



S. J. cops face overreaction claims

By Robert Drueckhammer and Michael Monaghan
Daily staff writers

Several SJSU students involved in a disturbance with about 100 police officers in front of Roxy's Roller Rink on Blossom Hill Road Saturday night have filed charges against the San Jose 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 fraternity, have also claimed physical 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 several people tried to crash the party, Bruce Raye, spokesman for SJPD, 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 disturbance, and quelling fights and other gatherings nearby.

"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 fighting

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 further.

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 freshman majoring in administration of justice, said he spent over 14 hours in jail Sunday after he was arrested while trying to leave the party.

Maloof, who was in a group of eight people, said he was ordered to drop to the ground at gunpoint after he tried to help a friend who 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 department because he says he was placed in an adult prison, and because he feels he was arrested unjustly.

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

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A.S. approves new mission statement

Some argue goals are vague

By Sandy Heynen
Daily staff writer

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

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 it.

"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 it.

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 campus," Launder said.

"The goals may be addressed better through individual colleges," John Galm, Academic Senate senator and chair of the mission committee 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 society, and to expand the base of knowledge through research and scholarship."

Even though the mission statement has been approved, Launder said it can still be amended.

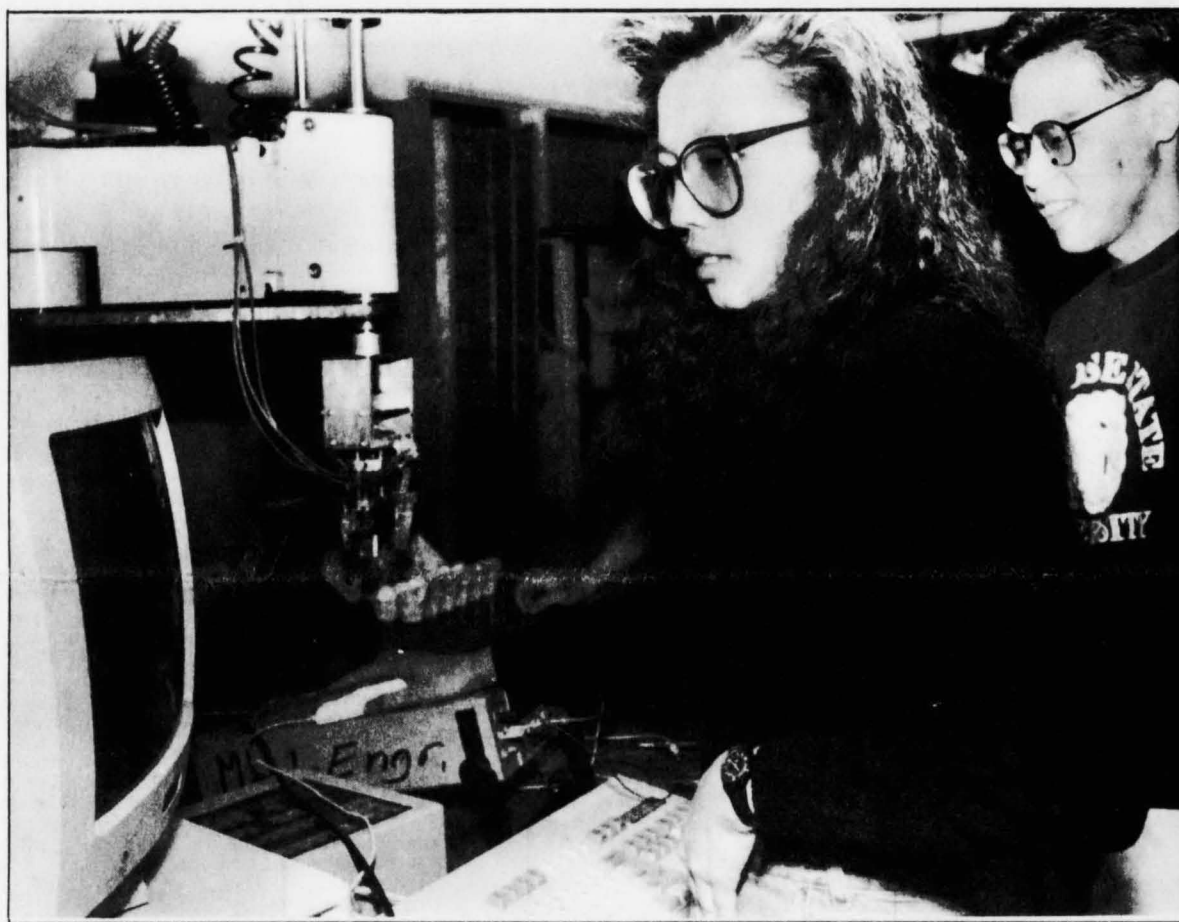
Galm plans to use the design talents on campus to create a good looking brochure of the new mission statement to be sent out.

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 communication 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 ethical choices inherent in human development.

ROBOTIC REFLEXES



Jeanette Gluckman — Daily chief photographer

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 department.

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
Daily staff writer

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 person in a class.

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 Brown. "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
Daily staff writer

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 semester's key organizers.

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

He is still enthusiastic about the NABA, but he is now unable to help because he is no longer an SJSU student.

Kiebreab was scheduled to graduate this semester, but could not enroll because the last few classes he needed were full. If he can't enroll at SJSU this

spring, he said, he'll transfer to California 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
Daily staff writer

A caring man who was an innovator in the field of child psychology has died.

Robert Zaslow, SJSU associate 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 Zaslow.

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

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 super-psychologist, I approached her 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 realized the impact of his theory.

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

After retiring from his 28-year career at SJSU's psychology department, Zaslow took his theories all over the world. He recently returned from a summer 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 his undergraduate degree at UCLA. He went on to graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley where he received his doctorate in psychology.

Zaslow's co-workers at SJSU also thought of him as a caring person. "Around the office, he was a delightful gentleman, 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

The 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 law.

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. Victoria said that the real test of the First Amendment

is "whether there is freedom of the thought we loathe." But an attorney for the city described hate speech as the "cancer of society."

Victoria 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 well.

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.



Raul Dominguez — Spartan Daily

WRITER'S FORUM

Angela Hill



Cop mentality frightening

A 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 a 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 for me.

"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 work."

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 anomaly. 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.

I like to avoid stereotypes. I've been plugged into enough of them in my time to know there's always another side to

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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 graven-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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 perhaps 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 everyone 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 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 complaint" — Coach Walker. It must be a real pleasure 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 Gooooood, 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 amused.

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Daniel Goldston
Professor, Math/CS

The conclusion is that the most minor or unintentional action which offends any woman may now be branded sexual harassment. 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 harasser. 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
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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 presenting 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" written 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 reference 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." As a 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
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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 responsibility 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.

"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 international 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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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.: Luncheon 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 ALPHA: 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. 110) call 924-6000.

FRIDAY 13

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

SATURDAY 14

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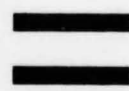
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CONFLICT

From Front Page



Leslie Salzman—Daily staff photographer

Xatron Maloof, administration 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
SJSU freshman

He described the party as being "out of hand," saying that police officers 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 profanity 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 "looking 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 officers working at an SJSU fraternity

party at the rink at approximately 11 p.m.

The off-duty officers were supervising 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 they 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 crowd 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 group.

Okwudia said a good faculty advisor — "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 suspect 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 doing 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 with it."

NABA's seminars, mentoring program and annual banquet give students practical preparation and networking opportunities crucial to making it in business.

"Most students get jobs through Beta Alpha Psi (an accounting fraternity)," said Leon Ainer, a 1990 SJSU graduate who now audits defense contracts 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-1980s. 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 said.

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 professors.

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 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 between teachers and students.

"You can sit in the front of the

room and they won't even know who 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 major.

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," said 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."

"Nobody's going to hand anything to you," said Eugene Young, a sophomore 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 student.

"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 teacher."

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 were glad to see us," he said. "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.



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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 honeymoon 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 computer 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 leading-edge 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."

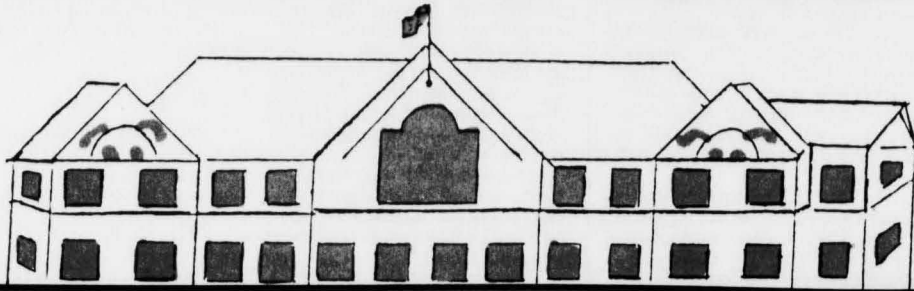
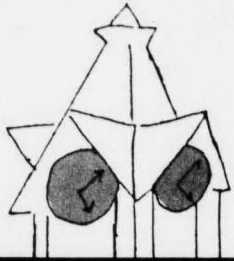
Price wars and heavy competition in the recession has prompted some industry watchers to see PCs as commodities — goods that aren't significantly different from each other.

But Sculley argued that Cupertino-

based Apple's strategy of rapid development of new products with innovative 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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New products give new meaning to "give a hand to disabled"

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A glove that translates sign language into type and a mouthpiece that allows 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 competition 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" electronically 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 of the area contests will compete for a \$10,000 grand prize in February at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C.

R.J. Cooper, a researcher who works with special needs children in Southern California, brought his neon-colored 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 immediately 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.

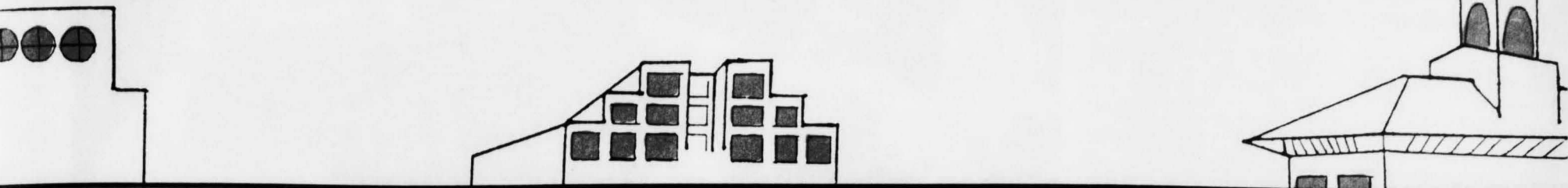
"Sit in a chair and imagine you can't do anything but move your face and your tongue," said Kymberly Bashaw, one of the founders of Zofcom, which developed the retainer-like mouthpiece.

"What we've done is created a product to let people take back their

lives," she said, demonstrating how the unnoticeable retainer can control a wheelchair, turn on a light and type a letter.

The device, called the Tongue Touch Keyboard, contains nine electrodes. By manipulating the electrodes with the tongue, the user sends electronic messages to a small computer which performs a number of customized functions.

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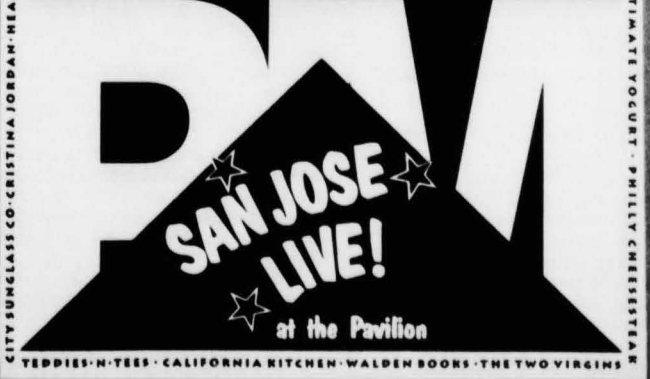
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Dirt biking rarely understood, liked

It'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 newspaper.

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

Anyway, 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 barc Tall suspension is difficult for anyone slightly shorter than Julius Earvin.

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.

When 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 offers to take them riding, as in the 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 Drano, 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

By Jim Johnson
Daily sports editor

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 did.

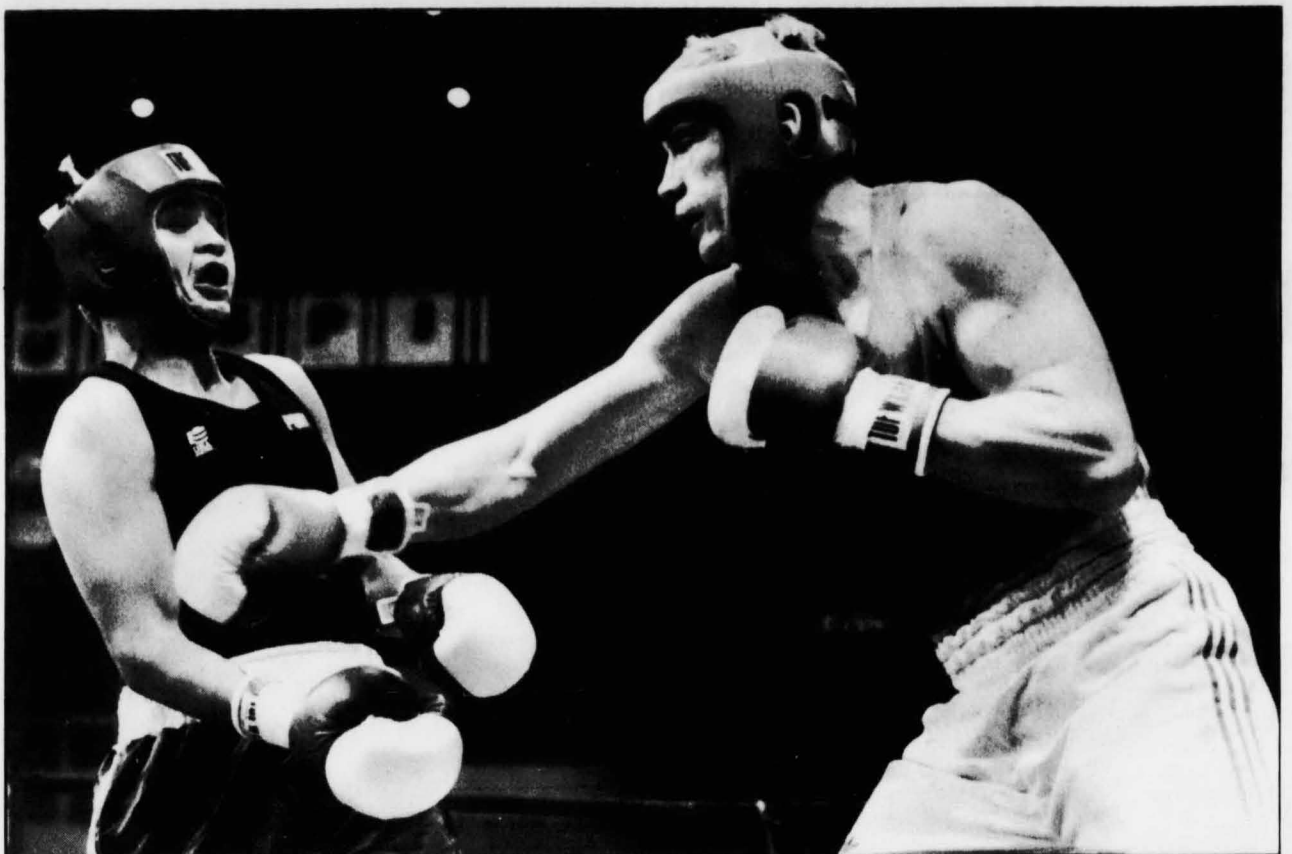
The U.S. and U.S.S.R. boxing teams paid a visit to SJSU's Event Center Saturday night, with the Soviets taking five of nine decisions. Williams' bout turned out to be the climactic moment of the international matchup. Had Williams, from Long Beach, managed to hold on and beat his opponent, the U.S. team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

A light heavyweight, Williams was pouncing the U.S.S.R.'s Sergei Klovov 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 Klovov'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 Klovov, looking for a knockout. It would prove to be a costly gamble.

With 2:06 seconds gone in the third, and final, round, Klovov 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.

Klovov 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 Andreev.

Harris, a stick-and-move boxer with impressive quickness for a heavy-weight, danced around Andreev, a

methodical plodder with obvious power. The pair looked like Fred Astaire and Roseanne Barr trying to dance the meringue.

While Harris bounced around the ring, springing off the ropes and peppering the Soviet with jabs and combinations, 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 punches.

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."

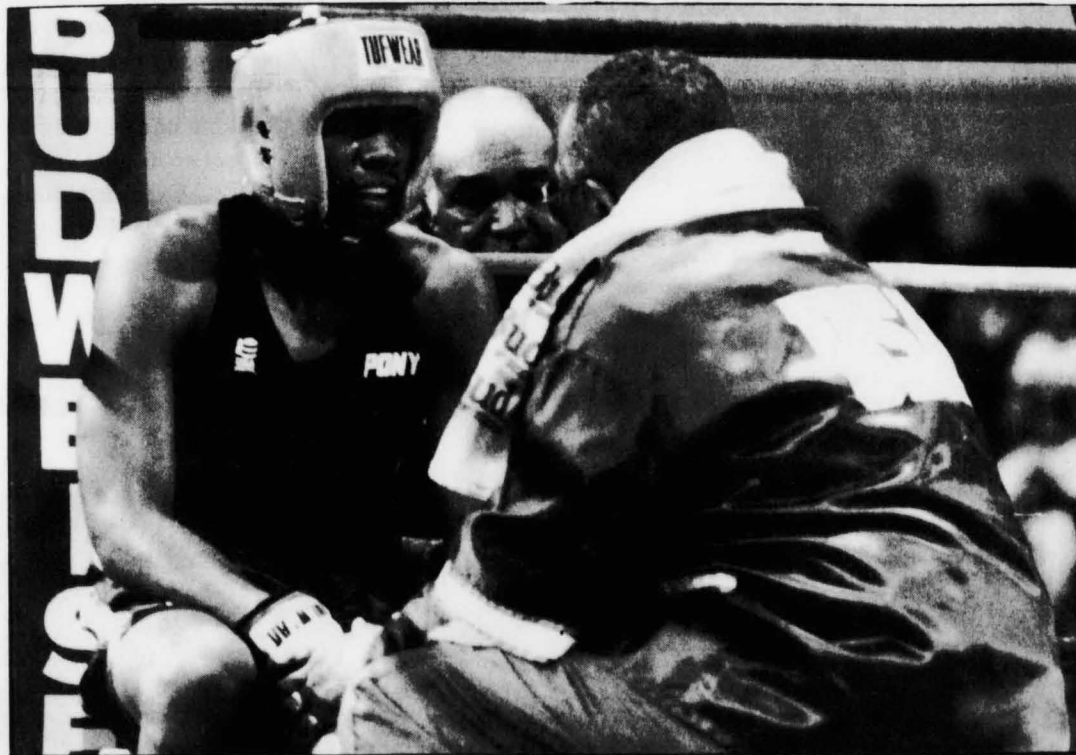
By far the most impressive fighter of the night, Soviet or American, was Houston, Texas' Raul Marquez.

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.



Barry Gutierrez — Daily staff photographer

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 off-season 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 that."

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 forum."

"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 woman 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 crime."

Frank said "time will tell" if

Mitchell's reputation had been damaged by the arrest.

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

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 eyes 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 MVP.

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

Raul Marquez aims for pros

Pete Borello
Daily staff writer

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
Raul Marquez' father

ranked as the nation's top amateur fighter in the light middleweight division (156 pounds).

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 fighters.

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 boxing 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 displays.

"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, something Raul learned from watching his idol, undefeated professional boxer Julio Cesar 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.

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

Poet captivates audience in reading



By Michael Monaghan
Daily staff writer

Unlike the cut and dry flowery hash most people think of when someone mentions the word "poem," Carolyn Kizer, a Pulitzer Prize-winning 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 students 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 revolution 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 '50s.

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."

Carolyn Kizer

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.

"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 \$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 \$635,910.

"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," Paramount, \$18.2 million, 1,804 screens, \$10,068 per screen, \$18.2 million, one week.
2. "The Addams Family," Paramount, \$8.6 million, 2,411 screens, \$3,570 per screen, \$67.1 million, three weeks.
3. "My Girl," Columbia, \$6.7 million, 2,082 screens, \$3,230 per screen, \$25.8 million, two weeks.
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, \$2,855 per screen, \$46 million, four weeks.
6. "For the Boys," 20th Century Fox, \$2.6 million, 1,308 screens, \$1,986 per screen, \$9.8 million, three weeks.
7. "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West," Universal, \$1.6 million, 1,698 screens, \$965 per screen, \$10.5 million, three weeks.
8. "Curly Sue," Warner Bros., \$819,107, 1,346 screens, \$609 per screen, \$29.2 million, seven weeks.
9. "The People Under the Stairs," Universal, \$635,910, 902 screens, \$705 per screen, \$20.7 million, six weeks.
10. "All I Want for Christmas," Paramount, \$576,926, 1,484 screens, \$389 per screen, \$13.1 million, five weeks.



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
Daily staff writer

The crowd bounced around, loosely mimicking the steps of the spandex-clad leader on a three-foot stage, who was shouting directions and encouragement into a portable microphone.

It was a chaotic mass of bodies, some colliding together while unrecognizable Alvin-and-the-Chipmunks-ish tunes screeched out of big speakers.

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 participants looked like they were familiar with aerobics, others seemed lost, starting at the feet of their neighbors, trying to stay in time with the music and the unexpectedly large swirling mass of others.

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

human performance junior.

Woodbury was assisting in the event by 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 success," she said.

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