

Two students charge SJPD with brutality



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Israel Chavez, left, and Miguel Diaz explain their side of the incident. They will sue the city of San Jose, the SJPD and the officers.

SJ police investigate alleged racially motivated incident

By DON MCGEE
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Two SJSU students arrested last Wednesday charged San Jose police officers with police brutality.

The students said they will file a lawsuit against the San Jose Police Department, the city of San Jose and all the officers involved for what they called an "abuse of authority" by the officers during their arrests at the Alma Community Center in west-central San Jose.

The announcement came at a news conference held Friday by the students' attorney, Jessie

Serna.

Miguel Diaz, 18, a freshman at SJSU, and Israel Chavez, 22, an aviation major, were arrested at the center on suspicion of resisting or obstructing a police officer and trespassing.

Chavez said he was struck with a baton five to eight times by officer Tom Wilson, which left bruises on his arm, buttocks and legs. Diaz suffered a sprained left wrist. He was treated at Valley Medical Center before being taken to the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

Diaz and Chavez — both members of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan



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Israel Chavez, an SJSU aviation major, shows where he was allegedly beaten by a San Jose police officer. Chavez and Miguel Diaz, far left corner, an engineering major, were arrested by SJPD for allegedly interfering with the arrest of a high school student Wednesday.

(MEChA) — said Wednesday's incident was racially motivated.

The SJPD is investigating the incident, which also resulted in the arrests of two Willow Glen High School students on suspicion of resisting or obstructing an officer and trespassing. All four students were booked but have been released.

Sgt. Dennis Luca said he met

with San Jose Police Chief Lou Cobarruviaz and a full investigation is being conducted to determine if the officers involved acted in a disorderly manner.

"If they felt victimized by the police, it's their right, just like any other citizen, to exercise due process," Luca said. "Our purpose is to seek the truth."

Diaz and Chavez said they and

two other SJSU students were at the center Wednesday to attend a meeting to present ideas MEChA had for implementing youth services at the center.

It was reported in the San Jose Mercury News on Friday that the students at the center were there to hold a demonstration in support of the city to open up the community center to them in the

evening. The Mercury News also identified the students as "protesters."

"There was not a protest at all," Diaz said. "We were invited to the meeting."

Also at the center were 20 youths who were invited by MEChA to show support for the club's starting of a tutorial pro-

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Coming over the airwaves



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Jodi "Dirge" Durst broadcasts live from 90.7 FM, KSJS, SJSU's campus radio station. KSJS plays alternative modern rock during the week and switches its format to jazz on the weekends.

Staff pinched by budget cuts

CSU staff union currently operating without contract

By MARIA C. ROSE
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The support staff at SJSU is suffering an unfair burden of budget cuts, according to Beverly Waller, a union representative for the California State Employees Association.

The union is currently working without a contract, without merit salary increases, as well as with a hiring freeze, Waller said.

Both faculty and administrators also do not have any merit salary increases at this time, according to Steve MacCarthy, CSU spokesman.

"The feeling is rampant across this campus that staff is treated like second-class citizens," Waller said. "We are the step child of the academic community — the bottom of the heap — below administration, faculty and students."

Staff members systemwide have been working without contracts since May 31, 1992, Waller

said. The CSEA union represents 13,000 state employees in health services, custodial/groundskeeping, clerical services and technical support, Waller said.

CSEA bargains directly with CSU and not the state of California, she said.

The California Faculty Association is working under a two-year contract that expires June 30, 1993, said Sybil Weir, associate academic vice president for faculty affairs.

By not reaching an agreement, CSU is hurting the system's future, Waller said, because when the economy improves, the best employees will be the first to go.

Current negotiations include efforts by CSU to have the option of forcing employees to reduce their annual work schedules through the 10/12 and 11/12 pay plans, according to September's CSEA contract update. Currently,

the 10/12 or 11/12 pay plan is a voluntary option, Waller said.

The terms 10/12 and 11/12 refer to a staffers who works 10 or 11 months out of the year, but their pay is spread over 12 months. They receive a paycheck every month, Waller said.

CSU is also proposing a three-year pay freeze, reduction in health-care benefits and permanent elimination of merit salary adjustments, according to September's CSEA contract update.

However, CSU disagrees with CSEA's negotiation summary and will not discuss the negotiation process, said Sam Strafaci, director of employee relations for CSU.

"Without getting into the specifics of proposal, the CSEA characterization is just not accurate," Strafaci said.

While a new contract is being negotiated, the terms of the expired contract continue to be in

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Election 1992 Propositions address euthanasia, health care

This is the first in an occasional series of stories about California ballot initiatives for the November elections.

Proposition 161: Physician-assisted death

By RACHEL LUTHER
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In his line of work, John Brooke has been with many suffering people before they died.

"It is just horrendous," Brooke said.

Brooke, spokesman for Californians Against Human Suffering and a minister, is supporting Proposition 161, "Physician-Assisted Death," on the November ballot.

Proposition 161 is an initiative that will "give a mentally competent adult who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness the right to request a willing physician to assist the patient in dying,"

according to the initiative.

The death would not be considered suicide, the physician would not be held liable, and any effect on insurance would be prohibited, the initiative states.

Because SJSU's Student Health Services doesn't usually deal with terminally ill patients, it doesn't have an official stand on Proposition 161. But, according to Robert Latta, interim director of Student Health Services, "It doesn't sound like a very well-thought-out initiative. Proposition 161 is not something I would be in favor of."

"The problem with Proposition 161 is that it is poorly written and it has no safeguards," said

Wendy Atherton, media director for "No on 161," the people against the initiative.

"We are not debating on whether we should make physician-assisted death illegal; we feel that it just opens the door for abuse," Atherton said.

"We claim the safeguards are fully adequate," Brooke said. "The biggest safeguard is peoples' will to live."

The California Medical Association and the California Psychological Association are among the supporters of Proposition 161. The California Nurses Association

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Proposition 166: Basic health-care coverage

By FAYE WELLS
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A medical care proposal, which would be easy to vote in but hard to vote out, will be on California's Nov. 3 ballot in the form of Proposition 166.

Supporters say it will provide health insurance to 75 percent of the 6 million Californians who do not now have any coverage. Opponents call it a move by physicians to curtail medical-cost reform.

Called the Affordable Basic Health Care Initiative of 1992, Proposition 166 was written and sponsored by the California Medical Association.

Proposition 166 is "simple and necessary," stated CMA President Richard F. Corlin in an article for the April 9, 1992 Sacramento Bee. "ABC would insure over 4 million people — workers and their family members, who are now uninsured."

Proposition 166 is a step "forward" because it would grant coverage to 75 percent of the 6,000,000 Californians who have no medical coverage, he stated.

"In this case, proposition 166 is a step in the wrong direction," said Joy Howell, public information director of the Consumer Health Insurance Coalition (CHIC). The coalition of insur-

ance companies, nurses' organizations, and consumers opposes the physician-backed proposition.

"What CMA has done is a clever move to block any serious cost-containment being passed by the legislature," Howell said. "You need some sort of limits on fees for doctors."

There is no provision in the bill to cap doctors' or hospital fees.

Once voted in, the proposition would be hard to change or vote out, opponents say.

Proposition 166 would be difficult to change once it gets through, because of a provision

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EDITORIAL

Debates for discussing issues not slinging mud

Facts, lies and candidates. A bad movie? No, the campaigns for the presidency of the United States.

What were the American people expecting anyway? An honest, above the belt discussion of the issues? Well, it sounded good, but what the American people were handed was another play-action fake.

The disagreement about the format of the debates should have been a sign that the debates would be another way for the candidates to cloud the issues and throw mud at each other, not to mention out-and-out lie.

Unfortunately, truth was not one of the ground rules for the vice presidential debate.

The results of the debate did not rise to the surface until the news media checked the accuracy of the candidates' statements. The two-party "gridlock" in Washington retired Vice

Admiral James Stockdale referred to was all the more evident during the debates.

The vice-presidential debate was like a childhood squabble, "He did it!" "No, he did it!" And, the news media were suckered into becoming the baby sitters.

The second presidential debate, however, gave American voters a glimmer of hope. With a town meeting format, the candidates were not able to hide behind their podiums and filibuster their way around the issues. They were forced to answer to the voters. And if they didn't, it was very obvious.

With tonight's third debate scheduled as a split format of single moderator and a panel of journalists, once again the American people can hope the candidates don't weasel their way out of directly answering the questions.

Blame it on my youth

I'm taking country dance lessons with a good friend of mine. They're a lot of fun, and I'm learning a lot. Unfortunately, I can't go to the last lesson. And for this reason: it's being held at the Saddlerack and I'm not old enough to get in.

To add insult to injury, every man I danced with for the remainder of the night said, "Wow, I never would have guessed that you aren't 21."

Thanks. Let it be said that this is not a new situation for me to be in. As long as I can remember, I have been the youngest. The youngest person of my generation in my family, the youngest person of all my friends.

It's not a fun situation to be in. And I have a feeling that anyone who graduated from high school when they were 17 years old agrees with me.

At first, it was kind of fun to be the youngest. A four year old in kindergarten was always enough to cause a stir. And, heck, when you're that young, what does actual age matter?

It wasn't until high school that my youth became a cross to bear. Let me tell you what a bumper it is to not even have your learner's permit when all of your friends are tooling around in their brand new cars with their brand new licenses. Sorry, bub, it's bedtime for you.

For those of you who are already over the age of 21 (and how I dream of that day...), I'd imagine you've forgotten the anger that comes of being a freshman in college and not able to go to the Edge with your friends. It's depressing beyond belief when you need a fake i.d. so you can get into an 18-and-over dance club.

Sigh.



Lynn Benson

Now That I Have Your Attention

I guess I figured that the last month and a half before my 21st birthday would go by like a warm breeze. HA! Instead, it's been a hurricane of nothing but ageism and ruined plans. I feel like pressing my face against the door of San Jose Live! Whining and pawing to be let in out of the cold. But I know that it'll never happen, at least, not until my glorious birthday.

I hate having my age act as a hindrance to me. It's like being offered a stick of gum when you wear braces. You'd love to accept the gum, but, through no fault of your own, you cannot.

At this point, all of my friends, with the exception of my roommate who will turn 21 a week after I will, are able to do just about whatever they want, and I am unable to tag along. Not being able to drink at a bar isn't my main concern, as I don't mind being the designated driver. I just wish that I would escape the age segregation involved.

Maybe I'm just making too much out of a trivial issue. To quote my favorite torch song, just "Blame it on my Youth."

Lynn Benson is a Daily staff columnist. Her columns appear every Monday.



Gaining a broader perspective to another culture

Though a white male, I was a minority for two hours. I went to a forum "What Do We Call Ourselves?" sponsored by the African Leaders Educating and Rising Together (ALERT).

As I listened to C.K. Harris, SJSU comparative politics and African politics professor, talk of history of African-Americans history of oppression, I felt uneasy at times because it was almost as if I was to blame for something people of my color have done for hundreds of years.

Just the fact that a photographer and myself were the only white people in the room of nearly 20 African-Americans made me feel awkward because I was not used to this type of situation.

I wasn't used to being in the minority.

At one time I even felt my face warming up and the sweat

starting to percolate as Harris singled me out and questioned me in somewhat of a condescending way on my nationality.

Because of the color of my skin, I was isolated. I shouldn't have felt this way. But I did.

Maybe that feeling was a reflection of our society and environment. Both bombard us with stereotypes and prejudices about skin color and race since childhood. It's almost as if it becomes instinctive to harbor prejudices and uneasy to disregard them.

Maybe it was my ignorance of African-Americans as a people was the reason for my uneasiness. Some prejudices I had carried with me for years were thrown by the waste side as I listened to Harris talk. I began to gain a broader perspective.

"Who we are physically is not an issue of discussion," Harris said, "rather it's psycho-

logically what do we call ourselves."

Only if we could shed our skin, could we see the color of our minds. We don't have a choice of the color of our skin, but we do have the power recognize the color of our minds.

We don't have a choice of who we are or who our parents are, Harris said, but you have a choice to recognize who you are.

Harris kept stressing that "knowledge is power."

"Whoever controls knowledge controls power in our society. Therefore keeping you away self knowledge is one way of keeping you powerless."

Then one indication of power is self consciousness about who you are and where you come from, he said.

I guess part of it involves playing the cards you're dealt. Some people may be dealt a straight flush, some get a pair of deuces. It's what you do with



Jon Solomon

Writer's Forum

them matters. You could bluff and bet on something you don't have, trying to hide what you have. You can't judge someone by only looking at their poker face.

After the forum, I realized there was no need for my uneasiness. I had been temporarily absorbed in another culture.

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Do we really need a university president?

In a society where most people consider money to be the surest measure of an individual's success and importance, it is not difficult to understand why even an educator, such as UC President David Gardner, could not turn down all that money offered him by the UC regents and corporations.

Not only must it have been gratifying financially but it must have been equally gratifying to his self-esteem, for the more money the greater must have seemed the validation of his own self-image and self-esteem as educator.

Why else would the UC regents pay him so much more than the faculty at the university many of whom are world-renowned scientists, scholars, writers, and artists? His base salary of \$243,000 per year — not even counting the \$50,000 he received a year for housing allowance — must be close to three times the base salary of a full professor at UC.

While I perfectly understand his succumbing to the double temptation offered to his "financial security" and

self-esteem, I also think he failed in a strict moral self-accounting that he owed himself as one of the leading educators in the state.

Of course, there's nothing illegal about the money given to him and his accepting it. What troubles me is the underlying assumption — moral and educational — of the whole transaction.

For doesn't it appear to elevate a university president such as President Gardner to a level far above and totally separated from that of the university faculty? Doesn't it seem to imply that his service to the university is at least three times more valuable than that of the faculty? It's understandable that people who know little about what goes on at a university, such as the regents, should so assume, but shouldn't the president himself have known better? For I cannot imagine how any university president should fail to think of himself as a member of the faculty or value his service to the university far above that of the faculty. That he should have so believed is the measure of his failure in his

own moral and educational self-accounting

This brings me to a problem closer at home. Here at our own university, there was last year a rather expensive but futile presidential search which cost the CSU \$60,000, about the average for such a search, I am told.

Now that's a lot of money especially when the state is running so heavily in the red. Should we be spending that kind of money for a presidential search, either successful or unsuccessful? I don't think so. We should have saved the \$60,000, as well as any further expenses in the years to come, by simply canceling the presidential search altogether.

For, as far as I can see, SJSU has managed quite well without a president. The classes have all met with most of the students doing satisfactorily, and the last I heard, the commencement was held as in any other year — without a hitch.

And I haven't noticed any real changes on the campus the lights and heat have been turned on and off in the classrooms at proper times; the library has been open; the

Kichung Kim Campus Viewpoint

grass, shrubbery, and shade trees have been trimmed, and the plumbing in the faculty offices have been working.

In other words, the university seems to have carried on quite well even without a president. For, after all, it's the faculty, the library, and the students that make up the heart of a university, not the administration.

Oh, yes, we have an interim president, which seems to have worked out fine. I therefore propose a system of rotating interim presidents, each serving maybe a year or two, but certainly not more than three years. And surely there's no lack of faculty members who can fill in as an interim president with competence, even with distinction.

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AFRICAN LEADERS EDUCATING AND RISING TOGETHER (ALERT): General meeting, 6 - 7 p.m., EOP 210 third floor WLC, call 279-3381.

AIESEC: General meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., BC 208, call 363-9843.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER: Word Bible Study, noon-1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Campus Christian Center, call 298-0204.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Co-op Orientation, 6 p.m., SU Almaden Room, call 924-6033.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Orientation for International Career Day, 12:30 p.m., International Center-360 S. 11th St., call 924-6033.

MARKETING CLUB: Hospitality marketing with the new San Jose Hilton and Towers, 3:30 p.m., SU Almaden Room, call 243-3497.

PEP-CENTER: Health Fair, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., 2nd floor Student Union, call 924-5945.

PEP-CENTER: National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, NCAA Week Banner Competition, all week, fraternity and sorority houses; Prevention Education St. Survival Tactics (P.E.S.S.T.), 4:30 - 6 p.m., Spartan Stadium, call 924-5945.

RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM: Re-Entry Support Group, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., Administration building, counseling group room, call 924-5930 or 924-5939.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN: Student Gallery Art Shows, 10 - 4. Art building; Student Gallery Art Shows, 10 am.- 4 p.m., Art Building; Tuesday Night Lecture Series: "A view from Inside: Education and Art in Prisons", 5 - 6 p.m., Art room 133, call 924-4328.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN: Student Gallery Art Reception, 6 - 8 p.m., Art Building, call 924-4330.

SJSU CHEERLEADERS: Workshops for Cheer Tryouts, 7 p.m., SU Umunhum room, call 924-5950.

SJSU SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS: Free condoms and STD/AIDS awareness literature, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., in front of SU, call 286-6003.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING RESIDENT LIFE STAFF: Resident Advisor Plant Sale Fund Raiser, 2 - 6 p.m., SU Art Quad, call 924-8107.

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BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES (BSM): Lifestyle Meeting, noon - 1 p.m., SU Pacheco Room, call 723-0500.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES (BSM): Lifestyles Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m., call 723-0500.

B.A.S.E.: General body meeting, 6 p.m., ENG 358, call 292-7874.

THE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM CENTER (PEP): Health Fair, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., second floor Student Union, call 924-5945.

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES DEPARTMENT: A free Putting Contest, prizes include, SPX Breezeway, noon, call 279-0188 or 984-6563.

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gram and other youth services at the center to keep youths off the street. They were gathered outside of the center, according to Diaz.

While they waited for the meeting to begin inside, Chavez and Diaz said they noticed one of the high school students being frisked by police.

At that point, Diaz said he approached the 17-year-old high school student — who he knew as one of the youths MEChA had worked with in the past — to see what was happening. The officer got an attitude and told him to leave or he would be arrested, Diaz said.

Diaz said he just wanted to see what was going on when the officer allegedly used unnecessary force and grabbed his wrists in an attempt to drag him out of the area and toward a police car. Diaz said he heard the officer radio in for backup.

"He said this is a gang problem," Diaz said. "I didn't resist arrest; they assumed we were a gang...they didn't even bother to ask us to identify ourselves."

Luca said Diaz was told by the officer to leave and not to worry about what was happening. He was arrested because he interfered with the officer, Luca said.

Seeing what was taking place, Chavez approached Diaz and the officer. He was told to leave by Officer Wilson who arrived with 14 other officers, according to Luca.

Chavez said Wilson approached him with his baton ready to strike.

"He shoved the baton in my chest and said 'backup,'" Chavez said. "He cornered me and continued to hit me with the baton. When he saw people were watching him, he then stopped."

Luca said Chavez was arrested because he attempted to interfere with the arrest of Diaz.

Serna said the SJSU students as well as the students from Willow Glen were lawfully assembled. For whatever reason, the police abused their authority, she said.

"They see 40 Mexican Americans and they assume they're up to no good," Serna said. "It's not fair. There is no justification and no reason for those students to

get arrested and beaten. We want those officers held accountable."

MEChA Co-chairman Carlos Ruerda, who witnessed the incident, said the officers preceived the gathering at the center as a "gang thing."

"They didn't even assess what was going on," he said.

Ruerda and other witnesses alleged that officers made derogatory comments during the incident.

"There was no indication from any other community representatives (that derogatory comments were made), except those students' word that it happened," Luca said.

Luca said the students from MEChA apparently thought the meeting at the center was a public forum. He said the students came to the meeting with a list of demands for the center.

The officers being investigated for the alleged brutality are officers Wilson, David Storton and John Como, according to reports in the Mercury News. SJPD was not available to confirm the information.

The police department's internal affairs officers are investigating the case involving the three officers, according to Luca.

Students from the SJSU group Direct Action Alliance (DAA) met with Police Chief Cobarruviaz to demand a voice in police matters. The meeting was called partly in response to alleged verbal and physical police brutality in San Jose.

But it was also called following the riots last spring when four Los Angeles police officers were acquitted of using excessive force on black motorist Rodney King.

Cobarruviaz agreed to student demands to organize a grass-roots movement to address police harassment in minority communities, said DAA founder Juan Haro.

Haro said Chavez and Diaz will attend the group's monthly meeting with Cobarruviaz on Tuesday.

Charges dropped after marijuana evidence stolen from police locker

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) — Prosecutors dropped charges against two marijuana activists after key evidence — the pot — was stolen from a police department locker.

One of the defendants, Donald Christen, challenged authorities to charge him again so a trial can be held.

"The DA doesn't want it to go to court," he said. "If they can't get a conviction, they can't enforce the law."

Christen, 39, an independent legislative candidate from Madison, and Carol Hurley, 63, of

Phillips were charged with possession of marijuana last December after allegedly smoking a joint on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse during a "smoke-in."

Possession of small amounts of marijuana in Maine is a civil infraction.

"If we have to, at the very last resort, I'll be back with enough evidence to put the law on trial," Christen said Friday.

District Attorney David Crook moved recently to dismiss the charges after police said a few marijuana cigarettes disappeared from an evidence locker at the police department.

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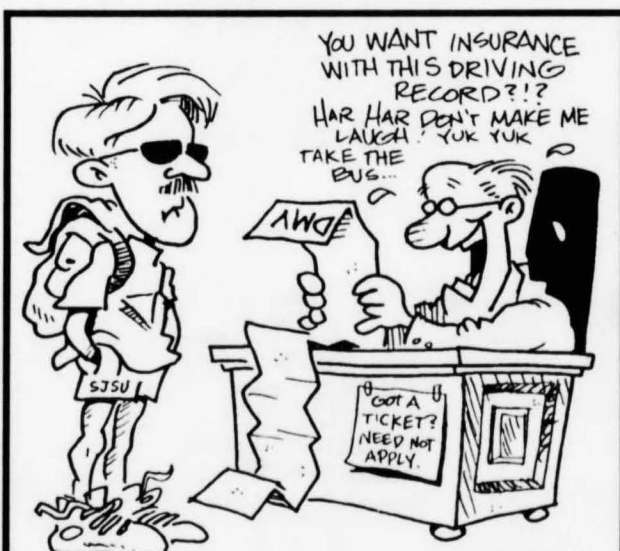
Survey: Smoking, drug use up among U.S. students

ATLANTA (AP) — Smoking and drug use were on the rise last year among young people, especially junior high students and blacks, a survey found.

The annual survey by Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education, to be released Monday, was based on written responses from 212,802 junior high and high school students in 34 states.

The students, in questionnaires distributed by teachers throughout the 1991-92 school year, were asked about their usage of drugs in 10 categories: cigarettes, beer, wine coolers, liquor, marijuana, cocaine, uppers, downers, hallucinogens and inhalants.

Last year's results reverse a three-year trend in which the survey found drug use among students dropped slightly or stayed the same, PRIDE officials said.



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New campus paper intended for people with 'ax to grind'

By RICHARD ESPINOZA
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU has a new radical voice. The Spartan Democrat recently joined The Spartan Spectator as a political newspaper on campus, a move inspired after The Spartan Democrat's editor read the first issue of the right-wing Spectator last semester.

"The whole purpose of (The Spartan Democrat) is for people who have an ax to grind," said the Democrat's managing editor, Roland V. Wilson II. "It's not a newspaper — it's a forum."

The newspaper's publisher, Ted

R. Comerford, also describes his newspaper outside of standard journalistic terms.

"I've never pretended to be a journalist," he said. "None of my stuff is objective. I have no interest in writing objective stuff."

The paper's premier issue dealt largely with homosexual topics with attention-grabbers such as the headline, "Bible Nazis march again" and a cartoon depicting Pat Buchanan having sex with George Bush.

But the editors are trying to get articles from a broader range of activists for upcoming issues. Wilson is trying to contact proponents of rights for ex-convicts, children, gays and Native Americans to write articles for his paper. He wants input from people who want to actually fight for their beliefs rather than simply educating people.

"We want people who are struggling to fight for their issues and their rights," Wilson said. "You'd probably call them subversives and activists."

Wilson is also looking for gen-

eral left-wing stories about humanism, body piercing and California's economy.

"A lot of what we're trying to do is debunk the establishment's program that's been crammed down our throats," Comerford said.

To that end, the Democrat's first issue tackled the notions that drugs are bad and Columbus is a hero.

"Just because it's on CNN doesn't mean it true," Comerford said. "The government isn't always right."

When Comerford started talking this summer about putting a newspaper together, several people said they would contribute articles. But as the publication deadline drew closer, it became clear that Comerford would have to cut his first issue from the planned eight pages to four, since only five or six people came through with their assignments.

Wilson was "totally floored" when he saw that many writers were not coming through on their assignments. He thought activists would jump at the chance to take part in a

forum such as the Democrat.

Comerford and Wilson started taking on other assignments when other writers dropped out of the picture. Wilson was promoted to assistant editor after writing a single article, and Comerford ended up writing six of the paper's 11 articles, Wilson said.

Comerford put up the full \$325 to produce the 5,000 premier copies out of his own pocket. Next time around, he plans to spread the cost around at least a little bit.

Wilson became the Democrat's unofficial advertising director after agreeing to split the cost of the next issue with Comerford.

"It was either find some advertising or pay (half of the cost) myself," Wilson said.

If the Democrat fills its coffers in time, Comerford wants to publish his second issue Oct. 30. Otherwise, he'll aim for a week or so later.

Comerford originally wanted to start a left-wing newspaper after reading The Spartan Spectator in the spring, but he had to wait because he was a Spartan

Daily columnist at the time.

He was free to start work on the Democrat after being dismissed from the Daily for including in one of his columns the home address of a letter-writer who disagreed with Comerford's philosophies.

Comerford, a full-time student, is active with causes even outside of his job as publisher of the Democrat. He is co-president of San Jose's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance, president of the area's Alternative Lifestyles Political Action Coalition, adviser for SJSU's Delta Lambda Phi fraternity and national chairman of the National Day of Action, a group that organizes college protests against the ROTC's ban on gays.

Comerford is also running for office in the Evergreen Resource Conservation District.

Representatives from SJSU's two other newspapers welcome the Democrat's contribution to campus discussions.

"I disagree with most of the stuff in there, but I think it's fine what they're doing," said Brian

Murtha, editor of The Spartan Spectator.

"I respect Ted Comerford and I think (having the Democrat on campus) is a healthy situation," said Ed Rowen of College Republican's board of directors. The Spectator is a publication of the club.

Rowen especially likes the fact that Comerford is willing to make his opinions public for discussion around campus.

Spartan Daily adviser Clyde Lawrence also likes having a competing voice on campus.

"What kind of bothers me is it's the first one in a long time," he said. "It makes for a more exciting campus when you have a variety of news sources."

Wilson believes the Democrat and the Spectator need each other if either hopes to survive. Active opposition gives direction and focus to oppressed people who are fighting for otherwise ignored issues, he said.

"It's the opposite of muddying the water," Wilson said. "It raises consciousness."

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Plant sale held to offset cuts

By JIM BATCHO
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A plant sale will be held today in the Student Union Art Quad to fund university housing services hurt by budget cuts.

The sale will run from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. "The plants are awesome," said Jeff Waugh, resident adviser of Allen

Hall. "The prices are really cheap, and the quality is excellent."

The university housing staff has regular retreats to take a break from the non-stop job of running the dormitories. But budget cuts have taken money away from the retreat fund, Waugh said. The plant sale is designed to put the

money back.

"Our job goes from the time we wake up to the time we go to bed," Waugh said. "The retreat is something that gives us a change of scenery. We just need to get away."

The sale will consist of a wide combination of indoor plants, according to Sheri Sonju, who is providing the plants.

Sonju said there will be everything from small plants to eight-foot ones. The prices will range from \$1 to \$50 plants.

"I've been doing (nursery work) for about 10 years, and when Jeff asked me to help out with his fundraiser, I decided to support it," Sonju said.

The sale is sponsored by Sonju and Folian, an interior design company.

Prevention Education to sponsor third annual Alcohol Awareness Week

By MATT SMITH
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's third annual National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week starts today with events designed to make students aware of their drinking decisions. The theme of the week is "Feel the Power of Positive Choices."

"We are trying to make people aware there are responsible decisions they can make about drinking," said Harriet Pila, director of the Prevention Education Program, which is sponsoring the events this week.

The week has been planned by students, she said.

All week-long there will be a banner competition among SJSU's Greek houses and an award will be given Thursday for the banner that best expresses a responsible message.

Monday is the deadline for the "Express Yourself" essay competition, the winner of which will be published in the Spartan Daily.

On Tuesday, there will be a health fair sponsored by members of the San Jose community and health resources on campus. These events will take place on the middle level of the Student Union from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, there will be a "Prevention Education Street Survival Tactics" obstacle course at Spartan Stadium.

The obstacle course, Pila said, will give the 30 students who will be participating an idea of what they can do in different crime situations to prevent harm or to defend themselves.

KSJS Radio, the University Police Department and the California Highway Patrol are sponsoring a controlled drinking experiment Wednesday.

Two disc jockeys from KSJS will begin to consume alcoholic beverages at 10:30 a.m. and keep listeners updated on how intoxicated they feel while their blood level is monitored by the police throughout the day.

This will illustrate, Pila said, that people may not be aware of how much alcohol they have consumed.

The Normal School Bell that sits in front of Wahlquist Library will be rung every 25 minutes by campus sport teams Wednesday to indicate that someone dies every 23 minutes because of an alcohol-related incident.

"We want people to be aware of drinking or non-drinking behavior and be aware of alternatives to drinking," Pila said.

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Prop. 161

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tion, California Commission on Aging, and the California State Hospice Association are against the initiative.

If passed, Proposition 161 would allow patients, who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, the right to have a physician terminate their life in a painless, humane and dignified manner.

The death would not be considered suicide, and, consequently, insurance companies could not revoke the patient's life insurance.

"This is an issue of choice and an issue of compassion," Brooke said. He said the only choice terminally ill patients have now is suicide.

"It is one thing for a person to die without extraordinary means (life support systems) than to stop a life," Latta said.

"Suicide is an interruption with life," Brooke said. "A terminally ill patient is a person who is in the process of dying. It is a compassionate alternative."

Opponents argue that because

of the limited safeguards, which also include no waiting period and no mandatory psychological evaluation or family notification, "it could endanger the lives of thousands," Atherton said.

Another dispute is over the 'enduring request' safeguard. A patient must make a request for aid-in-dying on more than one occasion. "It can not be a fleeting request," according to the initiative.

But the opposition claims that a "patient could literally say, 'I want to die. I want to die,' and that would be enduring," Atherton said.

"We realize there might be times when someone might choose physician-assisted death who could have gone on to live longer than previously thought," Brooke said.

But he feels that there are thousands more who are needlessly suffering.

"Essentially we know that California may favor the concept — but the way it is written, it has too many loopholes," Atherton said.

Apple Computer announces new products

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple Computer Inc. plans to announce today a new line of Macintosh personal computer products, including a PowerBook system that marries the hot-selling portable notebook with Apple's desktop models.

The PowerBook system integrates a 4.2-pound notebook, smaller and lighter than earlier models, with a desktop computer by allowing the notebook to be inserted into the larger computer much like a video cassette into a VCR.

Apple also said it would begin shipping Monday its new PowerBook 160 and PowerBook 180 models. Both have increased storage and better performance than existing models, the company said. The PowerBook 170, Apple's

current top-of-the-line model, will be discontinued immediately.

The PowerBook 160 will sell for \$2,429 to \$3,149, depending on its power and performance abilities. Prices for the more powerful PowerBook 180 will range from \$4,109 to 4,469.

Kimball Brown, a personal computer analyst with International Data Corp. in Mountain View, Calif., called the Duo system "an incredible product" but warned that it could cannibalize some existing sales.

Prop. 166

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that requires four-fifths of both houses of the legislature to change the basic benefits package, Howell said.

If the proposition passes, all employers will have to pay for medical insurance for permanent, full-time workers, defined as those who work a minimum of 17.5 hours a week. The firm would pay 75 percent of premiums.

Under the proposition's terms, insurance companies must provide a "basic benefits package" to all firms, including those employing fewer than 100 people. Health insurers could not refuse coverage for pre-existing conditions, nor terminate insurance because an employee became ill.

Proposition 166 also calls for several commissions to monitor health care policy, medical technology, and costs.

The California Medical Association and Teamster's Union back the proposition which has drawn opposition from the California Nurses Association, the Consumer Health Insurance Coalition, the American Association of Retired Persons, Consumer's Union, and California AFL-CIO.

"From a consumer's point of view, Proposition 166's main attraction is guaranteeing medical insurance to full-time and some part-time workers," said Paul Moreno, media representative of the CMA in San Francisco.

Because the proposition also eliminates insurance denial because of pre-existing illness, "people with diabetes can obtain insurance and won't have premiums priced out of reach," he said.

But SJSU's Virgil Parsons, chair of the department of nursing does not believe the plan will work.

"My gut level reaction is it won't work," he said. "The health care system is like a blown tire and this is just another patch."

"Prop. 166 is primarily sponsored by the CMA," Parsons said. "From my perspective it does not serve the people any better."

"The doctors downstairs (in the student health service) are on

the job providing comprehensive health services that are accessible and affordable. They do a good job," he said. "But the CMA and the AMA just haven't caught on to those key phrases: accessible and affordable."

Nor does the proposition meet the criteria of the California Nurses Association for comprehensive and universal medical care, said Cathie Direen, spokeswoman and editor of the organization's magazine.

"It covers only full-time permanent employees," she said. "It makes health insurance unaffordable for low-income people because of high out-of-pocket expenses." A participant in the plan could be out as much as \$1,300 or more when deductibles (amounts not paid by insurers) and premiums are added, she said.

For medical services, Article 4 of the proposition allows annual deductions up to \$250 for individuals and \$500 for families. For prescription drugs, maximum deductibles are \$200 for an individual and \$400 for a family.

Other provisions would require a two-thirds vote in each house, she said.

The "basic benefits package is insufficient," Howell said. Twenty visits to a doctor may be inadequate to provide cancer and AIDS victims the "security they need in consistent medical care," she said.

The \$500,000 minimum cap on total medical costs for an individual sounds high, she said, but a premature baby in intensive care for several weeks could take most of that money and use most of the 45 annual days the insurer must cover, she said.

Also not included in the package are eyeglasses, contact lenses, routine eye examinations and plates and pins used to reconstruct fractured knees and hips.

The California Nurses Association has other objections.

"As nurses, we are concerned that the proposition continues physicians' domination of medical care," Direen said. "It perpetuates the myth that doctors are the only medical providers."

CSEA

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effect, Strafaci said.

According to Waller, staff who work on a 10- or 11-month basis would be paid over a 12-month period, lowering the employee's monthly salary.

As a result, staffers could not receive unemployment benefits for the months they are not working, Waller said.

Under the expired contract, staffers accrue sick leave and vacation for the full 12 months if they worked under the 10/12 or 11/12 plan, Waller said.

But benefits would not be accrued for the time not worked under the new CSU proposal, Waller said.

Strafaci said the 10/12 and 11/12 plans allow staffers to choose whether they are paid in 10 installments or receive a paycheck the entire year.

At SJSU, a total of 25 non academic full-time staff and administrators have been laid off since July 1992 and have not been rehired, said Steve Bartz, SJSU associate director of human resources.

In comparison, 215 temporary faculty were laid off, and 168 were subsequently rehired through academic recovery funds that could only be used for faculty rehires, Weir said.

Protecting the compensation and benefits of support staff is important to preserve the quality of teaching, Waller said.

"Unless the physical plant is

kept clean — garbage thrown away, classrooms swept — the environment can be detrimental to teaching and learning," said Waller, who is also an administrative operations analyst in the undergraduate studies office.

But MacCarthy, CSU spokesman, said that everyone must suffer a cut.

"With a budget cut of \$146 million, it is as simple as the arithmetic gets," MacCarthy said.

Through layoffs and unfilled positions, staff has been cut significantly.

To preserve classes, SJSU Interim President J. Handel Evans said the university is working on the good will of the staff.

"The fact remains that we are here to educate students," Evans said, "so I must retain as many faculty as possible."

While cuts to faculty were done at 7.6 percent last semester, staff and other areas were trimmed by 10.1 percent, according to the June issue of "On Campus," a presidential newsletter.

Steve Sloan, chapter president of CSEA at SJSU, said the CSU is hurting itself.

"Everyone on campus is struggling for diminishing resources, but it is not fair to balance the budget on the backs of staff," said Sloan, who is also an instructional support technician on campus.

Approximately 200 of the 800 eligible employees belong to the CSEA open shop at SJSU, said CSEA union representative Waller.

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SJSU roller-skaters spin hard work into gold



Left: 1992 Pairs World Championship Roller Skaters Doug Wait and Dé Anna Monahan demonstrate their routine as Robin Hood and Maid Marian last week at Roxy's Roller Palace in San Jose. Above: The two SJSU students, who have been skating together for six seasons, won the gold medal in the World Championship Competition in Tampa, Florida. They also won gold medals in the regional and national competitions.

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SJSU skating duo roll to a gold medal in the World championships

By VICTOR A. MARKOVICH, JR.
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In 1975, Doug Wait, at the age of 5, tried on his first pair of roller skates, skating along with his parents who were champion roller-skaters.

Four years earlier, Dé Anna Monahan started her roller-skating career at the age of one and a-half, walking around the rink with her sister Melodie, who attracted her to roller-skating.

Both have wanted to be professional roller-skaters from an early age.

By the time they met, both had gone through two partner changes and moved to better coaches.

Wait's first two partners were Michelle Getty and Janelle Hattaway. Wait and Hattaway were together four years and won the national championship twice.

Monahan's partners were Micheal Manciani and Steven Moore.

Fifteen years later, by a strange twist of luck, Monahan and Wait become partners for six seasons.

This year, competing in the World Championships in Roller-skating in Tampa, Florida, the duo of Doug Wait and Dé Anna Monahan won first place and brought home a gold medal.

The two competed in three events. The first event is the compulsory dance which requires dancing prescribed steps to prescribed music. The original set pattern category requires the performers to dance to the tempo selected by the federation which picked the tango. Each team then made up the routine to which it performed the tango.

The final event is the free dance in which each team can do whatever it wants. Wait and Monahan decided to do a three-and-a-half minute performance which described the story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian.

Their performance brought the house down and the judges gave them a score 9.8 out of a possible 10 points all across the board, Wait said. Competing with 22 of the world's best roller-skaters, the duo dethroned last year's Italian Champion Alberto Borsarini and Claudia Rinaldi, Wait said.

A dream come true

"It was a dream come true," said Wait, a 20-year-old business management major. Wait is currently attending SJSU, taking 12 units and is in the transition between his sophomore and junior year. Wait says that some of

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Dé Anna Monahan
World championship roller-skating gold medalist

his instructors allow him to make up exams and they give him reading materials when he goes on the road. Wait has a grade point average of 3.4.

Winning the world championship was the fulfillment of one of Monahan's goals.

"It is the most exciting feeling you can ever feel, from butterflies in your stomach to tears in your eyes, it was just wonderful," Monahan said.

The 22-year old Monahan, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, has been working as a bartender at San Jose Live! for the past nine months.

"The competition was stiff, very tough. I felt that we skated really well. And it just put me on top of the world," Monahan said. "We skated the whole week really well, and when competition came, we came out strong."

The pair reached Tampa on Saturday afternoon, and by Monday they started practicing. On Wednesday and Thursday the competition started. The two stayed in Florida for a period of two weeks.

Roller-skating follows the same rules as ice-skating under the Olympic class A. However, unlike ice-skating, roller-skating is still only a demonstration sport, and competition is held every year during the Olympic festival instead of every four years as is the case with Olympic sports, Wait said.

Right now roller-skating, which became part of the Olympics in 1989, can not be considered as an Olympic sport because there is no room in the Olympics, which is overpacked with sports, Wait said.

Wait and Monahan have been together for six years now, and have compiled an impressive list of wins since teaming up.

In 1989, while attending their first Olympic festival in Oklahoma, they won the silver medal.

In the Nationals, which were attended by the top roller skaters in the United States, the pair placed fourth in competition. According to Wait, he feels that was an upset for them.

In 1990, the team won the bronze medal in the Olympic festivals in Minnesota and captured the bronze again in the Nationals.

In '91, they won the bronze medal in the Olympic festivals in Los Angeles, the bronze medal in the Nationals that took place in Philadelphia, and captured the silver medal in the World Championships in Australia.

This year's competition was a bit different, with the team winning three consecutive gold medals in the regionals, the nationals and — the big one — the World Championships.

In December, Wait and Monahan will be going on an 11-day exhibition tour in Italy. They performed their same routines of Robin Hood and Maid Marian and Beauty and the Beast.

Both said their next step is to defend their title in '93.

In May, they will be traveling to Frankfurt, Germany to compete in the German Cup. Then off they go to defend their title in the World Championships in France.

Wait and Monahan first met when they were competing in the Junior American Dance, each with a different partner. Monahan said her partner knew Doug's mother who spoke with her and said that Doug was going to win. Eventually, he placed first and Monahan placed second.

Monahan moved back home for a couple of months after the competition. At the time Wait wasn't skating with his partner anymore. Instead, he was making phone calls trying to reach her.

Wait said he was brainstorming on potential partners. Finally, in

October, Wait asked her to try out.

"At first, I didn't know who he was but when he said he won the Junior-American dance, I then knew who he was. I was really quick to jump at his offer," Monahan said.

"It was easy who to pick; we both had the same goals so it was easier to work with her," Wait said.

Monahan said that when she tried-out, their combination worked so well they just knew it had to be.

Within four days, Monahan brought her stuff from Arizona and was ready to practice.

Like brother and sister

When she moved to San Jose she stayed one year in Wait's parents' house.

"I consider Doug as a brother because we fight constantly, and his family as a second family," she said.

During her stay with the family, Monahan attended Santa Teresa High School at the early age of 16 as a junior while Wait entered the school as a freshman. Monahan said that they basically used to hang-out together with the

same friends.

Their coach for six years has been Larry Chopps, a former roller-skating champion who placed second in international level roller skating. When he retired from the event 20 years ago, he wanted to coach a team that would pass his own accomplishment.

"I found that team, they work so hard at what they do," Chopps said.

Both Monahan and Wait

receive grants from the Olympic Committee for their education, training expenses and whatever they want to do with the money. Wait said that they receive approximately \$10,000.

Wait said that in '93 he plans to retire from roller-skating and Monahan plans to be a roller-skating instructor after turning professional.

But as they both said, "we will discuss that next year, right now we defend our title."

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