American citizens, they were placed in concentration camps in the year following Dec. 7, 1941 without a trial or due process of law simply because of their Japanese ancestry.

It was disturbing that the Spartan Daily ran the cartoon on the week commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor. The media, by and large, focused on this week of remembrance as a time of healing. I believe the Spartan Daily to be irresponsible in publishing the cartoon, especially in the days just before the commemoration of Dec. 7, 1941. The cartoon provokes anger which diffuses to all Asians. Most disturbing is the fact that it reflects the Spartan Daily's lack of sensitivity toward Asian-American students, staff and faculty.

Alexander Yamato Associate Professor **Asian-American Studies**

For the record ...

We should be thankful that all of the American hostages have been released from Lebanon. Raul Dominguez' political cartoon that ran on Dec. 6, reflects that joy, but it also reflects the perpetual ignorance that the media subjects to the public about the Middle East

The cartoon depicted an open cage, topped by a turban, freeing white doves. A Shi'a Muslim group has claimed responsibil-ity for holding the hostages captive. Shi'a Muslims do not wear turbans; followers of Sikhism, one of the three largest religions of India, wear turbans

There is no time like the present, with Middle East peace on our minds, to dispel the misinformation and propaganda that is generated about religions and cultures of that vital region. I do not suggest that we ignore the realities that do occur, but as members of a center of growth and education, truth and objectivity should be foremost on our minds.

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Environmentalists clean up in Rhodes contest

CLAREMONT, Calif. (AP) — A trio of individualists, including an activist who braved the sea to protest drift net fishing, a karate black belt and the leader of an inner-city literacy program gained places among this year's Rhodes Scholars.

The 32 Americans who won prestigious scholarship for 1992 will receive two years of study at Oxford University in England. They were chosen by committees nationwide on Wednesday and Saturday.

"There was an overwhelming interest in the environment among this year's candidates," said David Alexander, American secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust based at Pomona College in Claremont. "A close second would be concern with the state of American society, including the problems of homelessness and hunger."

This year's list includes nine women. Women have been eligible for the scholarship since 1976, and so far 166 have won it. Three blacks, two Russian-Americans and one Hispanic received scholarships this year.

received scholarships this year.
"It's the quality of the candidates regardless of their ethnic origin or gender that counts in front of the committees," Alexander said.

The estate of Cecil Rhodes, a British philanthropist, established the scholarships after his death in 1902. Rhodes had hoped the scholarships would contribute to world understanding and peace.

Among the qualities sought by 50 state selection committees and eight district committees are proven academic excellence, integrity, respect for others, leadership ability and sports prowess.

"I think that I'm a little bit flabbergasted that I actually got it," said Rhodes scholar Douglas Beck of Piedmont, Calif. Beck, who is taking East Asian Studies at Yale University with a double major in Japan and History, said he plans to study interna-

tional relations at Oxford.

This year's winners also include Molly Ann Kramer, a Southern Illinois University graduate now engaged in environmental studies at the University of Montana. In addition to working with sexually abused children, she participated in an international protest against the use of drift nets by rowing a boat in the Caribbean. She plans to continue her graduate work in history at Oxford.

Derek Y. Kunimoto, of Hawaii, is a black belt in karate who has taught the art of self-defense and founded karate clubs at Wesleyan University and at Harvard University, where he now is a biology major. Kunimoto plays jazz saxophone and plans to study biochemistry at Oxford. Robert A. Sternfels, a history and economics major at Stanford University, founded a company that developed a computerized data base for attorneys. A member of Stanford's water polo team, Sternfels plans to study law at Oxford.



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ART DEPT.: "Bo Don't know Video", a collaborative video presentation, 7 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. screening, Morris Daily Auditorium, call 924-

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY: Final M.S. Seminar, 4:30 p.m. Duncan Hall 250, call 924-5000. HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOC.: Meeting, 7 p.m., S.U Almaden Room, call 924-2707.

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT CLUB: Meeting, 3:30 p.m., IS 239, call 924-3197.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOC.: Lunchtime lecture with Dr. Geo Vasquez, noon, Guadalupe Room. PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA: monthly meeting-"Sports P.R.", 7 p.m. Guadalupe Room, call 971-9400.

WEDNESDAY 11

STUDENTS FOR LIFE: Abortion discussion, 6 p.m., S.U Guadalupe Room, call 761-0743.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES: Snack lunch, 11:30 a.m., BBQ pit next to Central Classroom Bldg., call 732-0500.

FANTASY STRATEGY CLUB: Final 1991 Session, 5:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 294-7097.

CADRE INSTITUTE STUDENT ALLIANCE: Cinema exhibition and lecture by Louis M. Brill, 7 p.m., Art Bldg. Room 133, call 297-5744. THE DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY: Flood forecasting seminar, 4 p.m., Duncan Hall 615, call 924-5200.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open meeting, 12:15, Campus Ministry Center, call 266-9606.

ASPB: Wednesday Nite Cinema "The Marrying Man," 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., S.U. Ballroom, call 924-6263.

ALPHA PHI APLPHA: Nation of Islam, 7 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 294-2006.

THURSDAY 12

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Christmas caroling and tree trimming, 5:30 p.m. Carol through neighborhood, call 298-0204. DISABLED STUDENTS ASSOC.:
Official planning session for spring
Disability Awareness Day, 3 p.m.,
Disabled Students Services Center
(Conference Room across from Adm.
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FRIDAY 13

DISABLED STUDENT ASSOC.: Christmas Party, noon, Disabled Students Services Center, call 924-6000.

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Xatron Maloof, admininstration of justice freshman, discusses his arrest outside of the University Police Department Monday.

'The force they responded with was ridiculous. They had guns on us.'

Xatron Maloof

CONFLICT

He described the party as being "out of hand," saying that police offi-cers would hit people with their batons if they were "moving too slow" while leaving the area.

Abdul Boissiere, a 19-year-old SJSU freshman majoring in psychology, said that the officers at the scene were telling people to "get the f-away" and that they continually harassed the party goers with profan-ity during the incident.

Boissiere, who was arrested for "obstruction of an officer's duties," also plans to complain to officials because "the officers violated my rights. I was in jail for standing somewhere, and I have a right to do that," he said. "And when I was in jail I was treated harshly, so I want to do something about that too."

Raye would not respond to claims that fraternity members were arrested and assaulted by officers while trying to help convince people to leave. He said the department is "look-

ing into the incident to make sure we did everything appropriately."

'It is my understanding that a fraternity member has a videotape of the incident, and we plan to look at it. We will do everything possible to investigate the matter," Raye said during an interview in front of police headquarters on Monday.

He added that a meeting had taken place with members of the fraternity and the chief of police, but said he could not comment on internal affairs matters

Saturday night's friction occurred when ninety-seven police officers, clad in riot gear, had responded to pleas for help from two off-duty offi-cers working at an SJSU fraternity party at the rink at approximately 11

The off-duty officers were super vising the entrance to the party when several individuals, some of whom were carrying weapons, forced their way through an entrance line of approximately 600 to 800 people, Raye said.

Bender, who attended the party, put the number of people causing the initial disturbance at 10.

But Zinzi Zarees, another SJSU student at the party, said about 30 individuals broke through the entrance line

After those causing the disruption flashed guns at the crowd, Raye said, some people in line ran toward the parking lot while others tried to enter the rink without paying. At this point, the off-duty officers decided hey had no choice but to contact SJPD to handle the situation.

As police backups arrived on the scene, Raye said, they noticed that several individuals were falling to the ground after being crushed by people rushing into the rink.

Zarees said that up to 200 people tried to rush the entrance to the rink at the same time. By that time, according to witnesses, the disrupters had already fled the scene.

After attempts by Dale Cartstensen, general manager at Roxy's, failed to disperse crow's members already skating inside, responding officers declared the area to be the site of an emergency and ordered people to leave.

Raye said that 10 males and one female were arrested for various charges after the order to disperse was given, including battery of a police officer and failure to disperse

NABA

From Front Page

NABA's professional chapter and local colleges.

Shackleford and Kiebreab want to develop a chain of leadership in the club, with work shared among vice presidents who assume top positions

when seniors graduate.
This would require more members than the current 20 or so students Okwudia estimates are associated with the club. The greatest obstacle to recruitment may be the lack of a permanent meeting place.

Meetings held roughly on a monthly basis draw about a half dozen members, according to Okwudia. But without a room of their own for regular meetings, he said, it's harder for interested students to connect with the core

Okwudia said a good faculty advir — "someone to speak up for us" will be crucial to the club's survival. NABA is currently talking with several potential advisors, he added.

An advisor might have been able to help, Okwudia said, when the group found they couldn't use the room advertised as a meeting place after 5 p.m. on Fridays. The meeting was held outside.

'We left early so we wouldn't face harassment by university police," he said bluntly. "If a few black students gather around without a faculty member, people like cops are quick to sus-

pect something is wrong."

What keeps club officers motivated is the networking they've done with other NABA chapters. Kiebreab and Okwudia attended a NABA conference in Houston last summer. The Chevron Corporation underwrote expenses for the SJSU students.

It felt so good to see a lot of brothers and sisters, a lot of them accounting majors, a lot with 4.0s," Okwudia said. "The idea that blacks are good at sports and music is eroding away little by little. In Houston, I

felt that in a big way."

The conference was also a chance to make that point to potential employers, Okwudia said.

'Most of them don't know we exist. They don't know how to get in touch with us," he said. "Through NABA, employers have a chance to see us shine.

Socializing with recruiters in an informal setting helps students overcome prejudice that can influence hiring decisions, Shackleford said.
"It may be in some cases an uncon-

scious de-selection," she said. "(The conference) helps get the employer past that because it's not really an

interview situation."

All the students met with corporate recruiters in informal settings, then received written evaluations on their presentations, she explained.

"You need to know how to present yourself," Okwudia said. "Everywhere a black man works you are easily noticed, so they teach you how to deal

NABA's seminars, mentoring program and annual banquet give dents practical preparation and net-working opportunities crucial to making it in business.

Most students get jobs through Beta Alpha Psi (an accounting frater-nity)," said Leon Ainer, a 1990 SJSU graduate who now audits defense con-tracts for the U.S. government. "A lot of minorities feel they don't fit in, they

don't join, so they don't get jobs."

Ainer said he made a mistake in not getting a Big 8 accounting internship and starting late with networking and mentoring. "I was a prime example of that whole dilemma," he said.

Okwudia is American-born but grew up in Nigeria, and Kiebreab escaped from Eritrea in the mid-1980's. Officers and members include Jamaicans, Africans and African-Americans, Okwudia said.

"NABA comprises blacks from all over the world," he said, and is open to all students of color.

If NABA grows at SJSU, it could influence students on campuses around the bay area, Shackleford said.

"If you don't know black accountants exist and you don't see them in your school, you tend to de-select it (as a career) unconsciously," she said.

The goal, she said, is that NABA have presence and recognition on campus but also in their community.

Members are currently planning for recruitment next semester, a monthly newsletter and a bake sale fund-raiser. There are times, though, when Okwudia worries the club won't overcome its setbacks.

"Right now I have a feeling after all these efforts, NABA might end up dying," he said.

But Kiebreab is more optimistic At the Houston conference, he said, an award was given to the chapter with the most membership growth.

"I want NABA to win that," he

B.A.S.E.: Group gives students support

From Front Page

The push for academic excellence attacks the issue from all sides.

B.A.S.E. students have created their own test files, pooled textbooks and notes and have created study groups. They share information on the best combination of courses and pro-

B.A.S.E. co-sponsors the Equal Opportunity Program study center. They match upperclassmen with incoming students in the Minority Engineering Program's Big Engineering Program's Big Brother/Big Sister program to take the trauma out of the first semesters in pursuing a tough major.

And they register for classes together so nobody has to feel isolated

in science and engineering.
That kind of academic and emotional support is critical at a campus where B.A.S.E. students say racial slights, intentional and unintentional, still create tension and mistrust

You can sit in the front of the

you are. You can be afraid to ask a question," said David Wallace, a junior

electrical engineering major.
"The black faculty we have is excellent, but more would help. It encourages you to try even harder to please them," added Wesley Hendrix, a sophomore computer engineering

White professors, he said, "don't seem to care whether you fail. Black professors get to know the name of each black student. They don't just know your grades, they know your

name and your goals. The students stressed that minorities must not let racism get in the way

of their education. "If you get a mental block, 'this is racist,' then you won't learn,' Wallace. "If you get stopped at that early a stage, chances are you won't get any further. The key thing is, if you don't learn to cope, the first time you mess up you won't realize you can learn from your mistakes.

to you," said Eugene Young, a sopho-more mechanical engineering major. "Just go for it, go talk to them during their office hours.'

But tension can dissuade a student from asking a teacher for help, Legardy said, and they may feel more comfortable learning from another stu-

"I have people to turn to instead of sitting in my room and saying, 'I need help' but I don't want to go to my

B.A.S.E.'s recruitment drive applies the same philosophy to mentoring and tutoring high school students. Seven or eight students volunteered as mentors for local high schools with a high minority enrollment.

"Success is not measured just by what you do yourself. You must bring everybody with you," Wallace said. Mark Olds, a senior mechanical

engineering major, mentored junior high school students in English, math and science at San Luis Obispo.

They seemed like they were more enthusiastic about doing their homework."

Low black enrollment figures can be self-perpetuating, B.A.S.E. members said.

"You can't look at anybody as a role model. The whole field of engineering is scary. It's hard and it takes time," said Legardy. "When people think of making money they want it now, and to get an engineering degree takes a couple of years."

"We're not a monolith," said Young. "Some students are here to

party and some to study."
"Not all of us feel powerless and somebody can help us out. We can do for ourselves," he said

Your future is what you make of it," said Olds. "If you choose to succeed then you will succeed. If you choose to fail, then you will fail."

"I'm going to get my degree, regardless. That's all there is to it," Young said.

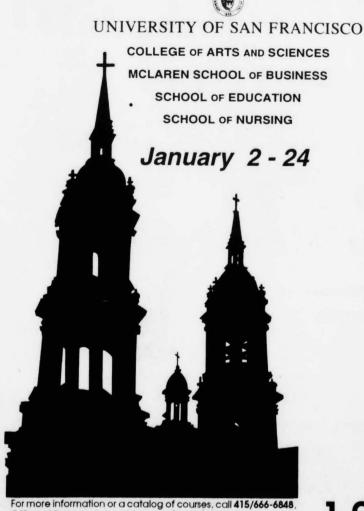
Court finds manufacturer of breast implants at fault

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) _ A federal jury on Monday found Dow Corning Corp. liable for manufacturing defects and fraud in a Sonoma County woman's breast implant that

The verdict makes the company liable for compensatory and punitive damages to Marianne Hopkins of Sebastopol. The jury will decide the amount of damages in the next stage of the trial.

Hopkins had the silicone implant in 1977 after reconstructive surgery to remove a breast tumor that her lawyer described as an impending malignan-cy. In 1979, she began suffering an immune system disease, called mixedconnective tissue disorder, because of silicon gel leaking from the implant, attorney Charles Louderback told the

He said the disease has caused swelling and pain like arthritis.



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Stuart makes I-Center feel like home

Paulette Miklica

Once you enter the International Center, you are wrapped in an atmosphere which feels like the home of a friend, rather than a sterile, embassylike building.

Jo Stuart, director of the center, does not take responsibility for its ambience, she enhances it.

Recently, Stuart picked up a resi-dent to sell tickets and promote the International House Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. She gave him tickets, fliers, posters, encouraging words and sent him on his way, like a modern mom, sending off her child with confidence in his ability.

Stuart has not always been a surrogate mother to international students. She worked in the advertising and publishing field before coming to San

Living near Orlando, Florida, she said she saw the "vapor lock" coming with the construction of DisneyWorld, so she made her way to San Jose and enrolled in the anthropology graduate

program at SJSU.

In 1978 she became a resident hall director, but still kept her interest in the International Center.

Stuart was not only interested in the center, but unknowingly showed interest in the directorship. In 1985, when the position became available, the former director recommended

Stuart, who has been in the position

The International Center was founded by SJSU alumni Phyllis and Alan Simpkins in 1978, with the intention of introducing foreign stu-dents to American life. It is the first of its kind in the CSU system.

Stuart manages the whole opera-tion with the help of two part-time ssistants and four resident advisors. Her job is to make sure everything runs smoothly. Since she doesn't have a building maintence staff, she claims to be Orchard Supply Hardware's best

The job as director dominates Stuart's life. At first she did not live at the center, but the job became too taxing financially and emotionally. She approached Gail Fullerton about a vacant room that was seldom used for hosting visiting professors. Fullerton accepted Stuart's proposal and she moved in to the center.

She travels, she says, in order to help keep her sanity. Recently, she went on a train trip through part of Europe. She contacted some former residents from the center and traveled from Greece to Norway. That satisfied some of her appetite for train travel, but she is still hungry for more.

Stuart says she feels fortunate to be the leader of such a diverse group. 'The I-Center has a culture all its own," she says. "I have my own tribe

Abused gays find refuge at school

NEW YORK (AP) — Like most of his 29 classmates, M. Paul found refuge at a single-classroom high school on the Hudson. He says he was driven out of his previous school in Cincinnati because he was differ-

ent.
"They screamed 'faggot!' at me, bashed my head into the toilet, and burned my arm with a cigarette lighter," he said, displaying scars from what he described as an attack by classmates two years ago.

For M. Paul, a 17-year-old with bleached blond hair, his new school is quite different from the last one. It's the Harvey Milk School in Greenwich Village, the only school in the world set up specifically for

gay and lesbian students.

Squeezed between an auto mechanic's garage and a shop that sells Chinese crafts, the school's red, metal front door opens to a narrow, scuffed staircase. The single classroom is on the third floor.

M. Paul and most of the other stu-dents were high school dropouts who risked ridicule, assault, homeless-ness, AIDs and suicide until they found this school.

They are young men and women "who simply couldn't survive a regular school," says Sherry Zekowski, principal of the Career Education enter, which oversees the school for the Board of Education.

They were too different," she

says.
The school has 30 students, 25 boys and five girls, ages 15 to 21. Some are from faraway places such as Argentina, Brazil, Guyana, Peru and Puerto Rico. Most come from low-income families and more than half get no money from home. They

fend for themselves with odd jobs.
"If you can't make it here, you can't make it nowhere," says Tracey, a shy 20-year-old man, wearing a skirt, shoulder-length hair, lipstick and a diamond nose stud. Tracey, who prefers to be addressed as a woman, lives with a boyfriend in Brooklyn and hopes to study engi-

On most days, only about twothirds of the students show up for

On a recent fall morning, 18 students — one girl and 17 boys — were in the small classroom, warmed by an electric space heater. They lis-tened as an admissions official from the City University of New York told them how to apply to college.

Learning to fit in

Eddy, 18, his half-shaved head of blond-dyed curls graced by round, silver earrings and pink sunglasses, asked how he could fit in as a black college youth:
"When you go to a city college,

you see a white cloud and a few black dots. And if you're a gay black

Later, when Eddy applied lip-stick, teacher Monica Fishof admonished him. "Please leave," she said. 'No makeup in class."

The school is named in memory of Harvey Milk, the San Francisco city supervisor and gay activist who was shot to death in his office in 1979 by a fellow supervisor.

The school was started in 1985 as part of the Hetrick-Martin Institute in the West Village, named after

founders Emery Hetrick, a psychia-trist, and his companion, Damien Martin, a professor of communication at New York University. Both have died of AIDS, Hetrick in 1987

and Martin last August.
With \$1.7 million a year in public and private funds, including \$500,000 from the state, the institute provides social and counseling services, health care and housing to thousands of gay youths driven out of their homes or schools by parents and peers.

Here they call them "clients."

The salaries of the two teachers, Fishof and Fred Goldhaber, are paid from a \$130,000 yearly budget allocated by the Board of Education. It's enough to also pay for a teaching assistant, books and other supplies. But it isn't enough to fix the decaying walls and loose wiring in the "I think I'm the luckiest teacher

in the world. I have kids who really need care and concern and under-standing and role models and educasays Goldhaber, 44, who taught English in a public high school in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn for 17 years

Mr. G, as the kids call him, was absent one morning because of "HIV-related symptoms," he says. Last year, his companion died of

At least four of the students also are HIV-positive."I'm not good at death," says Fishof, a 34-year-old doctoral candidate with three children of her own.

But she's great at offering the nurturing and hugging some of the

"They need to know a straight person can love them," she says.
All six students graduating this

year plan to attend college, she says.

Stress leads to danger

'Most of our students have tried to commit suicide in the past. ... They're the most disenfranchised population in our society," says Steve Ashkinazy, the director of the school

program.
An Orthodox Jew who wears a skull cap at school, he also has fought for gay human rights at his Manhattan synagogue.

Observing the teen-agers laughing and dancing in the hallway, Ashkinazy says, "They belong to an age and risk group that is very

AIDS-susceptible."

James, 17, says AIDS is not his big concern, "because here they teach us how to protect ourselves

James, who was born in Peru and now lives with his mother and step-father in the Bronx, says he left his previous high school after being stalked by a gang while walking to the bus after school.

"They cornered me and were just about to attack me, when a woman in a car stopped, told me to get in and drove me home," he says

Frances Kunreuther, the institute director, wishes it didn't have to be

"We don't know if being gay is genetic or environmental, but if schools and families would accept their yo ngsters as they are, we wouldn't have to have the institute,"

'Loner' terrorizes neighborhood, kills two, wounds five

loner who neighbors said regularly cursed at the children in his neighbor-hood was charged Monday with killing a 12-year-old girl and her father and wounding at least five other people in a morning-long siege.

David Clayton Lynch, 31, surrendered and was ordered held without bond in Gaston County Jail. A hearing was set for Tuesday.

In Lynch's neat ranch house police found weapons in place at several windows and cases of ammunition. "He's got more guns than we had out here," Capt. Archie Huffstetler said.

Sporadic gunfire into the neighborhood of mostly single-family homes prevented rescuers from reaching some victims for several hours.

Anita Kiser, who lives across the street, said Lynch had a history of cursing, throwing rocks and "generally terrorizing" neighborhood children.

"He has never been a friendly neighbor," she told the Shelby Star during the ordeal. "He is ugly to

more than four hours after the siege began, said Ken Beach, assistant Gaston County police chief. He was charged with first-degree

Lynch surrendered around midday,

murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, assaulting police and shooting into an empty vehicle

Police said a minor traffic citation was their only record of Lynch. Neighbors said India Anderson was shot to death while waiting for her

school bus Monday morning in her yard across the street from Lynch, Her

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father, Bobby, was shot minutes later. Rescuers couldn't get to either one until Lynch gave himself up.

The wounded included the girl's mother, a father and son living next door to Lynch and two police officers. "He'd been hollering at the kids

and threatening to spit on them," said Donna Overman, 18, a relative of the Hunters who lives in the area. Vivian Whitlock, whose back yard

abuts the gunman's property, said her granddaughter had just boarded the school bus when she heard gunfire. Ms. Whitlock said she fled by car with her 4-year-old grandson.

"I didn't know what to do. I was scared to death," she said.

Before the standoff ended, the gunman fired four shots, apparently aiming at two helicopters circling overad. Police were in one chopper, a television crew was in the other.

Preventive medicine — key to saving planet earth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - There is little hope of repairing Earth's damaged atmosphere with quick fixes such as fertilizing oceans to reverse global warming or dumping chemicals in the sky to protect the ozone layer, scien-

"Prevention is the only thing that will work," and that means conserving energy and taking other steps to reduce air pollution that threatens to alter Earth's climate, said F. Sherwood Rowland, an atmospheric chemist at the University of California, Irvine.

Some researchers have suggested a variety of "global environmental engineering" methods to halt pollutioncaused global warming and damage to the stratospheric ozone layer that shields Earth from harmful ultraviolet

But other scientists "are concerned about the idea of tinkering with a system we don't understand very well," said atmospheric scientist Richard Turco, of the University of California, Los Angeles.

"If we try to make corrections, we may create more problems than we solve," said James Hansen, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York.

What Turco called the first serious formal scientific session on the topic was held Monday during the American Geophysical Union's fall

Humans already are inadvertently engineering the world's climate by polluting it, but "the question is whether we can do it deliberately" to repair the damage, Rowland said, calling most such proposals "science fic-

Rowland said many people believe that if climate damage "really got seri-ous we would just fix it. ... The scientific community has thought about fixes and they don't work'

Scientists believe Earth's weather, crop patterns and sea levels will be altered by global warming.

This "greenhouse effect" is caused by industrial society's emission of carbon dioxide and other pollutants that trap the sun's heat in the atmosphere like glass holds heat in a greenhouse

Depletion of Earth's ozone layer caused largely by refrigerant gases called CFCs— is expected to increase the risk of skin cancer and also damage crops.

Some researchers have proposed fertilizing oceans with iron to spur radical growth of algae and other marine plants. That theoretically might counter global warming by consuming vast amounts of carbon dioxide.

But estimate indicate the plants wouldn't gobble up enough carbon dioxide to significantly reduce global warming, said ocean geochemist Jorge Sarmiento of Princeton University.

The plants might kill other creatures by robbing seawater of oxygen, and also would produce nitrous oxides that could aggravate rather than control the greenhouse effect, he added.

Last month, Turco and two UC-Irvine scientists published a study in the journal Science suggesting the annual hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica might be prevented by hav-ing numerous airplanes dump 50,000 tons of ethane and propane in the sky. \The hydrocarbons supposedly would interfere with ozone-destroying chemical reactions

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Apple and IBM try to heat up market with stronger partnership

BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP) — Apple Computer Inc. chief John Sculley has embraced IBM's reorganization plan, continuing the honey-moon between the companies that have vowed to change the personal computer industry.

"It's a very positive step from Apple's standpoint," Sculley said Monday about IBM's plans. "We want

to see IBM become a stronger partner. Moving on the offensive is going to be

good for the whole industry."

Apple and International Business Machine Corp. are working together to create a next-generation desktop com-puter software operating system and other products in a technology sharing pact announced in July. Products from the alliance won't reach the market for

at least a few years, however.

And IBM will be working separately to develop its own competing innovative PC products and other leadingedge technology, an effort boosted by a strategy announced last week to split

IBM into autonomous groups.

The changes appeared to be aimed in part at boosting IBM's competitiveness in personal computers. IBM

helped pioneer the PC industry but has been losing market share in recent years to lower-cost "clone" models.

Sculley, Apple chairman and chief executive, told a personal computer industry conference that he isn't worried about IBM's plan to concentrate more on PCs — thus competing with

Apple's mainstay Macintosh line.
"Healthy competition is good,"

Sculley said. "You've got the technology leaders on the offensive again, which is the best answer to commoditization of the industry.'

Price wars and heavy competition in the recession has prompted some industry watchers to see PCs as commodities — goods that aren't signifi-cantly different from each other.

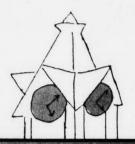
But Sculley argued that Cupertino-

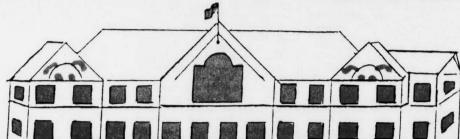
opment of new products with innova-tive features — such as the company's new and popular PowerBook portable

computers — set the company apart.

"I look upon development much the way Disney looks at movies. We're trying to design hits," Sculley told the seventh annual Personal Computer Outlook conference.

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give a hand to disabled New products give new meaning to

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A glove that translates sign language into type and a mouthpiece that allows quadriplegics to answer the phone or

quadriplegics to answer the phone or turn on the lights — it sounds like the future, but it's possible today. Those working inventions were among nearly 50 displayed Monday at the Exploratorium at the regional com-petition of the Johns Hopkins National Search for Computing Applications to

Assist the Disabled.

First place went to Unicorn Engineering, for an alternative computer keyboard that "talks" electroni-cally for children who can't, said Dr.

Harry Murphy, the event's chairman. "It's a grid and you can put pictures on it so that children can just hit a button and ask for a family member, or for food, or whatever," Murphy said.

The regional contest was one of 10

such events held across the country over the past three days. The winners area contests will compete for a \$10,000 grand prize in February at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington

R.J. Cooper, a researcher who works with special needs children in Southern California, brought his neoncolored CooperCar, a fun alternative to the wheelchair for children.

The motorized car, named one of the top 10 inventions, is specially outfitted with custom pedals and buttons to accommodate physically disabled children aged 2 through 13. Also included is a remote control so parents can stop runaway children.

"The reaction has been immediate glee," Cooper said. "Kids are immedi-ately drawn to it." Another top entry was the electronic glove from Telesign, a Stanford-based group. And the mouthpiece, which placed in the top 20, attracted enthusiastic crowds.

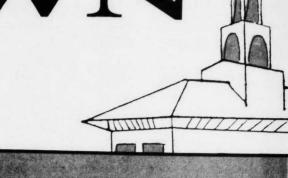
Sit in a chair and imagine you can't do anything but move your face and your tongue," said Kymberly Bashaw, one of the founders of Zofcom, which developed the retainerlike mouthpiece.

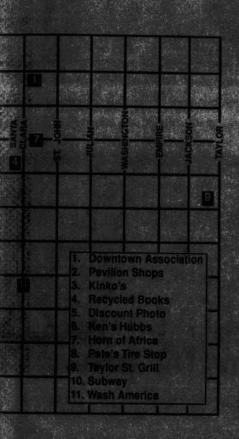
What we've done is created a product to let people take back their the unnoticeable retainer can control a heelchair, turn on a light and type a letter.

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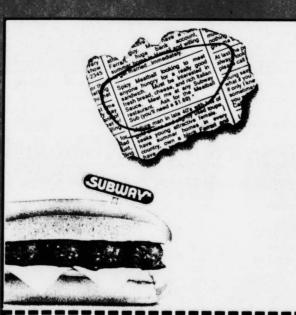


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Dirt biking rarely understood, liked

t's tough when you're in the grips of a serious commitment to a sport that few people seem to like. It's like a nightmare any time I try to explain to people what I do in my free time. They don't understand

A frequent response is "oh, you ride dirt bikes? My brother used to do that, until he crashed in a field and a farmer drove his tractor over his butt. Now he walks like a raccoon.

Horror stories people bring up don't faze me.

What's more painful is when I explain for three hours that I ride DIRT BIKES, motorcycles in the dirt, and people still don't get it. One acquaintance nodded enthusiastically when I told her about my sport. "There was an article in the paper showing places to ride those things," she said. The next day, I smiled and nodded graciously when she showed me. A group riding mountain bikes was the photo accompanying the story, which was soon falling into the trash, still attached to the rest of the unopened-opened newspaper. Another response is the

"Ooooooooo, you do that, huh?" response. This means they have no idea what the hell I'm talking about.

nyway, if they do get it, I eventually start encouraging them to join me in a weekend excursion stuffed with dirt biking and incredible amounts of fun.

My fiancée went with me one time. We cruised around the park on the Honda 250 that I used to have. I even installed passenger footpegs on the bike so her legs wouldn't drag on the ground where they could be bitten by the rabid, snarling wild pigs up in the mountains as we rode by.

Anyway, it soon became her turn to ride the bike on her own. She could touch the ground, but bare Tall suspension is difficult for anyone slightly shorter than Julius

So, I gave her some quick instructions, a pat on the helmet and sent her on her way. She did great on the track we were at, riding slow at first and then eventually picking up more speed. I nervously chewed a hole in my helmet-liner as she went through a turn or two. The track was bumpy and covered with loose dirt, and she seemed fairly over-confident for her first time on a real dirt bike, revving the engine up and dumping the clutch for fun.

Then she went a little fast through a turn and the back tire slid out, and she hit the ground kind of hard, her head bouncing on the ground like a deflated basketball. I ran over, yelling and crying, begging for forgiveness, and then tripping over a metal culvert and biting the tip of my tongue off.

hen I got over to her, she was trapped under the bike, screaming navy curses learned in a previous life. I hefted the big bike off her leg, as any hero would if in the same situation. She healed quickly and has tried to avoid any further offers to ride that I bring up.

Others steadfastly resist my ers to take them r case of Nick, also known as Nick the-Damned or Hellrider. I gave him these nicknames (hahaha - a pun) after he drove me someplace. I do not recall where we went, but I do recall that he would get shaky and start bleeding from the ears if the car was going any slower than a military jet. He used to like pitching his turbo-charged Dodge Colt into four-wheeled slides doing 85 mph or so on mountain roads, after drinking a gallon of Draino, eating a pound of raw seal meat and injecting 14 cc.s of Novocain into

his pineal gland. It was scary. So one time I tried taking him for a ride through a field. He was riding a Yamaha 125 that we stole from our future brother-in-law. The bike fouled a plug two or three feet into the ride, wouldn't run, and the already unopened-enthusiastic Nick decided to push it home with a secret grin on his big, fat head.

That was that, but one of these days I'll drag him out to the motorcycle park and poke his kidneys with a sharp stick until he at least rides for five minutes.

Yeah, it's tough trying to spread pro-riding propaganda to people who could care less. Maybe someday the infidels will get a clue or two and swing a leg over a dirt bike and join the long list of followers of a dying breed.

This is John Bessa's last column.

Soviet boxers hammer U.S., 5-4

Jeremy Williams was 54 seconds away from a U.S. victory over the U.S.S.R. Saturday night. Then he got nailed by a Soviet hammer, and the U.S. boxing team's hopes of winning fell to the canvas as hard as Williams

The U.S. and U.S.S.R. boxing teams paid a visit to SJSU's Event Center Saturday night, with the Soviets taking five of nine decisions. Williams' bout turned out to be the climactic moment of the international matchup. Had Williams, from Long Beach, managed to hold on and beat his opponent, the U.S. team likely

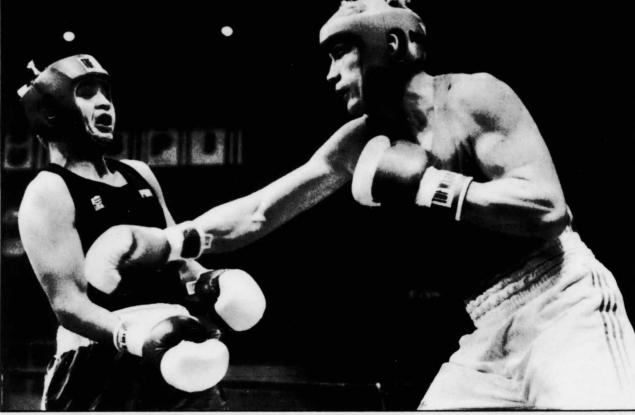
would have won the event.

A light heavyweight, Williams was pounding the U.S.S.R.'s Sergei Klokov well into the third round, having knocked down the Soviet early in the first round and forced his opponent to take two standing eight-counts. The muscular Klokov's counter-punching, awkward style seemed to provide little challenge to Williams for most of the bout. The American repeatedly rained blows on his slower opponent. Williams' free-swinging, go-for-broke style electrified the crowd, which had seen very little to be enthusiastic about in the four earlier bouts of the evening. Instead of running or protecting his huge lead. Williams kept up the pressure on Klokov, looking for a knockout. It would prove to be a costly gam-

With 2:06 seconds gone in the third, and final, round, Klokove stepped inside an unwary Williams right cross and drove a straight right hand into the American's unprotected chin. Williams was lifted off his feet by the force of the blow and crashed backward, bouncing his head once, twice on the canvas.

Klokov leapt in the air, pumping a fist ecstatically, then was severely reprimanded in his corner by the Soviet coach. Williams lay dazed, unable to move for at least 10 minutes while ring doctors checked his pupils.

The stunning victory gave the Soviet team a 4-1 lead in bout victories, a nearly insurmountable lead with just four bouts remaining. The



Barry Gutierrez — Daily staff photographer

John Bray reels back from a blow delivered by Viktor Akshonov during the heavy weight bout Saturday night at the Event Center

American team was almost up to the task, winning three of the four, but McKinney, Texas' Edward Escobedo lost a 5-0 decision to Soviet Oleg Moscaev to clinch the match for the U.S.S.R.

Had Williams won, the key bout could have been a classic boxer vs. puncher matchup between Worcester, Mass.'s Bobby Harris won a controversial 3-2 decision over Soviet Igor

Harris, a stick-and-move boxer with impressive quickness for a heavyweight, danced around Andreev, a methodical plodder with obvious power. The pair looked like Fred Astaire and Roseanne Barr trying to dance the merengue.

While Harris bounced around the ring, springing off the ropes and peppering the Soviet with jabs and combi nations, Andreev remained unperturbed, steadily stalking the American, waiting for an opening. When he got it, he made the most of it, bloodying Harris' mouth with a few pile-driver

But the judges apparently thought Harris scored enough to win the bout.

When the decision was announced the crowd booed and began to chant the

Soviet's name, "Igor. Igor. Igor."

By far the most impressive fighter of the night, Soviet or American, was Houston, Texas' Raul Marquez.

The compact light middleweight stung his Soviet opponent, Arnat Shagataeyev, with a stiff jab and swift combinations. Marquez bewildered the Soviet with his precise footwork and a quick, ducking defense. The Texan won easily, 5-0.

In other bouts, Michigan's Chris Byrd gave the American team its first

win of the night in the middleweight division with a 5-0 victory over Soviet Dmitri Vilornov, and Ohio's Larry Donald, a super heavyweight, beat Soviet Nikolai Kulpin 5-0.

The Soviets began the match by winning three of the first four bouts including; Vladimir Ereschenko won over Texas's Kevin Jackson in the welterweight division on a TKO, Andrei Pestriayev beat Sacramento's Mark Lewis in another welterweight bout 3-2, and heavyweight Viktor Akshonov beat Van Nuys' John Bray 5-0



Chris Byrd receives coaching from his father during the middleweight bout against Dmitri Vilornov. Byrd won the bout in a unanimous decision. He is currently the No. 1 ranked amateur boxer in his weight division.

Rape charges dropped against Mitchell

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The district attorney's office decided Monday not to file charges against San Francisco Giants outfielder Kevin Mitchell after investigating a woman's allegation that he raped her in his Chula Vista home.

Mitchell, 29, had been scheduled for arraignment Monday if charges had been brought. He was arrested Nov. 30 at his offseason home and police said he was booked for investigation of rape, battery and false imprisonment

Deputy District Attorney David Greenberg said the decision not to prosecute was based in part on the woman's wishes.

'The woman from our first contact with her has been adamant that she does not want to go forward," Greenberg said. "The victim wishes to put this behind her and get on with her life, and we respect

The district attorney's office could have pressed charges in a criminal case without the victim's consent, he said, but chose not to in this case.

"Our evaluation is that without her cooperation the evidence will not support filing of a criminal complaint," he said.

The San Diego woman's lawyer, Patricia W. Robinson, said her client "did not want to be part of a public criminal

"She doesn't want to be in a situation where it's a 'he said, she said' type of thing where accusations are still being made," Robinson said. "I think this helps everybody in terms of going on."

Greenberg said the alleged victim's prior relationship with Mitchell also was a factor in the decision.

The woman, who told police she was

an acquaintance of Mitchell, said she went to his residence to talk and "was dragged into the bedroom and forcibly raped," Chula Vista Police Lt. Art Gawf said the night of Mitchell's arrest.

Police said Mitchell told them the oman consented to sexual intercourse Mitchell was not available for comment, said his lawyer, Howard Frank

"I'm pleased and very satisfied with the DA's decision," Frank said. "We, as you might imagine, conducted our own investigation, and I am personally satisfied that Kevin did not commit any

Frank said "time will tell" if

Mitchell's reputation had been damaged

"He was arrested, a decision has been made not to prosecute, a decision believe was correct," Frank said. "That's

In a statement released at baseball's winter meetings in Miami Beach, Fla., Giants general manager Al Rosen said the team was "certainly thrilled to hear this news.

"As I have said all along, athletes in today's society are prime targets for these types of accusations," Rosen said. "The decision the deputy district attorney made today, choosing not to prosecute vindicates Kevin in our eyes and in the yes of the legal system and for that we are delighted.

After Mitchell's arrest, Rosen said the incident had stymied the Giants in their quest to trade for quality pitching at the winter meetings.

Rosen apparently still intends to shop Mitchell, the 1989 National League

Mitchell had been released on \$61,000 bail about five hours after his

Raul Marquez aims for pros

Pete Borello

Children mobbed him for autographs. Adults asked to get their picture taken with him. All of them want to be able to say they met him before he made it.

And according to Olympic boxing hopeful Raul Marquez, he will make it.

'After I win the Gold in Barcelona," Marquez said, " I will

take the best offer to turn pro."

Marquez is one of the best amateur boxers in the country, and he has the confidence and record to prove it. He is currently

He showed talent when he was young, if he didn't, I wouldn't have encouraged him to continue.'

Arturo Marquez

ranked as the the nation's top amateur fighter in the light mid-

Many boxing experts say he has the potential to grab the Gold medal this summer.Marquez displayed this potential at SJSU's Event Center Saturday night in the 1991 USA-USSR Boxing Invitational He won an impressive 5-0 decision from

Soviet opponent Karnat Shagataeyev. "He was a good fighter," Marquez said, "and he gave me respect." Shagataeyev and his USSR teammates have good reason to respect him. Marquez has now beaten six of their finest

Though Marquez is only 20 years old, he has been boxing for more than half of his life. He strapped on his first pair of gloves at the age of nine with the help of his father Arturo.

"He showed talent when he was young," Arturo said. "If he didn't, I wouldn't have encouraged him to continue."

Raul's talent blossomed during his high school years in Houston, Texas, a place where the Marquez family moved from Valle Hermosa, Mexico.At North Shore High School, the

dedicated teenager ran cross country and track while also box-ing in the junior leagues. His father played the role of motivator in those days and still acts in this capacity.

Arturo is a former boxer, who knows the ins and outs of fighting. He has trained his son since Raul first entered the ring

and continues to work as his official coach. Arturo also exudes much of the same confidence that the younger Marquez dis-

"Raul can punch and box," he said, "He has a good chance to become world champion." When Arturo and Raul discuss the possibility of becoming world champion, they not only have amateur aspirations, but professional ones, as well.

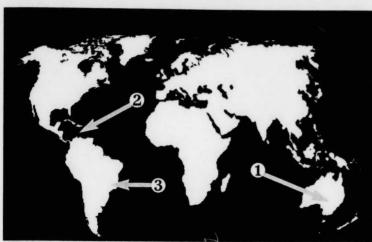
"He has a professional style," Arturo said. This style mixes good quickness with great aggressiveness, somethingRaul learned from watching his idol, undefeated pro-

fessional boxer Julio Ceasar Chavez.

"I like to bang," Raul said. "I have that 'let's get it on' style that Chavez has." Many of the premiere professional boxing promoters, including Top Rank Boxing and Lou Duva, have expressed interest in signing Marquez after the 1992 Olympics.

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If one of these promoters can turn Raul into the fighter the youngster believes he can be, those crowds of admirers will



• Algae adds to drought problems in Australia

BOURKE, Australia (AP) - Residents of the Australian outback, already dealing with severe drought, have been dealt another blow a toxic algae bloom along 600 miles of Australia's main river system.

Experts are saying that it is probably one of the greatest disasters of blue-green algae we have seen in the world," said Ian Causley, minister of natural resources in New South Wales state, which has declared an emergen-

Others say it is potentially Australia's

worst ecological disaster.

The algae is showing up in lakes and rivers around the country. Hardest hit has been the mighty Darling River, the lifeblood for much of eastern Australia. The river runs through sparsely populated western New South

Inch-thick algae covers much of the river's surface, yielding a nose-wrinkling stench. Air bubbles give the impression of a simmering witch's brew

Farmers are moving livestock away from the river. Officials warn of possible liver damage, vomiting, diarrhea and headaches from drinking untreated water.

Residents who once bathed in water pumped directly from the river have started hauling in drums from purification plants after some people developed rashes. Despite temperatures that regularly surpass 100 degrees Fahrenheit, there are no swimmers to

Phillip Island, one of the most popular Christmas resorts in Victoria state, had water restrictions imposed Sunday.

"Some of the farmers are going real bad," said Gary Carmichael, who was born and raised near Bourke, a town of 3,460 on the Darling nearly 400 miles northwest of 'No rain, then poisoned water. What

else could go wrong?"

Officials say drought, neglect, sewage and chemical fertilizers are contributing to the outbreaks.

Bourke and the surrounding area, the site of floods 18 months ago, has received less than an inch of rain since February. The Darling is

moving so slowly it's almost stagnant.

Hot, almost windless weather has created a perfect medium for growth. Fertilizers for cotton and other crops that make their way into the river provide phosphates and other nutrients.

When the breeze picks up and the temperature drops, the algae sinks to the bottom, but it won't go away until a heavy rain comes along and flushes it out.

The federal government has called out the army to set up water-purification facilities in remote areas along the Darling. Engineers are drilling 20 bores near the river to find clean groundwater, and irrigation has been suspended along one stretch.

Federal and state governments have set aside about \$3 million to combat the problem.

The Darling winds from Queensland state, through New South Wales and down to South Australia state, where it joins the Murray River, the main source of water for Adelaide Australia's fourth-largest city. At a combined 2,310 miles, the waterways are just 38 miles shorter than the Mississippi River.

Environmentalists say the outbreak is the worst of many that have affected smaller areas in recent years

2 Seven nations to give Africa Its first TV show

FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique (AP) Seven African nations are working to produce the continent's first TV mini-series Africascoop"

The 16-episode series revolves around even old school chums turned journalistswho decide to create a pan-African news agency, said Papa Mbaye Sene, a Senegalese official involved in the effort.

The state televisions of Tunisia, Algeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Burkina Fasso, Guinea and Zaire are co-producers and co-authors of the series, which has a budget of about \$4 million, Sene said Monday.

It will be filmed in each of the seven countries and be ready in mid-1992, he said.

3 President exhorts Argentines to pay their taxes

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) - In full-page newspaper ads, President Carlos Menem has urged fellow Argentines to pay their taxes.

The future of the Argentine people, as regards their welfare and standard of living, is linked directly with the battle against tax evasion," Menem said in the ads he took out Monday.

Tax evasion is widespread in this South

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nesses pay their employees under the table.

The consequences include a deterioration of public services, inflation and the bankrupt-cy of the national retirement system.

News Quiz

Five correct — news stud. Three to four — reads USA Today. One to two - where have you been?

• How many gang-related deaths have there been so far in Los Angeles since the beginning of the year?

2 Name Terry Anderson's cousin who got into a car accident Sunday.

What movie made the most money this weekend?

What country did SJSU professor Constantine Danopoulos visit?

6 Have alcohol-related deaths

increased or decreased since 1982?

ANSWERS: 1) Gang violence has claimed more than 700 lives. 2) Ruth Anderson 3) Star Treck VI The Undiscovered Country 4) The U.S.S.R. 5) According to federal health officials, the number of alcohol related deaths have steadily decreased.

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Poet captivates audience in reading

By Michael Monaghan

Unlike the cut and dry flowery hash most people think of when someone mentions the word "poem," Carolyn Kizer, a Pulitzer Prizewinning poet, warmed up the audience of SJSU students to a more conversational approach, both

in her writing and reading of her poems, Thursday.

Though Kizer's voice was somewhat raspy and sluggish between transitions, the content of

the poems were clearly what the 80 or 90 stu-dents and professors wanted to hear, and they

weren't disappointed.

Applause followed nearly every poem, and several students came to Kizer after the reading for autographs.

Kizer uses her many experiences, such as her relationship with her parents, as material for her poetry, and even the process of writing poetry itself is incorporated into some of her poems. Chinese poetry, too, has been a strong influence since childhood, as she read translations of Chinese poets, and was later reintroduced to them in Columbia University.

Kizer was in Beijing shortly before the revo-lution of 1948-49 where she remembers a friend assuring her to harm would come to them. Kizer fled the country just in time; her friend was sent to a communist camp for eight years.

The themes of war, or rather anti-war, and feminism also emerge as focal points, such as in her poem "Pro Femina." "I'm aware there were millions of mutes for

every Saint Joan or sainted Jane Austen / who,

vague-eyed and acquiescent, worshipped God as man./I'm not concerned with those cabbage-heads, not truly feminine/But neutered by labor. I

mean real women, like you and like me."

Kizer, who has thanks her mother for pushing her toward poetry, has been publishing since the

She has penned seven volumes of poetry, including 1985 Pulitzer prize-winner "Yin" and her most recent work, "Carry Over: 'Poems from the Chinese, Urdu, Macedonian, Yiddish, and French-African.

Star Trek VI has biggest premiere in series history

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" beamed up \$18.2 million in its premiere weekend, the best opening ever in the series about the aging intergalactic warriors.

Bette Midler's marathon musical "For the Boys" became the first big-ticket bomb of the holiday season.

According to figures released Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., "Star Trek VI" surpassed the previous Trekkie debut record of \$17.4 million, set by 1989's "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier." The new sequel is said to be the last for the grizzled crew of the Starship Enterprise.

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"The Addams Family" slipped to second after two weeks on top of the charts. The black comedy grossed \$8.6 million for the weekend and \$67.1 million to date. Third was "My Girl," which made \$6.7 million.

The instant animated classic "Beauty and the Beast" enjoyed another strong weekend, collecting \$6 million for fourth. "Cape Fear," the thriller remake from director Martin Scorsese, claimed fifth with receipts of \$4.9 million.

Midler's "For the Boys" could manage no better than sixth with a gate of \$6.6 million in its second week of wide steeps. The expension period deeps has

\$2.6 million in its second week of wide release. The expensive period drama has made only \$9.8 million so far, and its feeble per-screen average indicates its

complete collapse is in the wings.

"An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" also performed poorly, bringing in just \$1.6 million in its third week. "Curly Sue" took eighth with proceeds of \$819,107 and "The People Under the Stairs" was ninth with admissions of

"All I Want for Christmas" rounded out the Top 10 with a measly gross of \$576,926. That works out to only \$389 per theater for the weekend, or fewer

than seven customers per showing.

In limited release, "At Play in the Fields of the Lord" opened to lackluster business, drawing \$118,162 on 11 screens.

Here are the top movie ticket sales Friday through Sunday according to Exhibitor Relations, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average per screen, total gross and number of weeks in release

Top movies of the week

1. "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country,"

2. "The Addams Family," Paramount, \$8.6 million,

2,411 screens, \$3,570 per screen, \$67.1 million, three

. "My Girl," Columbia, \$6.7 million, 2,082 screens,

4. "Beauty and the Beast," Disney, \$6 million, 1,118

screens, \$5,339 per screen, \$34.1 million, four weeks.

5. "Cape Fear," Universal, \$4.9 million, 1,701 screens,

6. "For the Boys," 20th Century Fox, \$2.6 million, 1,308

screens, \$1,986 per screen, \$9.8 million, three weeks.

\$3,230 per screen, \$25.8 million, two weeks.

\$2,855 per screen, \$46 million, four weeks.

million, three weeks.

million, five weeks.

screen, \$18.2 million, one week.

Paramount, \$18.2 million, 1,804 screens, \$10,068 per



George N Ortiz — Daily staff photographer

Junior English major, Tricia Ells dances along in Friday's Aerobicthon that was put on to promote student's health

Aerobicthon a sweaty success for SJSU students

By John Bessa

The crowd bounced around, loosemimicking the steps of the spandexclad leader on a three-foot stage, who was shouting directions and encour-

agement into a portable microphone. It was a chaotic mass of bodies, some colliding together while unrecognizable Alvin -and-the-Chipmunksish tunes screeched out of big speak-

About 200 students turned out Friday to exercise, relieve stress before finals and maybe get a little extra course credit in the first annual SJSU Aerobicthon.

'It's something I've always wanted to do, so I finally said 'why not go out and do it?'," said Carol Sullivan, the

human performance instructor who organized the event.

Sullivan invited four guest aerobic instructors to help lead the group through two hours of low and not-so-

low impact aerobics. She and other Human Performance instructors ensured that at least a marginal number of students would show up by offering credit for attending. The going rate was a day's credit, to make up for absences.

While some of the co-ed partici-pants looked like they were familiar with aerobics, others seemed lost, star-ing at the feet of their neighbors, trying to stay in time with the music and the unexpectedly large swirling mass

"I can't believe how many people showed up" said Kristy Woodbury, a

performance Woodbury was assisting in the event stamping attendance slips for the

students eager to save poor grades.
Sullivan said that most of the 200 people in attendance probably were

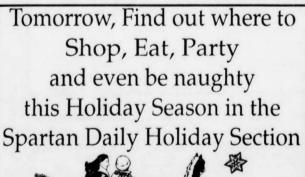
there for fun, and not for the extra credit some instructors were offering.

Sullivan said she hopes a similar event next year will be as successful as Friday's Aerobicthon. "It's a total suc-

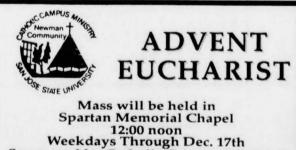


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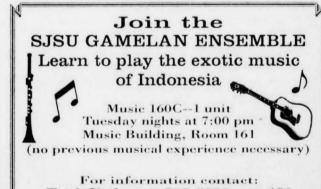






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