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John Holstead and Carol Zoranovich take no part in Cupid's love games at the Grace Baptist Church Community Center Valentine's Dance for the mentally disabled on Friday night. The center, located at 10th and San Fernando Streets, hosts events such as aerobics, arts and crafts and movie nights for residents of local board and care homes six days per week.

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Group homes cause concern

Residents find community support in San Jose

By Andy W. Ho
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Carl Davis has political ambitions. That's not too unusual by itself, except Davis is a diagnosed psychotic schizophrenic. In fact, "Carl Davis" isn't even his real name — it's an alias he made up a few days ago. His real name is on file with police around the nation, he said, for assaults and drug-related arrests. Davis is part of the community of mentally ill who inhabit downtown San Jose. "We don't bother people for the most part," he said. "Most of us are not panhandlers. Most of us are law-abiding even if we're not productive." He said he often spends time at the Grace Baptist Community Center across from San

Jose State University at South Tenth and San Fernando streets.

The center conducts programs for those with mental disorders, such as mental retardation or schizophrenia. Participants at the center must be referred by an official agent, such as a social worker or a nurse, who will certify the client's mental state, said to Jim Gitthens, the center's director.

People living in group homes, such as Davis, can find services like therapy and job counseling, along with social activities such as dancing, arts and music, cooking, physical education and camping trips to San Clemente and Death Valley.

Although the community center has been housed in the Grace Baptist Church for nearly 28 years, the church has only started collecting rent on the property for the last 15

years. Gitthens said the church has no input on center activities and does not impose its religious influence.

Terri Riley, who visits the center to receive counseling for depression, said, "I enjoy coming here because it keeps my mind busy and keeps me from stress."

While Davis can count on support from the community center, his home is potentially facing closure. He's a resident at an unlicensed group home known among mental health workers as "board and care." It provides a roof over residents' heads while giving some limited help, either medically or with support for everyday living.

The residents of these homes are usually self-sufficient said "Annette C.," the manager/owner of the board and care. Annette

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Grace Baptist Community Center psychologist and self-appointed hair stylist Lisa Blevins applies the finishing touches on local boarding house resident Chris Riley. The center provides services for nearly 150 mentally disabled people everyday.

Ordinance to disperse group homes in city

By Kim Skolnick
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The San Jose City Council is considering two ordinances that could affect group homes located within areas zoned for residential use.

One zoning ordinance redefines what a single-family home can be used for in a residential neighborhood. The other ordinance calls for the gradual phase-out of group homes within the downtown and Naglee Park area.

The two ordinances originated in the City attorney's office and were developed in response to amendments made in 1988 to Federal Fair Housing laws.

According to Deputy City Attorney Brian Doyle, the city attorney's office brought the federal changes to the attention of the city council. The council examined the research compiled by the city attorney then gave the order to develop an appropriate policy.

"The process has been controversial, not complicated," Doyle said. The ordinances deal mostly in changes to city zoning laws, and the main responsibility has been to make sure the City does not violate the Fair Housing Act, Doyle said.

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San Diego library an example

SDSU's 'Infodome' came in under budget; may show SJSU, city planners the way

By Dennis Knight
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Mayor Susan Hammer and SJSU President Robert Caret are teaming up to create what they hope will be a library that San Jose can be proud of.

For starters they may want to look to the City of San Diego where a futuristic, glass-domed library with all the modern amenities opened on the San Diego State University campus in the spring of 1996. The "Infodome" project possesses some traits of the San Jose-SJSU library plan, although it wasn't a joint proposal between the university and the City of San Diego.

The "Infodome" was funded through a voter-approved bond issue. "It was budgeted at \$28 million and actually came in at \$20 million," said SDSU University Librarian Don L. Bosseau. Bosseau said the original cost estimates were made during an economic recession and he attributes a more favorable economy as being the key factor in the project being completed under the projected budget.

Locally, concerns have been recently raised about the estimated costs of the proposed campus library.

"Our very preliminary estimates are that the new library will require a minimum of \$30 million from the university and \$10 million from the City (of San Jose) and the Redevelopment

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Engineering dean dies

Ralph Smith was instrumental to College of Engineering

By Ronda Sluder
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Ralph Smith, the first dean in the College of Engineering, died from prostate cancer on Tuesday at the age of 80.

To many people in the engineering field, Smith had a huge impact on their lives. Not only was he an outstanding professor, author, and genuinely friendly man, but he created a dynamic engineering program at SJSU that changed the course of traditional teaching methods.

"He was an inspiration for all the faculty to develop the school that we did," said Ed Dionne, a professor of engineering and Smith's friend. "He was the one who really started it all."

Smith began creating the engineering department in 1946. Since he was the only professor at the time, his first task was finding professors to teach. He realized it would be difficult to attract distinguished scholars to join him since it was a new program.

"San Jose State was unknown, so we could not hire Ph.D.s from major universities. The only attractions we had were California, a destination for many people, and the opportunity to get in at the very beginning of an expanding program," said Smith in the SJSU engineering history book.

Smith was able to find three teachers interested in being part of his new engineering program that had real experience in the field of engineering.

"I wanted people who were good teachers and

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Council limits election funding

By Sean Coffey
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The San Jose City Council amended the city's campaign finance ordinance to limit who can contribute, how much can be contributed and what happens to leftover money after the election.

The ordinance was made to align San Jose campaign contribution policy with Proposition 208, which refines campaign financing and was approved by voters in November.

The new ordinance limits city council campaign contributions to \$100 and mayoral contributions to \$250 per fiscal year. Previously the limitations were \$250 and \$500 respectively.

Councilwoman Patricia Dando and Councilman Dave Pandori are strong supporters of the new ordinance.

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The San Jose Lasers enter the last week of the season still looking for a playoff spot



Students stand up to college

By Catherine Spencer
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

As enthusiastic crowds of high school students arrived at SJSU's 12th Annual Black Recruitment Day in the Student Union on Friday, the message was clear: "Stand up or step off!"

During the all-day motivational forum, more than 450 African American students listened and participated in discussions that stressed the need to pursue higher education and take a stand in their communities.

With the new legislation threatening affirmative action policies, educators urged students to find their voice and step up.

"The event was very positive because black students don't normally get to discuss black issues in their high schools. We gave them the opportunity to do so," said Program Coordinator Jerome Martin, who is also an

admission counselor at SJSU's Student Outreach & Recruitment (SOAR) Office.

Students discovered the power of education from a performance of "King, A Man and His Dream" by the SJSU Student Touring Ensemble Program at the career and admission workshops.

A major highlight was when keynote speaker Gail Ortega, a program manager at Ujima Adult and Family Services in San Jose, spoke to the youths about African-centered education, counseling and community services.

Ortega has been very active as the chairman of the San Jose Million Man March Coalition and second vice-president of San Jose's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"I really liked the presentation because it

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Limits on campaign funding keep candidates in line

California's political office-holders, including San Jose's, will be campaigning for your votes using fewer avenues of finances and time. These constraints will manage both in their campaigns. Voters approved the passage of Proposition 208 in November, which limits campaign contributions to only certain amounts of funding, from whom they may receive funds and times before an election day they may

campaign. These new game rules will allegedly level the political playing field. Prior to the proposition's passage, city council campaigners are only allowed to accept a maximum contribution of \$100. Mayoral office-seekers can only accept contributions of up to \$250. Before, it was \$250 and \$500, respectively. Another limit is that there is to be no fundraising until six months prior to an election until 15 days before an election day. Though the new laws don't limit candi-

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dates from contributing to their campaigns with money from their own pockets, any contribution, regardless of its source, must be filed with the city clerk. San Jose took the initiative to go beyond the requirements that Prop. 208 mandated by going so far as to disallow contributions from cardrooms. By placing constraints of time and

avenues for fundraising as well as from whom funds may be contributed, voters will be more in power to make informed decisions — not influenced by candidates who have the financial muscle to monopolize the public's attention. These constraints give the financially-disadvantaged candidate with the powerful, important ideas for change the chance to take on the prominent candidates in a more fair race for office.

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Sports channels are the only programs worth watching on TV

If it weren't for ESPN, I would have to follow the bumper stickers' advice and "Kill Your Television." I admit that I'm part of the television generation — kids who grew up with a TV set in virtually every room in the house. Some of my earliest memories are of shows that have become an ingrained part of the American culture.

I remember, with great fondness, watching "The Gong Show," "Rockford Files" and "Taxi." Not everything was great, however. Even as bad as television was back in the late '70's and early '80's, and there were some pretty lousy programs, it really looks like a golden age in television history compared to the crap on the tube today.

I don't know what is worse: being subjected to watching tabloid news shows, the drabble of prime time programming, or — the worst offender of all — daytime talk shows.

Shows such as "Hard Copy" and "Inside Edition" make me, as an aspiring journalist, both saddened and sickened. These programs dispense gossip and misinformation, making them similar to the electronic version of "The National Enquirer." Everything they do is sensationalized and over dramatized. If it isn't an interview with O.J.'s former girlfriend, then it's something with a little T&A to attract a male audience. Americans are already misinformed enough without perpetrating it further with rumor and hearsay news reporting.

If you want to see an original show, good luck. All of the programs currently on are just rehased ideas of another successful show. It's not much of a stretch to go from white-trash theater on "Roseanne" to "Grace" or bimbo watching on "Married With Children" to "Unhappily Ever After."

By far, the worst offenders on the small screen today are Jenny Jones, Jerry Springer and the rest of their dysfunctional brothers and sisters. They are portraying people whose reality only exists in the cousin-loving backwoods of Arkansas and trying to make it pass for "normal" behavior.

It is inexcusable that a man was murdered for the simple reason that he appeared on "Jenny Jones."

These shows compete to see who can come up with the most ridiculous and absurd topic. As I was writing this, I looked at TV guide and there were subjects ranging from aspiring exotic dancers on "Ricki Lake" to love triangles on "Jerry Springer" to young racists on "Gerald." (You'd think Geraldo would stay away from racism topics after the chair incident.)

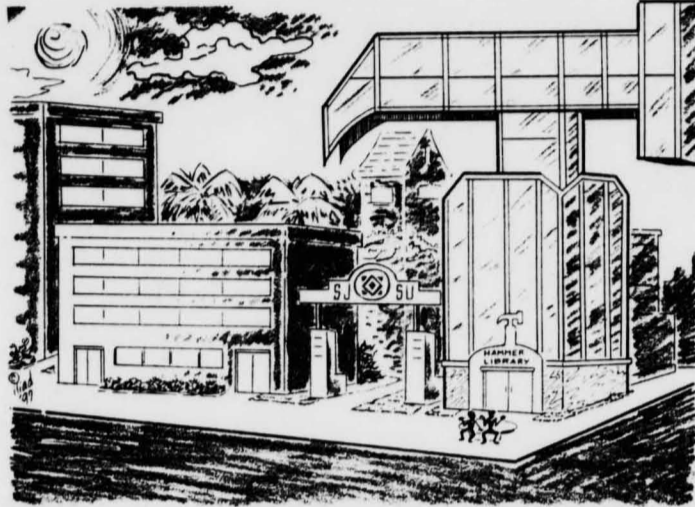
Now people will say if you don't like the programs, don't watch them. I don't watch them, I would rather watch "Ishtar," "Leaving Las Vegas" and all of Jerry Lewis' movies back-to-back. What concerns and sickens me about these shows is that people actually think these talk show "freaks" really exist in this reality. They attempt to glamorize lifestyles of "people" who don't deserve their 15 minutes of fame.

For me, I will continue to watch ESPN and SportsChannel exclusively. If they decide to remove them from the television, I might be forced to drastic measures — such as doing homework.

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WRITER'S FORUM
By Aaron Williams



"OH, I DON'T KNOW... SOME MAYOR BUILT IT TO SOLIDIFY HER LEGACY"

Moving beyond history

When police engaged ex-SS officer Michael Kolnhofer in a shoot-out, the media had one heck of a field day. One of the remaining Nazi war criminals had been caught. Justice had been served. Chalk another one up for democracy. Although I share the sentiment that similar Nazi war criminals clearly deserve the same fate as Kolnhofer, I nevertheless insist that such systematic Nazi hunts should come to an end — not for their benefit, but for the world's. As a member of the super-privileged WASP ethnicity, many contend that I have no right to the argue about how to deal with fugitive Nazi war criminals, since my ancestors were not among those that Hitler's "ultimate solution" targeted. I guess it's implied that 1066 is beyond the statute of limitations for cries of oppression.

The politically correct have told me time and time again that I have nothing to complain about. Furthermore, they assert that I obviously don't have the compassion to judge others' struggle from oppression to liberty.

Yet, like many Americans, I had many relatives fight both the Germans and the Japanese. Not surprisingly, I find Hitler's scourge upon humanity to be one of the worst atrocities in history. Although my life has been easier than most of the world's people, that doesn't diminish my role as a human being to know right from wrong and to make rational decisions. In fact, a little objectivity may be what the situation needs.

Every year the Office of Special Investigations of the U.S. Department of Justice spends \$3 million to hunt down Nazi war criminals ("The Economist" Feb. 1, 1997). That is money that could go to children in need, send young Americans to college or stabilize the lives of those still affected by the horrors of the Holocaust. Rather than attempt to eradicate every last Nazi fugitive, we should be investing in America's future.

Let the remaining elderly soldiers of death face their sins alone. As the criminals will soon face their natural demise, it becomes increasingly apparent that they do not have long to appreciate their state of freedom.

Although I agree that in a fair and just world, no crime against humanity would be left unpunished, it simply does not make sense to systematically hunt down each remaining Nazi prison guard.

Certainly, these surviving Nazis deserve sympathy from no one. While few peoples have been able to

maintain a perfect conscience throughout history, the Nazis were a people of indescribable evil. But the remaining Nazis are creeping toward their own deaths with each passing day.

Although the OSI's practice of hunting down Nazi war criminals is a waste of funds, the organization still has some useful purposes. Lately, the press has reported that Switzerland, Sweden and France had roles in the Nazis' persecution of Jews. Switzerland, with its infamous banking confidentiality laws, appears to have been a harbor for money and gold the Nazis took from Jewish Europeans during the 1930s and '40s.

It is reported that Switzerland's banks store millions of dollars worth of seized assets. It makes perfect sense for the United States and the United Nations to return the stolen assets to the relatives of the Holocaust's victims. Although returning the stolen money to the rightful owners will become a huge endeavor, at least the assets can help Holocaust victims lead more fiscally stable lives.

I encourage both the U.S. and the UN to return the seized assets to their rightful owners and heirs. I cannot find a reason, however, for the United States and other nations to continue to use its resources to hunt down the remaining members of the Nazi party and SS guards.

Discontinuing the pursuit of Nazi war criminals does not endorse them or alleviate their guilt. On the contrary, it provides an emphatic statement that they are no longer worth our time. Let the remaining war criminals wallow in the guilt of their sins and the knowledge that a united world thwarted their great machinations for world dominance. Let them live the last few years of the lives with the shame and humiliation of their actions. Let them die with the knowledge that it was not the Jewish people but rather the Nazi ideal that World War II ultimately destroyed.

By choosing to ignore the remaining Nazis war criminals, we give ourselves, as American citizens and world residents, the opportunity to move beyond the horrific shadows of the Second World War. Then, maybe, the world's people can begin to leave its obsession with the past behind them. The only thing they have to gain is the future.

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Guest Columnist

Luther Blandford Pilkinton

Treaty of Guadalupe should finally be publicly recognized

On this month in 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed by Mexico and the United States.

The treaty ended the Mexico-U.S. war (1846-1848) and the U.S. took California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and other southwest lands for \$15 million.

It was designed to protect culture, religion and civil rights of the Mexican citizens during this land transition. The treaty was to govern relations, "upon a basis of peace and friendship" between these two countries.

Mexican citizens were allowed to remain and keep their land and have "all the rights of citizens of the United States according to the principles of the Constitution."

Now almost 150 years later, this document is ignored and considered dead in most U.S. courts. It looks like our society has veered away from the philosophy of this document.

There is no attempt to bring these two cultures together but, rather, apart by selfish politicians.

The treaty was to make things easy for Mexicans and Americans to live together in this land that was taken over by the U.S.

The people who developed this treaty knew there would be some conflict, so they did their best to ease tensions.

Today there is little peace between Mexico and U.S. borders. There is a constant struggle for Chicanos to keep their land, culture and language.

In California, voters passed (and the governor endorsed) Proposition 187, which was aimed at denying public services, such as health care and education, to those who could not provide proof of being a U.S. citizen.

This was aimed at the Latino community and caused an anti-immigrant/anti-Mexico mentality. As a result of this election propaganda, it fueled a lot of racial tension in various communities.

In Arizona the case of Arizona for Official English vs. Arizona was filed by Arizona state employee Maria-Kelly Yniguez.

She claims that due to an initiative on the November 1988 ballot that declared English as the official language, it violated her First Amendment right to speak Spanish at work.

There is a battle over land claims in New Mexico. Mexicans who were granted land by Mexico and Spain had it taken away by the government who failed to honor the Treaty of Guadalupe.

The treaty has been violated and no compensation has been repaid to the displaced people.

This treaty needs to be publicly recognized, respected and honored so that people in the southwest realize they need to respect two different cultures.

It is a valid piece of paper that was established to bring peace between two fighting countries.

Our current society is caught in a division between race, and that is not what the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo had in mind.

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President Caret discusses ROTC and the danger of losing funding

In September of last year, Congress added the "Solomon Amendment" to the FY97 Federal Omnibus Appropriations bill. That amendment prompted a series of discussions regarding ROTC on university campuses. SJSU has been informed by the Department of Defense that we may be in danger of losing some federal funding. We have not been able to determine how many other U.S. campuses have been so warned.

We do not wish to act precipitantly, and continue to seek specific information and clarification. We are actively pursuing numerous avenues of information through the national education associations, our legal counsel, as well as other channels.

I am also asking the Department of Defense to provide an unambiguous clarification of how the Solomon Amendment will be implemented. We are told that regulations

In resolving this difficult issue, this campus will be guided by our strong commitment to anti-discrimination and will work always to serve the best interest of our students, faculty and staff.

are being drafted and a process is being developed to allow campuses that may be affected to be notified and respond. SJSU has a firm and non-negotiable commitment to non-discrimination. The issue in 1994, when the Academic Senate unanimously voted to ask Air Force ROTC to phase out its unit, was one of non-discrimination and not anti-military. In resolving this difficult issue,

this campus will be guided by our strong commitment to anti-discrimination and will work always to serve the best interest of our students, faculty and staff. As I work with the Academic Senate and other campus constituencies, I will continue to keep you informed as we receive more definite information.

Robert L. Caret
President



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With wedding gown, flower girl and minister on hand, Professor Chris Brinegar was surprised during his Cell Biology class by his wife Bonnie Friday. The event was almost expected as Bonnie has visited on past Valentine's Days.

The science of love

By Tiffany Sanchez
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Biology Professor Chris Brinegar may have thought his feet were firmly planted on the ground since marrying his wife five years ago in an unconventional wedding in a hot-air balloon near Riverside, Calif.

On Valentine's Day he received another uplifting surprise.

In front of 100 students, Chris renewed his wedding vows with his wife Bonnie at noon in Lecture Hall 142 of the science building. In the midst of Brinegar's lecture on the clinical aspects of propagation, he walked his 37-year-old wife, dressed in a white wedding gown. Not knowing his wife had planned to give him the ultimate Valentine's Day gift, Chris seemed stunned as she waltzed to the front of the room with a flower girl and a minister.

Though famous for her annual Valentine's Day appearances, Bonnie decided that she would try and outdo last year's prank in which she donned a fitted evening gown and placed a bottle of champagne and a pair of handcuffs over the classroom podium.

"I was just thinking of something to do and then I saw (her wedding ring) and it just evolved," Bonnie said.

Chris, who has been receiving surprise Valentine's Day visits from his wife for the past three years, said that he knew Bonnie was up to something when she told him to dress up that morning.

Dressed in jeans and a sport coat, Chris remained unaware of his pending nuptials until his wife burst onto the scene. He then quickly turned off the overhead projector he had been using before the bridal procession

entered and stood eagerly next to Bonnie as Rev. Cindy Pellegrini reunited them as husband and wife.

When it came time to exchange the rings, Chris received another surprise from his bride. Refusing to let her husband remove his original wedding ring, Bonnie placed a new ring on the professor's left ring finger that was symbolic of their enduring relationship. The ring contained seven diamonds, one for each year they've known each other.

Once the couple was pronounced husband and wife for the second time, the crowd of students and faculty onlookers, who had been gathering throughout the ceremony at the door, exploded with hoots and hollers.

The ceremony wasn't officially over until the bride tossed her bouquet into the crowd of students. Lifting her arms high above her head, Bonnie cradled the colorful assortment of flowers in her hands and threw them to the group of Biology 3 students who sat before her. In a moment of pure marital madness a

male student, who had been waving his arms wildly, caught the bouquet and refused to relinquish it.

After the applause died down, Chris decided to call it day.

"Well, guys, I think I have a second honeymoon I have to go to," Chris said.

One by one, students and faculty members came bearing smiles and heartfelt words of praise for the new bride and groom while buzzing about the spontaneous, yet romantic celebration.

"I think that this was wonderful," said Debora Cairas, Chris' aide. "Gutsy on his wife's part, but the best Valentine's Day gift you could get."

Chris seemed to agree as he told his wife that she was "the most beautiful thing he had ever seen."

"Last year's Valentine's Day was a bit unusual, but this year was by far the most unusual," Chris said. "I can't wait to see what she'll do next year."

Sparta Guide

Aim High With the Career Center

The Career Center will be holding its "Careers that Soar: Options in Aviation" event at the Costanoan Room in the Student Union at 2:30 p.m. today. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

Artist to speak

The School of Art & Design will be featuring Gallery Shows all this week. Its Tuesday night lecture series will include Bay Area painter Inez Storer who will be speaking at 5 p.m. in Room 133. Call Sarah Puckitt, Coordinator of Student Galleries at 924-4330 for additional information.

Catholic Campus Ministry holds mass and prayer session

The Catholic Campus Ministry will be hav-

ing both a daily mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m. at the John XXII Center, across from the SJSU theater, as well as a bible study meeting from 3-4 p.m. also at the John XXII Center. Any questions, call Dave or Ginny at 938-1610.

How to get recruited

The Career Center will be conducting a recruiting services orientation today at 12:30 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union.

Jewish Student Union meets members

The Jewish Student Union will be hosting a social meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union.

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Wedding glides by smoothly

By Terri K. Milner
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

After six years together, Deborah Geis and Jason Soliz knew their relationship was on firm ground, but at their wedding on Friday, it didn't seem their feet were.

Geis and Soliz, both from San Jose, got married at center rink at Netcom's Downtown Ice on Valentine's Day — an ambitious decision considering neither had touched blade to ice until a week prior to the ceremony.

"The first time we went to practice, we hurt so bad," Geis said, laughing. "We sat on the couch feeling like old people. But he (Jason) is already turning circles and things."

As the groom appeared in a tuxedo, sunglasses and hockey skates and the bride pulled socks over her nylons and laced up a pair of figure skates that nicely complemented her white satin gown, it became apparent they were up for the challenge.

Being that the happy couple were the only two wearing skates, a red carpet was rolled out onto the ice for the rest of the wedding party, which

included Geis and Soliz's 4-year-old son, Jason, as ring bearer and their 3-year-old daughter, Jereal, as flower girl. Meanwhile, 1-year-old Jade slept obviously from the sideboards.

The event was sponsored by Southwest Airlines, co-sponsored by Spanish radio station KAZA, and organized by the San Jose Downtown Association. It included a free honeymoon trip anywhere Southwest flies, the announcement of the nuptials over KAZA airwaves, dry cleaning services by Angel's Cleaners and a dress donated by Hammer and Lewis for the maid of honor.

Blossom Floral provided the red roses bridal bouquet and groom's boutonniere, AAA Limousines transported the couple and Balloons with a Twist decorated the ice rink with red and white balloons and wedding bells.

"We wanted to celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique way," said Miguel Salinas, communications manager for the San Jose Downtown Association. "It's also the final weekend of the ice rink, and it's a great way to give the couple a good send-off."

For Geis and Soliz, the opportunity was economical as well as romantic.

"The Southwest trip was a big incentive," Geis said, referring to the free tickets that are transporting them to Florida for their honeymoon to visit Disney World and Epcot Center. "And we've always wanted to get married on Valentine's Day. It was the first day he asked me out on a date ... for tacos and brought me purple roses. That's why Valentine's Day is so special."

And years later on Valentine's Day, under a surprisingly hot sun and billowing breeze, Soliz took the ice fairly smoothly and confidently and waited for his bride.

Geis hadn't gotten more than a couple of tentative strokes when she stumbled and fell, to which Soliz, proving that chivalry is not dead, gallantly began to skate over to his bride to help her up, illustrating in one swift motion his future support.

After the vows were repeated and the "I do's" said, husband and wife intertwined fingers, skating two laps around the arena, waving and kissing.

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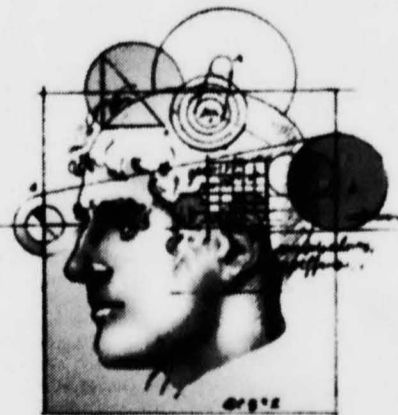
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Citizens respond to group homes

180 attend forum to discuss pending ordinance

By Laura Lazzarini
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Proving once again that the City of San Jose is populated with concerned, thoughtful citizens, 180 people met Thursday to discuss the city's current efforts to update the group home ordinance policy.

This ordinance will regulate and disperse many of the group care homes located throughout San Jose, which has the highest concentration of group homes in the District 3 area.

The meeting, organized by the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, was a chance for concerned citizens from all over San Jose to hear from members involved in the task force, which assisted in the writing of the proposed ordinances.

UNSCC started in 1993 and is made up of more than 40 neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara County. The group has been actively involved in the process to tighten licensing requirements and to adequately spread out the concentration of group homes.

Tom Simon, member of the Campus Community Association, Janet Cartwright, deputy district attorney for Santa Clara County, Stan Ketchum, principal planner of the City of San Jose and Tom Ruby a city attorney, presented the details of the proposed plan.

Tension surrounding this issue began to percolate to the surface after

the presentation when audience members began shouting questions at the panel.

"I don't want my two grandchildren to be an experiment in your plan," one elderly man yelled. He demanded to know who would be responsible if his grandchildren were hurt by a person who may reside in one of those "drug" and "alcohol" homes. He expressed a concern for neighborhood safety.

Ruby responded by explaining that the "ultimate liability would not be with the city, but that the individuals (living in group homes) would be responsible and accountable for their own actions." Ruby added that the ordinance would place a tighter reign on regulations, controlling the quality and interaction of group homes the neighborhood.

District 3 Councilman David Pandori added that the problem with group homes clustering around one area, was "that it defeats" the purpose of helping group home members to adequately assimilate into new communities.

Bob Llewellyn, head of the

Berryessa Advisory Council and San Jose Beautiful, attended the meeting because he said he has concerns about the assimilation of these homes throughout San Jose.

"We have had some problems with the homeless. We are concerned about certain types of residents coming in (the neighborhood) without our knowledge," he said.

When asked if he felt the meeting was successful, he said, "I didn't like the panel arguing among themselves, it seems disorganized."

The panel did argue over legal issues and, in general, answered questions tentatively since the ordinance at this point is still a proposal and subject to further changes before it passes.

"I'm afraid of homes coming into our neighborhood that has people not mentally all right living inside them," said Joyce Wilson, a representative of the South San Jose Pinehurst Resident Association.

"If they are disabled, I have no problem with them," Wilson added, explaining that they were fearful of unorganized and unregulated homes.

"I blame Ronald Reagan for closing all the mental hospitals in the 1970's."

— Pauling Pohorski,
Group home care worker

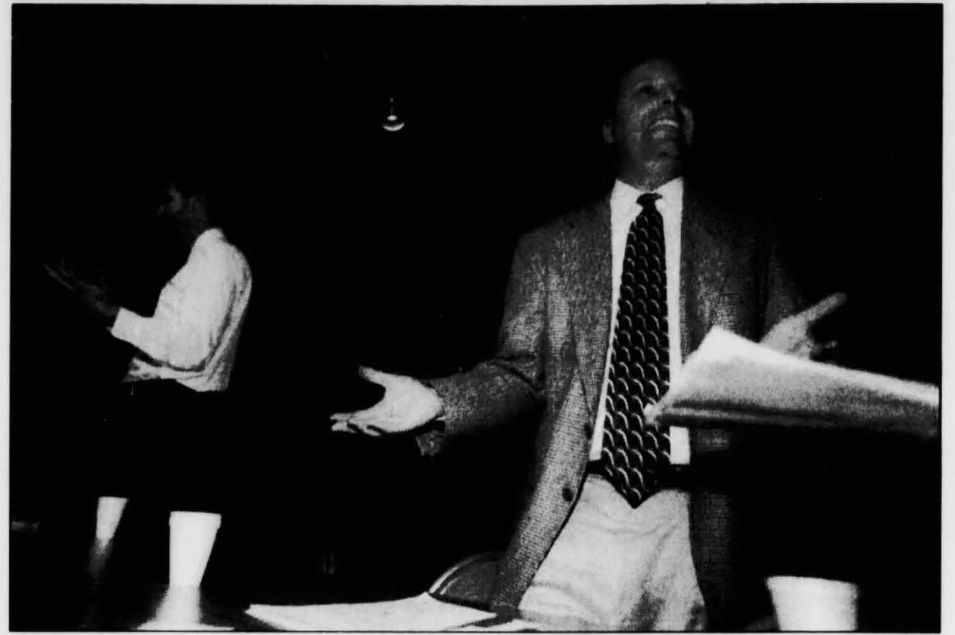


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Tom Ruby, right, and Tom Simon field questions from local residents about halfway houses around SJSU Thursday night at a United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County meeting at 1st Congregational Church of San Jose.

Pauline Pohorski was attending the meeting on behalf of her daughter, a group home care worker who couldn't attend. "I blame Ronald Reagan for closing all the mental hospitals back in the 1970s," Pohorski said. Pohorski explained that the peo-

ple who need adequate medical care have been forced to fend for themselves in the community, and she saw a severe need for quality regulated home care.

A beleaguered Simon admitted after the meeting, "The ordinance is

pretty good, but understand it has some flaws that need to be explained," he said.

Student-run EMT unit forms

By Mark Rabuano
Old Black and Gold (Wake Forest U.)

(U-WIRE) WINSTON SALEM, N.C. — When freshman Jessica Murray arrived on campus last semester, she saw a void on campus that she thought needed to be filled. Now, only a semester later, through her initiative and with the help of others, she has a first response unit organization up and running on campus.

The first response unit has four purposes: to respond to requests for

an ambulance on campus, to serve as primary responders to minor emergencies, to serve the university and the county Emergency Medical System in covering university gatherings and intramural and club sports events and to implement an education system on campus, providing first aid, CPR and EMT training.

Murray said, "I have been an EMT for almost two years and have found that nothing said in the classroom can take the place of field experience. Not only will it be a fulfilling experience for members, but there is

definitely a need for such a group on campus."

The course has already begun, requiring 145 hours to pass. The class will meet every Sunday and Thursday for three hours each for three months. Upon passing, the student will have state certification to become an EMT.

Murray worked with Mark Nichol at Forsyth Technical Community College, who runs the Winston-Salem classes and will hold the classes on campus, to set up the program.

"We are working on getting the class implemented in the curriculum through the Health and Exercise Science department," Murray said. That will take a semester. We will teach twenty people next semester, for all those interested."

This semester the group will focus on getting the course established and successful. It is working on a constitution and getting a charter to become a student organization to receive funds.

Recruitment

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made me feel like I can make a difference," said Keisha Kneedy, a freshman at Independence High School in San Jose.

SJSU's Black Recruitment Day, which was held in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom, taught college awareness to black high school students. It was sponsored by the Black Student Union, SOAR and Student Development Services.

"This day was founded 12 years ago because we wanted more black students on campus, and we wanted them to have more access to education," Martin said.

Faculty, staff and students helped organize and present seven different workshops, which gave students a glimpse into careers in

engineering, business, health science, education, social work, administration of justice, and radio, television, film.

"We had smaller groups than in the past, but it actually made workshops more intense and productive," said Angel Cantrell, a SOAR counselor.

For many students, the program not only motivated them to continue their education but also strengthened their desire for cooperation.

"We need to have a black community to learn more about ourselves and to relate to other people better," said Nichol Rimes, a senior from San Jose's Yerba Buena High School who has attended Black Recruitment Day for three years.

This year Rimes said she decided to go to the seminar that covered

business and the importance of affiliation. She said she plans to enroll at San Diego State University this year and to major in engineering or business.

While some students discovered unity, others were educated in a workshop that chronicled the evils of drugs and explored possible solutions to the drug epidemic.

"I learned that when people sell or do drugs, it not only hurts them but also everyone around them," said Nicole Blade, a freshman at Independence High School.

With hundreds of students from more than 18 high schools participating, Martin said the event was a success.

"We had an excellent turnout and response was great this year," Martin said.

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who had experience—not fresh out of school, but had experience," said Smith in the SJSU engineering history book.

The courses Smith developed did not focus on purely theoretical teachings as most other engineering schools did at the time, but emphasized economic factors in engineering problems, and applications of machines, material, structures and circuits.

These functional programs were influenced by a friend who had the idea of a common core of courses. Not only was this a new approach to teaching engineering classes, but Smith specifically designed the communications, construction, and production majors to reflect the needs of the industries in Santa Clara County.

Smith's development of the engineering program was recognized by the state Board of Education in 1947 when they authorized state colleges to include engineering as a major. Even though these first engineering programs were initially approved as an A.B. program, they soon qualified as B.S. degrees.

Smith was also actively involved in campus debates to defend engineer-

His program was recognized when California included engineering as a major

ing programs, administration, and served on the San Jose Planning Commission for three years.

In the mid-50s Smith accepted a teaching job at Stanford University, where he had earned his engineering doctorate in 1945. He remained on their staff for 26 years. Tau Beta Pi, the engineering society, honored him in 1975 for his superior teaching in undergraduate engineering. He also wrote books on engineering that were widely read in the industry. The two most popular were "Circuits, Devices and Systems," and "Engineering as a Career."

Born in Herman, Nebraska on June 5, 1916, he and his family moved to Whittier, Calif. where he was raised. He transferred to University of California, Berkeley from UCLA since they only offered two years of engineering. He received his first degree in electrical engineering, the same year he was married, in 1938. He obtained two more UC degrees, then served as an assistant professor at Stanford during World War II.

"Ralph was a dynamic guy," said Dionne. "A true professional."

Smith is survived by his wife, Louise Smith of Stanford, sons Kent and Dan, daughters Nancy Smith Anderson and Elaine Culverwell, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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Campaign

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mouth is," Dando said. "I have spent an awful lot of time during the last decade working on this," said Dando referring to the time she and Pandori worked under former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery on limiting campaign contributions.

"Politicians talk a lot about campaign reform when they are campaigning, but when they are elected it's business as usual," Dando said.

Dando and Pandori enumerated their ideas on the topic last year in their "Common Sense Government for San Jose" plan, which called for a number of limits on contributions and campaign policy.

"A lot of those ideas are now becoming law thanks to Prop. 208," said Erik Schoennauer, executive assistant to Dando.

One such idea is a limit on pre-election fundraising. Previously, council and mayoral campaign fundraising could start a year prior to election day. Dando said she and Pandori had pushed for a six-month limit last spring, but council only approved a limit on councilmember campaigns and placed no further limitations on mayoral campaigns. According to a memorandum on the

now approved ordinance from City Attorney Joan Gallo, both campaigns will now be limited to six months. Fundraising must now end 15 days before the election which previously could continue 30 days afterwards.

Candidates and campaign committees can no longer make personal loans for more than \$20,000 to their own campaigns, but though there is no legal way to limit a candidate from making contributions to their campaign.

Contribution disclosure requirements were also overhauled, calling for any campaign contribution to be filed with the city clerk. This is more strict than the Prop. 208 requirements, which pertain only to contributions above \$100. The city ordinance also supersedes Prop. 208 in that it disallows any contribution from cardrooms. Dando said this is important.

"City council has never turned them down for expansions. Some think it's due to their heavy contributions," Dando said.

For this reason Dando and Pandori said they would like to see all business contributions eliminated. They feel there are ways a business owner can get around contribution limits through multiple business

holdings, corporations and partnerships. Pandori says it would be difficult for the public to trace these contributions. According to Dando, eliminating business contributions would "simplify the contributor's role."

Councilmembers also debated over 'officeholder funds', which are contribution accounts for office expenses. Dando said officeholder funds should be eliminated since they could be used to influence council members.

"There's just no need for councilmembers to be raising money if they are not running for office. The city should provide it," Dando said.

Joe Guerra, an assistant to Councilman Frank Fiscalini, disagrees.

"Anybody who feels a contribution of \$250 can influence an elected official's vote either has a low opinion of elected officials or doesn't understand the process of how we vote. It's just absurd," Guerra said.

In accordance with Prop. 208, the new ordinance states officeholder fund contributions are limited to \$250 per contributor per year, and cannot exceed \$10,000 per year. Surplus campaign funds cannot be deposited into an officeholder

account until 60 days after the election, and must be returned to the contributor or turned over to the general fund after 90 days.

Although the ordinance was approved, some adjustments may be needed. The ordinance will have to be read by the ethics committee and then there will be a second reading by city council. Pandori said there are still issues to be dealt with, including a voluntary contribution ordinance which could limit campaigns by reaching agreements with candidates and setting higher contribution limits if a limit on campaign spending was agreed upon.

The other area not yet addressed by San Jose's ordinance is that of independent committee contributions, which according to Pandori, can be another way to pour money into a candidate's campaign and sidestep contribution limitations. According to Pandori, most of the provisions will be in effect in 30 days.

Library

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Agency," Hammer said at a Feb. 3 news conference.

The \$30 million from the university would come from funds raised from a statewide bond issue that would need to be approved by voters. Hammer said she hopes to have the bond issue on the November 1998 ballot. If all goes as planned, student admission fees would not be affected by the library proposal.

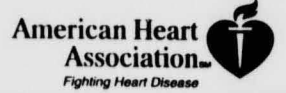
Local politicians and university officials involved with the planned library may want to take a good look at the SDSU project. The low relative cost of the "Infodome" and its two-year construction could provide an effi-

cient model to base their approach upon.

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Steele's career-high 35 prolongs SJSU's win streak

Seniors triumphant in last home game at Event Center

By Dennis Knight
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

As Kari Steele closed in on SJSU's single game scoring record of 41 points on Saturday, she did a funny thing — she passed the basketball inside to teammate Yvonne Zandi.

Zandi missed the shot and Steele missed the record, but SJSU rolled over Air Force 85-52 for their fourth-straight win in their final appearance of the season at the Event Center Saturday.

Steele stole the show with a career-high 35 points. She added eight rebounds, four assists, two steals and hit seven of 14 three-point attempts in a performance that left spectators shaking their heads in disbelief. It was especially sweet for Steele because her father was in town from Lake Oswego, Oregon to watch the game. Larry Steele, a 1971 Kentucky graduate, averaged 8.2 points per game during his nine-year NBA career with the Portland Trailblazers.

In the first half, Steele had 23 points and hit five of eight three-pointers.

"We gave Steele her all-time high," said Air Force's head coach Marti Gasser.

"She's a great pure shooter. In the second half we tried to keep someone on her and eliminate her," Gasser said.

That worked to a degree, Steele was "held" to 12 points in the second half.

Steele was not aware that she was within six points of the Spartan scoring record of 41 set by Hulett Brooks when the Spartans played at Sacramento State on December 10, 1993.

"I had no idea what the record was," Steele said.

Her unselfish manner was

apparent as she tried to work teammates into the scoring mix at the end of the game.

"Yvonne Zandi was in and she was excited, so we were trying to get the ball inside to her," Steele said.

The four seniors on the team were honored in a pregame ceremony where they were introduced with their parents and presented with flowers at midcourt. Steele along with fellow seniors Kim Miller, Joi Turner and Zandi all made contributions during the most lopsided win for the Spartans since they trounced Nevada 79-43 in January of 1994.

Zandi seemed to inspire her teammates who cheered wildly when she sank a pair of free throws shortly after entering the game in the second half. Later, the Spartan bench groaned loudly in unison when Zandi's ten-footer bounced tantalizingly around the basket before skipping off the rim. Zandi played eleven second-half minutes. She had played only 32 minutes in the entire season before Saturday.

"She hasn't got much playing time, but she has a great attitude. She works hard in practice. It was nice because this was the first game her father has seen her play since high school," Spartan coach Karen Smith said.

Miller played with her typical scrappy style characterized by tough defense and all-around hustle. She led the team with eight assists and at one point collided with a court-side table after diving to save a loose ball. Turner chipped in with four steals in her 15 minutes of play.

Sasha Spalding, the 6-foot-2 sophomore center, had a solid all-around game with 14 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Freshman guard Elisha Williams also played well with 12 points, five assists and four rebounds.

SJSU enters their final-three Western Athletic Conference games with an overall record of 10-14, 5-8 in the WAC. SJSU is virtually assured a berth in the WAC tournament which begins March 3.

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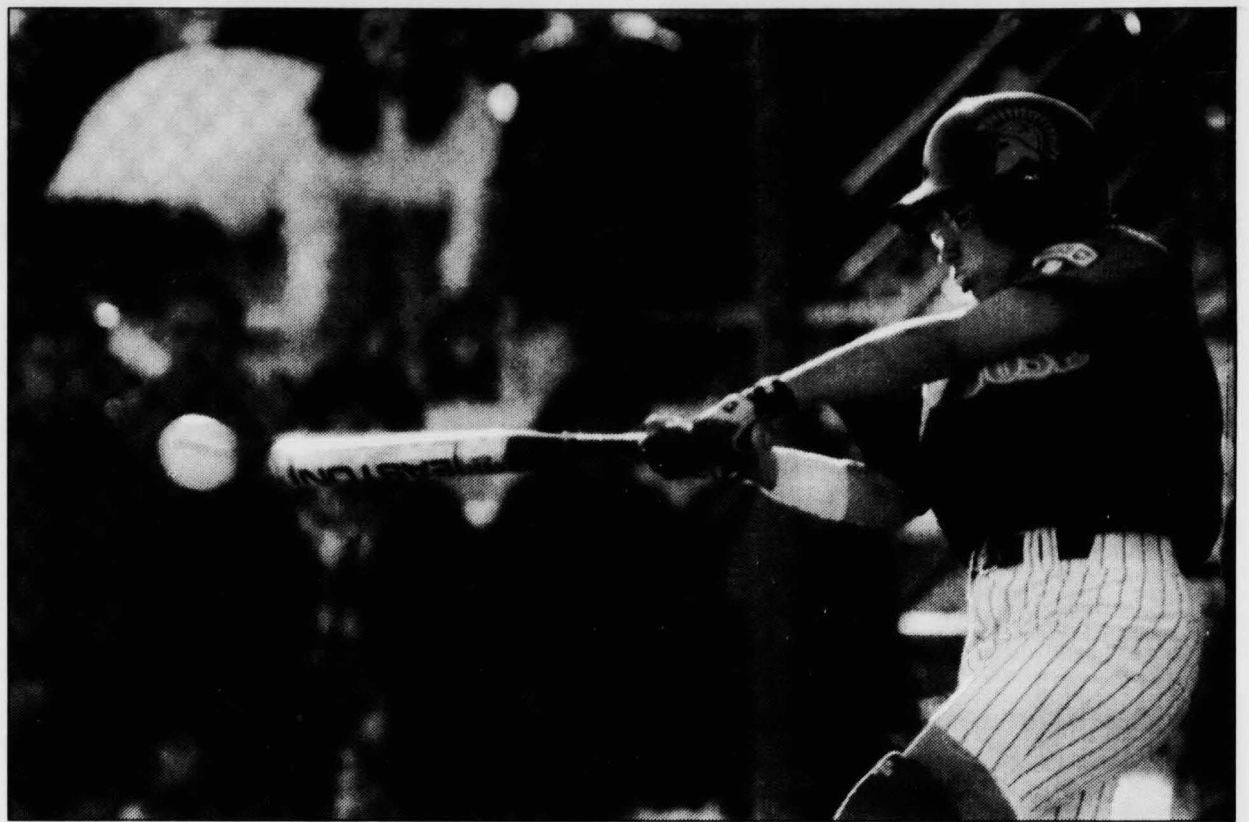


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Junior Victoria Ruelas pops out to left field to close the second inning of the championship game of the Spartan Kick-off Tournament, which SJSU lost 4-2.

SJSU slides into second

Familiar opponent victorious at Spartan Kick-off Tournament

By Devin Fehely
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly SLO Mustangs weathered a 6th inning stampede by the SJSU softball team to win the Championship game of the Kick-off Tournament 4-2 Sunday.

The Mustangs have been the proverbial thorn in the Spartans' side all season. Four of SJSU's five losses have been to Cal Poly.

Spartans' coach Connie Miner speculated that the team's eagerness may have proved their undoing.

"I think we were too excited; our excitement might have gotten in our way," Miner explained.

The Spartans' sloppy defense allowed the Mustangs to open a three-run lead in the first inning. The cushion enabled the Mustangs to outlast a late-inning surge by the Spartans.

"We beat ourselves. We can't allow a good team to go up 3-0 in the first inning," Miner said.

After this early surge, the Mustangs would go scoreless until the fourth inning. The Spartan began to whittle away at the Mustangs' lead in the second inning.

In the bottom of the second, outfielder Jill Tawney walked, then stole second base to move into scoring position. Tawney scored the Spartans' first run after Maya Garcia's fly ball fell fair just inside the left field foul line. Garcia stole third base only to be left stranded when Mitchell Morga popped out to left field to end the inning.

The Mustangs extended their lead in the fourth inning when Amy Mackert advanced to first base

on right fielder Garcia's error. Garcia was the weak spot in the Spartans' defense, committing two errors.

SPARTANS 2
MUSTANGS 4

Mackert, who appeared to be out, was called safe by the umpire as she stole third base. Mackert scored when outfielder Kelly Sack ran out infield hit. Spartans' third basemen Sabrina Quintero dove to stop the ball but her

throw failed to beat the runner at first.

In the sixth, the Spartans made a final surge. Corina Lilly ended up on second on an error. Infielder Kara Kanney's grounder punctured the infield, sending Lilly to third base. Lilly scored on Lindsey Lewis's sacrifice fly to right field. The Spartans' rally ended as Nicole Nunes struck out to close the inning.

The tournament was comprised of teams from Saint Mary's and Southern Utah, as well as the two teams that competed for the championship on Sunday.

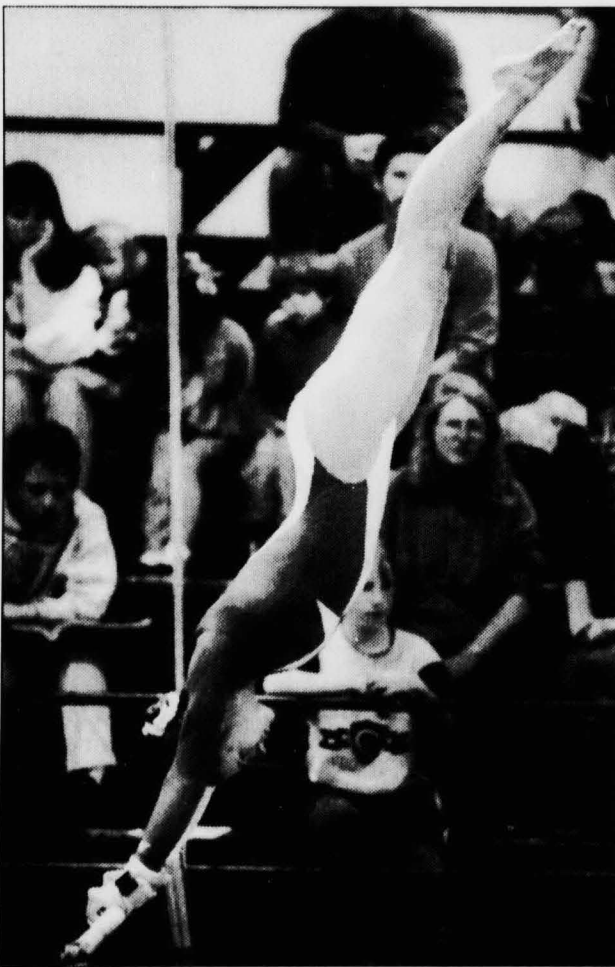


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Carissa Medeiros scored a personal best with a 9.225 on the uneven parallel bars Friday in Spartan Gym. SJSU lost the meet to CSU Fullerton.

Fullerton vaults past Spartans

SJSU's Almstedt takes individual honors in defeat

By Ronda Sluder
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The SJSU women's gymnastic team competed strongly against CSU Fullerton Friday in the Spartan Gym, but couldn't narrow the Titans' titanic lead. The Spartans ended up losing the meet 187.075-191.125.

A crowd of 150 people watched the gymnasts as they competed in the five events: vault, uneven parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

A few Spartan gymnasts' individual results ranked highly in the competition, such as Hawley Almstedt, junior, who took first in the all-around competition, scoring 38.425.

"I'm pretty happy, though there's always room for improvement," said Almstedt. "Last week I got fourth in the all-around against Fullerton. I'm happy to come back and beat them."

Almstedt's top score was on the vault, earning her a 9.675, SJSU's top score in the event. She finished third on the balance beam with a 9.55, also the top Spartan score in the event.

SJSU head coach Jackie Walker was very pleased with Almstedt's results.

"Hawley is coming on really strong and is a lot more consistent

than last year," Walker said. "Her vaulting has improved a lot this year."

Tara Law, senior, also gave a consistent performance taking fourth in the all-around behind Fullerton's Katy Maty and Gracie Millard, who took second and third respectively. Law earned the highest score of the evening in any event, with a 9.875 in her floor exercise.

Law also received a second place score of 9.700 in the uneven parallel bars, behind Maty who scored 9.800 to win the event.

Personal records were also set by the SJSU team in the uneven parallel bars by Courtney Cole with 9.250, Carissa Medeiros with 9.225, and Nicki Koep with 9.150.

Nicki Koep, freshman, ranked seventh in the all-around competition despite taking a bad fall on the balance beam in the third rotation. She managed to complete the floor exercise, setting a personal record of 9.475.

Tanika Byrd, freshman, finished sixth in the all-around and raised her personal best in the floor exercise to 9.400 and the balance beam with a 9.150.

The SJSU gymnasts will be in action Friday at UC Santa Barbara, where they will look to continue improving their personal scores as well as the overall team score. The next SJSU home meet is Feb. 28 against UC Davis and Seattle Pacific.

UNLV rebounds from deficit; bounces SJSU

Saint-Jean's 28 points not enough to squash second-half rebellion

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Even with Olivier Saint-Jean's game-leading 28 points, the San Jose State University basketball team was not able to withstand a second half surge by the University of Las Vegas Rebels.

The Rebels' squeaked to a 77 to 73 victory over the visiting Spartans and completed a sweep of the season series.

The Spartans (11-11, 3-9) entered halftime with a 37 to 27 lead thanks to stellar play by Saint-Jean and Brad Quiner who contributed 17 and 10 points respectively.

Things began to unravel for the Spartans in the second half as they were outscored 50 to 36 by the Rebels.

Keon Clark's standout play sparked the Rebel's comeback. Clark contributed 27 points to lead all UNLV's scorers. Clark scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half.

Amazingly, Clark did not miss a single field goal or free throw in the

second half. In the second half, Clark was 7 for 7 from the field and 9 for 9 from the line.

The lead changed hands several times in the second period until Clark's basketball with 2:36 to go put UNLV ahead for good.

UNLV shot 64 percent in the second while the fading Spartans shot only 39 percent.

Poor execution proved the Spartans' undoing in the second half, when they committed 12 turnovers.

Forward Tito Addison added 16 points, 12 in the second period. Addison also contributed 4 assists.

The loss leaves the Spartans one full game behind San Diego State University for the sixth and final postseason berth.

The Spartans return from their three-game road trip to face the Colorado State Rams in a crucial WAC game 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Event Center. Wyoming comes to town 7:30 p.m. Saturday to wrap up SJSU home schedule.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Opponent	Time
Thursday	Colorado State	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Wyoming	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at SDSU	7 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Hawai'i	10:35 p.m.

WEEKEND'S RESULTS

- Baseball (9-2) lost Friday 5-2, and Saturday 5-4 to Cal Poly SLO beat Cal Poly 8-6 on Sunday
- Men's basketball (11-11, 3-9) lost to UNLV 77-73
- Women's basketball (10-14, 5-8) beat Air Force 85-52
- Women's gymnastics lost to CSU Fullerton 191.125-187.075
- Softball placed second in the Spartan Kick-off Tournament, losing in the championship game to Cal Poly, SLO 4-2 Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

- Women's tennis v. Southern Utah 2 p.m., Spartan Courts
- Lasers v. Columbus 6 p.m., Event Center

TUESDAY

- Baseball at CSU Hayward 2 p.m., Hayward
- Sharks v. Dallas 7:30 p.m., San Jose Arena

WEDNESDAY

- Baseball at Santa Clara 2 p.m., Buck Shaw Stadium
- Lasers v. Colorado 7:30 p.m., Event Center

THURSDAY

- Women's tennis v. Sacramento St. 2 p.m., Spartan Courts
- Women's basketball at Colorado St.
- Men's basketball v. Colorado St. 7:30 p.m., Event Center
- Sharks v. Vancouver 7:30 p.m., San Jose Arena

Ordinance

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Fair housing legislation was developed to prevent discrimination against individuals for reasons of race, religion, national origin and other identifying factors, including physical or mental disability. In drafting the two ordinances, the city has had to ensure it avoids three things: discrimination against unrelated disabled people who live together in the same manner as families, limiting the number of people living in a single-family home, and requiring the dispersal of group facilities.

Group homes are divided into several categories requiring various levels of city licensing. Traditional boarding houses, retirement homes, halfway houses, care facilities for the mentally and physically disabled, and referral facilities for drug and alcohol recovery are all included under this broad term.

Group Home Ordinance

The Group Home Ordinance is one of the two pieces of legislation that can affect the entire city. It defines the various legal uses for single family homes in residential districts and outlines which type of group homes will be permitted without additional licensing.

According to a memo from the city attorney's office, the ordinance addresses two important policy considerations: prevention of housing discrimination against the disabled and preservation of traditional family neighborhood zoning districts. According to Tom Simon, a member of the Campus Community Association, the term disabled is not limited to the mentally and physically disabled; it also includes those in drug and alcohol recovery programs.

Simon, a Naglee Park resident who has been researching the subject for the past four years, moved into the Naglee Park area knowing that group homes were already present.

Amortization plan

If the "amortization," program goes through, Simon may have fewer group homes in his neighborhood.

The second ordinance deals with "amortization," the gradual phasing out of group homes for seven people or more in residential areas. After June 30, 2000, anyone operating a group home for more than six people in a residential area must have a conditional use permit.

Unlike the Group Home Ordinance, the Amortization Ordinance is aimed at a specific area: the residentially zoned parts of down-

town and Naglee Park.

The zone outlined by the Amortization Ordinance falls entirely within District 3, represented by San Jose City Councilman David Pandori, which encompasses SJSU.

"This has been of real interest because it affects his district so much," said

Margaret Tamisica, aide to Pandori. According to Simon, of the 1,200 group home beds in San Jose, 300 of them are located near campus.

Simon said the city council changed the zoning of the area surrounding SJSU in the early 1960s. The zoning permitted single family homes to be used, not only for fraternity, sorority and student housing, but group homes as well.

Ronald Reagan's legacy

Then-Gov. Ronald Reagan closed many of the state institutional homes for the mentally ill, alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers and re-entry

facilities.

Terry Christensen, chair of the SJSU political science department, said the plan was envisioned by political liberals and implemented by conservatives. Liberals argued community care was more effective than institutional care for the disabled; conservatives were looking to save money.

The SJSU neighborhood deteriorated and was no longer considered a fashionable place to live. Fraternities and sororities also lost their popularity in the early 1970s. These two factors left many large homes unoccupied and inexpensive to purchase, Christensen said. Liberal zoning laws and the ease of opening a group home made the area very attractive.

"The character of the neighborhood changed," Simon said. "Naglee Park became a Mecca."

The Campus Community Association, a neighborhood residents' group, was formed in 1972. Up until then, the neighborhood had

no political grassroots organizations and was unable to defend itself.

In 1979, the region was again rezoned for single family homes, but group homes already established were allowed to remain as long as they did not stop operation for any period of time, Simon said.

Christensen said there were about 5,000 group facilities in a one-mile radius of downtown at one point.

Community involvement

The large number of incompatible facilities in the downtown area has been a primary concern to the CCA said Becky Smith, a member of the group.

"This area used to be zoned for a lot of things," Smith said. She feels that since her neighborhood is now zoned for strictly residential use, certain kinds of facilities are no longer compatible with the community.

"There's a group home across the street from me that I love," Smith said. She also considers a boarding house run by a longtime neighbor a plus to her district. The residents of this house are long-term renters and a part of the community, she said.

Smith said a number of the homes are not run well, and their "incompatibility" with her community is of primary concern.

"Some are very well run," Smith added. Requiring permits and licensing for these facilities will allow the city to monitor their operation far more effectively, she said.

"The managers have to be held responsible," Smith said.

Smith said her organization is interested and working with the city in designing the new legislation. She fears the ordinances will not be tough enough.

"This is one of the last places where you can afford a home," Smith said. With large homes available at a reasonable cost, the downtown area has been very attractive to people looking to make quick money, she said. A person buys a large home and rents out the rooms not considering the effect that potential temporary residents have on the community.

"Someone could easily buy the big place next to me and move in 30 people," Smith said. "I could have 30 neighbors overnight."

The ordinances will be heard at a meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

The San Jose City Council will hear the issue on March 18 at 7 p.m.

Residents

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prefers to use "independent living" to describe the situation of her residents because she said they don't need constant supervision.

Like Davis, she chooses not to use her real name. She's afraid to disclose it or the location of her home, fearing reprisal from her neighbors and the City of San Jose. If the new ordinances should pass, homes like Annette's would be at the front line of the battle over their closings.

"We've been targeted," she said. "I know how that sounds. I know it sounds paranoid."

Annette's house is part of a row of Victorians in a quiet neighborhood minutes away from SJSU. She bought it five years ago and transformed it into a board and care home. She holds a psychology degree from SJSU and has worked as a case worker.

"I fell into this. I didn't expect to work with the mentally ill," she said.

Before starting her own board and care, Annette worked at another facility she called unsatisfactory.

"There was no compassion or care," she said. "I got the opportunity and decided to do that (provide better care)."

The facade of the home is reasonably well-maintained with a good paint job. The lawn appears neat. Inside the home, the furniture is worn and little light makes it into the living room. The house appears reasonably clean, but there's a strange smell, a mixture of bodies packed together, older home and packaged meals. Residents lounge, some eating or smoking. Most look dazed, but they are all reasonably calm and quiet.

The board and care can accommodate 12 clients, according to Annette. At the moment, she has nine.

San Jose alone plays host to 150 adult care homes, according to a list of licensed facilities dated Jan. 2 from the state Social Services Department.

Michael Whitney is the director of Uriel House. Unlike Annette's board and care facility, his is a licensed facility designed for dual recovery (alcohol

and drugs). He has spent 16 years working in mental health care and said San Jose's budget to deal with the mentally ill is half of Detroit's, even though the two cities are the same size.

"It's a real problem," he said. "We're a major city with no plan to deal with people recovering from substance abuse."

Whitney was critical of the city's

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Director of Uriel House

proposed ordinances.

"They want to push for relocation because they want the location (in District 3) to be gentrified," he said. "If they close them (care homes) down, where do they (care home residents) go? If the mentally ill get stuck, then what do they do?"

Annette voiced the same concerns. "If they achieve their goal of shutting down (the homes) they're really slitting their own throats. The shelters don't have the capacity. It's the NIMBY (Not in my backyard) attitude."

"I think what they're doing is turning parts of downtown into the new 'Yuppieville,'" she said. "If some of these people behind the political impetus had someone in their family on SSL, it would be a completely different story."

"They're trying to make a protected utopia for them and their children," she said.

Father Phillip Willette, the on-site

manager of Uriel House, is no stranger to dependency or mental illness himself. His daughter is autistic and lives in another board and care home. Willette is also a recovering alcoholic.

"I've been sober for 15 years as a member of many 12-step programs," he said.

Willette entered the priesthood five years ago. He's a clergyman in the American Orthodox denomination of the Catholic church.

He didn't want to focus on the condition of the house and preferred to talk about spirituality and the recovery of Uriel House's residents.

Willette said, "What's extraordinary is what goes on inside the house."

Before working at Uriel House, Willette was the art director for an electronics company. But he said he is very content with his current work.

"I love it. I'm probably happier than I ever was. At times it's difficult and the county is of no help, but it's also rewarding," Willette said.

Because Uriel House is licensed and in full compliance with the county's laws, Willette said he wasn't too worried about being shut down.

However, if they were forced into closing, he said they would "reorganize and do the same thing somewhere else. I don't know how, but with God's help, anything is possible."

Davis is also optimistic about the future for the mentally ill in District 3. He said that he would suffer problems if the house were closed, but "I would survive."

Davis said he's worked hard in therapy for 10 years toward his recovery. He still dreams of contributing to society with volunteer work or advocating social issues, such as rescuing battered women or teens involved with gangs.

"The mental health adds to the romance," Davis said. "I think we add to the romance of the community."

Chicago grad students try union

By Rachel Rinaldo
The Chicago Maroon (U. of Chicago)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — In the wake of a recent decision made by the National Labor Relations Board which forced Yale University to recognize the right of graduate student employees to unionize, a group of graduate students at the University of Chicago is organizing a similar labor union.

"This is an important time for organizing to go on throughout the academy," said Andrew Tripp, a graduate student in History and a member of the steering committee for the Alliance of Graduate Employees and Students (AEGIS).

The group first met in early January and subsequently held a larger, open meeting January 19. Although many graduate students are not yet aware of AEGIS, Tripp said that the response has been better than expected. Angelique Smith, a graduate student in Political Science, said, "I think it's great and I'm surprised that students didn't think about it sooner."

Nevertheless, many graduate students, according to Tripp, do not

think of themselves as workers or have not shared the enthusiasm for the union.

Anne Horton, a student at the Graduate School of Business, expressed skepticism about graduate students unionizing.

"Assuming that most are already on the University Student Health Plan, I don't see the need for health care. I don't see working conditions as an issue here, and the University already has other policies on sexual harassment," Horton said. "Basically, I don't really see the need for a union for workers that generally hold the job for a few years."

Another member of the AEGIS steering committee, Michael Werner, a graduate student in History, stated that "the U of C is famous for its hermeticism. On the other hand, almost all the graduate students we've talked to recognize that there is a serious problem."

Graduate unions at other universities open door.

The NLRB decision, which follows a five-year struggle between Yale graduate students and the administration, could well be a catalyst for unionizing efforts at private universi-

ties.

"The door is open legally for graduate students, when they are employed, to be considered like any other employee," said Tripp.

Previously, there had not been graduate student unions at private universities.

However, the last several years have seen an increasing number of graduate students successfully organizing unions at public universities, including the Universities of Iowa, California at Berkeley, Massachusetts, and Kansas.

Other state universities like the University of Michigan have recognized graduate unions since the late 1960s.

Unionized teaching assistants have negotiated health care packages, child care, and tuition waivers.

This autumn, teaching and research assistants at the University of Iowa received a 19 percent pay raise as a result of discussions between the newly organized union and the administration.

The union campaigns at some other schools though, have been highly confrontational due to hostile administrations.

Ole Miss athletes discuss flag

By Natasha Gregoire
The Daily Mississippian

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — The image of the black student-athlete was up for examination at a Black Student Union round table discussion Thursday night.

Ben Williams, the first black football player and the first black Colonel Reb at Ole Miss joined the panel of student athletes along with men's basketball head coach Rob Evans in the very lively discussion.

"There is a lot about student-athletes that people don't know," said Evans. "I came to Ole Miss because I felt I could be a part of a positive change. A lot of educating needs to

be done."

Ta'Boris Fisher, a senior on the football team, said that the image of athletes as free riders needs to be changed. "I challenge anyone to get up at 5:30 in the mornings to do the things that we do," Fisher said.

Lisa Miller, a member of the female basketball team, supported Fisher, saying that athletes work really hard. "The average student cannot go through what an athlete goes through," Miller said.

The rebel flag and how it affects black athletes was one of the most discussed subjects at the discussion, and audience and panelists alike expressed strong views about it. "The flag does not bother me,"

Miller said. "I did not come here for the flag, I came for an education."

Like Miller, the other athletes on the panel agreed that their performance as athletes is not in anyway inhibited by the flag.

Jada Love, a football recruiter, said she is not comfortable when the flags are waved at football games and does not sit in the student sections for that reason. "We lost a good linebacker to Mississippi State because of the rebel flag," Love said.

Charles Ross, assistant professor of history and Afro-American studies, said that some of the best recruits have decided not to come to Ole Miss because of the flag.

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