

Power forward Thomas Lowrey is a husband, father, ex-Marine and a 27-year-old sophomore



George Lucas' sci-fi blockbuster, Star Wars, opens Friday night, for the second time



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CSU enrollment up; SJSU's down

By Mark Steidel
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In the early 1990s, the recession affected virtually every industry. The California State University system and San Jose State University were no exceptions.

State funding was sliced, programs were cut and CSU campuses suffered a systemwide enrollment drop. Now, with the recession quickly becoming an ugly memory, CSU enrollment has increased for the second consecutive year.

"Enrollment suffered during the recession," said Karen Newell Young, spokeswoman for the CSU Chancellor's Office. "Now, the econ-

omy is getting better, and the numbers are back up."

However, SJSU has not enjoyed this prosperity. It is one of three CSUs that experienced a decline. SJSU's enrollment has decreased by 12.7 percent in each of the last five years, from 29,626 in fall 1992 to 25,874 in fall 1996.

"The state cut our funds significantly during the recession," said Edd Burton, acting vice president of Education Planning and Resources at SJSU. "Programs had to be downsized. We had the same amount of students and less resources. Something had to be done."

Something was done in the spring of 1993 when SJSU accepted only

graduate student applications, closing applications for undergraduate students and beginning the enrollment decrease. Burton, however, said he is encouraged by the recent enrollment numbers and believes that SJSU is back on track.

"The AUL (average unit load per student) has shown a significant increase, our FTES (full-time equivalent students, or students with at least 15 units) numbers are up and our original goals for applications were exceeded," said Burton. The AUL increased from 10.98 in 1995 to 11.13 in 1996, he said.

SJSU's Enrollment Services Department has implemented many

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Student recruitment increases applications

By Deanna Zemke
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Applications for the fall 1996 and spring 1997 semesters at San Jose State University are up thanks in part to new recruiting methods.

Spring 1997 had a total of 6,127 applicants vs. 5,889 in spring 1996, which is a 4 percent increase. The university's application target is 6,200. With two more weeks of accepting applications, they are 79 applications short of their goal. Fall 1996 received 19,479 applicants with a projected target of 19,800 for

fall 1997.

Decreasing enrollment had been a concern.

According to Leon Washington, associate vice president for Enrollment Services, appointed last September, Student Outreach and Recruitment (SOAR) has been reorganized to address the issue.

"The goal is to stabilize enrollment to where it was five years ago," said Washington.

In the fall of 1992, the number of applications was 18,310, while in the spring of 1992 there were 8,039

applicants. To respond to the decreasing enrollment, four new people were hired in the fall of 1995 to recruit students to SJSU.

Since then, the number of applications received has increased. Not only was recruitment concentrated in SJSU service areas, such as Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, but recruiters were able to concentrate on uncommon areas in the state, such as Southern California. To compete with other schools, new brochures were distributed to

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Wrinkle-free invention eases path to success

By Doug Burkhardt
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Most inventors have trouble ironing out the wrinkles in their creations. Robert Perri, an SJSU industrial design major, took a similar problem and won a cash prize for his portable ironing station.

Thomas Conley, National Housewares Manufacturers Association president, awarded Perri \$2,500 and two all-expense paid trips to promote the iron at conventions. Perri's invention tied for first place with a portable dishwasher, beating out 200 other entries.

Perri recently returned from the first trip, a four-day jaunt to Chicago, this month. He used his prize money to pay the travel expenses for his wife, Renae, and their two-year-old daughter, Brenna.

In Chicago, an international event open to buyers and sellers, including K-Mart, Rubbermaid, Black & Decker, Singer, Braun and General Electric, was held.

"There were a number of job offers there," Perri said. "Over 105 countries came to the convention, and they were all pretty impressed with my iron."

"There was a lot of interest from the people at Singer, Black & Decker and Sunbeam. A company called Hamilton Beach gave me work building ergonomic iron models, and the president of Singer, Mark McGuinness, was so impressed he introduced himself personally."

Perri began work for Hamilton Beach for the prototypes but his patent is still pending.

"I don't want to spend my whole life to develop and market this one product," Perri said. "But a lot of people want to manufacture it. I am waiting by the phone until something materializes."

According to Perri, his SJSU industrial design instructor Del Coats was a huge influence throughout the entire project.

"Actually the whole thing started out as a class assignment," Perri said. "Del uses his own design theories. He has his own vocabulary. Basically, I used his technology structure with surveys which showed that the market wanted something new and innovative. The market was bored of the same old iron."

"It was a project-assignment to design a houseware item. He was also taking an ergonomics class where I gave the whole class an iron to design," said Coats, who is also the Associate Director of the Silicon Valley Ergonomics Institute.

"Robert went the extra bit and made a board and everything. I could tell from early on in the project that he had a good chance of winning an award," Coats said.

Coats instructed the class to use marketing surveys to discover what industrial designs consumers would most likely use. Perri said he was looking for a way to simplify the task of ironing and fulfill buyers' needs. He innovated a 30-degree angled

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SJSU Industrial design student Robert Perri shows off his award-winning design for an old household appliance. The Cordless Ironing Station is compact enough for dorm rooms and cluttered houses for those busy, messy people.

Child-care legislation in A.S. talks

First meeting of the semester features campaign reform; removal of officer

By Aaron Williams
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The first Associated Students meeting of the year Wednesday featured some impending legislation, a little housekeeping and a refund offer.

The childcare center and changes in the student election code were two bills which received their second reading in front of the board. The second reading is the only time proposed amendments or deletions are allowed to be debated by the board. Both bills passed to a third reading at the next board meeting.

If a bill is passed in the third reading it becomes enacted as legislation.

The board debated changes in Bill 70 that dealt with who would be on the operating committee, fee levels and budgets and what programs will be offered at the proposed childcare center.

A.S. president Jerry Simmons said the center, slated for construction on the Eighth Street employee parking lot, is moving forward. More than \$1 million has been collected to date through the AS fee increase students approved two years ago.

Proposed changes in the AS election code ranged from absentee ballots to filing deadlines. The board proposes moving the filing date for candidacy to be publicized from the current 10 school days to 20 days prior to the deadline. The board also proposed sending an absentee ballot to all students who are off campus at election time. This concerned controller Adrain Rodriguez, who questioned the financial ramifications of the absentee ballots.

Business Affairs Director Chris Constantin disagreed with Rodriguez' concerns.

"The money spent on them (absentee ballots) will be insignificant, probably \$500 to \$1,000," Constantin said. "It is important that all students are given a chance to vote."

If the election code legislation is passed it will take effect in the 1997-98 school year and won't affect the upcoming March elections.

Mary Turlotte, Director of Intercultural Affairs, was dismissed from the board by a unanimous vote for attendance problems.

The board also voted to agree with the Smith vs. the University of California Board of Regents court case regarding the use of fees collected by the Associated Students on public university

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Floods bring \$7 million in damage

By Kim Skolnick
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The rain has stopped and the creeks have receded, leaving San Jose with \$7 million in property damages and a massive cleaning job.

According to Tom Manheim, spokesman for the Department of Environmental Services, real property damages amount to just under \$2 million for private property and \$5 million for publicly held buildings.

These numbers refer only to damage to structures, and they do not include contents.

The weekend storms brought heavy rainfall to the eastern side of the Santa Clara Valley, flooding areas along Coyote Creek in South Central

San Jose and leaving parks and homes covered in water, said San Jose city officials.

"We are in clean-up phase," said J. Lindsey Wolf, a spokeswoman for the Department of Environmental Services. The city of San Jose is using street sweepers and other equipment to clear debris and mud from the streets. Dumpsters will be provided at no cost in flooded areas for the collection of damaged belongings and the roads

"...it's been 25 years since it what that bad."

— Jeanne Lazzarini, San Jose resident

and parks are being repaired, she said. "My kids go to Olinger Elementary over by Coyote Creek," said Jeanne Lazzarini, a San Jose resident. "Their whole parking lot was under water. It was like looking at a lake."

A state of emergency was declared Sunday night and ratified by the City Council on Tuesday afternoon in an effort to ensure that affected residents would be eligible for public assistance.

"People told me it's been 25 years since it was that bad," Lazzarini said. The flooding caused some concern over health safety in one San Jose neighborhood near the Happy Hollow Park and Zoo, said Manheim. A neighborhood sewer pump was flooded when Coyote Creek overflowed and city officials feared that the water could be contaminated.

"We were not sure whether or not we had a problem," Manheim said. "We tested the water and found that it was no different than flood water in other areas. There is no extraordinary contamination connected with any one neighborhood."

The only other people who should

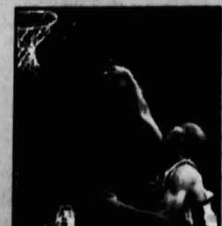
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See how the SJSU basketball teams fare tonight against the Hawai'i Rainbows



Peer Education Program enlightens community

The shackles of AIDS ignorance and sexual dysfunction were loosened when SJSU's Peer Education Program used positive, life-affirming knowledge as the key to unlocking the awful specter of AIDS-related deaths.

We applaud the efforts of the Peer Education Program which sets out to educate SJSU community on the advantages of safer sex.

The program was a frank, straightforward effort ensuring that students under-

stand how this disease is contracted and an unbiased view of how to enjoy a physical demonstration of love.

The program also used laughter to battle against the ignorance, which is a powerful move.

The use of sex-tac-toe, while on the surface may appear inappropriately flippant, is a Herculean stand against the true evils: ignorance, fear and loathing.

AIDS crosses all lifestyle lines and is non-discriminating. College educators and

Editorial

students should follow the non-discriminating path that the Peer Education Program sets.

Sexual awkwardness and ignorance are the tools of death in this insipid disease known as AIDS.

Bravo to the Peer program for seeing this

as an opportunity to raise sexual maturity levels.

Now maybe others will use this as a beginning to a safer sexual lifestyle.

The Condom Co-op in the Health Building provides condoms at a low cost, with educational information on how to use condoms effectively. This opportunity for students to purchase preventative tools is a brave stance that some may label inappropriate.

There is no social waffling among those

brave souls at the Health Center. Perhaps they realized that in the mini-victory of the decline of AIDS infections among gay white men, the numbers of infected heterosexual women and minorities is rising; the war is far from over.

There is a direct correlation between the drop in infected gay men and the gay community's open-minded education of its own and others.

AIDS education still needed despite drop in death rate

The first decline of AIDS deaths nationwide in two decades doesn't mean we are released from the danger of the virus.

The New York City's Health Department reported a 30 percent drop in AIDS-related deaths last year.

New York has about one-sixth of all U.S. AIDS cases and attributed 5,000 deaths to the disease in 1996. In both 1994 and 1995, 7,000 people in New York died of AIDS.

We shouldn't be content with the drop. The statistics raise two main problems.

One is the mental support system for people infected by HIV. AIDS deaths leveled off mostly because new drugs, which hit the market in early 1996, succeeded in prolonging the lives of sick people.

Protease inhibitors are the most powerful of the new medication available to fight AIDS. The new drugs stop the reproduction of HIV by blocking the protease enzyme needed.

People with HIV now seem to live longer. Maintaining the quality of life for people with HIV should be our main concern, along with developing new drugs.

While the number of infected white gay men is decreasing, the number of AIDS-related deaths among heterosexual women and members of minority groups is increasing.

Reports in France show that the HIV virus has spread primarily through unprotected sex, the sharing of intravenous needles and infected blood transfusions.

The rate drop among gay and bisexual white men probably means that they were aware of the danger of transmission and became more careful because the disease was wrongly thought to be spread exclusively among them.

On the other hand, others seem to take an optimistic view that they are not in danger of getting the virus.

More heterosexual blacks were diagnosed with AIDS in 1995 than white gay and bisexual men, researchers said. In 1996, the number of diagnosed black women alone might have outnumbered the number of gay and bisexual white men.

Most people know what AIDS is and how the virus is transmitted. AIDS education should place an emphasis on recognizing



WRITER'S FORUM
By Yasuko Agawa

While the number of infected white gay men is decreasing, the number of AIDS-related deaths among heterosexual women and members of minority groups is increasing.

that people can be easily infected.

The dreadful and fatal virus will not disappear. We must find ways to deal with it.

Yasuko Agawa is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



NATE ANDERSON

Queries to Spartan Scrutiny

What happened to KSJS' sunny disposition?

Q. Whatever happened to that large KSJS painting at Hugh Gillis Hall? It was a nice change from the drab turquoise wall it covered.

A. According to Sharon Jennings, the KSJS-FM general manager, the large painting was up much longer than the three months it was intended. Almost a year longer. It was taken down to be recycled in the theater's scene shop about a week after the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Jennings said the sunny-faced artwork, which was illustrated by someone named Aladdin, was barely holding up against weather and slight vandalism. It was peeling and had poles poked in it.

Jennings adds that though the painting may be gone, its intention will be carried over into other attention-getting projects.

Just as the theater has a marquee, Jennings is thinking of having something similar for the radio station. She also would like to see the wall that Aladdin's art formerly covered have a permanent sign so passers-by will know that the radio station is located in Hugh Gillis Hall.

Q. Are the Jazzland coffee counters only at San Jose State University? Also, why do they seem to close at different times?

A. Yes, but not for long. According to a Jazzland employee, the company is planning to open a whole shop in San Francisco on the Embarcadero, hopefully in the summer.

There are three Jazzland stations on campus: Hugh Gillis Hall, MacQuarrie Hall and the west entrance to

the Business Tower.

As for operating hours, all open at 7 a.m. weekdays but close at different hours. The HGH station closes at 5:30 p.m. MacQuarrie's closes at 7:30 p.m. and BT's at 9 p.m.

Another Jazzland employee said stations open longer are located near buildings holding several night classes.

Have a question about some department's policies? Wondering where to go, whom to call or how to go about getting answers to what troubles you?

If you're unsure about a campus entity's activities or just curious about something, send us your questions.

Maybe you're curious about a particular building's history.

Is there something here this semester that was not before and you want to know what happened to the status quo?

If you're unsure about a campus entity's activities or just curious about why something is or isn't, send us your questions. Maybe we can help.

Every Thursday the Opinion page will run readers' questions and provide practical answers.

Send your campus-related questions via fax (408) 924-3282 or letter to Spartan Scrutiny, Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209.

Please keep letters brief, and be sure to provide a phone number. Include your major if you're a student or your job title if you're faculty or staff.

We'll try to answer as many of your questions as possible.

Questions generated and compiled by William Jeske, the Spartan Daily Features Editor. Spartan Scrutiny will appear Thursdays, pending reader interest.

TV ratings system useless for viewers

Children in the United States are, on average, exposed to an estimated 8,000 murders and 100,000 acts of violence on television by the time they complete elementary school, according to a congressional finding in Sec.551 Parental Choices in Television Programming.

Now, after years of grave concern by parents, educators and child advocacy groups, television executives have implemented a ratings system to categorize TV programs based on their appropriateness for viewers of various ages. But, is this the answer to our nation's dilemma over television programming or an attempt to avoid conflict with the Federal Communications Commission?

Although television executives say it will take time to iron out all of the kinks in the new system, one thing remains certain: The ratings system is far from perfect.

One imperfection is the fact that programs with similar content are receiving different ratings. For example, CBS has rated "Late Night With David Letterman" as a TV-PG show, which means that "parental guidance is suggested," while NBC's leading competitor, "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," has received a stricter rating of TV-14, which is for programs "many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14."

Another problem is that the six categories that were devised by an industry committee are too vague to warn parents or viewers about potentially harmful material.

Critics, such as the National PTA and the American Medical Association, say ratings based on the Motion Picture Association of America's system won't provide parents with sufficient information.

Because there has been no real explanation given for what the system considers objectionable, the ratings system seems doomed to become useless.

They say the system is becoming just what they hoped it wouldn't. Many shows have been rated TV-PG, such as "Seinfeld" and "General Hospital." Because there has been no real explanation given for what the system considers objectionable, the ratings system seems doomed to become useless.

Television executives should try listening to what viewers want. According to an article in the San Jose Mercury News, the Center for Media Studies released the results of a Roper poll, which indicated that 73 percent of parents prefer a system that labels content, while 15 percent prefer programs rated by age levels.

Because people tend to have very different opinions about what is acceptable television programming, it is only logical to adopt a ratings system that includes more detailed information about a program's intensity. Viewers will then have enough information about television programming to make educated decisions.

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Teaching African American children is one of this nation's essential tasks

The editorial page of the Daily has often been an unmitigated disaster. I was hoping that this semester would prove to be different, but I am already disabused of that notion.

Wednesday's editorial page discussion of Ebonics is a prime example. The question posed to the editorial staff and the public was "Should Ebonics be regarded as a legitimate language?"

As posed, here's what the question really asks: "Should Ebonics — the spoken language of many African Americans — be regarded as a legitimate language?"

Do the editors really wish to discuss whether or not many African Americans are legitimate or illegitimate in their speech? (It's little wonder that many critics find such questions racist in origin.)

It seems that the editorial staff

Letter to the Editor

It seems that the editorial staff can't formulate questions that aren't derogatory and which are worth asking.

can't formulate questions that aren't derogatory and which are worth asking. Would you once again debate,

as did 16th Century philosophers, whether women have souls? Would you argue whether or not Mexican Americans should be allowed to come to SJSU?

Teaching African American children to succeed in American society is one of the most important tasks our nation faces. Can Ebonics help? That's the real question.

Critics such as Dona Nichols and others need to learn how to address the real issues (instead of quoting patronizing examples about baby talk and talk show hosts), and the editorial staff needs to learn what questions are worth asking and how we should phrase those questions.

Professor Bill Meredith
School of Music and Dance

Sparta Guide

Women's center holds open house

The Women's Resource Center will hold an open house today from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Building in Room 217. Come join in the celebration and see how people can come together to share in painting a new picture for women. According to Elizabeth Tirado, Co-Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, the center will promote diversity.

"The center is important because people, both men and women, will now have a place," said Tirado. Contact her at 924-6500 for more information.

Mariachi lessons offered tonight

Learn to sing and play mariachi music at the SJSU Mariachi Workshop tonight from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Music Building.

Have lunch and a Bible today

The Lutheran Student Fellowship will be holding a Bible brown bag lunch in the Montalvo room in the Student Union from 1-2 p.m.

AS holding basketball sign-up

Associated Student Campus Recreation will be taking sign-ups for five-on-five basketball and out-

door soccer today through Friday, February 7.

Gay, lesbian club meets

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance will be having a meeting from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union.

Scuba Club gets together

The Scuba Club will meet at 12:00 p.m. in SPX 77. For more information, contact Sonya at 924-7810.

Muslim association hosts IFTAR

The Muslim Students Association will host IFTAR tonight from 5-7 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union.

Business frat hosts speaker

Delta Sigma Pi, the Professional Coed Business Fraternity, will be having the owner of the Tied House as a guest speaker at today's meeting. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union. Call 378-2034 for additional information.

Have pizza, meet Phi Chi Theta

Phi Chi Theta is having a meet the chapter pizza night at the Spartan Pub at 6:00 p.m. Call Eddie at 923-1754 or E-Mail him at e.piglet@ix.netcom.com for more information.

Music Listening Hour

The Listening Hour will host Chamber Music: Mu Phi Epsilon honors students performing Haydn and Brahms in the Concert Hall of the Music Building from 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Hispanic business group to meet

The Hispanic Business Association will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For more information about the meeting, page Maribel at 397-6993.

Christian unity service at chapel

The Catholic Campus Ministry Episcopal Canterbury Community is holding "A Service For Christian Unity" at the Spartan Memorial Chapel, Building 18 from 12:30 -1:00 p.m. At the weekly Canterbury meetings, guest speakers will discuss topics about faith and how it affects a student's life.

See Delta Sigma Pi on interviews

Come see Delta Sigma Pi at their information booth in front of the Student Union to get a leg up on corporate interviews. They will be there daily from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. until January 31.

Business students meet clubs

The Executive Council of Business Students presents meet the business clubs from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the garden level of the Business Quad.

Phi Gamma Delta races karts

Come join Phi Gamma Delta for a hair raising go-kart trip. The Fiji house is located at 565 S. 5th St. For additional information, call E. Turner at 293-3454.

Multicultural sorority has info

Come check out Sigma Theta Psi's multicultural sorority information table from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. today at the Student Union.

KSJS needs team members

San Jose State University's radio station, KSJS, needs you! Visit its information table in the Student Union from today until January 31 to learn more about how to become a part of their team.

Twist the night away, tonight

Interested in twisting the night away? Then, come to Beta Theta Pi Fraternity's Twister Night with Alpha Omicron Pi tonight at 7 p.m. The event will be held at 282 S. 10th St., across from the Business Tower. Call Bryce DeVincenzi at 993-9655, for more information.

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Spartan Daily Staff Writer

School receives \$200,000 Hearst Endowment

By Ivan F. Bergman
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation awarded San Jose State University's school of journalism and mass communications a \$200,000 grant earmarked for guest lecturers.

Hearst foundation directors approved endowments in December to the journalism schools at San Jose State University, Indiana University, Syracuse University and Florida A&M.

The endowments have been established at professional journalism schools that train journalists to become professionals in the working world, not just in theoretical communications, said Thomas Eastham, vice president and western director of the Hearst Foundation.

"The breadth of (San Jose State University's) program and the maturity level of its programs was very persuasive," said Eastham.

The journalism schools use the

interest generated by investing the \$200,000 grant to pay the expenses of professional journalists chosen as guest lecturers. Individual schools decide the selection of the guest lecturers and implementation of the program.

Ken Blasé, SJSU director of the school of journalism and mass com-

munications, said the guest lecturers will be from a wide variety of specialists dealing with all aspects of media. They will be volunteering their time

and guest lecturers will often either pay for a portion of their expenses, or waive compensation for their expenses entirely. Blasé said he expects to use

about \$10,000 a year to pay for guest lecturer expenses.

The first Hearst Foundation Endowments were granted in 1990.

The current grants bring the total number of endowments to 20. The funding will be received some time within the next few months.

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Ben Kenobi (Alec Guinness) wields the lightsaber, the powerful weapon of the Jedi Knights. Vader's revelation to Luke at the end of "The Empire Strikes Back"?

Preview

By **Andy W. Ho**
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Every generation has its seminal moments. For our grandparents, it was V-J Day, when Japan surrendered, signaling the end of American involvement in World War II. For our parents, it was the end of the Vietnam War. For us, it was the moment in "Star Wars" when Han Solo and Chewbacca attacked Darth Vader's TIE Interceptor, allowing Luke Skywalker to destroy the first Death Star. Or the Imperial AT-AT invasion of the Rebel ice planet Hoth. Or when bounty hunter Boba Fett loaded Han Solo, frozen in carbonite, onto Slave I and escaped from Cloud City. And of course who can ever forget Darth

The three-part Star Wars film series, more commonly known as the "Star Wars Trilogy," is slated for a re-release to movie theaters 20 years after it originally appeared on May 25, 1977, starting with "Star Wars Special Edition" tomorrow, continuing with "The Empire Strikes Back Special Edition" on Feb. 21 and finishing with "Return of the Jedi Special Edition" on March 7. In order to show the "Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition" to a generation of younger fans who have never seen it in the theaters, Lucasfilm Ltd. and 20th Century Fox cleaned the film to restore an optimum picture and re-mastered the audio into digital sound. According to the press release issued by Industrial Light & Magic, the films will include new footage which were either restored after originally being left on the cutting room floor or footage which was previ-

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ously impossible because of initial time or money limitations. Star Wars creator George Lucas has said that the films will be closer to his original vision.

For those of you who are Amish or have been living under a geologic formation for the last 20 years, the Star Wars Trilogy is a science-fiction saga about Luke Skywalker's journey into manhood and the burden he carries after inheriting a mystical source of power known as the Force. Along the way, Skywalker joins the Rebel Alliance, a group dedicated to extinguishing the evil galactic Empire.

Perhaps nothing has had the impact on

- **MOVIE:** Star Wars
- **STARS:** Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher
- **LENGTH:** 121 minutes
- **RATING:** PG (for scary lasers, decimated planets and Darth Vader's overall meanness)
- **OPENS:** Friday

American culture, and culture around the globe, that the Star Wars film series has had. "Star Wars," which was made for \$10.3 million, is currently the fourth highest-grossing film of all time, having earned \$322,740,394 domestically. The characters and concepts of the Trilogy have infiltrated nearly every aspect of popular culture, from Eddie Murphy's use of the "Jedi Mind Trick" in "Raw" to Ralph Wiggum's "I bent my

Wookiee" comment in "The Simpsons." The Star Wars Trilogy is one of the first film series popular enough to support a line of action figures.

Joseph Pred, a senior in psychology, plans on seeing the new trilogy. "It's an epic," he said, "set in an environment no one's familiar with. If you took 'Ben Hur' and put it in space, you'd have 'Star Wars.'"



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In new scene from Special Edition of "Star Wars," Storm Troopers ride giant beasts of burden.

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'GRIDLOCK'd' trapped by plot
Serious subject of film fails because of implausibilities

Review

By **Andrew Hussey**
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In the strangest on-screen matchup since Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman in "Rainman," Tim Roth and Tupac Shakur attempt to fool the audience into thinking they are best friends in "GRIDLOCK'd."

A comedy about the endless bureaucracy people must face every-day in the inner-city, "GRIDLOCK'd" attempts to find humor in a serious subject, but falls short because it's so implausible.

Tupac Shakur, the multitalented rapper/actor who was killed several drive-by shootings, is Spoon, a calm and thoughtful heroin junkie while Tim Roth, best known for his roles in "Pulp Fiction" and "Reservoir Dogs," plays Stretch, a crazy junkie who lives only for his next high.

The other one-third of their group is Cookie, played by Thandie Newton, a relatively inexperienced junkie with a thick English accent.

Unfortunately, the only explanation first-time director Vondie Curtis Hall gives for this friendship, other than the fact that they all like heroin a lot, is that they are part of a spoken-word jazz trio and that just isn't enough to suspend your disbelief. All it does is make you wonder how the hell all these people met in downtown Detroit.

The movie opens with Spoon and Stretch taking Cookie to the hospital because she overdosed on heroin and she remains there for the rest of the movie. This is virtually the last time you will see Cookie, except in the occasional flashback, so forget about getting to know her character in any more depth.

From this point, the audience gets a taste of what the movie is



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Spoon (Tupac Shakur) and Stretch (Tim Roth) prepare to make a run for it. really about as Spoon and Stretch are faced with endless paperwork and disgruntled employees as their friend lays in a coma.

After this frightening experience, they both decide to kick their addictions and go into rehab, but they are met with the same resistance in trying to get help for themselves as they did in trying to admit Cookie to the hospital.

In order to enter a rehab program, they must get a Medicaid card and in order to get a card they must fill out endless forms and wait six to eight weeks and on and on and on.

As the pair travel from building to building filling out social service forms, you really begin to sense the despair and tediousness they are feeling. Unfortunately, tediousness is not the feeling an audience normally seeks in a comedy and boredom results.

Curtis Hall attempts to liven up the movie by having Spoon and Stretch buying and using heroin and running from angry drug dealers in between filling out forms and somewhere in there, he nonchalantly throws in the fact that Stretch is HIV-positive.

At the end of the movie, we find Spoon and Stretch sitting dejectedly in the same hospital that Cookie is in, filling out forms and waiting for a doctor to see to the various wounds they received while running from the drug dealers. They are still no closer to rehab and you can sense their resolve waning.

"GRIDLOCK'd" is touted as a comedy with a unique twist: a male buddy movie between a sensible black man and a crazy white guy.

The trouble with that explanation is that it's been done before. It was called "Lethal Weapon" the first time and throwing in relevant social issues does not make it any better the second time around.

- **MOVIE:** GRIDLOCK'd
- **STARS:** Tim Roth, Tupac Shakur, Thandie Newton
- **LENGTH:** 91 minutes
- **RATING:** R (for violence, drug use, adult situations and really bad words)
- **OPENS:** Friday

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Cinequest comes to San Jose



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Scene from the Danish movie "Body Switch," featured in the Cinequest San Jose Film Festival this week.

Local festival highlights independent film industry

Preview

By Yasuko Agawa
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Cinequest San Jose Film Festival brings more than 60 various unique movies from all over the world to you, who may be tired of showy Hollywood movies.

The theme of this festival is introducing the independent film-making spirit. The movies are full of

originality and the unexpected.

The festival begins tonight and lasts until next Wednesday at the United Artists Pavilion (201 S. Second St.) and Camera 3 Cinemas (at the corner of Second and San Carlos streets). Both theaters are only two blocks away from SJSU.

Cinequest is celebrating its seventh year and establishing its popularity. The number of people who attended the festival marked a new record with 21,000, which was doubled from the previous year.

More people coming means more people believe in the concept of the festival.

"We call it 'Maverick Spirit,'" said Hayet Ennabli, Cinequest director of publicity. "There are people out there saying and expressing their

experience. The movies are an original and personal view of something."

Cinequest selects Maverick Tributes for people who are contributing independent films. This year one of them is Jennifer Jason Leigh.

The Most Maverick Spirit Award is also set up among the first five awards competition, which are Best Dramatic Feature Award, Best First Feature Award, and Audience Award which gives all audiences a chance to vote.

In order to make it easier for participants to enjoy the festival, the movies have been divided into sections: Competition, Latino Celebration presenting Latino/Hispanic culture, Asian Showcase giving richness of Asian

culture, After Hours for stay-up-late people, High Tech and Film paying attention to technology impact and Local Spotlight which showcases several local filmmakers.

"Body Switch" is in the After Hours section and it is the Danish movie whose topic is the desire for eternal life.

A dying doctor goes to a high school basketball team and offers a special physical program for athletes. What he's really up to is to pick up a young boy, Jones, who can provide him a perfect body.

The doctor succeeds in switching their bodies. Jonas is shocked to wake up in an old man's body and, of course, nobody believes what he says.

"Partners of LIFE," directed by Pete Anderson, is another one worth checking. It is not on the program, but will be shown on Friday at midnight at the UA Pavilion.

"After the screening on Jan. 11, Cinequest decided to put our movie," said Anderson. "It is really the best complement we got. Cinequest is growing and exciting."

It is also a typical independent movie.

"You don't need to go to Hollywood to make movies," said Anderson. "Our movie is in low budget, under \$2,000, and without famous actors. But it worked out well because basic story and writing is not fake."

The movie is about two young men, Brad and Tommy, who have been best friends since about 10 years old. Things get tight when Brad gets in money and drug trouble and Tommy finds a girl who makes him recognize the other possibilities of the life.

The movie was shot entirely in San Jose. Ryan Haynes, who plays

the film's main character, was a SJSU student majoring in Radio, Television and Film.

Among the familiar places, such as AJAX Lounge, Dimensions, Cinebar, St. James Park and the streets of downtown, SJSU's own 10th Street garage was used in the movie.

The crew had fun in shooting this scene. They didn't have the permission and decided to break in.

When the police came, Haynes was holding a reel, which was the big symbol in the film.

They told them that it was for a school project and fortunately, they got away.

It may be fun for students to check out that scene. Tickets for screening are \$6 for students and \$7 for general audiences. Programs with schedules and information of each movie are available at the theaters.

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Village of Dreams from Japan is another film featured in the San Jose festival.

Coffeehouses offer relief from the world Shops give students brew with their studying

By William Jeske
Spartan Daily Features Editor

Once the nerve-stimulating antidote to edgy, starchy office guys, coffee has become one of the nation's quickest cultural staples to be adopted in fewer than a few years.

Having more social acceptance than nicotine or controlled substances, caffeine in its warm, brown and carcinogenic state has warranted books, clothing and entire restaurants dedicated to its proliferation.

Students regularly congregate at these establishments to study, socialize and occasionally drink the stuff.

Should you wish to find that perfect little shop within walking distance of the campus, here's a quick lowdown of joints:

Red Hawk Cafe, Student Union

Though not exactly a cafe, it is the closest and most accessible to students who don't want to leave campus. Choosing to study in peace will be trial and error depending on when you go since the Red Hawk is in the same dining area as the Student Union cafeteria.

Jazzland Coffee stations:

Obviously, none of the three strategically located Jazzland stations qualify as cafes, the coffee tastes like cafe quality.

Unless you can tolerate studying outside, you'd best get your coffee and find a studying place nearby.

Stations are located at Hugh Gillis Hall, MacQuarrie and at the top of the steps of Business Tower's west entrance. All open at 7 a.m., but Hugh Gillis Hall's station closes at 5:30 p.m. MacQuarrie Halls' station closes at 7:30 p.m. and Business Tower's station closes around 9 p.m.

Camera Cafe, 285 S. Second St.

One of the closest cafes beyond the campus is the Camera Cafe in the Camera 3 art movie house at the corner of Second and San Carlos Streets.

Camera Cafe's allure is more to the aesthetically pleasing interior and contorted chaos of movie posters trapping from theater to theater. The

uncomfortable chairs remind patrons that the Cafe isn't for studying for longer than about an hour.

Cafe Zucco 74 N. First St.

The daunting walk from campus to this cafe, whose interior looks like an abstract painting exploded, is a nice place to rest your feet from the trip.

The cafe allows patrons to study outside along the busy First Street runway or inside in the audibly quiet, but visually loud upstairs lounge. The monolith waterfall in the lounge's center helps relax studiers readying for a test.

Keystone, 321 S. First St.

One of SoFA's more enduring enterprises, despite two other coffee shops on the same strip, Keystone's name is more than an ironic pun considering the street's changes over the years. Modest tables and comfy chairs allow for extended visitation rights.

Cafe Matisse, 371 S. First St.

South First is a street of firsts. Cafe Matisse is a stubborn and noble indicator of firsts and lasts.

Despite the management change

about a year ago, the cafe still allows its walls to be adorned with challenging and engaging artwork. The ultra-bohemian decor (small tables with unmatched couches and chairs) didn't suffer either with the transition.

Cafe Matisse may have been one of the first San Jose coffeehouses to double and a gallery but it also remains as a refuge to SoFA inhabitants who, by their very presence, try to combat the street's reluctant attempts to go upscale.

Studying here is best in the day because it will at night that the wild things come out and it will be here that they gather.

Kismet The Gallery, 434 S. First St.

Just as a Cafe Matisse doubles as a coffeshop gallery, Kismet is mostly a gallery with a cafe at its entrance.

Studying here will be a challenge only if you haven't been here before. The allure of various artwork will taunt you to get up from your table and browse.

Though much larger than Cafe Matisse, the artwork isn't too much different.

Starbucks, The Pavilion

If you've been to one... As for studying, this may not be worth staying in for too long. The Pavilion is a pedestrian mall and most of them will inevitably step in before going across the patio to the United Artists multiplex.

The furniture also will tell your body that if your studying too long then you've worn out your welcome.



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Angela Fautt waits on a customer at Kismet The Gallery.



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SJSU looks for win at end of Rainbow

By Mike Traphagen
Spartan Daily Senior Writer

After dropping Western Athletic Conference road games to Wyoming and Colorado State last week, the SJSU men's basketball team will face the Pacific Division leading University of Hawai'i at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Event Center.

Hawai'i, which is 5-1 in the WAC and 13-3 overall, has the second best field-goal percentage in the conference (49.6) and has dominated the boards against nearly all of its opponents.

Spartans coach Stan Morrison said his team will have to "continue to compete effectively on the boards" against Hawai'i to rebound from its rough week away from home.

"Our rebounding effort against Colorado State was the best I've seen since I've been

here," said Morrison of his team's performance Saturday. "Colorado State murdered Fresno State with 31 offensive rebounds alone, but we out-rebounded (the Rams) 40-25."

Spartans center Rich Taylor only grabbed five rebounds in SJSU's 80-76 loss to the Rams, but Morrison said he kept CSU center Ryan Chilton from dominating the boards.

"It was Rich's job to guard 7-foot-Chilton," Morrison said. "He kept Chilton from getting one rebound, while our team played hard for the entire 40 minutes."

"We ended up shooting ourselves in the foot by letting Colorado State to get going in its half-court offense. Then (the Rams) disrupted our full-court press, which gave them three-on-two and two-on-one opportunities that ended in dunks or layups."

Taylor may have his hands full trying to

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keep UH's post players from collecting rebounds.

Four members of UH are averaging more than five rebounds per game and the team has been out-rebounded only twice in 16 games this season. The Rainbows' 7-foot-1 center Seth Sundberg leads his team in rebounding with a 7.6 per game average.

SJSU forward Olivier Saint-Jean averages 9.3 rebounds, but he is the only Spartan recording more than four per game.

Rainbow forward Eric Ambrozich averages

5.7 rebounds. Micah Kroeger is grabbing 5.4 per game and Morrison said there are others to be concerned about.

"They also have (Danny) Furlong, who's 6-11, and a guy (Michael Robinson) who's 6-8 and weighs 230 pounds," Morrison said. "So, it's going to be tough."

The Rainbow's tandem of junior guards Anthony Carter and Alike Smith will also try to cause problems for the Spartans.

Smith is averaging 16.2 points per game, while Carter leads his team with a 17.7 point average and leads the WAC in steals by averaging nearly three a game.

Spartan guard Tito Addison said he will have the responsibility of guarding one member of the duo at all times.

"If we can minimize their touches of the ball, then we can hopefully take one of the two of them out of the game," Addison said.

"(Carter) really likes to come from the 'help side' to steal the ball and he forces a lot of turnovers. We're very aware of both of their abilities."

Morrison added: "We have to find a way to stop (the Rainbows') several great guards. We need to contain them and hope they don't go off and have career nights against us."

The only WAC team to beat the Rainbows this season is Air Force, a team the Spartans beat by 17 points on Jan. 16 this season.

"It's scary," said Addison of Air Force's 73-68 upset victory over Hawai'i on Jan. 9. "It seems like everybody is beating everybody else in this league except us. Maybe we can get in there and start beating teams."

"(Today) we'll have a great opportunity to go out there and beat the No. 1 team in the division."

Saint-Jean: problem or solution?

After an 8-2 start, the SJSU men's basketball team has fallen flat on its face in league play.

The team can't score, defend, shoot or pass. The only player playing up to the level of the Western Athletic Conference is Olivier Saint-Jean.

The problem with this team is that no one is stepping up and making the other players better.

Saint-Jean has proven himself to be a top-notch competitor capable of more than carrying the San Jose State University men's basketball team. He did it last season and the Spartans made it to the NCAA tournament.

This year, he led the team to a great start, but now the cover is coming off the facade.

A great leader is a person who can make the people around him better — Saint-Jean isn't doing that. In fact, Saint-Jean may be hurting the team. Obviously he is a great player. He scored 33 points and pulled down 18 rebounds against Colorado State University on Saturday and is among the league leaders in both categories.

But, he has been involved in at least two verifiable incidents which hurt the team. The first was a fight with guard Jahi Bacon, who is no longer with the team, during practice early in the year, and the second was his own suspension for violating an unnamed team rule.

Coach Stan Morrison won't divulge which rule was broken, but there are three possibilities — he was late; he embarrassed the team, himself or the university; or he didn't give 100 percent. Morrison isn't dumb; he would not have suspended

Saint-Jean for the Fresno State University game for something that was not a major violation. So that

throws out the being late or not giving 100 percent, which doesn't seem to be Saint-Jean anyway.

Whatever is happening on the Spartans has to be dealt with. A team leader must step up and assert himself, otherwise SJSU will end up not even making the trip to Las Vegas for the WAC tournament, let alone the NCAA tournament.

There are only two people who have the right or the ability to be the team leader for the Spartans — Saint-Jean and guard Brad Quinet.

Saint-Jean has proven that he has the ability to make everyone play better and lead the team to the post season, but he doesn't have the same caliber of player to help him on the quest.

The only other option is Quinet. But Quinet is coming off an ankle injury and has rightly abandoned the role of team leader in favor of Saint-Jean.

The only problem is that Saint-Jean may not have the respect of the players.

Bacon didn't like him very much and Saint-Jean has screamed at his teammates on the court. Maybe they deserved it and maybe they didn't, but Saint-Jean isn't gaining much support.

Maybe it doesn't matter — there have been enough scouts looking at him to seriously worry about him bolting to the NBA. But the team is directionless and headed for certain destruction if he isn't able to garner the respect and trust of the rest of his teammates.



FROM PRESS ROW

By Marcus Walton

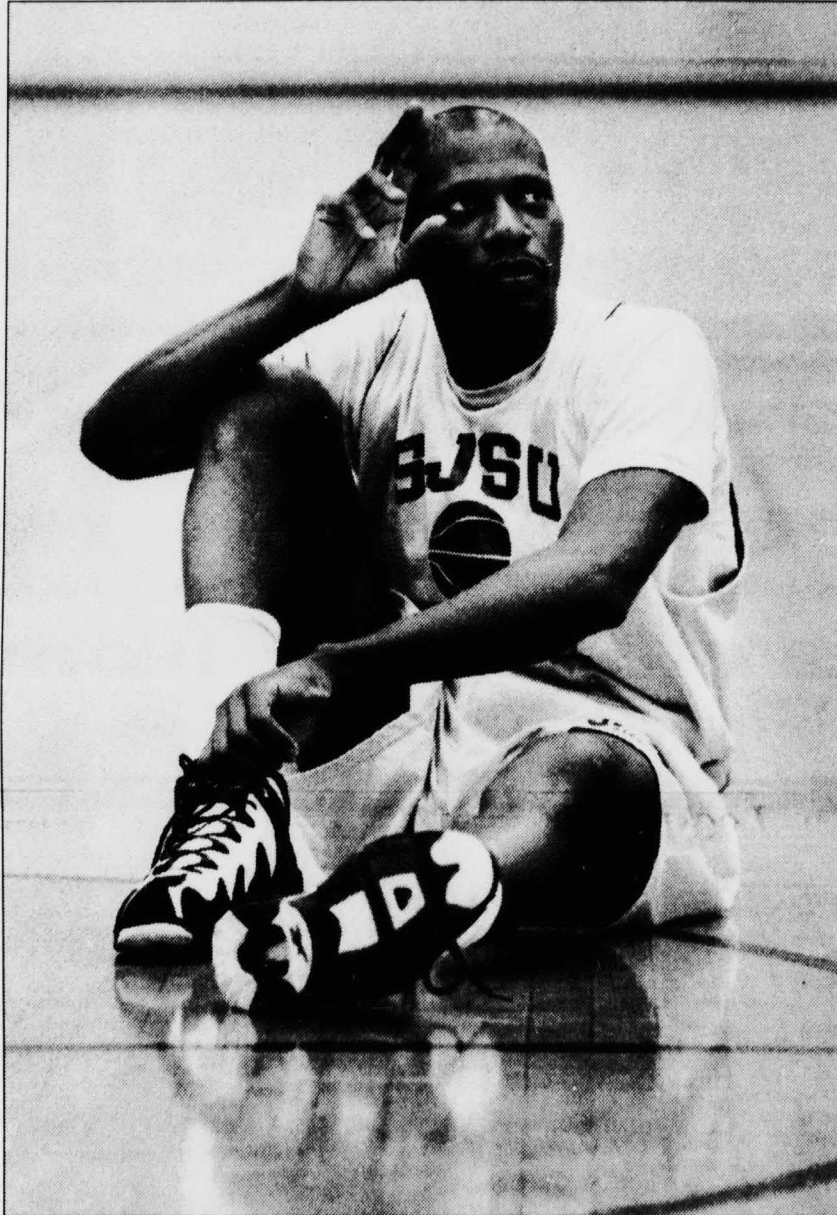


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Former Marine Thomas Lowery stretches before Wednesday's basketball practice. SJSU will play Hawai'i at 7:30 tonight at the Event Center.

SJSU	vs.	Hawai'i
Tito Addison (6-0) 8.9 ppg., 2.8 apg.	PG	Anthony Carter (6-2) 17.7 ppg., 6.3 apg.
Brad Quinet (6-2) 13.5 ppg., 2.3 rpg.	SG	Alike Smith (6-2) 16.2 ppg., 2.1 rpg.
Rich Taylor (6-9) 3.9 ppg., 4 rpg.	C	Seth Sundberg (7-1) 7.2 ppg., 7.6 rpg.
Olivier Saint-Jean (6-6) 21.7 ppg., 9.3 rpg.	SF	Micah Kroeger (6-6) 10.4 ppg., 3.3 rpg.
Thomas Lowery (6-6) 4.4 ppg., 3.4 rpg.	PF	Eric Ambrozich (6-8) 10 ppg., 5.7 rpg.

Ex-marine wages war for SJSU

By Puna Nair
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Two years ago, Thomas Lowery carried a gun and barked out orders to bald-headed Marines. The eight-year veteran of the Corp never envisioned a life outside of the military.

"If you told me a couple of years ago, I would be getting an education, I would have told you I couldn't do it," said the 27-year-old Lowery. "But look at me now, I'm in college."

The sophomore decided to trade the security of military life for a career in child development, and that was where SJSU came in.

A few years ago, Lowery met current teammate Rich Taylor, who encouraged him to think about a college basketball career at SJSU.

Watching him jump and comfortably dunk the ball was the clincher for SJSU coach Stan Morrison.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

But life has not been easy for the oldest player on the team.

"We gave up a lot for Thomas to get back into school," said Johanna Lowery, his wife of four-and-a-half years.

Lowery's wife is supporting the family by working as a receptionist at the San Jose Arena. She said that even though her husband is on scholarship, the funds do not help pay bills.

Making the switch has not been easy for the power forward who is the youngest of 16 children. The Marines wanted him to stay, but he felt a change would be better in the long run.

Born in Cairo, Ill., Lowery was one of nine boys in the family who did not participate in any sports as a child.

"I never watched sports, I

didn't care about sports and if you put me in a basketball court, I wouldn't have known what was going on," Lowery said.

While in the Marines, Lowery started to play the sport and when he found he was getting better at it, he decided to stick with the game.

"Once you find something you like, it's like a new toy," said the 6-foot-4 Lowery. "And then I said to myself, 'Man, maybe I could do something with my life.'"

Having a family early in life only made him rethink his future. Lowery felt going to school was important to guide his two young daughters, both under the age of three.

Lowery says education is very important because today you cannot get a good job without one.

Lowery is a real family person, said his wife, who weighed his options before leaving the cocoon that life in the military provided.

While in the Marines, Lowery served his country in Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

His serving in the armed forces only has helped him earn respect from his younger teammates, who view him with admiration.

"He brings this level of wisdom that most of us young players lack," junior forward Olivier Saint-Jean said.

Redshirt Kamal Moummad said Lowery brings a great flavor because of his age and experience of life. "He's like the captain of the ship, always listening to our problems," he said.

After graduating, which he hopes to do in five years, Lowery would love to coach basketball to young kids.

Guglielmo makes a splash; qualifies for regional meet

By Ivan F. Bergman
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University diver Michelle Guglielmo is going where no Spartan has gone before.

With her score of 270.60 on the one-meter board at a tri-meet against UC Irvine and Loyola Marymount on Jan. 10, Guglielmo qualified to compete in the NCAA Zone E tournament to be held on March 14 and 15 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is the first Spartan to ever qualify for the regional meet.

Guglielmo will be competing against the top 30 to 40 divers in Zone E, which covers the area of the country to the west of Colorado. Only the top eight will qualify to advance to the NCAA championships.

"Some of your toughest athletes are your swimmers and divers," said RoseAnn Benson, head coach of SJSU's swimming and diving teams.

Guglielmo demonstrated just how tough she is when, at the Jan. 8 meet in San Diego, she banged her head on the board during a dive, but was able to make her personal best two days later.

"I was really surprised I did as well as I did," Guglielmo said.

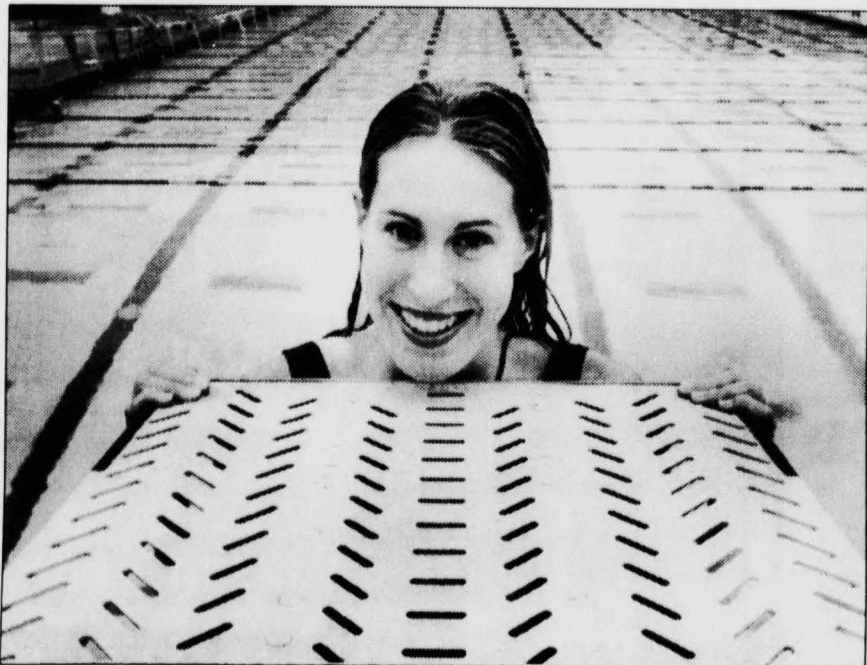
Bill Boos, the women's diving coach, said Guglielmo's performance has improved dramatically since her high school days. At the USC Invitational, Guglielmo finished ahead of several women who had beaten her in high school at the Central Coast Section championships, Boos said.

SJSU's University's women's diving team is only in its third year of existence. Boos said his main focus for the two-woman team is to make it nationally competitive, and Guglielmo and her teammate, Kelley Lasich, are the foundation of a larger team in the future.

"The attitude of the team is the best thing going for us right now," Boos said.

As for Guglielmo, she does not want to look too far into the future. Instead, she is focusing on what she is doing right now, such as practicing for the team's final meet of the season on Feb. 1 at Fresno State, and of course, the NCAA.

As for the NCAA zone competition, the Spartan diver is not making any bold predictions. "Whatever happens, happens," Guglielmo said.



Sophomore diver Michelle Guglielmo qualified for the NCAA zone meet at the Jan. 10 meet at UC Irvine. Although she began her athletic career as a gymnast, Guglielmo is the first Spartan to ever qualify for the regional meet. PHOTO BY BRANDON GARCIA • Spartan Daily

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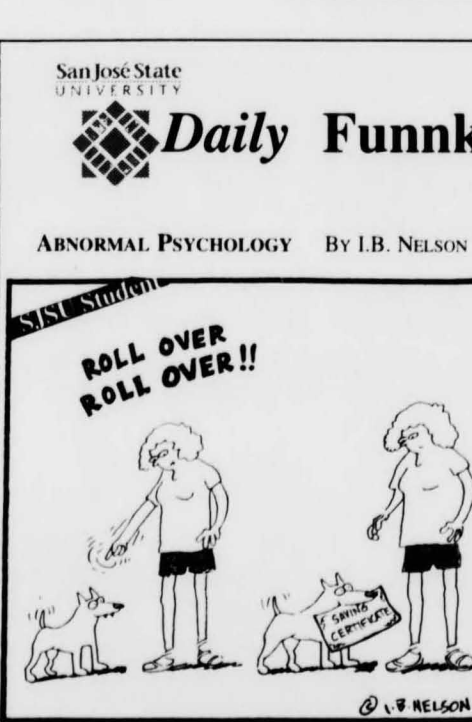
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Enrollment

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new programs that have had a direct impact upon these encouraging numbers.

"We are doing several things to increase enrollment," said Leon Washington, associate vice president of Enrollment Services.

"We have hired four new recruiters, created some new recruiting territory farther south that we hadn't explored and increased our presence throughout the state and out of the state by using direct mail and web sites," Washington said.

SJSU officials said they are optimistic that these efforts will reverse the slumping enrollment figures,

reflecting their pre-recession level and place SJSU back in the top three of CSU enrollment figures.

While SJSU is currently suffering from low enrollment, the other CSUs were a completely different story.

Last year's enrollment numbers show an even more dramatic increase.

The numbers for fall 1996 was 336,657, up 10,686 from the previous year. Over the last two years, the CSU system has achieved a 17,000 student growth.

The system's youngest campuses, Monterey Bay and San Marcos, had the largest proportional gains.

Cal State Monterey Bay nearly doubled its count after only one year of operation, from 654 students for fall 1995 to 1,244 for fall 1996. Cal State San Marcos, in its sixth year of operation, enrolled an additional 767 students, raising their fall 1996 student total to 4,409.

California State University, San Diego, at 29,996 students, remains CSU's largest campus, followed by California State University, Long Beach at 27,431 and San Francisco State University at 27,420.

Students can apply online

Electronic application for CSUs available on world wide web

By Larry Hernandez
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Paper is becoming more and more obsolete. Using online technology, students can now apply to San Jose State University electronically.

Starting this semester students were able to visit the website at <http://www.xap.com/xapWWW/Calif/csu.html>, and submit their applications to any California State University campus without ever having to pick up a pen.

Since Nov. 1, more than 200 students have applied electronically and 11,680 individuals have accessed the website said Karen Young, spokeswoman for the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Electronic applications are part of an effort by the CSU system to move towards electronic applications. The program is called the Mentor Program, and is being maintained by a company called XAP.

"The program requires the allocation of funds

from the state. We need help from the state in order to reach our technological goals," Young said.

The CSU system also offers the application on disk in PC and Macintosh formats. Prospective students may request the application on disk and then return it to the school once the application is completed. Application fees are still submitted separately to the Chancellor's Office.

"We hope to allow students to pay (online) in the near future," said Leon Washington, associate vice-president of enrollment.

According to student data supervisor Pat Fifield, SJSU has received roughly 50 online applications.

Fifield said, "Electronic applications are much easier to read and cuts down on misreading of information."

The Student Outreach and Recruitment has been visiting community colleges and high schools in the area to promote electronic submissions.

"At all of our key feeder community colleges, we

have interns who are spreading the word about it," said Washington. "Overall, we have had a positive reception. There is some nervousness involved if the student doesn't have a computer, but most people find it very convenient."

"I love the idea, because I hate to fill out paper work," said Jana Doherty, a Gavilan Community College student.

Filling out the application online doesn't necessarily mean you'll get your application processed faster.

"We are working hard to make sure that all applications are processed equally. It just gives the staff more time to get the application in to the system, and then work with the student to correct any errors," Fifield said.

For help with electronic applications, students can contact Admissions and Records or call 1-800-GOTOXAP.

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prospective students at college fairs.

"Now we have exceeded our expectations by more than 5 percent by recruiting more students throughout the state," said Washington.

Recruiting focuses on first-time freshmen by making contacts with students at high schools. First-time freshmen for the fall 1996 was 6,619 as opposed to 5,699 in 1992.

The graduate studies program

has also seen a steady increase with 4,552 applicants in fall 1996. Graduate students are recruited by the individual departments with professors providing the information for prospective students.

According to Serena Stanford, Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies, students choose SJSU because "We have the highest quality enterprise for the lowest price they can negotiate."

Undeniably, recruiting is vital in getting this message to prospective students.

"Recruiting is really involved in getting the word out. We're heavily dependent on that. Otherwise we would not have the reception we have now," said Washington.

International Students

There has also been an increase in international students attending SJSU. Since 1994, the number of international students has fluctuated, but the fall of 1996 saw a five-year high with 1,456 applications.

Recruiting efforts have consisted of advisers traveling to Asia to recruit students for the last two years. SJSU provides admission, general education, immigration

and advising services for foreign students.

Freshman Ali Tareque of Pakistan came to SJSU because, "This is a state university and it's cheaper than private schools. It is also in Silicon Valley which is useful to me as a computer science major."

"This is also an ethnically diverse campus so I get to meet people with many different backgrounds. Plus, this area is sunny, and I can play golf and tennis all day long," said Tareque.

"I decided to come to SJSU because my sister lives nearby. It's very common for students to come abroad from Malaysia. SJSU has lots of activities and a good location, although it is a bit distracting," said Yuki Loh who is studying for a second degree.

Student Outreach

— Leon Washington,
Enrollment Services

SOAR, of which Washington was previously the director, has been in the process of reorganization

since last September.

"The university took areas in student services that were a part of the whole enrollment procedure and put it together as an enrollment unit to better serve the students," Washington said. "Now I am in charge of overseeing this unit which includes recruitment, financial aid, Admissions and Records and Educational Opportunity Program admissions. We now actively deal with the students."

With this reorganization, all personnel, including the 11 recruiters, are more knowledgeable in more areas such as financial aid. This specialization will insure that students receive prompt astute answers while avoiding the frustration of dealing with ineffective personnel.

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campuses and adopt a policy on this legislation. The legislation said that students were entitled to a refund of part of their AS fees if they disagreed with the way the money was spent. The policy that was adopted was written originally at Sonoma State University and deals with refunding portions of AS fees because of political, ideological or religious activities.

Constantin said people have already filed for a refund because of the Prop. 209 rally with Rev. Jesse

Jackson last semester near the Student Union. He said that the size of the refund is based on how much is spent on the event divided by the number of students paying into the fee pool.

"There are forms to fill out about the specific and when," he said. "Granted it's only five cents or so but for some it's the principle."

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be on the alert for contaminated water are those who have wells, said Chetna Joyce, an environmental health specialist with the city. If any water becomes contaminated, emergency notices will be broadcast on radio and television.

According to Manheim, all flood water contains some sewage waste because the water comes from upstream and carries animal and human waste.

If clothes or skin come in contact with any flood water, city officials say the person should wash everything carefully with anti-bacterial soap.

San Jose is operating four walk-in centers for residents flooded out by Coyote Creek.

The walk-in locations are located at: Olinger Center, 848 E. William St.; Leininger Center, 1300 Senter Rd.; Village of the Four Seasons Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 200 Ford Rd.; and the South Bay Mobile Home Park Recreation Center, 1350 Oakland Rd.

General information about the flooding and clean-up can be obtained by calling (408) 286-1060.

Information about picking up sandbags before the next storm hit can be obtained by calling (408) HEY-NOAH.

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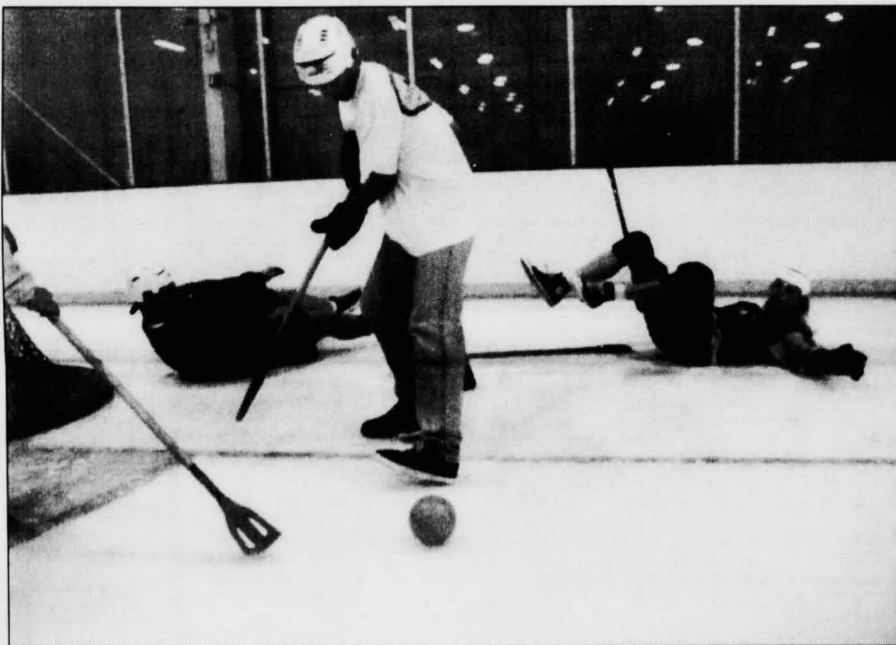


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Jason Mehninger (center) beats out his Phi Delta Theta brothers Warren Johnson (left) and Nate Vineyard (right) during a game of broom ball Tuesday night at the Ice Center. Broom ball is played like hockey without skates and plastic brooms in place of hockey sticks. Phi Delta Theta plays the game every semester as a hazing event. Other events planned for hazing include paint ball and basketball between Hawaii and SJSU.

Campus dorms remodeled

By Vic Ribeiro
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University housing department spent \$100,000 in interior upgrades to residence halls over the winter break.

"We are in the first phase of a multi-million dollar renovation program," said Sharon Willey, acting associate director of facilities. They are in the midst of a seven year renovation plan which will cost between \$1 million to \$2 million per year.

The newest phase of the project was the complete painting of Joe West Hall, Moulder Hall, Hoover Hall and Markham Hall over the break.

Willey said these are exciting times for people who are involved with the housing department on campus.

These renovations have been in the works for several years and are finally being implemented.

Since the beginning of the school year, the housing department has allocated more than a million dollars worth of funds to improve the residence halls. The money is generated from student residence hall fees.

"It's a wonderful improvement over the (last) year. The housing (department) made a bunch of promises and then actually got them accomplished," said Dave Wietecha, a political science senior.

"This type of service should make the dorms more attractive to students. Some of them will want to come back," he said.

Occupancy in the dorms has increased since the beginning of the academic year. The dorms are now 75

percent filled; they were at 65 percent of capacity before the year began.

"The halls definitely look a lot better and brighter. If I had not already made the decision about leaving, I would return once again next semester," said Emily Klokkevold, a Markham Hall resident.

The big beneficiaries have been the red brick residence halls that received the used furniture from Joe West Hall.

Thirty-three different improvements have already been made since last summer. More improvements will be coming during the semester breaks.

"Funds for these renovations are coming strictly from within the housing department," Willey said.

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handle which reduces stress in the wrist.

"It's called ergonomics," Perri said. "The iron puts less strain on the wrist. It's tough to explain without really getting into it. But, instead of pushing down, the angle of the handle allows it to work in a forward motion."

That is exactly where Perri is heading: forward. The 33-year-old Lucky's employee, who has been in the grocery industry for 17 years, plans to resign to pursue a future as an industrial designer with a Bay Area firm.

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