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Spartan basketball's unsung heroes

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Sam & Roy Buddies are the best

By T.R. Nichols
Spartan Daily Staff Photographer

Hoopster Sam Allen ambles onto the basketball court smiling, with his head tilted back and hands and feet a-flopping. His teammate Roy Hammonds strides on powerfully with eyes that show no fear. The two friends have visibly different demeanors, personalities that seem like polar opposites, but when it comes to their love of basketball, they have one heart.

Whether the team is up or down by 20, the two senior starters constantly communicate, each always knowing what the other is doing. They assist each other in passes, rebounds and baskets, and even let out the same familiar whoop to let their teammates know they're open for a pass.

"When you have a common thing like basketball, everything else just kind of fits in," Hammonds said. "In some aspects we're like night and day, but then it combines together and it works as

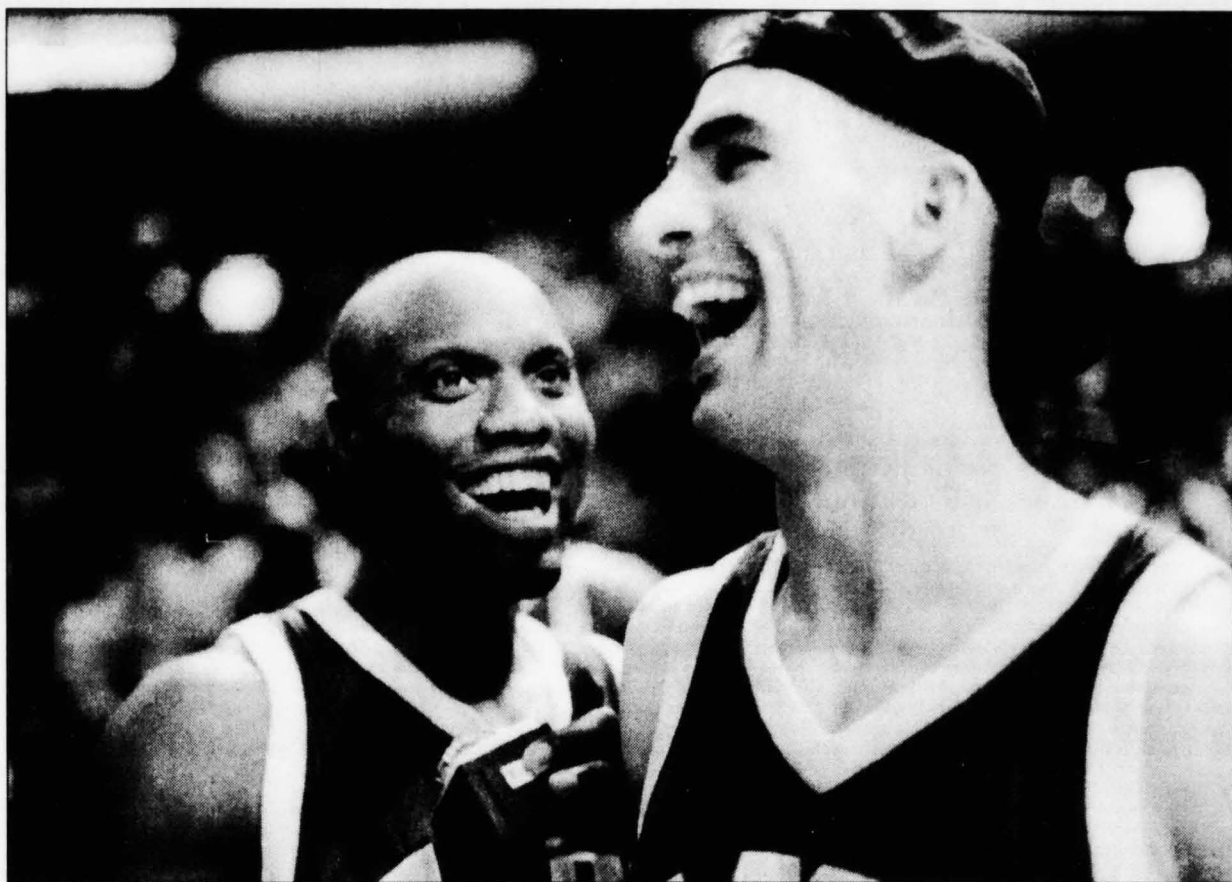


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Roy Hammonds, left, and Sam Allen celebrate after clinching the Big West title from Utah State last weekend. "It's been a blessing for me to be able to finish out my college career with a player like (Sam Allen) because whenever I take myself to do something, I give it my very best. And I've seen that in him," said Hammonds. "I've seen that in him."

The degree option Community college role could change

By Leslie Asbury
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

There's a new measure that is going through the State Assembly that could change where students choose to get a bachelor's degree.

If AB 445 passes, some students can go to their local community college and walk away with their degree.

Introduced by Assemblywoman Marguerite Archie-Hudson (D-48), AB 445 would allow California State Universities the option to set up a contract with community colleges for upper division course work.

Traditionally, people attended community colleges to work on their lower division general education while saving money.

After they completed the work and received an associate degree, they moved on to a four-year institution to obtain their bachelor's degree.

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San Jose Taiko: the pulse of rhythm

By Lindy Bolsvert
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

They weave through and around each other. They figure-eight around four drums positioned in the center of the room. They alternate instruments with other percussionists never missing a beat. They promote their ethnic identity by combining dance and rhythm, presenting a rigorous regimen of physical training.

San Jose Taiko is an internationally known performance company that utilizes Japanese drums creating contemporary Asian music from a traditional Asian practice, said Roy Hirabayashi, the San Jose Taiko artistic director and performer.

"I felt it right in my heart. It was heart-felt."

Linda Ingram
International Student Services

"We've been doing this in San Jose since 1972. I was one of the members who helped start the group," Hirabayashi said.

The San Jose Taiko Company is comprised of 14 members. Six were at San Jose State University on Tuesday at noon.

They started their performance in the Umunhum Room of the Student Union standing in front of

large Japanese drums called *josuke*, their hands were above their heads pointing sticks in the direction of the crowd that had filled the seats to watch.

"I'm from Japan," Yojiro Imaya, environmental studies student said. "We have this there. It's more like a spiritual rhythm."

The group of six performers started drumming quietly at first,

but soon exploded into a pulsating throb. There were three *josukes* on tilted stands, one shaker or *hyotan* and two pairs of smaller drums, similar to snares, called *shimes*.

"I felt it right in my heart," said Linda Ingram, International Student Services secretary. "It was heart-felt."

They do sumo-wrestler squats. They jump. They spin. After each number, the performers are breathing rapidly.

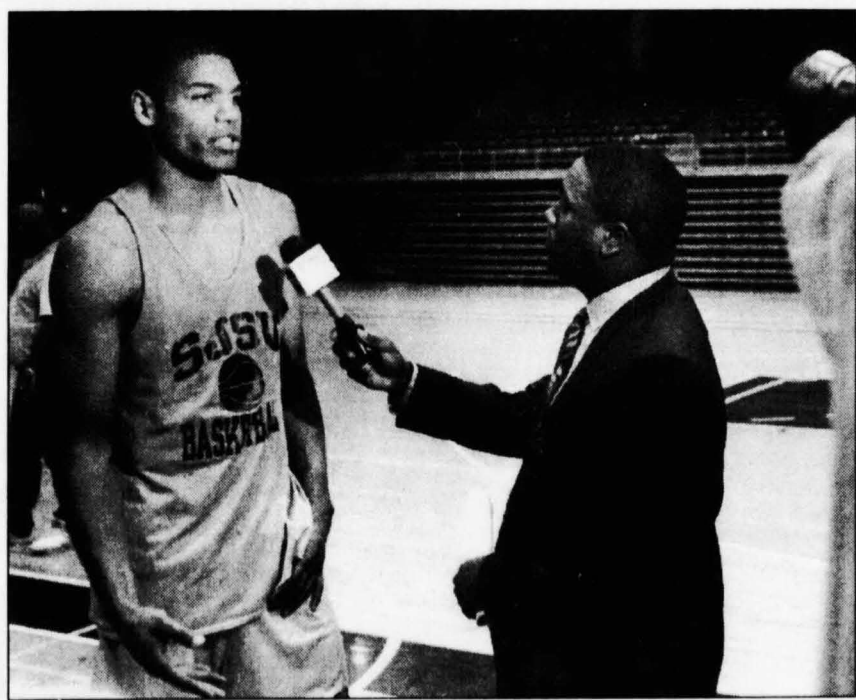
"I like to make sure that members are getting some sort of exercise to stay in shape for the performances," Hirabayashi said. "It is very physical."

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PHOTO BY PAUL MYERS — SPARTAN DAILY

Yumi Ishihara, a member of San Jose Taiko, drums during a performance in the Student Union Tuesday. The group has been drumming and performing traditional and contemporary pieces for 23 years.



THE CALM

Prior to the send-off celebration for the hoop team, Olivier Saint-Jean is interviewed by KNTV's David Lee to get his views on Thursday's NCAA tournament game against the University of Kentucky.

PHOTO BY AARON SUOZZI — SPARTAN DAILY

Experts to probe terrorism

By Shane Lewis
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Just a few months ago, someone intentionally loosened a rail from a railroad track before an approach to a bridge in Arizona, causing an Amtrak train to plunge into an arroyo. The result was numerous deaths and injuries.

Experts from across the country will discuss how to combat such terrorist attacks on surface transportation in a symposium Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Umunhum Room of the Student Union.

The symposium, offered by the Norman Y. Mineta International Institute for Surface Transportation Policy Studies (IISTPS), will feature four experts in the field.

"The speakers are a who's who as it relates to the world of terrorism on transportation," said Rod Diridon, executive director of IISTPS.

Tom Savage, chief security

A who's who in the world of sabotage comes to SJSU

officer for the New York Transit Authority; Patrick J. Webb, counter terrorism squad supervisor special agent of the FBI; Ernest R. Frazier, chief of police for the National Railroad Passenger Corp. (Amtrak); and Denis Jackson, vice president for technical operations at American Medical Response West are all expected to be present. All have had to deal with terrorist attacks in the last few months.

"These are the people who have hands-on experience with terrorist acts and they are going to share it," Diridon said. "Each of them will do a 45 minute presentation and then, after they are all done, we will gather all four of them into a panel for a question and answer session with the audience."

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SPARTAN SPEED READ

Recalling George

The "100 great years" of George Burns were recalled Tuesday as family and friends mourned him at a simple funeral at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

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Mistaken identity

Whitney Houston has a problem with men who claim to be her relatives. She is suing a man who claims to her cousin and who allegedly defrauded a doctor of \$100,000.

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Another shutdown?

Republican and Democrats accused each other Tuesday of threatening a new federal shutdown as the Senate debated spending legislation.

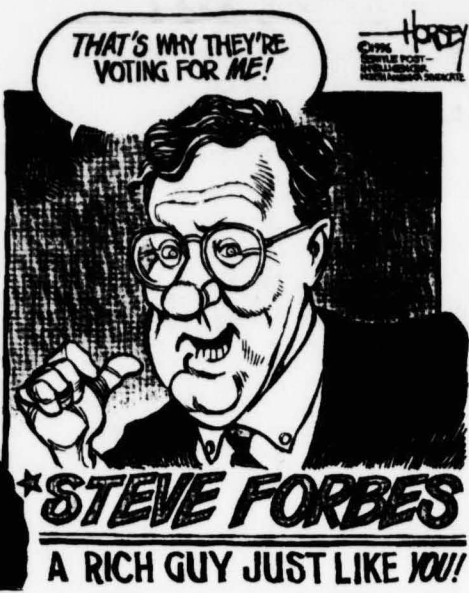
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Beware of quakes

Residents of the San Francisco bay area should brace themselves — seismologists say the odds of a major earthquake are about to increase.

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"What would you do with the money you'd save with the Forbes Flat Tax?"



Editorial

Measure E will help keep elections fair

One of the five measures on the Associated Students election calls for restricting the number of elections on ballot issues to once a semester. What a concept. Students will be allowed to vote on one of the stipulations on Measure E today and Thursday which states that "any election ballot issues, other than recall, shall be placed on the spring ballot or during the month of November prior to Thanksgiving break."

Now there's a measure that makes sense. When Associated Students conducts special elections, it allows small special interest groups to put issues on the ballot. There are elections during specific times of the year so that students will be informed

when these take place. Voting then can become a custom. But when there are special elections between these dates, and when they are held frequently, which is something Associated Students is infamous for doing, it only confuses the student body. The only reason the student government should hold a special election is to have a recall.

Not only is it inefficient to have more than one election during a semester, it also costs money. Last fall Associated Students spent \$8,000 for a special election to vote on three initiatives.

One of the three initiatives, was a recreation fee initiative. The other two dealt with changing certain actions within Associated Students. Was it

absolutely necessary to spend \$8,000 for a special election, which occurred in October, rather than wait for the regular election held in November?

We are not saying the initiatives weren't important, but was it absolutely necessary to vote on it right then and not wait until November? By not lumping all the initiatives together, the October initiative seemed self-serving.

Associated Students has a huge responsibility to the student body, and it must be especially careful when it expedites funds from its million dollar budget. If this measure passes, we hope Associated Students will be responsible enough to keep elections to once a semester.

We can't trust Hillary Clinton about Whitewater

By Dustin Shekell

Let's face it, somebody is flat out, blatantly lying about the events surrounding the whole Whitewater fiasco. I have a suspicion the culprit's name is Hillary.

In general, someone needs a degree in finance or an unflawed pentium chip to decipher the details of this scandal. What I do know is some of the events that have taken place or been uncovered since the overwhelming flood of Whitewater began to drown the consciousness of America have created many unanswered questions about the integrity of our esteemed first lady.

Unsolved mystery number one: How did the missing billing records from Hillary's Arkansas law firm miraculously

appear in the White House after two years of searching? This is the mystery that led Whitewater investigators to do the unthinkable — subpoena the first lady to testify in front of a grand jury. Simply being called to testify doesn't imply guilt of any sort, but in this case prosecutors are interested in how, if at all, Hillary obstructed justice in the investigation process.

The long-sought billing records turned up in an office next to Hillary's office in the White House that only she, her husband and a few members of their personal staff are allowed to enter. The papers were folded, sitting on a table, in plain view and in the handwriting of Hillary's former partner at the Rose Law Firm, Vincent Foster, who committed suicide in 1993 at the same time Whitewater began to erupt. These documents are so important to

the Whitewater case because they reportedly will show whether Hillary or the Rose Law Firm had anything to do with the failure of her financial partners' James and Susan McDougal, savings and loan that cost tax-payers \$65 million.

The irony of this whole thing is Hillary under oath, up until the time the documents reappeared, denied working more than minimally for McDougal's Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, and completely dissociated herself with one of its most botched land deals, Castle Grande, saying she knew absolutely nothing about the deal. The records now show she worked more than 60 hours over 15 months on projects for the savings and loan, including Castle Grande.

And to top it all off, the documents were found two days after the statute of

limitations had expired, eliminating any chance of a civil suit against her. What a surprise.

Unsolved mystery number two: Just how was it possible for Bill and Hillary to make such a killing in the commodity trading market in 1979? Hillary says she studied the Wall Street Journal to get the tips that enabled her to make a 10,000 percent profit on her investments while Bill was governor of Arkansas. What she fails to mention is that her investment account was headed by a lawyer who worked for Arkansas' poultry interests, a commodity which gave Hillary a sizable chunk of change. What a coincidence.

What comes out of this may amount to little more than another issue for the Republicans to place on a pedestal during this year's massive campaign of Clinton-

bashing. What will definitely happen is the American public will begin to question the integrity of their first lady. Obviously, she has not been exactly truthful about some her business dealings, including Whitewater, her questionable sources of income while acting as the first lady of Arkansas, and the dismissal of the White House travel staff she claimed to have nothing to do with, despite the evidence to the contrary.

How are we supposed to trust anything that comes out of her mouth? What a dilemma.

Dustin Shekell is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Factions may ruin GOP bid

By Russell Hall

The Republican Party is not as strong as it would like to be and it's only going to get weaker as long as its members continue to battle among themselves. Dole is a shoe-in for the GOP nomination but Forbes and Buchanan keep campaigning along, not afraid to throw cheap shots at Dole in the process.

Forbes is a joke and just seems to enjoy throwing his millions away just to earn respect and to be in the limelight. His major position seems to be the installment of the flat tax, and he appears ready to spend as much as necessary for people to agree with him on the subject.

Pat Buchanan is obsessed with beating Dole and is slow in accepting defeat. In a statement last week, Buchanan was quoted as saying "We are going to fight until hell freezes over and then we are going to fight on the ice." His focus now is to target the Southern states in an egotistical attempt to prolong the inevitable.

Buchanan is campaigning during these GOP primaries like he is going to war against the Democrats. Not only does he refuse to tone down his attacks on Dole, but vows to throw his two cents in if Dole chooses Colin Powell as his running mate.

Buchanan has already told Time magazine that if Dole was to pick the pro-choice Powell as his running mate, the Republican Party would lose the whole right-to-life movement as well as a large portion of the Christian Coalition. According to the latest Time/CNN poll, this is not totally accurate. In the poll, people are asked who they would vote for if Powell joined the Dole team. Amazingly, the poll saw Dole-Powell victorious over Clinton-Gore 47 percent to 45 percent.

If Dole shakes off all of the GOP dust and does the smart thing in making Powell the vice presidential hopeful, he has a chance. Experience is the selling point for Dole, and with 28 years in the Senate, he has it. He has been the Senate Republican Leader since 1984 and his staff members are all too willing to do what ever they can to aid in the Republican cause. They are set to lay traps for Clinton in hopes he takes the bait.

Among other strategies, one is to send up another version of welfare reform and tax cuts for children in hopes Clinton will slip and veto the very positions he stood for in 1992.

Another factor in how it might be a close race is how far the Whitewater scandal goes in tarnishing the Clinton name. A lot of money was manipulated in this real estate nightmare and the question of the Clintons' integrity has become more and more of an issue. The apparent suicide of Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster, who represented the Clintons in their Whitewater interest, still draws some questions.

Escalation of Bosnia could also hurt the Clinton camp. Clinton has not made any terrible blunder as of yet, but America is tired of seeing its troops being sent over to warring countries when the two factions appear to be fighting for meaningless reasons.

What the final outcome is going to come down to is if Clinton has worn out his welcome. It is hard not to like Clinton, who is

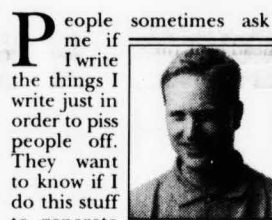
often described as a people-loving, future-minded man with vision. However, our economy has not gotten better even though more jobs have been created.

Dole does not have a set plan on fixing the budget, but could probably do a better job in getting things going in the right direction with the Republican Congress. One of Dole's goals is to direct money away from the corporate giants and more toward the common work force of America. Another goal of his is to shift some power from Washington to the states in such areas as welfare. This could win him some votes in California.

America must ask itself: do we want the youth and vitality or do we want change? At 73, Dole would be the oldest president, but he is far from being incapable. At this time we need a president who is going to have the common person's interest in mind, one we can trust and whose intentions are in the right place. Only November will tell.

Russell Hall is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Just shut up



JUSTIN CARDER

People sometimes ask me if I write the things I write just in order to piss people off. They want to know if I do this stuff to generate letters and catch an audience — like I live for some kind of public affirmation or something. These people accuse me of being insincere — they accuse me of making these things up just to get a rise.

Nothing could be further from the truth, dickhead, I tell them.

I'm just intrinsically a little abrasive. I seem to naturally rub people the wrong way. I like controversy, I guess. It's just the way I am, you know? Real. That's me. I'm real. I can't stand faking it.

For example: The other day I was talking to this friend of mine — well he's not really my friend, more of an acquaintance I guess. Anyway, this gay guy — he's got a girlfriend but I know he's gay because most people who lisp and like listening to Michael Feinstein are homos — he tells me it wasn't nice to call him 'homo.' I was only joking with him. I don't know what his problem was. "Don't be gay," I told him.

Some people are just way too sensitive. I didn't mean to cause trouble when I told my vegan professor the paté I brought to the class potluck was made out of mushrooms. What's a little beef heart gonna hurt?

When I arranged for a field trip with my women's studies course, how was I supposed to know the Burbank Theater was inappropriate? Heck, the chicks even got in for free.

That time I wore the American flag as a cape to the Pearl Harbor survivors tribute I was just trying to lighten the event up. And I still feel

kind of bad about the pork hot dog thing at last year's Jewish Student Union picnic.

Just because I leave the tilde off of your n's and the accent off of your a's doesn't mean I'm culturally insensitive. I have lots of friends who aren't Americans.

No matter where I go these days, I just can't avoid the politically correct '90s. I even have trouble at work. Last week, I caught this guy trying to sneak onto the basketball court.

"But I'm a basketball player," he goes. I go, "Yeah, right." I mean come on, this guy was white. Who's he trying to fool? He's just like that woman who tried to teach me trigonometry in high school. People are so silly.

I just wish they'd lighten up so my mouth won't keep getting me in trouble. It's just not fair. I mean, how are we supposed to know what is going to offend somebody in this day and age? Everybody has their little label and little list of words we all supposedly can't say without starting World War III or something.

It can just be any teensy, tiny thing. I don't just do it on purpose. I don't just hate. I just make mistakes. It's just unavoidable. The only solution, I guess, is just for people like me to just shut up.

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Satire is a lonely and introspective occupation, for nobody can describe a fool to the life without much patient self-inspection. — Frank Moore Colby, American editor and humorist.

Justin Carder is a Spartan Daily Columnist. His column appears every Wednesday.



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SJSU's Daily Calendar

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Akbayan Club
Meeting, 3p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 534-1140.

Asian Student Support Group
General Meeting, 2:30p.m.-4p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5910.

Bulwer-Lytton English Club
Meeting, 12:30p.m. Faculty Offices, rm. 104. Call 436-7471.

Campus Democrats
Weekly meeting, 4p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 364-1243.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Mass, 12noon. John XXII Center, 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 938-1610.

Concert Choir
Choir needs tenors and altos. Apply 9a.m.-10:30a.m. Music Bldg., Choral Activities office. Call 924-4332.

Delta Sigma Pi
"Entrepreneurship & Marketing," 7:30p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 223-9401.

Department of Nutrition & Food Science
Measuring percentage of body fat, 3:15p.m.-4:45p.m. Central Classroom Bldg., rm. 103. Call 924-3110.

Fantasy and Strategy Club
Meeting 5p.m.-10p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 924-7097.

Interfaith Council
Non-denominational "meditations," 12:30p.m.-1:20p.m. Student Union, Council Chambers, Call 938-1610.

Jewish Student Union
"Cafe Night" at Zucco's, 9p.m.-11p.m. First and San Fernando streets. Call 924-3685.

Library Donations and Sales Unit
Ongoing book sale, 10a.m.-2p.m. Wahlquist Library, rm. 408 and Clark Library, lobby. Call 924-2705.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Bible study with brown-bag lunch, Noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Montalvo rm. Call 292-5404.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Lenten worship service and supper, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. First Immanuel Lutheran Church, on Third Street. Call 924-8031.

Meteorology Seminar Series
S. Wang, 11:45a.m.-12:45p.m. Duncan Hall, rm. 615. Call 924-5200.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)
Jeanine Slater of ASPIRE, 12noon-1:30p.m. Student Union, Pacheco rm. Call 924-5950.

ReEntry Advisory Program (REAP)
Evening advising program. (Drop by.) 5p.m.-7p.m. Student Union, third floor lobby. Call 924-5950.

School of Art & Design
Gallery exhibits by students, 11a.m.-4p.m. Art Bldg., galleries. Call 924-4330.

Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists
Meeting, 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. Engineering Bldg., rm. 366. Call 924-9830.

Sociology Club
Meeting, 3p.m.-4p.m. Dudley Moorhead Hall, rm. 226B. Call 924-5325.

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

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Thursday

Asian American Christian Fellowship
A night of worshipping God, 7:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 286-6427.

Campus Crusade for Christ
"Nitelife" meeting, 8p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 924-7910.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Mass, 12noon. John XXII Center, 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 938-1610.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance
Meeting, 3:30p.m.-5p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 223.

Health Science Undergraduate Student Association
Meeting, 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 322. Call 985-1957.

Interfaith Council
Meeting, 3:30p.m. Student Union, Council Chambers. Call 938-1610.

Kappa Delta
Twelfth Annual Shamrock Project, All day. Kappa Delta house, 278 S. 10th St. Call 279-9035.

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

School of Art & Design
Gallery exhibits by students, 11a.m.-4p.m. Art Bldg., galleries. Call 924-4330.

Sigma Chi
"Derby Days Lip sync," 6:30p.m. Scalawag's Club. Call 998-1722.

Spartan Christian Fellowship
Meeting, Noon. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 267-5787.

Spartan Spectrum Dance Team
Auditions for Fall '96 team. (Wear your tights.) 8p.m. Music Bldg., Concert Hall. Call 924-4643.

PEOPLE

Bad taste from Gibson to Jackson

Braveheart, Braveappendix

NEW YORK (AP) — Emergency surgery to remove his appendix has slowed Mel Gibson down for a while.

The 40-year-old actor suffered an appendicitis attack while flying from California to New York and underwent surgery Sunday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, publicist Alan Nierob said. He was released the same day.

"He's doing great," Nierob said Tuesday. "I don't know how long he has to rest, but it won't be long."

Gibson still plans to attend the Academy Awards on Monday. He has been nominated for directing "Braveheart." But the filming schedule for his latest movie, "Ransom," may have to be reshuffled.

Trump stretches acting ability, plays self

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ivana Trump's first movie role has a familiar ring.

"The First Wives Club" is a comedy about three middle-aged women who form an alliance bent on revenge when their husbands abandon them for younger women. The former Mrs. Donald Trump plays herself as she counsels stars Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton.

"I was basically telling the girls not to get mad, but to get everything," the 47-year-old Ivana told TV's "Extra" in an interview for broadcast Wednesday.

In her own divorce, Ivana reportedly got \$25 million, the children and the house in Connecticut.

Dr. Quinn becomes Dairy Queen

NEW YORK (AP) — Jane Seymour says she "had to follow my heart" on having children at age 45, despite her doctors' warnings.

"They told me I could have died," said the star of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," adding that doctors were concerned about her age and her history of two miscarriages.

"But I knew it would turn out all right. I had to follow my heart on this," Seymour said in an interview in the April issue of McCall's magazine.

Seymour recently gave birth to twin boys, John and Christopher. She now has four children of her own and two stepchildren.

Her fourth husband, director and producer James Keach, has nicknamed her "the Dairy Queen" because she's breast-feeding the twins.

Redford trades art for matter

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Redford says he sees the commercial movies he's made in recent years as a part of a trade-off: They allow him to do what he likes best — direct, produce and develop films.

"I don't fault Hollywood — it entertains. But it should learn the worth of diversity instead of making passes at pretending," he said in an interview in the April issue of McCall's magazine.

As for his current movie, "Up Close and Personal" with Michelle Pfeiffer, he said: "I was drawn to the story. It's about the media, which interests me."

Redford, 58, plays a hard-boiled has-been reporter who helps turn Pfeiffer into a glossy anchorwoman.

Houston sues false cousin

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Whitney Houston has a problem with men — men who claim to be her relatives.

The pop star is suing a man who claims to be her cousin and who allegedly defrauded a New York

doctor of \$100,000.

It's the third time in two years that the singer has sought court protection against men who claimed family ties.

A March 26 hearing was scheduled for Wellington Stuart, who Houston claims has been passing himself off as Wellington Houston, son of her late uncle Meehan Houston.

According to the suit, Stuart used his fictitious relationship with the family to ingratiate himself with an elderly physician, from whom he allegedly stole \$100,000 through credit cards and forged checks.

Politico pops question as Rod croons

BOSTON (AP) — As soon as Rod Stewart crooned "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You," Rep. Martin Meehan turned to his girlfriend and popped the question.

Yes, Ellen Murphy said during the concert last week at the Worcester Centrum.

She thought the concert was a nice touch. "We're big Rod fans, and we like that song," Murphy said. "But the seats weren't VIP."

Meehan asked her out on their first date — a New England Patriots game in 1994 — by mail.

"I was sending out thank-you notes to people who helped me out with a fund-raiser," he recalled. "When I wrote Ellen's, I also asked her to the game."

Meehan, 39, a Democrat, is serving his third term in Congress. Murphy, 31, is an executive at a women's sportswear company. They will wed July 13. It's his second marriage and her first.

Former first lady doesn't miss Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Bush says she doesn't miss "one darn thing" about the White House.

Still, she said she believes she had an easier time being first lady than her successor, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I didn't have a hard row to hoe because I chose a much more passive role than Mrs. Clinton has," Mrs. Bush says in April's Good Housekeeping.

"I thought I could do the most good if I let George Bush do the job he was elected to do and I did the job I wanted to do, which was make literacy an important part of every American family."

She has mixed feelings about the news media: "They were wonderful to me but just awful to George," she said.

Asked if she sees similarities between herself and Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Bush mentioned a couple: "We're both young and good looking."

Brit rocker protests Jackson's flavor

LONDON (AP) — A British rocker won't be charged with disrupting Michael Jackson's performance at an awards show by jumping onto the stage.

Jarvis Cocker, lead singer of Pulp, had said Jackson's "Earth Song" made him sick. He was initially accused of hitting three child dancers who performed with Jackson at the British music industry's Brit Awards show in February.

Cocker denied the allegations and a videotape showed that Jackson's guards may have accidentally hit the youngsters as they escorted Cocker off stage, police said Monday.

Cocker was unapologetic, saying he was protesting Jackson's "bad taste."

"It would be good for him to get a bit of reality into his life," Cocker said.

Family, friends mourn Burns without celebrity

GLENDALE (AP) — The "100 great years" of George Burns were recalled Tuesday as family and friends mourned him at a simple funeral.

"He often said he knew entrances and exits," manager and longtime friend Irving Fein told mourners at Wee Kirk o' the Heather church at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. "Last Saturday, he knew it was time to go."

"He was here for 100 great years. We may have wished for more, but no one in this room could have wanted him to hang on, unable to hear the laughter and applause or take his bows."

"So, George, we'll miss you. I know you took your music with you, so wherever you are, I hope they're playing it in your key."

Rabbi Harvey Fields conducted the brief service attended only by family and close friends of the comedian, who died a few weeks after his 100th birthday. No celebrities were in evidence; a larger memorial service for show business friends is planned in about a month.

"Bob Hope called and wanted to come, but if you invite him and one or two other stars, you have to invite them all," said Fein.

A drizzle fell from a gray sky as the service drew to a conclusion.

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Degree: Community colleges would be allowed to offer upper division courses

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According to Christopher Cabaldon, Assemblywoman Archie-Hudson's chief consultant, AB 445 would "expand access to the bachelor's degree."

The measure would allow community colleges to enter into agreement with CSUs to offer upper division course work and grant baccalaureate degrees through the specific CSU.

It also states that the funding for each upper division student at the community college be the average of the statewide general apportionment and the per student appropriation at the CSU.

Cabaldon said that there are two benefits behind this measure.

"It is significant in the remote rural areas where people are isolated from the CSU system," Cabaldon said. It would be for those students who could not move away from their homes to attend a four year institution.

"It is also for an impacted school or area," said Cabaldon.

Cabaldon said schools are rapidly become impacted and there is less room to accommodate all the incoming students.

Wess Larson, chief consultant on the

"It is significant in the remote rural areas where people are isolated from the CSU system."

Christopher Cabaldon
chief consultant

Assembly Committee of Higher Education, said that he feels AB 445 will not pass due to the fiscal effects that it will have and what change it could have on how Proposition 98 allocates money to the community colleges.

According to Larson, California will face the challenge within the next millennium of a dramatic increase in students wanting a higher education.

He said that AB 445 would allow universities to redirect their students to stay within their own communities.

The proposition would only give

the CSUs the option of starting a program. "It's purely choice," said Cabaldon. "No CSU is going to agree to do this if they don't want to and see no advantages."

According to Cabaldon, the programs are set up on an individual basis between certain community colleges and universities. "The specifics are left up to their individual contracts," said Cabaldon.



PHOTOS BY AARON SUOZZI — SPARTAN DAILY

RIGHT: After an exhilarating 20 minute performance by the six piece percussion group, an enthusiastic crowd applauded the San Jose Taiko's demonstration.

ABOVE: An energetic stage presence combined with the harmony of the group was a definite crowd pleaser for those who attended the noon time performance.



Taiko

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"I try to do step aerobics, or any aerobics. We practice from nine to 20 hours a week," Gina Yamamoto, drummer and employee of the San Jose Taiko Company said.

"Choreography is important," Hirabayashi said.

They incorporated movements to coincide with the rhythm and the striking of the drums. The three josuke drummers are the forefront of the ensemble. They communicate through smiles and single syllables. They rearrange the drums between each piece.

Hitting both the rim of the drum and the center of the skins with wooden sticks incorporates both different sounds and an alternate visual appeal. Clicking the two sticks together during a number breaks the drumming by using a different sound.

Continuing the visual experience, the Taiko company designs their costumes and even makes some of their drums.

They wore black, red and white *happis*, Japanese short robes, with San Jose Taiko written on them in Japanese. Black

pants, a purple sash and a purple headband complete their ensemble.

"Happis are robes that are traditionally worn by entertainers," Imaya said.

In the final number, two josukes were placed on stands at eye level and horizontal so that each end could be pounded by two people. In the center, two were set up at an angle so that the person hitting the horizontal drum could also stretch out and bang on the center one.

This final number included every member on the josukes as well as the other instruments.

"We try to train everyone so that they are interchangeable," Hirabayashi said.

After training with the Taiko for 11 months, those would like to audition to become a member of the group must first learn to play each instrument well, Hirabayashi said.

The San Jose Taiko will be playing at Santa Clara University on March 29, 30 and 31.

Terrorism

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There are two goals for the symposium, according to Diridon.

"Our first goal is to expose the people responsible for transportation systems in how to respond to terrorist acts," he said. "The second is for us to gain information ourselves for a research study we are doing on the best practices to combat terrorism

in the world."

Miles Welter symposium director and professor of management information systems, said people should go to the symposium.

"They should come to gain insights into various techniques and the direction the transportation agencies are taking to combat terrorism," he said.

Registration at the door is \$5 with student ID and \$25 without.

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'Death card' makers fight for jobs

FREMONT (AP) — Two paramedics who planned to market trading cards featuring photos of mangled corpses are in a fight to save their jobs.

Paul Schmidt and co-worker Todd Quilici have 3,000 nine-card packs of their "Cards of Death" ready to sell at \$8.95 each.

They insist they didn't take the photos on the job but their employer, American Medical Response, suspended the pair with pay on Feb. 14 and met with them on Monday to investigate.

"We are incensed," said company spokesman Chuck McFadden. "Paramedics are in the business of saving lives, not profiting from death."

The paramedics said they intended to do good with the cards, which carry messages about how deaths can be avoided. They say the photos were taken by an unidentified friend, do not reveal the identities of the victims and do not involve their employer.

Wooing the blue-collar workers

Working class unimpressed with Buchanan

Associated Press Writer

As a blue-collar worker, Jeff Harper knows about shrinking paychecks and shuttered factories. Pat Buchanan is trying to woo him on these very issues, but Harper isn't impressed.

"American jobs for American workers — it's easy for him to say. He's never had to vote on anything," says the pipe fitter from Joliet, Ill. "Coming from a man who drove a Mercedes-Benz, it doesn't hold any weight for me. He has no idea what the blue-collar people of America do."

But Buchanan's message hits home with David Ross, an autoworker at Chrysler's nearly 100-year-old Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio, who worries about American jobs moving overseas or to Mexico.

"Who's to say it won't happen here and that I won't lose my job?" Ross asks. "Buchanan is the only candidate ... with enough guts to say 'Enough is enough.'"

As the Republican presidential campaign shifts to the industrial Midwest with March 19 primaries in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, the debate turns to blue-collar concerns: trade, plant closings, wages and unions.

President Clinton courted blue-collar workers in 1992, winning all four Midwest states voting next week. Though some supporters in

this heavily unionized area feel betrayed by his support of NAFTA, many aren't willing to abandon him for a GOP candidate.

"I wouldn't vote for a Republican if he paid me," huffed Jim Kraus, a 51-year-old United Auto Workers member employed by Caterpillar Inc., the heavy equipment giant in Peoria, Ill. "The middle class doesn't stand a chance."

Len Epton, a 28-year veteran of the General Motors Tech Center in Warren, Mich., echoes the sentiment.

"The Republican Party is for the rich man. Always has been. Always will be," he added, noting he will support Clinton as he did in 1992.

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Hero dog calls 911

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — A dog named Lyric remembered her training Tuesday, using a preprogrammed telephone to call for help after her owner's oxygen mask came loose.

Judi Bayly said she could have died if her Irish setter had not been there to help. "I feel like if my husband's away I've got some kind of guardian angel sleeping on my bed with me even if it's red with a fur coat," she said.

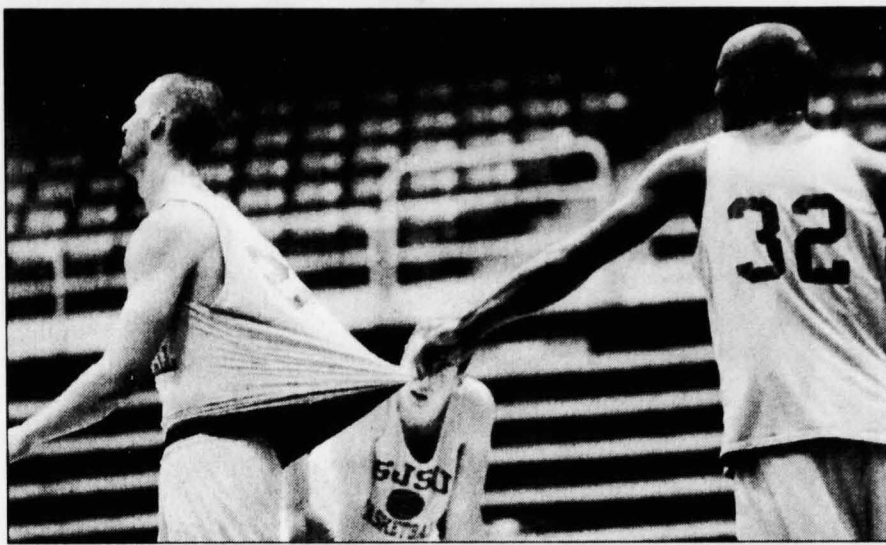
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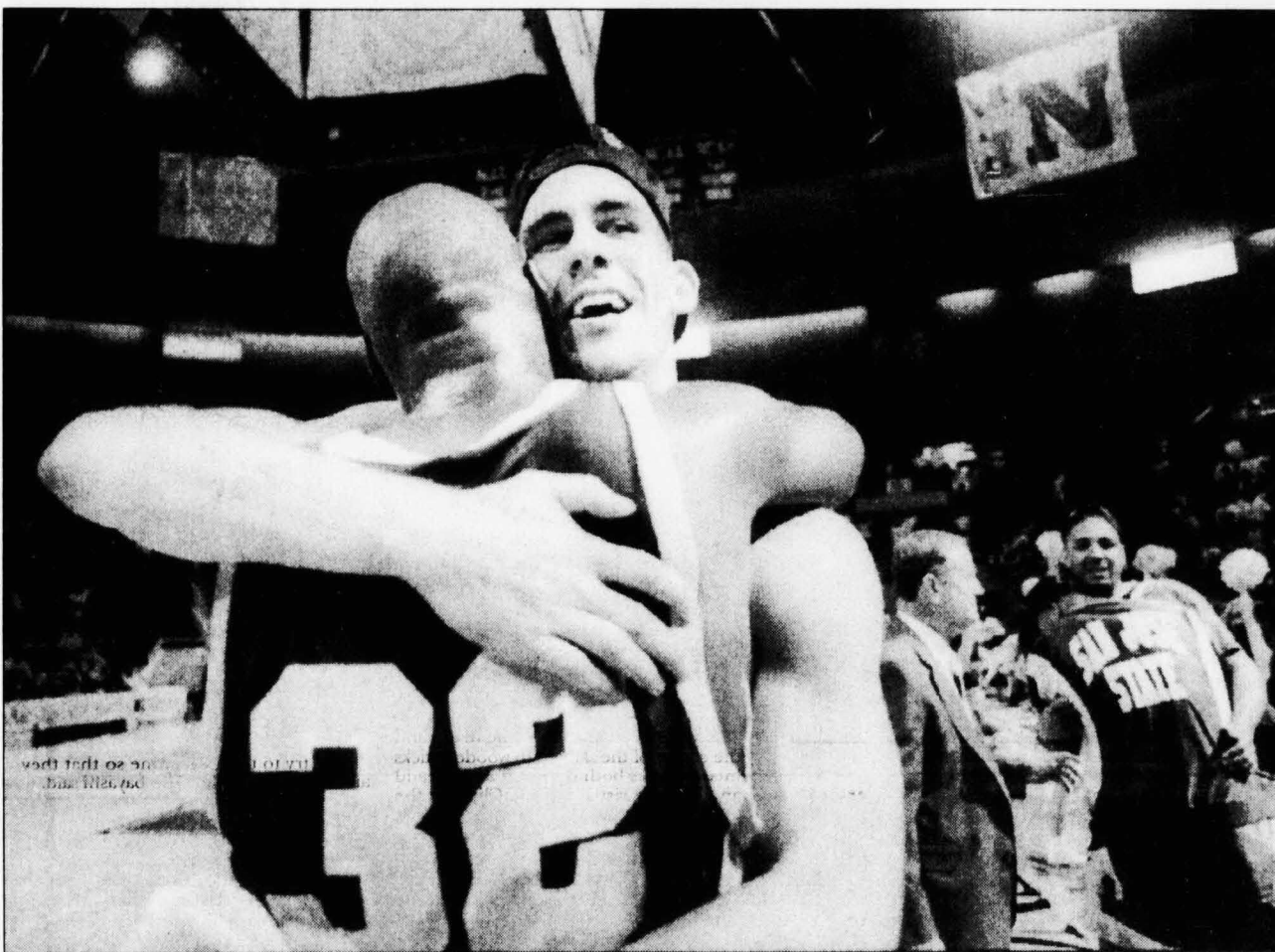
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Sam & Roy



Allen and Hammonds take time out to goof around during a practice in February. "Me and Sammy are always joking around," Roy said.



Roy Hammonds, #32, and Sam Allen embrace after a highly emotional game against Utah State in Reno last weekend. "It's a friendship that will last a lifetime," said Hammonds of his friend Allen.

Parting seniors, friends forever

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Allen, who averages 13.5 points and 4.9 rebounds each game and Hammonds, who averages 11.7 points and 6.3 rebounds are the second and third highest scorers of the Spartans. In the Spartans last home game against CSU Fullerton, Allen had a season-high 30 points, while Hammonds had 15.

Allen and Hammonds have been working hard together since 1994. As a transfer from the University of Washington, Allen was a red-shirt, while Hammonds was expected to be a starter.

"I was excited to be able to play with someone like him," Hammonds said of Allen. "He brought a lot of excitement to the game. He was like me. He always worked hard. There's not one day he comes in that he's not willing to work hard."

The two looked forward to playing together because of their 6-foot-7-inch frames and equal ability on the court, but because Allen was a red-shirt, they originally weren't going to play together. Hammonds expressed disappointment because he wouldn't be able to work with the "skinny, big-eared kid" he had met at a recruitment camp in San Jose in 1993. The two joked that maybe Hammonds should also red-shirt so they could play together the following year.

Ironically, a collision between them during a November practice resulted in a knee injury for Hammonds, putting him out for the season. Nevertheless, when Allen needed a place to live, Hammonds took him in, and according to him, "It's been us two ever since, pushing each other on and off the court in every aspect of life."

"They're very close," SJSU head coach Stan Morrison

explained. "They beat the heck out of each other daily, but Saturday night when the lights go up, they're on the same side."

Their common work ethic provides a connection on the court while their complementary personalities give their friendship a balance off-court.

"He's an intense person and I'm more of a loosey-goosey kind of guy," Allen said. "It's really a lot of fun with him because he's real mellow. I've learned a lot of little things from him that way."

Hammonds, in turn, feels that he also has learned a lot from Allen.

"It's give-and-take for both of us. That's what's made our relationship so special," Hammonds said.

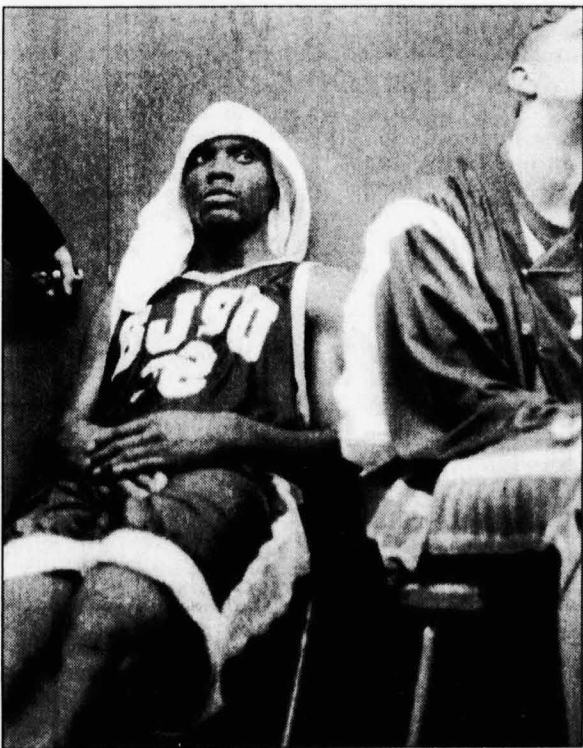
Hammonds, who is considered by teammates to be a very serious person, said he has become less intense because of Allen's light personality.

"I've never really let anybody in to enjoy the real person inside of me. He's just, like, so goofy that he makes you laugh. He makes you just stop and think, and just say you have to enjoy everything there is about life."

Despite their different personalities, they share a similar attitude about life due to their similar upbringings. Both come from suburban areas of large cities — Hammonds from Houston and Allen from Sacramento — and both are, in Hammonds's words "mama's boys."

"Roy comes basically from the same background I came from, like respect your mom," Allen said. "He has the basic insights as I do, the same thoughts and feelings."

"Those guys are just twins," said fellow player Ken Kavanagh. "They're both nuts."



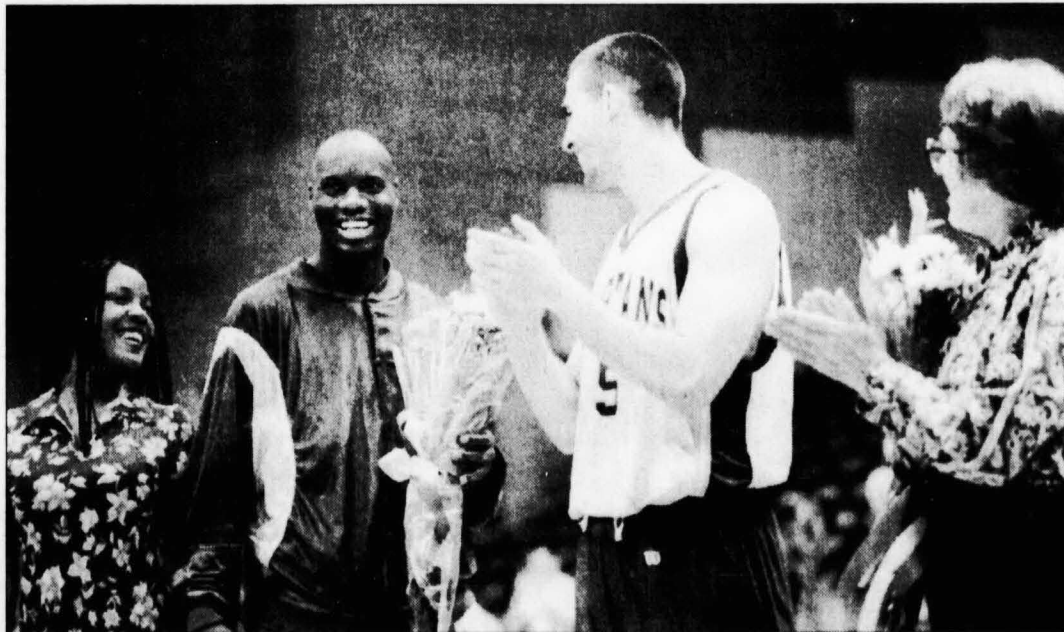
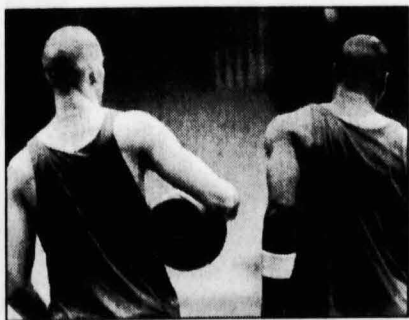
Hammonds sits in the locker room exhausted after the Spartans got a much-needed win over Santa Barbara, February 22. Hammonds, described by his teammates as serious and intense said of Allen, "He's kind of helped me lighten up a little bit."



Hammonds and Allen have lived together since last year. "It's been a good relationship with Sam because I can imagine myself if I lived with someone who was just like me, I wouldn't get along with them," said Hammonds.

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY T.R. NICHOLS

Allen and Hammonds don't know if they'll ever play basketball together after this season, but plan on continuing their friendship. "I'm sure we'll keep in touch," said Allen. "Roy and I are the same type of people. We don't need to talk every day."



Hammonds, who escorts his fiancée Franchesta Marbury and Allen with his mother Patty, are honored as seniors at the final home game, March 3. "For the love of this game, if I never play basketball again after my college career's over with, I hope that somebody learned something from me," said Hammonds. "Whether that's trying to be a good person or just working hard and never stopping. That's about all that I have to offer."

Sports Focus

Briefs

From Mar. 8-12

Men's Basketball

◆ Spartans will face No. 1 Kentucky in the Midwest Region on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at 9:30 a.m. in Dallas. The game can be watched on KCCN (Ch. 46) or heard on KSJS (90.5).

SJSU forward Rich Taylor came off the bench to score the winning three-pointer in the final seconds against Utah State.



See Basketball story on page 7.

Women's Tennis

◆ SJSU meet against Gonzaga is cancelled due to rain. The Spartans will have to wait to play next against University of San Francisco on Thursday to continue their two game winning streak.

Men's Basketball

◆ Kentucky learns from last weekend's loss and is ready to take care of business.

See Basketball story on page 7.

Schedule

For March 13-15

Men's Basketball

◆ Spartans play No. 1 Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Thursday 9:30 a.m. in Dallas.

Baseball

◆ SJSU at Southern Utah Friday, 8 p.m., Muni Stadium.

Men's Gymnastics

◆ SJSU at UCSB Invitational, Friday, 8 p.m.,

Men's Tennis

◆ SJSU at UCSF, Friday, 1:30 p.m., San Francisco.

Softball

◆ SJSU at National Invitational Softball Tournament, Friday.

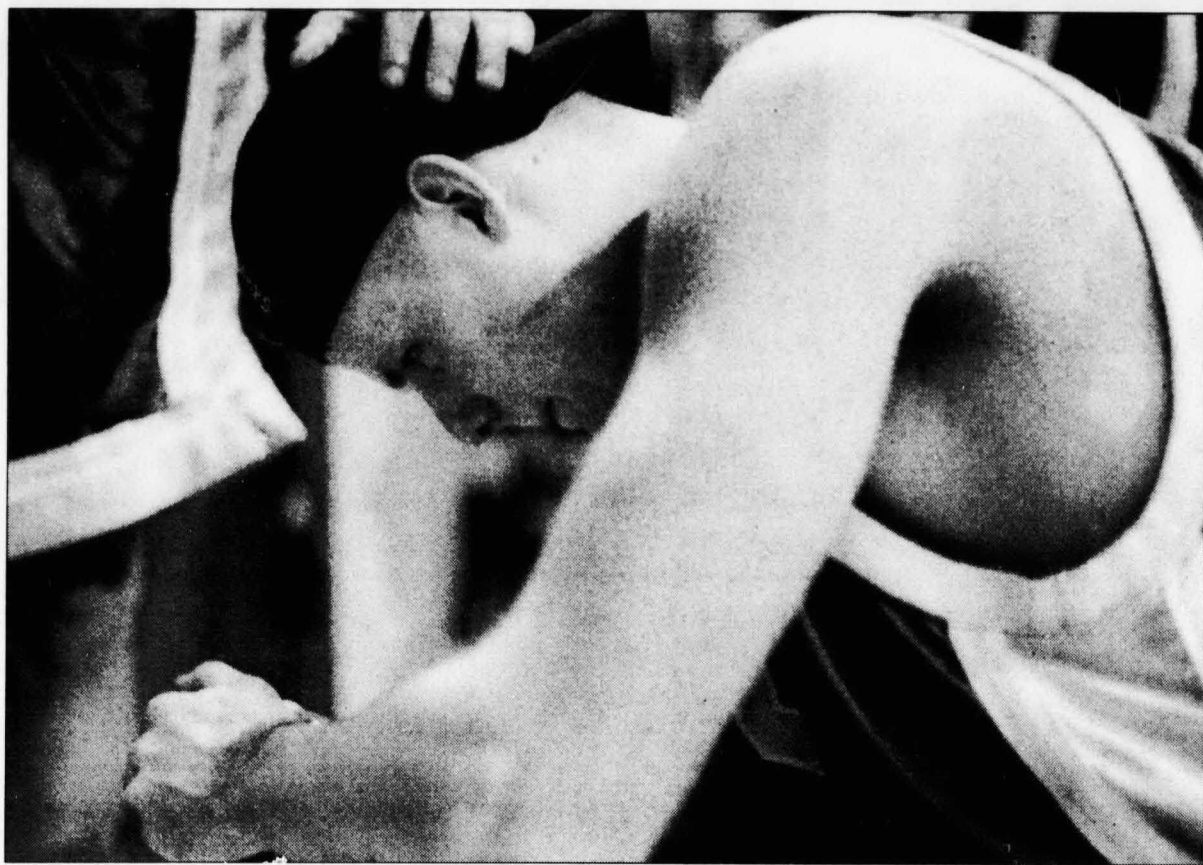


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SJSU forward Rich Taylor came off the bench and lofted a three-pointer that lifted the Spartans over Utah State University. Here he holds on to his gold watch after the game in disbelief of hitting the game winning shot.

Bench plays role in success

Taylor hits a key three-pointer

By Jeffrey Niese
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan basketball team is in the NCAA tournament, but they didn't get there with just the five players that start every game.

SJSU basketball point guard Tito Addison said the production of the players coming off the bench this year "has been huge."

"Playing three games in two and a half days, you need the bench," Addison said, about the three-game Big West Tournament.

Players coming off the bench don't have much time to prepare. They have to be ready at a moment's notice to get the game and produce. Like minute men of the American Revolutionary War, Darren Greene, Jahi Bacon, LaRon Campbell-Hall and Rich Taylor must always be ready to jump in and produce.

Morrison said these four players have been key in winning the Big West title.

The four have contributed an average of 16.8 points, 8.8 rebounds and 15.1 minutes per game through the conference schedule.

Greene said coming off the bench "you get a chance to see the game and you know where you are needed."

"If the team needs rebounds or scoring you can see that," he said.

Morrison said, "He's a five year senior and there are so many things he can do."

Greene also said coming off the bench requires that you be consistent, "you always have to produce."

Stan Morrison said the job of the players coming off the bench is a very difficult one.

"They go into the game cold and they must immediately be on top of the game," Morrison said.

The Spartan bench



Rich Taylor

Made the winning three-pointer in the BWC Championship game. Averages 5 points a game.



Darren Greene

Can play every position on the court and averages 5.1 points a game.



Jahi Bacon

Good shooter and is at his best right now with an average of 4.3 points off the bench.



LaRon Campbell-Hall

Very intense player who can play the point and gives starter Tito Addison rest.

The players go in the game and they might have to get a rebound, or get at steal, or make key free throws, Morrison said.

Morrison said Bacon is playing his best basketball all year long. "He has made some monumental three pointers in key games that have given us a needed cushion."

Morrison also said Bacon's timing couldn't have come at a better time.

"When I get a chance to play I go out and try to help the team best I can," Bacon said.

"When you get out there you're expected to perform. You don't want to let your teammates down," he said.

As for Rich Taylor, Morrison said everyone knows what he has done for the Spartans.

Hitting a three-pointer that finished off Utah State University and giving the Spartans a 76-75 BWC Championship victory and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Morrison also said Taylor has provided strong defense all year long. "He's a very good defender. He's a tough guy for how skinny he is."

Taylor said when he gets into a game he tries to provide a spark any way he can.

"I look to excite something on defense," Taylor said.

Another player that has come on lately has been LaRon Campbell-Hall. "He has been sporadic at times," Morrison said.

Morrison also said Campbell-Hall brings a lot of quickness and intensity into the game. "He plays with a lot of stability," he said.

The sideline is very supportive, "we could not win without the bench," Morrison said.

SJSU forward and starter Roy Hammonds said, "The bench has given us a lot of support and has helped to get me over the hump."

Spartans head to Dallas

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The SJSU basketball team left Tuesday around noon for Dallas and the big match up against No. 1 seed University of Kentucky in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament.

The Spartan band and SJSU supporters were present for the press conference and rally to send off Olivier Saint-Jean, Roy Hammonds, Sam Allen and the rest of the basketball team.

The Spartans will play at 9:30 a.m. at Dallas and the game will be aired by KCCN (Ch. 46) and can be seen at San Jose Live. Also KSJS-FM (90.5) will air the game live.

The Cinderella Spartans at one point during the season were in last place in the Big West Conference with a record of 4-15.

But by winning nine of their last 10 games the Spartans found themselves with the sixth and last seed in the Big West Tournament.

Winning every game they played last weekend, being the underdog in every game, they found themselves in the NCAA Tournament, where they haven't been since 1980.

That was also the same year SJSU won its last Big West Championship.

SJSU has never won a game in the NCAA Tournament.

Tennis match cancelled

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Periods of heavy rain canceled the SJSU's women's tennis team match against Gonzaga on Tuesday.

The match was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Spartan Courts.

The team is currently 3-3 with the next scheduled match at USF on Thursday.

The Spartans go in with a two game winning streak after whipping both Southern Utah 7-0 and Notre Dame-Belmont 7-0.

This was the fourth rained out match this season. The matches against Hawaii on Jan. 30, CS Sacramento on Feb. 27 and UC Santa Cruz on March 5 were also cancelled.

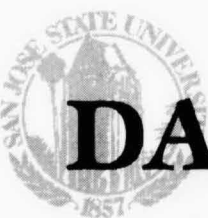
SJSU's current top singles player is Mary Tourlotte with two wins and 1 loss.

Ranked second are Michelle Matro and Amy Bankston, each with four wins and two losses.

The number one doubles team is Tourlotte-Holmes with two wins and one loss and in second is Matro-Bankston with three wins and two losses.

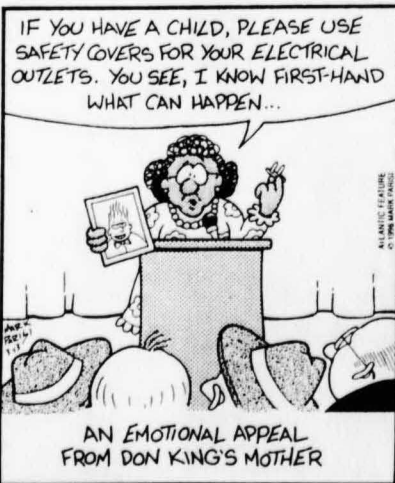
The rescheduling of the matches has not been determined.

The Spartans next match is against University of San Francisco on Thursday at 2 p.m. in San Francisco.



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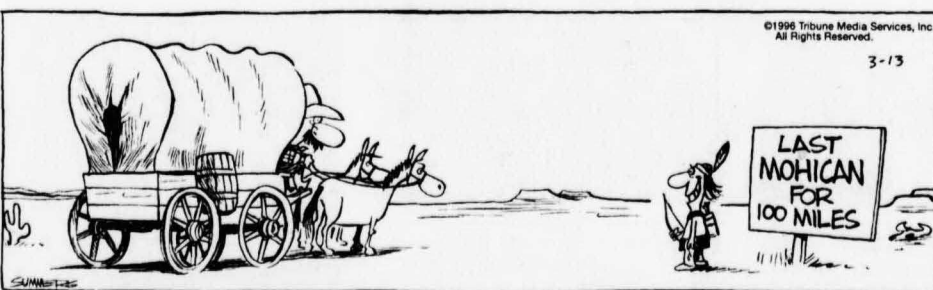
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Pitino believes loss brought No. 2 Wildcats down to earth

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky coach Rick Pitino hopes the loss to Mississippi State will make his No. 2 Wildcats quit believing everything they hear about themselves.

"That's where I think the great lesson was learned. I'm excited about that because I think if we didn't learn that lesson, I don't think we had a chance of a national championship.

"When you hear people say it's the best team in 31 years ... you suddenly believe the nonsense. Mississippi State puts a hammering on you and now you say, 'Wait a second. Boy, was that not true?'"

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15). "That's a dangerous thing because you win on defense, Pitino said. "I think that's what we'll take out of the SEC tournament and really work on in the next few days."

"Antoine got us this far," Pitino said of the 6-foot-8 sophomore. "He's had a great season. But Antoine has to be great for us to win the whole thing. If he's not great, we have to play almost a perfect game."

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Shutdown unlikely as both sides point fingers

Negotiations go on as money runs out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats accused each other Tuesday of threatening a new federal shutdown as the Senate debated spending legislation that President Clinton says short-changes social programs.

Even though money for dozens of agencies runs out Friday, a partial government closure is unlikely because neither Democrats nor Republicans want to be seen as causing it. In a sign of their eagerness to resolve their dispute, lawmakers

from the two parties negotiated privately over how to pay for a Democratic effort to add \$3.1 billion for education to the bill.

House and Senate leaders say if there is no agreement with Clinton this week on legislation to finance these programs for the rest of the year, they want to send him stopgap legislation that would keep programs running for at least another week.

Both parties see profit in accusing the other of recklessly holding government functions hostage to their budget demands.

"He wants more money to spend. Always more money to spend while we're trying to impose some reasonable

restraints on spending," said Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss. He added an agreement should be reached "without threats, intimations or intimidation."

Democrats said proposed GOP cuts in education and other domestic programs are unreasonable.

"Your agenda is too harsh," Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., said. "Your agenda is too extreme, and it is a profound mistake for us to get into divesting children."

At stake was a Senate measure providing about \$160 billion for dozens of Cabinet departments and agencies for the remaining half of fiscal 1996. For these programs,

whose 1996 funds have been stalled by a budget dispute. Clinton is demanding an additional \$8 billion. He wants the extra money for environmental, education, high technology and job training programs.

Budget-cutting Republican senators said they had already added more than \$1 billion the president wanted and would provide \$4.7 billion more if offsetting cuts elsewhere in the budget are found later. A similar House bill approved Thursday would provide an extra \$3.3 billion if savings are found.

"I believe we have gone about as far as we can," said Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore.,

chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "If there are the votes to do more, we will."

Democrats objected, and prepared amendments to restore some of the trimmed funds. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., proposed an amendment that would restore \$3 billion for schools, saying, "Siphoning off money from education consigns America's children to second-class futures."

Democrats were also preparing amendments to restore money for the environment, high technology and other programs.

Bay quake odds worsen

Studies reveal more faults to worry about

MENLO PARK (AP) — Residents of the San Francisco Bay area should brace themselves — seismologists say the odds of a major earthquake are about to increase.

Before the 1989 Loma Prieta quake, the U.S. Geological Survey calculated a 50 percent chance that the region would have a 7.0 or larger tremor by the year 2020.

Studies after Loma Prieta hiked that figure to two chances in three, or 67 percent — and now, a new set of studies will send it higher, USGS seismologists say.

The post-Loma Prieta estimates

looked only at three faults, the San Andreas, Hayward and the northern bay area's Rodgers Creek system.

Seismologists now say there are other major faults, including the Concord, Calaveras and San Gregorio, as well as a network of smaller systems that could generate a major quake.

USGS spokeswoman Pat Jorgenson said Tuesday a full report will be published by next year based on new information from government, universities and private companies.

In the meantime, agency seismologist David Schwartz has been making the rounds of local emergency preparedness offices to share the bad news.

"By adding all the additional earthquake sources," Schwartz

said, "the estimate of the probability will increase."

Schwartz declined to estimate the new figure, but some experts have placed it as high as 90 percent.

"Whatever the number is, it's just going to reinforce the idea that the public has to be prepared," he said. "Earthquakes have happened before and they'll happen again."

To give a more reliable figure, scientists participating in the new studies will look at a fault's recurrence interval, or the rate at which stress builds up to earthquake.

They will use mathematical models to predict how the faults move, separately and together.

"We know that faults in the Bay Area talk to each other, so to speak," Schwartz said.

Company says pipeline, Bay Area water supply safe

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chevron Corp. on Tuesday said its pipeline that runs near the San Antonio Reservoir is "overdesigned" and poses no threat to the area's water supply.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, in a closed-door session Tuesday afternoon, was expected to discuss the pipeline, the source of a long-standing dispute between the city and Chevron.

pany that the section near the reservoir is "overdesigned for what it really needs to be. ... It's a pipeline that's got an unblemished record."

There is no word on whether the PUC will consider legal action against Chevron. But last month, city staff sent a notice to the company, terminating the lease and asking the company to remove the pipeline, the city attorney's office said.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that the pipeline could rupture in an earthquake and contaminate the water supply for 2.5 million San Francisco Bay area residents.

The pipeline, much of which is on city land that Chevron has leased since the mid-1960s, runs along the edge of the San Antonio Reservoir near Sunol in Alameda County.

"We have had consultants out there, and Chevron has had consultants out there. We read those reports, and we got alarmed."

Anson Moran
utilities commission general manager

Utilities commission staff say the seismologist Chevron hired predicted that the Calaveras fault is due for earthquakes of 6.6 and 7.0 magnitude, which could shift the ground around the pipeline as much as 14 feet.

The pipeline moves about 1 million gallons of oil each day. It was the source of conflict between the company and the city in 1991 when an engineering firm hired by Chevron suggested replacing the pipeline

A seismologist hired by Chevron last year found that the pipeline crosses the Calaveras fault 13 times. However, the points where it crosses would not threaten the reservoir, said Chevron spokesman Bill Steel.

The reservoir, which San Francisco owns, brings Sierra Nevada water to residents in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties.

"We have had consultants out there, and Chevron has had consultants out there," said Anson Moran, the utilities commission's general manager. "We read those reports, and we got alarmed."

Steel said pipeline technicians have told the com-

with stronger materials.

"This is absolutely the safest way to move the product — it's 300 times safer than a tank truck," Steele said. "In order to supply that much product, it would take about 150 tank trucks daily."

He noted that the pipeline was unscathed in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which had a magnitude of 7.1.

But that has not satisfied PUC officials.

"I tried to explain to them it is our land," said Marion Osea, president of the PUC. "If nothing else, we could ask them to get off the land." The company pays \$8,300 a year to lease the city land.

Judge blocks legislative amendment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At the request of a consumer group seeking full reimbursement for insurance customers, a judge has blocked a legislative amendment that modified Proposition 103, the 1988 insurance rate rollback initiative.

The Proposition 103 Enforcement Project estimates that the addition to the state insurance code, passed by the state Legislature in 1993, would lower refunds to policy holders by up to \$400 million.

The article governs insurance companies' premium taxes and

commission expenses during the rollback year of 1987-1988. Proposition 103 required companies to reduce their Nov. 8, 1988, rates by at least 20 percent from the rates they charged a year earlier.

The excessive rates resulted in commissions and taxes that were too high, and the insurance companies are using the amendment to justify passing those costs on to customers, the consumer group claims. The amendment prohibits charging the state for those "extra" costs.

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Wayne granted a temporary injunction against enforcing the article on Monday pending further arguments.

"The next step is to get a final decision that this law is constitutional and violates Proposition 103," said Gina M. Calabrese, attorney for the enforcement project.

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