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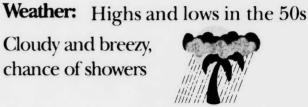
Men's basketball team prepares





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Light one candle

Hanukkah commences

By Jacquie McCrossin Spartan Daily Staff Writer

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A small group of students from SJSU's Jewish Student Union/Hillel gathered Thursday evening to light the first candle of the Menorah to mark the beginning of Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration of light. In an informal ceremony in a basement recreation room

International House, showed they

Hanukkah isn't about an elaborate ceremony

— all it takes is some friends and the light of just one small candle.

"I've always done Hanukkah services in the home with my family. I think think they're they're a lot nicer than a than a large large synagogue service," Dale said Sklar, intern Kinerette

Dale Sklar

Hasson, director of Hillel. Sklar said elaborate surroundings

just wouldn't feel right because the celebration of

Hanukkah is a simple tradition. From a box of 45 candles — 44 for the eight days of Hanukkah, "plus one spare" — Susan Lowe, co-chair of Hillel, placed eight candles, one for

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Susan Lowe, co-chairwoman of the Jewish Student Union, lights a Menorah to signify the official beginning of Hanukkah at the SJSU International Center Thursday night.



Concert tour de force

As concertgoers ducked in from rain Wednesday evening, the mellow tones of a dozen black gowned flutists flowed through SJSU's Music Concert Hall. It was dress preview night for the 21st Annual Scholarship Concert pre-sented by SJSU's School of Music

I enjoyed them very much, said Gayle Linthicum, a psychology major. "Last year they were great at St. Joseph's and that's why

The Scholarship Concert per-formances will be at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga Friday and Saturday

evenings.

The glistening flute ensemble, conducted by Diana Charnow, opened with the familiar hymn, "Angels We Have Heard on High." Its melodic tones drifted over an

attentive audience.
At times, the black-and-white gala brought on stage the joyous sounds of more than 100 choraliers singing voices and musicians' gleaming instruments performing seasonal music selections from famous composers all around the world.

The program's first half was conducted by Julie Ford, acting director of the SJSU Choraliers. It featured the Choraliers, the Chamber Orchestra and the Concert Choir and Orchestra. Flutists Tamora Chadima and Yukiko Matsumoto

and Michael Touchi on ba provided accompaniment

Selections from Bach, Mozart, Ohrwall and Vivaldi were per-formed Vivaldi's "Magnificat" featured soloists Catherine Bradford. Brian Carter, Katherine Korsak and Nathanael Risdon, Soloists Sandra Rubalcara and Lucy Salome Strauli sang selections from Mozart's "Missa Solemnis."

During a brief intermission, music appreciation students Eric Lee and Nikitas Mataragas com-mented favorably of the concert. "It's an excellent performance," said Lee, a chemical engineering

major. Mataragas, a marketing major, Mataragas, a marketing maps, arrived from Greece just four months ago. It's (the) third time I have been to a concert in the United States. The orchestra is good. The chorus is really nice." Mataragas said he appreciated the clarity of the singers' voices.

The concert proceeded as conductor Barbara Day Turner led the Symphony Orchestra in a lively and spirited rendition of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." The Concert Choir then joined the Symphony, performing Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," with solos by Eli Fochs, Jennifer Hsiung, Daniel Hughes and Meghan Loew.
This is the first year I'm actually

not singing with the choir," said Hughes, following an impressive solo in the second movement of

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Struggles in Eastern Europe, Russia author's lecture topic

By Mark Kregel

Stability in Eastern Europe will take longer than 10 years said guest lecturer George J Demko Thursday to a packed auditorium in Washington Square Hall. "Most Americans think that in

1989, the Eastern European countries should have solved their problems immediately, said Demko, an author and for mer geographer for the U.S. State Department. He now teaches at Dartmouth College in

Hanover, N.H.

The lecture, sponsored by the Geography department, discussed the transitions in Eastern

Europe and Russia.

Demko said the war in the Balkan states and the rise of nationalism in many of the for mer Soviet republics was seen by scholars many years ago.

"We knew if someone like
(Marshal Tito, former
Yugoslavian president) didn't
replace Tito that this would happen," he said.

He added that the work in the

He added that the war in the Balkan states was an intra-ethnic struggle, not one between different ethnic groups.
Eastern Europe, said Demko,
never existed. The concept of

Central Europe is a more apt description of what includes Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary. Demko then noted that all of

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George J. Demko

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the former communist countries are experiencing health care demise, inflation and

"Seventy-five million in these countries have slipped below the poverty line," Demko said. There are an estimated 30,000 prostitutes in Prague and the average life expectancy for the

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Enrollment list makes trouble

Department chairs seek accurate info for committee

By Sona Sharma

As the semester comes to an end, department chairs around campus are busy finding the accurate number of majors in each of their programs because of an erro-neous low enrollment list provided by Provost Linda Bain on Nov. 15.

Bain had issued a memorandum informing all eight colleges that the Steering Committee will carefully examine the status of all programs with fewer than 20 majors. According to the low enrollment list this criteria was met by 132 programs. The same memo also mentioned that the committee has guidelines to eliminate and reduce 35 to 45 programs. "I am suspicious of the figures as

they don't seem to correspond to ours," said Eugene Bernardini, chair of the humanities depart-ment. "So I would like to see them looked into more carefully to be sure that they are accurate."

Accuracy of the list was found questionable by most chairper-

"We are way ahead of the list," said Lee Dorosz, chair of biologi-cal sciences. "At the undergradu-ate level we have condensed botany, zoology, conservation biology, upper biology, and environ-mental health and toxicology into

one single concentration."

Kenneth Peter, chair of the steering committee, said the committee is aware of the list's shortcomings. He said the committee has supplemented the list with actual graduation numbers provided by the educational planning

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and resources department. He added it was evident from new information that many programs appearing in the low enrollment list are actually not underenrolled.

However, graduation numbers are also not perfect indicators. It is possible for a program to have a large number of students but the numbers won't show up in graduation rates because many students don't graduate, Peter said.

"We do have to rely upon the information given to us by the programs in question to round up the picture so we can make accurate judgments," Peter said.

As of now, the committee is working toward getting a prelimi-nary report ready for the Academic Senate and open forums by February. Peter said the formal academic priority plan and the Redesign Task Force plan should reach the senate by March. Although Bain and Caret will make final decisions on the fate of academic programs and redesign of the colleges, the committee and the senate will attach their recommendations to all reports.

New side of staff shines at Artique

By Ed Oberweiser Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The second annual SJSU Staff Holiday Artique was a showcase for little-known talents of the people whom students encounter behind the desks, the cashiers windows and in other areas on campus, according to Alice Standish, one of the organizers of the Thursday

Standish was selling paper jewelcrafts and demonstrating Reik a hands-on energy channeling and balancing technique discovered in 1870 by Japanese scholar Dr. Mikao Usui.

"The idea was to get people on campus know us as more than just obs. People are multi-faceted and in a work situation. You don't see all the sides of the people you work with," Standish said.

Facilities planner Lloyda Thompson is one of those multifaceted people. She helps plan and budget SJSU's major capital construction projects.

Thompson v

was selling Ukrainian decorated eggs and said she learned the craft by taking a class at the California Academy Sciences and attending a couple of

Thompson said the designs she uses are adaptations of 3,000-year-

"One of these days I'll get an ostrich egg to work with," Thompson said.

Diane Robledo, who works as a facilities management assistant, had framed silk embroidery on sale. Robledo learned her craft by taking stitching classes and does

her own matting and framing.

Robledo also was selling wooden key chain holders and painted Christmas tree ornaments — all of which she makes.

Another vendor, Karin Walker from the College of Education's credential preparation center, who was selling her hand made



SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Talena McDougall interperts a a Christmas carol with sign language during Thursday's Artique near Tower Hall.

Christmas cards, said the Artique "It was wall-to-wall people until

The was wain-to-waii people until funchtime. It must be one of those siesta things," Walker said.

She said there were plenty of free cookies and apple cider at first, but the students from couple of classes in Tower Hall came through and devoured most of

them.

The foreign languages department was well represented by department secretary Barbara Perlman who was selling cookbooks full of recipes compiled by the department's professors, friends and students.

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OPINION



City council embarks on hopeless quest

San Jose is not a metropolitan city

hen we hear the phrase "I'm going to the city," it can mean one of three cities: New York, Paris or San Francisco. Of course, if we hear "Yoy a ciudad,"

But, San Jose, specifically downtown San Jose, does not come to mind. I grew up here, and when downtown San Jose comes to mind, I am reminded of cities like Beirut, modern Sarajevo

and anywhere in South Jersey.

Why then, has the San Jose City Council been trying to forcefeed downtown San Jose. This city is not a metropolitan city. It will never happen. The city council should not be trying to turn San Jose into a metropolitan city.

True, we do have an international airport, a

major requirement in order to be considered a metropolitan city. The one daily flight to Mexico City justifies calling the airport international, but not the city metropolitan. That would be cheating and self-delusional.

The Fairmont Hotel was built downtown several years are also because of the provider and control to the city metropolitan.

eral years ago. It provides a good example of what you get when you mix Miami Vice set design with the color pink. All you need are Colombian and Jamaican drug dealers waging war in the lobby with Don Johnson ducking underneath the flying bullets.

The hotel is failing, and the Fairmont Corporation is considering selling it. They should never have built the hotel in the first

place. It was a bankruptcy waiting to happen.
The investors should have known better.

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What does San Jose have to offer tourists? Theme Parks? Gorgeously designed parks showcasing the beauty of nature? Five star restaurants? Lush, panoramic countrysides? Towering monuments symbolizing the rich history of San Jose? When newlyweds decide on their honeymoon, I doubt if it comes down to a decision between San Jose and the Cayman Islands.

The city paid good money to move Adobe downtown. They even provided parking in the only section of San Jose without a massive parking lot. Those of you who have had the guts to attempt to park downtown know the meaning

This will never work. We should learn from Flint and Detroit that you can't jumpstart a downtown. Once it has been allowed to fall to pieces, it is almost impossible to pick them back up and put them together.

If you look at the successful downtowns, they succeed because of either luck or natural disaster. Of the above mentioned "cities," Paris and New York just happened and San Francisco got

People live in cities like San Jose to escape downtowns and to find parking. Those who would patronize highbrow elements live in San Francisco. They already have their city, so why

San Jose should be content with its status as a suburb. A suburb of what isn't the issue. Suburbia is part of the American Deam in our culture. It's a safe place to raise your family and commute to work. You do not have to worry about ridiculous crime rates and overcrowded

roadways (although San Jose has both of these).
This is a nice place to work. One can't argue with \$15-\$20 per hour. If you like Brady Bunch architecture, it's a really nice place to live. Hey, just imagine having Marcia Brady as your neigh-bor.

But, it is not a city by conceptual definition. Nor should it want to be

Mark Kregel is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Blissful Ignorance

Without the tree, it's not Christmas

friend likes to tell me about winters back East. They were harsh and hard, and

he misses them very much.

He especially misses the first snowfall of the year.

After the first storm stopped, he liked to go out walking at night. The land and trees were coated with frozen, crystalline whiteness. The chill air was shocking. Breath was steam. Feet trod through the

was steam. Feet trod through the virgin snow with a muffled crunch. The world was silent, dark and empty. Nothing moved save himself and the cold, slow stars in the

"It was awesome," he said, at a loss for words. "I wish you could

Here on the West coast there is no snow to tell us it's winter. Because of this, my friend claims we have no winters. Perhaps he is right. It's fall, the rains come (or not) and the green grass of spring

begins to sprout.

If there was a winter, we slept through it.

Winter begins for me the day after Thanksgiving. Appearing on the highway are lines of cars carrying home evergreen Christmas trees roped to the roof or crammed in the back. The tree branches writhe in the moving air, branches writte in the moving air, shaking like a child having a tantrum, seething in protest over the indignity of being chopped down or perhaps wriggling with ecstatic joy over being chosen to be decked out in colored lights and ornaments.

For me, it's not Christmas without a Christmas tree.

As a child, starting the week before Christmas, every night I would crawl out of bed after every-one had gone to sleep just to be alone with the tree. I'd sit on the hearth with my

back to the fireplace. While the fire's dying embers kept me warm, I was content simply gazing at the tree. The radiance from the colored lights was the only illumina-tion; the rest of the household slumbered in darkness. Tantalizing presents waited there for me, but I only had eyes for the beautiful tree.

adored the lovely way the lights lit the family room with a warm, rosy glow. I dreamed away in the peace and quiet — meditating over Christmas, its music, its message and its delicious treats — until the room grew chill and I fled back to my bed.

On Christmas day, after the gifts were open and the relatives had too much to drink, I played with my new toys at the base of the tree.



R.W. BRADFORD

Sheltered by the the piny branches, I was happy in my own little Christmas world, oblivious to the family's drunken arguments and

petty bickerings. Last year, short on cash and planning to be away from home at a friend's house, I nearly had to do without a tree. Which, simply put, meant it was not going to be a real Christmes Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, on my way out of town, on a hunch, I stopped off at a Christmas tree lot. "Hello," I called hollowly. No one answered; the tree sellers had gone home to spend Christmas with their families.

Ten abandoned trees remained, a sad somber forest on the barren asphalt pavement.
I stuffed the smallest into the

trunk of my car, regretting that I had no room for all of them.

I lugged it into my friend's house, flourishing it as if it were some rare prize. I sat it down triumphantly. A rain of dried needles fell onto the living room's wooden floor.

"It's a Charlie Brown tree," my friend said, and he was right. One side was sparse, the other had an irregular branch sticking out and the tree leaned like the tower of Pisa. I hadn't noticed in the gloomy tree lot. We used a phone

ook to prop it up on one side.

My friend and I decorated it with bits of moss, lichen covered sticks and pictures cut from Christmas cars.

It was a pretty little tree and I was content. It was Christmas once

R.W. Bradford is the Spartan Daily Production Editor. The sky can go red, fire can spill from the heavens and the earth can shrivel away to dust, but as long as she has her Christmas tree to sit in front of late at night, she will be con-tent and happy. This is her last col-umn. R. W. Bradford's e-mail address is: ufs11245@isc.sjsu.edu

Campus Viewpoint

Caret article is inaccurate

inaccuracies in a Spartan Daily col-umn by Mark Kregel, "President Caret deceives campus," (opinion page, 11/27). In a discussion of the Academic

Priorities Planning Process at the president's monthly meeting with campus media, Kregel reported that President Caret gave appar-ently conflicting information that academic programs would be elim-inated as a result of the process, but that faculty positions would not necessarily be. The president did say that some of the special ized tracks and programs we now offer could be eliminated without the elimination of faculty positions. He gave a theoretical example using himself, explaining that whereas he once might have taught specialized advanced courses in chemistry, if the specialty were eliminated, he would continue teaching themistry but out ue teaching chemistry, but with more basic level classes in his schedule.

The president also emphasized that no final decisions have been made in the process, but that he

In fact, Kregel confused the president's remarks on funding for the renovations and earthquake retrofitting of Tower Hall with the gateways'.

expects the final recommenda-tions of the steering committee to come near the end of January.

Kregel reported that the president gave two sources of funding for the new gateways to be built at the perimeter of the campus. In Kregel confused the president's remarks on funding for the renovations and earthquake retrofitting of Tower Hall with the gate

ways'. As the president noted, the Tower Hall renovations come form a separate CSU capital improvements budget that SJSU doesn't control and the funding for the gateways is entirely from private donors.

Kregel also described the president's study breaks with students as "excellent photo and media opportunities." In fact, the president has specifically requested that no reporters or photographers cover the study breaks, so that students attending will find a relaxed atmosphere where they can speak informally with the president.

I hope Mr. Kregel continues to

attend the president's press conferences. If he had followed up with questions about the two issues on which he apparently had conflict-ing information, he would have been able to give Spartan Daily readers a much more accurate report in his column.

Sylvia Hutchinson public affairs officer

Letters to the Editor

Journalism student appalled by narcotic stocking stuffers

As a graduating senior in the Journalism Department, Lam appalled by the path the Spartan Daily has taken of late. In your Dec. 5 issue you support a half-witted theory about a dead rapper and promote the use of narcotics as stocking stuffers.
"Humboldt Sticky bud" qualifies as journalism

I have become used to allowing for the occasion al retraction in the Daily's pages. We are all students after all. But, magic bullet theories about dead rap stars and hemp gifts for grandma should be in the pages of a tabloid, not a "legitimate newspaper."

If the Daily staff is trying to fill space, they could do better to list locations where students can donate time over the holidays. If you are looking for attention, might I recommend running naked through the fountain.

It's times like this that make me glad I have chosen a path in radio and television news. I, for one. couldn't face my peers and say, "Yep, I was proud to publish that issue

John Lee RIV journalism

Christmas loses its meaning in overdone sentimentality

What is Christmas to you? To many folks, it is the biggest holiday of the year. Christmas is also a senti-mental time to people, when they tend to dream about the "White Christmases" of yesteryear. Often, Christmas day itself gets sort of lost in the

days and weeks surrounding it. In fact, many Christmas cards and sings, etc., simply state "Season's Greetings" with no mention of Christmas at all! This almost fairy tale-like idea of Christmas is carried to the extreme in the story many parents tell their young children about a jolly old man with a long white beard named Santa Claus!

It seems that many people have just about com-pletely forgotten and eliminated the true meaning of Christmas entirely! In a lot of areas they no longer even call its Christmas, but "X-mas," and Christ is literally crossed out of Christmas!

But, there's so much more to Christmas than trees and decorations and Santa Claus and pre-sents. Christmas is celebrating the day that God sent His Love into the World, in the form of a tiny, weak and helpless Baby, almost 2,000 years ago!

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Jewish Student Union "Retreat to the beach"; 4 p.m.; call Kinerette 358-3636, ext. 54.

Top hot dog eater wins contest

Chinese Campus Fellowship Farewell; 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Almaden room, Student Union;

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glutton squared off against the world hot dog eating champion Wednesday, and the results weren't pretty - for competitors or specta-

Hirofumi Nakajima, a 144pound furniture delivery man, dethroned 320-pound Ed "The Animal" Krachie by downing a world record 23 1/4 hot dogs in 22 minutes.

"This kid is a phenomenal eater," said George Shea, a promoter for Nathan's Famous, the restaurant that sponsored the contest. "He astounded the competitive eating world with his new style out slow, home fast."

Alternating bites with sips of water, Nakajima, 22, pulled each

frank from its bun, then crammed bread and beef separately - but neatly - into his mouth.

Clearly determined, he braved chants of "U.S.A! U.S.A.!," downing dog number 23 without even breaking a sweat. Krachie ate 21 dogs — one off the record, which he set July 4 at Nathan's annual Coney Island eat-off.

"I knew everybody was cheering for Eddie, and I knew everybody thought I was going to lose," the slim, soft-spoken Nakajima said through a translator. "That just got me going. I knew I had to do it."

Nakajima became his country's official eating champ when he fended off 50 challengers by wolfing down 15 bowls of noodle soup, 100 pieces of sushi, five plates of

wheat noodles, five plates of beef over rice and five plates of curry TV Tokyo flew him to New York

in a bid to bring Nathan's mustard-yellow championship belt home to Japan. The station will air the eatoff nationwide on New Year's Day. The 6-foot-6 Krachie, a mechani-

cal engineer with NYNEX, won a year's supply of hot dogs with the national title and had been training for months to defend it.

"He just eats, that's it," said a

Nonetheless, the former champion was gracious in defeat.

"He was on his game today," Krachie said. "I could have been a little bit quicker — he definitely deserved it."

PEOPLE

All the gossip that's fit to print

Stallone's change of heart

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The tense hours waiting for his infant daughter during her heart operation helped Sylvester Stallone find his sensitive side.

The "Rambo" and "Rocky" star said he has decid-

ed not to accept any more roles as "overblown

super-action heroes."

"Call me a foxhole convert if you will, but I had

"Call me a foxhole convert if you will, but I had these thoughts while waiting for the surgery to end. I said that if the baby would just be OK, I would change. I would do different kinds of movies.

"I would no longer play these guys with big muscles and shoulder-length hair blowing in the wind who run through burning flames and wipe out 200 heavily armed mercenaries with only a pistol and jump from airplanes without a parachute."

In "Daylight," which opens Friday, Stallone plays an emergency medical worker who tries to safely guide strangers trapped in a tunnel.

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"This is more of a ... humanistic character for me. It's going to surprise some people; I haven't been called human for a long time."

Hart learns the trade

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For her next trick, Melissa Joan Hart, star of "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch," will try to make her living as an actress.

Hart already appeared on Nickelodeon's "Clarissa Explains It All" and a Showtime movie that developed into "Sabrina" on ABC. But Hart didn't think estimusly about a carper in acting until didn't think seriously about a career in acting until recent television movie roles that made her realize she can explore a character. Hart, 20, admitted her acting isn't "really deep yet" and said she simply read lines in "Clarissa" and didn't think about being funny. "When people laughed, I was like, 'Oh, that was funny?' The innocence of not really knowing, it played off well," she said. "Now, I consultate more on the inher timing and esting". centrate more on the jokes, timing and acting."

McEntire sidelined

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A ski injury has sidetracked Reba McEntire's concert tour.

McEntire, 42, injured a knee Wednesday at the Park City Ski Area and had minor surgery at the

University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

A show Thursday night in Tucson was canceled, but McEntire hoped to return to the concert stage

Friday in Phoenix, a spokeswoman said.
"She's feeling great," Jenny Bohler said
Thursday. "If she had her way they'd be wheeling her onstage in her hospital bed tonight in Tucson.

The country music singer has sold more than 35 million albums since 1976. She currently has a top

10 hit with "The Fear of Being Alone."

Fans of the country

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. (AP) — Hundreds of fans waited hours for the country music group Alabama to open its second Alabama Grill restaurant. "She wants a hug and a kiss from (lead singer) Randy Owen," David Jones said of his wife, Dottie, as they waited in line Wednesday.

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The \$6 million restaurant and gift shop on Music Road was started by Owen, guitarist Jeff Cook, bassist Teddy Gentry and drummer Mark Herndon.

"I'm proud to be here," Cook said. "It's something the fans — who are the reason I'm here—can enjoy." Country artists donated more than 700

personal items to the restaurant.

The first Alabama Grill was opened in 1994 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. A third is scheduled for the Mall of America in Minneapolis.

Bardot bust to be removed

MARLY-LE-ROI, France (AP) — Support is sagging for a bust of Brigitte Bardot. This quiet suburb west of Paris will remove a bust of Marianne — symbol of the French republic — because it was moduled by the Paris of the Section of of the Sect eled after Bardot, who has fallen from grace because of ties to the far-right National Front.

The model for Marianne changes about every 10 years. "Brigitte Bardot was chosen as the model of Marianne because she had generous curves," Mayor Francois-Henri de Virieu said Thursday. "Today, she has ideas that we don't find generous.

The decision comes a week after the city council in the Brittany city of Quiberon replaced four Bardot-inspired busts. Bardot, the 62-year-old for-Chevallier, National Front mayor of the southern city of Toulon. Chevallier was criticized of refusing to honor a Jewish writer at Toulon's annual book fair last mouth. fair last month. He instead substituted a book by

Webber's case closed

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge closed the door on Andrew Lloyd Webber's claim that a songdoor on Andrew Lloyd Webber's claim that a songs. Judge Shirley Wohl Kram said Lloyd Webber failed to prove Ray Repp stole the tune "Close Every Door," which was performed in the 1968 show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Publicists said the decision went against Lloyd Webber but accomplishes the goal of validating his authorship of the disputed melody.

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Hanukkah

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each day, in the Menorah.

In a modern note to an ancient tradition, Sklar read about the history of Hanukkah from a web page. Lowe shared a story of Hanukkah. The group joined in, reciting in unison three brief blessings, traditional for the first night of the holiday. After the first night, there will be just two prayers each night, Lowe said.

"Blessed are you who help us to kindle the light of Hanukkah," Lowe began. After the light-ing of the first candle in the Menorah, the ceremony ended with everyone singing a traditional

"The Menorah represents the light of truth shining through the darkness of prejudice," said Donna Halper, radio consultant for KSJS-FM. "Hanukkah is about people (who) stood up

for what they believed in, even though they were a minority," Sklar said.

a minority, "Sklar said.

A Boston resident, Halper brought a non-Jewish friend to experience the celebration.
"Hanukkah is a holiday about fighting prejudice, and what better way of fighting prejudice than

spending it with friends?"

No matter how it's spelled — Hanukkah, Chanukah or Hanukah — it's all the same to Rachel Decker and Dan Goncharoff. "It's Hebrew," said Decker. She said it is difficult to translate Hebrew words into the letters of the

"It doesn't matter to me (how you spell Hanukkah). I know what it means," said Goncharoff, Hillel treasurer. Goncharoff said his family always celebrated the day at home, lighting the Menorah, and now he lights a Menorah in his own room off-campus.

Lowe said there had been some difficulty planning their celebration. They learned at the last minute that a six-week advance notice was neces sary for a permit to light their candles. But the students of Hillel persevered, and permission was granted just in time.

"Hanukkah means dedication," Halper said.
Jewish people, she said, should "dedicate ourselves to letting people know about Hanukkah
and thanking God for our freedom of religion."

Concert

Bernstein's piece. Hughes, who has sung with the Choraliers as well as been their assistant conductor, admitted he was nervous in his new role as soloist. "I just started exploring the counter-tenor aspect of my voice," he

"Winter Celebrations," a newly com-missioned work by SJSU's Craig Bohmler, ended the program in a cele bration of the diversity of our nation and especially of the Bay Area. The medley featured a Gregorian Chant and music from the African holiday Kwanzaa; the Moslem holiday Ramadan; the Vietnamese New Year, Tet; the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah; Diwali, the Hindu celebration of light; and a Pima Indian prayer for a fertile spring, as well as the Christian celebration of Christmas.

The concert closed by repeating the strains of "Angels We Have Heard on High," and bringing full circle an

evening of music from around the

"I usually go to the symphonic band concerts," said Renee Warney, child development major. "This is my first scholarship concert." Bohmler's "Winter Celebration" was Warney's

"Winter Celebration was warneys favorite segment. "I'll definitely come back again," she said.

Proceeds from the Scholarship Fund Concert benefit the Scholarship Fund for students in need, and especially enrolling freshmen, who wish to pur-

sue a degree in music.

The Wednesday evening performance was a dress preview. Tickets for Friday and Saturday evening performances of the 21st Annual Scholarship Concert at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga range from \$12 to \$50. Tickets for the receptions following the performances are \$5. For information, call (408) 924-4332 or call the SJSU INFOLINE at (408) 924-4662.

Demko

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average Russian male is 52."

Demko closed the lecture by

taking questions from the audi-The lecture was co-produced by Gamma Theta Upsilon, an honor society for Geography students.

Demko's trip from the east coast
was sponsored by Explore
Technologies, makers of the
Odyssey Globes.
"We were very fortunate to get
him," said Patrick Shabram, presi-

dent of Gamma Theta Upsilon.
Cheryl Anderson, a graduate student in Geography, said the speech is definitely relevant for

"The world is much smaller than it was several years ago," Anderson said. "It's better to act than react."

"He was really interesting. Being of Hungarian descent, I was inter-ested to hear about it," said Christy Zeri, a public relations

major.
"I am really impressed by SJSU," Demko said after the event. "I hope today's attendance is an example of the student body."

Artique

Perlman said this was the second edition of last year's cookbook that was such an unexpected success that the department decided to create a new edition with different recipes.

The proceeds from the cookbook go to buy textbooks for financially strapped students, Perlman said.

Standish said probably twice as many people attended this year's Artique compared to last year's

Another reason the event was a success was that it created a sense of community among the staff, Standish said.

There were more people involved in the planning and organization of the event this year, Standish said, many of whom hadn't met before, became acquainted through putting the Artique together.
Ted Santos, who works in the

College of Science, said he was disappointed in the lack of support from the administration.

"I like working here. There are

a lot of good people working here," Santos said. "I wish they were appreciated by the adminis-

Panel to probe **Nazi-South** America Link

BERN, Switzerland (AP) - A new panel will investigate whether Hermann Goering and other top Nazis used Switzerland's diplomat-ic pouch to smuggle money to South America, a Swiss official said Thursday.

Thomas G. Borer, a Foreign Ministry lawyer who heads Switzerland's task force on Holocaust assets, said he had never heard the reports, con-tained in a 1946 U.S. memo disclosed Wednesday by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato

But, he told The Associated Press, "it cannot be excluded that at some time a diplomatic pouch was misused.

The U.S. State Department document found in the National Archives says Goering, head of the German air force, may have used Swiss businessmen with diplomatic clearance to ship \$20 million to Argentina.

Diplomatic pouches of neutral countries such as Switzerland would have been able to cross borders without inspection during World War II.

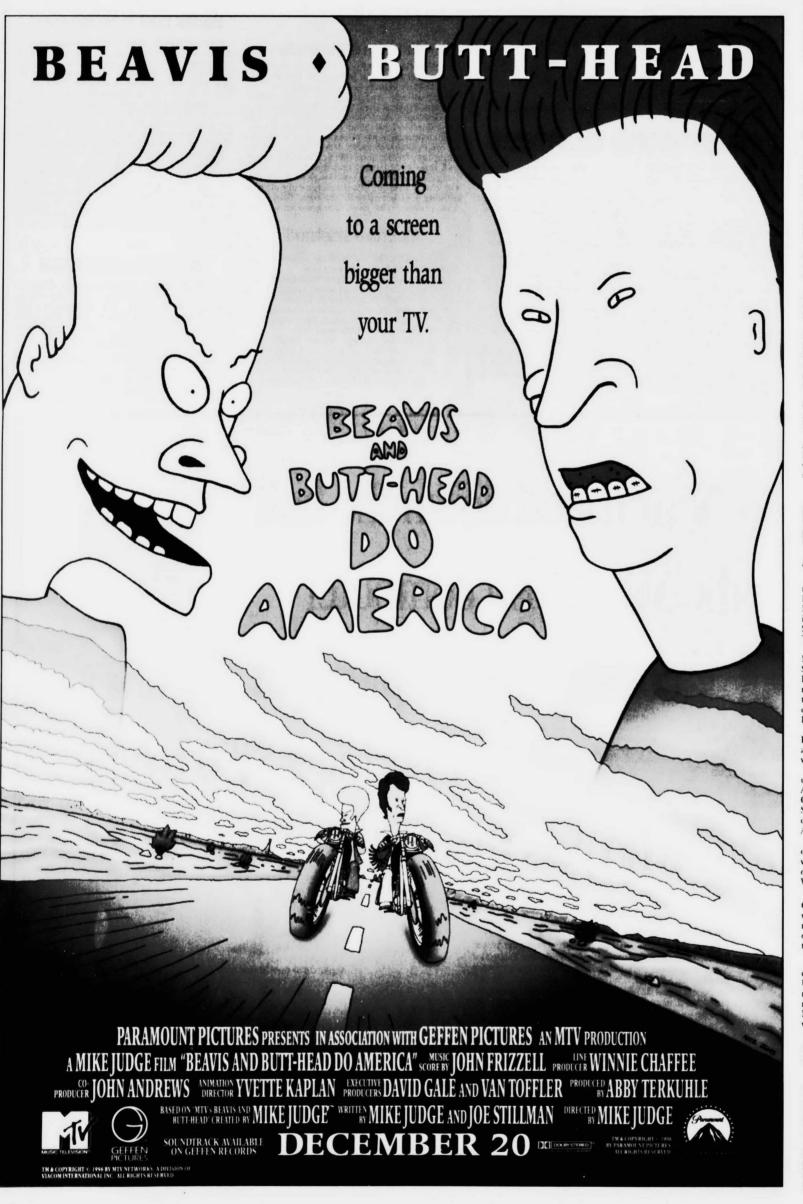
Propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels also used the route, which involved first sending the money to Geneva by German diplomatic pouch, according to

Borer said there were reasons to doubt the allegations. He said the United States never filed a diplomatic protest at the time and never brought up the memo at the Nuremberg trial in which Goering was condemned.

He also questioned where the information in the document came from.

"We also don't know whether the source that Mr. D'Amato names is to be taken seriously," Borer added. "With intelligence sources, caution is always appropriate.

In a letter to the Swiss Embassy, D'Amato, R-N.Y., urged an investi-gation into the 1946 memo from by American General Laurence G. Frank.



Protesters unhappy over economy

U.S. pressures Milosevic

The United States is pushing hardfor President Slobodan Milosevic to give his people more freedom. It even intervened to keep a crucial radio station on the air after Milosevic's government shut it down

That still isn't enough, say demonstrators, some of whom only this week burned an American flag.

"If America is so mighty, how come it cannot get rid of, or at least scare, a little Balkan dictator?" wondered 22-year-old student Dragan Petric. He was one of more than 100,000 protesters on Thursday, the 17th day of anti-government protests.

The protests — the biggest ever against the authoritarian president — are fueled by popular anger over poverty, the absence of economic reforms and limits on freedom of speech and media. They started after Milosevic annulled local elections the opposition had

The United States has been careful with Milosevic. It depends on him to implement the Dayton peace agreement in Bosnia, where U.S. prestige and the safety of American troops are at stake. On the other hand, it has regularly reminded Milosevic that his regime falls far short of acceptable standards of democracy

At first, U.S. officials responded to the protests with guarded criticism, but condemnation intensified as unrest spread.

At a conference in London on Bosnia, U.S. officials have tried to get other participants to adopt a statement condemning Belgrade's crackdown on independent media and challenges to the election results. Not all countries are going along, though, particularly Serbia's traditional backer, Russia.

Department threatened to reimeconomic sanctions Milosevic used violence against the demonstrators.

The opposition says the United States couldn't choose a worse tac-

Sanctions, they say, would give Milosevic an excuse for Serbia's poor economy, provide a diversion from government corruption, and therefore shore up his regime.

"I'm sending a message to the international community: Don't punish us with sanctions," opposition leader Vesna Pesic said Wednesday. "They hurt only ordinary people, and not him. Do whatever you want with him, but don't threaten sanctions.

State-run media are already saying the protesters will be to blame sanctions are reimposed.

Playing to opposition fears that the United States really prefers to work with Milosevic, Deputy Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic told reporters Thursday that Belgrade had experienced

If America is so mighty, how come it cannot get rid of, or at least scare, a little Balkan dictator?

Dragon Petric

New York City Councilman

fruitful cooperation" with the United States

"Understanding between Belgrade and Washington is essential for stability in the region," he

With crowds as large as 150,000 demonstrating in Belgrade for the past two weeks, Milosevic has offered some minor concessions to try to appease the demonstrators while keeping a firm hold on

He's agreed to pay overdue pensions and to disburse student loans and grants. He announced a reduction in electricity costs. He gave in to foreign pressure and allowed two small radio stations to resume broadcasting.

And in another sign Milosevic was softening, Belgrade's electoral commission said it was appealing the annulment of the opposition election victory. That could lead to Milosevic handing over control of Belgrade to his foes, which would

probably end the protests.
But neither the compromises nor the foreign pressure that caused them — seem to be caused them — seem to be enough for the protesters. They Milosevic out altogether.

How can the butcher of the Balkans become a peacemaker

ked Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader. "America is wrong if it thinks that the one who destroyed Bosnia can now be the only guarantee for its peace. ... No one should trust this guy, especially not America.

Protesters agreed.

"If U.S. officials think that their weak criticism could shake Milosevic, they are dead wrong," said economy student Dragutin Petrovic, 21.

Instead, Petrovic said the U.S. should threaten Milosevic with war crimes charges for his alleged role in bankrolling the Bosnian Serb rebellion in Bosnia, which left at least 200,000 dead or missing.

"The American administration knows quite well how to deal with Milosevic," Draskovic said. "If they made him sign peace for Bosnia, they certainly can make him return our election victory.

Gold donation continues

CHICAGO (AP) — A Christmas tradition dating to 1982 continued in Chicago this week when an anonymous donor dropped a gold coin into a Salvation Army kettle. The 1996 1-ounce U.S. gold coin — with a denomination of \$50 but actually worth about \$370 per denomination of \$50 but actually worth about \$370. — was deposited in a kettle on North Michigan Avenue on Monday, Salvation Army spokesman

Robert Bonesteel said Wednesday. A gold coin was dropped in a kettle in the same spot last year, he said. The Salvation Army first found a gold coin in a kettle in the northwestern suburb of Crystal Lake in 1982 Except for a couple of years in the late '80s, at least one gold coin has appeared in a kettle every year since. Last year, more than 25 gold items, including 16 I-ounce coins, were found in kettles, Bonestee said. They brought about \$6,500 at auction.



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Card game inspired vampire cult, police allege

First, they played with dice Then, they formed clubs, started dressing up like vampires and staged productions. Eventually, police said, some players began drinking blood.

Five teen-agers, who police believe became attracted to vam-pires because of a role-playing game, are accused in the beating

deaths in Florida of one the sus-pects' parents. The arrests cast a spotlight on an underground vampire culture, much of it evolved from the best-selling game, Vanpire: The Masquerade. The game, which has sold more

than 500,000 copies since its 1991 creation, has its own jargon, hierar-

The more serious players belong to clans — the Tremere or the

Assamite Antitribu. Women submit to sires. They casually mention omens like the Coming of Gehenna. But it's all harmless fun,

some players say.
"First of all, what kind of pathettheir parents to death? This does n't follow any tenant of vampiric belief," Marjean Stewart of Denton, Texas, wrote in an Internet discussion area on vam-

Police in Murray, Ky., the hometown of four of the suspects, said they believe the slayings may have evolved from the youths' involvement in the game.

"What are we? We are vampires,

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and that is enough," the game advertises. "No one holds command over me. ... What is a claim of power for ones who defy death? Call your damnable hunt. We shall see whom I drag screaming to hell

Authorities haven't contacted the game's publisher, White Wolf

Inc. of Atlanta.
"I doubt seriously there's going these individto be any tie between these individ-uals, who were very disturbed, and our role-playing game," company spokesman Greg Fountain said. Masquerade was patterned after

the popular Dungeons & Dragons game of the 1980s, and now is second in popularity only to D&D, White Wolf said.

Masquerade is no longer played around a table. Players act out roles in full vampire garb, usually at night on city streets, said J. Gordon Melton, who spent four years studying vampire culture and runs the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"Instead of a group of people sit-

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ting around and rolling dice, the dice have been eliminated, costumes have been added and staging has been added," Melton said. "It's quite an event."

Four of the teen-agers await extradition from Louisiana, where all five suspects were arrested Thanksgiving night. The lone adult suspect, 19-year-old Dana Cooper, was returned Tuesday to

Florida to face murder charges.

She seemed solemn, tired and pale as she was denied bond today in Tavares, Fla. She appeared before a judge by video camera from jail, and no court date was

One of the suspects, Roderick Ferrell, 16, had lived in Eustis, Fla., where he met 15-year-old Heather Wendorf. He and three other teens from Kentucky went to Eustis where they allegedly bludgeoned

Miss Wendorf's parents.

The group fled in the Wendorfs' vehicle and were caught in Baton Rouge, La., after the parents of one of the teens called police,

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His mother, Sondra Gibson, faces charges of solicitation to commit rape. She wrote a sexual by explicit letter to a 14-year-old boy, urging him "to become a Vampire, a part of the family immortal" and asking him to become "my sire,"

police said.
Police in Kentucky say the youths drank their own blood and that of mutilated animals. Most players don't drink blood, which is associated with a fringe group

associated with a fining group called Gothics, Melton said. "Most people, when they get around to drinking blood, are too afraid and don't like the taste," he

The allure of vampires has increased with the popularity of Anne Rice novels and the 1994 film "Interview With The Vampire," based on one of her vampire, based on one of her books. Her vampires are often dashing and romantic, more appealing than the frightening monsters in other movies and

romantic, disguised, "This masked figure ... the young per-son's need for rebellion, the flaunting of authority: Mix it all up, what might come to the sur-face would be a vampire cult," said William Heim, an English profes-sor at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Couple enslaved maid

MIAMI (AP) - A couple who illegally brought a young woman into the country to work as their maid face up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for beating her and even branding her with a

Kishin Kumar Mahtani, 42, and Shashi Gobindram, 34, pleaded guilty Wednesday to holding the woman against her will at their suburban Miami Lakes home for

almost seven months. To keep Francesca Ekka, 23, in servitude, the couple admitted they used violence, including burning the woman, twisting her ear until it bled and forcing her head under water. They also threatened to chain Ms. Ekka with a dog leash and made her work 16-hour days.

The Indian-born couple said they isolated Ms. Ekka, who also is from India, by taking her passport and burning her address book

and mail. A grand jury indictment handed up in June charged Mahtani and Ms. Gobindram with conspiraand Ms. Cobindrain with conspira-cy, involuntary servitude, inducing an alien to live in the United States and harboring an illegal alien. Mahtani also was charged

alien. Mahtani also was charged with passport fraud.

Each faces up to five years in prison and fines of \$250,000 at sentencing in March.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said the couple didn't know Ms. Ekka until they found her through a sentencing. found her through a service that sends Indian laborers overseas.

CORRECTION

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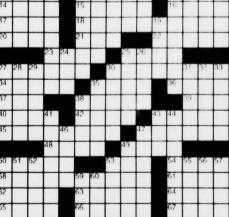
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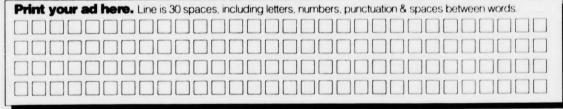
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BASKETBALL

Challenges await SJSU in the WAC

By Matt Romig Spartan Daily Staff Writer

There will be no victory lap this season for the Spartan men's basketball team.

One year after completing a 16year climb to the top of the Big West Conference, the Spartans find themselves back at square one, in a new conference with a new set of challenges.

Last season's miracle run to the NCAA Tournament is a memory, says center Rich Taylor, who helped deliver the Spartans to college basketball's promised land with a three-point shot in the final seconds of the 1996 Big West Championship game.

"We definitely have a lot to prove," Taylor said. "All around the WAC, they are just thinking we got lucky one time

"Last year is over with. It comes up every once in a while, but not often."

SJSU's new home, the Western Athletic Conference, is not only the largest basketball conference in the nation, it is also one of the

With the additions of Nevada-Las Vegas, Rice, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Tulsa and SJSU, WAC membership has increased to 16-schools, spanning four times zones and nine states from Hawaii to Texas.

Recent expansion has not only added mass to the conference, but talented teams with experienced coaches. Former national power UNLV joins the Spartans, four years after Fresno State vacated the

Big West for the WAC.
Coaches Jerry Tarkanian
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Rich Taylor

SJSU basketball player

(Texas-El Paso), and Billy Tubbs (TCU) have each led teams to the losing record in non-conference games only in 1966-'67.

Last year, WAC teams had a 63-The WAC is a relatively young conference, having been founded in 1962, but it has established itself 30 record against non-conference foes, good for a .677 winning per-centage. Utah and New Mexico as a solid basketball power. In 34 years of play, the WAC has posted a represented the WAC in the 1996 NCAA Tournament and each

advanced to the second round.

SJSU's new conference has sent least two teams to the NCAA Tournament every year since 1984. The Spartans are moving from the Big West, a conference that generally sent only its conference cham-

pion to the Big Dance. Spartan Coach Stan Morrison faces the challenge of preparing his team to face stronger, and unfamiliar, opponents.

"There are more quality teams in the WAC than we faced before," Morrison said. "And we'll face more quality big men than we have faced in the past.

"Anytime you go to a new conference, you are feeling your way along. We don't have our thumb on how the various WAC teams want to play."

The Spartan coach is not exactly

The Spartan coach is not exactly flying blind. Several conference

teams play under the national spot-light. Four WAC teams are featured in the Associated Press Top 25, with Utah (4-0) leading the way

with a No. 3 ranking.
Scheduling gave the Spartans a break even before they tipped off their first conference game. Top 25 teams Utah and New Mexico do not appear on the 1996-'97 SJSU schedule.

But Fresno State and Tulsa will bring their national rankings to the floor against the Spartans for a pair of games, contributing to one of the toughest conference sched-ules in school history.

The following seven teams share the Pacific Division of the WAC with SJSU. The teams projected finishes were determined by a panel of Spartan Daily sports writ-

Fresno State Bulldogs Coach: Jerry Tarkanian (22-11, 1 year) 1995-'96 Record: 22-11 (13-5 WAC) Current Record: 5-0 Home Court: Selland Arena (10,132) Schedule vs. S[SU: Jan. 11 (Fresno), Feb. 6 (San Jose)

Jerry Tarkanian returned to Fresno State last year to guide his alma mater to its most successful season since 1985. The Bulldogs won 22 games, but were denied a birth in the NCAA Tournament, perhaps due to the presence of Tarkanian, the controversial former coach of UNLV. Four double-figure scorers, all seniors, return from the 1995-'96 Fresno State roster. Returning are guards Kendric Brooks (19.4 ppg) and Dominick Young (18.2 ppg), forward Darnell McCulloch (11.3 ppg) and center Rahssan Smith (7.2 rpg). Tarkanian used his trademark recruiting magic to sdd two former prep All-Americans and one former junior college All-American to his roster. With new talent arriving and more than 90 percent of their scoring returning, the Bulldogs are expected to be a force in the WAC. Jerry Tarkanian returned to Fresno State last year to

Projected Finish: First

Nevada-Las Vegas Rebels Coach: Bill Bayno (10-76, 1 year) 1995-96 Record: 10-16 (7-11 Big West) Home Court: Thomas & Mack Center (18,500) Schedule vs. SJSO: Jan. 2 (San Jose), Feb. 15 (Las

Once the most powerful team in the Big West Conference, the Rebels find themselves in a new confer-Conference, the Rebels find themselves in a new conference after last season's 10-16 disaster. Encouraging times are ahead, if you believe The Sporting News and Basketball Times, two publications that ranked UNLV's recruiting class as the best in the nation. Center Keon Clark, a 6-11 transfer from Dixie College, is expected to be the jewel of Bayno's collection of new talent. The Rebels return three double-figure scores, including forward Warren Rosegreen, who averaged 11,5 points per game and led the Big West in rebounds at 9.5 per game. Gone is leading scorer Clayton Johnson, who averaged 16.7 points per game, but made only 36 percent of his field goal attempts.

Projected Finish: Fourth

San Diego State Aztecs
Coacht Fred Trenkle (26-31, 2 years)
1995-96 Record: 15-14 (8-10 WAC)
Current Record: 3-1
Home Court: San Diego Sports Arena (13,741)
Schedule vs. SJSU: Feb. 1 (San Jose), Feb. 27 (San

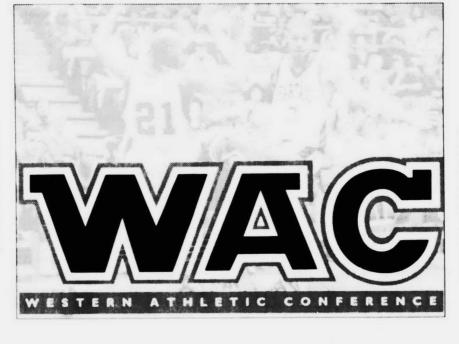
Third-year coach Fred Trenkle faces a major rebuild-ing task, as only two players return from the 1995-96 roster that recorded the first winning season in 11 years for the Artecs. Guard Chad Nelson is the only returnfor the Axtecs. Guard Chad Nelson is the only returning starter for the Axtecs, who saw 48 points per game leave the starting lineup through graduation. Nelson averaged 11.6 points per game and is a solid backcourt contributor. San Diego State added size with two foreign players; 6-8 forward Roy Kruiswyk from Canada and 6-10 freshman Marcelo Correa from Brazil. With such a major turnover of talent, the Axtecs will be hard pressed to put together back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 12 years. Three first-year Axtecs bring Div. I experience to the floor. Most notably, Jason Richey played two seasons at Arizona and Jacobi Thompson spent one season at Santa Clara.

Projected Finish: Sixth

Wyoming Cowboys Coach: Joby Wright (41-44, 3 years) 1995-'96 Record: 14-15 (8-10 WAC) Current Record: 1-2 Home Court: Arena-Auditorium (15,028) schedule vs. SJSU: Jan. 23 (Laramie), Feb. 22 (San

Despite returning from a losing season, there is reason for excitement at Wyoming. The Cowboys return 6-7 senior HL Coleman, the only player in the WAC to average a double-double for the 1995-'96 season. With age a double-double for the 1995-96 season. With Coleman (12.2 ppg, 10.4 rpg), Wyoming has a solid front-line player to compliment the backcourt combination of Jeron Roberts (17.3 ppg) and LaDrell Whitehead (17.7 ppg, 4.0 apg). Whitehead led the Cowboys in scoring, assists and steals for the second consecutive season last year. Wye ang was one of the toughest teams in the WAC at home in 1995-96, with wins over Utah (80-76), Fresno State (96-81) and New Mexico (61-58). Away from home was a different story for the Cowboys, who won only one conference game on the road. only one conference game on the road.

Projected Finish: Second



Hawai'i Rainbows

Coach: Riley Wallace (134-135, 9 years) 1995-'96 Record: 10-18 (7-11 WAC) Home Court: Special Events Arena (10,225) Schedule vs. SJSU: Jan. 30 (San Jose), Mar. 1 (Honolada) Current Record: 3-0

Hawai'i reached the NCAA Tournament in 1994, and has experienced a stendy decline every since. Last year's 10-win season was the worst for the Rainbows since 1987-788, when they won just four games. Traditionally a tough team to play at home due to the extensive travel, Hawai'i was 8-8 at home last season. Despite losing their top three players and 60 percent of their scoring to graduation, the Rainbows are picked to finish fifth in the Pacific Division by the media. In order to live up to the projection, they will need a solid senior season from 7-1 center Seth Sundherg, who averaged 5-3 points and 4-3 rebounds as Sundberg, who averaged 5.3 points and 4.3 rebounds as a junior. New to the Rainbow roster is Anthony Carter, who averaged 26.9 points at Saddleback Community College in 1995-'96.

Projected Finish: Seventh

Colorado State Rams Coach: Stew Morrill (81-68, 5 years, 1995-'96 Record: 18-12 (11-7 WAC) Current Record: 4-1 Home Court: Moby Arena (9,001) Schedule vs. SJSU: Jan. 25 (Fort Collins), Feb. 20 (San

The Rams return a big front line in 6-foot-8 forward Matt Barnett, 6-9 forward Lorenzo Johnson and 7-0 center Ryan Chilton. Colorado State used its beefy size rank second nationally in field goal accuracy, setting a school record with a .506 percentage. Six letterwinners return from the 1995-'96 team that won 18 games and advanced to the post-season National Invitational Tournament. With four consecutive winning seasons behind them, and no seniors on their current roster, the Rams are establishing themselves as a growing power in the WAC's Pacific Division.

Projected Finish: Third

San Jose State Spartans Coach: Stan Morrison (56-135, 7 years) 1995-'96 Record: 13-17 (9-9 Big West) Current Record: 3-1 Home Court: The Event Center (5,000)

The biggest challenge facing the Spartans in their first year of WAC play is replacing Sam Allen and Roy Hammonds, who combined to average 25 points and 11.2 rebounds last season. 6-9 jumior Rich Taylor will likely play out of position as center, while big men Craig Clark and Graeme Anstey come of age. Depth and talent is abundant in the backcourt, however, as Brad Quine returns from a redshirt season to join Olivier Saint-Jean, Tito Addison and Marmet Williams in the guard rotation. Saint-Jean averaged 17.2 points per game to earn All-Big West honors last season, and has been nearly unstoppable this year. Quinet led the team is scoring two seasons ago and is the team's most accurate three-point shooter.

Projected Finish: Fifth

Air Force Falcons

Coach: Reggie Minton (115-225, 12 years) 1995-'96 Record: 5-23 (1-17 WAC) Current Record: 1-3 Schedule vs. SJSU: Jan. 16 (San Jose), Feb. 13 (USAFA,

Possibly the worst team in either division of the WAC, the Falcons won a conference game against Hawai'i on Jan. 18, then closed the season with 13 consecutive losses. Jan. 10, then closed the season with 13 consecutive losses. Air Force returns top scorer Jarmica Reese (14.8 ppg) and top rebounder Mike Freeman (7.0 rpg) from a team that posted just one victory after Dec. 12. Troubles are not new for the Falcons, who have been traditionally outguined in the WAC, having won less than 20 percent of their conference games since 1980.

Projected Finish: Eighth

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Sports

Men's basketball The next game

for the Spartans is 7:30 p.m., Monday in the SJSU Event Center against Cal Poly Pomona

Women's basketball

SJSU begins piay in the Arizona Copper Bowl Classic Friday at the University of Arizona Southern Illinois and Harvard will be in the tourna ment with SJSU and Arizona.

Swimming ◆ The swim team takes part in the Speedo Cup in Long Beach beginning on Thursday The team then hosts San Francisco State University and CSU Hayward at the Aquatic Center 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

 Seven members of the national champion SJSU Judo team will participate in the World University Judo Championships in Jonquiére, Canada beginning on Monday.

Lasers

◆ The Lasers play in Atlanta tonight before coming home on Tuesday to play Atlanta at 7:30 Hockey

 This weekend the hockey club takes part in the Gold Rush Tournament beginning at 7:45 p.m. Friday in the Ice Centre against Cal. If the Spartans win. they will play in the tournament final 7:45 p.m. on Saturday.