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\$5,000 loan to WVC questioned

By Kimberley Lamke
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The \$5,000 loan given by the SJSU Associated Students to the student government at a local community college for legal expenses will not be accepted by the organization, nor will it be repaid, student and administrative officials at the school said.

Jahmai Ginden, program board director at West Valley College, said the student senate will never approve a \$5,000 repayment to SJSU.

"It is not possible for us to approve a \$5,000 payback to anyone for a loan for the legal services of board members," Ginden said. "We didn't know anything about the meeting (at SJSU), ...the meeting was illegal.

So, you can pretty much kiss your money goodbye."

On Wednesday the A.S. Board of Directors unanimously approved a \$5,000 loan to West Valley's Student Senate Executive Board for pursuit of litigation against the West Valley-Mission Community College District, according to the emergency action agenda for the meeting.

However Dallas Lawrence, president of the West Valley Student Senate, said he has "complete confidence the loan will be repaid to the SJSU Associated Students within one year."

West Valley administrators said if the SJSU Associated Students do loan the money to their student government, the money would be returned.

"If a check arrives at my office with the Student Senate as the payee, we will return the check to your university," said Mary Fortune, West Valley's director of student activities.

Ed Myers, West Valley's dean of students, said calling a meeting of West Valley's Student Senate at SJSU was illegal.

"The meeting is being held off campus

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Skating on thin streets

TEXT BY ANDREW HUSSEY • PHOTO BY DREW NIELSEN

Heelflips. Switchstance 180's. Kickflips. These aren't the stunt scenes from the latest martial arts flick from Hollywood. No, it's skateboarding, a sport that is back from the dead, having survived its growth spurt in the fluorescent, "Pretty in Pink" 1980s and has now become an integral part of our alternative culture.

But just because it's part of our culture and despite that many people have embraced it as the perfect sport for those living in the urban jungle, skateboarding is far from being accepted.

Doug Shoemaker is a 22-year-old skater who works at Jazzland Coffee on-campus. He has been skating for about eight years and has always encountered negative attitudes while skating.

"They just don't want us to get in the way of the business people, the people that really matter to them."

— Doug Shoemaker, skater

According to Shoemaker, the biggest obstacle he faces while skating are the anti-skateboarding laws and the police officers who enforce them with \$84 citations.

"We don't really skate downtown that much because of the cops," Shoemaker said. "If they lecture you and

then don't give you a ticket, it's cool. But sometimes they waste all of your time and then give you a ticket anyway."

Todd Moulton, a 22-year-old SJSU art major, has gotten tickets for skating and even had his skateboard confiscated by police in his hometown of Santa Cruz.

"Me and a friend (a friend and I) were just skating a mall at night and a cop came up and busted us and took our skateboards," he said. "What was funny was that he called for backup like we were going to hit him and run. I'm sure there were more important things he could have been doing."

Both Shoemaker and Moulton have found the downtown area all but impossible to skate.

According to Shoemaker, the best way to skate downtown is with a large group of people late at night.

"Every once in a while, we'll get motivated and get a big pack of 15 or 20 people together to skate downtown because the

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Doug Shoemaker, a 22-year-old skater who works at Jazzland Coffee at SJSU, catches some air at a skate park in Pleasanton this past Monday. Shoemaker and other San Jose skaters have to travel outside of the city limits in order to skate without being hassled by police.

V.P. hopeful says students come first

By Ronda Sluder
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Melvin Terrell, a candidate for vice president for Student Affairs, spoke at an open student forum to field questions on Tuesday in the Engineering Auditorium.

As a teacher, counselor, mentor, researcher and administrator, Terrell, has held numerous positions in his 20 years experience in higher education.

As the current vice president for Student Affairs at Northeastern Illinois University since 1988, Terrell said he understands the importance of his position.

"In my present position, I have worked closely with the university presidents and provosts in developing programs to complement the academic mission," Terrell said in a letter to the chair of the Student Affairs Search Committee. "These associations have enhanced my understanding of the complexities of curriculum development and the strategies involved in shared governance with faculty."

If elected to be the new vice president for Student Affairs, Terrell stressed that he would be an advocate for students.

"I think it's important for the vice president to serve the needs of the students," Terrell said. "One of the first things I would do would meet with student body officials and media, along with general students, to determine some of the more important issues on campus."

Terrell said he would like to enhance certain programs at SJSU from technology to diversity.

"I think technology and student affairs are very important," Terrell said. "The whole issue of campus climate — the importance of diversity on a college campus — is another area I would like to enhance. Also, it's important to celebrate our differences and values on this campus."

Chris Constantin, director of Business Affairs for the Associated Students, agreed with issues Terrell emphasized but said the availability of

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Cinco de Mayo move discussed

Businesses, city leaders request change following festival unrest

By Melanie Balague
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The riots that followed Cinco de Mayo's celebration on Sunday have prompted city officials to threaten to move next year's festival from downtown San Jose to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

"We cannot have the situation that occurred Sunday night to repeat itself," said Scott Knies, executive director of the Downtown Association. "We're thankful that nobody was seriously injured."

According to John Carrillo, a San Jose Police Department spokesman, after the festival an unruly crowd of about 2,000 people began to gather along Santa Clara Street between Almaden Boulevard and Third Street. Various fights among the participants began to break out.

Carrillo said that bricks and bot-

tles were reportedly thrown from the crowd. San Jose Police officers tried to disperse the crowd that grew more aggressive as the police closed in. Five officers sustained minor injuries. Officer Joseph Ardizzone received seven stitches on his forehead after being cut by a broken glass bottle thrown at him by one of the rioters.

In a crime report released by the San Jose Police Department, among the stores vandalized was the Chevron gas station located on East Santa Clara and North Fourth streets.

The San Jose Downtown Association held a meeting Tuesday morning at 8:30 with concerned San Jose merchants, council members and citizens to discuss the problems triggered in the wake of the festivity. Whether the city can adequately control the growing size of the crowds at

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Goalie Cathy Hernandez clears out some water polo balls during practice at the Aquatic Center. Hernandez joined SJSU's water polo team to give some experience to the new team.

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Water polo treads together

By Terri K. Milner
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Most of SJSU's women's water polo team may not have known much about the sport when they took to the pool this season, but by the time the final whistle blew two weeks ago, they knew they had team camaraderie.

"There were some very diverse personalities on the team," Coach Lou Tully said. "But they came together very well and worked for a common goal. It was a rewarding season."

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SJSU offers students a bargain on entertainment and activities



First Daughter should forget Stanford; attend SJSU instead

Now that Chelsea Clinton has chosen to attend school on the West Coast — 3,000 miles away from mom and pop — we want her to reconsider her choice to matriculate at Stanford University.

We, the editors of the Spartan Daily, would like her to consider attending good of San Jose State University.

Before you laugh us out of the Silicon Valley, Chelsea, please take the opportunity to listen to the arguments.

First of all, you have attended ritzy, private schools your whole life. Despite Sidwell Friend's great reputation for excellence, you haven't lived until you experience life in public school.

Attending a public educational institution will be eye-opening and an experience in the effects of public policy.

You will experience the pleasure of not being able to get the classes necessary for graduation, work in unwired dorm rooms and watch as you prepare for graduation — with an adviser who finds three more classes you have to take before receiving your diploma.

Considering that you are the president's daughter, you will probably be able to influence the administration into giving you a dorm room with Internet access and an adviser who will make sure you graduate in four years.

Editorial

As a matter of fact, you would probably be asked to share University President Robert Caret's \$750,000 Monte Sereno home. While it is not the White House, it is still rather nice living quarters for a college student.

Besides great living quarters, you will have the ability to participate in a number of on-campus extra-curricular activities — oops, we forgot that the Associated Students Board of Directors killed the program board, leaving students with little recourse for entertain-

ment except downtown San Jose.

You can go to the nine-venue nightclub district of San Jose, participate in any number of post-festival riots and take in a night at the United Artist downtown theater where seating is plentiful.

You'd also be a shoo-in for a job as the A.S. President, following in the political footsteps of your parents.

You would probably even get the board to give you the \$1,500 per month stipend they didn't give to Jeffrey Batuhan.

And if athletics is your thing, we now have a nationally ranked baseball team, and you could take lessons from the nation's best women's golf squad.

After a lesson or two from Janice Moodie, you could put your dad to shame on the links.

Plus, if basketball is on your mind, both the men and women have open positions. Can't hit a jumper? Don't worry, that's not a prerequisite for membership on either of these teams.

Chelsea, forget about the cool buildings, the nationally ranked sports teams, the inherent coolness of being a Stanford grad. Rethink your position.

SJSU wouldn't just be a place to go to school; it would be an adventure.

Chelsea Clinton: forced to ride on dad's coattails

Why does it matter that First Daughter Chelsea Clinton will attend Stanford? Sure, her dad is the ruler of the free world, but does that mean the general public should dote over her as if she has some sort of clout in world affairs as well? I think not.

Yet with all the hype and interest, you would think she was next in line in an imperial dynasty that would rule planet earth.

Undeniably, her accomplishments as a student are impressive; she is among 15,000 students chosen as a National Merit semifinalist.

She is clearly deserving of admission based on her academic achievements, although I could not see a school rejecting the daughter of the president.

Clearly, there is some hidden pressure. How easy would it be to reject the daughter of the president of the United States?

However, Chelsea's schooling is not so exciting that we as the general public might be interested. It's not like she will inherit the throne from her daddy, President Bill Clinton.

She will attend college, graduate and get a job just like the rest of us.

No, wait — she will probably graduate and get a better job than most of us because of who she is. Is she riding on the coattails of her esteemed parents? You bet she is.

It's understandable that nobody paid attention when Sean Coffey announced he would attend San Jose State University.

My parents do not wield supreme executive power. They have never been in People magazine.

The offspring of Michael Jackson or Madonna should expect the sort of superstar treatment that their parents attract, but that is because the public tends to attribute things like singing and acting talent as genetic, whereas intangible advantages like political skill are learned.

Chelsea should have the chance to grow up and have a normal life, if she chooses. She is, after all, a normal, 17-year-old girl — even if she lives between 1599 and 1601 Pennsylvania Ave in a house that is white. It might be interesting, but it has been taken to the extreme.

Officials quoted in a recent Associated Press article (in Thursday's Spartan Daily) revealed the extreme attention allotted to Chelsea's scholastic decision.

According to the article, experts say the attention is because of the effort previously made to keep the first daughter out of the spotlight.

Perhaps that is why Chelsea chose a school 3,000 miles away from mom and dad. Even still, Chelsea will probably be eternally watched by the secret service.

It might have been better for her if she didn't announce what school she had chosen — although it would only be a matter of time before the public would have found out anyway. At least then it wouldn't be so dramatic.

The meaningful and interesting details about Chelsea Clinton's education do not revolve around what school she attends but rather how she pays for her schooling.

If Stanford offered her a scholarship, we can only wonder if it was based purely on her academic bravado, and in no part relating to the marketing value of having her part of student body.

If she receives no scholarship, will she will receive financial aid?

Sean Coffey is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



WRITER'S FORUM
By Sean Coffey



'The Station' isn't worth the wait

The Internet has taken the computing world by storm. Now more than 50 million people are on-line, reading the latest headlines, researching for school and work assignments or just having fun surfing cyberspace.

The Internet has transformed personal computing into the newest entertainment medium.

The hottest new entertainment concept using the Internet is "WebTV." With WebTV, Bill Gates and other computer-geek marketers are trying to move the Internet into the living room. The solitary person on a personal computer wasn't enough for them. If it were up to them, WebTV would become the newest all-American family pastime — they want the whole family surfing in cyberspace.

This WebTV concept hasn't taken off yet, but the onslaught is apparent. On the Internet they've already got websites geared toward family entertainment. One of the newest of such all-purpose family sites is Sony's "The Station."

The Station's got it all — something for every member of the family.

They've got playable game shows like "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" for adults, a shopping area for the family consumers, "Battleground" for video game addicts and Wonderland for the five and under crowd. Oh yes, don't forget "Soap City" — a soap junkies' site billed as: "For those who like to do more than watch!"

Give me a break. The whole concept of this site rubs me the wrong way.

Don't get me wrong, I like the "Net" just as much as the next person, but this site is too much. It tries too hard to please too many people, and in the end, it ends up pleasing nobody.

The biggest problem with The Station is that it's loaded with too much electronic whiz-bangery. There are so many graphics, sounds and animated pictures that to view any part of this site beyond the home page takes a good five minutes to download on a 28.8 modem connection. Unless you have a quicker setup like a direct ISDN line, forget playing a round of

GUEST COLUMNIST

Dallas Petersen

"Wheel of Fortune" in less than 10 minutes. I tried to — I just got really tired and frustrated in the process.

Another annoying feature of this site is the ever-present "Quest Pass," an Active-X window that keeps popping up in front of your current screen. I understand Sony's (or their web builder's) logic in this feature — to provide a handy menu for switching to various parts of the site — but it just gets in the way. There's something to be said for outstanding technology, but even more can be said for technology used in a simple complimentary fashions. Judging from this site, Sony needs a lesson in user-friendliness.

With The Station, Sony has tried to create an atmosphere that is both accommodating and exclusive — they have a membership registration to create a feeling of a cyber-club. This feature also provides a necessary safe guard for anyone wanting to order items on-line from Sony's shopping area.

This registration was a nice gesture, but when I tried to register, it kept telling me to pick a different on-line name. I went through about 30 different on-line aliases, but none of them worked. I got pretty desperate and disgusted when names like "Pastrami" and "Salad" were said to be already in use. Yeah, right.

I expected more from this site — it was touted as one of the newest must-sees on the Internet by a myriad of different website reviewers. All I can say is, if you have a ton of time left on your monthly Internet contract, then go right ahead and check out Sony's The Station. It should provide plenty of wasted hours. My advice to Bill Gates and other computer marketing meisters: If The Station is any indication of WebTV, forget it. Get back to the drawing board. Try again.

This guest column appears courtesy of The Daily Universe from Brigham Young University via U-Wire. Petersen is a senior majoring in English. Larry Lee's column will return next Wednesday.

SJSU should not share library with the city

The more I read about the city-university library, the more I think SJSU should have considered completing the project on its own.

SJSU is putting up \$30 million into a new 460,000 square foot library on campus. The City of San Jose is only planning to contribute \$10 million.

The library will be open to the people of San Jose. This means students will have to fight off more traffic when they commute to campus. Those of us who commute already know how congested it can get. SJSU will also have to come up with funds to pay half the cost of building a new parking structure. But who knows how many people will share those new parking spaces.

The city-university library is supposed to be a beautiful, modern structure. I hope this building is not intended to be characteristic of the San Jose Arena. The structure is beautiful. However, the people who perform the inside duties are not exactly doing the greatest job. Of course, I'm talking about the management of the San Jose Sharks.

I'm a senior at SJSU. I'm happy I will be out of here by the time the library is built. I would feel awkward if I saw a 15-year-old inside of my university library.

SJSU students have earned their way into the university. The educational facilities on this campus should be geared toward the students and the faculty who work and attend this university. It should not include the interests of the surrounding city.

Whose idea was it to share one of the most important facilities on the campus? We could have built a fine library without San Jose's contribution. Why didn't we

just build another library that concentrated on more personnel and more recently released books? That's what is lacking in our libraries. Students who have faced not finding a book will have to compete with the 24,000 or so students from the campus — in addition to the rest of the people who decide to use the new library.

Let's now concentrate on getting the best librarians we can possibly afford. Let's extend library hours. I think \$30 million could have built us a sufficient library with excellent resources.

Where is your pride, SJSU? Why do we need an outside politician coming in here and bringing her committee? We are now going to have people from outside of the university coming here to use the few resources available to students.

Our university is an institution in and of itself. We don't need the city coming in and putting its two cents worth. Let's take care of ourselves. Next time, let Mayor Susan Hammer build her own library somewhere outside the university.

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WRITER'S FORUM
By Victor Ribeiro

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A.S. Board of Directors deserve to be reprimanded

Campus Viewpoint

The A.S. Board of Directors blatantly disregarded their responsibilities as representatives of the students at SJSU when they passed the budget for 1997-98. It looked as if most of them felt pretty good about it.

However they choose to explain away their behavior, it's difficult to misinterpret the jumping around, hearty handshakes, high fives and ear-to-ear grins at the end of the session. These were happy, satisfied people, and I am ashamed to admit I actually voted for some of them and helped put them into these positions where they could do such disservice to me and my fellow students.

I have attended A.S. meetings and have become dismayed by the conduct of the board. The majority of the A.S. board no longer represents anyone's interests other than their own. May I remind the population of the lovely leather furniture and expensive sound system purchased with A.S. dollars by certain A.S. executives?

I'm not surprised people have forgotten about those purchases,

even though they cost the student body well over \$10,000. (Have you considered what your department, club, cause or organization could do with \$10,000? How easy it was for us to forget!

After all, we don't get to use the stereo and furniture — we just got to pay for them. On top of that, they approved an increase for the A.S. president's stipend? How does financial mismanagement merit a leap from \$500 per month to \$1,500 per month?

Spare me the arguments of how much student government members receive at other colleges; how many hours are put in; how nobody realizes what the board does; or even that, in the end, the stipend was not tripled, only doubled. Are we supposed to feel we've gotten some sort of bargain?

The A.S. board has taken advantage of the fact that students are busy, overworked, distracted men and women who find it difficult to keep an eye on the work-

ings of the student government. The A.S. board members also have, for the most part, a greater understanding of the protocol which governs their proceedings.

The average person is not familiar with the proprieties. This has led certain board members to believe the student body is ignorant and easily manipulated. Previously, the students at least had the A.S. judiciary to help look out for their best interests. The judiciary served as a watchdog, making sure the actions of the student government were fair and in accordance with the by-laws.

The new budget eliminated funding for the A.S. judiciary and, in effect, the A.S. board members have given themselves carte blanche to do whatever they damn well please without interference.

They have made it possible to continue their arrogant behavior, contempt for the student body and departure from ethical behavior. And for this, they deserve not to be rewarded but reprimanded.

Erica Garcia
Social Work

Sparta Guide

Library holds book sale

The Library Sales and Donations Unit will be holding their ongoing book sale today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the donations and Sales Unit in Wahlquist North Room 408 and Clark Library's lobby. For more information, contact the acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Black graduation meeting

The Black Graduation committee for 1997 will be holding a general meeting today and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in BC 101. For more information, call 924-7915.

Creatively spiritual

The Episcopal Canterbury Community is hosting a dinner and discussion called, "Creativity and Spirituality" with guest speaker Donald Skinner. The discussion will take place in the Student Union Costanoan Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call Anna at 293-2401.

Test your body fat

For only \$5, the Department of Nutrition and Food Service will be testing people's body fat from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. today in CCB 103. For more

information, call Kim Roth at 924-3110.

Daily Mass

The Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding daily Mass from 12:05 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the John XXIII Center, across from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

Angels descend on SJSU

The San Jose State University will be presenting City of Angels at 1 p.m. in the University Theatre in Hugh Gillis Hall. For tickets and ticket information, contact the University Theatre Box Office at 924-4555.

Sociology officers

The Sociology Club will hold its election of club officers for fall 1997 today from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall Room 358. It will be the final meeting this semester. For more information, call 924-5323.

Sorority career workshop

Delta Sigma Theta will be sponsoring a career workshop for African-Americans in Moulder Hall Lounge from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more informa-

tion, contact Tiffany Simpson at 928-6439.

Last chance for pizza, drinks and object-oriented database systems

The Mathematics and Computer Science club will hold its last meeting of the semester from 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 in MacQuarrie Hall Room 233. The meeting will include presentations on object-oriented database. For more information, call 924-5087.

Child development Club meets

The Child Development Club will hold its last meeting of the semester in CCB 118 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, Call Dawn Holt at 924-3728.

Pre-Optometry Club

The Pre-Optometry Club will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall Room 249. For more information, contact Yen at 814-3322.

West African drumming and dance

Master drummer C. K. Ladzekpo will be featured with SJSU's Afro-Caribbean and West African Drumming classes as they perform on Tower Hall lawn from noon to 1 p.m.

Student galleries art exhibitions

The School of Art and Design presents the shows in galleries 2, 3, 5, 8 and Herbert Sanders in the Art Building and Industrial Studies today through Friday. For more information, call the Gallery Office at 924-4330.

Akbayan elections

The Akbayan Club will hold fall 1997 elections today at 3 p.m. in the Student Union Umunhum Room. Call Akbayan voice mail at 534-1140 for more information.

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classes and fees were important issues to be focused on as well.

Terrell said if he is elected, he is looking forward to coming to a diverse campus, that is similar to Northwestern's population.

"Since Northwestern only has 11,000 students, I think the position at San Jose State would be a very challenging and exciting posi-

tion," Terrell said. "It's an opportunity for someone to come and build a model student affairs division at San Jose State."

Terrell said that he would work hard to be a mediator between the students and the president when issues arise. He also emphasized his desire to stay in direct contact with student officers and hold monthly public forums for the general stu-

dent body to voice their concerns and ask questions.

Dwayne Hearn, a student intern for the president, said he hopes that whoever is elected will continue with what the current vice president has done, as well as generating new ideas for the well-being of SJSU students.

"I think the acting vice president has been misrepresented by unfair and ungrounded comments," Hearn said. "Whoever is elected will have the benefit of strengthening the division by having our current vice president to help them in creating a greater sense of team spirit."

By instigating such plans as reorganizing the Student Affairs Division, improving the delivery of student services and initiating leadership programs, Terrell received a fellowship at Florida State University. The American Council on Education conferred this honor upon him for his strong leadership skills.

"As an American Council on Education Fellow, I obtained firsthand knowledge of the issues, responsibilities and strategies associated with the successful operation of a flag-ship institution of higher education," Terrell said in the letter to the chair of the Student Affairs Search Committee.

In addition to his administrative duties, Terrell is a teacher as well. He has taught courses in Black studies, multicultural education, and higher education administration.

"Indeed my teaching experience, as well as mentoring and counseling, has broadened my perspective of student and faculty concerns with regard to core curriculum development and the strategies involved in shared governance with faculty," Terrell said in the letter to the chair.

To add more accomplishments to his list, Terrell belongs to a variety of professional organizations, has done selected professional and university service, has served on editorial boards, written three books and numerous articles, and has made many keynote addresses. He has also received a number of honors and awards, notably "Who's Who in Black America" in 1988.

'Queer' columnist speaks

By Larry Hernandez
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Students and faculty will get the chance to hear about the possibility of uniting across the divisions of race, sexual orientation, gender and economic class from a "queer perspective" when author and activist Urvasi Vaid speaks on campus tonight.

David Ward of the Institute for Social Responsibility said students can learn how they can get involved in creating communication and relationships between the various groups. The Institute for Social Responsibility is a co-sponsor of the event.

Vaid will be speaking in the Engineering Building Auditorium (Room 189) at 7 p.m. The author also serves as director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is a columnist for the Advocate, a gay and lesbian news magazine, and acts as a consultant to gay and lesbian groups.

Women Studies Department Chair Lois Helmbold said creating coalitions—and unity—among various groups is an important political issue that affects the lives of students. "The Possibility of Coalitions" is also being sponsored by the Women's Studies Department, the Campus Climate Committee and the Gay and

Lesbian Faculty and Staff Association.

Vaid will also be talking about "Virtual Equality: The Mainstream of Gay and Lesbian Liberation," her book on the gay and lesbian civil rights movement.

Vaid said the conservative movement has illustrated that coalition politics are powerful, but progressive groups seem unable to unite across the divisions of class, race, and sexual orientation.

Helmbold said the issues Vaid raises tonight will be discussed further Thursday in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union. The discussion, she said, will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Oakland task force presents final report on ebonics issue

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Members of the Oakland education task force that last December introduced the nation to "ebonics" presented a final report on Tuesday that didn't include the word.

"E is for emergency in education. It is not for ebonics," said school board member Toni Cook.

Officials stressed their word choice doesn't mean they're backing off the contention that teachers need training to deal with some black students who speak something other than standard English.

"None of us are shying away from the word ebonics," said Sylvester Hodges, chairman of the Task Force on the Education of African American Students.

He and other school officials downplayed the missing "ebonics" — formed from the words "ebony" and "phonics" — saying that it simply became unnecessary when it came time to write the gist of the recommendations.

However, Hodges conceded there had been a conscious effort to define exact meanings rather than use umbrella terms.

Oakland school officials hadn't planned to make national headlines

last December when the task force's first report prompted a school board resolution suggesting that ebonics, or black English, was a "genetically based" separate language.

While school officials insisted they were just trying to help black students learn English, critics denounced the resolution as legitimizing slang and underestimating black students.

In mid-January, the school board revised their resolution to, among other things, drop all suggestion that black English was genetically based. However, the resolution still declared that ebonics is "not merely" a dialect of English.

The final report refers only to the "language systems of African Americans."

The report recommends expanding the state's Standard English Program to all preschools and elementary schools through Grade 3 where the black student population is 53 percent or higher.

It also recommends that sixth- and ninth-grade teachers be trained in that program, which helps black students transform the language they speak at home into proper English.

The language development recommendations are part of a five-year,

nearly \$2 million plan to improve the performance of black students, who make up 53 percent of Oakland's 52,000 students.

Critics viewed the ebonics-free report as a positive move.

"The original document had an angry black separatist stamp on it," John McWhorter, professor of linguistics and African-American Studies at the University of California-Berkeley, told The Oakland Tribune.



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Presidential Intern Dwayne Hearn walks with Melvin C. Terrell, Candidate Vice Presidential for Student Affairs, after lunch at the Dining Commons with faculty and staff members Tuesday. Terrell, currently Vice President of Student Affairs for North Eastern Illinois University, is the 11th of 12 final candidates for the position to come to SJSU to date.

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Therapists lend helping hands

By Puna Nair
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

If you happen to break your legs or fracture your arms, your chances of seeing an occupational therapist will be a lot easier than seeing a doctor. Not only they provide a variety of therapy care from physical therapy to mental therapy.

So what does an occupational therapist do exactly? According to Kay Schwartz, professor and chair of the occupational therapy department, an these therapists helps restore and sustain productive life to people recovering from illnesses or injuries.

"An OT's goal is to help the individual do what they could do before they got into an accident or problem," Schwartz said. She said these therapists help people become comfortable in their work and home environment by working with them physically and mentally until they get better.

Schwartz, who graduated with a Ph.D. in education from Harvard University, said SJSU's occupational therapy program is impacted from the popularity of the profession.

Amy Killingsworth, professor and undergraduate student coordinator, said early this year the program was designated by the Chancellor's Office as an impacted major.

An undergraduate program is designated as impacted when there are more students applying for the major than availability. Campuses can use a selection process based on GPA and grades in prerequisite courses to enroll students.

"People don't stay long in the hospitals anymore," Killingsworth said. "That's where OT's come in. They are more service oriented and are groomed to take care of people when hospitals cannot."

Killingsworth said the demand for occupational therapists was so much that it was recognized by the Labor Department as one of the fastest growing professions.

Schwartz said the program became popular in the beginning of the 90's when students got tired of applying to the then impacted programs in business.

"Everyone wanted to get into business management," Schwarz said. "No one thought about health care or



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Occupational therapy major Sharon Dekelbum, right, demonstrates a shapes-recognition test as class members laugh at the increasing difficulty of the seemingly simple test. Dekelbum has had to wait until her senior year to take the Occupational Therapy 125 lab class because of the competition for the class.

education." Today Schwartz said with more people aging and living a lot longer, health care has moved to the community in the form of nursing homes. The occupational therapy profession helps to fill the gap between hospitals and nursing homes.

Schwartz said SJSU is one of three schools offering an occupational therapy program in California. The other two schools are the University of Southern California and Loma Linda University, both private schools where tuition fees run high. SJSU is the only program in California in the public school system.

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— Kay Schwartz,
department chair

"San Jose State University is financially accessible to students who cannot afford high tuition costs at the other two schools," Schwartz said.

In fact it is so accessible some students like Mia Yamauchi commutes three times per week from Berkeley to attend classes in San Jose. She said she does not mind the commute because being an occupational therapist is what she wants to do.

"I like the program so far. Even though it's very intense I get a lot of support from my peers and advisors," Yamauchi said it took her two years to get into the program and said it is a program where you have to be on top of everything.

The occupational therapy program first started at SJSU in January 1944.

The program grew from 46 students in 1994 to 350 currently enrolled. About 300 students are still waiting to get into the program.

"The good thing about impactation," Killingsworth said, "is students will know right away if they are accepted the program or not. If they don't get in one semester they can re-apply the next, so their chances of getting in are a lot better."

Currently there are 44,000 practicing occupational therapists in the country not including students who may graduate this year. Killingsworth said SJSU's program is popular because quality of the classes is stressed more than quantity of students.

"After all our students are our greatest ambassadors," she said.

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without advisers present, and our students do not have a reasonable access to this activity," Myers wrote to Lawrence in a memo dated April 30. "You and the Executive Board do not have the authority to make financial commitments without the approval of ASB and the College. To make any such commitments is to violate College policy and to assume a personal legal and financial liability for those actions."

Lawrence said the majority of senate members support legal action against the district. He also said the agenda for the meeting was posted 72 hours before the meeting, thus, making it legal.

"On the advice of legal counsel we met at San Jose State," Lawrence said. "I will not let the dean of students break up another senate meeting like he has done in the past. The students have certain rights that should not be taken away."

Ginden said the meeting was one of many inappropriate actions Lawrence has taken during his tenure as president.

"(Lawrence) has been impeached and will be removed at the next legally called meeting," Ginden said. "He's lost control of the rest of the senate and this is his way of fighting back."

According to Lawrence, an impeachment investigation was completed, but no official charges were filed.

"I have been accused by Jahmai and other members of the senate that have been manipulated by the administration," Lawrence said. "The charges were completely false and I have not been impeached."

Mike Yaghmai, A.S. vice president said the loan was given to West Valley's student senate because their "budget is currently frozen because of an on-going battle with the administration."

Ginden, however, said the student senate's budget is not frozen. "We could approve \$80,000 tomorrow if (Lawrence) held a meeting," Ginden said.

Sean Penello, staff member of the West Valley Norseman, the college's newspaper, said the Student Senate has not had an official meeting in more than three months.

"If (the student senate) held a legitimate meeting and asked for money for an on-campus activity, such as a band coming to campus, they'd probably get the money," Penello said. "The administration members only step in on money issues when they see something extremely wrong."

Festival

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Cinco de Mayo festivals was one of the problems addressed at the meeting.

Councilman David Pandori voiced his support for the transfer of the festival from downtown San Jose to the fairgrounds located at South Seventh Street and Tully Road.

"I hope the city gives serious thought to holding (the festival) at the fairgrounds," Pandori said. "Some benefits of holding it there is that it is a gated facility and that the size of the crowd can be controlled."

Pandori said that the downtown is simply too large a place to have complete crowd control, and might have in fact contributed to the riots.

"It's hard holding the festival downtown — there are too many streets, lots of parking and basically too much movement," Pandori said. "The police were just far outnumbered. The downtown has a multitude of streets and parking. You can't just kick people off the streets just because they might allegedly be gang members. You have to treat everybody

equally."

Those opposed to the proposed transfer of the festival is David Rodriguez, the chairman of the GI Forum, which has sponsored the downtown San Jose Cinco de Mayo festival since 1983.

According to Rodriguez, the purpose of the festival is to keep the culture alive not just for Mexican-Americans but for all cultures as well. Rodriguez said that the downtown merchants want to eliminate the festival from downtown altogether.

"The downtown merchants are stereotyping Mexicans in general," Rodriguez said. "Those who were involved in the riots were just a few troublemakers."

Knies, Pandori and others who attended the meeting were in agreement that the San Jose Police Department did an adequate job in handling the Sunday disturbance.

"The issue is not whether Cinco de Mayo will be held in downtown San Jose — it will always be held here," Pandori said. "The real question here is: Where will it be held?"

Convicted Army sergeant gets 25 years

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — A court-martial jury today sentenced an Army drill sergeant to 25 years in prison for raping six female trainees and other offenses.

Staff Sgt. Delmar G. Simpson could have been sentenced to life in prison on a single rape conviction.

The jury, which convicted Simpson exactly one week ago after 31 hours of deliberations, took about 2 1/2 hours to reach a decision on his sentence on 18 counts of rape and 34 other offenses, mostly other forms of sexual misconduct.

Simpson, who showed no emotion while standing to hear his sentence, hugged his mother, Edna, and kissed her forehead afterward and left the courtroom with his arm around his wife's shoulders.

The allegations against Simpson had led to charges against 12 staff members

at Aberdeen Proving Ground, 30 miles northeast of Baltimore. The claims also prompted investigations into sexual misconduct at U.S. military bases worldwide.

"This is a case about abuse of power," said Lt. Col. Gabriel Riesco, chief of staff at the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen. "This should be a flare in the night. Those sergeants and instructors out there troling instead of training should think twice."

The five-man, one-woman panel also ordered Simpson be dishonorably discharged at a reduced rank of private E-1.

Maj. Gen. John E. Longhouser, commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, must approve the sentence. He may reduce it but not add to it.

The sentence also will automatically reviewed by the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

Defense attorney Frank Spinner said the sentence would be appealed as far as necessary, insisting that the sex was consensual.

"It's our contention that Sergeant Simpson did not rape anyone," Spinner said.

He said the message from the case was: "If you're black, an African-American drill sergeant in the Army, you're an endangered species."

Although race was barely mentioned during the trial, there have been accusations of racism from some black leaders. All 12 soldiers charged at Aberdeen are black — Simpson included — while most of their accusers are white. The Army denied race played a part in its investigation.

If Simpson's sentence is upheld, he would be eligible for clemency in five years, and eligible for parole after serving one-third of the sentence, or eight

and one-third years.

Simpson will be given credit for serving nearly 14 months, even though he has been incarcerated for only about half that time. The judge agreed to credit him with extra time after defense lawyers argued the conditions in a Marine Corps brig in Quantico, Va., were unnecessarily harsh.

The panel last week convicted Simpson, 32, on 18 counts of rape and 29 other offenses, mostly sexual misconduct. Simpson also was sentenced today on five lesser charges to which he had already pleaded guilty.

In closing arguments today, the prosecutor, Capt. David Thomas, asked for the maximum penalty of life in prison "to send a message, not only to him but to drill sergeants past and future that what he did will not be tolerated."

"If there was ever a case to ask for the maximum penalty, it would be this one," Thomas said.

Defense attorney Capt. Edward Brady had asked the jury to sentence Simpson to no jail time, saying the panel had already sent a message of deterrence with its guilty verdicts.

Football player denies rape charge

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings running back Maurice "Moe" Williams pleaded innocent to first-degree rape charge and was released without bond during a court hearing Tuesday.

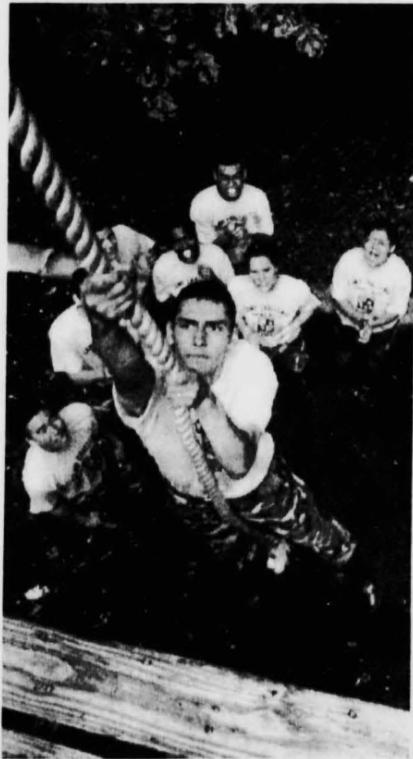
Fayette District Judge Maria Ransdell scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday. No bond was set because Williams was summoned to appear Friday, according to a spokeswoman in the court clerk's office.

During the hearing, Williams

waived a formal arraignment. He was represented by Lexington lawyer Mike Moloney, a former state senator.

A 21-year-old Lexington woman claimed the former University of Kentucky star raped her April 27 at a residence. A rape charge was filed by the alleged victim April 30.

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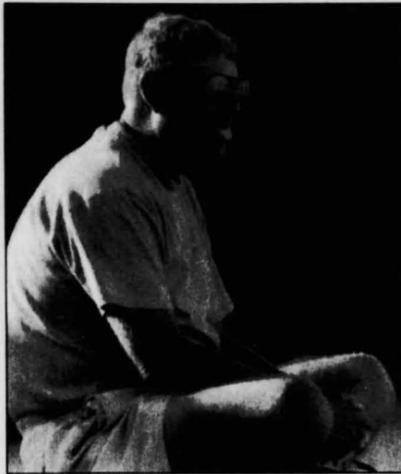
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Right: Head coach Lou Tully playfully sticks out his tongue during a warm-up session before a game against Santa Clara University. Having been a referee and an assistant coach in the past, Tully wants to help build a great water polo empire at his alma mater.

Water polo

'We didn't give up'

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With a 4-17 record, the debut of SJSU's women's water polo team was a victory to the only people to whom it really mattered: the athletes.

"From the beginning to the end, there was great improvement," goalie Cathy Hernandez said. "We always have a good time whether we're winning or losing."

With only four members with previous experience, the team was encouraged by their coach to focus on what was important.

"I said a lot, 'Don't worry about the record or even the score, worry about your own execution and the rest will take care of itself,'" Tully said.

"We might have gotten beat up pretty good in the pool but they did a great job."

Playing against such teams as Stanford and Berkeley — ranked second and third, respectively — the women kept realistic expectations.

"There were a lot of cases where we knew we'd get beat," Hernandez said. "We didn't expect to win a lot of the time. But we didn't give up."

Overcoming obstacles was a major goal of the team.

"Water polo was brand new to almost everyone," team member Jessyca Nabozny said. "We knew we weren't the best team out there, so it was all about having a good time and learning from the other teams."

Six of the women who joined the team in March — almost two months after the other seven had already begun practicing — were from the swim team and largely unaccustomed to the fast-paced group aspect of water polo.

"It's a reaction sport and the extreme contact of it was different for most of them," Tully said. "But they were all very eager to learn how to really play."

The team capped off an educational season April 28 with a 13-4 win against California State University, Bakersfield.

"We learned how to play off each other," Nabozny said. "We were a unified team. We didn't put each other down; we cheered each other on."



Left: Kristi Leong, left, Katie Kascht, center, and other members of the team celebrate a win against Santa Clara University, their first of the season. The Spartans defeated the Broncos 2-1 and went on to win two more games, closing out the inaugural season 4-17



Right: Jennifer Anstey, left and Alison Jensen trim their finger nails before a match with Santa Clara University. The referee checks each player's nails to make sure they can't use them as weapons during the game.



Above: Coach Tully gives a speech of encouragement to the team after a loss to UC Davis. "We have to roll with the punches and have fun in this first season or we're not going to make it," Tully said.



Jennifer Anstey, left, and Lisa Soares try to relax after losing to UC Davis (23-3). Some members of the squad were part of the swim team and only had one week off between sports.



Left: SJSU's Jessyca Nabozny, left and Amy Fletcher of Santa Clara University race for a loose ball during the Spartans first win of the season.

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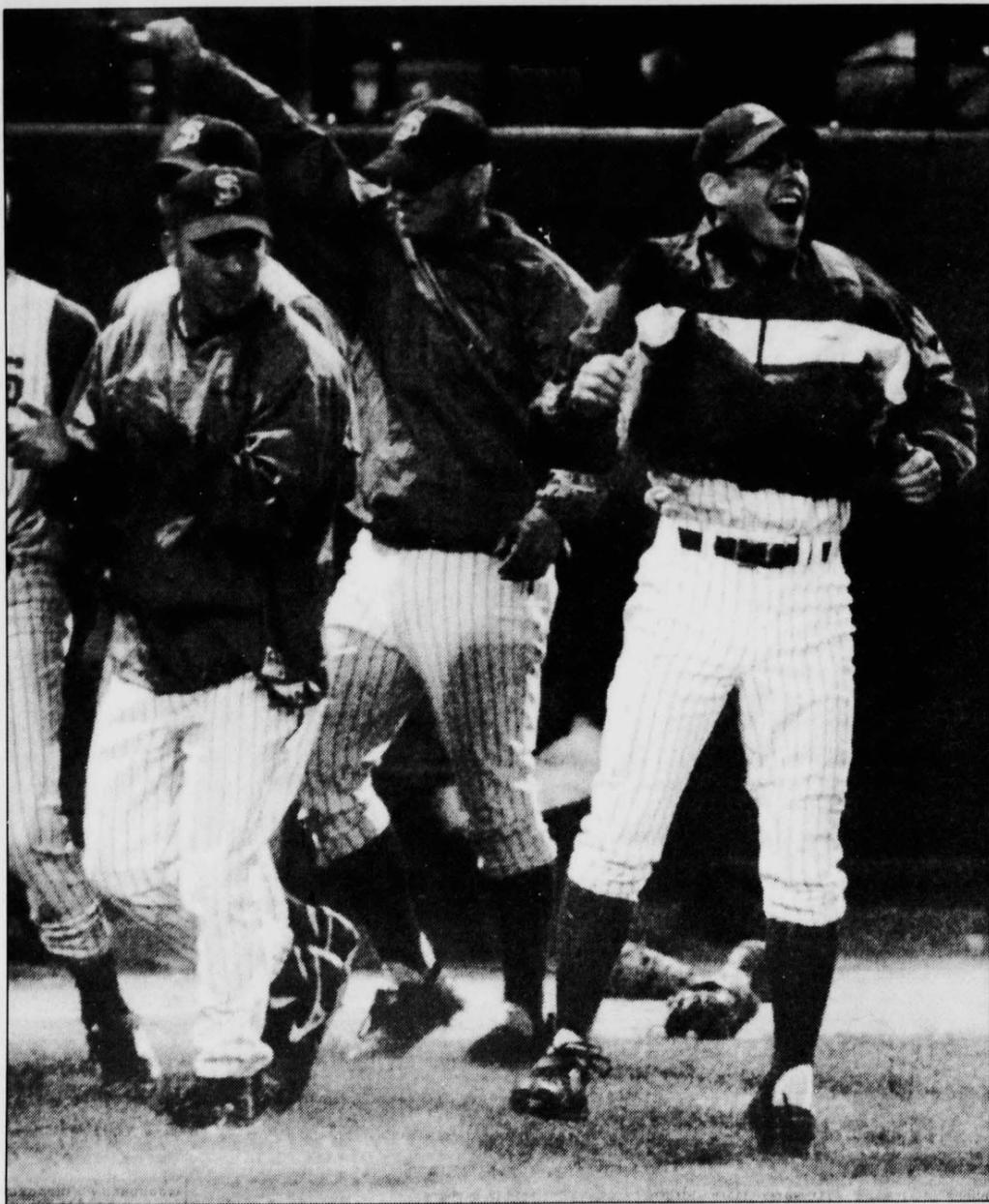


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SJSU's bench celebrates after Steve Ashley's grand slam put the Spartans ahead of Stanford 4-3 Tuesday at Municipal Stadium. The No. 22 Spartans beat the No. 2 Cardinal in the last game before the Western Athletic Conference Championship in San Diego, May 14-17.

Cardinal red in the face

No. 22 Spartans exact revenge upon Stanford for earlier defeat

By Dennis Knight
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Stanford Cardinal baseball team came to Municipal Stadium Tuesday night ranked second in the nation and riding an eight-game winning streak.

It left in stunned disbelief after the Spartans played their most inspired game of the year, en route to a 14-5 victory.

In a battle for Bay Area bragging rights, the Spartans (38-19) avenged their 12-6 loss at Stanford on April 15 with a combination of clutch hitting and quality pitching. Javier Pamus came on in the fourth inning to relieve starter Jason Jimenez. Pamus came up big, striking out six and allowing two runs to score in his six innings of work.

Stanford (37-14) started the scoring in the top of the second inning when first baseman Luke Quaccia hit a drive over the wall in right center field for a two-run homer, his eighth of the year. The Cardinal added another run in the third to go ahead 3-0.

That set the stage for senior catcher Steve Ashley's offensive heroics in the bottom of the fourth inning. Ashley had already made his presence felt by throwing out runners trying to steal in the second and fourth innings.

Antonio Vazquez led off the fourth with a single to right field, first baseman Robert Berns and second baseman Tony James followed with consecutive walks to load the bases for Ashley. With the count full, Ashley hit a long drive that flew over the Heineken sign in left center field for his first collegiate grand slam and sixth homer of the year.

A fired-up Spartans' team greeted Ashley at home plate as the crowd of 486 people cheered wildly.

"We always feel like we can win, but it was extra nice doing it against them," Ashley said. "It (the grand slam) was extra sweet in my final game at Muni. It was nice having Pamus come up clutch for us."

Stanford scored a run in the fifth inning

to tie the score and put the pressure on the Spartans.

In the bottom of the fifth, center fielder Scott Lewis started a rally when he was hit by an errant pitch. Vazquez and Berns both drew walks to load the bases for second baseman James.

James drove a 2-1 pitch to the wall in left center to clear the bases and start an inning in which the Spartans sent 13 men to the plate and scored nine runs.

"They weren't throwing too many good pitches, so I was trying to be patient and get a pitch to hit well," James said. "In the first Stanford game, we didn't have Lewis and Ashley (because of injuries), in this game we had everyone and it made us stronger."

The Spartans broke into the Collegiate Baseball Top 25 this week with a ranking of 22. Coach Sam Piraro isn't too worried about where his team is ranked, he is pleased with their season and is confident in their abilities.

"We've been on a mission all year. We play for respect and if someone recognizes us that's great, but we try not to get too wrapped up in that," Piraro said. "Our team went out and beat the number two team in the country decisively."

"Stanford is capable of winning the national championship, and for us to go out and administer such a beating to them, it was a feather in our cap."

Berns was named Western Athletic Conference baseball player of the week Monday for his performance against St. Mary's and Grand Canyon last week. Berns had 17 RBIs and eight hits in the Spartans' four games.

In the first inning, Berns stroked a single to left field for his 93rd hit of the year, a new SJSU single-season record. The umpire stopped play to get the ball for Berns who can add it to his ever expanding trophy case.

The Spartans have the next week off to prepare for the WAC Championship in San Diego, which begins on May 14.

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SJSU men's tennis receives no love

Men's cross country team to be added

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The SJSU Athletics department is expected to announce changes in the selection of intercollegiate sports offered at SJSU, including the elimination of the men's tennis team and the addition of a men's cross country team, according to

sources close to the department who asked not to be identified.

"The department is in the process of holding discussions concerning the sports program's configuration for next year," said Lawrence Fan, director of SJSU sports information.

Fan would not comment on the specifics of the discussions, but said decisions will be announced later in the week.

UCLA athletics placed on probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The entire UCLA athletic program was placed on probation for three years following an NCAA investigation into the 1995 national championship women's softball team.

The school was ordered Tuesday to forfeit the NCAA softball championship it won two years ago. In addition, the current team, much to its surprise and chagrin, was barred from this year's national tournament just five days before pairings are drawn.

The NCAA committee of infractions also required that a senior associate director of athletics be removed — which UCLA carried out last year. And the NCAA limited UCLA's scholarships for softball for the next two years, with a reduction of three per year, from 12 to nine.

The violations involved listing some softball players as multisport athletes receiving soccer scholarships, although they did not compete in soccer. The senior associate director of athletics was involved in arranging a soccer tryout for one of those softball players, but not until after the soccer season was over, the NCAA reported.

While the probation only affects softball, all other sports, including

basketball and football, will be closely monitored during that period.

UCLA officials have 15 days to appeal, but if the school hopes to play in this year's NCAA tournament, obviously an appeal must be made this week in that regard.

"We've got a lot of work to do in the next 48 hours," said Betsy Stephenson, UCLA's senior woman administrator-associate athletic director. "We just need some time to collect information and explore all of our options."

"It's premature for me to tell you (if UCLA will appeal), we have certainly been zealous in looking at all the options."

Was she surprised the current UCLA softball team was barred from the NCAA tournament?

"That's an understatement," said Stephenson, hired by UCLA last summer. She added that members of

the softball team, ranked fourth in the country with a 39-11 record, were "devastated."

"I informed them of the penalties, the student-athletes were devastated, and extremely frustrated that they had been told this year would not be impacted," Stephenson said. "When that rug is pulled out from under you, you'd be devastated."

Stephenson said she told the players this year wouldn't be involved, "based on the best information I had gathered over the last 10 months."

UCLA must return the 1995 softball trophy, and that year's championship will be considered vacant, said David Swank, the committee of infractions chairman.

The 1995 softball team, led by Tanya Harding, won the NCAA title. Harding had a 17-1 record and was the winning pitcher in all four victo-

ries by the Bruins in the national tournament.

Harding did not become a student until the 1995 season, and did not complete that semester's work, returning home to join Australia's Olympic softball team.

Harding and two other softball players whose scholarships were above the permissible limit were not identified by name in the NCAA announcement.

No effort will be made to reclaim individual awards such as championship rings, the NCAA said, but competition records of individuals involved in the scholarship switch will be invalidated.

"NCAA rules violations concerning institutional control, financial aid and ethical conduct" were involved in granting scholarships above the NCAA limits for the softball program in 1993-94 and 1994-95, the NCAA said.

Further violations by the UCLA athletic program will be considered "repeat violations" if they occur in a five-year period following the Feb. 1, 1997, infractions committee hearing on the softball matter, the NCAA added.

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S.J. Council to skaters: Take it elsewhere

By Jana Seshadri
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Imagine yourself on a skateboard. With feet planted firmly on wood, arms outstretched, body balanced and the wind blowing your hair around, you fly through the streets of San Jose—Michael J. Fox style in "Back to the Future."

But hold it. Stop. If you skateboard on the SJSU campus, in downtown San Jose or in the Willow Glen Business District, you might be slapped with a citation or a fine.

In October 1988, San Jose City Attorney Joan Gallo recommended to Mayor Tom McEnery and the city council that the ordinance regulating skateboarding in certain areas of San Jose be approved.

Accordingly, despite a petition by the San Jose Youth Commission carrying 410 signatures protesting the move, the ordinance passed 7-3-1.

The San Jose Youth Commission, an advisory group created by the city, understood the overall concern for protection of property and safety of people, but was unhappy about the large area the ordinance covered. The commission recommended that the area where skateboarding is prohibited be reduced.

Their reasoning is that skateboarding is a viable mode of transportation in a large area which cannot be covered by walking.

"We support the ban on skateboarding.

"It's crazy that these little cities around San Jose have skate parks but a city as big as San Jose ... doesn't."

— Doug Shoemaker, skater

has been determined yet. He is not even sure if the idea will ever materialize.

There was a time when a citywide skate park wasn't necessary. The craze that swept the coastal towns and cities of the United States in the 1960s began as sidewalk surfing and later evolved to become street skating, which is the most popular form of skateboarding today.

"Sidewalk surfing" was a term coined by ocean surfers when they couldn't ride the waves but could cruise the sidewalks. The



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Skateboarders near the corner of San Salvador and South Sixth streets use a "No Skateboarding" sign as part of their launch ramp. Skaters in the downtown area hope to see

style of skating changed dramatically with the advent of the "Ollie," which was invented by Alan Ollie Gelfand and incorporates tapping the tail of the board down, jumping in the air while sliding the front foot up the board.

The result of this action would be the board jumping into the air, with the skateboarder seemingly glued to the board. This became known as "street skating." Skateboarders use the sides of buildings and other structures to perform "Ollies."

"The high number of skateboarders in the downtown streets was causing a great deal of damage to property and danger for pedestrians," said SJPD Officer John Carillo.

In the downtown area, skateboarders were using the walls and steps of buildings, which caused significant damage to public and private property.

Frank Taylor, Redevelopment Agency chief, provided details to the city council,

along with photographs of the damages caused by skateboarders, including the defacement of granite at the entrance of Scott's Seafood Restaurant on Park Avenue, the steps and walls of the California Office building and the Fairmont Plaza marble benches.

Skateboarders represented a danger to themselves as well to others in the congested areas of the city, along bus, trolley and bike lanes and bus and light rail stops.

"I don't see any skateboarders on our streets now," said Ali Emadi, manager of Scott's Seafood Restaurant. "We don't have any problems with it."

The skateboard prohibition zone boundary covers a large area between Guadalupe Parkway in the West, Fourth Street in the East, Julian Street in the South and Reed Street in the North. The boundary line runs adjacent to the outermost limits of the SJSU campus along Fourth.

The SJSU campus is not included in this

zone. However, skateboarding is prohibited on campus. Dan Accardo, investigations supervisor for SJSU police department, said the campus follows a presidential directive 90-1, which does not allow skateboarding on campus.

"Our job is to enforce the rules that the president of the university has passed," Accardo said. Enforcement of the ban depends mainly on the officer, who can issue a fine or a citation, after which it is up to the judge. According to Accardo, skateboarding on campus has not been a big problem.

In September 1995, after receiving a anti-skateboarding memorandum from District 6 Council Member, Frank Fiscalini and City Attorney Joan Gallo recommended a memorandum prohibiting skate boarding in the Willow Glen.

In 1995, the number of skateboarding-related incidents increased in the Willow Glen Business District.

David Ciraulo, manager of American

Savings Bank, said prior to the ordinance he faced a great deal of problems with skateboarders, who used the bank's huge parking lot to skateboard.

Ciraulo explained that skate boarders waxed curbs in parking areas and along sidewalks to reduce friction and enable their boards to travel at higher speeds, creating an unsafe environment for his customers and other pedestrians. Ciraulo claimed that the smooth surfaces made it very dangerous for walking.

"Our bank has a large percentage of elderly customers and I was concerned for their health and safety," Ciraulo said.

The skateboarders also left their trash behind in the parking lot and were rude and obnoxious when confronted, Ciraulo said.

Skateboarders frequently skate on walls, planter boxes, stairs and sidewalks Gallo said. Their boards have hit windows, cars and pedestrians.

According to a memorandum from Gallo, in August of 1995 a toddler was hit by a skateboard that got away from its owners' feet. The memorandum claimed that customers dining in sidewalk cafes or walking on public sidewalks face physical harm from skateboarders.

Demetri Rizos, manager of the Willow Glen Business and Professional Association, recalled an incident in which he witnessed a group of kids on skateboards traveling at great speed through a sidewalk cafe and knocking down a couple of people.

"Something needed to be done about the safety of the people and the kids," Rizos said.

In October 1995, after police officers recommended the amendment to prohibit skateboarding as the only remedy to the problem, the city council unanimously passed the ordinance that prohibited skateboarding in the Willow Glen Neighborhood Business District.

The business district covers Lincoln Street between Coe Avenue on the north and Pine Avenue on the south.

"The main purpose of the amendment was the safety issue," said Joe Guerra, chief of staff for Fiscalini. The ongoing problem that Willow Glen businesses were facing necessitated the ordinance, according to Guerra.

Other cities and towns, such as San Francisco and New York, faced similar problems and they have banned skateboarding in their downtown areas as well.

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more people there are, the less likely you'll get caught. There's also a lot of places downtown that you can disappear," he said.

Despite saying that the police are "just doing their jobs," Shoemaker still feels that they are busting skaters for the wrong reasons.

"We're not really bothering anyone," Shoemaker said. "They just don't want us to get in the way of the business people, the people that really matter to them."

Moulton adds that the police spend too much time hassling and ticketing skaters and not enough time trying to prevent real crimes.

"There's tons of crime in San Jose and there's obviously more things they could be doing than busting people having fun on skateboards," he said.

Moulton used to skate the SJSU campus, especially the 10th Street parking garage, but stopped after being repeatedly kicked out.

Although he has never received an actual ticket, Moulton has been kicked out by

garage employees and has had campus police issuing warnings.

"They told me that if they ever caught me again, they would give me a real ticket. But I'm not hurting anyone and I've always skated there after hours and have done so when there are hardly any cars there," Moulton said.

Shoemaker has likewise found the SJSU campus inhospitable toward skateboarders. Like Moulton, he has received several warnings and even a ticket from campus police while skating on campus.

"I don't really bother skating on campus anymore because I've gotten a ticket there before and the campus police don't really like skateboarders," Shoemaker said. "They're so on top of things that it's not even worth it."

Both Shoemaker and Moulton feel that the city of San Jose could avoid a lot of skater-related problems by simply building a skate park similar to those in Pleasanton, Palo Alto and Santa Rosa.

These skate parks are built and managed by their respective cities and allow skaters to have a central location to skate

and hang out.

"It's crazy that these little cities around San Jose have skate parks but a city as big as San Jose, with all the skaters who live there, doesn't. You would think that with all the money they generate with skating tickets, they could build one," Shoemaker said.

Up until three months ago, the closest skate park to San Jose was one located in Milpitas. But after several citizen complaints, the park was closed.

"I guess the people in the tennis courts next door complained about the noise so the skate park was closed and not the tennis courts. The park was destroyed. It's now a big mound of dirt," Moulton said.

Mayor Henry Manayan of Milpitas explained that it was more than just the noise that led to the park's closure.

"Basically, after tremendous public input from the nearby neighborhoods, we found that they were all opposed to having it (the skate park) there. Primarily, it was the noise level, the debris left behind, the graffiti and the intimidation of the younger kids by the older kids," Manayan

said.

Despite the original park's closure, Manayan said that the city plans on building another one. According to him, the city realizes the importance of having a skate park where kids can skate freely.

"Like any sport, there is a potential for abuse, but I am in support of any sport for our youth," Manayan said.

Shoemaker had been to the Milpitas skate park several times before it closed and found it to be one of the better ones in the area.

"It was small but fun," he said. "It was really just a place to go to skate and to meet people."

As far as a skate park in San Jose, Shoemaker looks forward to the day when one is built but cautions that it won't prevent people from breaking the law by skating downtown.

"It'll cut it down, but it won't stop it because there's radical stuff downtown. If there is one thing though, you won't have an excuse anymore. You won't be able to say that there's nowhere else to go," Shoemaker said.

Housing residents call volunteerism measure 'slavery'

CHICAGO (AP) — Arville Miles takes time to volunteer despite what she calls her full-time job — trying to raise four sons in a public housing complex where gangs, drugs, rats and cockroaches are commonplace.

Yet, she said requiring residents of complexes like Stateway Gardens to complete community service is akin to forcing them into a life of servitude.

"Basically they're putting us back into slavery," Miles said.

She and several residents of the South Side development of cinder-block high-rises met Tuesday to discuss a proposed federal legislation that would require tenants in public housing to perform eight hours of community service a month or face eviction.

A spring breeze wafted into the complex's

dingy social room, carrying in the smell of the urine-soaked, graffiti-covered hallway. The residents, mostly single women with young children, strained to be heard over the din of boomboxes. None of them favored the proposal — various versions of which are contained in bills pending in the House and Senate.

A floor debate on the House bill took place Tuesday, with a vote expected late today.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is promoting its own bill with a similar provision. And with the Clinton administration determined to overhaul public housing, it seems likely that some form of "mandatory volunteerism" eventually will become law.

Miles, 37, was raised in Stateway Gardens, whose name implies an elegance unknown to

residents. She pays modest rent and does volunteer work several hours a day. So do many of her friends.

"I disagree with someone MAKING someone volunteer," said Miles, who works with the residents' advisory council and helps in her children's schools. "It's something that shouldn't be mandatory."

New York Republican Rick Lazio, sponsor of the House bill, said "it is entirely reasonable to ask people who have asked for public housing, who are receiving a benefit to contribute back to their community and to help themselves."

Many of the women said they are not receiving much "benefit" living in Stateway Gardens.

"I don't like being down here," said

Rhonda Moore, a 31-year-old mother of three who says her only other option would be moving in with friends. "The gangs, the drugs — the children stay in the house because I can't really let them come out."

Elderly, disabled and employed residents would be exempt in the House measure. An attempt by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Chicago to exempt parents with young children — as the HUD proposal does — failed last week, and Moore wonders what she would do with her children if she were forced to perform community service.

"I can't leave them in the house by themselves," she said.

Community service could be anything from sweeping apartment halls to removing graffiti — tasks Stateway residents say have

been neglected by Chicago Housing Authority workers.

"Why should I volunteer when these people get paid for it," said Keisha McLauren, 22, a mother of two.

President Clinton, retired Gen. Colin Powell and former presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter were in Philadelphia last month for a summit encouraging Americans to volunteer. Some critics said the call for volunteerism was meant to make up for cutbacks in government programs for the poor.

The Council for Large Public Housing Agencies, whose members include public housing agencies in Chicago and 64 other cities nationwide, also opposes the mandatory volunteerism proposal, said Sunia Zaterman, the council's executive director.