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SJSU student charged with battery

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Farrell Hamann, a San Jose State University student, was arrested Friday for battery and the severe bodily injury of Lakim Washington, another student.

University Police Department Cpl. Mark Swineford said Hamann told him "it was me" when he was questioned about the incident.

The attack on Washington allegedly occurred about 11 p.m. on Nov. 24, outside of Spartan

Village located on 10th and Humboldt streets, when Washington was using the pay phone.

According to Swineford, Hamann became agitated by the length of time Washington was on the phone and struck him in the face.

Swineford said Washington's head injury caused a concussion resulting in a coma and a month-long hospital stay.

Despite earlier allegations that the incident had possibly been racially provoked, it was never confirmed. Both men are African-American.

Hamann, about 6 foot 4 inches tall and 175 pounds, told police that after striking Washington, which broke the knuckle on his right hand, he ran and hid in Spartan Village.

The investigation finally took off after a tip.

"I received a call from a concerned citizen, a confidential informant, who'd heard through a chain of friends that a black male named Farrell had been involved in the attack," Swineford said. "He had told people that he was responsible."

Although Hamann lives on Ninth Street, he told Swineford that he has friends in Spartan Village, which placed him at the scene.

Swineford said there's a lot more to the story in the police report filed at the county municipal court. As of press time, the report was not available from the court house.

Hamann said he had never met Washington before the incident.

"I just asked him politely how long he'd be on the phone," Hamann said. "When I didn't get a ver-

bal answer, I took it as a sign of disrespect."

Hamann said he regrets everything that has happened.

"I am very sorry about what happened. I didn't know that he got hurt as bad as he did," Hamann said. "I even tried to talk to him so that I could apologize, but I wanted to talk to him when he was alone and not around a group of people."

According to Swineford, Hamann was officially charged with battery causing severe bodily injury, and he was released on \$50,000 bail with a court date set for Feb. 20.

Washington could not be reached for comment and his mother, Kim Washington-Moton, refused to comment.



Photos by Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

UPD passes test

Police lessen student fears of urban campus

By Nicholas Boer
Staff Writer

Corporal Darius Parks of the San Jose State University Police Department has come to know the campus well in his four years on patrol and understands student's nighttime fears.

"It's scary walking around at night," Parks said. "I wouldn't want to walk around at night. I don't think it (the fear) is justified, but I understand we're in downtown San Jose."

The UPD was rated favorably by students in a recently released survey conducted by the Sociology Department. However, the results also indicate many students feel unsafe.

The survey sample was composed of 339 students from the fall of 1996. The 58-question survey covered a broad range of subjects including UPD's quality of service and students' perceptions of safety.

P. Terry Macdonald, who has a doctorate in sociology, oversaw the project.

"The students overall think they (the UPD) are doing a good job," Macdonald said. "But they need to make women feel safer."

Twenty-three percent of women indicated they did not feel adequately protected by the police and a significant portion of females indicated concern for their safety on campus, especially at night.

Police Chief Ric Abeyta said only 10 to 15 percent of the arrests made by the UPD are of students or university employees. The largest criminal element comes from surrounding neighborhoods.

Abeyta said the UPD is building a strong relationship with the community and the San Jose Police Department in order to protect students on and off campus.

"We're out there in the neighborhoods," Abeyta said.

"We're trying to make the neighborhoods better."

The UPD has a one mile jurisdiction around campus, which covers senior Patricia Leon's house. Leon, a foreign language major, said she doesn't feel safe around her own home on Third Street.

"Here on campus, I'm not afraid," Leon said.

Abeyta said SJSU "cannot be a fortress," but low campus crime statistics and a strong, proactive police force should calm unreasonable fears.

Twenty-eight percent of the females were extremely worried — rating it 10 out of a possible 10 — about their safety when going out on their own after dark on campus. Sixty-five percent of women said they have felt unsafe at times on campus.

Christine Purisima, a senior majoring in health science, said she generally feels safe but does worry late at night.

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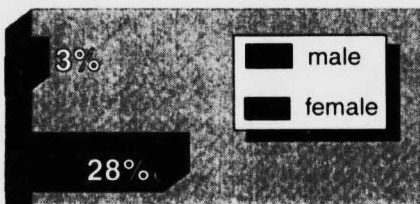
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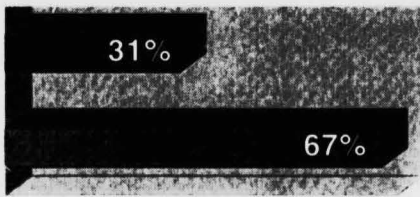
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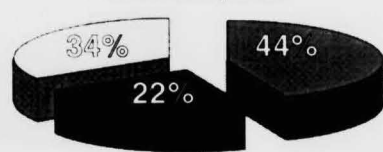
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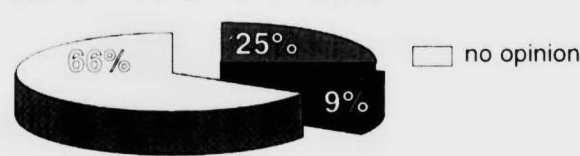
I have felt unsafe on the SJSU campus at times.



I feel adequately protected by the SJSU police.



The campus police department's response to emergencies is very good.



339 SJSU students participated in this survey

CSU trustees give thumbs up to Cornerstone initiative

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

The Cornerstones Report, called the most comprehensive planning document in the California State University's history, was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees on January 28.

According to English Professor Scott Rice, "If you care about your education, you should be mad as hell."

The Cornerstones Report is a sweeping set of guidelines for the CSU system affecting everything from streamlining changes, such as consolidating student services, to defining what CSU students will be required to know in order to graduate.

It was developed by a committee of faculty members and administrators over the course of nearly two years.

Its purpose is to help the CSU system effectively deal with the more than 300,000 students expected to enter the university system over the next 10 years while resources and funding become more scarce, according to CSU Spokesman Ken Swisher. The situation has forced the system to

find new ways to deal with the crisis.

The board's approval of the document makes it policy for CSU's 22 college campuses including San Jose State University.

On the surface, the changes Cornerstones proposes are positive, including offering students more flexible course schedules with more access to campuses throughout the year, more emphasis on student services and developing programs in areas such as Multimedia and Biotechnology that have significance for California's economic future.

While the plan is a few years away from being fully implemented at SJSU, according to Provost Linda Bain, faculty members, including Rice, expressed concern about

the plan's implications. Primarily, they question how the quality of education can remain high under a plan that asks schools to do more with less funding, emphasizes distance learning, and uses tools intended to move students through the system quickly.

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— Jack Haeger
English department chairperson

"We are going to be asked to maintain quality while enrollments increase and funding decreases. No one has explained how this is to be done," English Chair Jack Haeger, a member of the Academic Senate, said.

"In my mind, it (Cornerstones) contradicts CSU's commitment to quality of education," History Department Chair Bruce Reynolds said. "When you have a system in which money is

given based on student numbers and they insist on letting everyone in without setting limits, that contradicts a drive to improve the product. They can't have their cake and eat it too. You risk turning the university into a diploma mill."

Reynolds also expressed concern about the Virtual University aspects of the plan which would develop more Internet-based learning courses, possibly at the expense of in-room teaching.

Rice suggested that inadequate funds would lead to an online course offered over a traditional one.

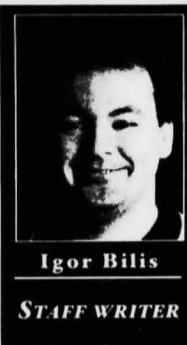
"For example, the chancellor may not order campuses to give a certain amount of classes online, but could deny sufficient funding to do anything else," he said.

Other faculty expressed concerns about rushing students through the system, possibly by requiring a minimum number of units to be taken per semester.

"I'm concerned there may be more pressure to graduate quickly (under Cornerstones) and it will push students too fast," Political Science Chair

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Hearing impaired find 'cheap talk' over the Internet



Igor Bilis
STAFF WRITER

With the rapid growth of the Internet, people are finding new ways to communicate. We've all heard of chat rooms, Instant Messages and such. There are even software programs that enable people to talk with each other through phone lines without having to pay for long distance calls. Because of the potential loss of revenue, the phone companies are considering regulating the Internet. The Internet should be left alone so that the new ways of communication can benefit people from all walks of life, including the deaf.

As a hearing impaired person, the online chat is an essential tool for me. There are about two million deaf and hearing impaired in the United States. I told a friend that I call my cousin in Israel online and it is similar to a telephone call. He doesn't think so but I point out that this is the way the deaf have communicated with TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) since the 1950s.

TDD is like a small computer with a phone coupler on which to place the phone and a one-line display screen above the keyboard.

I don't like the TDD because the phone call I make is three or four times longer than a voice call, making calls expensive and time consuming. The online chat can change that by making phone calls cheaper by only paying the basic rates.

As fast as the Internet is growing, so is videoconferencing. It's like watching another person on the other end on live TV. The \$100 to \$200 camera device is getting cheaper every month. It is not perfect for the deaf yet because the speed of the frames through the phone line is not fast enough. Deaf individuals communicate by American Sign Language and it is essential they catch every sign that resembles a word or two.

Videoconferencing can benefit the deaf because sign language interpreters will be on the other end listening to the speaker and interpreting for them. This would save interpreters time in transportation to the work site and allow more deaf people to have the service.

The Greater Los Angeles Council on Deafness Inc. recently received a major grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to improve the lives of the deaf and hard of hearing by making it easier for them to access services and information. The organization wants to expand videoconferencing to offices such as state agencies and others. I believe that everyone should have access to information, including the deaf.

Online chat is almost free ... for now.

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Deadbeat parents: take responsibility seriously, or else

The California State Supreme Court recently ruled that parents could be jailed for refusing to seek work that would allow them to pay their delinquent child support.

It's about time government took more action to crack down on deadbeat parents.

The unanimous decision stated that a court order which demands a parent pay child support, if it means that parent must find a job to do so, is not unconstitutional. Parents violating this order could be held in contempt, jailed five days and be fined \$1,000 for each monthly payment missed.

The Department of Social Services estimates that in California at least \$350 million in child support payments (including interest due) still is not paid every year.

That is shameful. This new law may not eliminate the deadbeat parent, but it should help. Once a parent spends some time in jail and starts paying fines on top of child support, he or she may realize it makes more sense to make payments on time.

It is not the government's job to mandate that parents spend time raising their children. Nor should it punish parents for not wanting to maintain emotional ties to children.

But it is government's responsibility to create legislation that secures the financial security for the nation's children.

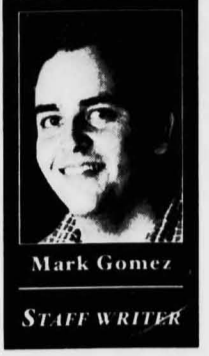
Progress is being made. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reported that child support collections in California increased by 21 percent in 1995.

The federal government does have a law regarding unpaid child support, but it relates to parents living in different states. The Child Support Recovery Act of 1992, Title 18, United States Code, Section 228, makes it a federal offense for willfully failing to pay a past due support obligation with respect to a child who resides in another state, when the past due support either exceeds \$5,000 or remains unpaid for longer than a year.

Laziness is not an acceptable excuse not to support your children. Waiting for the eventual offer into a management position is not an acceptable reason to avoid financial support of your children.

I can accept, but not respect, a parent's cowardly approach to not having emotional influences in their children's lives. I have a daughter of my own who does not live with me, and like the majority of single dads in this country, I maintain financial and emotional support for my child.

I can't accept parents who refuse to provide monetary support to their own children.



Mark Gomez
STAFF WRITER

Of uncles, bottles and sleep deprivation

I am a married, 30-year-old man with a baby and a house payment. I often feel out of touch with some of my fellow students.

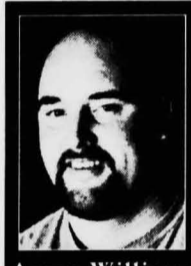
But recently I've begun to look at things a little differently, trying to bridge the gap between myself and some of my younger friends — I'll call them John and Jane SJSU — on campus. And I've come to the conclusion that we really aren't so different after all. It's just in how we look at things.

For instance, we both have family members screwing us. Many college students have to stand nervously by the mailbox waiting and waiting for their parents to send them money for beer and oh yeah, rent. They spend days upon end subsisting on macaroni and cheese while waiting for their parental units to throw them some bones.

I have a different family member, my uncle, screwing me. My Uncle Sam tries in every way known to man to stick it to me. First, I'm penalized for cooperating with one of the basic institutions of our society, getting married. It feels like my wife and I are taxed at a higher rate than just about anybody in the history of the world. Second, I am no longer able to whimsically fill out the short form and wait for my return. No, I've got to pay someone to do my taxes. Saving receipts, itemizing and charitable deductions have become a staple of my vocabulary.

Bottles are the next similarity between me and John SJSU. While he buys a six-pack or a case of them, I am busy fixing them in the middle of the night. His are beer and mine are baby formula.

We both peel labels. John SJSU tries to get the label off in one piece, hoping to get laid, while I'm peeling labels off formula cans to get enough baby points for the next "Tickle-Me-Elmo" toy to hit the scene.



Aaron Williams
MR. BAD EXAMPLE

We also stack our empties. John SJSU stacks his in a tribute to the ancient Egyptians along the wall in the living room. I am stacking all the empty formula cans in my garage as a tribute to all the money I've spent in the baby formula racket. (Here's a good stock tip: Buy as many shares of Enfamil or Pediacare as you can. These companies have parents by the ... throat. Gotcha.)

Next we both have to deal with puke. John and Jane SJSU have to worry about keeping control and not having to visit the porcelain throne. I have to clean up baby puke. It never fails that as soon as you get dressed, babies decide

to hurl all over you. Finally, both John and Jane SJSU and I suffer from sleep deprivation. My counterparts never get enough sleep because they are trying to cram school, partying, a social life, maybe a job and oops, I almost forgot, studying, into their schedules. Their typical day would be class until 3 p.m. or so, work from 4 to 8 p.m., meet their friends at the bar and spend until 2 a.m. trying to get laid. After the bar they'd go home, and if they weren't lucky, open their books and pass out on their Calculus text.

I wake up at 7 a.m., fix a bottle for my son, then watch him until my wife gets home. I then head to school where I spend countless, thankless hours on the Daily, only to have to go to work after I'm done at school. At 4 a.m., I roll into the rack for my three hours of quality sleep.

So the next time we meet while aimlessly wandering the halls — you wearing dark glasses with the macaroni and cheese stain on your shirt and me with the bags under my eyes and the barf stain on one of my shoulders — realize that we aren't that different, just our circumstances are.

Aaron Williams is the Spartan Daily sports editor. His column appears every Tuesday.

Mark Gomez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

EDITORIAL

Big West regular season and shocking everyone in the conference tournament by winning it all and earning a date at the big dance, the NCAA tournament. We all knew that eventually National Champion Kentucky would whack us in the first round, but it didn't matter; we were one of the elite 64 teams invited to the ball. Morrison and his team, led by the artist formerly known as Olivier Saint-Jean, had bought SJSU an ounce of legitimacy as we prepared to head into the WAC.

We have to wonder if Morrison was in a roundabout way, forced into making his decision to step aside.

The departure of SJSU Athletic Director Tom Brennan to La Salle last year, the fact that Morrison was in the final year of his

contract, the abrupt fashion in which Morrison announced his resignation and the subsequent announcement of Chuck Bell as the new director of athletics three days later, all raise certain journalistic red flags.

Was Morrison told he would be fired at the end of the season? Did he see the writing on the wall and decide to bow out on his own terms? Did he know that Bell would replace him, perhaps with Larry Eustachy, the current Utah State University basketball coach?

Whatever the reasons, Morrison is not talking about them, at least with the Spartan Daily.

Morrison instead chose to do what he does best, put his team's needs first, concentrate on the task at hand and worry about what would happen later.

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Stan Morrison said, "It was the right thing to do" when he announced his resignation last week. He was correct.

Morrison is one of the nicest men you'd ever want to meet. He stops to say "hello" as he passes you on campus and is generally regarded as one of the good guys around San Jose State University.

But his team is 2-18 overall, 0-8 in Western Athletic Conference play after Monday's 77-51 loss to Southern Methodist University. They are not playing good ball and, as is the case so often in sports, the blame comes down on the coach rather than the players.

That's not saying he is without fault in the situation. At SJSU, Morrison's record is 71-165, 94 games below .500. This is clearly not acceptable from a school and an athletic program that entered a premier conference, the WAC, two years ago.

Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was taking a team that went 13-17 in the

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Today

African Student Union

Meeting at 8 p.m. in Wahlquist Library North, Room 113. For more information, call Kofi at (408) 447-8361.

Beta Alpha Psi (Honorary Accounting Fraternity)

Pledge orientation, meet officers and members at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Deborah at (408) 260-0424.

Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers

General body meeting at 7 p.m. in the Engineering Building, Room 358. For more information, call Robyn Jones at (408) 924-8177.

Career Center

Recruiting services workshop at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. Interview preparation for teachers from 3:30 - 6 p.m. in the Umunhum Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass from 12:05 - 12:35 p.m., and tonight's pizza and faith discussion: "Mary," from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center at Fifth and San Fernando streets. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

Chi Pi Sigma (Co-ed Law Enforcement Fraternity)

Open house from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 210 S. 10th St. For more information, call (408) 998-8433.

Church of Scientology

Introductory lecture: "Success Through Communication," at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

Gamma Zeta Alpha

Informational meeting at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Music Room. For more information, call Abelino Anaya at (408) 297-1796.

Jewish Student Union/Hillel

Tu B'Shevat: Jewish Arbor Day. Tree planting and good free food at 6:45 p.m. at the Hillel House, 213 S. 12th St. For more information, call Josh at (408) 289-9957.

Library Donations and Sales Unit

Ongoing booksale every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Wahlquist Library Room 408 and Clark Library lobby. Donations welcome. For more information, call the acquisitions department at (408) 924-2705.

Marketing Club

Business to business marketing from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. First event

of the semester, all majors welcome. For more information, call Mark Ripley at (408) 995-5229.

Peer Health Education Condom Co-op

National condom week in the Art Quad from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For sale: condoms, gift baskets, glow-in-the-dark boxer shorts, and more. For more information, call Renee Allen at (408) 924-6204.

Phi Chi Theta

Career Night at 6 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. Meet the chapter and our alumni. For more information, call Boot at (888) 924-4435.

Phi Epsilon Kappa

The Hunger Project Forum: Unleashing the Human Spirit for a Future Free From Hunger. Speaker Lynne Twist from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Umunhum Room. For more information, call Kathy Costello at (408) 426-7984.

School of Art and Design

Lecture by Chris Bruce, director of Meyerson and Nowinski Gallery, Seattle, from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Art Building, Room 133. For more information, call Andy at (408) 924-4328.

School of Art and Design

Student Galleries Art Receptions from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art

Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

SJSU Student Health Center

Register for the Weight Management Program for students and staff from 12 - 1 p.m. in Health Building, Room 208. Class runs Feb. 17 - April 14. For more information, call Nancy Black at (408) 924-6118.

Washington Square Credit Union

Intern recruitment informational meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Rashmi Kalavar at (408) 972-7935.

Wednesday

Asian American Christian Fellowship

Speaker Bryan Leon on missions at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call David at (408) 265-7442.

Ballroom Dance Club

Waltz lesson with guest instructor Tom Newby from 8 - 9 p.m. followed by open dancing until 10 p.m. in SPX 89. For more information, call (408) 924-SPIN.

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Employer-hosted resume critique from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in BC 13. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

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Episcopal Canterbury Community

Free dinner and discussion. Everyone welcome from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco Rom. For more information, call Anna at (408) 293-2401.

Mu Alpha Gamma

First meeting for the semester at 5 p.m. in DBH 213.

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Re-Entry Advisory Program

Brown bag lunch program: Coping with Difficult People, presented by Dana Mulvany from the Counseling Center from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Susan Clair at (408) 924-5962.

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Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.

"Affordable Legal Services" first meeting from 7 - 8:15 p.m. and second meeting from 8:30 - 9:45 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Stu Lavati at (408) 793-5105.

SJSU Mariachi Workshop

Register in the Music Building's Concert Hall Lobby at 6:30 p.m., classes from 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (408) 924-4675 or 924-4701.

Student Interns to the President/Campus Climate

To attend the Study Break with President Caret from 5 - 6 p.m. in Tower Hall 110, call Lee Ann Thompson at (408) 924-2981. Reservations are being accepted for the next Study Break on Feb. 11 at the above number.

Tau Delta Phi (Co-ed Academic Honors Fraternity)

Informational meeting from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Student Union's Loma Prieta Ballroom. For more information, call Lisa Farren Lavinger at (650) 964-5157.

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Internships are what you make them

Scott Shuey obviously needs some advice about an internship, judging by his article, "Internships less than perfect experiences."

I've done two internships as a radio, television and film major and both were good experiences.

But they were good experiences for the following reasons.

(1) Both companies understood what an internship is: a learning experience, not cheap labor.

I did my homework on the

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internships, and I talked to the people in charge before I signed on.

(2) If you want the internship to be a good one, show them some initiative.

Don't expect your boss to just give you orders. Ask questions. Show you have an interest in learning the business.

(3) Develop projects on your own. As a radio, television and

film major, I did a video production project at both of my internships.

Both experiences were rewarding; I had fun with them, and I learned a lot.

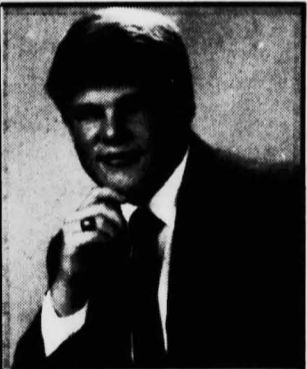
In short, an internship is not a "useless experience" unless you make it one. You have to do your part. Think about it, Scott.

Brad Ruhle
radio, television and film

Quote for the day

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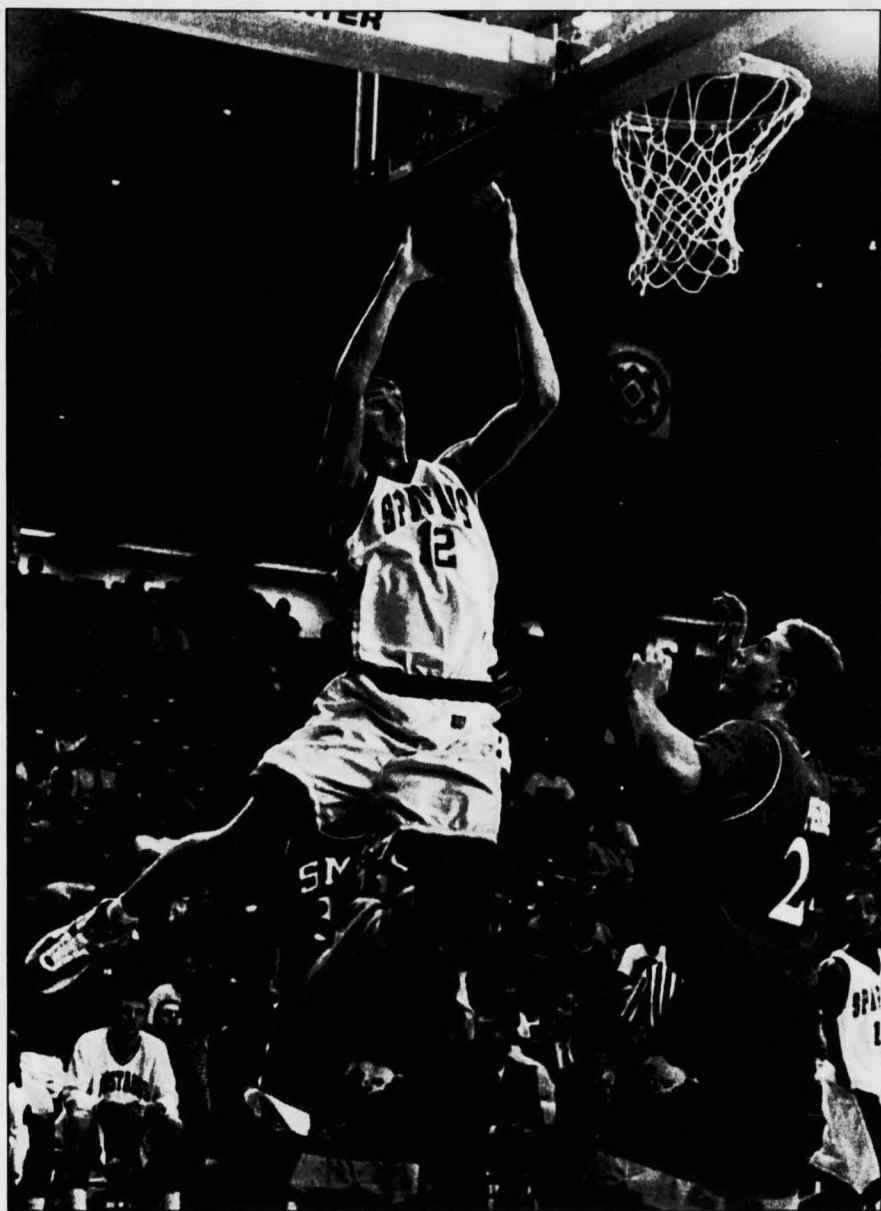
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Spartan forward Brad Kennett shoots over Southern Methodist University's Jay Poerner in Monday night's game at the Event Center. The Mustangs went on to win the game 77-51.

Spartans lose 77-51 on 'The Deuce'

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

Playing SMU in a nationally televised game on ESPN2, the San Jose State University men's basketball team had a chance to prove they were better than a team that has not won a game since Dec. 13.

The Spartans blew the opportunity, losing to the Mustangs 77-51 Tuesday at the Event Center, extending their current losing streak to 13 games. SJSU has not won since a 71-67 victory over St. Mary's College.

"Some people, when they open on Broadway, they get stage fright," SJSU Coach Stan Morrison said.

"And that's what we did tonight," he said, referring to his team's only nationally televised game this season.

The game was over early in the first half, as SMU (15-6, 4-5) took a 42-15 lead at the half. Leading the way for SMU was a combination of perimeter shooting by 6-foot-6 guard Jeryl Sasser and inside play from 6-foot-10 center Jay Poerner. Sasser shot 4-for-7 from the floor, including 2-of-3 from three-point range. Poerner dumped in 11 first-half points and was 3-

for-3 from the free throw line. "I thought they played a solid basketball game," Morrison said. "I thought that Sasser was outstanding. Steals, assists, rebounding, scoring. He's going to get my vote for freshman of the year."

Sasser finished with a game-high 21 points, adding eight rebounds, five assists and four steals.

"We played a really good first half," SMU Coach Mike Dement said. "We came out and played very well and had a tremendous lead, much more than I would have thought."

The Spartans did everything wrong in the first half.

Poor shooting (7-of-28 from the floor and no free throw attempts) and turnovers (9), left the Spartans in a hole that was too deep to dig out of. SJSU's 15 point first-half output was a season low.

"We didn't shoot well, we didn't defend well, we did not rebound well, we didn't execute well," Morrison said. "In fact, I can't think of anything we did right."

SJSU did make a run at SMU midway through the second half, going on a 13-point run five minutes into the second half.

Freshman guard Michael Quinney led the Spartans with 12 points, all coming in the second half. Quinney was 0-for-6 from the floor during the first half.

SJSU guard Marmet Williams (2-for-13 shooting) and center Shaun Murray (2-for-9 from the field) each scored eight points. The Spartans shot 28 percent on 18-of-63 shooting.

"We played hard in the second half out of embarrassment," Morrison said.

SMU's Bobby Dimson ended the game with a thunderous dunk worthy of the ESPN highlight reel. With just under a minute to play, Dimson received an assist from Willie Davis, polishing off the Spartans with a one-handed dunk. It was his second highlight slam of the night.

The Mustangs, still in the hunt to make the WAC tournament, did not enter the game against SJSU overconfident. In its previous game in Dallas, SMU won 81-72.

"You don't want to have a letup," Poerner said. "We thought coming in here might be momentum for them, being on their home court and an ESPN game."

Lasers 'Xplode' 84-60

Victory over Colorado sends San Jose to possible date with New England Blizzard

By Suzanne Ferrante
Staff Writer

With a big starting lineup of Jennifer Azzi, Clarisse Machanguana, Charlotte Smith, Sheri Sam and Kedra Holland-Corn, the San Jose Lasers triumphed over the Colorado Xplosion 84-60 in front of a sell-out crowd of 4,550 at the Event Center Sunday night.

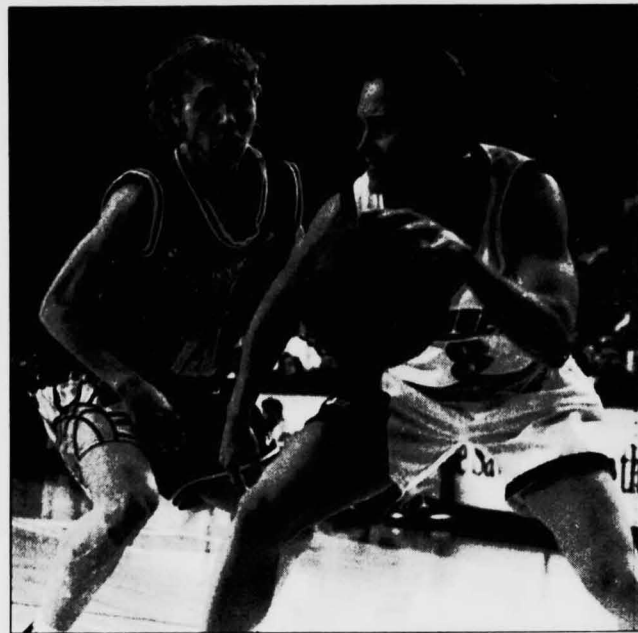
In the first quarter, both teams were hot with neither team making many mistakes. At the end of the first quarter, the Lasers held a 24-15 lead.

Sam and Azzi each contributed to the win by combining to outscore the entire Xplosion team in the second quarter. Together the two scored six points while the Lasers held the Xplosion to a mere five points on a three-pointer and two free throws.

"We were executing really well," Sam said.

Both teams, however, clinched positions in the playoffs. With only three games remaining in the regular season, the Lasers are seeded fifth and the Xplosion sixth. The Lasers would play the New England Blizzard in the best-of-three first round, if the season ended today.

During the third quarter the Lasers got a little sloppy, bumping for the ball on the ground, but their lead was never in doubt. The Lasers led throughout the game, pushing the lead to double-digits in the second, third and fourth quarters.



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

San Jose's Jennifer Azzi drives against Debbie Black of the Colorado Xplosion in Sunday's Lasers 84-60 win.

Smith recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 11 rebounds and 14 points. The rest of the starters all scored in double-figures.

Azzi got the crowd riled up with a good steal and shot in the second quarter. She thinks that the team matches up against New England, but is just excited to go to the post-season.

"At this point, we're happy to be in the playoffs," Azzi said.

Azzi had 11 points despite battling with 5-foot-3-inch Xplosion guard Debbie Black, the short guard in the ABL. Black had five steals.

"I think she's a great player.

She used to be annoying to me. Now I'm pretty much used to playing against her," Azzi said.

Lasers' coach Angela Beck was pleased with her team's performance.

"These guys played really awesome ... We're doing things now to be a good team," Beck said. "We're going to try to win the Championship. We have a scenario (where we could be seeded) from three to six. It's a dark stretch. They have a very difficult shot."

The Lasers' (21-20) next game is tonight in Long Beach against the Stingrays.

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Sybase Open draws big names to San Jose

6-2, 6-2 win for Brooke-less Agassi; Sampras plays today

By Jeremiah Oshan
Staff Writer

Some of the world's best tennis players will be playing this week in the annual Sybase Open at the San Jose Arena, giving area residents a chance to see top quality tennis without leaving the Santa Clara Valley.

In the marquee match-up of the night, Andre Agassi defeated Alberto Martin in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The tournament will have two players who have held the number one ranking (Pete Sampras and Agassi), three past champions (Michael Chang, Sampras and Agassi), five players who have played on the U.S. Davis Cup team (the aforementioned three, Todd Martin and Mal Washington) and the number one ranked doubles team (Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde).

There were only about 200 people at the tournament for the opening day afternoon session, but more were expected for the evening session because of bigger name players, according to tournament officials.

Many San Jose State University students were completely unaware that a professional tennis tournament was happening only a few miles from campus.

"I had no clue (that a tennis tournament was going on)," said Jennifer Thompson, a junior

creative arts major. "I'm not really a tennis fan."

Just because students didn't know about the tournament did not necessarily mean that they would not be interested in going, if the price was right.

"It depends on how much it costs," said Chris Cox, a sociology graduate student. "But I'd go see it."

Price was not a major deterrent for at least one imaginative student.

"I actually went last year and had a great time," radio, television and film major Greg Saca said. "We snuck in using SJSU basketball tickets and saw Agassi and Sampras play."

Barry MacKay, the Sybase Open director and promoter, conceded tennis doesn't have the flashiness of football or basketball, but he said it's still a viable entertainment option.

"(Tennis) is starting to promote its younger, more exciting players," MacKay said. "There are players like 20-year-old Gustavo Kuerten who appeal to a younger crowd. Then there's Agassi. Although he's not college-age, he does still attract a younger audience."

"We don't want to overlook the college students. But I don't know what we can do to attract students like the ones from SJSU."

This year's tournament celebrates the fifth time that the tournament has been played in San Jose.

Players cited good organization as the main reason for their attendance.

"Barry (MacKay) has put on a good tournament that keeps players coming back year after year," Washington said. "It (the tournament) has progressed in the right direction, a good direction."



Grayson West/Spartan Daily

Andre Agassi rallies against Alberto Martin during the opening night of the Sybase Open at the San Jose Arena. The Sybase Open will continue until the finals Sunday. Agassi won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The Sybase Open pays the top players appearance fees called player contracts. The contracts go to top players such as Sampras, Chang and Agassi.

MacKay, who played profes-

sional tennis in the mid-1960s, has organized the tournament since 1977, when it was played in San Francisco and sponsored by TransAmerica.

"Tennis has the image of

being a stuffy old sport," said MacKay, who is also a tennis commentator for CBS, USA and Fox Sports. "It's up to all of us to promote how exciting tennis can be."

The draw sets up a potential championship match between the two-time defending champion Sampras and the three-time Sybase winner Agassi, on Sunday.

SJSU baseball broken by Broncos 11-2

By Kevin Heeteman
Senior Staff Writer

Sometimes a long vacation is not what the doctor ordered.

San Jose State University's baseball team, playing its first meaningful game since January 30, bowed to Santa Clara University 11-2 in a hastily arranged rainout makeup game.

"We looked like we hadn't been on a field in a long time," Spartan's coach Sam Piraro said. "There wasn't any area we were happy with."

The visiting Spartans fell behind

early and never looked ahead, committing two errors in the bottom of the first to help give the Broncos a quick 2-0 lead.

SJSU starting (and losing) pitcher Steve Carrieri was knocked out of the box after three innings in which he surrendered six hits and five runs, all earned.

Javier Pamus, Jeff Baker, Ryan McDermott and Brian Greene followed, but the Broncos batsmen kept up the barrage, racking up 14 hits, including Bill

Mott's two-run jack off McDermott in the bottom of the four-run eighth.

"They played a midseason form game," Piraro said.

Shortstop Brian Forman led the Spartans' offense with a single and a double. Pinch-hitter Rob Douglass added a double for the only other extra base hit for the Spartans.

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Cornerstone: Caret's staff to talk

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Terry Christensen said. "Many of these students have part-time and even full-time jobs. If the goal is moving students through the system so that other students can have access, that's one thing, but if the intent is to just move students through as quickly as possible, I think quality will suffer."

At SJSU, President Caret and

his staff have yet to discuss exactly how to implement the suggestions in Cornerstones.

"The document provides the overall strategy. What happens now is we begin discussions of how to implement it," Bain said.

She hinted those discussions might begin during Caret's staff retreat in mid-March.

However, one program supporting one of the plan's objec-

tives, consolidation of student services, is already in place at SJSU, according to Bain.

Last Fall, SJSU established the Student Resource Center in the Admissions building which consolidated assessment, counseling and other student services in one location with more staff available to answer questions.

UPD: Blue light phones useful

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when her car is parked on the garage's top floor.

"I'm looking around," Purisima said, "and running to my car."

The UPD responded to 1,925 requests for escorts in the 1996-97 school year, a service 78 percent of students knew about.

Macdonald said there were many complaints about the response time for escort requests.

According to Hernandez, escorts normally take five to 10 minutes but may take longer during the busy times late at night. Eighty-six percent of students were aware of the blue light phones, which can be used to request an escort or to call in an emergency. Hernandez encourages students to pick up a blue light phone if they sense they're in a dangerous situation.

"Don't even say anything," Hernandez said. "Just take it off the hook, and we treat it like a 911 call."

That might come as a surprise to the 15 percent of students who thought the police were not easy to contact.

Parks said the blue light phones are most likely to be used by witnesses reporting crimes.

"I cannot think of an incident when a student picked up a blue light phone because they were being attacked," Parks said.

Still, Abeyta doesn't want anyone taking chances.

"We would much rather respond to a call that's nothing," he said.

Few students knew about the department's motorist assist program. Only 12 to 31 percent of students knew of services such as recharging a dead battery, opening locked doors, free gas or assistance in changing a tire.

Although 49 percent of stu-

dents agreed that police were generally courteous, Macdonald said many students suggested police could be more friendly.

Parks said it is normal to feel intimidated by police.

"Have they ever seen an officer that was approachable?" he asked.

Hernandez was surprised by the suggestion that UPD officers were unfriendly.

"We feel we give service above and beyond what the city offers," Hernandez said. "Most officers are former students. They are a product of San Jose State."

Another suggestion by students was more female officers — the number of which has gone

for UPD since 1990, said there are at least two or three officers on duty at any given time.

"Since I've been here we've doubled our officers on some shifts," said Hernandez. "But we can always use more officers."

Hernandez emphasized that they will go out of their way to do presentations for sororities or any other group if invited.

"We will tailor our presentations to their specific interests," Hernandez said.

Transients are a big concern, illustrated by the 68 percent of students who would like to see panhandling prohibited.

"A lot of people talked about the crazy people," Macdonald said. "They (UPD) have got to get somebody to control these people doing their Thorazine shuffle."

Hernandez said there is no law that prohibits people from panhandling — as long as they're not blocking someone's way.

"They (the panhandlers) are the same ones every year," Hernandez said. "They're more of a nuisance than a criminal problem."

Parks said the urban atmosphere on campus doesn't mean it is dangerous.

"We have a lot of transients, and that's what people see," Parks said. "You won't see this at Stanford. It looks unsafe here — you may see graffiti — but San Jose State is a safe university."

Hilary Andrews, a junior in her first semester at SJSU, said she feels safe — even at night.

"I thought it would be a lot worse," she said. But added "I have noticed a lot of people collecting cans."

Macdonald said he hopes to use the results of this survey as a baseline and do a follow up with a similar survey soon.

“They (UPD) have got to get somebody to control these people doing their Thorazine shuffle.”

— P. Terry Macdonald
Sociology Department

up to four from the two employed at the time of the survey.

A large percentage of students had no opinion at all on questions involving the UPD, a fact open for interpretation. Macdonald said he thinks it means the UPD needs to have a stronger presence and do a better job at orientation.

Students were asked what they would do to improve services. Over 26 percent of students — by far the No. 1 response — wrote in that they would make the police more visible.

Senior Christine Purisima said the UPD is approachable "but I don't see them out during the night."

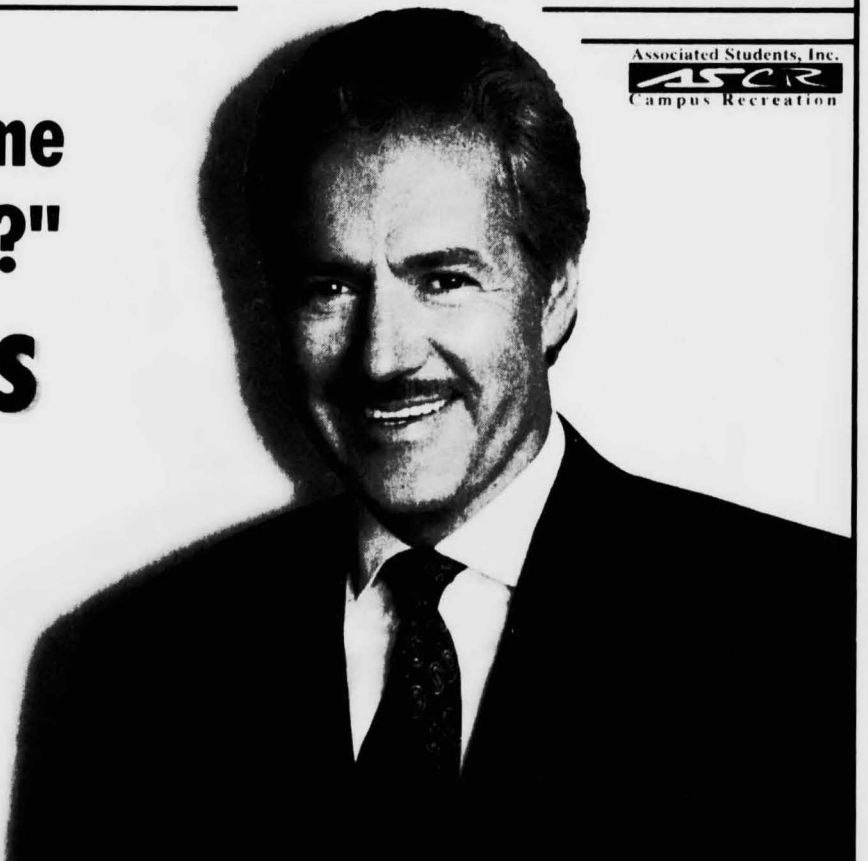
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