

Election 1992

As campaign enters its final days, candidate makes last bid for votes



MARVIN FONG—SPARTAN DAILY

Independent presidential candidate Ross Perot shakes hands while leaving the Santa Clara Convention Center Sunday

Perot stops over in Santa Clara; thousands cheer the candidate

By AMOS FABIAN
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Mike Vopatek drove all the way from Santa Barbara to see his presidential candidate in person.

Ross Perot is his clear choice as "the only non-liar among the three candidates," Vopatek said.

Before Perot's speech at the Santa Clara County Convention Center Sunday, a cheerleader on stage roused the crowd asking, "Who do we want?"

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JAMIE LEIGHTON—SPARTAN DAILY

Overflow from the Ross Perot rally caused fans to gather around televisions outside the arena in order to see Perot up close. Nearly 7,000 people attended the event.

Filing period for fall 1993 semester starts

By NICOLE SIRI
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's Admissions and Records office is currently accepting applications for the fall 1993 semester.

But students better hurry.

The number of submitted applications is expected to soar after SJSU closed admissions for the spring 1993 semester, said Academic Vice President Arlene Okerlund.

Betty Sundberg, SJSU's interim director of admissions, said that all students who apply in November can expect to be accommodated. However, applications received after Nov. 30 will be processed through the university's extended filing period, Sundberg said.

SJSU's council of deans is currently working on enrollment management methods for the

extended filing period, Okerlund said.

"Beyond November, we will most likely have to accept students by major," Okerlund said. "Students will not be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis."

For the spring 1992 semester, SJSU received 8,039 applications, said Jack Williams, SJSU's institutional research director. Of the 4,872 undergraduate applicants, 2,505 were enrolled.

"Since the number of applicants grows every year, a tremendous number of students were denied enrollment for spring 1993," Williams said. "The only transfer students accepted had contract agreements with SJSU before the spring closure was decided."

San Jose City College Counselor Nancy Gressley said that as

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Professors to analyze post-election results, implications, voting trends

By AMOS FABIAN
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Five SJSU professors plan to participate in a post-election analysis panel Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Umunhum Room.

The panelists will discuss the implications of the elections, according to Katie Brown, president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, which is sponsoring the event.

Four professors from the political science department and one from the journalism department will discuss the different branches of government and the media.

Professor Roy Young will discuss the presidential election. His specific topic will depend upon the results, he said.

Assistant Professor Steve Van

Beek will analyze the congressional results from the standpoint of women and minorities, he said.

Professor Larry Gerston will talk about the state races while lecturer Roy Christman will discuss the local campaigns, Brown said.

"Five people will try to explain what happened," Christman said.

Public relations Professor Kathleen Martinelli will discuss the media's role, especially with regard to television advertising, she said.

The Ross Perot factor changed the political and media arenas, she said. The independent candidate's entering, leaving and re-entering the race made for voter interest and the highest debate ratings in a long time, she said.

SJSU student runs for resource board

Comerford wants to redirect board

By JON SOLOMON
Special to the Spartan Daily

Ted Comerford said he's been hearing himself complain too much.

"If I'm complaining and not in action, it bothers me," he said.

So he decided to stop complaining and take some action.

Comerford is running for one of two vacant seats on the five-member board of directors of the Evergreen Resource

Conservation District. It is an unpaid, four-year term.

"The board is empowered to do just about anything it feels as far as conservation affairs," he said. "The board's jurisdiction includes raising taxes and revenue through property taxes and building dams or other public works."

The one thing the board is prohibit-

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AFDC mothers struggle to study, spend time with their children

This is the last part of a two-part series that explores proposition 165's effects on SJSU student mothers.

By BARBARA DOHENY
Special to the Spartan Daily

"Angela" was living in a group home and already accepted at SJSU when she learned she was pregnant. The baby's father contributed no support. She continued at school through the birth of her son, but found child care and rent tough going through his infancy.

She paid \$300 to \$350 per month for shared housing and another \$200 to \$300 in child care until she got herself

into subsidized housing in May 1991. Rent is now \$107. There are 10,000 applicants waiting for subsidized housing in Santa Clara County.

Proposition 165 will cut all Aid to Families With Dependent Children, AFDC payments by 10 percent and again by 15 percent cut for those receiving benefits for more than six months. Employment other than work study is limited by law.

Student parents with one child currently receive \$511 monthly; those with 2 children receive \$633. In December, a

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SJSU alumnus runs for college board

Teacher wants to give something back to education

By DEBRA MYERS
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

George Melendez, a candidate for community college school board and an SJSU alumnus, said he originally intended to be a fisheries biologist.

Because of cuts made in the fish and game department under then-governor Ronald Reagan, Melendez changed his mind. He decided to become a teacher, and in 1975, ended up with a bachelor's degree in Spanish, a teaching credential and about 95 extra science units.

Melendez is running against incumbent Bobby R. Dixon in the race for a seat on the San Jose/Evergreen community college district in Trustee Area 1.

Melendez has been teaching in the Berryessa Union School District for more than 17 years and started out teaching a third- and fourth-grade combination class. He is currently teaching fifth grade at Vinci Park School.

"They're pre-adolescent, so they're able to communicate somewhat on that level, and yet they don't have that little independent streak they

develop in sixth and seventh grade," Melendez said of his students.

Melendez has been married for 20 years and has two daughters, both of whom are in junior high school. His wife, Sandy, works at Evergreen Valley College, so Melendez said he has been aware of the problems with the board.

"The primary reason (for running) is I want to give back to the educational system," Melendez said. "I'm the first of the family and the oldest of the family. I'm the first with a college degree. I just want to give back from what we've received."

Originally, farm workers in the 1920s and 1930s, Melendez's parents settled down when the Ford Motor Co. moved from Richmond to Milpitas in 1954. Melendez said his father taught him nothing is handed to you and nothing will come free.

He graduated from James Lick High School in 1957 and went into the army for three years. While stationed in Germany, Melendez took

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KAREN C. HANMER

SJSU alumnus George Melendez is running for a seat on the community college school board.

EDITORIAL

Vote now or live with the decisions of others

Today's the day we get to grab a pencil or a lever and throw in our personal two-cents worth on how we want our nation run.

Anyone who went through elementary school in the U.S.A. has had it drilled into her or his head that voting is one of the responsibilities that falls on citizens of a democratic government. Sometime between fourth grade and high school graduation, though, a great deal of us seem to have forgotten about that responsibility.

Non-voters usually say their votes don't matter. Our representatives don't really represent us, they grumble. The politicians in Washington D.C. send us to war or raise our taxes without consulting the teeming masses, they say.

If these people will stop complaining long enough to find their polling place, they can use their power to get rid of their representatives who don't reflect constituents' opinions.

You didn't like it when George Bush ordered the bombing of Libya? So vote him out of office.

You don't like Barbara Boxer's financial record? Pull another lever and deny her the U.S. Senate seat.

What if you don't like anybody on the ballot? Quite a few people prefer to take a negative stand on all candi-

dates, then wonder loudly how the electorate could have been so stupid as to vote the winner into office.

Here's a more productive approach to a lose-lose situation: cast your ballot for the lesser of two evils. Sure, voting for an undesirable candidate is far from the greatest exercise of democratic rights, but if you think you're doomed to be abused by someone in political office, isn't it in your best interest to pick the candidate who will give you the least abuse?

As soon as you get out of the booth after choosing the candidate you hate least, start working to make the public recognize someone else who will do what you want in office.

Whatever your political opinions, vote.

Today's decisions will affect you for the next four years, so you'd better have your say between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. today.

If you don't know where to vote, call the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at 298-7400.

Voting is a right given to every American citizen.

What would you do if one day the vote was taken away, and instead of elected politicians we were faced with a government of dictators?

Exercise your right as a citizen. After all, you can't complain if you didn't vote.

Forum Page Policies

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Contributions to the page are encouraged from students, staff, faculty and others who are interested in the university at large.

Any letter or column for the forum page must be turned in to Letters to the Editor box in the Spartan Daily newsroom, Dwight Bentel Hall 209. We are open most days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They may also be mailed to the Forum Editor, The Spartan Daily, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA, 95192. Or they can be FAXed to (408) 924-3282.

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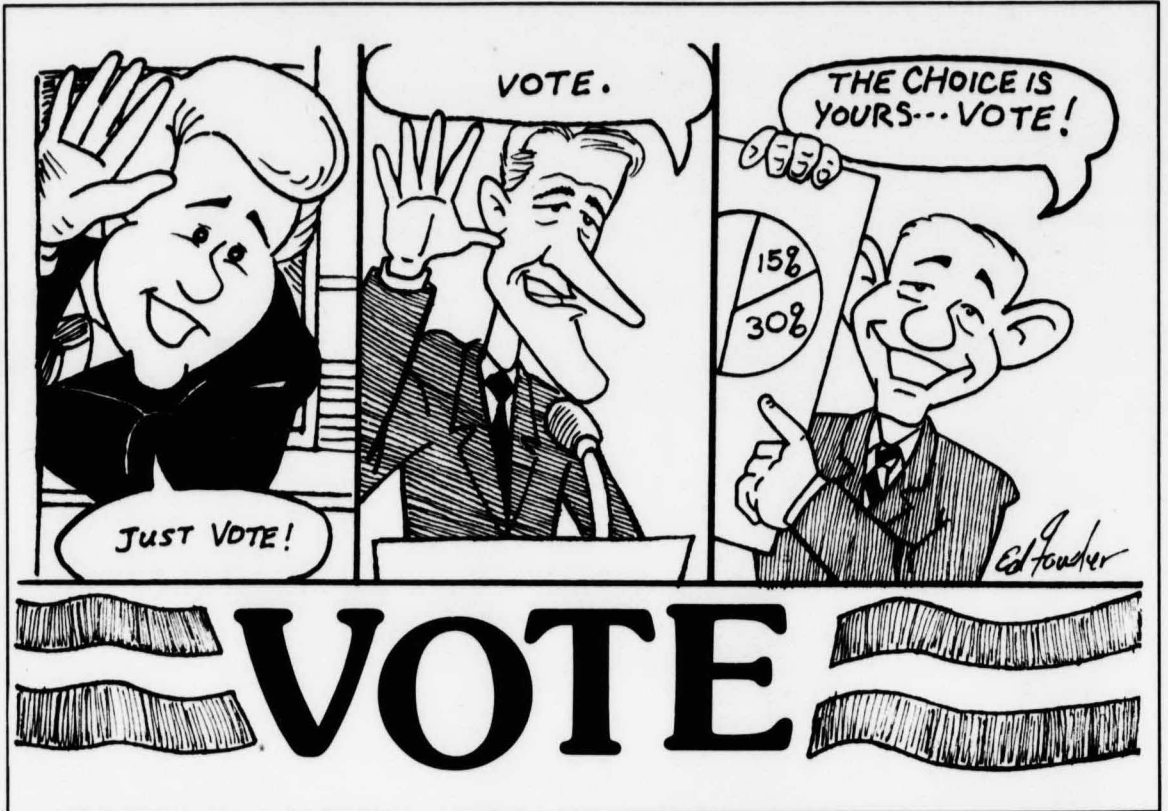
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Breathe a sigh of relief; it will all be over soon

Break out the confetti, fling those streamers and do a tap dance on your sample ballot! It's gonna be over today and the country will finally have a reason to rejoice.

Not because of who wins or what propositions pass. Be real. That's inconsequential. The whole purpose of American elections is to flog voters with meaningless drivel until they can no longer tell right from wrong, good from bad and George Bush from Dana Carvey. They get broken down so much that they don't have the energy to vote and then get labeled as apathetic.

But it's over. At long last, no more political commercials, polls or paramedics of spin. It's over. And I'm exhausted.

It's about the same feeling as when you've gorged yourself on junk food for three days straight. You're bloated, you're drained of energy and, as a friend likes to say, you feel like you're going to give birth to a carbohydrate. The mere sight of one more Twinkie will send you writhing with nausea.

And we've had way too many Twinkies on TV lately.

From Clinton's ads showing Bush and Herschensohn's ads

showing Boxer, who knows whose ads you're even hearing? It would be physically impossible for me to consume one more political commercial at this time. They're meaningless to me anyway.

I listen to one side. "Yeah, they've got it right." Then I see the opposition's ads. "Oh, yes, of course, why didn't I see it that way before?"

Pathos. That's the trick. They're good. Real good. But about as useful as last week's TV Guide.

They don't really help me decide anything. I just get more confused.

You can't believe that maudlin commercial with the lady pouring coffee in her small restaurant looking dejected because it could be the last time if this evil proposition from hell goes through. Did you notice the guy in the background with the violins? Maybe it just felt like he was there.

But he's not anymore. Hooray! Burn that film, someone. Light a match to it and watch it curdle in the flames. No more commercials. I'm saved.

Another reason to celebrate — no more polls. Why did we

need a new poll every other day? They don't mean anything either, changing all the time. The USA Today/ABC poll would have Clinton over the other two by 30 points, the CBS/MTV/CIA/FYI poll showed him at only 25 points ahead and the Diet Pepsi/Little Caesar's/Ed's Drive-in Falafel poll would show Jerry Brown winning by a landslide.

So what? It's like going out to dinner with 100 friends and trying to decide between the Blackened Sea Bass or the Duck D'Orange. If the polls say at least 80 are having the bass, you'll go with that, no matter what you really want.

Polls, if they have any value at all, are useful only to the candidates. We don't need to hear about them all the time.

Who gets polled anyway? I've never been polled. No distant relatives of mine have ever been polled. No friends of distant relatives or their friends have ever been polled. Maybe the pollsters are just polling each other.

And then there are the issues. Everybody wants issues. Well, they get them and then they want more issues. We've heard issues and statistics and so-called facts till they've satu-



Angela Hill

World On My Shoulder Pads

rated our senses. All the politicians and their publicity people put their own slanted, forgive me, "spin" on each issue so you can't tell if an issue is an issue or what somebody wants you to think is an issue or what. Aaaaah.

But I can rest now. The country can rest. Maybe we should switch to a straight dictatorship and avoid all this mess.

I know all this has no point. But then — that's the point.

The elections are over and so's this column. And they all rejoiced.

Angela Hill is a Daily staff columnist.

Her column appears every Tuesday.

Mr. President, could you please move out today?

Dear Mr. President,

You ask us to give you another four years in office based on issues of trust, foreign policy, family values, waffling, change and who's better for the nation.

Why should we commit ourselves to another four years of you when we look at your track record from the past and compare it to the promises you've made in order to get elected again?

In 1976, you were a pro-choice candidate. After you became Ronald Reagan's vice presidential nominee, you quickly changed your views to accommodate the right-wing religious extremists of the Republican Party.

As a candidate against Reagan, you were quick to condemn Reagan's economic plans, terming them "voodoo economics." You now endorse those plans, asking us to embrace "Son of Voodoo Economics." Given the economics of the country, why?

Statistically speaking, the poor got poorer and the rich got richer under the "trickle-down" theory. Just ask the Census Bureau. According to statistics for 1990, there are now 35.7 million families living at the poverty level. And the poverty level is an annual

income of \$13,924. Under your administration, the top one-fifth of the richest people in the nation got richer by four-tenths of a percentage point.

So, why should we continue to follow this course?

You speak to us of family values, spouting off about what it takes to raise a family. Well, Mr. President, the first thing of value to a family is a job. Without a job, what good are the traditional values you advocate? Can you understand what it's like not to have a job? How do you explain to your 5-year-old child that because of the economy, you've lost your job. And without your job, you may have to go on AFDC, food stamps or be evicted and become homeless.

Have you ever laid awake at night and worried about how to feed your family, how to pay bills, will there be a roof over your head? Since you have become president, there are many parents who've had to deal with those problems. Yet you ask us for another four years. Why?

You knock Bill Clinton for avoiding the draft, saying he hasn't told the truth. But Mr. President, when have you been honest about the Iran-Contra affair, and how much you knew? From former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberg's notes, it seems you knew more

than you're willing to tell. Talk about being truthful or coming clean...tsk, tsk, tsk.

Concerning the draft, you have ignored Dan Quayle's past record of joining the National Guard during the Vietnam War. Never mind how he got in when there were no openings (his father used his political influence to get his son into the Indiana National Guard). Before you or Dan Quayle call the kettle black, you need to look at your own bottom.

You tout your foreign-policy capabilities. In fact, you claim credit for the turn of events in the former Soviet Union and Germany. Please don't. Perhaps we won the Cold War. But that didn't happen because of the United States, but because the people in those respective countries were tired of the repressive systems. You just happened to be president of the United States at the time. You didn't stand on top of the Berlin Wall to chip away at that monument of hatred and brutality. You were not in the middle of the streets, boldly confronting an armed tank with words as your only defense.

When the world flashes back to the midnight images of a people throwing off the chains that have bound them, you were not there Mr. President. None of us were. So, please, let's not take away the glory that



Les Mahler

Editor's Forum

belongs to those brave people and heap it upon ourselves just for the sake of an election. The stretch is too awful to stomach.

Mr. President, there are many other reasons why we should not elect you to a second term, but time is too short. Suffice it to say, Mr. President, that another four years in office for you are much too much. In fact, another three months are almost insufferable. Mr. President, could you just move out now so we can try to heal the nation that much sooner?

Please? After all, given the above record, who is better for the nation? Certainly not you.

Yours truly,
Les Mahler

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AIIEEC: General Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., BC 208, call 363-9843.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES: Lifestyle Meeting, noon - 1 p.m., SU Pacheco Room, 6 - 7 p.m. (call for directions), call 925-2980.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Rolm Employer Presentation, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., SU Costanoan Room; Apple Computers Employer Presentation, noon - 2 p.m., SU Guadalupe Room; Organizing Your Job Hunt, 2 p.m., SU Almaden Room, call 924-6033.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT: Elucidation of Structure and Reactivities of Metallobleomycins: A Potent Class of Antitumor Drugs, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., DH 250, call 924-2525 or 924-5000.

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS GRADUATION COMMITTEE: Ticket Sales for December Graduation, 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m., hall next to the trophy case in DBH, call 971-8009.

MECHA: General Meeting, 5 p.m., Chicano Resource Center, call 924-8987.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Meeting, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Administration Building 222B, call 251-5430.

RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM: Re-entry support group, noon - 1:30 p.m., Administration Building 223; Drop-in Support, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Administration Building 223, call 924-5939.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN: Night Lecture Series: Wendy Clark, video about HIV in prison, 5 - 6 p.m. Art Building Room 133, call 924-4328.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN: Student Art Galleries Receptions 6 - 8 p.m. Art Building, 924-4330.

SJSU SKI CLUB: Meeting, 7:30 p.m., SU Umuunhum Room, call 778-9250.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE: Quit smoking class, noon - 1 p.m., Health Building 28, call 924-6119.

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AKBAYAN CLUB: Meeting, 1:30 p.m., graduate room in Student Union, call 534-1140.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Campus Min-

istry Center, call (415) 595-2103.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Board of Directors meeting, 3 p.m., SU Council Chambers, call 924-6240 or 924-6255.

A.S. PROGRAM BOARD: Wednesday Nite Cinema "Boomerang," with Eddie Murphy, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., SU Ballroom, call 924-6261.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Co-op orientation, 1 p.m., SU Almaden Room, call 924-6033.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY: Exploring the Catholic Faith, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, call 298-0204.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FIELD PLACEMENT OFFICE: Multiple Subject Credential group advisement, 3 p.m., Sweeney Hall 242, call 924-3757.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: Application of Flow Cytometry to Clinical and Research Use, 1:30 p.m., Duncan Hall 135, call 924-4900.

HEALTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT/STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES: Preventative Health Series: Drug Use and Its Effects on Health, noon - 1 p.m., Health Building 208, call 924-6117.

KARPATOK: Hungarian Folk Ensemble, 8 p.m., Morris Dailey Auditorium, call 924-6261.

RE-ENTRY ADVISORY SERVICES: Brown bag lunch program, noon - 1:30 p.m., SU Pacheco Room, call 924-5930.

SJSU WING CHUN ASSOCIATION: Meeting, 7 - 9 p.m., Women's Gym Patio Area, call 249-8573.

STUDENT AFFILIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT (S.A.F.E.R.): Meeting, 4 p.m., Washington Square Hall 115, call 924-5468.

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CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT: Resume 1, 2 p.m., SU Almaden Room; Marketing Your IT Degree, 12:30 p.m., SU Costanoan Room; Careers in Environmental Studies, 3 p.m., Engineering Building Room 189; call 924-6033.

U.N.I.T.E.: Multicultural Committee meeting, 3 - 4 p.m., SU Associated Council Chambers, call 924-6240.

Melendez: Wants to move away from classroom

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some university courses and became interested in education.

After getting out of the army, Melendez attended San Jose City College under the GI Bill and, after two years, transferred to SJSU.

Melendez said his second reason for running for a seat on the board is the community's dissatisfaction with the board.

"They're having problems that are caused by the board," Melendez said. "The teachers are unhappy, the classified (the secretaries, the grounds workers) are also unhappy with the people who are there. I just want to go in and try to make a change."

He said there shouldn't be "a lot of other pressures going on whether it be economic, personal, whatever, especially if they're fostered by a board. I've seen that here in Berryessa, and I see this going on now at that level over there."

Melendez said a small part of the problem is salary, but the bigger part of the problem is the lack of respect by the board. "They (teachers and staff) aren't treated with respect, not just giving lip service to the word 'respect,' I mean honest respect."

"As an outsider, I've attended three board meetings and at all three board meetings, it was almost like a king and queen holding court," Melendez said. "It's not very friendly, and it's not conducive to presenting something to them."

But Pat Allen from the Berryessa School District thinks differently.

Most boards do the very best job possible, but when a judgment is made, there is always someone who is unhappy with the decision, said Allen, who is the district's assistant superintendent, business services.

Allen believes current school boards do have respect for people.

Melendez said, "They're all equals in trying to produce a product, and that product is a student who either graduates with an AA (associate of arts) degree or goes on to transfer to a state college or a university."

Melendez wants to accomplish two things if he is elected to the board. He said he would first like to change the attitude of the board. He would like to see "the attitude of 'we're working together,' not 'we're telling you what to do.'"

Second, he wants to do away with the board's current negotiation system. He says as it exists, with a lawyer from the outside doing the negotiating, it is a "no-win situation."

"I would like to see that person replaced with trained people from administration to negotiate with the classified and (certified). That's more of a 'win-win' situation. That is currently the model being used in industry. It pro-

duces better results," he said.

He saw the same type of change three years ago in the Berryessa district. "Now, when you go in to negotiate, you're no longer worried that you're going to get killed or you have an enemy to face," he said. "If we can do it, they can do it," he said.

"It's not total harmony. It's like a marriage. You're still going to fight. You're still going to argue, but basically you get along," Melendez said.

Melendez also has a strategy for the anticipated budget cuts. "It's going to be difficult next year budget-wise at the junior-college level and at the elementary level," Melendez said. "It's not going to improve; if anything, it'll be worse."

Melendez said his strategy is to "go as far away from the classroom as possible." He said he would begin with offering incentives for early retirements and possible consolidation of administrative departments, and then go on to "really scrutinize" departmental budgets.

Toyon Elementary School Principal Roy Takeuchi said, "He (Melendez) would relate to the problems of the student, of the members of the visible minority, of those who do not come from a white, middle-class background and cannot afford \$200 fee hikes because he's experienced it himself."

"He certainly is a man who is very much down to earth," Takeuchi said. "He's a classroom teacher, and he understands what budget limitations he's talking about."

Melendez said he wants to work to implement Assembly Bill 1725 which allowed campus groups to have a say in the running of the campus, "shared governance" among the teachers, the classified, the administration and the students.

"Of course it's going to threaten the ones who have held the most power for the longest period of time," Melendez said.

"I realize I'm being very idealistic. I know I am, but you've got to start somewhere," he said.

One of the accomplishments Melendez is most proud of is a pair of stop signs and a sidewalk on East Hills Drive on the east side of San Jose. Melendez said he worked with people in the community to create a safe path for school children to use.

"I feel very good about that. That shows me that you can do things; you can accomplish things if you're willing to get out and work for them," he said.

Melendez said, "It seems like for years, if you were a teacher, you would never use that in campaigns."

"Some people have said, 'You know, being a teacher, that's not going to be a plus, that's going to be a negative thing because you're

going to be biased,'" Melendez said. "But I've said, 'No, I can't do that.' I have to be honest and live with myself, so I will be open to all sides because I know what it takes to achieve the end."

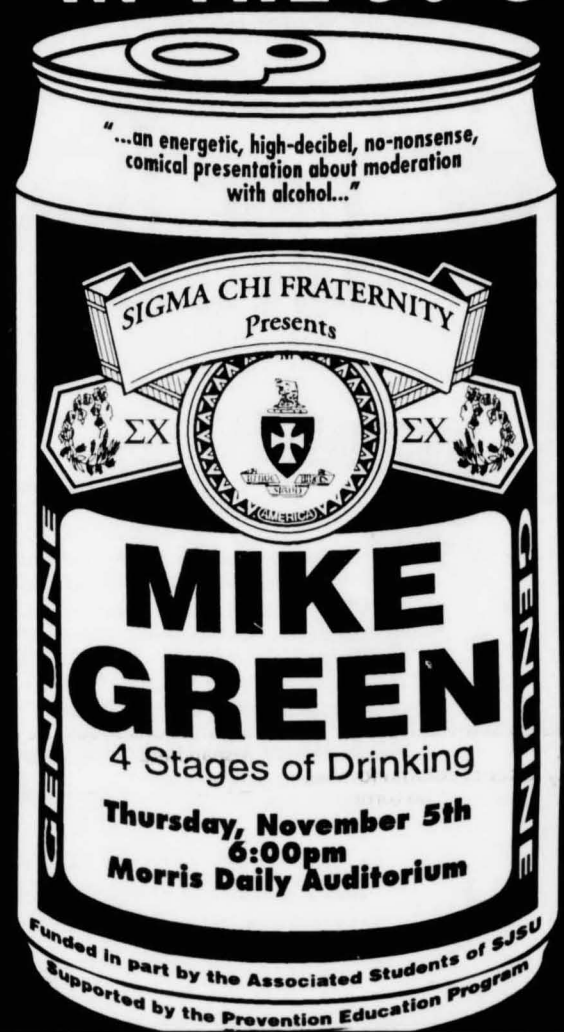
"My experience as a teacher is a plus because I can see the problems that exist over there are the same as they exist over here. The only thing is I'd be working with adults instead of children," he said.

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The CLX system is used primarily by publishers, financial institutions and retailers. The problem was corrected by shutting down and restarting the affected computers, Tandem spokesman Tom Waldrop said. The computers dumped stories because it thought they were eight years old.

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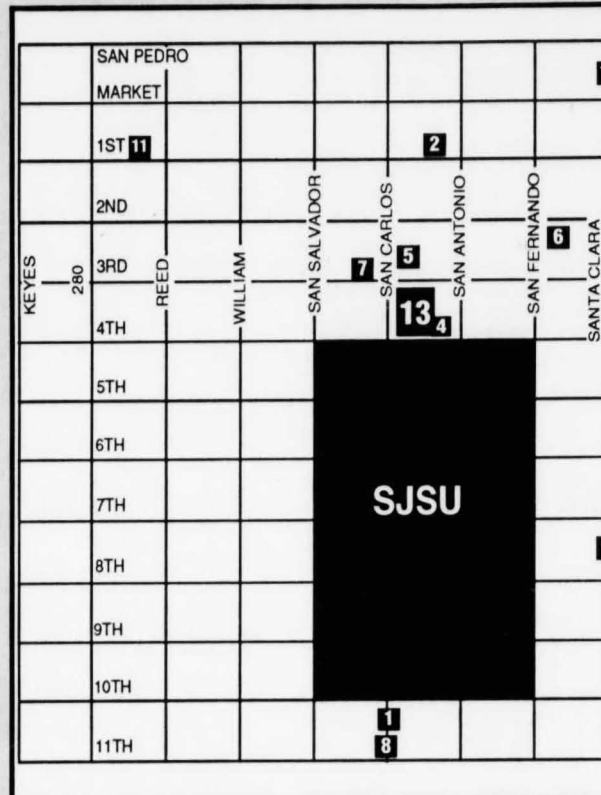
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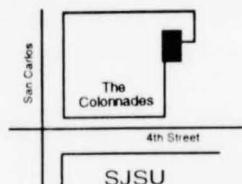
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Spartans can't make most of Hornets' mistakes, tie 1-1



KAREN C. HANNER — SPARTAN DAILY

The referee of Saturday night's game tries to take control of the game, but was forced to eject two of Sacramento State's players from the game. Despite a two-man advantage, the Spartans were unable to put the Hornets away. After 30 minutes of overtime the two teams played to a 1-1 tie.

By FAYE WELLS
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's soccer team battled to a 1-1 tie against California State University, Sacramento at Spartan Stadium Saturday night.

The draw was a windfall for the Hornets, who played part of the second half and all of the overtime two men short.

In addition, SJSU's Michael Hackett hit the top bar of the goal with a penalty kick, missing an easy opportunity to score.

"We should have won it in regulation," said Gary St. Clair, SJSU head soccer coach. "It did not matter if they were two short. We should have put it away. It is certainly discouraging."

Mike Linenberger, Sacramento State's head soccer coach said a tie was "great."

"Under the circumstances when we got two guys thrown out and they missed a penalty kick, a draw is great," Linenberger said.

The Hornets scored their only goal about three minutes into the game. Sacramento State's Joe

Enoch crossed the ball to teammate Ryan Walker, who drilled the ball past the Spartan goalie Keith Bateman.

The Spartan defense tightened up as Brian Weaver and Spencer Beliveau cleared dangerous shots away from SJSU's goal area. SJSU attacked more and kept the ball on the their opponents' side of the field. But at the end of the first half, the Spartans were scoreless.

The Spartans' lone goal came 20 minutes into the second half. With both teams packed in front of the Hornets' goal, SJSU's Mike Arzabal headed a ball to Hackett. Hackett's quick pass found the foot of freshman Mike Tran, who scored for the Spartans.

Two Sacramento State players were ejected from the game. At 13 minutes into the second half, the referee issued a red card to Horner Chris Enea who had shoved an SJSU player.

Later in the half, after SJSU scored, the referee called a penalty against Sacramento.

Walker disputed the call and

allegedly walked by the official using foul language, according to Linenberger.

"We showed a lack of composure. I was disappointed," said Linenberger. "It's the first time we've had anyone sent off this year and there is no excuse for it. It's not just the lack of composure. I think it also showed a lack of class."

Tied 1-1, the game went into the two 15-periods of overtime. The Spartans attacked, but could not score against Sacramento's solid defense.

SJSU players credited Sacramento with fine defense in tough circumstances.

"We were really inconsistent in finishing," Tran said. "But overall we worked really hard. I give the other team a lot of credit. They knew they were down and packed it into the defense and blocked whatever we sent down. Our concentration was a little off."

SJSU hosts California Wednesday at Spartan Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

SJSU hockey falls to Rams, 4-3

Spartan Daily Staff Report

With thoughts of a national ranking, SJSU Ice Hockey suffered a disappointing 4-3 loss to Colorado State University Saturday at the Golden Gate Ice Arena in Redwood City.

"We had some good opportunities, but fell short," said SJSU goal tender Lou Siville, who said that Colorado capitalized on the Spartans' mistakes.

Despite severe stomach cramps, SJSU defenseman Martin Denis scored two unassisted goals in the first and third period. He got sick after the game. Right wing Joseph Vela and center Cody Smith

were also sick during the game.

"You can't say sickness hurt us. Martin played great in spite of being sick," head coach Ron Glasow said. "We outplayed them but made mental mistakes."

Elliot Chung scored the Spartans' second goal on an assist from Denis. A victory would have given the Spartans an edge in the American Collegiate Hockey Association standings, Siville said. The Spartans still hold first place in the Division I PCHA standings.

The Spartans' next league play is Saturday against the UC Berkeley at 10:45 p.m. at the Berkeley Iceland Arena.

Swimmers finish last in first home meet of the season, show improvement

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The SJSU women's swim team swam strong but came in third against UC Santa Cruz and the University of Nevada-Reno in its first home meet of the year at the Aquatic Center Friday.

SJSU's Kana Shibuya, placed first in the 200-meter fly and 200-meter individual medley and Spartan Susie Bond swam her way to first place in the 200-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle.

SJSU Freshman Shannon Gravelle looked strong and finished second in the 100 and third in the 200-

meter freestyle.

SJSU's April Suldana took first place in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:40:78 and second place in the 1000-meter freestyle.

"We're better than we were last year," said SJSU coach RoseAnn Benson. "They were good, solid beginning-season times."

"The times were better than at the UC Davis relays last week," Gravelle said.

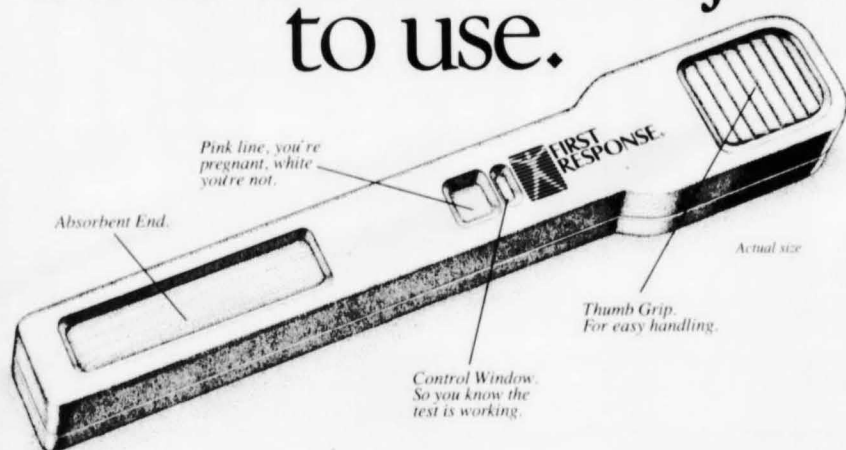
The team will host CSU Fresno Nov. 14, University of the Pacific, Dec. 5 and UC Davis and CSU San Francisco Jan. 23. All meets are in the Aquatic Center and start at noon.



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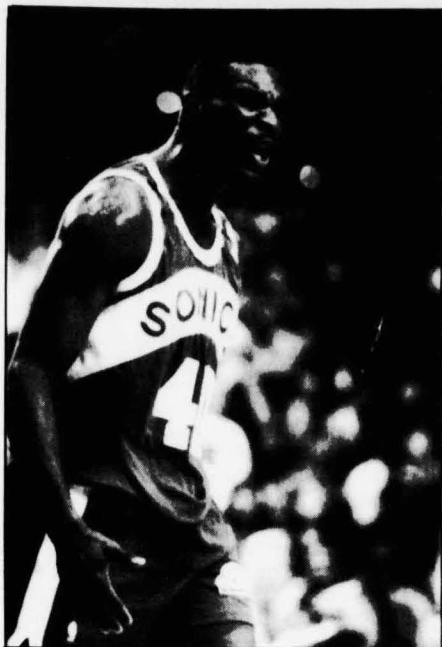
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At left, Seattle's Shawn Kemp lets his emotions show during Friday night's game at the Event Center. At right, Derrick McKey hand checks Warriors' rookie Byron Houston, who impressed in his Bay Area debut.

Warriors-Sonics rivalry visits the Event Center

By DON MCGEE
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

There was some Tim Hardaway, some Victor Alexander and a "little bit" of "Mister" Keith Jennings.

All three Golden State Warrior players had a hand in the Warriors 114-102 exhibition victory over the Seattle SuperSonics last Friday at SJSU.

An enthusiastic crowd of 4,626 jammed the Event Center to catch the Warriors' only South Bay appearance of the season.

From the crowd's reaction the game — at times — hardly seemed like a preseason contest. A total of seven technical fouls, including the ejection of Sonic Head Coach George Karl, were called.

Hardaway and Sonics guard Gary Payton spent much of the game dishing out hard stares and talking trash to one another instead of dishing out assists to their teammates.

"Payton talked a lot of trash and got Tim going," said Warrior Head Coach Don Nelson.

Hardaway explained it this way. "He was trying to intimidate me, but that's not going to happen to me," he said.

Payton said the incident was just something he has to handle.

"It will be handled," said Payton, who starred at Oakland's Skyline High School.

The action on the court was just as intense.

With 3:24 to go in the first period the Sonics led 9-7 before the Warriors went on a 16-6 run to take a 23-15 lead after the first period.

The Warriors never trailed from that point, building a 92-73 advantage after three periods and coasting the final 12-minutes of the game.

In the early going it was Warrior Victor Alexander who led the charge. The 6-foot-9 center hit on all six of his attempts from the floor for 12 points in only 15-minutes of action.

"Sorry I didn't play him more," Nelson said, who played Alexander in the first half before he inserted Chris Gatling into the

center spot in the third period.

Alexander said he was not upset about his limited playing time.

"I went in and played well," he said. "I just want to improve my game and give the team more productivity."

Hardaway — who tallied 23 points and six steals in only three quarters of action — brought the crowd to its feet several times with quick penetrating moves to the basket for scores and two long-range 3-point baskets.

"This is just preseason," said the Warrior All-Star guard. Hardaway said he hopes to improve his defensive game this upcoming season.

"I can play defense better. My offense is going to be there."

Mister Jennings, a 5-foot-7 rookie guard, scored 14 points against the Sonics. Jennings would be the shortest player in Warriors history if he makes the team and appears in a regular season game.

"I try to play mistake-free bas-

ketball and just do things I can do," said Jennings, who in 1991 received the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Award for being selected the best college player under six feet in the nation.

"It's going to be fantastic if I am here when regular season starts."

Jennings averaged 20.1 point per game his senior season at East Tennessee State.

For his effort, Jennings — who also led the nation in three-point shooting (84-142, .592 percent) and ranked second in the nation in total assists (301, 9.1 per game) was named a third team All-America by the Associated Press.

After not being selected in the 1991 NBA Draft Jennings played for Brandt Hagen in Germany before being signed as a free agent in July by the Warriors after averaging 11.3 points and 6.7 assists in seven games for the Warriors' entry in the 1992 Rocky Mountain Revue summer league in Utah.

"I'm just trying to get with the

right team and hope things work out," Jennings said.

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U.S. Olympian and four time Warrior NBA All-Star Chris Mulling was given the night off by Nelson.

The announcement brought a chorus of boos from the Event Center crowd.

The Warriors beat the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday 126-114 in El Paso, Tex. The victory improved the Warriors' preseason record to 5-2.

On Friday the team opens up their 1992-93 regular season schedule against the Utah Jazz at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Houston impresses in Bay Area debut

Rookie's physical presence may add the new dimension Don Nelson has been looking for

By JIM SILVA
Spartan Daily Sports Editor

He's mean. He's dirty. He's downright nasty.

He's just what Don Nelson has been looking for.

Byron Houston made his first Bay Area appearance in a Golden State Warriors' uniform Friday night at a jam-packed Event Center.

Houston grabbed, clawed and pushed his 6-foot-5 frame around for 35 minutes against the Seattle SuperSonics, scoring three points, pulling down six rebounds and playing solid defense.

"I finally got to play Houston some minutes," Nelson said. "I thought he was going to be at least a year, a year and a half away. It's not going to take that long."

Picked up in a trade with the Chicago Bulls, the soft-spoken Houston is Nelson's latest attempt at providing the Warriors with a physical inside presence.

"He told me he wants me to board and work hard," Houston said. "Right now I'm just going to do that."

Rebounding comes easy for Houston.

With a seven-foot wingspan,

Houston overcame his lack of height and averaged 9.4 rebounds per game in his four seasons at Oklahoma State.

In college Houston was known for being a brutal, even violent, force inside the paint. Now he's trying to continue that type of play for the Warriors.

"I don't do it on purpose, that's just my game," Houston said of his physical style. "I do whatever it takes."

Built like an NFL middle linebacker, Houston holds nine OSU records and joined Danny Manning and Waymond Tisdale as the only Big Eight Conference players to total more than 2,000 points, 100 rebounds and 200 block shots in a career.

A poor post-season performance against Michigan and the revelation that he measured only 6-5 instead of 6-7 dropped his status for June's NBA draft.

When the Warriors' 24th selection came up and Houston was still available, many so-called experts proclaimed him as Nelson's probable pick.

As usual, Nelson surprised everyone by choosing a guard, Alabama's Latrell Sprewell. Three

selections later the world champion Bulls took Houston.

In September Nelson made the move for Houston. A three-way deal sent the Warriors' 1993 first-round pick to Dallas.

Rodney McCray and two second round picks went to Chicago and Houston came to Golden State.

An injured shoulder during training camp forced Houston to miss more than a week of practice. But since then he has impressed Nelson and earned a spot on the Warriors' depth chart.

Houston will open the season coming off the bench to spell starting power forward Billy Owens, Nelson said.

With his physical presence and ability to play strong interior defense, Houston has begun to earn the respect of his teammates. He's also drawn comparisons to the player he patterns his game after — Charles Barkley.

"He's got a long way to go to being Charles Barkley," said Warrior point guard Tim Hardaway. "But he can play. I was happy that they traded for him."

After Houston's performance Friday night, so is Nelson.

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Tim Hardaway
Warriors' All-Star point guard

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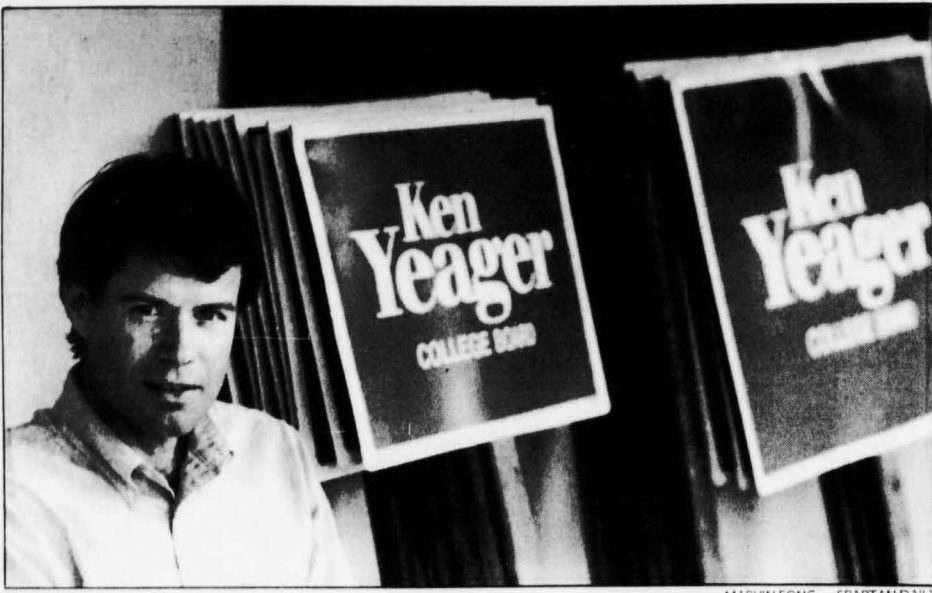
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Ken Yeager, a political science professor at SJSU, is running for San Jose Evergreen college district area 7.

Candidate for community college board seeks better 'Communication' among schools

By JIM BATCHO
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In order to survive the critical times facing higher education, local community colleges and SJSU we must forge a chain of communication, said Ken Yeager, SJSU political science professor.

That is why Yeager is taking his first-hand knowledge of the college education system to the people, as a candidate for San Jose / Evergreen Community College District, Area 7.

"We all have to start talking among ourselves," Yeager said about the connection among high schools, community colleges and SJSU.

The fact that Yeager teaches at SJSU and has worked with the local school district sets him apart from the other candidates, he said.

"I feel that I can bridge the gap between the community colleges, San Jose State and the high school district," said the 39-year-old urban politics instructor.

The way Yeager plans to accomplish this in office, he said, is to have the leaders of the higher education system come together to reach some understandings.

"The first thing I would do (if elected) is call a summit meeting with all the chairs of the various departments at San Jose State and

I feel that I can bridge the gap between the community colleges, SJSU and the high school district,

Ken Yeager
Candidate for community college district

the administration at the community colleges," he said. "Then we could assess the state of higher education in the area."

Yeager said the current communication problem between SJSU and the community colleges has occurred because there is uncertainty over each institution's roles due to the budget cuts.

"If San Jose State expects us to do more general education, we have to get something in return," he said. "We can't take care of San Jose State."

Yeager said he is also concerned about the quality of education at the community colleges.

"There is a perception out there that the community colleges aren't providing the good education that they should," he said.

"If that's true, I hope to change that."

"Talking to other professors at San Jose State, I've been told they question the quality of education

(at SJSU)."

Yeager has picked up the support of several SJSU faculty members, including Terry Christensen, Wiggys Sivertsen, Steve Van Beek, Louie Barozzi, and John Galm.

"He's a very thoughtful person," Barozzi said. "He's very knowledgeable about education and also has the political skills."

Galm was originally running against Yeager, but after meeting him, decided to drop his campaign in order to support him.

"I talked with him ... and he's concerned about the same issues as I am," Galm said. "But he's more experienced in public politics."

Yeager, who graduated from SJSU in 1976, said he has 16 years of experience in local politics.

He also received a Ph.D. in education from Stanford.

He pointed out that he is the only candidate who is teaching at a four-year university.

"I understand what college students are looking for in education and how critical a good college education is," he said.

Yeager said he is proud of the fact that he is active in the gay community.

He didn't think it would hurt his campaign.

"I'm mainly stressing qualifications, but I've been involved in gay politics for such a long time that it's certainly no secret," he said.

What he said was important is the improvement of higher education.

"A college education is the most important thing to provide to the next generation," he said. "I'm going to do everything I can to make it possible."

Mothers: AFDC students struggle

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1.3 percent additional cut is planned, dropping benefits to \$504 for one child and \$624 for two children. If the proposition passes, those cuts will be put off until January.

For some students, AFDC is a critical support that gives them the time to raise their families while training for a productive job. It is difficult to estimate how many student parents at SJSU depend on AFDC.

Twenty students, or one-third of the parents using the Frances Gulland Child Development Center, are AFDC recipients, said Fran Roth, the center's director. The Financial Aid office, Admissions and Records and the Information Resource Center do not track numbers of students depending on AFDC.

Angela is raising her son on \$511 in monthly AFDC, \$5,000 in annual financial aid and \$34 in monthly food stamps. She applied for the Greater Avenues to Independence, or GAIN, program, but couldn't work out a two-year program to finish school.

GAIN provides support to AFDC parents who will complete job training within two years.

"I really don't want to be on AFDC," Angela said. "I'd rather be out there working — but I don't have a degree, and I don't want to go to a dental school for six months."

A psychology major, she hopes to become a family counselor in a group home after graduation.

Her son's health is a worry. Born prematurely, he's had bronchitis three times and contracted pneumonia a month ago.

Going into debt

With housing secure, Angela is doing well. But to obtain credit for an apartment, she applied for a VISA and MasterCard. Although she listed AFDC and financial aid as her only sources of income, both card companies granted her more than \$1,000 in credit each.

She intended to use the cards only for books and for short times at the end of the month. Instead, they became her tickets to full-blown bulimia.

"I blew out hundreds of dollars on my cards just buying food that I was never going to digest, buying laxatives," she said. When she cut her cards, she owed more than \$2,200 in credit. AFDC places no restrictions on credit cards.

She obtained counseling at SJSU's Student Health Services, and a friend took her to Stanford Hospital after she passed out in the gym, where she works out daily. Only one Stanford doctor would accept Medi-Cal patients, she said, and she still had to pay for half the sessions. She quit after two months.

"They don't have very many



SCOTT SADY — SPARTAN DAILY

Kecia Bell, a student at De Anza college, has trouble studying during the day because her 8-month-old daughter's curiosity knows no bounds.

programs for people who don't have much insurance," she said.

Angela has managed to pay off one card and makes minimum payments on the other two. Her bulimia attacks are less frequent, but she isn't in treatment and hasn't had a complete medical exam in months. Her mother, a nurse, has been unable to help her. Her weight has stabilized, however. At 5 feet 2 inches tall, she weighs 130 pounds.

However, she still buys laxatives. "I tell myself I'm just going to buy a little box. If I buy a big box, I'll eat more," she said. "I even wrote a paper on it. I know everything about it. I can't stop."

"Medi-Cal is a savior for us," said "Laura," a graduate student in her thirties who is working toward a master's degree in social work. Both she and her son have dyslexia. If Proposition 165 passes, she said, she will probably have to drop his special tutoring.

Laura works 15 to 20 hours on a work-study job and pays \$100 monthly in child care for her 10-year-old son. She owns her own home and makes a payment of \$500 per month, which is offset by renting out a room for \$330 monthly. Ten percent of the roomer's rent is deducted from her \$511 monthly AFDC. She gets by with AFDC, her work study earnings and \$10 in monthly food stamps.

A master's in social work will make her eligible to work for the county government, she said. She is taking 10 units and will graduate in three semesters.

Easing the transition

Proponents of Proposition 165 expect five-year waivers of federal law to ease the transition from AFDC by loosening restrictions on earnings, according to proposition spokeswoman Amy Albright.

Albright said the waivers would allow two-parent families to work more than 100 hours monthly without losing AFDC eligibility. They would take the time restriction off the current "30-and-a-third" rule, she said, which allows single parents to keep one-third of their paychecks, plus \$120, before any deduction is made from their AFDC benefit.

But the "hundred-hour" rule will go into effect Dec. 1 even if Proposition 165 does not pass, according to Michelle Malecki, AFDC program coordinator with the Santa Clara County Social Agency. Passage will push its effective date back until Jan. 1.

Although the waiver has also been approved for the "30-and-a-third" rule, it will not be implemented even if Proposition 165 passes, Malecki said.

"There was nothing budgeted in California's welfare budget to cover that. Even though we have the waiver, we're not implementing it, because there is no money to implement it," she said.

Currently the first third of the paycheck is exempt only for the first four months of employment, plus a \$30 exemption for 12 months.

Single parents may currently earn no more than \$90 a month before the benefit is reduced, dollar-for-dollar, starting with the 91st dollar.

All dollars earned are deducted, including dollars that go to taxes. Work study and financial aid are exempted.

"That's a good provision," said

Kathleen Bishop, a 34-year-old social sciences major who is pursuing a teaching credential. But she was skeptical.

"If they don't count one-third of my income, two-thirds is going to put me off anyway," she said. "Maybe if I had a part-time job at McDonald's it would help me."

A parent with one child can earn \$1,048 monthly before taxes without losing eligibility; those with two may earn \$1,300 before taxes. Food stamps would be cut off about \$50 before that limit.

A woman working 20 hours a week at a minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour would earn a monthly gross paycheck of \$340. Assuming the "30-and-a-third" rule was ever budgeted, if she received a \$511 AFDC benefit she would be adding \$194 before taxes to her income: \$120 in disregarded income plus one-third of the rest of her paycheck.

At the minimal price of \$2 an hour, child care would cost \$160 to cover 80 hours of monthly work. Some student mothers do have subsidized care. But many would not give up the time they have to nurture their children, in order to work.

Bishop had tried to work full time while juggling school and the care of her 8-year-old son, but gave up.

"I made a decision to go on AFDC so I could spend time with my son. That was what this program was set up for."

"I cannot work 20 hours a week. I would not have any time for my children," Hazel said.

"If I went to work full time and went to school part time, I wouldn't be raising my son. I want to be a mother to him," Angela said. "I don't want him raised by a babysitter."

The psychological burden

The financial strain on student parents is matched by a psychological strain. Many SJSU parents keep their AFDC status a secret.

"I do a job, I work in a business and I expect to be treated like a professional — and I wouldn't be if people knew," said "Elsa," a student mother of two. "I've had my kids hungry a couple of times already this month."

"It's a double life — trying to keep the outside appearances up so we don't have to suffer emotionally any more than we already have," she said.

"I'm doing it because I believe there should be welfare reform, but not this way," Hazel said. "My kids don't know... I was worried I wouldn't be able to find an apartment, and they wouldn't be treated the same at a new school. I tell people I've gotten very creative with my finances."

Student parents agreed reform was needed, but favored programs involving public service after graduation in exchange for financial aid.

"He (Wilson) should go to people who've been on it five to 10 years," Bell said.

"I'd really like them to do a whole lot better at going after the fathers," Laura said.

"If they had more money for child care, you'd see more people working to get off this system," Hazel said.

"A few of us forged a way," Bishop said. "The problem is for those who are coming up behind me. The opportunity isn't there for them."

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Admissions

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soon as the spring semester closure was discovered in August, the faculty and students implemented the transfer contracts as a way to guarantee enrollment in the future.

"The transfer agreements are a guarantee as long as students meet the requirements and deadlines," Gressley said. "The number of contracts has really grown this year in comparison to last year."

West Valley College President Leo Chavez said approximately 225 West Valley students had planned to transfer to SJSU in the spring 1993 semester. Those students will probably stay at West Valley to take more classes which will prevent

other students from coming in, Chavez said.

"The closure really clogs the pipeline," Chavez said. "The students, in turn, put more pressure on us for classes because they need to stay here longer."

Since most college freshmen apply for fall semesters, the early application process will pose a real problem for graduating high school students, said Gene Funderburg, the educational services director of San Jose Unified School District.

"Making the information available to students is difficult because the budget does not allow us to have counselors," Funderburg said. "It will be a real tragedy for those (students) who drag their feet."



Live 105 DJ broadcasts from sorority

PATTI EAGAN—SPARTAN DAILY

Marla Chikani, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, listens intently to DJ Alex Bennett of Live 105 as he broadcasts his morning show from the sorority house on Friday morning.

Student candidate: Comerford tired of complaining, wants to take action

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ed from doing is making electricity, he said.

"The powers are wide, but there are no legislative powers at all. They are only a power to cooperate. They cannot compel," he said.

Elbert Reed, who has been on the board for 16 years, said the board has no power or authority to do any of these things.

"All the board can do is recommend what is the best practice," Reed said. "The board can't enforce anything."

"He's totally clueless," Comerford said. "He's not even an environmentalist."

The purpose of the division of resource conservation of the Department of Conservation is "to provide the means...in securing the adoption in this state of conservation practices," according to section 9001 of Division 9 Public Resources Code on resource conservation.

The conservation practices, according to the code, pertain to the areas of urban development, wildlife, recreation and water quality, among others.

Comerford, who is active in the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual



SHEILA DAWKINS—SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU student Ted Comerford, publisher of the Spartan Democrat, is running for the Evergreen Resource Conservation Board.

Alliance, Alternative Lifestyle Political Action Coalition and a number of other groups, said he's an "active player in creating solutions for problems or perceived problems."

"I want to be a much more

active part of the solution rather than influencing elected officials," he said. "And I want to actually become an elected official and be an advocate in that position."

According to Comerford, he and the other two candidates

Nancy Bernardi and John Bell have agreed on three main goals they hope to accomplish if they do get into office.

First they want to bring the Evergreen board into the public eye and educate the public on conservation.

"There's a lot of different things that people need to know, like the impact of their decisions at the supermarket," Comerford said.

Second, they want to categorize and protect endangered species within the county. There are several endangered species that have been killed in the past years by Silicon Valley companies, he said.

The last goal they hope to achieve is sustainable agriculture, Comerford said.

"We want to work with farmers and educate them on sustainable crops that they can grow without overfertilizing and the use of pesticides," he said. "We would like to see it be just diverse enough so they don't have to pump the soil full of synthetic fertilizers, which permeate the water and air."

If the three candidates have all agreed on these three goals, what sets Comerford apart from the other two?

He has worked within the political system as a campaign

worker and as a concerned citizen, he said.

"I'm very familiar with the governmental structure and what it takes to get something passed and how to influence county supervisors on what it takes to get something done."

"He has a history of rocking the boat," said Tony Marek, a senior majoring in journalism and liberal arts and a former Spartan Daily city editor. "He has the guts to say what he thinks. He has no inhibitions."

"A lot of people think he's too liberal," said Roland Wilson, Spartan Democrat editor. "He's more gregarious than anyone I know."

Comerford said he's not a politician in the traditional sense. "I am not out there for my own personal gain. What I'm out there

for is making a real difference," he said.

"I know I will be more effective than the other three candidates in actually getting things done. I'm very results-oriented. I don't like spending too much time on studies. I think studies are important, but spending too much time on analysis doesn't get anything done," he said.

Comerford is also the editor in chief of the Spartan Democrat which he publishes to "give people who usually don't have a voice, a voice on campus."

The Spartan Democrat, a far-left newspaper which first appeared on campus in October, concentrated mostly on gay-rights issues.

"It fosters conversation and the turning over of ideas and actually thinking," he said.

Perot

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"Ross," the crowd yelled.

"Why do we want him?" he asked. The crowd of about 7,000 Perot supporters burst into laughter, but no one answered.

Based on overall crowd reaction, honesty appeared to be the main reason Perot's supporters wanted him.

"I'm a churchgoer, and Perot is a child of God, for he speaks the truth," said Bobbie Ross, a volunteer at the downtown San Jose Perot headquarters. The other candidates are part of the status quo, she said.

"We love you, Ross" was the prevailing chant before and during Perot's speech. The enthusiastic crowd cheered throughout the hour-long speech.

Perot, acknowledging a sign stating "Cal (Berkeley) students for Perot," said students are the future of this country, which is why he became a candidate in the first place.

When he got out of college, the question was where to go to work, not whether a job can be found, he said. Today, students with graduate degrees can't find a job, and he will change that, Perot said.

Referring to Arkansas Gov. Clinton as the "chicken man from Arkansas," and to President Bush as a "potato chip from Maine or Texas," Perot said chicken and chips are good items for a picnic. But the next four years are not going to be a picnic, the independent candidate said.

"I promise you hard work and competition...we will get rid of the deficit. Are you with me?" Perot asked the audience. "We love you Ross," came the emotional reply.

Perot said that based on the

presidential debates, Clinton and Bush love him too, since both agreed with him many times. He broke the gridlock then, and he'll do it again when elected, Perot said.

Perot got his mandate from the "most important component of our political system — the people," he said.

One candidate is a Phi Beta Kappa — the other a Rhodes scholar, Perot said. He, himself, is the road scholar — listening to the people since February, he said.

Our country needs people, experience and resources, he said. "You are the people; I have the experience and resources" to turn this country in the right direction, he said.

Under a Perot administration, foreign and special interests would have much less clout than they do now, he said. They may have the money, but the people have the "most important component" — the vote, he said.

"I'm Ross — you're the boss," he said. Together, "we can nail this sucker" and return the White House to the people who own it, he said.

Any dog with fleas can be put on the ballot, and "the first-rate dog show," also known as the presidential debates, was proof of that, Perot said. The audience can get rid of the ticks and fleas on Tuesday, he said.

Talk is cheap and the people need action, Perot said.

"A bell is no bell till you ring it," he said. The audience, with tears in the eyes of many, yelled, "Ring the bell."

"A song is no song till you sing it," Perot said. The audience, excited, chanted "Ring the bell — sing the song."

Ring the bell in all 50 states and we are going to win, Perot said.

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