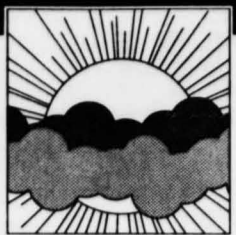




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These are the good old days

By Tina Casalino
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Many things have changed since 1972. A phone call cost a nickel, a candy bar was a dime, and a gallon of gasoline was 29 cents. But one thing remains the same. At San Jose State University a B is still a B.

The average GPA for SJSU

undergraduate students for Spring '94 was 2.77, a slight increase from 1972 when the GPA for undergraduates was 2.75, according to SJSU's Office of Institutional Research.

During the 1980s, the average letter grade given in undergraduate classes remained steady at just above a B-. But not all of

SJSU's colleges grade the same.

In Fall '93, students in the College of Education had the highest GPA at 3.03. Those in the College of Humanities and Arts had a 2.94. Students in the College of Engineering had the lowest GPA at 2.50.

Twenty-seven percent of undergraduates received an A

in their courses. Thirty-one percent received a B, and 20 percent received a C, during Fall '93.

Isabel Olazcoaga, a SJSU freshman, thinks there is a lot of pressure to get good grades. "Since there's a lot of people competing

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SJSU courts grads: Be true to your school

By Nancy J. Zamani
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In the days when San Jose State was a college and not a university, campus life was different. Through the 1950s, it was a smaller, more intimate place. Class members identified with the school and went to proms, joined clubs, lived on campus, and gave a senior class gift to the school.

After graduation, the alumni could remember "the good old days" with the yearbook, and donate to their alma mater.

Those days ended during the 1960s, but the Office of University Advancement would like to bring some of them back. Graduating seniors from the class of 1995 are being sought for a volunteer committee to bring back the class gift. Kevin Grossman, annual giving manager, said the gift is a good way to show pride in SJSU.

"This program is a challenge to have graduates identify with their class," Grossman said, "and to give something back to the school with a renewed sense of pride."

One volunteer, Steven Cheung, 24, a senior majoring in economics, said he came to SJSU because so many important people in Silicon Valley have gone here. But he expects to get something out of volunteering, too.

"I want to help out and get some experience in fund raising," Cheung said. "It relates to my major."

Volunteers are asked to come to an orientation

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Fishing for answers



PHOTOS BY CHRIS GONZALES — SPARTAN DAILY

Mystery on the GUADALUPE

By Nancie Gruber
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Finding Chinook salmon in the Pacific Northwest, in large rivers upstream of the San Francisco coast or in Central Valley rivers is not unusual.

But finding them in a stream that runs through the middle of downtown San Jose would surprise almost anyone.

Yet that's exactly where they are running. An estimated 100 Chinook now populate the Guadalupe River, said Jerry Smith, associate professor of biology at San Jose State University.

Considering the Guadalupe is a small, shallow stream, "That's quite a number of salmon," Smith said.

The big question is, how did they get there?

That's exactly what Smith, the Guadalupe River Task Force (GRTF) and the Department of Fish and Game are trying to find out.

The GRTF consists of people from the Santa Clara Valley Water District and members of the public who are interested in finding out how the salmon got into the river and in helping them survive. Smith is a member of the task force.

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ABOVE: Jerry Smith, SJSU associate professor of biology, displays Chinook salmon just pulled from the Guadalupe River and explains spawning habits to his ichthyology class.

LEFT: Smith and class members try to figure the best way to get the salmon out of the water unharmed.

Scheller house: Still standing as fall semester ends

By Lana M. Jang
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In spite of sitting behind a sea of mud, surrounded with construction, there's still hope for Scheller house.

This historic building on San Carlos Street and Fifth streets has been the center of controversy all semester. The university wants to demolish the house, and preservationists want to save it.

San Jose City Councilman David

Pandori has been working on a proposal to move the house to Lincoln Glen Park on Lincoln Avenue near Curtner Avenue. The proposal would utilize non-city funds to finance the relocation, said Margaret Tamisiea, assistant to Pandori.

Santa Clara County has funds especially allocated to move the house to a new location. The funds were part of a settlement in a lawsuit with the City of San Jose,

Tamisiea said.

The Preservation Action Council, the motivating force behind the movement to save Scheller House, has applied for a grant from the Santa Clara County Heritage Commission, but won't hear about the grant awards until early next year, Tamisiea said.

Pandori has talked to the University about the relocation and project funding, Tamisiea said.

Earlier in the semester, SJSU had

offered to help fund the relocation, but the current status of that offer is unknown, Stahl said.

Support from the city looks bleak although city councilman Frank Fiscalini is in support of the move because Lincoln Glen Park is in his district, said Tamisiea.

The university and the preservation action council face each other in court Jan. 13 to consider the fate of the house.

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Las Posadas: A stroll to find room in the inn

By Andy Barron
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

What Olga Enciso Smith remembers about her childhood Christmas is that it revolved around Joseph and Mary.

Now, as an adult, the Peruvian-born businesswoman is part of a committee that helps organize Las Posadas in the streets of downtown San Jose.

Las Posadas is a community parade that re-enacts the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and their search for lodging just before the birth of Jesus. Posada is the Spanish word for "inn" or "lodging."

"It is wonderful because families come, and it is a non-alcohol event. My personal concern is that sometimes Hispanic events are alcohol promoted and oriented, and we give the wrong message to our youth," Smith said. "But this is the opposite — no alcohol and families are welcome."

The parade, sponsored and organized by volunteers from The San Jose Downtown Association, El Centro Committee and KNTA Radio, starts at Fountain Alley and South First Street at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Two youths dressed as Joseph and Mary will lead a musical pageant. Participants dressed as shepherds, angels and in traditional Mexican attire walk while mariachi music plays, folk dancers dance and the people sing.

The procession will march through downtown, making stops at predetermined "inns" — posadas — where songs called Cantos para pedir posada (songs in search of lodging) are exchanged between the parade "pilgrims" and the resident "innkeepers/merchants" who turn them away. Song books are passed out so that spectators can participate.

Finally, at the last "inn," which will be the third stop, the "pilgrims" are welcomed with the song *Al Abrir las Puertas* (Opening the Doors). This is followed by a prayer for peace on earth and good will toward humanity, aguinaldos — bags of candy and nuts for the children, piñatas, chocolate, music and

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'It is wonderful because families come, and it is a non-alcohol event.'

Olga Enciso Smith
An organizer of Las Posadas

— *Writer's Forum* —

Kevorkian has no credentials to kill



June Pratt
staff reporter

Picture, if you will, the way Dr. Jack Kevorkian conducts his medical practice of assisted-suicide, and think of what you know of an ethical medical practice.

What does Kevorkian's license entitles him to do?

Hypothetically speaking, does his license qualify him as a specialist in "assisted suicide?"

Are there certain standards set forth in his license by the state that he had to meet to help people go over the edge?

Did he go to school for twelve years at a university, medical school, and serve an internship and residency to learn the best ways to help people commit the final act?

Does he advertise in the Yellow Pages?

Do you find an ad reading, "Slip over the edge with the latest of four different methods in assisted-suicide, all tested by the physician, with guaranteed results?"

No, Dr. Kevorkian doesn't advertise in the yellow pages. Instead he relies on word of mouth used by abortion mills before abortion was legalized.

Good abortion mills were known for having the lowest rates of infection, peritonitis, mistakes, and that reputation got around.

They were known by the police and people in the industry.

They moved their location from one dingy room to another, and even then their whereabouts was a closely guarded secret.

Kevorkian's rumor mill has gained a national market with only a few suicides.

His rate of success is 100 percent. If he botched the job, he wouldn't tell us, but his clients would. They would be angry and would have lost faith in him because they lived to tell the tale.

Think of the hypothetical waiting room of a group of patients with suicidal intent. Their conversation might go something like this:

"Are you here to do it?"
"When do you plan to do it?"
"Have you got the quickest method lined up?"
"I'm not sure about it. I'm still wavering."
"What do you think?"

Their group counselling would be so successful they would all walk out of there, arm in arm. They would plan to meet again and form a club.

Inside Kevorkian's office on the wall, you would not find a certificate attesting his membership in the "College of Assisted Suicide Physicians."

There is no such college.

He would show you all the different pieces of equipment he uses and would ask you to make a choice.

You would not know if they had all been scientifically tested and approved for the intended purpose. You would have to take his word for it.

It is doubtful you would find certificates attesting to special training and counselling.

You would not find a team of an internist, psychologist and social worker waiting to counsel you on making the right decision.

Only one lone maniac, with death on his mind, would be waiting.



— *Writer's Forum* —

SJSU has surpassed original expectations



Michelle Maitre
staff reporter

This is the last forum piece I'll write this semester. It may also be the last bit of writing I do here at San Jose State — and that's a strange feeling. As an English major in the technical and career writing program, I've done a lot of writing.

After six and one half years, I'm graduating this month, which is another strange feeling because I've been here a long time.

When I started here in fall 1988, I didn't quite know what to expect. I came from an all-girls, parochial high school that is not unfair to call elitist. In high school, SJSU was considered the red-headed stepchild of the higher education family. In some cases, going to a community college — with the promise of transferring into a college "better" than SJSU later — was viewed more favorably than attending SJSU.

But the more I got to know this funky, urban campus, the more I came to like it. There's a certain perilous appeal involved in walking across a campus where one has to dodge speeding cars, panhandlers and bulldozers.

My classes were somehow made more meaningful because I had to brave the elements to attend them.

When I was a little girl, I knew Mass was almost over when everyone got back from communion. Here at SJSU, I knew some of my classes were almost over when the man who hadn't taken his meds that morning shouted outside the classroom windows, just like clockwork, every class period at 5 p.m.

If there's one thing I can say, SJSU has charac-

ter. I've seen a lot of changes while I've been here. I've acquired two SJSU student IDs, seen two university presidents, fees go up, San Carlos Street close, San Carlos Street open, fees go up, San Carlos Street close, a major earthquake, fees go up, an Event Center built, fees go up and fees go up.

In my personal life, I've watched my mother die, been through three boyfriends, two jobs, three car accidents, five speeding tickets, moved out of my parent's house, moved back in, and gained a stepmother.

At this university, I've "met" Maxine Hong Kingston, Ken Kesey, Sharon Olds, Amy Tan, Galway Kinnell, Isabel Allende, Allen Ginsberg, Edward James Olmos and Bill Clinton.

At last check, I have innumerable SJSU binders, pens and pencils, nine SJSU sweatshirts, three SJSU shirts, an SJSU window decal, a license plate holder, an SJSU ID holder/key ring, an SJSU stick pin, and a pennant.

Our football team isn't that great, but the English department is killer. As is the journalism department, the engineering department, the women's studies department and on and on and on. This is a good school, despite what my high school alumna used to — and probably still do — think.

I've been proud attending SJSU and I'll miss it when I'm gone. But who knows, if I can't find a job, maybe I'll be back for grad school.

— *Campus Viewpoint* —

Consider nuclear weapons in Bosnia

Why, in regard to the Bosnian situation, have we heard no discussion, as we have in regard to other wars, on the use of tactical nuclear weapons, as a means of resolving the conflict?

Is it that they would do more harm on the ground to our friends than to our enemy, or is there some other inhibition operating that negates even discussion of the possibility of their use? If so, why should this be? After all, the Cold War is over.

The principal argument against their use during the Cold War — that their use in a regional or local conflict that the Soviet Union was involved in could escalate into nuclear holocaust — is no longer operable. Or is it?

If we still have to be concerned about the possible consequences resulting from the use of tactical nuclear weapons, maybe we didn't really win the Cold War after all.

Certainly in this situation we would have to consult with the Russians and get their O.K., which would be highly unlikely. This is one reason why we should have offered Russia and perhaps other former Soviet republics full and unequivocal

partnership in NATO. Not that that would have made the difference in gaining their cooperation; but quite possibly some compromise solution might have been worked out that would be better than what is actually happening.

Georgie Anne Geyer, on Washington Week in Review on KQED last week, argued that if the UN troops on the ground

What sort of army would allow itself to be put in a position wherein its entire force could be taken hostage?

weren't hostage to the Serbs, the bulk of the Serbian artillery could still be knocked out without ground troops and by only using conventional weapons in air strikes. What sort of army would allow itself to be put in a position wherein its entire force could be taken hostage?

As to tactical nuclear weapons, the late Senator Henry M. Jackson, when he was a Congressman during the Korean

war and serving on the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, argued for their morality in contrast to strategic nuclear weapons, which he regarded as immoral.

Tactical nuclear weapons were for use, he said, only against troops on the battlefield whereas strategic nuclear weapons were indiscriminate and for primary use against cities and civilian populations.

However, he waffled on their possible use in Korea, arguing they were more precious and less expendable than men, and should be saved for the big one, or, I guess, for possible conflict in Europe.

I don't know how valid his arguments as to their capacity to discriminate between friend and foe were, or how valid they might be today when applied to the current class of tactical nuclear weapons and the situation in Bosnia. But there is something amiss in the fact that this option isn't even being discussed.

Jonathan Miller
Continuing Ed.
Math

Artists wanted for political cartoons

The Spartan Daily is searching for a few good artists to display their wares on the Opinion page. Please submit five political cartoons with your name and phone number to Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209.

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Friday 12x12 Study Meeting,
Noon, ADM 269. Call Marlene,
(415) 961-7380.

Chinese Campus Fellowship
Last Meeting, 2:30-5 p.m., SU
Guadalupe Room. Call 286-9529.

LDSSA
Christmas Party & Gift
Exchange, 12:30 p.m., LDS
Institute Building.

Muslim Students Association
Juma-Prayer & Pizza Party, 1-2
p.m., SU Costanoan Room. Call
Nadeem, 985-7715.

SJSU Camelan Ensemble
Fall Concert-Merging Traditions,
8 p.m., MB Concert Hall. Call
Trish, 235-2564.

SJSU Ice Hockey
SJSU vs. Fresno, 8 p.m., Ice
Centre of San Jose. Call Brent,
924-8928.

**Office of University
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Senior Enhancement Campaign
Orientation Meeting, 6-7 p.m., TH
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saturday

**Instructional Resource
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Sunday: 1-7 p.m.
Call 924-2850.

sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry
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Joseph's Cathedral. Call Fr. Mark,
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sparta Guide's deadline for Spring '95 entries will be ONE WEEK before the date of publication. All other conditions will remain unchanged.

Sparta Guide is free !!! and available to students, faculty & staff associations. Forms available at DBH 209. Entries may be edited to allow for space restrictions.

House — Posadas: The search for an inn

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Another major campus issue, the San Carlos Street construction, may appear to be at a halt. But Dan Johnson, facilities development and operations supervisor on the project, said that is not the case.

He said the demolition of San Carlos and Seventh streets is finished and contractors are surveying to measure final land grades in preparation for further construction.

Johnson is concerned about the lack of information given to students on how the pedestrian mall was financed and the project's advantages.

The pedestrian mall is funded by California's Construction for Higher Education program, money designated for major capital improvements in the California State University system, Johnson said.

Any other use of the money — for faculty wages or student services, for example — would be a misappropriation of funds, Johnson said.

The pedestrian mall will benefit the campus as a whole, Johnson said. If the funds were used to construct an Art Building, for example, then only art students would be able to enjoy it.

Johnson said he hopes the pedestrian mall will help the campus develop a sense of community. It will be a pleasant meeting place that opens the campus to students, faculty, staff and visitors, Johnson said.

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dancing.

Beth Trask, spokeswoman for the San Jose Downtown Association, said that last year's event attracted 500 participants.

"It is not a huge commercial enterprise. It is a very cultural, community-based event. It has a lot of cultural significance. It is unique," Trask said.

Posadas are celebrated throughout Latin America and

'It is a very spiritual celebration. Although it has changed with Santa Claus and Christmas tree, it is great to keep these traditions.'

Olga Encino Smith
An organizer for Las Posadas

Latino communities in North America. They were first used by the Spaniards to teach the indigenous Americans the meaning of Christmas.

Although it has changed with Santa Claus and Christmas trees, it is great to keep these traditions," Smith said. "It is a festive event in which we showcase our culture."

6th Army to desert San Francisco post

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The 6th Army will pull out of San Francisco next year, ending a 200-year military presence and clouding the future of the new Presidio national park, it was announced Thursday.

Mayor Frank Jordan was informed that the 6th Army, headquartered at the 1,480-acre Presidio, will leave by Sept. 30, 1995.

Jordan and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, told a news conference they were caught by surprise with the announcement that Army Secretary Togo West Jr. wants to close the Presidio, along with two of the United States' four Continental Armies at the Presidio and Fort Meade, Maryland.

"This will leave American troop strength at 495,000, the lowest it has been since before the rise of Hitler," said Jordan.

Jordan, who pointed to Army help in the 1906 earthquake and fire, expressed concern San Francisco would lack quick military help in a disaster.

Also caught unaware was the Park Service, which took over control of the Presidio on Oct. 1, said Len McKenzie, assistant superintendent at the Presidio.

"This will definitely accelerate our plans but we don't know the immediate impact yet," he said.

The Park Service will now be

stuck with the tab for keeping up 870 structures on the Presidio. It also will gain a coveted golf course at the wooded base that boasts gorgeous views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay.

The service was counting on \$13 million in rent from the Army, said McKenzie.

Robert Chandler, who heads the Presidio Project, said the Presidio should become a "global center, a great learning center, bringing together individuals and organizations working on the world's pressing environmental and social issues."

The Department of Energy has already declared the park will be "the world's foremost training institute for sustainable development."

So far, only one major tenant, the Tides Foundation, has agreed to rent space at the Presidio. The foundation nurtures environmental research, such as recycling techniques.

Backers of the park envision at least 10 million people a year visiting the Presidio.

When the Army began decommissioning the base, officials estimated they could sell off chunks of land for \$500 million.

Developers think the park could collapse under the sheer wait of expense, according to real estate attorney Neil Eisenberg.

Deserted tot's mother reclaims 11-month baby

PACIFICA (AP) — The mother of a blue-eyed, blue-lipped baby found abandoned in a stroller by the side of the road in chilly weather was located by police Thursday.

Charlene Dineen, 30, who is homeless, walked into a police station in San Francisco and said she was the mother of 11-month-old Shane Dineen, said Capt. Ted Merritt.

Merritt said he "hadn't a clue yet" about how the baby ended up on the shoulder of Skyline Boulevard, about 10 miles south of downtown San Francisco.

The mother, who had apparently been living in shelters and in the Tenderloin area, was with her 3-year-old daughter, Katie Jo, when she entered Central Station, he said. She was taken to Pacifica where officers were questioning her, said Merritt.

Water district worker Steve Hyden and another motorist found the blue-eyed boy shivering in the 40-degree cold on early Wednesday.

\$9 million price put on Onassis home

NEW YORK (AP) — 15 rms, park vu, asking \$9M: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' Fifth Avenue apartment is reportedly on the market.

Fourteen of the apartment's 23 windows open on Central Park, and the apartment has five bedrooms and five bathrooms.

Nancy Tuckerman, a friend who often spoke for Mrs. Onassis, did not immediately return a call the Associated Press placed to her office Thursday morning. Reports of the sale appeared in Thursday's Daily News and Post.

Mrs. Onassis paid \$200,000 for the apartment in 1964, with annual maintenance fees of \$14,000. The asking price is reportedly \$9 million.

She died of cancer there May 19.

Maurice Tempelman, Onassis' companion and executor of her estate, put the apartment on the market.

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Center hosts open house event to appreciate Beethoven's works

By Makonnen Gebrehiwot
Spartan Daily staff writer

Even though composer Ludwig Van Beethoven has been dead over 160 years, his music is still very much alive.

At many places in the world, especially in Europe, one can find manuscripts of his works in libraries and hear his musical compositions performed at concerts.

San Jose State University's Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies will celebrate the German composer's contribution to classical music with an open house Sunday.

The Center is located at Wahlquist Library North, room 614, and the open house starts at 2 p.m. to honor Beethoven on the week of his 224th birthday.

The center's curator, Patricia Elliott, said visitors will have the opportunity to look at some of Beethoven's original manuscripts, including some recent acquisitions.

The open house will also include wine tasting from the Rhine Valley, where the composer grew up, and a lecture presentation.

Tom Wendel, president of the center's board of directors, said students can learn a great deal from Beethoven. He rose from poverty and overcame his hearing loss in his 30s to become a revered composer.

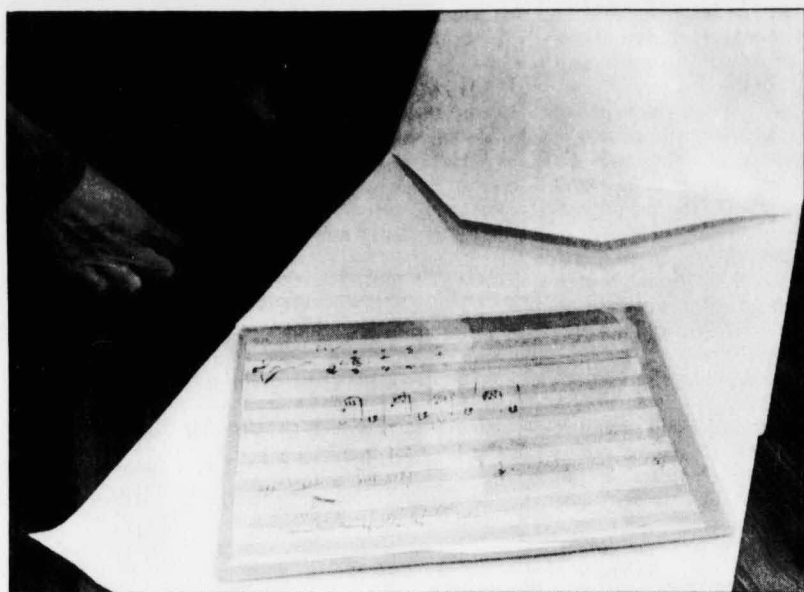
"Whatever your field is, Beethoven can be a living example — we can overcome difficult circumstances to achieve our potential," Wendel said.

SJSU Music Professor Bill Meredith, who also serves as the director of the center, appreciates Beethoven's ability to convey strong moral and ethical messages through his music.

Meredith said Beethoven was able to translate the idea of multiculturalism in his 9th Symphony, which reflected his belief that everyone can become brothers and sisters in the best possible world.

Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany, in 1770, and died in 1827. His major works include: nine complete symphonies, five piano concertos, one violin concerto and 32 piano sonatas.

The composer was honored in 1985 when the SJSU center was created. The



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ABOVE: An original sketch leaf containing handwritten work by Beethoven dating back to 1807 is displayed at the Center for Beethoven studies in Wahlquist Library North room 614.



center was established by a donation from Ira F. Brilliant, a Phoenix businessman, from his private Beethoven collection.

In recognition of Brilliant's contribution, the center was named after him the same year it was founded. The center receives funding from SJSU. Donations collected through the American Beethoven Society have been allocated for the center's operation cost, Elliott said.

"Anyone who wants to learn about Beethoven's life and work, this (center) is the right place to visit. We have the largest collection of the composer's works in North America," she said.

According to Elliott, some of the rare collections include the original letter that Beethoven wrote in 1816 to an English publisher. The center acquired the letter through an auction.

In addition, the center has an original sketch leaf containing a rough-draft music composition by the composer dated 1807

and a ledger book listing items purchased for Beethoven.

The center has also received a matching grant of \$67,000 from the National Endowment for Humanities to create a Beethoven bibliography data base.

The objective is to create a single data base containing comprehensive materials written about the composer and his works, Elliott said.

Another grant was obtained for the public school outreach project to send a music educator to teach elementary school students about Beethoven's music.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Article on recycling gives new meaning to safe sex

ARCATA (AP) — Condoms are not wash-and-wear items, despite an article in a Humboldt State University recycling newsletter, health officials said.

The article, published in the Nov. 1 issue of "The Recycler," tells readers how to reuse condoms by cleaning them with soap and water, drying them by rolling them out onto a broom handle and then dusting them with talcum powder.

The article was meant to inform readers of what other cultures do, but wasn't an endorsement of condom reuse in the United States, said Kirk

Shearer, co-director of operations for Campus Recycling Program, which published 300 copies of its newsletter.

"It was meant as informational. We should have been more careful. This was a slip-up," Shearer said.

Condoms should be used once and then thrown out, said Peggy Falk, director of the North Coast AIDS Project, part of the Humboldt County Public Health Department. Cleaning condoms can cause leaks and breakage and won't get rid of all sexually transmitted diseases and sperm.

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Clinton offer to aid U.N. pullout would imperil troops, critics say

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is offering to send thousands of U.S. combat troops into Bosnia to help evacuate 24,000 U.N. peacekeepers, a mission U.S. officials said could put Americans soldiers in harm's way for weeks.

Until now, Clinton has steadfastly refused to insert American troops into the conflict in Bosnia. Now he has authorized their use to remove the peacekeepers that may be the only remaining blockade to Serb victory.

The U.N. Security Council has not decided yet to withdraw, and the Clinton administration still hopes such a step can be avoided, administration and Pentagon officials said Thursday.

The U.S. troops would be part

of a larger NATO force. A senior military official, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, said the mission would take "some weeks, even under the most favorable conditions" since the U.N. force and its 8,000 vehicles are widely dispersed.

Given the strife that has raged among the factions in the former Yugoslav republics, attempts to block a withdrawal are expected. Planners expect even women and children who have been fed and protected by the U.N. to make such efforts.

Bosnian Serbs have crippled the U.N. mission, blocking humanitarian convoys and taking more than 300 peacekeepers hostage in an effort to thwart NATO air strikes.

"The president believes it is important the United States, as

a leader of NATO, be ready to assist our allies if their forces are in danger," one administration official said.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said planning for the evacuation was "the appropriate course of action."

But he added that he hoped American troops would not be needed and that "in any case, the Congress will want to discuss these contingency plans with the administration in detail."

Dole, a critic of current operations in Bosnia, said it was crucial that American troops not "be subject to United Nations decisions on their manner of operations, rules of engagement or ability to defend themselves, as is presently the case with NATO air forces."

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A Big West Showdown

The Big West Conference is reaching the national recognition it has wanted for quite some time. With the success of UNLV, New Mexico State, Long Beach State, and now Utah and San Jose State, some of the best prep and junior college stars are opting to stay on the West Coast. With a balance between recruiting and returning talent, the conference promises to be an exciting season, full of surprises. Listed are the teams competing in the 1994-95 Big West basketball season.

New Mexico State (Aggies, 23-8, 12-6)

Coach: Neil McCarthy
Home court: Pan American Center (13,071)
Key losses: James Lockery (13.1 ppg, 8.5 rpg), D.J. Jackson

The Aggies, the odds-on favorite to win the conference title again, have had six consecutive 20-win seasons, and are looking to three-peat as conference champions. Three starters of seven letterwinners return from last season's 23-8 squad. NMSU, which has built its program on junior college transfers, has added swingman Daniel Hicks (23 ppg, 10 rpg) from Independence Junior College. The Aggies also welcome another proven scoring machine in 6-8 forward Crafton Ferguson from Anderson Junior College (25 ppg, 13 rpg). Both backcourt starters, point guard Keith Johnson (7.3 ppg) and off-guard Rodney Walker (9.6 ppg) as well as center Rodney Selvie (6.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg) return for the Aggies. NMSU jumped out to a 16-2 record but won only four of its last 10 regular season games.

Utah State (Aggies, 14-13, 11-7)

Coach: Larry Eustachy
Home Court: Smith Spectrum (10,270)
Key losses: None

After getting off to a 3-6 start, the Aggies won eight of their last nine league games, to finish in a second-place tie with San Jose State and Long Beach. Heavy expectations to equal last season's mark have been placed on Coach Larry Eustachy's shoulders since he has five returning starters among six returning letterwinners, three returning redshirts in addition to five high scoring recruits. Heading the list of returnees is 7-0 center Nathan Wickizer (13.4 ppg), the team's leading scorer. Joining Wickizer in the front line is 6-7 junior Eric Franson (12.3 ppg, 247 rebounds), a second-team All-Big West performer. The Junior College transfers include 6-4 guard Myron Simms (27.8 ppg, 5.6 rpg), 6-6 forward Maurice Spillers (18.2 ppg, 10.5 rpg), forward John Williams (24 ppg, 13 rpg), 6-7 swingman Silas Mills (18.5 ppg, 9.7 rpg). Guard Sam Turks (15 ppg, 7.2 rpg) was the lone prep signee. Cade Osborne averaged 22.5 points as a senior in high school.

Pacific (Tigers, 17-14, 10-8)

Coach: Bob Thomason
Home Court: Alex G. Spanos Center (6,150)
Key losses: Michael Jackson (17.9 ppg), Charles Terrell (12.6 ppg), Glenn Griffin (12.5 ppg)

A pair of sophomore guards, Adam Jacobsen and T.J. Walker, head a list of six returning letterwinners. However, losing the Tigers' top three scorers leaves UOP in trouble on offense. Jacobsen made 59 three-pointers last season, and will have to turn it up a notch to compensate for the loss of offensive threats Michael Jackson (17.9 ppg) and Charles Terrell (12.6 ppg). Both were first-team All-Big West performers. Forward Damien Roderick, a 6-5 junior college transfer from Mt. San Antonio College, is expected to make immediate contributions. Rayne Mahaffey, a 6-9 freshman, is the tallest Tiger. Coach Bob Thomason hopes that redshirting Mahaffey last season will pay big dividends.

UC Santa Barbara (Gauchos, 13-17, 9-9)

Coach: Jerry Pimm
Home Court: The Thunderdome (6,000)
Key losses: Chris Ford (9.9 ppg), Kyle Milling (7.7 ppg), Rob Rammaker (7.7 ppg)

The Gauchos return their top four scorers, three of their top four rebounders and their top three assist leaders from last year's 13-17 squad. Senior forward, Doug Muse, averaged a team-high 11.2 ppg, returns. The 6-10 captain is expected to return at five spot. Another bright spot for the Gauchos has been junior Mark Flick, the top returning three-point shooter (49). Phillip Turner (10.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg), a former walk-on, has developed into one of the UCSB's top returnees. However, Coach Jerry Pimm will be looking to play from his junior college transfers to make the big change this season. Danny Prince (22.3 ppg), a transfer from Antelope Valley College, led the nation's junior colleges with 182 three-pointers last season. Along with Price comes Lelan McDougal from Chaffey College. As a sophomore McDougal averaged 25 points a game. He sat out last season to recuperate from a ruptured disc in his back.

UC Irvine (Anteaters, 10-20, 4-14)

Coach: Rod Baker
Home Court: Bren Events Center (5,000)
Key losses: Lloyd Mumford (13.4 ppg, 171 assists)

UC Irvine greeted March Madness, not as an underdog, but as a competitor. The 10th-seeded Anteaters upset No. 7 Santa Barbara, No. 2 Utah, and No. 6 UOP before losing to New Mexico State in the Big West Conference Tournament finals. With nine returning lettermen and the nation's most prolific three-point shooter in Chris Brown, Rod Baker has not ruled out a conference title among his team's goals. Brown, the team's leading scorer, averaged 17.4 points-per-game. He made 122 three-pointers, shooting a .405 success percentage. Aside from guard Zuri Williams (84 assists), the Anteaters signed, who they consider "the playmaker of the future," highly-recruited Raimonds Miglinieks from Riverside Community College. Over the last two seasons he had 828 assists and averaged 16.5 ppg and 11.8 assists per game in being named to the all-state team. The highly regarded recruiting class also includes 6-5 forward Michael Tate (12.4 ppg, 10.2 rpg) from Ventura College. In addition to Tate, the Anteaters have landed Kevin Simmons (21 ppg, 17.1 rpg) at Brooklyn's Tilden High School.

San Jose State (Spartans, 15-12, 11-7)

Coach: Stan Morrison
Home Courts: The Event Center (5,000), San Jose Arena (19,000)
Key losses: Terry Cannon (14.9 ppg), Lossie Mitchell (65 assists), Jason Allen (12.6 ppg)

The Spartans enjoyed their first winning season since 1986-87, finishing in a three-way tie for second place. Senior center Mike Brotherton (9.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg) and junior forward Darren Greene are the only two starters returning. Developing the backcourt is the top priority for the Spartans. Battling for the starting nod will be redshirts Tito Addison and Alfonso De La Nuez. Making the way at off guard is West Valley College transfer Brad Quinet (15.1 ppg, 68 three-pointers), an all-state selection. He will be challenged by two-year letterman Thomas Clayton, freshman redshirt Marmet Williams, sophomore Jahl Bacon and senior walk-on Travis Gilley.

Long Beach State (49ers, 17-10, 11-7)

Coach: Seth Greenberg
Home court: The Pyramid (5,000)
Key losses: Rod Hannibal, All-Big West guard (15.7 ppg, 76 assists)

Three of the six returning lettermen are starters for the 49ers. Mix that in with two transfers, two redshirts, and three junior college players help top off a solid recruiting year. Long Beach returns Bay Area native Mike Atkinson (San Jose, Bellermino Prep). Now a senior forward, he was the nation's leader in field-goal percentage (.695) in 1994 while averaging 15.4 points per game. Atkinson earned All-Big West second-team honors. Veteran forward Terrance O'Kelley returns, a third-team all-conference selection, after leading the league in blocked shots (59) and averaging 11.9 ppg. Also returning is guard James Cotton (11.4 ppg), the Big West Freshman of the Year. The top newcomer is transfer Joe McNaull, a two-time All-Western Athletic Conference honoree from San Diego State. The 6-10 center averaged 11.7 ppg and 8.2 rebounds during the 1992-93 campaign. Redshirt Akeli Jackson, a 6-8 forward, was the 1993 CIF Div. IV Player of the Year. After not playing last season, Jamie Davis transfers from Long Beach City College. The 6-5 forward averaged 17.8 ppg as a sophomore.

UNLV (Runnin' Rebels, 15-13, 10-8)

Coach: Tim Grgurich
Home Court: Thomas and Mack (18,500)
Key losses: Dedan Thomas (205 assists)

The Runnin' Rebels may be running in circles after the departure of coach Rollie Massimino. But former UNLV assistant Tim Grgurich, hired Oct. 22, will give some direction to the program. A factor playing into the Rebels' success may be the fact that the team will play only nine home games as part of an NCAA ruling for past infractions. All nine games will be against conference opponents. But the Rebels aren't worried. The return of the Big West Player of the Year Kebu Stewart has the team optimistic. The 6-8 forward (18.9 ppg, 11.6 rpg) was the second leading scorer in the conference and the league's top rebounder. The return of 6-3 guard Reggie Manuel (17.2 ppg), who received first-team All-Big West honors, poses a perimeter scoring threat. He made 65-of-168 three-point attempts. Joining Manuel in the backcourt is Jermaine Smith who had 63 assists in a reserve role. Other returning double-digit scorers are 6-8 senior forward Patrick Savoy (11.5 ppg, 6.6 rebounds), and 6-5 swingman Clayton Johnson (11.7 ppg). Freshman 6-10 center Eric Lee (10.8 ppg, 11 rpg), helped guide Gentry High School to two-straight Mississippi state championship game appearances, is also expected to bolster the Rebels' run-and-gun style of play.

Nevada (Wolf Pack, 11-17, 6-12)

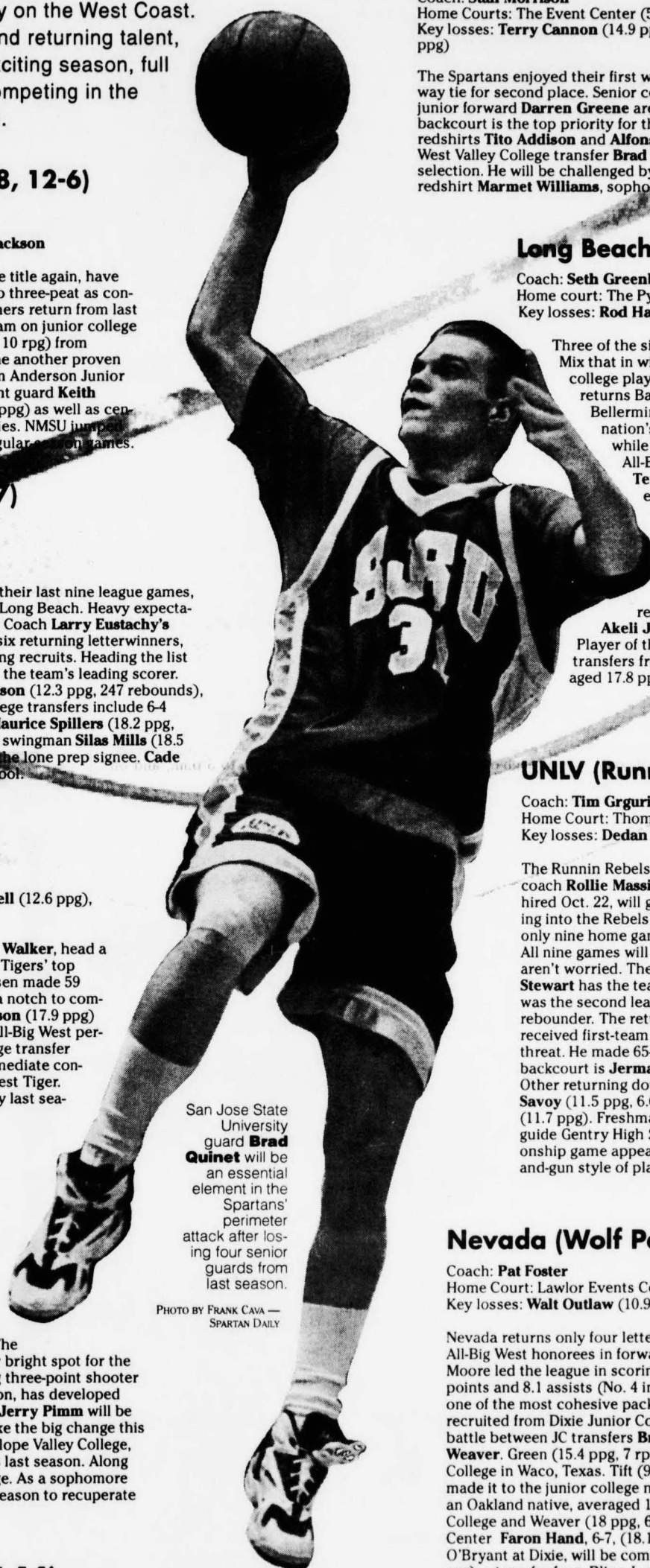
Coach: Pat Foster
Home Court: Lawlor Events Center (11,200)
Key losses: Walt Outlaw (10.9 ppg), Preston Johnson (10.8 ppg)

Nevada returns only four lettermen but two of the returnees are second-team All-Big West honorees in forward Jimmy Moore and guard Ethan O'Bryant. Moore led the league in scoring, averaging 19.2 points. O'Bryant averaged 11.6 points and 8.1 assists (No. 4 in the nation). This inside-outside combination is one of the most cohesive packages in the country. That is why both were recruited from Dixie Junior College. O'Bryant's backcourt running mate will be a battle between JC transfers Brian Green, Chris Tift, Damien Edwards and Joe Weaver. Green (15.4 ppg, 7 rpg) was an all-state performer for McClennan College in Waco, Texas. Tift (9.9 ppg) played for Three Rivers College, which made it to the junior college national championship game last season. Edwards, an Oakland native, averaged 19.7 points and 7.8 rebounds at North Idaho College and Weaver (18 ppg, 6 rpg) comes from Lamar Community College. Center Faron Hand, 6-7, (18.1 ppg, 9 rpg), previous teammates with Moore and O'Bryant at Dixie, will be competing with 6-8 junior Daniel Watts (16.8 ppg, 10.4 rpg), a transfer from Blinn Junior College in Texas.

Cal State Fullerton (Titans, 8-19, 6-12)

Coach: Bob Hawking
Home Court: Titan Gym (4,000)
Key losses: Greg Vernon (13.3 ppg)

Bob Hawking begins his first season as a collegiate head coach only to inherit an 8-19 squad that returns a bright 6-6 forward, Winston Peterson (15.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg), an All-Big West honorable mention performer. Tie in Peterson's presence with two other returning lettermen, center Fred Amos and guard Chris St. Clair. Looking to add some immediate punch to the Titans' offense are guards Ali Nayab (Southwestern Junior College) and Chuck Overton (Salt Lake City Community College). Nayab averaged a whopping 12.1 assists and 15 points while Overton was a junior college All-American last season.



San Jose State University guard Brad Quinet will be an essential element in the Spartans' perimeter attack after losing four senior guards from last season.

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LEFT: Associate professor in biology Jerry Smith, right, leads several volunteers through the Guadalupe River during a recent outing to find chinook salmon.

ABOVE: Smith nets a 38-inch salmon.

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Salmon: Finding their way to San Jose

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His role is to survey the river and come up with a rough estimate of the number of Chinook, he said.

Smith goes to the Guadalupe with a few of his students, and together they catch, tag and then release the fish. The tags are used later to make a salmon population estimate for a particular stretch of the stream.

In addition to surveying the river, Smith has been authorized to collect fin samples from the salmon for the California Department of Fish and Game.

The purpose of getting the samples is to determine the origin of the fish so the department can make a decision on how to manage the salmon population, said Margaret Roper, a fishery biologist with the agency. Roper is a 1990 graduate of SJSU and a former student of Smith's.

Collecting the samples takes about one minute per fish, Roper said. The salmon is caught with a large dip net, measured, and checked to see if it already has a tag (which might indicate that it's a hatchery fish). Then its sex is determined, and a 1-inch portion of its upper caudal fin is clipped.

If the salmon is alive, it is released. If it's a carcass, it's left there.

The sample is put in an airtight plastic bag, assigned a number, frozen and delivered to a geneticist in Moss Landing.

The geneticist will analyze the DNA from the fin clips, Roper said. They will be able to tell from the genetic code whether the fish match other known stocks (from other rivers or fish hatcheries).

The ones that established the run in the Guadalupe River could be strays from a hatchery or from someone's aquaculture project, Smith said.

"The DNA evidence can potentially give us an idea of where these fish came from."

The goal is to check 30 salmon — the department has 25 samples so far, 21 of which have been collected by Smith and his students.

Smith has taken his ichthyology (the study of fish) class, out to the river. The class has caught four fish, ranging in size from 18 inches to one that was 38 inches, Smith said. The students tagged them, took genetic samples and then released them.

"Being able to take the class and see salmon five minutes away is kind of a rare treat."

Smith said it has not been confirmed that the salmon are successfully reproducing in the Guadalupe, but there is "a real possibility that this is a sustainable resource in the system."

Depending on what the department finds in the tests, there may be some projects to improve river conditions for the salmon, and flood control projects may have to be modified to accommodate the fish, Smith said.

By preserving the river for the salmon, the hope is that young visitors to the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose can walk to the river, see the fish and study them, said Roger Castillo, a conservationist with a group called Silichip Salmon.

Although the Chinook are running, anglers should not get their hopes up — it's illegal to fish in the Guadalupe.

The secrets of spawning salmon

The majority of salmon spawn in the summer or in the autumn after leaving the ocean and swimming upstream to lay their eggs. The journey may take several months and cover 2,000 miles.

The female lays her eggs in the gravelly beds of shallow, rippling streams. The male acts as sentry as the female flips on her side and digs a nest in the gravel by swishing her tail. Then the male fertilizes them.

The female then moves a short distance, digs another nest, and lays more eggs. The process is repeated several times. A female may lay up to 10,000 eggs during spawning.

The gravel usually washes back to cover the eggs. The eggs hatch in three to four months, and the baby salmon lie hidden in the gravel for several weeks, feeding on a yolk sac attached to their stomachs.

Some types of salmon leave fresh water for the ocean when they come out of the gravel, while others stay in fresh water up to three years.

Only a small percentage of salmon reach the ocean from fresh water. Some are eaten by other fish or birds, and some are killed by polluted water. Many die trying to make their way through large, man-made reservoirs.

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Grades: In a world of change, they haven't

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with you (for jobs)," she said, "You have to get good grades."

But high grades don't necessarily mean students are learning more. "I think they just may have better study habits," Olazcoaga said. "I know people who study hard, but it isn't always evident by looking at their grades. It doesn't make them dumb, they just have to try something different."

DeAnna De Rosa, a lecturer in the journalism and mass communications department, who has been teaching at SJSU

for five years, agreed. "Some students don't test as well as others so I try to balance it out with some writing assignments."

Fear of bad grades may tempt some students to take easier classes or to take classes with easier professors.

Olazcoaga said she might take the easier route.

"It would be easier and it would be one less class I'd have to worry about," she said. "One of my sorority sisters told me to take a particular professor because he was easy and she

received an A in his class."

According to a Wall Street Journal article, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, will begin including the size of the class and the median grade of the class on students' transcripts, along with students' actual grades.

Could this eventually happen at SJSU?

"I doubt it," De Rosa said. "I don't see an immediate change. We've had the same system for quite a while, and it would have to be a statewide change in the CSU system."

When asked if professors are given a quota on how many of each grade to give out, De Rosa said, "There are no set quotas." However, she said that the department would have questions if a professor gave 60 out of 70 students A's.

Ken MacKay, associate dean of research in the science department, said there is no grade inflation in his department.

"If a student gets a high grade," he said, "it means they've met the objective of the course."

Living yule tree theft thwarted

STOCKTON (AP) — The grinch tried to steal Christmas outside an elementary school have been foiled. Officials at August School said a 12-year-old blue spruce was chopped down at the base by a vandal a few days ago. Citizens with the Christmas spirit will plant a new one Monday.

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noise is coming from. The device records all sounds when the wire is tripped, Haigh said. The recorder plays back what it picks up and records again — creating multi-layers of sounds.

Pride: SJSU grads asked to leave their mark

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meeting in Tower Hall, room 110, Dec. 14, 6 to 7 p.m. The committee has eight volunteers. Angela Ortega, office assistant, said volunteers will need to spend 10 hours a month on the committee.

Jack Douglas, head of Special Collections and university archivist, said the gift is a wonderful idea, but wonders where the money will come from.

Douglas said the campus lost its class identity when student enrollment jumped from 5,000 people to a post-war population of 15,000 people in the late '60s. SJSU became a commuter school, with few students living

on campus. Additionally, many students transfer from junior colleges and don't get a full, four-year experience.

Grossman said another problem is the diverse age range of students, which leads to less group involvement. But he believes the senior gift idea can work.

"I think there's a lot more pride out there than seniors have been given credit for," Grossman said.

It is possible to spot a few gifts from past classes at SJSU. A large tree near Dwight Bentel Hall is from the class of 1886. A white marble bench from the class of 1959 sits in a carefully

trimmed-out nook of juniper bushes in front of the Faculty Offices building.

Some ideas Grossman has for a class gift are new reference books for the library, more computers, or student scholarships. The committee may decide upon a traditional gift, such as new benches, renovating Spartan Memorial, or landscaping.

Or, Grossman said, the students can decide on academically-related gifts, like monetary donations to the campus department of the students' choice, if the committee cannot decide on one gift.

In early- to mid-April, those

who have applied for graduation in 1995 will receive either a phone call from a student, or a letter asking for a donation.

Grossman said he hopes for at least a 20 percent participation rate, with donations of \$100 and less. The average amount is expected to be \$35. Grossman said this is the standard amount donated at other campuses.

Olympic champ will skate Nutcracker role

LOS ANGELES (AP) — She's already living a fairy tale, so it's hardly casting against type to put 17-year-old figure skater Oksana Baiul in the lead for the "Nutcracker On Ice."

Orphaned by her mother's death in 1991, Baiul rose to stardom in the 1994 Winter Olympics, when she won the gold medal. She has since moved from her native Ukraine to train in Simsbury, Conn.

Now she's playing Clara opposite skater Viktor Petrenko, who will play the Nutcracker for Sunday's show at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood. Also appearing is American skater Brian Boitano.

Like her character, Baiul, 17, hails from a faraway place and harbors fantastic dreams.

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