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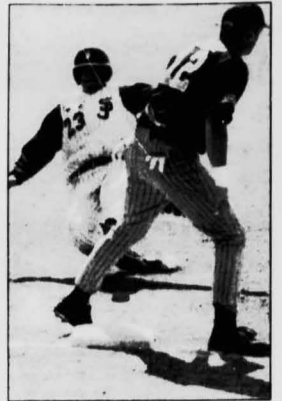
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New men's basketball coach Phil Johnson answers questions during Wednesday's press conference at Simpkins Stadium Center.

Arizona's loss, SJSU's gain

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

Chuck Bell waited for the University of Arizona to get bounced from the NCAA tournament to introduce the new San Jose State University men's basketball coach.

The reason was that Bell, SJSU's newly hired athletic director, hired Arizona assistant coach Phil Johnson to take the reins of a Spartan basketball program that won only three games last season and has had one winning season in the 1990s.

Bell announced the hiring at a press conference on March 25 at the Simpkins Stadium Center.

The 39-year-old Johnson spoke of both his short and long-term goals for the SJSU program.

Topping the list was winning the Western Athletic Conference championship. His short-term goal is to be competitive from day one, as well as be relentless in recruiting.

"It's a difficult task ahead," Johnson said. "We're in a brutal league, a tough league."

Johnson said he plans to bring a style of play that "always attacks offensively," adding that it should be a "style that fans and students like to watch."

Williams spoke of his recruiting experience from East Central Oklahoma University,

where he first started his coaching career in 1983, to his past five seasons as an assistant at Arizona. Some of those recruits he helped bring to Arizona include All-American guard Miles Simon, A.J. Bramlett and Bennett Davison, who played locally for West Valley College.

In his five seasons at Arizona, Williams was part of a program that reached two final fours of the NCAA tournament and won the national championship last season. Before that, he spent two seasons as the associate head coach at the University of New Orleans and one season at the University of Tulsa as an assistant.

He also worked as the head

coach at Seminole Junior College in Oklahoma from 1988-90, leading his team to the Oklahoma state title in 1989.

"I have no doubt that Phil will be a star in this business. He is a relentless recruiter and has the best presence on the floor of any coach that has ever worked for me," said Tim Floyd, the head coach at Iowa State, in a press release.

Bell said he used his numerous coaching contacts to draw a list of possible candidates before choosing Johnson.

"We left no stone unturned," Bell said, adding that previous coach Stan Morrison's resignation during the season allowed him to begin his search before the season's end.

Police raid SJ pot center, files seized

By Ed Oberweiser
Staff Writer

The Santa Clara County Medical Cannabis Center is under investigation after a March 23 raid by the San Jose Police Department.

The police arrested Peter Baez, the center's co-founder and executive director, for one count of illegal sales of marijuana during the raid, according to Sgt. Chris Moore, San Jose Police spokesman.

During the raid, the police seized all the center's client files and made copies, but returned them to the center so it could continue to operate, Moore said.

Baez's attorney, BJ Fadem, a 1980 San Jose State University graduate, said Baez is innocent and there is clear verification from the doctor in the client's file.

Fadem said the police confiscated every single one of the center's client files with confidential medical information, but have not returned all the records to the center.

Moore said a person who had no recommendations from any doctor for medicinal marijuana use was sold marijuana by the center.

"We're really disappointed that this happened because the city has worked very hard along with the police department and the DA's office to make this happen (the medical cannabis center)," Moore said.

A set of regulations governing the dispensing of medical marijuana was adopted by former San Jose Chief of Police Louis Cobarruviaz on May 14, 1997.

Under the regulations, the center must keep records of each client's illness, address, phone number and a dated record of a physician's recommendation for the medical use of marijuana.

The doctor's recommendation for medicinal marijuana use

must be renewed every six months.

Moore said the raid was conducted after the investigation of a separate municipal court marijuana possession case. In that case, the defendant said in his defense that he had a doctor's recommendation for medical marijuana use.

The defendant was a client of the county's medical cannabis center.

The district attorney's office referred the case back to the police to investigate, according to Moore.

During the investigation, the doctors referred to by the defendant said they had never recommended marijuana use, Moore said.

All 270 of the center's clients are going to ask the help of the American Civil Liberties Union in filing a civil action suit against the San Jose Police Department for violation of patient confidentiality, according to Fadem.

Baez said in a March 27 press release that State Sen. John Vasconcellos called Mayor Susan Hammer, the San Jose Police Department and the District Attorney's office to protest Baez's arrest.

"Our calls to each of those three entities were to gather information about what happened to help us formulate a response," said Vasconcellos' chief of staff, Rand Martin.

Baez said he was concerned that documents supporting his innocence against current charges and possible other charges the SJPD might bring against him won't be available for his defense.

"The main thing here is the fact that they're claiming one thing and we believe the evidence is going to show completely the opposite," Fadem said.

"They're not saying the center

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Cook wins AS presidency

By Nicholas Boer
Staff Writer

Student election results, announced the day before spring break, put Heather Cook on top as the new president-elect.

Cook defeated her three opponents by receiving 572, or 36.2 percent, of the 1629 ballots cast. Cook, a junior, is currently serving as Director of Academic Affairs.

Cook and her newly created Blue and Gold Party ran on a platform that stressed improvements in four areas: technology, safety, student services and accessibility to student government.

"I really want to push those goals through," Cook said. "It wasn't just talk, they're going to happen."

Cook will be working closely with Meghan Horrigan (vice-president) and Lynn Ann Vierra (controller), who both ran on the

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one-year-old SJSU Party ticket.

"It's going to be up to us to work together as a team," Cook said. "There's no bitterness."

Current Associated Students President Jeffrey Batuhan, came in last in his run for vice president. Batuhan ran as a Blue and Gold Party candidate.

Cook said Batuhan's loss didn't suggest voters were unhappy with his presidential performance.

"Voters wanted to give someone else a chance," Cook said. "I look up to Jeff. He likes to empower others."

SJSU Party presidential candidate Chris Constantin, who stressed his party members' experience, said Cook's sex was a big factor in her victory.

"More women vote than men," he said. "When somebody didn't

know the candidates, they picked her. She'll make an OK president."

Tensions rose between the candidates during election week when an anonymous advertisement attacking a third party, Diverse Student Affiliates (DSA), appeared in the Spartan Daily. Approximately 3,500 papers were reported missing that day.

Constantin said the ad and a complaint filed against him by DSA on the size of his campaign signs worked against him.

"I think it had a negative effect on myself and (DSA presidential candidate) Marc Madden," Constantin said. "Voters made a judgment that something was wrong with us."

Cook said the presidential candidates met before the campaign began and had made a promise to keep things in a pos-

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Vice-President elect, Megan Horrigan embraces former Associated Students Vice-President Mike Yagmai after election results were released Friday morning at 1 a.m.

Students gather for daily dose of popular soap operas

By Suzanne Ferrante
Staff Writer

How do students who are "Days Of Our Lives" fans keep up with their soap opera when they're stuck at school?

In between classes, they go to the lower level of the Student Union to watch television, that's how.

"They're addicting," hospitality management major Grace Forsyth said.

"I watch them every day. It's kind of

nice to go to see someone's glamorous life, not having to deal with your hectic duties," said the single mother.

"Days," which is on at noon and 3 p.m., draws in quite a few students. Whenever the show's introduction, "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives," is heard, between 10 and 20 students gather to watch.

Forsyth, who arranges her class schedule around "Days" because she

doesn't know how to program her VCR, has been watching since she was born.

"My mom used to watch 'Days' while she was nursing me," said the 30-year-old.

Senior philosophy major Kena Nichols hasn't been watching "Days" as long, but started watching in the '80s.

"Sometimes I can relate to the characters. Also, the crazy characters and bizarreness keeps your attention," Nichols said.

Since Nichols watches the soap only on the days that she's at school, Forsyth helps fill her in on plot lines.

"Is Susan dead or is Kristen?" Nichols asked Forsyth.

Forsyth keeps tabs on who's doing what so she can help out absentee viewers. She also brings in "Soap Opera Digest" for others to see what the actors are like in real life.

"Days" watching is not limited to women, though.

Slouched in his chair in the back of the room, criminal justice senior Matthew Soto also watches "Days." His favorite character is Stefano because, "he takes chances."

Stefano DiMera has had affairs and has cheated death five times.

Soto started watching the shows in his spare time about a year ago after he got tired of "General Hospital"

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Priorities shift when deadlines threaten sanity



Nicholas Boer
STAFF WRITER

The sky is falling! The sky is falling! On March 11, early radio news reports told us that Asteroid 1997 XF11 was heading toward earth and the world would come to an end on Oct. 26, 2028, a Thursday.

It made me pause and reconsider my priorities. I have always needed deadlines to get off my butt, but this was a doozy.

The stress of deadlines can be good or bad. Keeping things in perspective is the key.

"There's nothing like a deadline to concentrate the mind," says Mom. She is a reporter and enjoys the heightened mental arousal that comes when an absolute cut-off time is imposed. I like the motivation but hate the stress.

I imagine a sure-fire apocalypse in 30 years would motivate and stress out a lot of folks.

San Jose State University psychology professor Robert Pellegrini said everyone handles the stress of deadlines differently. He also said that studies show there is a positive relationship between arousal and performance.

As the level of arousal — or stress — rises, cues that are irrelevant drop out from consciousness. The mind homes in on what is important and crystallizes the issues.

Unfortunately, Pellegrini said the same studies show that after a point, there is an inverse relationship between arousal and performance. Once arousal passes a certain critical level, cues that are relevant begin dropping out from consciousness. The mind becomes aimless, reactive and desperate.

When I realized I had been motivated — not stressed-out — by an announcement that we would all amount to nothing more than a cosmic fireball in a few decades, it occurred to me that I was probably taking some of the smaller deadlines in life too seriously.

For others, such as those annoying students who finish their term papers a week ahead of schedule, the news was probably more upsetting because they would now have to rearrange their Day Timers to account for burning continents in 2028. They'll be happy to hear that the asteroid is now expected to miss by 600,000 miles.

I guess I am too. But I am also glad that I was reminded of what a real deadline is all about.

If it won't be important on my deathbed, it probably isn't worth getting all worked up over.

So the next time I feel overstressed by some arbitrary deadline in life, I will think of Asteroid 1997 XF11 hurtling through space. It helps my perspective.

Nicholas Boer is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



White's remarks offend blacks and whites

Congratulations Reggie "The Greek" White, you have just been elected to the bigots Hall of Fame. Your induction ceremony includes a public lambasting, criticism and ridicule from every right-minded pundit in the land and blackbaling from ever getting a job in broadcasting once your football career is over.

White, upon completion of a trip to Israel, was invited to speak in front of the Wisconsin State Legislature. He turned what was supposed to be a 10 minute speech about what he had seen there into an hour long diatribe where he offended the majority of Americans. White, an ordained minister, rambled along at length about homosexuality, race and slavery.

He said the United States has gotten away from God because homosexuality has "Been allowed to run rampant. Homosexuality is a sin ... homosexuality is a decision, not a race."

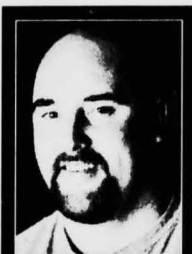
Next he gave his interpretation on why the Almighty created different races — because each race has a certain gift. Among them: blacks are gifted at worship and celebration; whites are good at organization, they "know how to tap into money;" Hispanics are gifted in family structure, "they can put 20, 30 people in one home;" Japanese and other Asians are inventive and "can turn a television into a watch;" Indians are naturally spiritual he said. What???

Hey Reg, didn't you forget that Jews are good with money, Italians know how to structure a mob family like nobody's business and Hillbillies are good at cousin-lovin'?

In the "Minister of Defense's" defense, he claims the statements were taken out of context. But I ask what other context is there?

I'm not saying that people should be so politically correct that they can't laugh at themselves. In fact, I loathe PC people. I think they deserve to be poked fun at and picked on, but there is a proper forum for everything.

My friends and I rib each other about our differences, but that's among friends, not in the public



Aaron Williams
MR. BAD EXAMPLE

eye. The people I work with run the gamut from Italian to Chinese to mulatto to Thai to white to black. I am of Polish descent and I can safely say I probably heard every Polish joke ever thought up — "Did you hear about the Polish terrorist? He was sent to blow up a car. He burned his mouth on the tailpipe."

As far as the homosexuality references, I can only say that the last time I checked, I still lived in America and people have a right to live their lives the way they choose. Reggie, you have a right to be a Christian; let the gays have their right to be gay.

As far as your comments about "the plight of gays should not be compared to that of blacks," I agree and disagree. I agree because what happened to black Americans, until as late as the 1960s, is reprehensible, but I disagree because as a black man you should know that discrimination, on any level, is still discrimination.

Sadly, you will not be alone in your shame. You can, however, take your rightful place next to the other bigots of our time. On your left will be Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder who claimed that blacks were better athletes because they were bred that way. On your left will be Al Campanis, who said that blacks don't have what it takes upstairs to do front office jobs in professional sports.

Down the hall a ways is Fuzzy Zoeller who asked if that boy, Tiger Woods, was going to serve fried chicken at the Master's dinner. Next to him will be Ben Wright, former CBS golf analyst, who said women's golf was chock full of lesbians and the reason they couldn't play as well as the men is because their breasts got in the way. And finally is the late Howard Cosell who once said Alvin Garrett of the Washington Redskins ran like a little monkey. Have fun, Reggie.

Seriously, there is already enough intolerance in this world. We will always be different from the person next to us, but maybe, just maybe, if we can look at who they are instead of what they are we might actually learn something — about ourselves and each other.

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

Traditional Lent observance takes an unusual twist

I have given up not eating pork. In observance of Lent I have decided to give up not doing things.

For those who aren't hip to Lent, it is the 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. During that period, Christians are asked to give up something.

Figuring that since Jewish people do practically everything opposite of Christians, why shouldn't that go for Lent too?

Sure, we have our own day of atonement — Yom Kippur — but that's just one day. Forty days is so much more hardcore.

I realize that I'm doing this for all the wrong reasons, but it could be really fun.

I could give up not robbing banks, not doing intravenous drugs and not engaging in dangerous sports, too.

Within the span of 40 days, I will have transformed myself into an inhibition-free human being.

I will do everything and anything that my inhibitions have formally kept me from doing.

This could become the most popular holiday period in the history of mankind, not to mention the most important.

Everyone could band together and collectively lose their inhibitions, for 40 days, of course. It would be a cultural revolution the world has not seen since the "Disco Era."

Although this period of observance is designed to be the opposite of Lent, it should not make Christians feel left out.

Christians could conceivably give up one thing, while giving up not doing things at the same time.

Once the 40-day Lent period is over we could all go back to our normal lives, feeling no remorse for our actions.

There would have to be some ground rules to keep this from getting too out-of-hand.

Rule No. 1: Keep in mind that participation in this period of observance does not mean you can't be held liable for your actions — meaning that if you rob a bank, don't be surprised to find San Jose's finest on your tail.

Rule No. 2: Don't do anything that will hurt others — meaning that killing and maiming are not suggested acts.

Rule No. 3: Don't do anything overly stupid — meaning that stepping in front of moving cars, drinking Drano and sticking your hand in a blender are all frowned upon.

Rule No. 4: Don't allow the other rules to limit your creativity — meaning that things like river rafting, sky diving and going to a N.O.W. convention asking, "So, who's cookin' dinner?" don't count as "overly stupid."

Rule No. 5: On second thought, don't eat pork.

Jeremiah Oshan is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

New A.S. officers must address relevant university issues

If it takes two to tango, then next year's Associated Students should be the belle of the ball.

Students opted to not vote along party lines and instead elected candidates from two parties: Heather Cook of the Blue and Gold Party and Meghan Horrigan of the SJSU Party.

Presidential candidate Cook, who ran with current A.S. President Jeff Batuhan, ran on the platform to receive student input, establish good rapport with the administration, improve technology without raising fees, improve services and student accessibility and hold monthly "town hall meetings."

Horrigan, who was paired on the ticket with presidential hopeful Chris Constantin, focused on her promise that she would address the advising problems students have

when they are assigned a different counselor each time they go to see one. Also, she wanted to eliminate special fees, lower bookstore and food prices on campus and extend hours of student services, such as admissions, cashiering and counseling.

We applaud wanting to aid in the financial burden college often is on students and we like the assertion of improving campus safety and counseling. However, we would like to see more focus on the big issues that loom on SJSU's horizon.

1. CETI
2. joint library
CETI, the California Education Technology Initiative, is a plan to infuse \$2.8 billion into the CSU sys-

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tem to create a singular computer platform through which the 24 campuses can interact. The money is to come from GTE, Hughes, Fujitsu and Microsoft.

The city of San Jose and San Jose State University's joint library is a proposal to condense the Martin Luther King Jr., Clark and Wahlquist libraries into one site.

Diverse Student Affiliate candidate Marc Madden was the only presidential hopeful to directly address the two issues in a firm stand that showed his opposition to them.

We would encourage the Associated Students elect to give serious thought to these two issues and educate SJSU's students about

them. They are both crucial to student life at SJSU.

In this same vein, we like the idea of Cook's town hall meetings.

The campaigning that goes on shortly before elections is not enough to raise student interest about government and SJSU year long.

With a lame six percent of the student population turning out to vote, it is vital for future A.S.'s to get out and be in amongst the students, keeping them informed and aware of just who their student government representatives are and what the big issues will be.

It's the only way to get students involved and obtain the student feedback that should be the backbone of any decision reached at SJSU.

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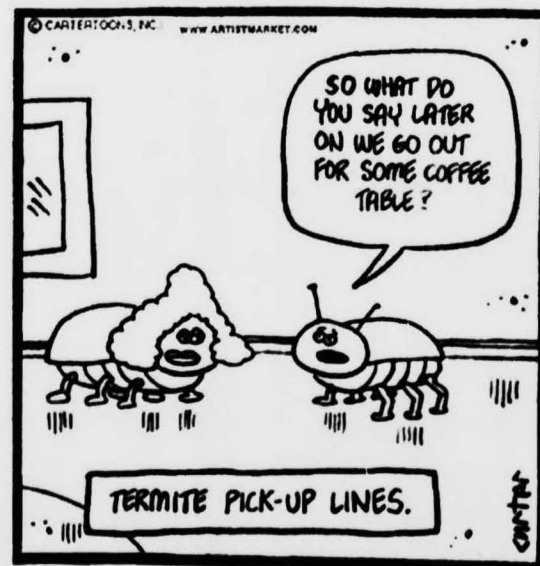
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CAREER CENTER
"The Second Interview" at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Umunhum Room. **"Internships: Learn While You Earn"** at 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

LIBRARY DONATIONS & SALES UNIT
 Ongoing book sale every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Donations and Sales Unit in Wahlquist Library North, Room 408, and Clark Library lobby. Donations welcome. For more information, call the Acquisitions Department at (408) 924-2705.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN
Student Galleries' Art Shows from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

Tuesday Night Lecture Series: Bob Guillot, attorney, "Copyright Issues for Artists" from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Art Building, Room 133. For more information, call Andy at (408) 924-4328.

Student Galleries' Receptions from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (WISE)
 Guest speaker: Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Pamela Stacks will address factors important in making career choices at 12 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 505.

Wednesday

ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 Weekly meeting with guest speaker Pastor Ellis at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call David at (408) 265-7442.

CAREER CENTER
Employer-Hosted Practice Interviews from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Sign up in Business Classroom 13.
Recruiting Services Workshop at 2:30 p.m. in Building Q. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
 Easter 2 for 1 special: percent body fat testing with bioelectrical impedance from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 103. For more information, call Jill Christensen (408) 924-3110.

RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM
 Brown Bag Lunch Program speaker Lisa McNeer: "The Integration of Who You Are With

What You Want To Do" from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco Room. For more information, call Susan Clair at (408) 924-5962.

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WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
 Information is available on the "Babysitting Board" (for those who need a babysitter or want to be one) located outside the center in the Administration Building, Room 249. For more information, stop by or call Vicki at (408) 924-6500.

Thursday

ASSOCIATION OF ASPIRING MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE TEACHERS
 Colloquium Series and meeting with free lunch from 12 - 1 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 505. For more information, call Jim Paolini at (408) 924-4835 or Dr. Kitchen at (408) 924-5157.

CAREER CENTER
Recruiting Services Workshop at 11:30 a.m. in Building Q. **Co-op Workshop** at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
 Internship opportunities with Siemens Corp. at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Council Chambers. For more information, call Maribel at (408) 294-3667.

DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY
 M.S. thesis presentation: "Model Verification of Quantitative Precipitation Forecasts over Northern and Central California" from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 615. For more information, call the Meteorology Department at (408) 924-5200.

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SJSU SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DANCE
 "Dance '98" featuring Limon West Dance of San Jose and the University Dance Theatre at 1 p.m. in the University Theatre. For more information, call Lin Barcellos at (408) 924-5041.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
 Eating disorder support group meets every Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Health Building, Room 208. For more information, call Nancy Black at (408) 924-6120.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR
 Seventh Street Plaza from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information about study options for SJSU students to study overseas. Financial aid can apply. For more information, call Robert Carolin at (408) 924-5931.

THE LISTENING HOUR
 Piano Recital: Dr. Alfred Kanwischer performs Beethoven's transcendent Piano Sonata Op. III, No. 32 in C minor from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building's Concert Hall. For more information, call (408) 924-4631.

Friday

CAREER CENTER
 Résumé Critique from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
 Learn to waltz with Michael Vehawn, ballroom dancing instructor at 11:30 a.m. at the San Jose Institute at 66 S. Seventh St. For more information, call (408) 286-3313.

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Saturday

BETA ALPHA PSI
 Free tax preparation sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) in conjunction with the IRS from 12 - 3:30 p.m. in Business Classroom 309. For more information, call (408) 924-3495.

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Sunday

ALPHA PHI OMEGA (CO-ED NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION)
 General meeting, all members welcome, past, present or future at 6 p.m. in Business Classroom 312. For more information, call (408) 924-6626.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff. The deadline for entries is noon, three days before desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student offers kudos and advice for Cook

An open letter to Ms. Heather Cook:

Congratulations on your recent victory in the Associated Student Government Student Body Elections for the coming school year. Your hard work, dedication to your issues and a strong campaign all helped you attain this major accomplishment, one you deserve great praise for.

As you know, you will be taking over a government that most students barely know exists. With a voting population hovering around seven percent and a student body as diverse and apathetic as is ours, it will be difficult and trying to do what is best for all the students regardless of representation in your cabinet.

With an average age of more than 27, a student body that changes its major around three times before graduation, and a seven minute window of attention (the time from their car to their class and back), finding and meeting the needs of your fellow Spartans will be a daunt-

ing task. Congratulations for accepting this challenge.

Your plan to have "town hall" meetings will help foster a better, more informed student body know where its money is funneled to. As a graduating senior active in many facets of campus life, I thought I would throw out a couple suggestions for you and your government as to how to get the word out about what you are accomplishing.

First, I would highly recommend you meet with the Spartan Daily to set up an A.S. President's column. You could report to the population you serve a couple times a month (maybe even weekly) as to what is going on in their elected government. Not only will this help inform the campus about the projects you are diligently working on, but it will also let them know how they can get involved.

Second, I would highly recommend you have a portion of your office hours outside your office, preferably outside the Student Union at the tables. A

past president many years ago used to do this and was very successful in helping students put a face with their elected government.

Third, try to visit as many different campus groups and organizations as possible, informing them personally what you and your government are doing to improve the environment we all share. The diversity on our campus is in my opinion our greatest asset. Use it to its fullest potential by educating and showing us what the millions of dollars are going to.

Finally, remember to remain your great, enthusiastic, motivating self. Stay humble. Remember that about 97 percent of the student body did not vote for you (93 percent didn't vote at all) and that we all have issues that we feel are important and vital during our stay here at San Jose State.

Good luck, Heather.

Roland Roth
 child development

Roundup Crawford chronicle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christina Crawford isn't finished yet with her "Mommie Dearest."

Twenty years after publishing the tell-all book about being abused by her adoptive mother, actress Joan Crawford, Crawford is hitting the road to promote a 400-page revision.

"I put in eyewitness accounts that had come to me after the book was published. It's now a complete chronicle of a very turbulent and chaotic, and compelling, and in some instances, loving relationship that covers almost 40 years," she said.

Crawford, 58, begins a series of speaking engagements Wednesday at the Royal Theater in Los Angeles. "April Fool's with Christina Crawford" will also tour Seattle, New York and Chicago.

The new book, which Crawford published by herself, is available through the Internet.

Joan Crawford, who starred in such movies as "Mildred Pierce," "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" and "Autumn Leaves," died in 1970.

No more home alone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Macaulay Culkin won't be home alone anymore.

The "Home Alone" star is marrying actress Rachel Miner. Both are 17.

"We're so happy and proud that we found each other at such a young age. We look forward to spending our lives together," the couple said in a

statement Monday.
 No wedding date has been set, they said.
 Miner co-stars in "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Broadway.

Angry at the enemy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gospel singers Angie & Debbie Winans are going to Washington this week to fight the enemy spirit they say is inside homosexuals.

The sisters plan to lobby Thursday on behalf of the Traditional Values Coalition against a bill guaranteeing homosexuals the right to hold jobs.

"We got a zeal. We're angry at the enemy," Angie Winans said last week.

"There's a spirit that is a homosexual spirit. It's unclean and not of God. That spirit is the enemy. It's a strong spirit, it's deceitful."

David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, said: "It's sad that these two individuals are devoting so much time and energy into promoting discrimination against gay people."

Diana's fight goes on

LONDON (AP) — The body armor worn by Princess Diana when she visited Angolan minefields goes on display this week at the Imperial War Museum. The protective vest will be among photographs and other memorabilia documenting Diana's campaign for a worldwide ban on antipersonnel mines. The princess visited Angola in January 1997.

The section on Diana is part of the exhibition's look at the history of land mines and the efforts being made to reduce their threat to civilians in former war zones. The Imperial War Museum and the United Nations organized the show, which runs through Aug. 2.

Quote for the Day

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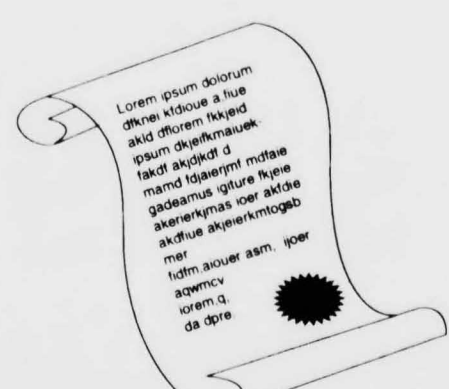
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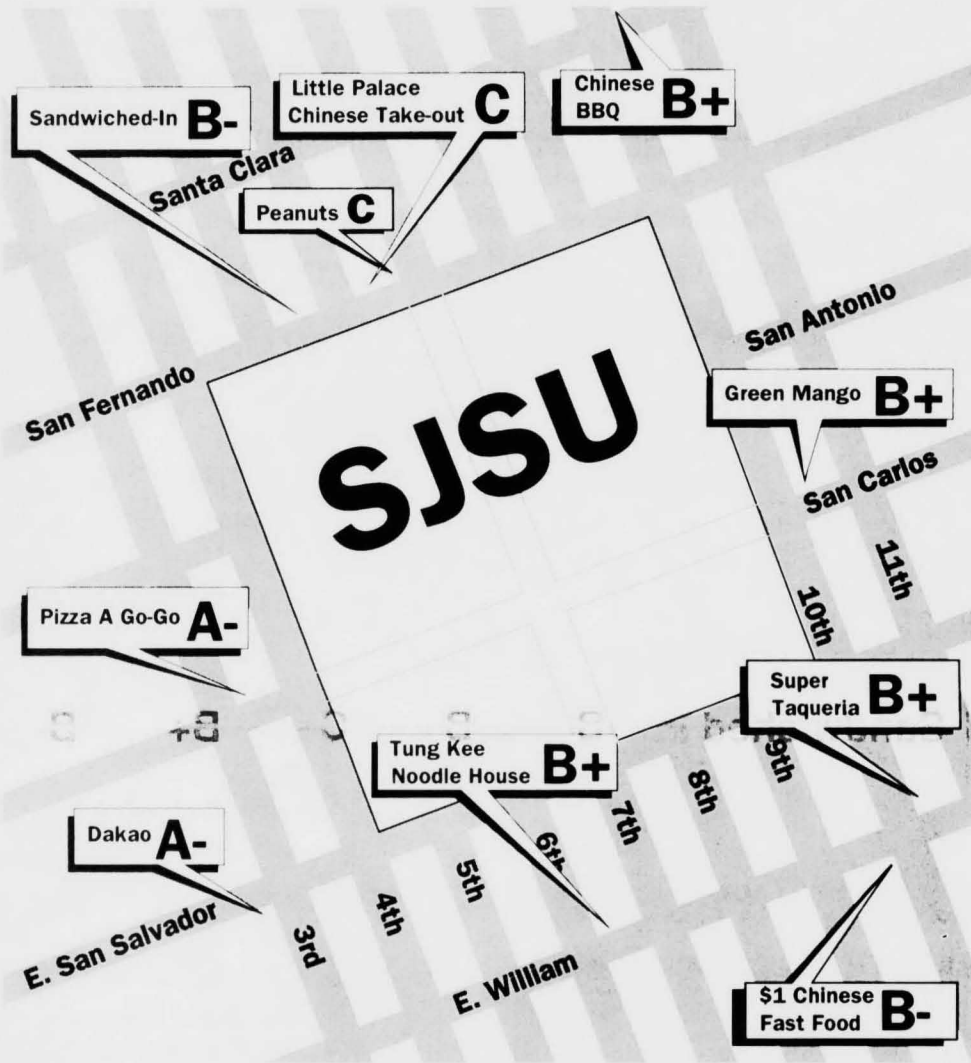
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Where to go for fast food at a fair price



Are you hungry, short on time and tired of the same old campus grinds? We sent Nicholas Boer, our staff writer and a freelance restaurant critic for the Contra Costa Times, to rate lunches at restaurants within walking distance from campus. Armed with a fistful of five dollar bills and orders to avoid all fast food franchises, Boer munched his way through downtown, talked to student diners and came back with his top 10 list and a full stomach.

Dakao Sandwich

98 E. San Salvador (at 3rd)

Shredded chicken sandwich, BBQ pork sandwich, guava juice (\$2.75). Hot, fresh bread is stuffed with shredded carrot, cilantro, peppers, cucumber, meat and plenty of dressing. The authentic Vietnamese cuisine is an incredible value and has plenty of bright, fresh flavors. A dozen sandwiches from \$1 to \$1.50 are only one option. There's a huge array of steam table foods available at cheap prices. The cluttered look and loud colors in the dining area don't create an inviting atmosphere but there are plenty of tables to choose from. Best food value around.

Random student reaction:

Freshman Sonya Jung was surprised at how tasty and different the menu was. "My friend told me it was cheap, but the food is really good," she said.

Pizza A Go-Go

117 E. San Carlos (Between 3rd and 4th)

Veggie pizza slice, green salad and soda (\$4.50). Pizza came with fresh ingredients and a breadlike crust. The diner-like atmosphere is littered with surfer paraphernalia and well suited to the limited pizza menu. The three varieties of pizza available by the slice look tasty, but are not always hot. Oily and cheesy bread sticks (3 for \$1) are great when fresh from the oven. The salads are prepackaged but crisp and garnished with bits of cheese, carrot and onion. The Beach Boys' music and continuous surfer videos give the diner good energy. Grab a comfortable booth or sit outside. Pitchers of beer available. Buy a T-shirt for \$5 and get a free slice of pizza.

Random student reaction:

Junior Brian Day recommended eating outside whenever possible. "Inside it's too cold and too loud but I still come here for the food," he said.

Tung Kee Noodle House

261 E. Williams (Between 6th and 7th)

Rice stick soup and tea (\$3.52 plus tip). Giant bowl of broth laden with noodles, veggies, shredded turkey, meatballs and shrimp. The shrimp were not deveined and had an unpleasant flavor. The broth

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is a little bland but a selection of condiments on the table lets you spice it up to your heart's content. Strong tea comes at no extra charge. Table service is fast, fast, fast. Thirty different dishes, mostly noodle soups, are under five bucks. The dishes are available in two sizes, big and giant. Try the salty plum lemonade (.80) for something different. Four beers, including Tsingtao (\$1.60) available.

Random student reaction:

Sophomore Paula Sinclair said she eats here every week. "I love this place," she said. "I really like the food and the service is quick."

Green Mango

457 E. San Carlos (at 10th)

Red curry chicken, string beans with tofu, steamed rice, water (\$4.50). Small portions were not very hot, but the dishes were made with fresh healthful ingredients. The authentic Thai cuisine does use a lot of fattening coconut milk, however. Enjoy the beautiful interior or sit out on the balcony. Strong incense smells. Sixteen steam table dishes, plus made-to-order salads. Dishes can be ordered a la carte (\$3 to \$4) or as part of a combination plate (2 items \$3.50, 3 items \$4.50). Try the cool and refreshing Thai iced tea.

Random student reaction:

Senior Bill Truran said he likes Green Mango because the food is different. "The outside eating is nice and it's relatively inexpensive," he said.

Super Taqueria

476 S. 10th St. (at William)

Super pork burrito and Calistoga water (\$4.43). Good size burrito but pork was a little dry and salty. Unusual meat selections, including beef tongue, available for the tacos, tostadas and burritos. But all the standard Mexican fare is on the menu, too. Garnish yourself salsas allow you to control the amount of heat you like. Beer is available. Atmosphere is bright and clean and the service is quick. Voted best Mexican food in San Jose by Net Diners. Check it out at www.sfbay.com/food.

Random student reaction:

Junior Jeff Persson thought the food warranted walking an extra couple of blocks. "It's great, I eat here all the time," he said.

Chinese BBQ

505 E. Santa Clara (at 11th)

Braised fish with pineapple sauce, pork chow mein, canned soda (\$5). Whole small fish was tender and fresh, with an intriguing, rich sweet and sour sauce. Chow mein was a little greasy but noodles were fresh and there were plenty of good veggies and healthy slices of BBQ pork. Good place to go when you're feeling adventurous. Lots of interesting and authentic ready-to-go meals. There's no place to sit, however. The hanging cooked ducks fill the restaurant with compelling smells and lend an authentic air. Very little English spoken here, but as long as you can point, you'll be OK.

Random student reaction:

Not a single student stopped by over a 20-minute period beginning at noon.

Sandwiched-In

221 E. San Fernando (at 5th)

BLT, chips, soda (\$4.39). The BLT came with warm bacon, fresh bread and lots of mayonnaise. Good selection of sandwiches to choose from. Clean and bright spot with lots of plants. The photos on the wall, taken by SJSU students, are for sale and add a nice touch. Try one of the eight sandwich meal deals (\$4.39 to \$5.29) which include chips and soda. Also a special meal deal of the month allows you to eat for cheap. Espresso, breakfast pastries and a hot lunch special (until 3 p.m.) available as well. Soda refills for 50 cents.

Random student reaction:

Graduate student Mauro Garcia was in for his first, and possibly last, visit. "It's OK, I've had better," he said.

\$1 Chinese Fast Food

10th and William

Tofu with veggies, chow mein, egg roll, water (\$3). Chow mein was underdone and dull. Veggies were good but dish was tepid. Crisp eggroll mainly filled with cabbage. Clean, sterile environment, but the jukebox can liven things up. Chicken salad is offered for something fresh. Everything else is steam table.

Random student reaction:

Junior Phuc Doan liked the quick service. "It saves time and the food's good," he said.

Peanuts

275 E. San Fernando (at 6th)

Patty melt and apple juice (\$4). The meat patty was small and dry and they were out of rye bread.

Accompanying fries were OK. Still the place is very popular. A huge menu, including a full selection of hot breakfasts, should make it easy to find something you like. Look for the daily specials, usually a good value. Smoothies available at juice bar. Lots of space to sit and view one of the two TVs. Beers and espresso drinks served.

Random student reaction:

Junior Elizabeth Earnheart said the service was friendly and the food was cheap. "Plus it's the only place you get french fries with your sandwich," she said.

Little Palace

273 E San Fernando (at 6th)

Sweet and sour pork, chow mein, soda (\$4.25). Pork was tough and sauce was heavy. Generic chow mein. Free wontons were chewy. Steam table food is limited and doesn't offer vegetarian options. Made to order menu (\$4 to \$7), takes time but is a better value. A few tables available for sitting but atmosphere is stale.

Random student reaction:

Senior Thinh Ngo liked the portions, but not the variety. "It's good, they give you a lot," he said. "It really fills you up."


Making the Grade

| Establishment | Food | Value | Speed | Atmosphere | Overall |
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| Dakao | A | A | B | B | A- |
| Pizza A Go-Go | A- | A- | A | B+ | A- |
| Tung Kee Noodle House | A- | A | A- | C+ | B+ |
| Green Mango | B | C- | A | A | B+ |
| Super Taqueria | B | A- | B | B+ | B+ |
| Chinese BBQ | A- | A- | A- | C | B+ |
| Sandwiched In | B | B | C | B+ | B- |
| \$1 Chinese Fast Food | C+ | B | A | C | B- |
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| Little Palace | C- | A- | B | D | C |

In overall average, the food score was added twice

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Ex-SJSU golfer Hurst wins Dinah Shore

(AP) RANCHO MIRAGE — San Jose State University alumna Pat Hurst captured the first major championship of her career, carding a 1-under-par 71 Sunday for a one-stroke triumph at the \$1 million Nabisco Dinah Shore at the Mission Hills Country Club.

Hurst, the former teaching pro at nearby La Quinta Country Club, won with a 72-hole total of 7-under 281. Helen Dobson of Britain fired a final-round 68 to grab sole possession of second place at 282, one shot better than the star-studded duo of Laura Davies of Britain and Helen Alfredsson of Sweden.

"I'm feeling pretty good right

now. The pressure is off — I've won a major," Hurst said. "I can't ask for anything else right now."

"I tried to be patient and let the birdies — and the bogeys — come as they did," she explained. "I took it one shot at a time."

Hurst had only one round in the 60s but became the fifth player to lead this event from start to finish and the first since Amy Alcott in 1991. It was the second career LPGA victory for Hurst, who won the Oldsmobile Classic last June and finished 19th on the 1997 money list with \$325,299.

Today's victory was worth nearly half that — \$150,000 — and moved the former U.S.

Amateur and NCAA champion into third place on both the money list and the Solheim Cup standings. But Hurst refused to take the victory dip in the lake adjoining the 18th hole, instead cautiously wading in.

"I can't swim so I wasn't going in over my head," she said. "It was difficult to say I wasn't going in, so that's why I waded in. I still have the same shoes on so my feet are a little wet."

Sweden's Liselotte Neumann, coming off a victory at last week's Standard Register PING, twice tied Hurst for the lead on the front nine but a bogey by Neumann at the par-4 10th hole gave Hurst sole possession of the

lead for good. Neumann ended up with a 1-over 73 and slipped to a seventh-place tie with former champion Donna Andrews at 284.

Hurst had a pair of birdies on the front side around her only three-putt bogey of the tournament at the par-4 seventh hole. She hit an 8-iron within 12 feet to set up a birdie at the par-3 14th hole but gave the stroke back with a bogey at the par-4 15th.

Dobson, meanwhile, was producing the best round of the weekend. She had produced only one top-10 finish since winning the Rail Classic as a rookie in 1993. But she negotiated the

Mission Hills course without a bogey and capped her round in spectacular fashion.

The 27-year-old Dobson hit her tee shot on the par-5 18th hole into the trees, but escaped with a 4-iron and nailed a 3-wood within 15 feet to set up a par putt. That forced Hurst to par the closing hole and she secured the victory with a five-foot putt.

"I didn't bother looking at the leaderboard," Dobson said. "I knew I was doing OK because some of my friends came out to watch and they only come out if you've got a chance to win. I asked my caddy what was happening after I hit the trees on 18.

I asked (him), 'Do I need to take a risky shot, where do we stand?' He said, 'You're one shot back.' So I went for it."

"I noticed Helen climbing the board on the 14th hole," Hurst said. "I kept my eye on it after that. After the putt on 18 went in, the feeling was just wonderful."

Still, the significance of the victory had not sunk in.

"I don't know what this means yet to win a major," she said. "Ask me in about a year. I'm one of the quiet ones out here so I don't know how it's going to be for me. Winning a regular tournament last year gave me so much confidence."

Spartans not kind host, beat on Aztecs, Cougars

By Kevin W. Hecteman
Senior Staff Writer

There was no trip to Daytona Beach for the Spartan baseball team.

Instead, the San Jose State University nine spent spring break taking four-of-six games from conference opponents (San Diego State University and Brigham Young University) and slapping around one non-conference foe (Saint Mary's College) to raise its record to 20-11 overall (6-5 Western Athletic Conference). The Spartans are now in third place in the WAC Western Division, 1.5 games behind division leader Fresno State University.

The Spartans had a grand (slam) time against BYU. Tony James and Jon Lauderdale each launched bases-loaded rockets as the Spartans won three straight, 14-3 on Friday night and both ends of Saturday's doubleheader — 10-4 and 11-3.

On Friday night, the host Spartans scored 12 of their 14 runs in the bottom of the first inning. SJSU sent 17 batters to the plate. Every Spartan in the starting lineup scored at least once in the opening frame.

BYU did everything it could to help out, committing two errors in the field while walking four batters and beaming another.

James collected three hits. His second at-bat in the first inning was a grand slam. Lauderdale and Scott Lewis added two RBIs apiece.

Eight of the nine Spartan starters collected at least one hit.

With a nice 12-run cushion to work with in the second, SJSU pitcher Javier Pamus cruised to his 10th win of the season in 11 starts. He allowed six hits and three runs while striking out six Cougars and walking five others.

"After they put that (12-spot) up, all I had to do was let them hit the ball, use the defense so I don't have to pitch so hard," Pamus said.

Christian Cooper allowed only one hit and no runs in two innings of relief.

Lauderdale's slam came in the third inning of Saturday's doubleheader opener — it was the highlight of a six-run third, which broke the game open.

Brian Greene pitched a complete game in his second start of the year, scattering eight hits and allowing four runs while striking out four to earn his first

win of the season.

In the second game, SJSU scored four runs in the first, then waited until the seventh and eighth innings to add the bulk of its 11 runs. Lewis picked up three hits and three RBIs while Mike Wright and Casey Cheshier had two hits apiece. Cheshier drove in four runs for SJSU.

Joey Baker pitched seven strong innings to pick up his third win.

"That might be the best weekend our rotation has given us the entire year," SJSU coach Sam Piraro said.

His catcher was in full agreement.

"The pitchers looked like they went out there with some authority," Mike Wright said. "They weren't pitching scared. They battled through some tough situations."

Piraro said his team's objectives against BYU were to keep the Cougars from putting up big innings and take advantage of BYU's pitching control problems.

"If they're going to walk us, let's take the walks," he said.

The Spartans did, taking 22 free passes (17 walks and five hit batsmen).

On Wednesday night, the Spartans routed Saint Mary's 10-5. Steve Carrieri turned in five strong innings, allowing only two runs on seven hits while striking out seven Gaels.

Greene and Jeff Baker combined to limit Mary's to three hits and three runs for the remainder of the evening.

Meanwhile, the Spartan offense was busy lighting up seven different Gaels pitchers for nine hits and 10 runs.

Rob Douglass led the way with two hits in four at bats and three RBIs. Joe Chutuk chipped in with two hits and two runs batted in. James went 1-for-3 with two RBIs and two walks.

The week got off to a rocky start for the Spartans as they dropped two-of-three to SDSU at San Jose Municipal Stadium over the weekend of March 20-22.

The Spartans took the opener 10-7 on the night of Match 20. Javier Pamus won his ninth game, going the distance despite some rough sledding. He surrendered 12 hits and seven runs, but also struck out 10 Aztec hitters. The SJSU offense was led by Kyle Richardson (3-for-4 with

three RBIs and a two-run homer) and James (3-for-3 with three RBIs).

The Aztecs then took the next two, 11-3 on March 21 and 4-3 on March 22. Brian Greene started his first game on the March 21 as Piraro sought to solidify his starting rotation. Greene went five innings, giving up four hits and five runs. His replacement, Mike Alciati, fared even worse, being lit up for six runs on four hits and two walks.

SDSU ace Chad Wanders had the Spartans eating out of his hand, scattering seven hits and allowing only three runs while striking out six for the complete-game win.

"We didn't do enough things right to justify winning that ball game," Piraro said.

Tony James said the Spartans just weren't getting any breaks.

"We hit the ball hard," he said. "They were just making great plays."

As painful as that rout was for SJSU, the series finale may have been worse. The Spartans loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth, but they were unable to push any runs across the plate.

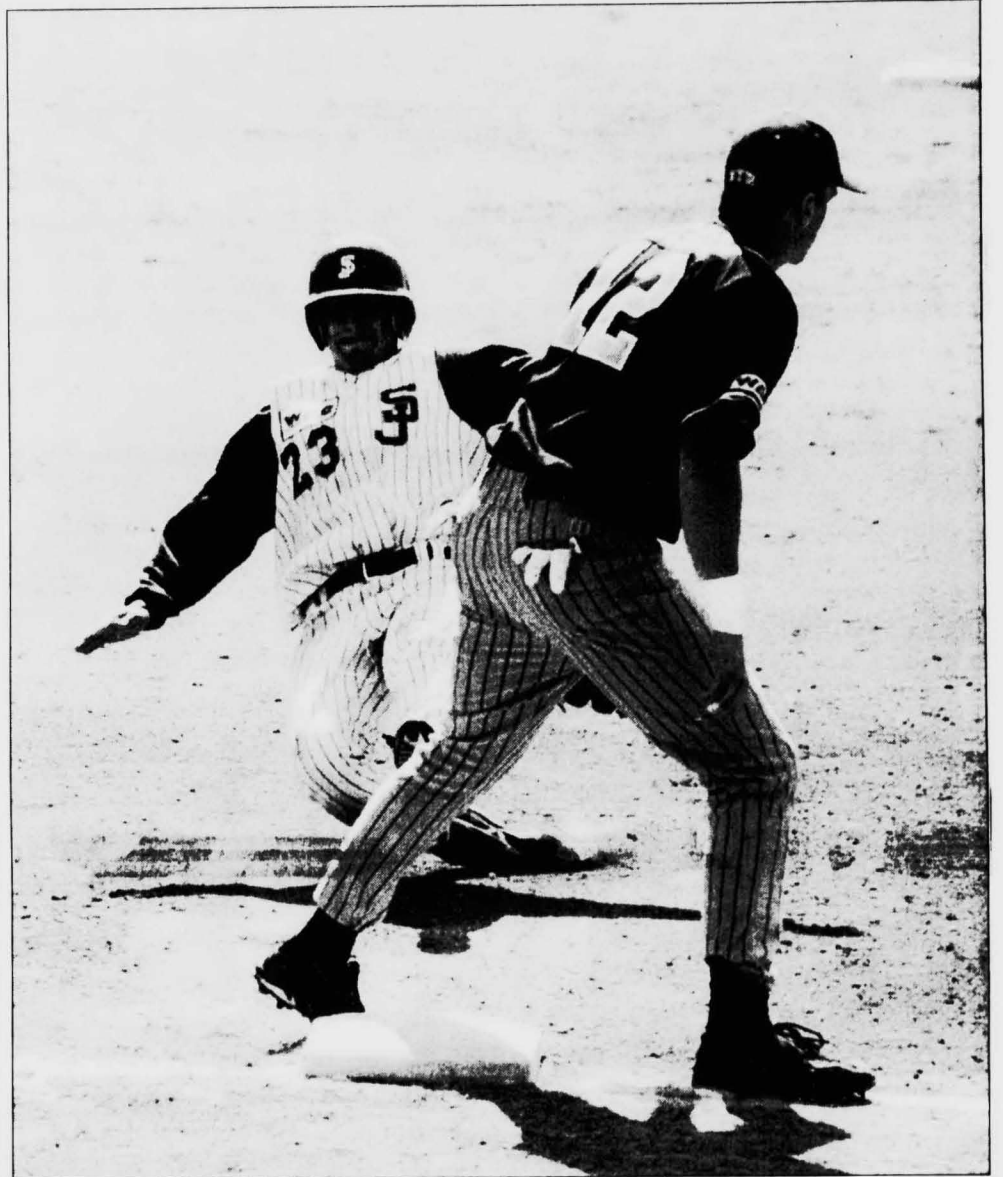
"We didn't handle their bunting game very well," Piraro said of the weekend's action. He noted that in Saturday's blowout loss, SJSU surrendered four leadoff walks.

"That's not good baseball," he said.

James spearheaded the SJSU offense with three hits, including two doubles, and an RBI. Joey Baker suffered the loss, giving up four runs (all of them in the top of the fifth) and nine hits.

The Spartans will host Cal State Stanislaus at Municipal Stadium on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

After that, SJSU will hit the road for conference series at Fresno State and Utah before returning to Muni Stadium on April 14 and 15 against Santa Clara.



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Ryan Brucker slides into third on an attempted steal. He was safe and scored after the BYU catcher threw the ball into left field. The Spartans won the game 10-4.



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Baseball gets underway today

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Home runs by Mark McGwire and Ken Griffey Jr.

Wins for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Hits by Milwaukee Brewers pitchers.

New names for the Florida Marlins.

All the elements of Baseball '98 will be on display Tuesday on opening day.

Kevin Brown and Darryl Kile pitching for new teams, Andres Galarraga and Marquis Grissom playing in new places.

The Bank One Ballpark, with its swimming pool beyond the right-center field fence, in Phoenix. Tropicana Field, with its cigar bar, in Tampa Bay.

The Brewers in a new league. The Detroit Tigers in a different division. A dozen members of the World Series champion Marlins

now scattered.

Many fans wonder whether McGwire and Griffey will contend for Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs.

McGwire, who hit 58 last year, begins his first full season with St. Louis when the Cardinals open at Busch Stadium against the Rupert Murdoch-owned Los Angeles Dodgers. Griffey, the AL MVP, and the Seattle Mariners entertain AL champion Cleveland at the Kingdome.

Home runs seem to jump every time baseball expands, shooting up nearly 25 percent in 1993 when baseball added Florida and Colorado.

Maris' 61, it should be mentioned, came in an expansion season.

AP compiled this report

Let the man go through



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

San Jose State University cyclist David Wierzba placed eighth in the criterium portion of the men's "A" category at SJSU cycling team's annual race weekend. Wierzba was beat by Stanford's Peter Armitage who lapped the field in a four person break away. The weekend events consisted of 5.3 mile hill climb time trial with a nine percent grade on Saturday and a flat loop criterium on Sunday. In the men's "D" category SJSU cyclist Eric Nitschke won the hill climb time trial with a time of 31:07.



Grayson West/Spartan Daily

SJSU football coach Dave Baldwin holds wine at his designated table during the San Jose Celebrity Luncheon at the Arena. The lunch was a charity event to raise money for school sports for the San Jose Unified School District.

Sports celebrities go to bat for SJ schools

By Yvette Anna Trejo
Staff Writer

Several Bay Area sports superstars and celebrities joined the San Jose Sharks and IBM on March 19 to participate at the 1998 Celebrity Waiter Luncheon.

The luncheon, an annual fund-raiser, was held to "Save School Sports" in the San Jose Unified School District.

The district, which has seen drastic cuts in electives that include sports, is struggling to save sports in its schools.

Celebrity waiters included Olympians, San Jose Sharks, San Jose Clash, San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Lasers, San Jose Sabercats and many more celebrities from several organizations.

Last year's event raised

\$125,000 for sports programs in the district, and this year the goal was to raise at least \$100,000.

According to celebrity waiter and former Oakland Raider Jim Otto, sports can be an important element in a youth's life.

"It's important because if coached properly and taught properly, in some cases, it can develop character," Otto said.

Otto said that he's always been involved with area youth groups and ways of raising money for charities and feels that it's good for athletes to get involved.

"There are some (athletes) who don't, and give us a bad name," said Otto. "It's a way we can give back to the community what's been given to us."

San Jose Laser Trainer Tamara Poole said that saving

school sports can really help students in more than one way.

"I think it's important to have sports in school. It teaches discipline and teamwork," Poole said. "If you take that away, what are they going to do with all that extra time?"

"People should be involved in activity that can promote teamwork and fun," she said.

San Jose Shark John MacLean said that sports can give structure to a person's life.

"Not everyone is strictly interested in books. They need something extracurricular," he said. "I think sports add a lot of discipline to your life."

The hope is that the luncheon will help save the sports in the San Jose Unified School District and continue to offer an athletic outlet for students to participate.

Kentucky beats Utah, wins NCAA tourney

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Call them the Comeback Cats.

Kentucky capped a truly maddening March with an unprecedented second-half rally, beating Utah 78-69 Monday night to win its second NCAA championship in three years.

The Wildcats did it this time with a new coach and without stars in their lineup.

Kentucky overcame the largest halftime deficit — 10 points — in a championship game with its third straight rally of the tournament to win its seventh national title.

"We're comeback kids," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "These kids have done it all."

With Smith working the sidelines instead of Rick Pitino Kentucky moved one trophy clos-

er to UCLA's record total of 11.

It was the third straight year the Wildcats were in the championship game — they lost to Arizona in overtime last season — and the third straight year they ended Utah's season in the NCAA tournament.

Utah's impressive run to what would have been the school's second title and first since 1944 ended because Kentucky did what No. 1 seeds Arizona and North Carolina couldn't do against the Utes — shoot well.

Just as they had in the South Regional final against Duke and again in the national semifinals against Stanford, the Wildcats fell behind in the first half, trailing 41-31 at halftime.

The deficit was as many as 12 points in the opening minutes of the second half before Kentucky

started shooting well, something Utah's last two opponents couldn't do.

"We've come back all year long," Wildcats' guard Cameron Mills said. "Every time we fell behind, we never quit."

The Utes, the second-best defensive team in the country this season, had held its five tournament opponents to 39 percent shooting and an average of 62.5 points.

Scott Padgett led the Wildcats with 17 points.

Andre Miller led the Utes with 16 points.

Kentucky is now 7-3 in NCAA championship games, but its record over Utah in the last three seasons is 3-0 with a second-round win two years ago and a regional semifinal victory last season.

SJSU corrals Mustangs, Bulldogged by Fresno

Busy break finds Spartans going 1-3 at home and 4-2 in Sac tourney

By Peggy Flynn
Staff Writer

The Spartans harnessed the Cal Poly SLO Mustangs, 4-3, for their first home win of the softball season Thursday.

San Jose State University Spartan pitcher Niki Zenger (9-5) struck out five batters and only walked two in her 11th complete game of the season.

The Spartan led off the game scoring two runs in the bottom half of the first inning.

Junior Lindsay Lewis hit her third home run of the season. Freshman Devyn Whitcanack also scored on Lewis' two-run home run to center field.

Junior Jennifer Ellinger hit her third home run of the season in the Spartans' second and junior Ariana Kechriotis scored a run off of a Whitcanack hit.

The Mustangs scored their only three runs in the top of the third inning. With bases loaded, senior Anna Bauer drove in two runs on an error by short stop Alicia Johnson.

Cal Poly's final run was scored off a double by senior Kelly Smith.

This win came after the Spartans were swept by fourth-ranked Fresno State, 10-1 and 13-0, in a WAC doubleheader on Wednesday.

The Mustangs, 15-12-1, swept University of California Berkeley the same day.

"We played tired," Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer said. "We needed to mentally refocus (after our game with Cal)."

Spartan head coach Connie Miner said that the game provided experience for some freshman players.

"We finally got a home win under our belt," Miner said. "We need to stay aggressive and keep our energy."

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SJSU finished the March 20-22 tournament by going 4-2.

The Spartans went 3-0 in pool play, but finished a disappointing 1-2 in the Championship bracket.

In the first game SJSU bested SW Missouri State 1-0, on the strength of a Lewis home run and strong pitching from Corina Lilly.

The Spartans followed the pitcher duel up with a slug fest against Harvard, winning 11-9. Maya Garcia, Lewis and Jenn Ellinger all hit home runs and SJSU scored three runs in the top of the seventh for the victory.

SJSU finished up pool play by humbling No. 12 Nebraska 8-1. Whitcanack led the Spartans, going 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Zenger pitched a five-inning complete game for her seventh win of the season.

The Championship bracket was another story for the Spartans, as they dropped a 7-0 decision to Baylor and a 4-3 game to host Sacramento State. They did beat Texas A&M 7-0 in their lone win in the Championship bracket.

The Spartans are now 15-16 overall and are traveling to Fresno State for WAC double-header Tuesday.

Softball Standings

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|-----------------|---|---|-------|
| Fresno State | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Hawaii | 9 | 1 | .800 |
| Utah | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| UNLV | 7 | 5 | .583 |
| San Diego State | 5 | 5 | .500 |
| San Jose State | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| New Mexico | 2 | 8 | .200 |
| Colorado State | 1 | 7 | .125 |
| Tulsa | 1 | 7 | .125 |

WAC Games

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| 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 9 | 1 | .800 |
| 6 | 2 | .750 |
| 7 | 5 | .583 |
| 5 | 5 | .500 |
| 3 | 5 | .375 |
| 2 | 8 | .200 |
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| 1 | 7 | .125 |

All Games

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| 15 | 4 | .789 |
| 30 | 6 | .883 |
| 11 | 8 | .579 |
| 13 | 13 | .500 |
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Elizabeth Green
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- Sponsored Programs**
Vivian Myla Lu
- Student Rights &
Responsibilities**
Nguyen Ha
- Student Services**
Natalie Reyes
- Academic Senators**
Todd Brown, Jason Barba,
Robert Green, Michael
Zamora and Gagan Singh
Measure L — Failed
Measure M — Passed

Support for Cook leads to victory

By Nicholas Boer
Staff Writer

After an anxious night of waiting, the pressure came uncorked around 1 in the morning on March 20. Heather Cook was voted in as San Jose State University student body president, and the champagne was flowing.

Cries of "Good job, Heather," came from the crowd of about 50 that had gathered to wait out the long ballot-counting process.

Cook's allegiances were tested early on, as friends, family and television cameras sought her attention. The cameras lost.

"My sisters want me," Cook said as she joined a waiting group of Delta Gamma housemates for a huddle and cheer.

"I'm ecstatic," sorority member Sara Saludes said. "I feel like a huge weight has lifted." Saludes talked about Cook's confidence and leadership abilities, but said she never put on any airs.

"She's the most down-to-earth person I know," Saludes said.

Jamie Fortier, another Delta

Gamma member, said Cook has had her eye on the presidency for a long time. Fortier described Cook as sensitive and caring, but strong enough to push through an agenda.

"When push comes to shove..." Fortier said.

Cook was still not ready for the cameras.

"Wait a minute," Cook told them, "I have to hug my parents."

Wynn Cook, an SJSU alumnus and former Spartan Daily editor in chief, had an inkling of what his daughter was getting into.

"Winning is the easy part," Wynn said. "Now she has to be president."

Cook's parents described her as a consensus builder and said she is someone who is willing to sit down and listen. Her mother, Yvonne, said Cook abandoned journalism in high school where as an editor she was able to watch the student elections closely.

"Instead of reporting it, she wanted to do it," Yvonne said.

"She's never been afraid to step up," Wynn said.

Former vice president and Cook's boyfriend, Mike Yaghamai, wasn't

about to wait in line for his girlfriend's attentions.

"Come here," Yaghamai said to Cook, champagne in hand. "This is for you."

Yaghamai, who is heading off to law school in Chicago at the end of the semester, thought Cook's presidency would provide some relationship insurance.

"It will keep her busy, which is a good thing," he said.

Yaghamai said Cook's steady campaign message made her a believable candidate.

"She was not bluffing," he said. "People can see through that. That's what won it for her."

Yaghamai said some political defeats in high school helped Cook's college campaign.

"She got some good lessons from losing," he said.

Before the results were announced and the possibility of another defeat was real, Cook was upbeat.

"I'm an optimist," she said. "I've always wanted to be a leader."

Cook said she hoped her personal approach to campaigning gave students confidence to vote for her.

"Hi, I'm Heather Cook," she said mimicking her long week of campaigning. "I've had fun. I met a lot of people. Hopefully students thought, 'OK, maybe I trust her.'"

Cook called the campaign "tough" and said she couldn't have done it without her sorority sisters, family and boyfriend.

"I'm still a student," she said. "I'd be stressing out, wondering what I am doing this (running for president) for. They've kept me uplifted."

The election seemed to have taken its toll on the other presidential candidates, as well.

"I've lost seven pounds in a week," Constantin said.

Madden said he and Diversified Student Affiliates vice presidential candidate Mark Templeton didn't bother staying up for the election results after his party had handed out 28,000 fliers in a week.

"Let's go get what we really need — sleep," Madden decided.

Cook wasn't about to turn in early.

"I'm energized," Cook said on the night of her victory. "We're going to party."

SJSU Party nabs second, third slots

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

One hour after the results were scheduled to be posted, three of the four candidates of the SJSU Party got the news they were waiting for.

They were elected to serve on next year's San Jose State University Associated Students.

Vice president-elect Meghan Horrigan, controller Lynn Vierra and Academic Senate representatives Jason Barba and Robert Green each won their respective races, as the results were posted on March 20 at 1 a.m.

Before the results were posted, Vierra and Horrigan sat together awaiting the results.

"I'm a little nervous," Horrigan said, adding she was "dead tired" from campaigning.

"I'm so elated right now," Horrigan, who received 34.4 percent of the vote, said. "It's so amazing. I think that the student body at San Jose State showed who was the best by choosing different people from every different place. They couldn't have got it any better."

Vierra won the controller position with 37.8 percent of the vote. "I'm excited to start my new position," Vierra said. "I'm going to try and learn as much as I can beforehand, before I get in. Everyone that ran would have done a good job."

One of the first items on Academic Senator Barba's agenda is to work on Measure M, that allows for 10 percent of the A.S. operating budget to be dedicated to the A.S. Scholarship Endowment Fund, and a minimum of 10 percent to maintain Student Organization Activities.

"That guarantees money for scholarship endowment and student organizations," Barba said. "That's never been done before in the Associated Students' history."

Barba added that he collected the signatures that would allow the proposal to be put on the ballot.

"Every year A.S. cuts them (student organizations) short, and I think that's the lifeline of the campus," Barba said.

Barba said that the Blue and Gold Party fared OK election-wise.

"It was not too bad," Barba said. "I would have loved to see Chris (Constantin) in there. I know the man has a lot of good ideas and really good intentions. It just happened it didn't turn out to be his day."

Constantin declined comment after the results were posted, but later offered this.

"I knew before the results that Heather (Cook) would win," Constantin said. "Mostly women vote, and women will vote for women. In all three of the executive positions, all three females won. My controller didn't campaign but she won."

Spartan Daily staff writer Suzanne Ferrante contributed to this report.

President: A Blue & Gold win

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itive spirit. "We wanted a clean election," she said. "This put a dark cloud over things." Cook said she is now looking towards the future.

"The other candidates had some good ideas," Cook said. "I want to use some of them."

Marc Madden, whose DSA party stressed unity through diversity, said people came up to him during the campaign to express their support for his party because of the negative ad.

"Whoever sent that ad really screwed up," Madden said. "If anything it had a positive impact on our ranks."

Of the 13 A.S. board of director positions up for grabs, each of the three parties gained four positions with Independent candidate Dennis English winning

as Director of Environmental Affairs.

Nguyen Ha, who won his race for Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, was listed as an Independent candidate on the ballot but had joined DSA and was included in the party's fliers.

Madden said students need to show support for the new board and executives, regardless of party affiliation.

"I think Heather is a good choice," Madden said. "We need to unite, stand behind her and work together."

Constantin said the SJSU Party agenda was still alive.

"I will still be at SJSU, and I will be watching," he said. "I will make sure my promises, even though I lost, will go through."

Cook said despite a clear

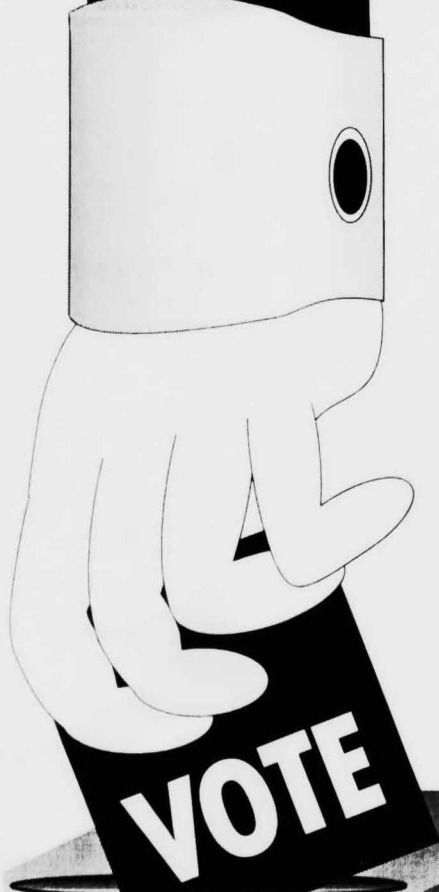
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— Chris Constantin
SJSU Party

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mandate her new Blue and Gold Party would remain strong.

"I don't think it will die," she said. "I created it."



Independent party on A.S. board

By Jeremiah Oshan
Staff Writer

Dennis English was already having a pretty good day when the Associated Students Election results were announced just before 1 a.m. on March 20.

Earlier that day English found out that he had been elected to the board for the Santa Clara and San Benito counties chapter of the American Lung Association. His day got better.

English found out that he had been elected as the new Director of Environmental Affairs. By capturing 52.9 percent of the vote, English, who is an Independent, defeated incumbent and SJSU Party member Gayl Leones.

"Now the real work starts," English said. Involving the environmentally inclined students at San Jose State University and finding easier alternatives for

getting to campus are among his top priorities, English said. He also said that he wants to improve the area around campus.

"The problems don't stop at the campus border," he said.

One of the keys to his campaign, according to English, was letting people know who he was running against.

"The people who didn't feel like (Leones) did her job voted for me," he said. Leones once stated during the election that she "hadn't accomplished much" during her year as director.

English was the only Independent candidate to win a spot on the Board of Directors.

Independent presidential candidate Clifton Cunningham did not fare so well. But despite finishing last with 3.9 percent of the vote, Cunningham was glad that he ran. "I knew that I wasn't going to win," he said. "But it was a blast running."

Cunningham said he was satisfied with the outcome, but thinks that it is not very likely that things will get any better.

"I think Cook was the better of the candidates, but she's another 'yes man,'" Cunningham said.

There were also two measures on the ballot: Measure "L" failed and Measure "M" passed.

Measure "L" needed a two-thirds majority, but fell short with 49.6 percent. The measure would have changed the way the Judicial Selection Committee is made up and aimed to re-establish the Judicial Review Board.

Measure "M" passed easily with 67.2 percent of the vote. The passing of the measure ensures that no less than 10 percent of the A.S. general fund will go to student organizations and another 10 percent will go to the A.S. Endowment Fund which is used for "student leader" scholarships.

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During an afternoon outing before Spring break, Hey attacks the water spewing from the Tower Lawn fountain. Hey and his owner try to come to campus a couple times during the week.

Fremont police search for suspect in fire bombing

FREMONT (AP) — Investigators searched Monday for the bomber who left explosives at the homes of the city's police chief and a councilman in what police are calling "acts of terrorism."

No one was hurt when one bomb exploded outside Police Chief Craig Steckler's home early Sunday, ripping a 10-foot-wide hole in the roof. Authorities safely dismantled a second device found outside his predecessor's house.

The case was being treated as attempted murder, and both men were being guarded around the clock. Police reported no suspects and no motives Monday.

"We as a department are terrified right now," police spokesman Dennis Madsen said. "Someone's trying to kill the chief."

The first bomb — made of metal, plastic and filled with liquid — went off at 4:16 a.m. Sunday as the Steckler family slept, burning the front porch and blasting through the roof.

A neighbor awakened by the bomb called 911, then ran to the

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Fremont Police
Department spokesman

Steckler residence to try to douse the flames with a garden hose.

"It was a loud sound, like a big 'pow,' and it woke us both right up," said the neighbor's wife, who declined to be identified.

Firefighters contained the flames to the front entry and roof.

Later that afternoon, Councilman Bob Wasserman — Fremont's police chief from 1976 to 1992 — had called 911 after his wife found an explosive in a brown paper bag lying in the walkway to their front door,

Madsen said. "She said, I think you'd better look at this," Wasserman said.

The bomb squad used a water charge that disabled the explosive but left it intact. Federal agents were examining the bomb Monday. Both bombs were fairly sophisticated, authorities said.

Wasserman said he couldn't think of who might have a grudge against him or Steckler.

"We're talking. We've been talking, and things are in kind of a flux right now," he said. "Things have been so traumatic."

On Monday, police issued a statement requesting privacy for the men and their families as a safety precaution.

A separate explosion that destroyed a newly built Fremont home that night did not appear to be related to the two other bombs. A 17-year-old girl escaped unharmed, authorities said.

Investigators said the explosion may have been an accident.

"It's different from what we experienced earlier today," fire spokesman Dennis Satariano said.

Cannabis: Prop 215

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isn't in compliance with 215, they're just saying in this one particular incident they deviated."

Proposition 215 is the initiative passed by California voters in November 1996 legalizing the medical use of marijuana.

San Jose Deputy District Attorney Denise Raabe said there are no plans yet to close the center. She said they are only prosecuting the one charge against Baez.

"If they comply with the law of Prop. 215 and the ordinances that have been enacted by the city of San Jose, then they are a lawful business and there's no problem with them remaining

in business," Raabe said.

On Feb. 27, California Attorney General Daniel Lungren's office issued a press release saying none of the existing California cannabis clubs were authorized to sell or distribute marijuana.

"We've alerted all the DAS offices that cannabis clubs are illegal," said Matt Ross, a spokesman for Lungren's office. "We assume they will take the proper action against them."

Ross refused to speculate what Lungren's office would do if the DAS don't prosecute the cannabis clubs.

Raabe said there has been no contact from Lungren's office since the raid.

Soaps: Fans obsessed with 'Days'

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"It's different from the other soap operas. It's entertaining, suspenseful and romantic," Soto said.

Other favorite daytime soaps among students are "One Life To Live," "General Hospital," "Another World" and "All My Children."

Business administration sophomore Linda Nguyen agrees with Soto. She's been watching "Days" for the past five or six years after getting interested in the romance between Bo and Hope.

"I got hooked on it. They make you want to watch to see what the villains will do," Nguyen said.

Whether students watch "Days" while eating lunch or doing busywork, reactions can be heard by students.

"You witch!" one student said after a seeing one of the villainesses.

When Kristen, who is pretending to be Susan, takes her disguise off, another student said, "Oh my gosh!" as "Days" broke for a commercial.

Not all students share this

interest in soap operas though.

"For most of the soaps, you already know the plot and it's never-ending!" said Norma Franco, liberal studies senior.

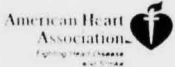
Nursing sophomore Joanne Maggoc only has one word for the students who plan their classes around soap operas, "Obsessed."

However, at the Daytime Emmy Award nominations, "Days" was nominated for best daytime drama along with "All My Children," "General Hospital," and "The Young and the Restless."

Academy Award Contest Results:



As no one who entered the contest got the Oscar winners from all eight categories correct, the Spartan Daily has decided to award prizes to the entrants who got the closest. And the envelope please ... Dawn Carter and Dr. Robert Latta correctly guessed seven of the Oscar winners. Congratulations and enjoy your dinner at Bella Mia!



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