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**SJSU wins
baseball
tournament**

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Driving the bandwagon



Drummer James Nobriga keeps the tempo going for the Spartan band during a basketball game against California State University, Fullerton in the Event Center. The SJSU pep band witnessed the entirety of the Spartan Big West championship season, from the early losses to the excitement of the NCAA Tournament. For more pictures of the band in action, please see **Thick & Thin**, page 4.

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The incredible Stanley Baran

By Russell Hall
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Selected as the 1995-96 President's Scholar, one of the two highest honors paid to faculty members each year, perhaps no words can do a thorough job in describing Stanley Baran as those said by Jack Crane, dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts.

In his nomination letter to the President's Scholar Selection Committee, Crane said: "It is incredible to me that he has become and remains so forceful and influential a scholar despite shouldering the burdens of his chairpersonship."

Baran is currently the chairman of the department of theater arts and has been for nine of the ten years he has been on staff at SJSU. Receiving his bachelor's degree in radio, television and film at the University of Massachusetts, Baran has been very instrumental in improving the SJSU radio, television and film depart-

Theater arts chairman selected President's Scholar

ment as well as the department of theater arts as a whole.

"Usually the term of chair is four years, but Baran did such a good job we gave him another term," said Mike Adams, head advisor for KSJS.

Shortly after he came to SJSU in 1986, Baran made it a priority to improve station operations at KSJS. He appointed Adams as advisor to KSJS, and radio, television and film profes-

sor Kim Massey as director of finances at the station. Baran was largely responsible for getting the money for a new transmitter and studios.

"Baran took an early interest in KSJS, put a lot of work into it and supported me the whole way," Adams said.

Among being the chairman of theater arts, Baran also keeps busy writing books and articles on media

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Telling the homeless story

Group of 10 shares the down-and-out experience

By Dustin Shekell
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A humble man from Alaska moved to San Jose two years ago in search of a successful cooking career, and like many people who converge into this area, he was unable to find a job capable of supplying the money necessary to pay Silicon Valley's exorbitant rent costs.

He currently works two jobs and sleeps under a bridge.

This down and out man was one

of 10 homeless people who told their story in the Student Union's Almaden Room in front of about forty sympathetic students, Friday afternoon.

"These homeless people are not lazy and drunk like most people think," Scott Wagers, SJSU graduate and program director of the Community Homeless Alliance, said. "They are people, just like you and me, who simply can't afford the median price of housing in Santa Clara County."

Housing prices in this county are the fourth highest in the nation, Wagers said, forcing many people to begin a fruitless search for affordable housing. The government of San Jose has done little to help the plight of these people, beside building warehouse type shelters that pack-in and demoralize the homeless, forcing them to permanently rely on the city for help, he said.

In 1992, Wagers was one of the

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Barbecue politics

Area candidates meet the public at radio station's town hall gathering

By Francis Ladines
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Amid the smell of charcoal, barbecue and beer, presidential, congressional and state assembly candidates made themselves available to voters in the modest surroundings of a warehouse.

A town hall meeting sponsored by San Francisco radio station KSFO brought candidates to an electronic surplus warehouse in Milpitas Thursday night. Forty candidates were scheduled to attend.

The atmosphere was informal, yet festive at Curtis Trading Company, located in the middle of an industrial park. It carried the ambience similar to a party held in someone's garage. The warehouse's walls of bare dry wall and floor of concrete were scantily adorned. People and candidates sat in the plastic chairs. But with free food and chance for people to exchange ideas with politicians, the crowd was loud and enthusiastic.

"The first purpose is to eat and have a good time, right?," joked Geoff Metcalf, radio personality from KSFO who moderated the event. "The second is to meet the candidates."

He said it was a good opportunity for people to see who was running, hear their agendas and to ask them questions.

Due to time concerns, only candidates for congress were allowed to give brief speeches. State assembly, city and judgeship candidates were given tables manned by themselves or supporters to talk to their constituents.

Chuck Wojlaw, republican nominee for the 16th congressional district, received some of the loudest applause. "I'll tell you a few things about Chuck the person, Chuck the professional and Chuck the politician," he said. A San Jose resident for 28 years, he worked as an electrical engineer and is a tenured professor of electronics manufacturing at SJSU. He said

he was retiring early to run for office. "I have not held public office before and I am not a closet lawyer," said Wojlaw.

Independent presidential candidate, Charles Collins, also received generous applause by the end of his speech. Disaffected by President Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, he hoped to build a coalition with Pat Buchanan, Alan Keyes and other presidential candidates.

"We have some of the best minds in the nation to give your country back," said Collins.

Alan Keyes supporters had a table and a representative for Buchanan asked the audience to return March 23, when Buchanan will speak at Curtis Trading Company.

While candidates for representatives as far as Oakland and Santa Cruz were present, districts in San Jose were not well represented.

Dave Cortese, a democrat running for the 23rd assembly district, was one of the few San Jose area candidates available. Cortese himself was not present, but his campaign manager, David Rocha had a table. Talking to constituents and passing out literature, he believes all the local candidates were invited, some just did not chose to attend.

"Any kind of forum is good. It is hard to meet them (the candidates)," said Rocha.

But some people who came to the event were disappointed.

Jason, an attendee from Milpitas could not find any representatives from his district or anyone he would like to vote for in congressional and presidential races. Jason said the main reason why he came was "to see if there was a candidate here that I can share their opinion and support in the primaries in November. But what I found wasn't useful for me. I have a pamphlet here from someone I can't vote for."

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Geoff Metcalf
moderator

MR. STUKENHOLTZ'S OPUS



Larry Stukenholtz conducts the Mater Dei High School Concert Choir during a practice on the SJSU campus in preparation for an invitational performance at the Performing Arts Center.

PHOTO BY LEA TAURIELLO — SPARTAN DAILY

Project pedals to help children

By Shane Lewis
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

To passersby driving down 10th Street at nearly three in the morning last Thursday, the scene was a bizarre one.

In front of the Kappa Delta Sorority house, outside in the cold air, half a dozen students were laying on a couch under blankets, watching "Dazed and Confused" on a television set, while two women pedaled on exercise bikes set up on the front porch.

It was all part of the "12th Annual Shamrock Project," a charity drive involving an exercise bike pedalathon

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Meghan Rudey
Shamrock Project chairwoman

and a barbecue with the goal of raising money for the Santa Clara County Children's Shelter, which provides housing to dependent, neglected and abused children temporarily until new housing can be found for them, and the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPA).

"We like to be involved in the community," said Meghan Rudey, chairwoman of the Shamrock Project and member of the Kappa Delta sorority. "We like to try and help out our com-

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SPARTAN SPEED READ

Academy protest

The Rev. Jessie Jackson is organizing a protest of this year's Academy Awards because of a nearly total absence of African-American nominees.

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Low-cost computers

Japan this month will get a simpler, lower-cost computer for playing games and going on-line with the Pippin Atmark from Apple Computers.

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Future of athletics

San Jose State University Athletic Director, Tom Brennan, talks about the future of the Spartans, as SJSU becomes a new member of the Western Athletic Conference.

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WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?



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Jim Margulies

Our country was founded on the idea of a free, independent press ...

Public-minded media

By Michael Barton

The ongoing debate about the news media's bias is exhausting. I have been reading into Usenet newsgroups like alt.journalism from my computer terminal for a couple of years now as conservatives blast the press for their liberal bias because coverage is not tailored to the conservative sociopolitical belief system.

Their voices have begun to be heard. Or is it the other way around? Critics argue that the ownership of the media alone by corporate multinationals clearly indicates them with a heavy case of conflict of interest. I agree.

The scope of the news media and sources cited leans heavily to the right, and any commitment to the public which might be abrasive to conservative dogma gets labeled as "liberal," leading to the right's claim of a biased press.

This vicious cycle of the media feeding the public from their own self-serving enterprise has bitten us in the behind. The rise of conservatism can be directly traced to the incessant conservative ideology reinforcements which plague every story through narrow sourcing, for example, from the business page to the front page. And television is even more repulsive as it competes for market share with the "infotainment" industry. The public is crying out by ending subscriptions, turning off the evening news while the alternative press and media are flourishing. It's our turn, and now is the time and the place.

Well, actually it was Feb. 29 through March 2, and it was held in San Francisco. It was called the Media and Democracy Congress and it was founded by the Institute for Alternative Journalism.

The charter states: "The goals of the Media and Democracy Congress include: strengthening independent and public interest journalism and developing models for its economic viability; protecting the right to freedom of expression and responding to attempts to limit it; developing new models of collaboration among radio, TV, print and on-line media; reaching wider audiences; facilitating communication between activists and journalists;

understanding and responding to the threat from the far right; grappling with new technology and its impact on how we use information; working together to build a potent public media for the 21st century."

The Congress was justly named because it drafted an Information Bill of Rights to acknowledge the need for public-minded media and establish the goals for change.

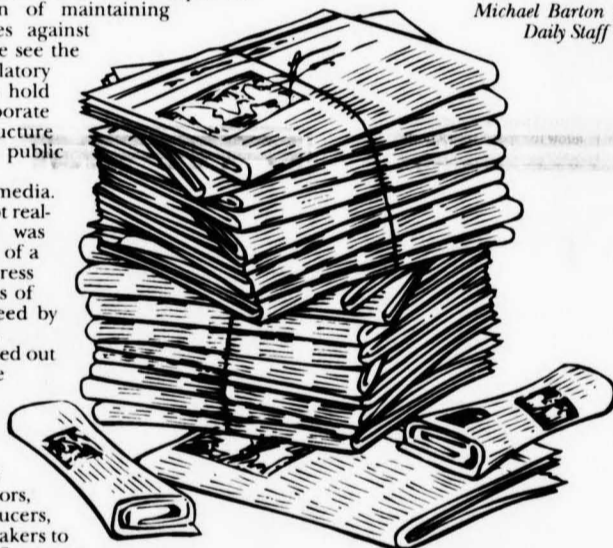
The preamble states: "Despite the sheer volume of today's media culture, we see before us a greater concentration of the resources necessary to produce and distribute information in the hands of the privileged few. The result is a loss of diversity, quality, accountability, and local voices. Despite the democratic tradition of maintaining checks and balances against centralized power, we see the erosion of the regulatory policies necessary to hold our increasingly corporate media infrastructure accountable to the public good."

Public-minded media. What a novel idea. Not really — our country was founded on the idea of a free, independent press and given the powers of free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The Congress charted out the future of the entire media by acknowledging themselves as a potent force to be reckoned with. It brought together editors, journalists, producers, activists and media-makers to San Francisco for the first meeting of a hard working, fragmented sector of the media to counter the concentration of mass media.

If you feel left out by the mainstream media, you have a new force to join. Even though the historic and first Media and Democracy Congress has passed, its charter lives on in an empowered force of public journalists and media professionals. And you can see the pages and hear the audio of the proceedings on-line. (The home page for the Congress can be found at <http://www.alternet.org/> and the RealAudio feed for multi-cast audio files can be found at <http://www.voyagerco.com/>. The Institute for Alternative Journalism and the can be reached at 77 Federal St., San Francisco, Calif. 94107 for further information.

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—Letter

Society's messes

Our modern culture is very efficient, sometimes too efficient. Sometimes we have a tendency to fix problems before they happen. Many of our problems simply need to be cleaned up. For example, we don't need laws to prevent children from messing their diapers, we simply need to clean them up. Timely pregnancies are another type of problem that need cleaning up.

While doing a research project I came across one of those strange sounding statistics that seems to defy logic: "The Netherlands, with Europe's most liberal abortion law, has an annual abortion rate of five abortions for every 1,000 women ... Western Europe (has an) average of 14. The United States in 1991 had 26 abortions per 1,000 women. In Latin America, where abortion is largely illegal, the rate is between 30 and 60 per 1,000 (State of World Population by the United Nations Population Fund, 1995)." In other words, harsher laws are positively related to higher rates of abortion.

Obviously these two variables are related, that is, laws against abortion and frequency of abortion. If we assume the anti-abortion laws are the cause and the frequency of abortion is the effect, then we arrive at the conclusion that stricter laws are causing an increase in the frequency of abortion. But, that seems to make no sense because laws are supposed to have a deterrence quality. The deterrence quality should make the statistics go the other way — stronger laws should make for less frequent abortions. But, that's not what the statistics say.

So, maybe the frequency of abortions are the cause and the laws the effect. If that's the case, then we arrive at the conclusion that the more people have abortions, the harsher the laws will be against abortion. But, that's not quite right either because that would seem to say that anti-abortion laws are enacted after the fact of abortion frequency. That's fine if what we want to do is to punish would-be mothers, but not so fine if what we want is to decrease abortions. Reaching an impasse in logic, I turned to my girlfriend to help solve the riddle.

"Maybe those countries with fewer abortions take care of their mothers and babies better than those countries with higher abortions," she said.

"Right, I get it," I said. "Women who know they are going to be taken care of and who know that their babies will be taken care of are less likely to seek abortions." Now, when we take into account the taking-care-of-the-needy factor, our statistics make a little more sense. Women who are not afraid of living on the streets and having to forgo an education or job training program are more likely to have their babies. And, if countries that put their resources into helping pregnant mothers are less likely to spend money on prosecuting their doctors and mothers, then our statistics make perfect sense. If the above statistics said, "The Netherlands, with a high degree of motherhood support have only five abortions per 1,000 and countries with less motherhood support have higher abortion rates," then we would have no occasion to wonder. So, if our purpose is to have less abortions, it would seem to be better to put our scarce resources into education, child care, and prenatal care than into laws and prisons and police.

All this brings to mind an author I had the pleasure to read in Dr. McCraw's political science class: Jose Ortega y Gasset. Ortega wrote a book titled "Revolt the Masses." Ortega describes modern man as a creature disposed to "direct-action." Direct-action is our predisposition to enact laws and to seek solutions to problems in their causes — to fix problems before they happen. So, instead of fixing a tire when it goes flat, a direct-action man would buy a steel belted radial to prevent flats in the first place.

Sometimes we need to relax our direct-action tendencies. We could enact laws for every conceivable type of misdemeanor — but would the cost of living under an authoritarian state be worth the pay-off of maximum security? I don't think so.

So, maybe we are doing right by not enacting laws against abortion. Maybe we are doing well by taking care of our less fortunate sisters and their children. And, it follows, that by helping them to have that baby, they'll be less inclined to have a second or third pregnancy. We all fall down sometimes. We all make mistakes. But, let's not fall down as a society by ignoring our mothers and their children. We would do better to clean up societies little messes than to write laws against them.

David Perzinski
Political Science

Letters to the Editor

A.S. has lack of commitment

As a student who served on the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee last semester, and has twice asked to be considered as a replacement for a vacant student position on the Academic Senate, I read Lindy Boisvert's article (Attending A.S., March 14) regarding A.S. attendance, quorums, and the need for bodies to conduct business, with fascination.

Ms. Boisvert, I do not fault your journalism, but may I relate my experiences in this area? On both occasions I was applying for the vacant position, I dutifully went to the A.S. office and filled out their forms, and on both occasions I was told I would be called for an interview, whereby the decision would be made as to the replacement position to last till the next election. And on neither occasion

was I called. The second time around, I had been serving on the above committee, with a perfect attendance record I might add, and offered to forgo registration for my spring classes till after the selection so as not to have a conflict with the Monday p.m. meetings. I was given a promise by Marilyn Charell to be kept informed as to the timing of the decision making so I could register as soon as possible. Neither Charell nor anyone in the A.S. office ever saw fit to extend to me the small courtesy of calling me when the decision had been made, let alone even GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS of actually INTERVIEWING me.

It seems to me that when Denelle Fedor whines about the lack of commitment from the various board members, senators, and committee persons, what she is really whining about is the lack of commitment from the people who think, talk, and act like she, or the A.S. selection

committee expects them to think, talk, and act.

Bill Harvey
Art and Technology

Make your vote count

The student elections may be over but the California 1996 primary is right around the corner. Before you head out for the fun and frolic of spring break, remember to obtain an absentee ballot application if you have registered to vote. The applications are available all over campus or check directly with Associated Students, your student government located in the Student Union. This application must be returned no later than March 19, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. to the elections office.

In California, there will be two statewide elections. Our spring election, called the "primary," will be

held on March 26. The fall election is held in November. In all elections you may vote by mail if you request an absentee ballot application. From my own personal experience, voting by mail makes the election process easy, accessible and with no excuse not to vote.

This year we will elect a president, U.S. representatives, California senate and assembly representatives, and ballot measures on issues. If this is the first time you will vote in an election, just know you don't have to vote on everything. Choose the things that interest you and learn more about them.

Make your vote count! Make it easy! Vote by mail!

Marilyn Charell, President
Associated Students

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SJSU's Daily Calendar

Today

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Meeting. Noon-1p.m.
Administration Bldg., rm. 269
Call 776-0365.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Mass. Noon. John XXII
Center, 195 E. San Fernando
St. Call 938-1610.

Department of Nutrition & Food Science
Bioelectrical Impedance
Analysis testing, measuring
percentage of body fat (\$5
for students, faculty, staff).
3p.m.-5p.m. Central classroom
Bldg., rm. 103. Call 924-3110.

**Golden Key National
Honors Society**
"Preprofessional" conference.
12:30p.m. Student Union,
Guadalupe rm., Call 223-8161.

Jewish Student Union
Meeting. 5:30p.m. Student
Union, Guadalupe rm.
Call 924-8685.

**Re-Entry Advisory
Program (REAP)**
Support group for Re-Entry
students. 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.
Administration Bldg., rm. 201.
Call 924-5950.

**Royce Hall (affiliation)
Event, "Bring Your Own
Liquid. We'll Bring the Pizza."**
7p.m. Royce Hall, movie
lounge. Call 924-6197.

School of Art & Design
Student gallery exhibits -
Andrew Nordin, painting;
The Shrunken Head Man
Club; Everett Taasevegin, BFA
exhibit; Jean Yi, installation;
Karen Johnson, installation;
and "Measured Movement:
The Art of Labor." 11a.m.-
4p.m. Art Bldg. Call 924-4330.

Student Health Service
Nutrition/Wellness Series,
update on osteoporosis by
Jacqui Cenci-McGrody.
Noon-1p.m. Health Bldg.
rm. 208. Call 924-6118.

Tai Chi & Wushu Club
Workout. 8p.m.-10p.m.
Spartan Complex West,
rm. 202. Call 924-8074.

Water Polo Club
Practice. 4p.m.-5:30p.m.
Aquatic Center. Call 924-1225.

Tuesday

Building Social Support
General therapy group.
12:30p.m.-2p.m. Adminis-
tration Bldg., rm. 201.
Call 924-5910.

Bulwer-Lytton English Club
Meeting, with entertainment
and refreshments. 3p.m.-4p.m.
Faculty Offices, rm. 104.
Call 436-7471.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Mass. Noon. John XXII
Center, 195 E. San Fernando
St. Call 938-1610.

Circulo Hispanico
Meeting, with tutoring and
conversations in Spanish.
2p.m.-3p.m. Student Union,
Council Chambers.
Call 924-8024.

Department of Nutrition & Food Science
Bioelectrical Impedance
Analysis testing, measuring
percentage of body fat (\$5
for students, faculty, staff).
Noon-2p.m. Central
Classroom Bldg., rm. 103.
Call 924-3110.

French Club
Film, "Les Visteurs," with
subtitles (free admission).
7p.m. Sweeney Hall, rm. 100.
Call 924-4611.

KSPS 190.5
Staff meeting for the
campus radio station.
5:30p.m. Hugh Gillis Hall,
rm. 118. Call 924-4547.

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Sales Unit**
Book Sale (donations wel-
come). 10 a.m.-2p.m.
Wahlquist Library, rm. 408
and Clark Library, lobby.
Call 924-2705.

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nology Symposium Series,
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Student Union, Costanoan
rm. Call 924-2499.

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Karate Club**
Workout. 4p.m.-5p.m.
Spartan Complex West,
rm. 202. Call 924-8759.

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4p.m. (reception 4p.m.-
6p.m.). Art Bldg.
Call 924-4330.

School of Art & Design
Tuesday Night Lecture
Series, with Armando Rascon,
artist and co-owner of Terrain
Gallery in San Francisco.
5p.m.-6p.m. Art Bldg., rm. 133.
Call 924-4330.

University Housing Services
"The Victims of Drinking and
Driving." 6p.m. Dining com-
mons. Call 924-8382.

Women's Resource Center
Open meeting. 11a.m.-
12:30p.m. Women's Resource
Center, Administration Bldg.,
rm. 217. Call 924-6500.

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PEOPLE

A Hollywood protest and a new star

Jackson not pleased with Oscar picks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson is organizing a protest of this year's Academy Awards because of a nearly total absence of African-American nominees.

"It doesn't stand to reason that if you are forced to the back of the bus, you will go to the bus company's annual picnic and act like you're happy," Jackson said Saturday from Chicago.

Jackson said he will coordinate with several ethnic advocacy groups and community leaders on a grass-roots protest aimed at the March 25 Oscar presentations.

Executives of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences executives pointed out that this year's Oscar show is being produced by Quincy Jones and hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, and denied any institutional racism.

"The academy is probably the most liberal organization in the country this side of the NAACP," said executive director Bruce Davis. "To say that the academy is discriminating against minorities is absurdity of the highest level. There must be other groups that are more in need of Rev. Jackson's attention."

Darden speaks out

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutor Christopher Darden says justice suffered at the O.J. Simpson trial because of a judge who lost control of the courtroom and a defense that cynically played to the black jurors' desire for a racial "payback."

"Collectively, we're all a bunch of failures," Darden said in an interview for broadcast Friday on ABC's "20/20."

Launching his publicity campaign for his book, Darden called the trial "a monumental waste of time and taxpayers' money" and said Simpson's speedy acquittal in October was unfair to Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson.

Darden said there was plenty of blame, starting at the top. Judge Lance Ito let Simpson's lawyers take control, Darden said.

"Johnnie Cochran ran that courtroom, not Judge Ito," he said. "He surrendered his gavel, essentially. ... The law was being ignored. There was no judge."

Calls on Friday to Ito and the defense attorneys weren't immediately returned.

Darden said he believes the mostly black jury acquitted Simpson to get even for years of racial injustice.

"From the very moment I saw that jury, I didn't believe we had a snowball's chance in hell," Darden said. "I saw anger in that jury. ... I sensed it's payback."

Darden also said he wanted to slug Cochran "with a right cross" after the two black lawyers debated the impact of the jury hearing "the n-word."

"What he was saying to African-Americans was

that I was a sellout, I was a race traitor," Darden said. "I was an Uncle Tom. I wasn't to be trusted. ... That's what he was saying."

Darden dismissed defense attorney Robert Shapiro's post-verdict apology for injecting race into the trial.

"I think that it is way too late, much too late to distance himself from what eventually occurred in the courtroom. He played the race card along with the rest of them," the prosecutor said.

Darden also suggested with annoyance that Cochran flirted with prosecutor Marcia Clark. "I don't know if they came on to each other. ... But the manner in which they behaved toward each other ... I thought was inappropriate," he said.

Darden was vague with interviewer Barbara Walters about his reported romantic involvement with Clark.

"Was I a little bit in love with Marcia Clark?" he said. "I don't know — love is a scary thing for me. But I care about Marcia Clark. ... We still spend time together."

As for Simpson, now facing a lawsuit filed by the victims' families, Darden portrayed him as a pathetic figure. Simpson recently called Darden a "punk."

"I wasn't the guy riding around in the back of a van crying, with a gun to my head, afraid to pull the trigger," Darden said. "I don't care what O.J. Simpson thinks of me, and if O.J. Simpson thinks poorly of me, then I have to feel like somehow I'm enhanced by that."

A Stone star joins the Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Nixon" director Oliver Stone, whose controversial films urge viewers to re-examine history, was honored Friday with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

At Stone's request, the star was placed next to that of another director he admired, Alfred Hitchcock.

Stone's films, including "Nixon," "JFK" and "Platoon," have prompted fierce debates over painful moments in American history, including the assassination of President Kennedy and Nixon's final days in the White House.

In brief comments to a crowd of about 300 at the star unveiling, Stone jokingly referred to the strong responses his movies evoke.

"I was thinking these are the Ides of March. I am in public. People can get to me, this is a clear shot, so I'll be making some short remarks and I'll be moving while I speak," he said.

This crowd, however, was friendly. The group Vietnam Veterans in the Media presented Stone with a plaque honoring him for his depiction of veterans in film.

Other Stone film credits include "Born on the 4th of July" and "Wall Street."

Actresses flock for coveted role

Casting call draws thousands hoping to portray slain singer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With her long, flowing hair and bright smile, 16-year-old Surray Marfin wants to be the girl who will bring cinematic life to the late entertainer Selena.

"What I liked about her most was her personality," Marfin explained Sunday. "She was a very open, very happy person. She was very talented. ... I cried when she died."

The Ontario girl was among thousands who converged with their families at Union Station for a national casting call. Similar events in San Antonio, Miami and Chicago are aimed at finding two girls to portray Selena in an

upcoming movie about her life.

The popular Tejano singer was shot to death March 31, 1995, at a Corpus Christi, Texas, motel by Yolanda Saldivar, her former fan club president. Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

"We're looking for somebody that has the charisma that Selena had," said Gregory Nava, who will direct the \$20 million film for Warner Bros. "It's in the smile, in the eyes."

Producers of the film, scheduled to begin filming in May, are looking for two actresses — one to play Selena as a child and a second to portray the singer from ages 18 to 23. A national 800-number hotline already has received about 70,000 responses, and some 3,000 auditioners showed up at a casting call in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday.

At Union Station, the auditioners handed over photographs and were rapidly interviewed. Parents watched from the sidelines.

Many of the Selena hopefuls copied the singer's look, with shirts knotted above the navel, knee-length boots, and leather pants and jackets.

Their reasons for auditioning ranged from devotion to the singer to hopes of making their own mark in the celebrity world.

Ruth Arzate, 22, of Hollywood said her roommate heard an advertisement and urged her to try out. "She said, 'You better get your butt down there and get the part and make a lot of money so I can be your manager,'" Arzate said with a laugh. As for Arzate's own opinion of Selena: "I used to work in a Hispanic ad agency, so I was familiar with her stuff. She's pretty talented."

Bock, bock! Russia bans U.S. chicken

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia effectively banned American chicken imports this weekend over complaints that too much of the poultry is contaminated by bacteria.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zaveruykha said the ban would not be lifted until American poultry producers take steps to eliminate salmonella, a sometimes deadly bacteria.

"Russia stands and will stand on principle" behind the suspension of import licensing, Zaveruykha said in a meeting with farmers Saturday in the city of Voronezh.

The suspension was announced Feb. 16, and the last licenses to import U.S. chicken expired Saturday.

U.S. poultry producers say Russian officials have been unclear about exactly when the imports would be stopped, indicating recently that the country might allow chicken under the old permits even after Saturday.

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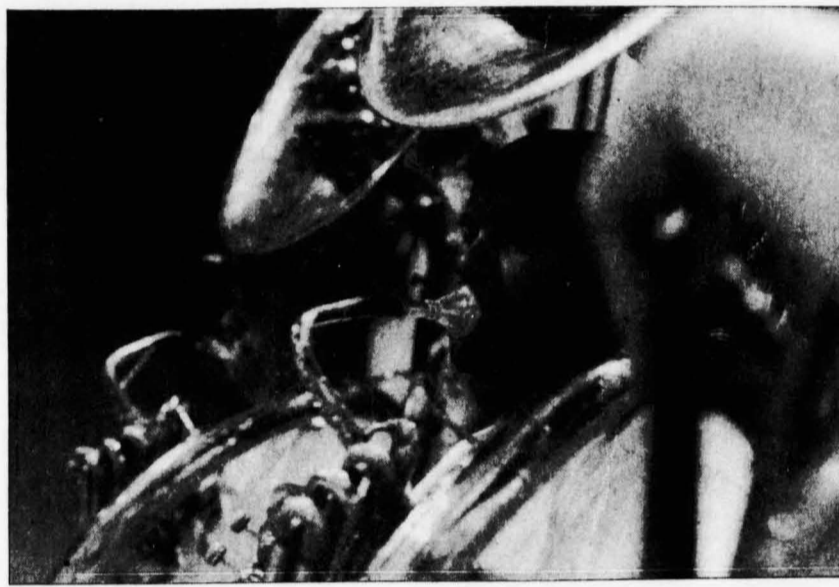
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Band played through it all



ABOVE: Members of the San Jose State University Spartan Pep Band cheer on the basketball team during the final home game of its Big West championship season. Band members wear their new T-shirts donated to them by the athletic department. The band hasn't had Pep band shirts in six years, according to band director Scott Pierson. The band accompanied the basketball team to Dallas for the first round of the NCAA tournament where the Spartans battled the University of Kentucky in the Midwest regional before falling, 110-72. TOP LEFT: Robin Benetti adds her wind to the rousing music during the game against Cal State University, Fullerton. Because the Pep band is not a marching band, members say they have time to learn a larger repertoire. LEFT: Tuba-Tuba player J. J. Johnson toots along. On occasion, the tuba players jump up and down trying to distract opposing players attempting free-throws.

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Incredible: Honored chairman balances research, writing and responsibilities

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research. Baran is the author or co-author of six books and numerous articles in major communication journals. He is noted as "in the top 3 percent of active researchers in communication" by the journal communication education.

Baran teaches two classes in addition to heading the department but always finds time to research and write.

"While most people take lunch breaks, I take writing breaks," Baran said.

The focus of Baran's writing is media research, a topic he has been interested in since receiving his master's degree in jour-

nalism at Pennsylvania State University. From PSU he headed back to the University of Massachusetts to get his doctorate in Communication Research.

Baran prefers to study the media's impact on society and with his books, offers facts and criticism of the media. Crane notes that Baran has a knack for creating a happy medium in his books for professionals and lay persons to understand equally.

"I study typical media and try to relate it from an individual standpoint," Baran said.

Besides the books, Baran has also lectured in over 20 countries around the world and will take off to Germany this

summer to do some work at the Mass Communication Research Institute in Munich. He is currently enrolled in a SJSU German class (his fourth semester of German) to prepare him for a trip in which he will teach and do research.

He is currently working on the second edition of his media criticism book and is trying to sell the idea of a people's media book to publishers.

Baran's writings portray communication from the U.S. point of view whom he believes to be the leader in communications.

However, his theories can be related to other countries as well, hence, they have

been translated into other languages including Chinese and Japanese.

As part of his acceptance speech in the Student Union today, Baran will touch on the media's powerful effect on the public. The 20-minute presentation will be followed by a champagne reception.

Baran, who steps down from his chair position after this semester, is proud of the honor and looks forward to being on the President's Scholar Selection Committee next year (all winners go to committee following year.)

As for next semester, Baran plans to teach a wider array of classes and continue doing research and writing. He also plans

to rally for more financial support of the department and for Hugh Gillis Hall, which was actually condemned five years ago.

"Dr. Baran has been a good department chair and has come to expect very high standards in our department," said Tim Clayton, a radio, television, and film professor.

According to his colleagues, Baran is a motivated individual who enjoys staying busy. Baran would probably agree with this assessment.

"As faculty, we are supposed to have lives outside teaching," Baran said.

Story

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SJSU students in the now defunct group called the Student Homeless Alliance, which was instrumental in the program to overtake a few of the 1,200 abandoned houses in San Jose, giving many homeless a place to stay. The work of the SHA was shown in a video documentary, Wagers and fellow students made during the 1992 break-in campaign.

"Why aren't these empty houses being used to house the homeless?" Wagers asked. "This is a moral dilemma for us all. The city has taken \$500 million of taxpay-

ers money in the past few years to fund the Fairmont and the Hilton and the Sharks' arena, and at the same time homelessness has quadrupled."

The homeless community on hand told the students about other factors that lead homelessness beside society's stereotypical views, which blame the problem on alcoholism and drug abuse.

"I have a learning disability, so I can't compete with the technology in this area," Jackie, a 43-year-old homeless man, said. "Society forgot about me, so I am going to have to do what it takes to survive.

Whatever it takes, that's real." Although in the early 90's the student support for the homeless community was a large, prominent group of mostly sociology and social work students, the number of current SJSU students involved with homeless has dwindled to a merely a few members.

"This is a good way to understand what these people are going through," social work student, Lakeesha Miller said. "We need to learn not to be afraid of them, they just have different living arrangements than we do."

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Pedal

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munity as much as we can.

For 26 hours, the 30 active members and nine pledges from the sorority along with participants from about twelve fraternities took turns pedaling on the exercise bikes. All you can eat barbecue tickets, which allowed people to eat hamburgers, salads, chips and sodas, were sold for \$3 and pedalathon T-shirts were sold for \$10. Organizers held a raffle splitting the earnings fifty-fifty between the winner and the charities.

Rudey said 80 percent of the money raised will go to the Santa Clara shelter while the rest will be given to the NCPCA.

"We chose the Santa Clara shelter because they're nearby and some of the children

get to come by to see our event," said Marie Rothhauser, vice president of public relations for Kappa Delta. "So we know where our money is going."

The event even caught the attention of radio station KWLD 107.7 which visited the sorority house to see what was happening. They broadcast from the event and interviewed those involved in it.

So far, the approximate amount of money raised, according to Julie Ingebo, an alumna of the sorority, is \$1,200. She said the numbers are still being tallied and that more donations are still being accepted.

Apple introduces the Pippin Japan gets first taste of Internet machine

TOKYO (AP) — Japan this month will get a simpler, lower-cost computer for playing games and going on-line — and the device lands on the American market this summer.

Designed by Apple Computer Inc., the Pippin Atmark is being sold by Bandai Co. Ltd., the toy company that makes Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. It attaches to TVs to play video game CDs and browse the World Wide Web. It can also play music CDs.

Though its \$620 price is considerably more than video game machines, it is far less than most personal computers.

Pippin is a test of whether Apple can carve out a new market niche.

Bandai will sell Pippin in the United States this summer and Apple is talking to other manufacturers about building the machine.

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Gymnasts win one, lose one in weekend meets

Coates leads team, wins all around event

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The San Jose State University women's gymnastics team collected a victory and a loss during weekend competitions in Santa Barbara and Fullerton. The Spartans leaped toward another victory against the University of California, Santa Barbara and the University of Calgary in Santa Barbara on Friday.

With more than 500 in attendance, the Spartans led most of the events, except for the vault exercise.

SJSU won the competition with a team score of 189.150. UC Santa Barbara Gauchos came in second with 186.500, while Calgary brought up the rear with 111.075.

On Saturday SJSU came up short 192.075-188.725 against Cal State Fullerton.

Against the Gauchos, Bridgett Coates, who is ranked third in the Big West

Conference, led the Spartans and the rest of the field by winning the all around competition with a score of 38.450, three-tenths better than Spartan teammate Tara Law, who earned 38.125.

Hawley Almstedt, who broke school records last weekend in the floor exercise (9.850) and the balance beam (9.825) against the Aggies from the University of California, Davis, scored 37.900, which placed her in third in the all-around competition. This time around, Almstedt scored 9.600 in the floor exercise and

9.500 in the balance beam.

Margie Hoeffler was the top all around gymnast for the Gauchos with a score of 37.800, while Jocie Burrows was the top scorer for Calgary with a score of 35.200.

Although in Saturday's competition against California State University, Fullerton, it was another story.

The Titans dominated the Spartans, in Titan Gym at Fullerton, by winning all the events — vault exercise, uneven bars, the balance beam and the floor exercise.

Titan Cristi Clifford led all gymnasts in

the all around competition with a score of 38.7750.

Spartans Almstedt and Law, who is ranked fourth in the Big West Conference, came in second and third with score of 38.1250 and 37.8500.

Titan teammates, Christy Lutz and Katy Maty tied for fourth with identical scores of 37.800.

The next competitor for the Spartans is Seattle Pacific on Saturday in the Spartan Gym at 7:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY T.R. NICHOLS - SPARTAN DAILY
SJSU third baseman Ryan Johnson throws to first for an out in the third inning of Saturday's game against Southern Utah. The Spartans went on to win the first game of the double header 6-4.

Spartans win four against Thunderbirds

Stevens has two three RBI games

By Shane Lewis
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

All Southern Utah did this weekend in its four day tournament against the SJSU baseball team was allow Spartans coach Sam Piraro to earn win number 300 and surpass it by one in his tenth season of coaching.

The Spartans took all four games in the tournament to give them a five game winning streak, boosting their record up to 15-11, solidly beating Southern Utah Sunday by a score of 9-0.

"We got out from the get-go. We wanted to jump on them early," Piraro said, commenting on the three runs the team scored in the bottom of the first inning.

Left fielder Eric Stevens and first baseman Robert Berns got the Spartans on the roll in the first inning, scoring in three runs, to give the team a 3-0 lead. Stevens knocked in one run and Berns hit in two.

Later on in the bottom of the fifth inning, Berns and Stevens once again took the thunder out of the Thunderbirds with their batting. Stevens hit in two more runs to give himself a total of three RBIs, and right afterwards, Berns overtook him by hitting in another two runs, bringing the score to 7-0.

Stevens also showed the Thunderbirds the strength of his hitting Saturday when he pummeled them with his hitting, hitting a three run homer in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. During the second game he earned himself three RBIs.

"Eric Stevens is just playing tremendously. He has just been a block for this ballclub for the past three weeks," Piraro said. Berns, who had the team high in RBIs for Sunday's game, was pleased with the team's hitting against Southern Utah.

"Offensively we're really swinging the bat pretty well," he said.

The same could not be said for Utah, which was not able to get in any runs throughout the game. The Spartans kept the team at bay with its consistent fielding throughout the game.

"We made all the routine plays," said shortstop Jeff Chandler, who explained that the Thunderbirds did not do the same. "They didn't make all the routine plays like we did. They struggled making those plays."

Chandler also said that the team's pitch-

ing did little to stop the Spartans from getting their hits and that Southern Utah did not hit as well as it was capable of doing.

According to Piraro, the Spartans early start hurt the Thunderbirds mentally, from which they never really recovered.

"They came out a little flat and we jumped on them," Chandler said. "We wanted to be aggressive in the beginning. We felt if we jumped on them early, they'd roll over."

SJSU won the first game Friday between the two teams 1-0, then followed that victory by taking the doubleheader games Saturday with scores of 6-4 and 13-3. Southern Utah heads back home with a dismal season record of 2-16-0.

According to Chandler, the team has been looking for a winning streak since the beginning of the season and intends to keep this one.

"We wanted to get on a roll," he said. "Now, we want to keep it going."

SJSU 9, Southern Utah 0										
SJSU	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A		
Phillips	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	1		
Atsati	5	1	1	0	0	1	6	0		
Walsh	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	2		
Stevens	4	2	3	3	0	0	1	0		
Berns	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	0		
Kokaly	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Mesplay	3	3	0	1	0	1	8	1		
Johnson	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		
Asfley	4	0	0	0	0	1	7	1		
Chandler	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	3		
Totals	39	9	10	9	4	5	27	8		
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Duckworth	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	2		
Newman	3	0	2	0	1	1	9	0		
Jensen	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0		
Dorwick	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Stuffer	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	0		
Sutbury	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Phillips	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	8		
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Fassenden	3	1	0	0	0	3				
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	3				
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Paterson	3:20	2	2	0	2	3				



PHOTO BY AARON SUOZZI - SPARTAN DAILY
During Friday's game of the National Invitational Softball Tournament a wild pitch got past the catcher causing Lindsay Jarrell to cover home plate. Despite her attempts the runner was called safe.

Softball team off to great start but drop last two

Washington State wins championship game

Spartan Daily Staff Report

After winning their first four games of the 10th Annual SJSU National Invitational Softball Tournament (NIST), the San Jose State University softball team lost their last two games which edged the Spartans out of the tournament during the weekend.

The Spartans handily defeated four teams to arrive into the championship bracket before being beaten by Northern Illinois University and Colorado State at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale.

Northern Illinois faced SJSU and Spartan pitcher Corina Lilly (5-8), who came off two wins in the tour-

nament against Loyola Marymount, 10-3, and a shutout against University of Wisconsin, 9-0.

SJSU drew first blood against Northern Illinois by jumping ahead two runs to one in the first inning.

Both teams held each other scoreless until they tied in the fifth inning with three runs a piece.

Northern Illinois then broke away from SJSU with four runs in the sixth.

Spartans centerfielder, Angela Porcelli, who went 2-4, had two runs, while shortstop, Sheila VanGoethem, went for 1-3 with two runs.

The Spartans were defeated by Colorado State, who eventually lost the championship game against Washington State, 2-0.

This is Washington State's second straight NIST title in two appearances in the tournament.

By the second inning, Colorado State was leading the Spartans, 2-1.

Colorado State pitcher Shannon Maley effectively kept SJSU from getting on base as both teams went scoreless until the sixth inning, when Colorado State brought in two runs, sealing its victory.

Spartan centerfielder, Pat Martinez, who was chosen for the 1996 NIST All-Tournament Team, had one hit for three at-bats, while Spartan shortstop, Victoria Ruelas, brought the only only run scored for SJSU.

Lindsay Jarrell who pitched winning games against Purdue University, 4-2, and University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, 7-5, had given up nine hits against Colorado State.

Colorado State was lead by second baseman, Jen Buford, who went 2-3, bringing in two runs.

Q & A

Sports Focus

Results

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Baseball

◆ Spartans sweep Southern Utah, 1-0, 7-4, 13-3, 9-0, in weekend series at Muni Stadium.

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SJSU left fielder

Eric Stevens had two three RBI games in this weekend's series. Stevens is averaging .367 behind the plate.



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Softball

◆ The Spartans win first four games but drop last two as University of Washington claims the Championship prize in the National Invitational Softball tournament.

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Gymnastics

◆ Spartans pick up a 189, 150-186, 800 win over UCSB on Friday, but drop one to Cal State Fullerton, 192, 075-188, 725 on Saturday.

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Men's Gymnastics

◆ SJSU finishes the Gold's Challenge meet with a score of 212.45 and in seventh place.

Tom Brennan speaks ...

◆ Questions & Answers with SJSU's Athletic Director Brennan explains the move into the WAC and other sports issues.

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Schedule

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Baseball

◆ Cornell at SJSU, Today, 7:00 p.m., Muni Stadium.
◆ SJSU at Fresno State, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis

◆ Saint Mary's at SJSU, Thursday, 2 p.m., Spartan Courts.

Men's Basketball

◆ End of the year banquet, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Brennan talks about SJSU sports in '96-97

By Michael Barton
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The SJSU athletic department has been going through some dramatic changes and growth in the 1995-96 season. In 1996-97, the university will take a giant step with the move into the higher profile and more competitive Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in the fall. Instrumental in those changes has been Athletic Director Thomas Brennan.

Here he answers a few questions to keep the campus and community in touch with a changing department:

Q: What are your main plans for the athletic department for next year?

A: That's a very timely question. Because what we've done is establish a concept called Vision 2000. You know, we're preparing for entrance into the WAC, that begins next year. In conjunction with our entrance into a new conference, we're looking to the future. We're not where we want to be, nor where we will be, hence, the notion of Vision 2000.

In conjunction with that notion, we're in the midst of a planning an initiative, ... but we're going to concentrate a lot of our efforts this semester and next — so in 1996 we're going to concentrate our efforts in working with groups that have a real stake in our program.

So we'll be looking at student athletes as a special group, students on campus as a special group and faculty and staff as a special group.

We've met recently with our Spartan Foundation board (that's our fund raising board) and we will also be working with other external groups — the City (of San Jose), for example, Alumni, and we're going to try to set up a team where, in order for our program to be successful, we are going to need this team. Maybe a committee — a Vision 2000 committee — but we're going to need a team to be working together to make it happen. So that's going to be a lot of our planning.

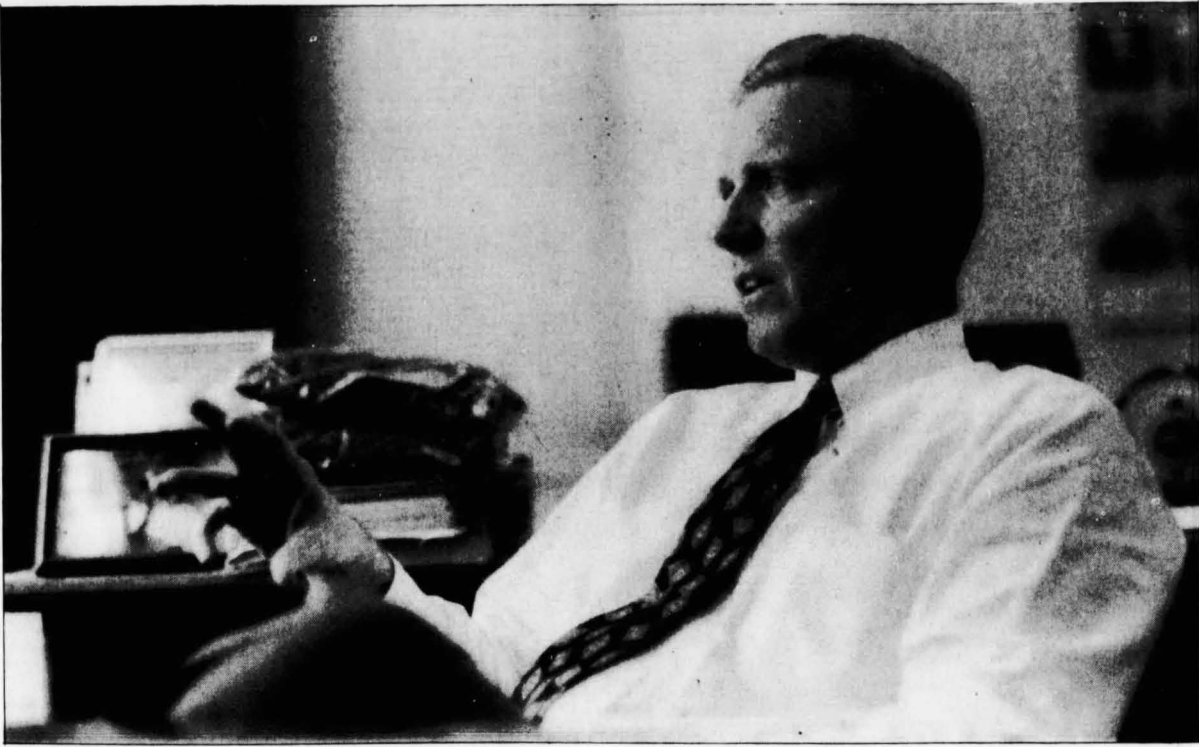
On more of a practical, operational level — WAC. We're going to begin a WAC awareness program which Mike Elsey, and Lawrence Fan will really be involved in. We want to make sure people understand the importance of the WAC.

And most important would be efforts related to enhancing our external funding — raising ticket income, and those kind of activities.

Q: Is the athletics department going to lose money from the school next year, and how is the financial outlook?

A: We don't have our budget for next year, but ... we anticipate a consistent level of funding from the school. That's realistic and everybody is sort of satisfied with the constant level of funding. Because we want to grow the program and university funding is kind of flat — the key for us is to grow in other areas. Particularly the Spartan Foundation program has done well over time.

For example in 1990-91, the support from



Athletic Director Tom Brennan speaks about SJSU's entry into the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) at an interview last week. Brennan said that all Spartan teams would benefit from WAC membership because playing big-name football and basketball teams will increase the number of sports viewers, which will in turn bring in more revenue to be shared among all sports teams.

the Foundation and Alumni was about \$480,000 (that's a ballpark figure) and then 1995-96 that number has gone to \$1.4 million. That's significant growth, that's really very good. It's been the result of the annual drive and a major gift effort.

We look at major gifts such as \$10,000 or greater. And as you look at that group there's anticipated growth through the year 2000.

Another area that has been showing growth, and we anticipate should show continuing growth, is what we call athletic income: tickets and corporate sponsorship. And one area where we'll see some real growth here is our share in revenue from the conference — the effect of going from the Big West into the WAC is a significant increase in the amount of revenue. We'll go from a very small share in the Big West to about \$500,000 minimum.

Q: With the move into the WAC, what are some other changes that come, other than monetary changes?

A: Well, the WAC for us was actually necessary to maintain the viability of our Division IA program. So, the WAC does a lot of things. The WAC puts us in a conference with schools that are academically very prestigious if you go down the list. So, for SJSU it's a good group of schools to be associated with — even better than the Big West, from an academic perspective.

The other thing the WAC does is really broaden our geography. And over time, that should have a positive impact for management which will help with recruiting. Let's say you have a young man or young woman living in Denver applying for a job, and we're in a conference with CSU and the Air Force, and all of a sudden they think: SJSU.

So it should have a positive effect for students being recruited, but I think it will have a positive effect just for the visibility and the image of the school.

Q: In what other ways does the higher profile of being in the WAC translate into more money for the athletics program?

A: Well, for the athletics programs, there are some direct benefits. The opportunity for television generates more income for the league and for SJSU. There are television opportunities both for basketball and for football. Another thing that the WAC is going to do that is new and pretty exciting, and will generate a good deal of income, will be a play-off game. What's going to happen here is, you've got 16 schools, and when you have that many schools, you break into two divisions (Mountain and Pacific), and at the end of the season there will be a play-off game. So there's a game

game right there where the minimum revenue for that game is \$1 million — which is pretty good.

The other thing the WAC does for us is it gives us a very attractive home football schedule. Which in the past we have not had. It gives us five home games every year. What I've found is that our association with the WAC had a very positive effect on our efforts to schedule non-conference teams, which will have a very positive effect in terms of revenue. We had Stanford here and that was the second largest crowd in the history of the football program. We've got Cal coming this year, and my guess is that it'll be a sellout. We've got Wisconsin in '97, Washington State in '98, Oregon in '99 and USC in 2000. So those games should draw a crowd.

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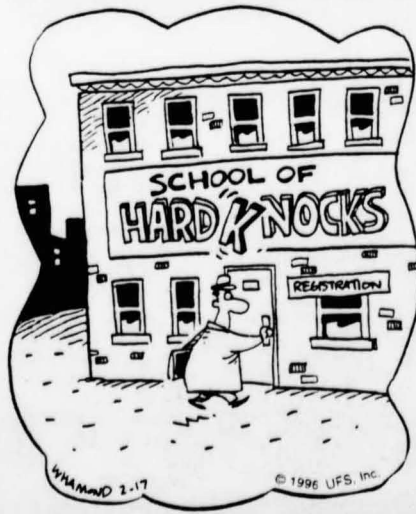


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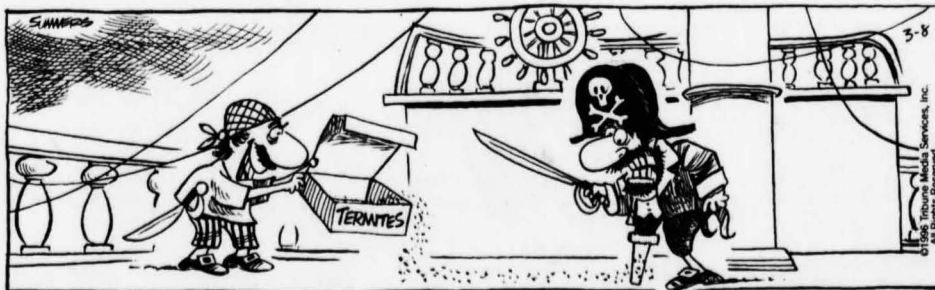
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Brennan: Moving into the Western Athletic League and financing sports

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Q: Do you think SJSU is going to be competitive in the WAC, and do you see a long road ahead?

A: As we enter the WAC we need to be ambitious, but we also need to be realistic about change and progress over a period of time.

study most closely, football and men's basketball, in football we've been on a growing curve for the past three years.

our basketball team here has got some potential to be very competitive. Coach Stan Morrison has already told me that because of the fact we're in the WAC, he's seeing an improvement in the kind of student athlete he's been talking to.

Our ambition for all of our programs, and we think it's realistic with Vision 2000, is to be highly competitive — championship-level in all of our sports.

made progress and we'll continue to make progress.

Q: Are there any plans for change of staff or programs for next year?

A: As I sit here today we're not planning any.

Q: Do you see yourself at SJSU in five years?

A: It's possible. In my business, in my job,

from time to time people call you and talk to you about other options or opportunities, that does happen. I'm really impressed by our new President, Caret, and have developed a very positive relationship with him.

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Poll says Powell would be a plus

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Making retired General Colin Powell his running mate would improve Sen. Bob Dole's presidential chances in California significantly, even among Democrats, according to a poll released today.

Not so with Gov. Pete Wilson, the nominal head of the Republican senator's campaign in California.

The Field Poll found that 45 percent of California voters said they would be more inclined to vote for the GOP ticket if Powell was the vice presidential nominee. Forty-two percent said they would be less inclined to vote Republican if Wilson secured the second spot.

The poll found that 36 percent of Democrats and 46 percent of independent voters would also be more likely to vote Republican if Powell were added.

At the same time, almost as many Republicans would be less inclined to vote for Wilson as those favoring him on the ticket, with his candidacy poorly received by Democrats and independents alike.

"This shows Powell's great political star quality," pollster Mervin Field said. "His popularity is phenomenal, especially since most voters know so little about him. And Wilson is unpopular in California because he alienated people by breaking his promise not to run for president. He's lost whatever luster he had."

The survey was conducted February 21-25 among 825 registered voters in California and has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Details

Percentage of California voters that said they would be more inclined to vote for the GOP ticket if retired General Colin Powell was the vice presidential candidate:

45%

Percentage that said they would be less inclined to vote for the ticket if it included state governor Pete Wilson:

42%

Taiwanese flee two islets; China to begin exercises

Three hundred leave islands near war games

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Squeezing onto a crowded ship, more than half the population of two Taiwanese islets fled their homes Sunday, one day before China launches a new round of menacing war games just 11 miles away.

Some 300 people evacuated the tiny Chu Islands, near China's coast, but about 100 people were left behind because there was no room on the boat, Taiwanese news reports said. Another hundred chose to stay, officials said.

Determined to quell independence sentiment in the week before Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, Beijing is to begin a new round of military exercises in the Taiwan Straits on Monday, just as another round

ends.

Chinese troops used live ammunition for war games that started last week and are set to end Tuesday, but it has not said whether the new maneuvers will follow suit.

Still, Taiwanese military officials say China may take advantage of Monday's high tide to practice beach landings on Pingtan Island, near the Chu Islands, Taiwan's China Times reported Sunday.

For many Chu residents, it was too risky to stay.

"The exercises are so close ... and everyone feels uneasy," an unidentified Chu resident told television station TVBS after he evacuated to nearby Matsu Island.

The evacuation came a day after China denied U.S. claims it had promised not to invade Taiwan, which it regards as a renegade province to be reclaimed by force if necessary.

Beijing claims that Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui — sure to win another term in voting

Saturday — is growing less inclined to reunite Taiwan's government with the Chinese mainland. Lee's ruling Nationalists party fled the mainland after losing a civil war to the Communists in 1949.

The pre-election maneuvers started two weeks ago, with a round of ballistic missile tests that ended Friday. The four missiles fired were believed to have carried dummy war-heads.

War games planned for this week are to last until after the vote, and China shows no signs of letting up; official reports Sunday say the Beijing government thinks the intimidation is working.

"People on the island realize even more that Lee Teng-hui himself created the tensions in the Taiwan Straits," the Xinhua News Agency said.

Still, Lee's lead in opinion polls has changed little since the start of the crisis, and some opposition supporters are even expected to vote for him.

An about-face on preferences

Favoritism acknowledged by UCLA chancellor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In an about-face, University of California, Los Angeles, Chancellor Charles E. Young said his staff may have shown preferences to applicants sponsored by UC regents and other public figures.

Young responded Saturday to reports that UC regents who voted to end affirmative action admission policies have used their influence on behalf of admissions for their own favored candidates.

State lawmakers, meanwhile, called for hearings on favoritism issues reported last week by the Sacramento Bee and the Los Angeles Times.

Young said Friday that private political pressure may have gotten some students special housing and parking privileges, but not admission to UCLA.

On Saturday he clarified his answer.

"I believe that most of UCLA's responses to requests for special attention from regents, elected officials and other prominent individuals have been proper," he said. "However, the L.A. Times has brought to light some isolated instances over the past 15 years where UCLA staff may have acted improperly. I have directed those responsible for the processes involved to ensure that this does not happen in the future."

Some lawmakers said a closer look was needed.

"I think there's a hypocrisy problem that needs to be looked at," said Sen. Tom Hayden, D-Santa Monica, whose district includes UCLA.

Hayden said he will convene a hearing next month of his Select Committee on Higher Education to investigate whether "this corrupting practice of favoritism is a widespread pattern in admissions policy in general."

Assemblywoman Marguerite Archie-Hudson, D-Los Angeles, said she will ask the Assembly

Higher Education Committee to investigate the allegations.

In one example, confidential records show that Regent Leo Kolligian of Fresno, four months before he voted to end racial preferences last July, pressured UCLA officials to overturn the rejection of a white daughter of a Fresno developer.

School administrators described the girl's academic record as "poor." But Kolligian argued she should be admitted because she came from an "underrepresented area" of the state.

The Times also reported that confidential records show Hayden's office made one request in 1986 for a student who was attempting to transfer to the UCLA medical school but it was undetermined if the request was successful.

Hayden said Saturday he did not recall anything about the case.

Gov. Pete Wilson, who sits on the Board of Regents, also made two casual requests but neither applicant was admitted to UCLA.

Reservoir drained, but girl still missing

POTTER VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities lowered a Mendocino County reservoir as low as possible on Sunday in their ongoing search for the 14-year-old girl believed drugged, raped and kidnapped by a classmate and his uncle. But they still found no sign of a body.

That, according to relatives, was a good sign and good reason to keep pushing ahead with the feverish search for the teen-ager missing from this small farming community northeast of Ukiah.

"I know that she's still alive and we can find her," Raina Shirley's grandfather, Ed Nickerman, said Sunday. "We're going to do anything and everything possible to find that kid."

Raina disappeared Wednesday

after she and a girlfriend were walking to a friend's house from school. A classmate and his uncle offered them a ride, according to the friend, took them to the Eel River Bridge, drugged them and raped them, the friend later told police.

Raina's 13-year-old girlfriend was found partially clothed and staggering down Main Street in a drug-induced stupor several hours later. She told investigators she was driven back to Potter Valley and left go, but Raina was not.

Investigators later found Raina's clothing and backpack along the Eel River, near the Cape Horn dam. She was last seen there around 9 p.m. Wednesday, nude and drugged in a well-known party spot.

The classmate, a 13-year-old who had moved to Potter Valley from San Jose just two weeks earlier, was picked up in East Palo Alto Thursday night. He told authorities that Raina was alive when he last saw her along the river.

The uncle, a 28-year-old suspected drug dealer named Arnaldo Manzo, has not been found and family members believe Raina is still with him. A \$500,000 warrant has been issued for his arrest.

All day Sunday, ground searchers and divers combed the Eel River Canyon. FBI divers took over for local scuba crews who were exhausted, Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Ron Parker said. In addition, tracking dogs, specially-equipped airplanes and helicopters helped out.

Post office faces electronic competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Electronic communication could cost the post office a quarter of its business, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said Wednesday.

"A whole new breed of competition is growing," Runyon told the House Government Reform postal subcommittee. "Banks, software and phone services, even utility companies are wooing new customers with anti-mail offers."

While the post office reported a record \$1.8 billion profit last year, Runyon noted that mail volume declined slightly in the first quarter of this year.

"Our decreasing volume is a matter of deep concern," he said. "The revolution in electronic commerce and information technology has put one-fourth of our mail volume and revenue at risk to electronic diversion."

Runyon said the giant discounter Wal-Mart requires companies to send invoices and statements

electronically rather than through the mail and Citibank and other financial institutions are encouraging people to bank electronically.

The post office recently began restructuring its mail classes and will change other services, including parcel and expedited delivery services, Runyon said.

"We need to bring in an extra \$1 billion each year through new products and better services," he said.

The agency is testing phone card sales, improving its offices and developing new parcel services.

To compete with private firms, Runyon said, the post office needs more flexibility in setting prices and services. Under current rules, it can take nearly a year to change rates, during which time competitors get to testify before a review panel.

"We must have the freedom to run the Postal Service like a business," Runyon told the subcommittee, asking that restrictions be eased.

Norwegian hunters to include seal pups

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway's commercial seal hunt, including pups for the first time in seven years, will begin as planned this week because hunters changed their minds about dropping the controversial kills.

Three weeks ago, the sealers said they were canceling the hunt because cuts in government subsidies would make it unprofitable. But on Wednesday, four of the five Norwegian hunting boats were preparing to start the season on March 22.

"It appears that the cancellation was a negotiating tactic," said Halvard P. Johansen of the Norwegian Fisheries Ministry.

Norway subsidizes the hunt to control seal populations. It claims that too many seals, which eat cod, could severely deplete fish stocks, the foundation of one of the coun-

try's biggest industries after oil. Norway lifted a seven-year ban last December on the hotly protested commercial killing of baby seals. The harvesting of adult seals never was banned. The country set quotas of up to 17,050 pups and nearly 13,000 adults.

The pelts of seals younger than two weeks are worth about \$28 each, far more than the coarser adult pelts. So the government claimed that this year's hunt would be more profitable and cut subsidies to an average of \$222,000 per boat from \$350,000 last year.

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