



TARA MURPHY — SPARTAN DAILY

Kathleen Bishop studies for a history midterm Sunday afternoon at her San Jose home while her son Brandon, 7, goes outside to play.

## Student mothers beating the odds

Proposition 165: Will it liberate AFDC families?

By BARBARA DOHENY  
Special to the Spartan Daily

Proposition 165: some say it will make women and children independent of public assistance. Others say it will make them homeless.

SJSU students who depend on Aid to Families With Dependent Children, or AFDC, say it will destroy the futures of the very parents who are fighting hardest to leave welfare and to support their children on their own.

"I don't think it works for all of us on AFDC," said "Angela," a 21-year-old SJSU

student with a 3-year-old son. "It says nothing about someone who's already in school at a four-year university."

"If Proposition 165 passes, I feel that all the suffering I have put my family through for the past two years will be in vain," said Debi Hazel, a 32-year-old occupational therapy major with two boys under 7 years old.

The controversial bill would cut monthly AFDC payments by 10 percent, then cut it again by an additional 15 percent for families receiving benefits for more than six months. Food

*This story is the first of two parts that examine the impact of Proposition 165 on SJSU student parents.*

stamps would increase by 25 percent. Once a family leaves AFDC, it will not receive benefits again for two years.

Such cuts fall heavily on student parents who are supporting a family on AFDC, work, work study, grants or loans. SJSU students have found a way to raise a child on \$535 a month from AFDC — cut last month to \$511 and cut

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SCOTT SADY — SPARTAN DAILY

As Kecia Bell, a De Anza administration of justice major, studies for an upcoming speech, her 8-month-old daughter heads in search of mischief.

## Panelists review role of Asian Americans in local media

By DON MCGEE  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In 1968 the Kerner Commission, in the aftermath of race riots throughout the nation, concluded that a mass media controlled by whites could not portray minorities accurately and that a white-dominated mass media would ultimately fail to serve minority audiences.

Today, Asian Americans and other minorities continue to be underrepresented in the media work force, according to a report released this year by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Sequoia and West Valley Japanese-American Citizens League (JACL) chapters presented a forum Thursday evening to discuss the role of Asian Americans in the media.

The forum — which drew a crowd of more than 120 people, mostly from the Asian American community in San Jose — featured four panelists addressing the past, present and future role of Asian Americans in the media.

The panelists were Lloyd LaCuesta of television station KTVU-Channel 2, T.T. Nhu of the San Jose Mercury News, Penny Nakamura from television station KNTV-Channel 11 in San Jose and Dan Nakaso, San Francisco Examiner night metro editor and former Spartan Daily

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## SJSU student runs for college board

Whitney strives for change

By DEBRA MYERS  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Blair Whitney wants to make things happen. "We're sending all these mixed signals to students who are seeking their four-year bachelor's degree and who are trying to get there from the community colleges," Whitney said. "We're saying, 'Please come here, but not now.'"

Whitney, who is running for community college board, wants to help colleges work on the implementation of programs. "I believe in giving students a lot of options for what they want to do," Whitney said.

Whitney, an SJSU senior majoring in political science, is currently serving on the university's Academic Senate and is chairman of the Student Union board of directors.

He has also worked as a business manager for KSJS and has served on the Associated Students board of directors and budget committee.

"At San Jose State, I've found more than enough ways to be involved, but I'm approaching graduation and I'm thinking, 'What can I do? How can I serve?'"

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RICK WACHA — SPARTAN DAILY

## Spartans lose shirts in Vegas

Rebel middle linebacker Mike Smalls breaks up a Spartan pass to tight end Rich Sarlatte. See story on page 6.

## International Score

## International Center students howl at moon

By KARA GARCIA  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Kelly Arnison had always wanted to celebrate Halloween, an American holiday she heard about as a child in Australia.

On Friday, she and the other foreign student residents at the International center dressed up and participated in Halloween, many for the first time.

Arnison, a junior majoring in advertising, dressed up as black cat, complete with ears and a long tail.

The Halloween party, featuring hippies, devils, black cats and punk-rockers, was the climactic event of a week of ghostly activities at the International Center.

Most residents, especially those who arrived in the United States this semester, were unfamiliar with the Halloween tradition. Several of the students said it sounded like Mardi Gras or Carnival, which they celebrate

at home.

Juan Porras, I-Center student council president, told them Halloween is "to celebrate the day of the witches and the day of the dead and to give candy to children." He said the residents wanted to know more of the origins of the holiday.

Most students, when asked, shortened the definition of Halloween to "a day to get crazy and party."

Though some found the custom odd, most were in the spirit of the night.

The festivities began with the game "Mystery Ghost" in which residents pick fellow residents, of the opposite sex, to play tricks on throughout the week. In exchange for treats and clues about the mystery ghost's identity, each person must do whatever his ghost asks.

The tricks played by ghosts ranged

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Loretta Wyss helps Peggy put the finishing touches on her mohawk in Peggy's dorm room at the International Center before Friday night's Halloween party.

## EDITORIAL

### Second-hand smoke — not for everyone to smell

Smoking in most public places should be banned. If there were no health risks associated with smoking, non-smokers would just be annoyed by the overpowering stench left by some cigarettes.

Second-hand smoke exposes the non-smoker to the damaging effects of carbon monoxide. It is not that easy to hold one's breath until the smoke disappears.

Health officials say that second hand smoke kills an estimated 53,000 Americans annually. Children and adults also suffer from respiratory problems.

According to University of California at Berkeley researcher Dr. Michael Siegel, the health threats posed from second hand smoke is great. Workers in smoky restaurants inhale the equivalent of one and a half to two packs of cigarettes a day.

The argument that a city-wide ban

in San Jose would be detrimental to the business community goes up in smoke.

Los Gatos has had a smoke free city-wide ordinance for years. As a tourist town, Los Gatos' businesses have not suffered at all.

Many people do not want to be in a smoke filled environment. For those who suffer emphysema, asthma or allergies, second-hand smoke can trigger a frightening allergic reaction.

Certain public areas should remain smoke free.

The smoking and non-smoking sections in restaurants are needed. Restaurant goers may choose what places to patronize because a smoke free environment is guaranteed.

Smoking in coffee houses, pubs, and night clubs should be expected.

Food from the barbecue pit should smell smoky, not the food from the salad bar.

### Letters to the editor

#### Stand up for your rights

As the 1992 general election comes to a close, I wanted to take the time to reflect on the political activism that took place at SJSU.

This semester we had the honor of hearing the views of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, Democratic Presidential nominee and Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Bruce Herschensohn.

Last semester we also had Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, who is running against Bruce Herschensohn for U.S. Senate.

As a result, more students have become politically involved with their parties and have volunteered their time to fight for the issues they believe in.

One issue that comes to mind is education.

Last week, alumnae for various college campuses had the opportunity to voice their views about the Bush/Wilson recession.

These students have not been able to find full-time employment in their chosen fields, due to the economy.

Therefore, to ensure their financial future and their well being in this country, they called for a press confer-

ence to join together in support of Gov. Clinton for President.

Unfortunately, an irrational student interrupted their right of freedom of speech in support of Gov. Clinton.

If anyone had anything to fear, it was those former students who had their rights infringed on.

In addition, there was a first semester freshmen that couldn't get her classes, due to the cut-backs in education. These people are not alone.

The truth is that the economy is not getting better, students with degrees are out of jobs, and first semester freshmen students cannot get any of their classes.

As students, we have to fight for our future and strengthen our communities.

As the great reggae legend Bob Marley wrote in his song, "Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights!" And that means get out and vote on Nov. 3rd!

**Ruth Drabkin**  
Senior, Political Science  
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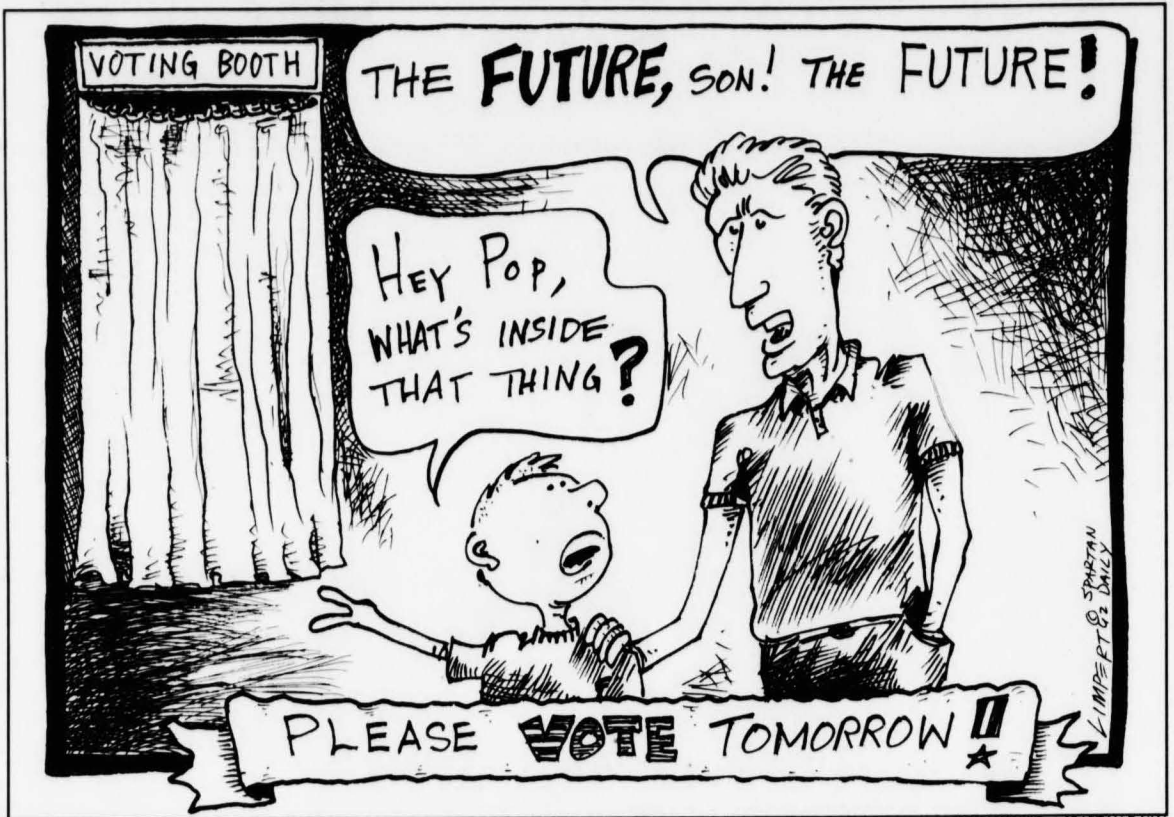
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FRED LIMPFT — SPARTAN DAILY

### Making sense of a political season gone wacky

Well, dear readers, I have a confession to make. I quit the Daily last week. One of my good friends was going to get married, and I heard a rumor that all the other columnists on staff were going to make a scene during the ceremony. But then I realized that it was a stupid thing to do and asked all the people on staff of the Daily if they wanted me to be a columnist again. Naturally, they answered with a resounding "yes!", so here I am again, ready and willing to serve. I'm only kidding. What I'm really getting at is Ross Perot.

What is up with Ross Perot, anyway? I mean, we all knew that he was a little batty — being batty is a prerequisite to being a Texas billionaire. But these charges of conspiracy against the Republicans? I think SOMEBODY'S been hanging out with Oliver Stone

for a few too many walks around the book depository.

I'd like to interrupt the column in progress to apologize for endorsing Bill Clinton a few weeks ago. I made my endorsement before I saw the debates and, being fallible, I've changed my mind about who to vote for (for the 12th time). So I'd like to offer this advice to you — in the next 24 hours, read through just one more pamphlet. Go to the polls as well-educated as you could possibly be. And vote for the people whom you think will do the best job while in office.

Ugh. Enough with the political rhetoric. I don't know about you, but after I vote I'm going to go back to my bed and hibernate for the next couple of weeks. I'm sick of the mud-slinging and I'm sick of the cute little distinguishing characteristics the three presidential candidates — Clinton's

saxophone, Ross' ears, Bush's "thing". Agh!

The only parts of the election I'm going to get sentimental about are Perot's deskside chats. They were a constant source of reassurance to me. I don't know, but I think his take-charge attitude and his thick down-home accent had something to do with his high rank on the "comfort and support the anxious voter" scale. I guess if he doesn't win, we could get him a cardigan and put him in Mister Rogers' time slot.

The only advice I'm going to make to you is simple and painless. Watch the election results on Comedy Central. They've been covering the big campaign functions all year and, in my opinion, have done a better job of it than the big networks. Their coverage of the vice-presidential debate was informative and yet hyster-



Lynn Benson

#### Now That I Have Your Attention

ically funny. And, hey, would the channel that brings you "Mystery Science Theater 3000" steer you wrong? If you have Heritage cable, then Comedy Central is on channel 22-A, and I believe that the coverage begins at 4 p.m. Check it out. If Will Durst can't make sense of this whole process, nobody can.

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

### Clinton's record not up to presidential level

Presumably, most students attend SJSU for two reasons. The most idealistic, of course, is to increase one's self worth and knowledge, and to make one a well rounded individual. The other, more realistic reason is to improve one's chances of finding employment once out of school that would pay better than if one had not attended the university in the first place. Prosperity is the fundamental goal for most students, and it should not be punished with higher taxes.

A tax on the rich will hurt not only the wealthy, but will also hurt the middle class. If a wealthy man buys three new Cadillacs every year, that helps the economy because it creates work for those who work at the Cadillac plant. If he is hit with a tax for every car he buys, he may decide it better to keep his old one. Luxury taxes on yachts hurt the boat building industry and everyone involved, from the owner of A-1 Yacht Builders to the poor man who earns minimum wage sweeping the fiberglass off the floor. The more the wealthy are taxed, the more

people of other economic classes are hurt.

Bill Clinton has said that he will raise taxes on the rich, and he continually says that trickle down economics hasn't worked. Either Clinton does not understand what trickle down economics are, or he and Al Gore are deliberately trying to misinform voters. His promises to tax the rich will hurt everyone if he is voted into the oval office.

Clinton proposes road improvement and "invest in America" plans as a way to employ more Americans. But the idea of economy improvements through government jobs is cracked. We pay for government jobs with our taxes. The less Uncle Sam has his hand in the taxpayer's pocket the more the taxpayer will really be able to invest in America.

Clinton also has proposed an education plan in which people could work off student loans by community service, which he mentioned when he was here at SJSU. Recall that he mentioned police work was one such way to pay off these loans and to help communities. The problems that com-

munities have would not be solved by more uncommitted police officers, or teachers, for that matter that are indentured servants for two years.

Abortion is an issue that has been kept out of the presidential campaign, but Bush is against abortion except in the cases of incest or rape. Abortions are a money making business, with costs at the Planned Parenthood locations in Santa Clara County ranging from \$265 to \$435. There are 1.5 million abortions performed per year in the United States, 1 to 2 percent of which are due to incest or rape.

Clinton supports the idea of making Washington D.C. into a state. This would mean congressmen representing that area, and more bureaucracy, and pensions to these newly elected officials. After November third, congress will receive an extra \$1000 per month on their pension plan, boosting the total up to \$60,000.

The election is tomorrow, and everyone that can vote should. Bill Clinton's pork-barreling record in Arkansas does not merit a vote, and certainly his promises to raise taxes for whatever reason are not wor-



Matt Smith

#### Writer's Forum

thy of your vote. He has always worked as a politician, and never had a job in the real world, like most students plan to do.

President Bush, on the other hand, has been in the military, and understands how it works. He served time on as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and has had experience dealing with international protocol in this decade — unlike Clinton's dealings with Moscow in 1969.

When you close the curtain tomorrow, remember Clinton's track record, and vote for Bush.

Matt Smith is a Daily staff writer.

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The San José State calendar

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**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Advanced interviewing, 12:30 p.m., SU Almaden Room; Programing your career with a math and computer science degree, 3 p.m., MH 324, call 924-6033.

**LAMBDA SIGMA GAMMA SORORITY:** Formal meeting, 6 p.m., BC 122, call 254-1369.

**PHI KAPPA PHI:** General meeting, 1:30 p.m., SU Guadalupe Room, call 629-2124.

**RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM:** Re-entry support group, 11:30 a.m., Administration Building

Counseling Group Room, call 924-5930 or 924-5939.

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## Media Minorities

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adviser. "The past hasn't been that good and the present isn't that good," said Lloyd LaCuesta, a Filipino American. "I have great fears about the future for Asian Americans (in the media). But I try to remain optimistic."

LaCuesta talked about the history of the Asian American in the media. "In our past history we have not really been a force in the American media," he said.

Nakamura said there is a lack of coverage of Asian Americans by the mainstream media.

"How is the Asian American being covered in the media?" Nakamura asked. "I'll tell you — not very well."

Nakamura used an example of the large Vietnamese population in San Jose as one group who is being ignored by mainstream media.

"You can't tell me there aren't stories out there (about Vietnamese people)," she said. "These stories need to be told."

Nakaso told the audience that he doesn't see a lot of Asian American men in the media.

White males are saying they aren't getting the jobs because of minorities, but that's not the case, Nakaso said. Go into any news room, Nakaso told the audience, and you'll see white males or, more recently, white females. But they're still white, he added.

"More than half of the newspapers in the nation have no minorities at all," he said.

In fact, 54 percent of the United States' 1,500 dailies employ no minorities at all, according to a 1991 report released by the U.S.

Commission on Civil Rights.

Nakaso said that even though he is a minority, he is a journalist first.

"I don't consider myself a minority journalist," he said. "I consider myself to be a journalist who happens to be a minority."

"We need more minorities in the media," said Thomas Nishisaka, president of the JACL's San Jose chapter. "We need more forums like this one."

During the question-and-answer period, some aspiring Asian American journalists asked the panelists if they could offer any advice for success in the media.

Nhu offered some advice.

"You have to be aggressive if you're going to do it, and it's good to start early," said Nhu, who has been a columnist with the San Jose Mercury News since 1987. "It's a very good time to be a minority journalist, but it's a bad time for jobs in journalism."

"You have to be tenacious," said a smiling Nakamura.

Some audience members wanted to know if any of the panelists had ever experienced discrimination on the job.

"I will never make as much as a white male columnist makes — ever," Nhu said.

Patty Wada, the events moderator, ended the evening's proceedings by telling the audience they too have a part in improving the role of Asian Americans in the media.

When consumers see or read racist remarks or overtones, Wada said, they must speak up.

"You can make a difference...you have to realize that," she said. Ed Noma, a resi-

dent of Palo Alto, said, overall, the forum was good.

"I wanted to hear a little more about some of the issues and

more about the reasons why some of these things (in the media for Asian Americans) are happening," Noma said.

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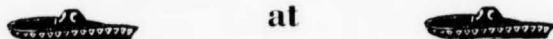
## Jail inmates awaiting deportation start riot, quelled by police

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — Jail inmates awaiting deportation rioted for three hours, smashing windows, televisions and furniture, before police used stun grenades and pepper gas to quell the disturbance.

The uprising at the Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facility started Friday evening when the 39 detainees, all scheduled for deportation, barricaded themselves inside a dormitory, said Linda Barrow, a police spokeswoman.

SWAT teams threw stun grenades, or "flash bangs," and used a gas based on cayenne pepper to disorient the detainees, Barrow said.

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Peggy Andrade, an international business student says the closest thing there is in France to Halloween is Carnival.

# International Scale



Peggy Andrade finishes putting the last of her eye make-up on for the Friday night Halloween party at the International Center. She was amazed by the number of people who attended.

## Halloween: International center dresses up

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from the tame to the outrageous. One person had to confess "love" for an inflatable anatomically correct doll while several others had to sing songs during dinner in the community dining room. Men dressed in women's clothing were common, as were people eating dinner in their pajamas.

The ghosts were revealed at the end of the week during the Fri-

day-night party for present and former I-Center residents and guests.

For the most part, the I-Center residents were enthusiastic about the holiday. Peggy Andrade, an international business major who dressed as a punk rocker, said the party was probably the best one she'd been to at the center this year. Andrade said all the students did not usually take part in the activities, but this party was an

exception.

International Center Director Leann Cherkasky said the event was their most successful.

"It lets the inhibitions go," she said.

Few countries celebrate Halloween. Of the 30 countries represented at the I-Center, only Colombia celebrates the holiday.

According to Monica Vasquez, a student in American language studies from Colombia, Hal-

loween is celebrated on Oct. 31 in her country just as it is here.

The only difference she knew of in the American and Colombian versions of Halloween was the prominent display of jack-o-lanterns in the United States, something she hadn't seen in her country.

Many countries, such as France, Cypress, the Netherlands and Norway, have similar day-long or month-long holidays that involve dressing up in costumes, but few say the point is to dress up in frightening costumes or to scare people.

Arnaud Daix, an MBA student, told of a custom in his native France where children are given a type of pancake they take into the streets to trade for money.

He said the children often dress up but not necessarily in "scary clothing."

Daix, who had never participated in Halloween before, came dressed like a woman and won Friday's costume contest by a landslide.

Xavier Beaume, a computer science graduate student also from France, said he had never heard of the custom Daix described as a French tradition.

"He (Daix) must be in the Twilight Zone," Beaume said jokingly. "It's (Halloween) kind of strange. Kind of impressive, this partying for the dead. I think it's funny," he said.

Most students planned on attending the Friday-night party at the I-Center and then going to San Francisco on Saturday night to see for themselves all they had heard about the Halloween festivities on Castro Street and the much-publicized "Exotic Erotic Ball."

Early Friday evening, soon after dinner, the I-Center residents started preparing for the party.

The most popular costumes for men included dressing up like women or hippies.

Women residents favored dressing like puck-rockers or animals.

Raymond Looze, a junior from the Netherlands majoring in international business, came wearing bell-bottomed pants that he had worn to a costume party at home in the Netherlands.

After the initial surprise of seeing each other dressed in costumes, Friday night's Halloween party, with American food and music, looked a lot like any other American college party.

The I-Center is a residence hall open to all foreign and American students attending SJSU.

### Police investigate report of death threats by Stern fans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A producer for the TV tabloid show "Hard Copy" alleges she received hundreds of death threats from fans of shock jock Howard Stern after one of her stories portrayed Stern as a bully.

Audrey Lavin said she received nearly 250 threats on her answering machine following the Oct. 2 segment on Stern, whose allegedly offensive broadcasts led to a record \$105,000 fine this week against a Los Angeles station.

"It was quite horrible for me," Ms. Lavin said Friday of the calls. "These people are such lunatics.

These are nasty, mean yahoos from hell that he incites."

Ed Purcell, a detective in the Los Angeles Police Department's west-side division, said the alleged threats were under investigation "but not going anywhere."

"There's not very much you can do in a case like this unless someone just keeps making calls and you happen to catch them," he said.

Ms. Lavin said the calls allegedly began soon after Stern announced her private phone number on the air. She first recounted her story in an interview

with TV Guide to be published this week.

Making phone threats is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, said Sandi Gibbons, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Ms. Lavin's charges come on the heels of the Federal Communication Commission's fine against KLSX-FM in Los Angeles, one of 10 stations that carry Stern's popular nationally syndicated show.

The FCC said Tuesday that KLSX was fined for airing "indecent" segments of Stern's program during inappropriate hours. The fine was based on a 19-page complaint filed by Las Vegas resident Al Wescott who monitored the program last year while living in the Los Angeles area.

The shows involved conversations between Stern and others graphically referring to sexual and scatological matters.

The FCC also is seeking to determine if the material cited in its fine against KLSX was aired on three other stations that carried the Stern program — WXRK-FM in New York, WJFK-FM in Washington and WYSP-FM in Philadelphia. They, too, could be fined.

Infinity Broadcasting Corp., which owns Stern's New York-based show, has until Wednesday to respond to the FCC inquiry, said Robert Ratcliffe, an FCC spokesman.

"It's purely a factual inquiry," Ratcliffe said Friday. "The commission knows that Stern's shows are generally simulcast on those stations. They are the base stations for his show."

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# Mothers:

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again this month to \$504 — regardless of whether the ballot initiative passes.

But they say they can't go on much longer. "The last week, no matter how much I budget — I don't spend anything — I'm out of diapers; I'm out of formula," said Kecia Bell, 23, a De Anza student with an infant daughter.

If Proposition 165 passes, payments made to Bell and other students with one child will be cut to \$482 per month, effective January, and to \$410 no more than six months later. Students with two children will be cut from \$633 to \$597 in January and to \$507 within six months.

"I've probably had about 100 complaints at least," said Sunny Miller, 33, an assistant at the Women's Resource Center on campus. "People are just terrified about what's going to happen if that passes."

October's 4.5 percent cut and another 5 percent cut earlier this year are already taking their toll, Miller said. Since the start of school, Miller said she'd seen three SJSU students come to the center in tears because they could not feed their children. She gave them packets of Top Ramen the staff keeps for snacks.

At SJSU, AFDC covers the rent, but work study, loans and grants feed the children and pay for child care, car repairs and gasoline, as well as books and tuition.

SJSU student mothers talk of routinely skipping meals, putting off bills and shifting work hours to accommodate child care by friends and roommates. Family wardrobes are mainly hand-me-downs and gifts from friends and family. Most take a full-time course load to keep financial aid and get out of school faster.

They are doing it to train for a profession and escape the ranks of working-poor mothers who support their children on \$8 to \$10 an hour in clerical wages. Few are receiving child support, though several have gone to court to obtain it.

"I can't imagine them saying, 'You have to work and forget school,'" Hazel said. "The government has validated our efforts, and now they're going to kick you off the program."

Hazel is enrolled in the GAIN program — Greater Avenues to Independence — which provides support to AFDC parents who will complete job training within two years. Hazel waited 18 months to get into the program, applying as a self-initiated participant after she had begun college. There are 13,500 applicants on the waiting list for 2,700 active GAIN slots.

GAIN subsidizes transportation costs and the child care needed for class time.

Like many student parents, Hazel depends on \$633 per month in AFDC combined with a \$4,000 loan and some additional grant money and food stamps to last throughout the year.

Rent is less than \$700 monthly. Hazel works during school breaks, but with 14 units a semester, she can't raise her children and work enough hours to offset the loss of AFDC.

Her course load keeps her in class or tutoring from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 or 4 p.m. four days each week and a half day on Fridays. She is looking for work study, but the two positions she was offered were canceled by CSU budget cuts this fall.

"When I stop to think of it, how am I spreading it so thin? It really scares me," she said. Hazel added that her ex-husband's child support goes directly to the state and offsets most of her AFDC benefit. She accepted AFDC only after losing her savings to surgery.

"I'm not costing the state," she said. "This is the last thing I wanted to do, but I'm very, very grateful I have it." Additional cuts, she said, could force her out of school.

Kathleen Bishop combines \$511 in monthly work-study, \$10 in food stamps and \$8,000 in financial aid. She pays \$500 monthly for an apartment next to school, and \$25 a month for subsidized child care. She receives no food stamps. She has been on AFDC for five years and is still waiting for subsidized housing.

Her goal is to teach in inner-city schools, and she is already a child advocate for the county. That puts a lot of mileage on her car. "Car maintenance is next to impossible," she said. "If your car goes out, you're basically screwed."

When she graduates in May, she'll work at temporary teaching jobs for more than five years until she can earn a credential. Graduate school is out of the question.

Bishop blames Gov. Pete Wilson for what she perceives as a campaign against single mothers. "He tends to scapegoat women and children, but he never men-

tions woman and children. He calls them welfare recipients," she said.

Before her pregnancy, Bell worked full time at a pharmacy and juggled full-time classes with part-time jobs. She has received AFDC since her daughter was born eight months ago, surviving on \$511 monthly.

She shares housing and pays \$70 monthly in child care while taking two classes.

Odd babysitting and house cleaning has supplemented her income. She was unaware that she could earn limited income on

AFDC without losing benefits. She has gone to court to obtain child support.

"As soon as I receive that, I'm getting off," she said. "I didn't plan to let the state raise her. It's just temporary."

Bell is half-way through an associate degree in administration of justice. She chose police work, she said, to obtain a secure, well-paid job and flexible hours to pursue a bachelor's degree.

"For a half-way-decent, one-bedroom (apartment), you pay \$600 a month.

A person with two kids gets just over \$600. You better hope to God your food stamps don't run out, because by the 15th, there's no more money for food. The kids are ending up going hungry," Miller said.

Up to 3,000 families and possibly 6,000 children could become homeless after the 15 percent

reduction takes effect, according to a study by Santa Clara County's Social Services Agency. That's 10 percent of the 19,135 county families who will receive the full 25 percent cut. There are 29,500 families on AFDC in the county.

"Grants for this group will average \$500 while their housing costs average \$600," the study noted.

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Mistakes cost SJSU— UNLV wins in last minute, 35-31

# Spartans' luck runs out in Las Vegas



UNLV's K'Mentrie Lacy(#7) makes a touchdown-saving tackle on Spartan tailback Nathan DuPree(#27), who ran for 54 yards on the play.

*DuPree rushes for school-record 286 yards; effort is wasted in loss*

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Dropped passes. Penalties. The inability to put a team away. Mistakes have plagued the SJSU football team all season, but they hadn't cost the Spartans a conference game until Saturday.

SJSU gave up a touchdown with 47 seconds left in the fourth quarter to hand UNLV a 35-31 win in front of 5,222 people at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl in Las Vegas.

The loss dropped SJSU to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the Big West Conference and overshadowed a record-breaking performance by Spartan tailback Nathan DuPree.

DuPree rushed for the school's single-game record 286 yards on 43 carries, breaking Sheldon Canley's mark of 253 in a 1990 game against UNLV. SJSU rushed for 332 yards on 53 carries as a team.

Despite the loss, SJSU still has good chance to make a return trip to UNLV for the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 18.

With three straight wins over Nevada, UOP and New Mexico State, the Spartans will get a chance to return and redeem themselves for Saturday's poor performance.

And poor it was. SJSU was plagued by dropped passes on key plays and 12 penalties for 113 yards.

Spartan Quarterback Jeff Garcia went 27-for-49 for 287 yards, but threw two interceptions. The

Spartans also fumbled three times, losing the ball once.

Up by 10 points with less than seven minutes left in the game, the Spartans looked well on their way to their fourth-straight victory.

But UNLV Quarterback Bob Stockham connected on an 75-yard touchdown pass to Henry Bailey and UNLV was within a field goal of winning, down 31-29.

On the Spartans' next drive, SJSU was unable to run out the clock. After an SJSU punt, UNLV was at their own 20-yard line with 3:24 to play in the game.

After two penalties and a big pass play to Rebel running back Omar Love, UNLV drove to the SJSU 10-yard line with 1:39 left.

The Rebels ran the clock down to 47 seconds, seemingly preparing for a short field goal.

But on third down and goal from the five, UNLV Head Coach Jim Strong called a play-action pass that left SJSU fooled. Stockham hit Demond Thomkins for the game-winning score.

UNLV improved its record to 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the Big West. The loss sets up a must-win situation for the Spartans for this Saturday's game against Nevada, who stands at 4-0 in the Big West.

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The Wolf Pack lost 23-21 to Division I-AA Weber State on Saturday.

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# Student candidate

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At 23, Whitney is running for the district five seat on the San Jose/Evergreen community college board, an area which includes parts of Santa Teresa and Almaden Valley.

On the Academic Senate, Whitney said he has dealt with admissions policies, general education and transferable units and has seen how these things have become "a big problem."

In the past, college enrollment drove funding, but now it's exactly the opposite, Whitney said.

"If you are over the amount that they fund, they'll have to take it out of groundskeeping, out of anywhere they can find the money," he said.

He said he doesn't want to lose the quality of education and the "high caliber of teachers." "I don't want to lose the infrastructure of our education for short-term budget cuts," Whitney said.

"We need to educate our students and provide quality services for the community," Whitney said.

Whitney said he wants to build partnerships between community

colleges and public universities. "They seem to want to close all the doors, and I want to add another option," Whitney said.

In order to build more partnerships with private industry, Whitney would like to "redouble our efforts" to provide scholarships and endowments to enable "workers at local companies, hospitals and police departments to get their training and get right into the work force from our colleges."

Whitney, who was born and raised in San Jose and graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory, would also like to strengthen ties between the community and community colleges.

"As you plan and develop the Evergreen campus, which is relatively new, you can build in recreational facilities that can be used by the students and the community at large, a bridge between the community and the college," he said.

But first, Whitney must bridge the gap between his age and the opinion of voters.

"The majority of people who do vote are older and they assume a lack of qualifications when they

see a younger person running for office," Whitney said.

Whitney, last summer, was very active in city council candidate Patricia Martinez-Roach's campaign.

"He has yet to establish himself in the community," said George Gonzales, campaign manager for City Council candidate Patricia Martinez-Roach.

Gonzales said many of Whitney's opponents are older and have more contacts and more financial backing.

Whitney agreed he faces a tough battle ahead. "I think it's an uphill fight," he said. "My opponents are in their 40s and 50s. They get endorsements from special-interest groups and they spend a lot of money."

Financial backing from special-interest groups is something Whitney doesn't have and said he doesn't want.

"If you want their money and you want their endorsement and

you want to be on their mailer when they tell all of their supporters (who to vote for), you have to answer all their questions and make them promises," he said.

Whitney said one thing he can offer voters that the other candidates can't is a "student's perspective."

"A lot of times you get people in there who are on their way up the ladder of political office and aren't even thinking about the students, the district or the people," Whitney said. Mike Adams, facul-

ty adviser to KSJS and associate professor of radio/television, said that Whitney, unlike the numerous "single-issue" candidates, is "not a one-issue candidate."

Adams said that because of his involvement at SJSU, his refusal of special interest endorsements and his awareness of political issues,

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