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Chapter and verse on bookstore prices

By Cristal Guderjahn
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

At the Spartan Bookstore, a somewhat tattered copy of Dante's "Divine Comedy" will cost a student \$16, though it wears a \$1.95 price tag.

On a nearby shelf, a well-used copy of "Pelican Shakespeare" with a price tag of \$14.95 sells for nearly three times that amount at the register.

At first glance, these pricing contra-

dictions could cast a grim light on the Spartan Bookstore, where thousands of students spend hefty chunks of their income each semester.

Despite seemingly high prices, Spartan Shops' executive director Ron Duval hopes students don't jump to conclusions about their campus bookstore.

"Nobody in Spartan Shops is putting money in their pockets by over-

charging for textbooks," Duval said. "We're not taking people to the cleaners. We're quite competitive with other schools."

Indeed, the standard markup of 25 percent on new and used books matches that of Santa Clara University, Stanford University and the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Many Bay Area colleges have a markup policy of 26 or 28 percent, a statistic

listed in a 1994 Spartan Bookstore survey. Students can pick up an abbreviated version of the survey at bookstore cash registers. Three schools have markup policies of 22 percent, including University of California at Berkeley and Mission and West Valley colleges.

Profits from book sales benefit Spartan Shops, a San Jose State University nonprofit corporation that manages the school's bookstore, dining

and vending services and the university dining room.

Between confusing price tags and new books that seem overpriced, some students have a hard time appreciating their semi-annual textbook purchases.

"I could think of a few derogatory remarks about book prices," SJSU biology student David Thompson said. "Whether or not it's (benefiting) the

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FRIDAY FOCUS

This Pub's for you

By Roger R. Ramirez
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

If you're looking for a place where everyone knows your name, then pull up a stool at the Spartan Pub and have a cool glass of beer or wine.

Jerry Brown was governor, prices for a glass of beer ranged from 35 cents to 45 cents, and the president of the San Jose State University, John Bunzel, sipped the first glass of beer when the Pub opened almost 20 years ago.

The Spartan Pub, the first state college or university pub in California, opened its doors on the SJSU campus and started tapping its kegs on Sept. 8, 1975.

"I think better, and I work better when I have a glass of beer on hand," Bunzel said, in the Sept. 9, 1975 issue of the Spartan Daily. The accompanying picture showed Bunzel at the noontime grand opening, holding a frosted glass of Pabst dark to his lips, a beer no longer made.

Over the years the Spartan Pub has been the venue for protests, boycotts, celebrations and, of course, barroom brawls.

The Pub's central location on campus in the old Cafeteria building makes it a prime spot to rest when walking between classes.

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The Spartan Pub, located across from the Music building, has been serving up a variety of beer on tap along with a selection of food since Sept. 8, 1975. The Spartan Pub is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Easing graduation process

New software may speed bureaucracy

By Cristal Guderjahn
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A software upgrade at San Jose State University should ease at least one source of frustration with the school's graduation process, but students who plan to graduate this semester should still start preparing their applications early.

The "On Course" software package, planned to be on-line by next January, is the school's latest attempt to streamline its graduation application process which students say is lengthy and inefficient.

"The system is completely bureaucratic," said business major Marko Spremo, who said it took him three weeks to complete his application last fall.

"They put everything at the beginning of the school year. You're trying to add classes, running around campus getting your (graduation) paperwork signed," he said. "Then, you've got so many people waiting in line at the same time. It's just a huge hassle for a lot of people."

Many complaints come from transfer students, who often discover too late that they've failed to meet SJSU course requirements, said graduation supervisor Winona DeBree. If students met with academic advisers early, they'd avoid unwelcome surprises, she said.

"I don't know why, but it

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Students produce cabaret

Performance in Hugh Gillis Hall free to community

By Ken Stewart
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

"Every Day Another Door," a musical showcase featuring six San Jose State University students, opened Thursday in Hugh Gillis Hall, room 103. If students missed last night's performance, there are still two more opportunities: 12:30 and 8 p.m. today.

"(The production) has been a completely student-driven project, independently funded by the cast," cast member Maggie Hollinbeck said.

Hollinbeck also directs the production, in which she came up with the idea last summer while at summer stock theater

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Maggie Hollinbeck
cast member

in Michigan. She wanted to do a "cabaret-type show that was short, sweet and to the point," she said.

Besides Hollinbeck, the cast includes Steve Campbell, Jen-

nifer Fagundes, Rachel Haws, Robert Prentice and Richard Rodriguez. They have been rehearsing 15 hours a week since winter break.

Hollinbeck said the goal of the production was to pump up student initiative in the department.

Haws said the project was a growing experience because there was no faculty supervision. "You have to be very self motivated ... you have to showcase yourself," she said.

Cast members view the production as an opportunity to do things they normally can't do in their dance and drama classes.

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Apple sues Intel, Microsoft

Suit claims copyright infringement of multimedia software

By Catalina Ortiz
Associated Press Business Writer

Apple Computer Inc. on Thursday sued industry giants Intel Corp. and Microsoft Corp., accusing them of stealing Apple multimedia software.

Apple added Intel and Microsoft to a copyright infringement suit filed in December against The San Francisco Canyon Co., a small software development company that worked with Apple on versions of its QuickTime product.

The suit alleges that critical code from that Apple program

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David Nagel
Apple senior vice president

was copied and ended up in rival Microsoft software. It seeks an immediate stop to distribution of Microsoft's competing Video for Windows and unspecified damages.

"We cannot and will not

stand by and watch the fruits of our research and development efforts being plundered and our hard-fought advances in the marketplace being unfairly undermined," said

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—The Mellow Prose of Texas—

Replacement players will ruin baseball

When baseball went on strike, I was upset. When hockey followed suit, I was hurting. There was nothing to fill in the gap between the weekend football games. And with the Warriors' problems being what they are, the team isn't enough to satisfy my daily scanning of the box scores.

Fortunately, hockey came to its senses and the Sharks are doing OK. Now, spring training is almost upon us and President Clinton is getting involved in the baseball negotiations.

Good. Watching dissatisfied pro ballplayers will be more worthwhile than seeing replacement nobodies.

I'm the biggest Texas Rangers fan this side of the Sierra, and the 207,763 biggest San Francisco Giants fan in the Bay Area. I'll be damned if I step foot in Candlestick Park or the Oakland Coliseum to watch either team play if all they have to offer is scab players.

Why should I pay \$13 for a seat, \$5 for parking, \$2 a beer, and waste \$8 on gas to watch a bunch of boys who weren't good enough to play with the teams when the real men were out there.

It's like going to a four-star restaurant, like Tavern on the Green, and ordering a hamburger or a salad. Better yet, it's like ordering that hamburger there and having them purchase one at Burger King, plopping it on a plate with some parsley, and presenting it to you as their own.

It's like going to a movie premiere to see five of your favorite actors and actresses because they are listed in the credits of a movie ad. Then you find out they only make cameos. The main actors in the film are all body doubles, acting school dropouts or stars past their prime; stars who haven't been in a movie in 25 years, and are past the point of recognition.

Sure it looks like a juicy burger (debatable), and yeah, that may look like your favorite actor



Chris McCrellis-Mitchell

on the big screen, but it's really nothing more than clever packaging (debatable) of less-than-stellar quality material (not debatable).

You may be lucky enough to get the first peek at some of your favorite teams' future stars. In actuality, most teams will provide us with used-up has-beens and coming-out-of-forced-retirement veterans.

Why else would they have ads in the paper for tryouts? They could bring up minor league teams to replace the striking pros; but it won't happen. It's too risky, and what if there is a problem between the strikers and the scabs?

Could you imagine Matt Williams going to jail after beating up Darrel Evans for attempting to replace him on the field? Move over O.J., here's something meatier.

If true baseball fans are smart, they will hold out until the real deals are presented. If I can do it, you can do it.

If and when major league, the real major league, baseball finally returns, one of two things is going to happen.

One, everyone and their grandmother will flock in record numbers to their local venues to welcome back the poor unfortunate, underpaid and overworked ballplayers (very sarcastic). Or: Two, no one will show up because they think this whole strike business was the result of the greedy rich wanting to get richer.

Either way, it will take a while for the Boys of Bummer to return to the pedestal they were on in the past.

As for me, I just want them all to get along.

Chris McCrellis-Mitchell is the Editor of etc. His column appears every other Friday.



Opinion page policies

"If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

— John Stuart Mill, "On Liberty" (1850)

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—Writers Forum—

Mooching: an extremely annoying way of life

I bought a bag of french fries on my way to class the other day. Just as I took out the first fry, a classmate appeared at my side.

"Girlfriend, gimme a fry," he said as he swooped toward my dinner.

"Why don't you get your own fries?" I thought. Why should I sacrifice a fry when I'm still hungry?

I stood clutching the little greasy bag of fries for a few seconds. Well it was just one fry, I reasoned. Maybe I can give him the burnt one.

But it was more than a matter of sharing a fry. Once again, I had become the victim of a mooch.

A mooch is a person who will swipe your last fry; the person whose sentences begin with, "Buddy, got an extra" "Have a spare" "Can I borrow ..."

You can find them lurking in clubs, "borrowing" blue books in class and drinking (someone else's) beer at almost every party.

Maybe Popeye's freeloading friend Wimpy is popular among cartoon fans, but in real life I find his "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday" routine annoying.

Real life Wimpys seem to be a phenome-



Linda Taaffe

non in my life these days.

Most recently, I met someone I call the "charming mooch." They're the kind of person who cons everyone with their charm. They befriend you until they have borrowed a couple of dollars and smoked your last cigarette.

They assure you with a smile that they will pay you back tomorrow, then they disappear.

I know another mooch who spends his time trying to find the best trade-offs in every situation. Recently we went out. I should have known a plan was in motion when he offered to drive to the club we were going to.

At the club, he rationalized that I should pay for his \$8 cover charge since he had driven. This could have made some sort of sense, but he only drove two miles and I drove the last three times we went out.

My experiences don't stop here. My roommate, who had tagged along that night, never misses an opportunity to mooch.

Once inside the club, she swiped food from random victims, borrowed quarters from strangers and bargained for beer with the bartender.

By the end of the night I ate less, drank less and went home with \$25 less than either of them.

Mooches need to realize that they aren't just borrowing a fry, a couple of dollars or a blue book. They have made living off others a way of life.

The next time I'm approached by a mooch, instead of enduring another charade, I would just like to hear the person say, "I'm a freeloader. I don't care if I take your last fry, and I don't intend on paying you back."

Linda Taaffe is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer

—Writers Forum—

Violent television gives children wrong message

They come bursting through the door with their karate kicks and hits.

"Yaaahhh," they screech at the top of their lungs. Performing some kind of deranged twist in the air, they land in a stance with hands on their hips.

"Power Rangers!" they exclaim.

Move over Steven Segal, here come the 5-year-olds. They are so proud of themselves for "knowing" how to fight.

Working part time in a child care center, I see the attitudes of a lot of kids. Everybody knows that kids love the Power Rangers. Like many other so-called shows and cartoons for kids, the foundation lies with the fight between good and evil. It goes to show how inescapable violence is on television.

But, there comes a time when enough is enough. Subjecting children to this dreary side of reality reinforces that violence is OK.

Although I don't think the Power Rangers are that bad, there are shows and cartoons that are downright awful.

The animated series of Batman is a perfect example of what's wrong with children's shows. I've never seen a more violent cartoon. These characters run around

chasing each other with guns, shooting and killing each other. They even show the blood.

The dialogue gives kids negative reinforcement. It's full of nasty conversations between heroes and villains. How is this good, healthy entertainment? How can something this violent teach children anything positive? All it enforces is hate.

Kids are greatly influenced by television, and this kind of "entertainment" is a great influence in the wrong direction. Think about what this teaches children.

In this world that kids are living in, they don't need cartoons degrading human life

and the importance of it. They need positive reinforcement, giving them an appreciation of life.

Some people may argue and say that it's just television, it's not real, I agree. But try telling that to a 5- or 6-year-old.

Times have changed, so programming has to change. Some of these shows and cartoons are no laughing matter.

When I was a kid, I watched Richie Rich or Casper; they had the elements of good vs. evil. But you never saw someone getting killed like you do today in cartoons such as Batman.

In a society so full of violence and hate, one would think there would be a special effort to counteract the violence in society, rather than reinforce it.

Children imitate what they see. There are plenty of other shows and cartoons kids can watch other than Batman, X-Men or G.I. Joe. Scooby-Doo is a great alternative. It's funny, and there's no killing.

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SJSU's Weekly Calendar

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Career Planning & Placement
Resume Critique 12:30p.m.-2p.m. Student Union Almaden Room. Call 924-6033.

Chinese Campus Fellowship
Game Show 2:30p.m. - 5p.m. Student Union Guadalupe Room. Call 287-4118.

India Students Association
General Meeting 12:30p.m. Student Union Council Chambers. Call 225-2277.

Ohana of Hawaii
Membership/Drive Information for the month of February. Call 993-0212.

Sigma Theta Psi Sorority
Rush 8a.m. - 1p.m. In front of Student Union. Call 944-2643.

Saturday

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority
Brunch 11a.m. Alpha Omicron Pi House. Call 292-6742.

India Students Association
Valentine's Dance 8p.m.-1a.m. Student Union Ballroom. Call 271-6934.

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Rush Event 2p.m. - 4p.m. Student Union Bowling area. Call 944-2643.

SJSU Cycling Team
Davis Cycling Race 8a.m.-4p.m. Davis University. Call 295-1355.

Sunday

SJSU Cycling Team
Davis Cycling Race 8a.m.-4p.m. Davis University. Call 295-1355.

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Quayle not running for president in 1996

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sudden reversal, former Vice President Dan Quayle has decided not to enter the 1996 presidential race because of difficulties raising the millions of dollars needed for a campaign.

Quayle made the decision late Wednesday night and planned to issue a statement later today, said Mark Goodin, a Republican strategist who had been helping Quayle prepare for the race.

Just last month, Quayle said he was a definitely running and planned to file candidacy papers by Feb. 21. But in his travels and deliberations since, Quayle has found money hard to come by and got discour-

aged when confronted with what it would take to raise enough for a credible candidacy, Goodin said.

"He was extremely excited and fired up about running a campaign," Goodin said. "But the financial aspect of it threw a bucket of cold water on his enthusiasm."

Quayle's decision is yet another indication that the GOP field will be far smaller than expected just a few months ago. In recent weeks, both former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp have announced they would not run. Like Quayle, both cited the fund-raising demands as a major reason.

Now with Quayle out, there are three candidates who say they are definitely running: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. Others considering joining them include Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar and conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan. A few GOP governors also are mulling the race.

The other candidates moved quickly to praise Quayle.

Dole called Quayle a "courageous voice for mainstream American values" and said he would have been a formidable rival.

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Last year Fresno led nation in arsons per capita, FBI says

FRESNO (AP) — There were more arsons per capita in Fresno last year than anywhere else in the country, FBI records show.

Nearly 800 reported arsons in 1994 were responsible for \$6.7 million damage to houses, cars and other property. Of those fires, only 120 people were arrested.

not the work of one person or group. But he said there is a connection between many of the intentionally set fires and the city's gangs.

The latest reported arson occurred Wednesday morning at an apartment complex. Three of the four apartments were damaged, but no one was injured. There now are 47 arsons in Fresno this year

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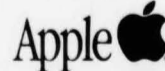
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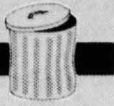
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Walker is sharing plenty of hugs

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daily trash talk



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Early season success soaked up in off week

By Eddie Zacapa
Special to the Daily

The San Jose State University women's gymnastics team posted two of its all-time team scores this season, with victories against UC Davis and Sacramento State.

And Spartans' Tara Law didn't let a bit of bronchitis stop her Saturday from scoring one of the best performances in her career, aiding the team effort.

Law won the all-around competition as the Spartans (4-2) were edged out 183.925 to 181.975 by UC Santa Barbara in the Spartan Gym.

"I think I did really well because I hadn't hit beam this year and I guess it was about time that I did that," Law said of her all-around score of 37.525. "It was tough. It was hard to breathe, like, during floor routines."

Law said she did light practices during the week and tried to save up her energy for the meet.

She had scores as high as 9.5 on the bars and 9.4 on the beam.

"She can hardly breathe and she still did a great job," Head Coach Jackie Walker said.

Liz Tily and freshman Hawley Almstedt also scored well as they took third and fifth in the all-around competition with scores of 37.1 and 36.3.

But despite some great performances the team fell a little short.

"Everybody makes up the team scores and if one person makes a mistake then other people have to make up for it," Almstedt said.

SJSU pulled out a 184.250-183.975 slim victory.

gymnastics

Sacramento (3-2), who is close to the Spartans in the standings, will be an important test for the team as it gets ready for regionals.

"It's an important meet for us because they are really close to us in our standings with our average to make it to regionals," Law said.

"If everyone stays focused and does what they have to do, we will do well."

Kim Hughes, Sacramento State head coach, said, "I guess we have a first meet jinx. The

last three years we have lost to them and in the past we have been able to come back and win the last two meet against them.

"But both teams are a lot better this year and it will all depend on who hits their routines," she said.

Walker believes that after having a lot of meets in a row and it is good for the team to now have a week to prepare.

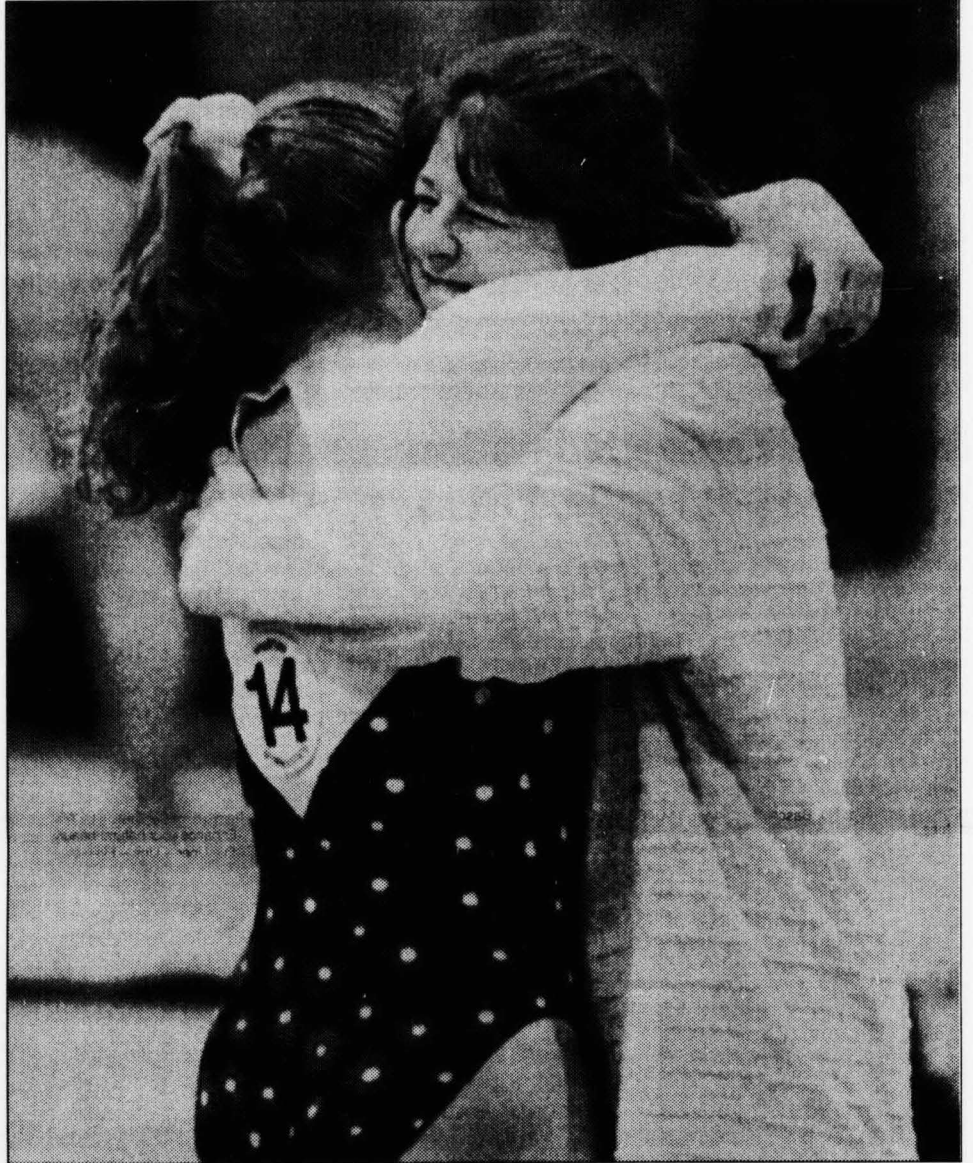
"We will regroup and I think we will come back stronger," she said. "We kind of needed to get one of these out of our system, and I'm sorry it was at home and not on the road."

Despite some good individual marks, the team has also tried some new moves and experimented to gain experience for the remainder of the season.

"We were much more aggressive," Law said.

"We went for a lot of skills that we usually don't go for all the way and even though it may have cost us some points in the long run, it will pay off."

The team has a bye this week. They host Cal State Fullerton and Sacramento State at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Spartan Gym.



Ann-Marie Taylor gets a hug from San Jose State University women's gymnastics Coach Jackie Walker after she scored a 9.2 on a vault during a recent meet at SJSU.

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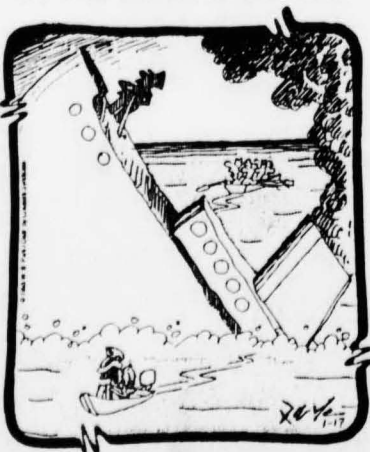
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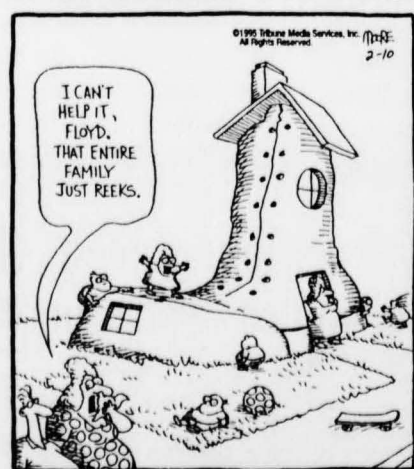
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FRIDAY FOCUS

Cheers...

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In the 80s, the Pub hosted local wine tasting, had live music four nights a week and even had a brawl now and then.

Today, there's no live music or wine tasting. In fact, the only wine the Pub offers is white zinfandel which is also made into a wine cooler/spritzer.

The Pub maintains a low-profile while keeping to the tradition of providing another option of somewhere to eat for students and faculty.

Jerry Mimnaugh, director of Spartan dining services, said, "it (the Pub) was a service they provide, but it's not something they accent or market."

In the past five years, beer and wine sales for the Pub have fallen from almost \$1000 a day in 1989-90 to little over \$400 a day last year, a decline of almost 40 percent.

Mimnaugh attributes the decline in sales to the reduction of the student population, the Pub's decrease in hours of operation and the recent development of downtown night clubs and attractions.

The Pub has tried to compete against the new establishments in the area by bringing back happy hour and renaming it "munchie madness." From 3-5 p.m. daily, the Pub serves free popcorn, chips and salsa and discounts all premium beers.

"The prices are reasonable and comparable to other places, but I'm not too crazy about the physical layout of the place," said Richard King, a re-entry student studying anthropology.

Pizza, hot dogs, nachos and sandwiches together with 17 varieties of beer on tap compete to satisfy a customer's palate and top the bill of fare at the Pub.

Toby Shaw, telecommunications staff

member at SJSU, frequents the Pub about two to three times a month and confessed, "I come here (to the Pub) for the soft pretzels."

Wendy Sol, a first timer to the Pub, found it to be a refuge from the crowded Connection and Student Union Cafeteria. Sol is a graduate student studying sociology and said she liked the atmosphere because she was able to study and catch the news.

The Pub's hours are Monday-Friday 11-7 p.m., and closed on the weekends.

The reduced hours haven't stopped Vincent Lee, a junior majoring in accounting, to frequent the pub three to four times a month. Lee said it's a little noisy, but he can study.

If you're 21 years-old and feel a need for some good beer or "munchies," you don't have to walk far but to the Spartan Pub.

Apple

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David Nagel, senior vice president and general manager of Apple's software division.

Apple's QuickTime software lets computer users display high-quality video on their screens. Apple has a version for users of its own Macintosh personal computers and another, QuickTime for Windows, for the much larger market of PCs with Microsoft's Windows operating software.

Analysts say QuickTime has given Apple a lucrative edge in the growing market for multimedia.

"QuickTime is critical for Apple because it represents the ability to bring video ... into the Mac side of the world, and Apple of course was trying to do that for Windows," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies Research International in San Jose.

Microsoft did not immediately respond to a phone call seeking comment.

But Intel Corp. spokesman John Thompson said the company was surprised by the suit and has been trying to schedule a meeting with Apple to discuss the issue, he said.

"Quite frankly, as we understand it, the code that they're concerned about doesn't amount to enough ... to argue about, so we'll rewrite it," Thompson said.

Apple, however, said Intel had not been serious about talking with the company. Apple spokeswoman Kate Paisley, in response to Thompson's state-

ment about the code, said, "If that's what they're saying now, it's a legal issue, and I guess our attorneys need to talk."

The initial suit, filed in U.S. District Court in San Jose, stems from a 1992 agreement Canyon had with Apple to develop a Windows-based versions of QuickTime.

Apple claims Canyon infringed its copyright and breached its contract when it later worked with Intel on program to improve Microsoft's Video for Windows software. Intel, based in Santa Clara, Calif., is the leading maker of computer chips used in computers running Microsoft software.

Apple alleges that the program Canyon delivered to Intel contains an exact copy of code from QuickTime for Windows. Intel then contributed the code to Microsoft, Apple claims.

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Bookstore

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university or the bookstore, somewhere along the way, I feel like I'm paying too much."

Thompson, who spent about \$300 on books this semester, said even if he spends \$80 on a textbook he uses in two classes, he's still not convinced of its value.

His friend, hospitality major Keith McCarthy, thinks spending a few hundred dollars each semester for books is par for the course.

"Students pay the tuition, and then, some think books should be subsidized," said McCarthy, who also spent about \$300 this semester. "Times have changed ... People are on tighter budgets."

For many students, selling textbooks at semester's end is a welcome consolation to their reluctant purchases. Spartan Bookstore buys books from students year-round, though certain times are more profitable than others.

For example, if the store is running low on a specific title, the bookstore pays half the cost of a new book, regardless of the student's original purchase price.

If the bookstore is overstocked on a title, an employee may offer a student \$1 for a book that cost \$30. This could be frustrating to a student with no use for used textbooks.

"I've got a stack of old texts that no one wants," said Thompson, who plans

to graduate next year.

Spartan Bookstore employee Steve Johnston said he would like to see students sell their used textbooks back to the store at the highest price possible.

Johnston, the store's new associate director of textbooks, said he plans to train bookstore employees to inform students of better buy-back periods.

"Sometimes the worst thing (the student) can do is to hang on to (a book)...Other times, it can be the best thing to do," said Johnston, who joined the bookstore staff in July. "We need to train employees to give better answers to students."

Used books present a complex problem to the bookstore, especially when old price tags baffle students. When the store buys used books from one of its nine distributors, the store pays the distributors' prices, which Johnston said are "strictly supply and demand driven."

As the books arrive at the bookstore, employees black out or peel off old price tags and replace them with bar code labels that translate into prices at the register. Textbooks that show outdated prices, such as the copy of "Divine Comedy," simply escaped the black pen, Johnston said.

"With 4,000 titles a semester, some are going to slip through the cracks," Johnston said.

As used book distributors continue to claim a rapidly growing portion of the text-

book market, publishers expect new edition pricing to rise, said Sharon Webb of International Thomson Publishing in Belmont.

Publishers often search the nation's universities for professors to write or co-write textbooks, she said. Sometimes, if the publishers want a book discussing a new field of study, the search can be painstaking.

Once the book is completed, often several years after the author begins writing it, professors and academic experts must discuss and approve the textbook.

But pinpointing reasons for the high cost of textbooks extends beyond competition and the price of trees. When Webb hears complaints from students, instructors and bookstores, she's armed with confidence in her product.

"I'm never defensive about our prices because I know what goes into publishing a book," Webb said. "It takes years to develop. It's not just a matter of an author sitting down and peeling off a textbook."

For Spartan Bookstore staff members, book price complaints are a predictable part of each new generation of students.

"If you go back 30 years ago, I was paying \$6.95 for a textbook that is now \$60," Duval said. "We complained about the prices of textbooks then. I can remember to this day, we read one chapter out of the book, I returned it, and they offered me a dollar for it."

Musical

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"(It) allows the cast to pick apart the music in a way that you can't in a big production," Fagundes said.

"Each actor in the production has a solo number, but there are duets and trios," Hollinbeck said. The one-hour piece is all music with no dialogue.

The simple set consists of six white stools and a swivel chair for two reasons, Hollinbeck

said. One, budget. Two, the "show is real textual and relies on stories and songs" rather than a fancy set.


"Every Day Another Door" is part of the lyrics in some of the songs but was also used to instill the idea: "Every time you accomplish a hurdle, there is another one waiting for you," Hollinbeck said.

"(The musical is) about students taking their careers into their own hands," she said, "and

making sure they get to do what they want to do with it."

The cast invited casting directors from five Bay Area professional theaters to the perfor-

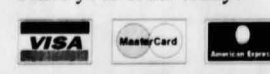
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