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Mailer lets  
deft wit fly

Pulitzer winning author takes potshots at Clinton, reminisces about Marilyn, compares self to Scrooge

By Carol Dillon  
Staff Writer

Norman Mailer demonstrated he is still a major contender in the literary ring Thursday night at San Jose State University.

The chronicler of the American scene appeared before a packed audience at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

The twinkly-eyed Mailer appeared to have made no obvious physical concessions to advancing age except for an ebony cane he occasionally leaned on.

Since the 1960s Mailer has been one of the most prominent American writers of fiction and non-fiction. His works include "The Armies of the Night," "The Naked and the Dead," "The Executioner's Song" and "Oswald's Tale."

Many audience members were long time devotees of his work, while others were fledgling fans, such as 17-year-old senior Shannon Dunn from Leigh High School.

Dunn had come with a group of students from her advanced English honors class. Their teacher had recommended they attend after they had read one of Mailer's latest works, "The Gospel According to the Son."

"He seems intriguing," Dunn said. "We're hoping he will impassion us to write."

Alumni from the class of 1942 typified some of the older patrons. Bill and Mary Oliver claimed they'd been reading Mailer since his start.

"I'm here to get his new book," said Oliver. "If they're selling it I'm buying it."

Unfortunately, although all of Mailer's other books were available in the lobby, Deb Saks, book buyer for the Spartan Bookstore, said the publisher had not yet received his newest work from the printers.

Mailer showed his fans that he wielded his voice as deftly as his pen.

Reading from an earlier article published in The London Sunday Observer, he took sharp scatological aim at President Clinton's sexual escapades, former President Ronald Reagan and the waste Mailer feels he has made of his political talents.

A highlight of the evening was the

lengthy question-and-answer session the audience was encouraged to participate in. It was then Mailer jumped off his political soap box and got personal.

He described how he had never met Marilyn Monroe (a subject of one of his books) but had come awfully close to her physically.

Mailer explained that at one point



J. Edmund Niese/Spartan Daily

Pulitzer Prize winner Norman Mailer greets San Francisco resident Al Rose on campus before his reading at Morris Dailey Auditorium. Mailer spoke about his experiences as a novelist and

journalist to a full house Thursday night. The renowned author came to San Jose State University as part of the Major Authors Series sponsored by the Humanities Department.

Monroe and her husband, Arthur Miller, lived down the road from him in Cape Cod.

"I always wanted to meet her because I thought I could steal her from Miller (a writing rival at the time)," Mailer said.

"I suspect that's why he never invited me over," he chuckled.

Mailer was asked if there was any-

thing he had not achieved at his current age of 75.

He laughed and answered, "At this age you're like Scrooge, you're just holding on to what you've got."

The admirers at Morris Dailey showed they loved what they got from Mailer.

The silver-haired author left the stage following a standing ovation.

## Cinco de Mayo to celebrate victory

Downtown SJ to host yearly festival, parade

By Asa Bexell  
Staff Writer

Cinco de Mayo may be a celebration of a historical event, but to many San Jose celebrants the holiday means crowded streets, traffic jams, lots of alcohol and good food.

It is time for the annual Cinco de Mayo parade and festival, which will take place in downtown San Jose on Sunday.

"I was there last year, and it was really crowded," said Jennifer Call, a business management and human resources major. "It was hard to get into places."

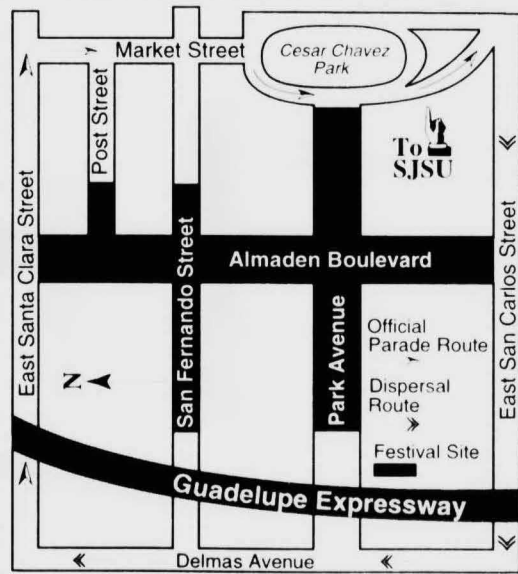
About 400,000 people showed up for last year's downtown festivities.

The city of San Jose has celebrated Cinco de Mayo since 1880, according to Gregorio Mora-Torres of the Mexican-American Studies Department.

"It is probably the biggest celebration within the city (during the year)," he said.

According to Mora-Torres, Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16.

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Cinco de Mayo Parade Route  
and Festivities Locations

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Precautions planned to prevent riot repeat

By Mindy Leigh Griser  
Staff Writer

Several precautionary steps will be taken Sunday at the Cinco De Mayo Parade and Festival to help prevent the rioting that took place at the event last year.

According to Lt. Chris Moore, public information officer for the San Jose Police Department, the festival is believed to be the largest Cinco De Mayo festival in the nation, with several hundred thousand people expected to attend.

Last year, 400,000 people attended the festivities in downtown San Jose. A riot broke out at the end of the festival around 5:30 p.m. several blocks away on Santa Clara Street. By 10:30 p.m., police had arrested 31 people for looting and vandalism.

Since alcohol was blamed as a major contributor to last year's riots, this year many of the prevention techniques have been to regulate the sale of alcohol.

According to Moore, the number of alcohol booths at the festival have been reduced from 10 to eight, beer ticket sales will cease an hour before the festival is scheduled to end and the beer taps will close

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Checchi  
seeking  
student  
sanction

Gubernatorial candidate conducts interview with California college media

By Peggy Flynn  
Staff Writer

Attention students: California gubernatorial candidate Al Checchi wants your vote.

During a 45-minute phone interview with eight California college newspapers, which included San Jose State University's Spartan Daily, Checchi stressed reform in both primary and higher education, and said he was the candidate to solve California's problems.

Checchi, the Northwest Airlines mogul, has never held political office.

"Nobody could do worse than these people (now in office)," Checchi said. "I'm a change agent."

Checchi claims to have taken "large, complex corporations" that fell because they "ceased to change" and helped them change to "face the challenges of the future."

"It's my specialty," Checchi said. Student reporters from SJSU, San Francisco State University, CSU-Fresno, Sacramento State University, Stanislaus State University, California Polytechnic Institute-Pomona, Mendocino Junior College and Santa Rosa Junior College asked Checchi to address issues regarding CETI, Proposition 215, Proposition 209 and inflated gas prices in Northern California.

CETI, the California Educational

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Brian Prince/Spartan Daily

Renee Allen from the Women's Health Team takes down shirts from the Clothesline Project in front of the Student Union. The project takes shirts made by families or people who have been affected by abuse and hangs them on clotheslines at locations throughout the nation.

Women air laundry to fight abuse  
Shirts proclaim pain: 'I died before my death'

By Shayda Fathipour  
Senior Staff Writer

Students who have seen shirts hanging in front of the Student Union should know they aren't just any garments. They tell a story of women who have been abused.

The San Jose Clothesline Project gives a voice to women who have been sexually assaulted, raped or battered, according to Jennifer Kockelman, a member of San Jose State University's Women's Health Team.

One shirt read "Have you noticed the pain that I've been

through? Ever since I was a child my heart has been broken, and now it's broken again." Other shirts read "I died before my death" and "Stiff dick. No consciousness."

"Different color shirts mean different things," Kockelman said.

A white shirt is for women who have died as a result of violence. The shirt is made by a loved one in memory of the woman who died. A red, pink or orange shirt stands for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted. Yellow, beige, tan or brown shirts are for women who have been battered or assaulted. A blue or

green shirt indicates survivors of incest or sexual abuse, and purple or lavender shirts stand for women who have been battered because they are lesbians.

"The Clothesline gets set up at different colleges," Kockelman said. "It is to bear witness to those who have been victims. It is sort of like the AIDS quilt. It's so the victims can have their voices heard."

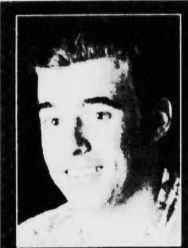
The project offered shirts to people so they can make statements of their own.

According to the Department of Justice Bureau of Criminal

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## Republican change of heart may bring campaign reform



**Jeremiah Oshan**  
STAFF WRITER

Campaign finance reform may be making a comeback. And it's about time. For how long and if it is successful is a whole other story.

Last year the McCain-Feingold bill was sitting in the Senate, but due to a Republican refusal to let the bill be debated on the floor, it was never even discussed. The two main things the bill would have done is stop the use of currently

unregulated "soft money" and put limits on spending for U.S. Senate elections.

"Soft money" is contributed to a party rather than a specific candidate. There are no limits on the amount anyone can contribute in this fashion.

Most Democrats voted to override the blockage, but because of their inability to get two-thirds of the Senate to vote with them, the bill seemed to die.

Now campaign finance looks like it will have its day of debate, but this time in the House of Representatives. Due to the Republican leadership's new-found change of heart, they are finally going to at least debate the proposed legislation.

Hallelujah! Gallup polls last year showed an overwhelming number of Americans support some kind of change in current fund-raising regulations. At the very least, this kind of legislation deserves debate.

The bill would be the most wide-sweeping reform since the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 which set up current regulations such as limits on contributions to specific candidates ("hard money"), but allowed for the "soft money" loophole.

There are obvious problems with "soft money." It allows the rich and big corporations to have far more influence in elections than the average voter. This money comes at the price of access for these interest groups. By the rich having more access than the average person, voter apathy grows.

There is also a problem with representation. If only the rich are being heard then it is fair to say the rest of us are not having our best interests looked after.

This new legislation will not cure all the problems. By limiting what candidates can spend with financing from voters, rich candidates are given an automatic advantage. The next question: Why don't we just limit the amount of personal money they can spend on their campaigns?

Actually the original writing of the 1971 legislation put limits on this kind of spending but the Supreme Court ruled that was an infringement of the First Amendment of the Constitution under freedom of expression.

So candidates like Al Checchi — a millionaire currently running for Governor of California — cannot be limited on what they can spend.

While it seems impossible to have a perfect solution to this problem, we can at least be happy this issue will not go undebated.

*Jeremiah Oshan is a Spartan Daily staff writer.*

## MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman



## Pillow talk American style: good night

Like every other student on this campus and around the world, I am a big fan of sleeping.

In fact, I consider myself a connoisseur of shut-eye and a master of the nap.

Unfortunately, I am not one of those students who can fall asleep anywhere they choose. You know who they are; they're the ones you see on the lawn, blissfully sleeping as their skins turn alarming shades of purple and ants crawl into their underwear.

They're the ones who nod off the instant the professor pops a tape into the VCR and turns off the lights. They have no qualms about sleeping in the most uncomfortable positions, whether it be in one of the school desks SJSU requisitioned from a third-grade classroom or the backseat of a 1984 Volkswagen Scirocco.

I can't do that unless I pass out there, and for that reason, I am insanely jealous. I need luxury, I crave comfort.

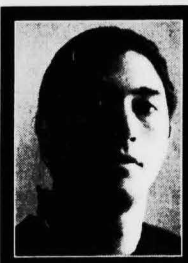
I wanna sleep in the biggest bed with the best pillows. And, surprisingly enough, I want to be alone in my cocoon.

I used to be one of those little high school wussies who thought that sleeping in the same bed as my girlfriend or lover was the ultimate in togetherness. I had no problem with post-sex cuddling and/or talking about our relationship in the sack. Now I just want to sleep. Ahh, fleeting youth, blah, blah, blah.

Instead of pillow talk, I just want to sleep with a lot of pillows.

And now, because it's nearing the end of the semester and I am sorely lacking in ideas for my column, the top 20 reasons why sleeping with a pillow is better than sleeping with a lover:

- 1) Unlike your lover, the fatter the pillow the more you love it.
- 2) Your pillow won't ask you to get up in the middle of the night to get it a glass of water.
- 3) It's physically impossible for your pillow to steal your covers, leaving you cold and shivering at 3 a.m.
- 4) During the hellishly hot days of summer, your pillow won't be emitting the approximate heat of a blast furnace.
- 5) You can get into a pillow fight without being



**Andrew Hussey**  
LOSER FRIENDLY

charged with domestic abuse.

6) A pillow won't drool on you but you can drool on your pillow without feeling guilty and being on the receiving end of a disgusted look.

7) You can sleep with more than one pillow without them getting jealous and fighting. In fact, a menage a trois, in the pillow world, is perfectly acceptable and in my opinion, preferable.

8) Pillows are cheap. You can go to Sears and buy a brand new pillow for \$20 or less. Try getting a brand new lover for under \$20.

9) You don't have to wine and dine a pillow to get it to go to bed with you.

10) If you get tired of the way your pillow looks, simply go to the closet and get a new pillow case. Viola! A fresh-faced pillow to share your bed with.

11) You can spend the night somewhere else without having to call your pillow and explain where you are, whom you're with, why you're not coming home, etc.

12) When friends spend the night, you can let them borrow your pillows without any regrets.

13) Your pillow doesn't care if you come home late and drunk, smelling of perfume.

14) A pillow won't feel the totally unnecessary urge to wake you up in the middle of the night to talk about your relationship and its direction.

15) Your pillow won't leave you for another pillow.

16) You can leave your pillow alone with your friends without worrying at all.

17) A pillow won't wake up in the middle of the night, crawl over your body and scoot to the bathroom only to return a minute later to repeat the process in reverse. Meanwhile, the soothing sounds of a flushing toilet can be heard in the background.

18) You can kick your pillow out of bed, whether on accident or on purpose, without any remorse.

19) You will never, ever, be forced to meet the parents and family of your pillow.

20) And finally, your pillow is filled with feathers or a synthetic version. The person you are sleeping with is, more than likely, full of crap.

Stay tuned next week for my last column (everyone let out a collective sigh of relief), filled with even more inane b.s. and inconsequential chatter.

*Andrew Hussey is the Spartan Daily entertainment/lifestyle editor. His column appears every Friday.*

## Women get what they deserve: say 'no' to harassment

So Paula Jones plans to appeal. I suppose that will entail another shopping extravaganza for clothes, hair, cosmetics (maybe even a little reconstructive surgery), lawyers and that most important figure, the image consultant.

She chose the wrong one the first time around — the shoe didn't fit — and Jones missed her carriage to the ball and her prince.

Oh my, whatever shall the wicked feminists do, who didn't support their damsel in distress? Like Jones, they will not "dress" but they can't blow this little job away, either. So, they chose to ignore the whole incident and let the dust settle. If only they could.

Jones and the women like her — Monica Lewinsky, Gennifer Flowers and Linda Tripp — are giving good women a bad name.

Real women can't stand these media whores who personify the worst of what women are not supposed to be anymore. They are like the cry-baby victims who connive, manipulate and backstab their way around the media and then pout when things don't go their way.

Real women appreciate Clinton's work for women's rights: the important ones like health care, child care, reproductive rights and abortion.

That's why the feminist powerhouses have remained so quiet. They are damned if they support the bimbo women types and damned if they don't.

The big-haired, short-skirted, made-up floozies have clowned the media rodeo to where the only bulls left to trick are themselves.

I'm ashamed. I despise these female stereotypes to which I am subjected not only in the media, but on campus. For God's sake, wear clothes when you're in school. Keep boobs inside, wear something that covers the butt and for Pete's sake, keep the negligees in your bedrooms.

Your nobility is misplaced and misguided when you later feel that you must kiss and tell about the guy who grabbed your buns.

Sexy is one thing but hot-for-teacher attire is another. It presents a no-class look and certainly doesn't make the grade in my book.

By implying your consent, then screaming when things don't go your way, you pervert the female experience.

Women with legitimate sexual harassment complaints now have to battle the Ms. Joneses with the "little miss riding hood eaten by a wolf in the office song" and the real, big, bad Mr. Joneses who only give raises to little girls who share their baskets of goodies.

Let's get the story straight.

The next time, just say "no" and most unwelcome sexual propositions will be cut off from the start. Otherwise, like Paula Jones, you'll get what you deserve.

Now grow up and shut up.

*Cindy Scarberry is a Spartan Daily staff writer.*

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#### CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Free film "Orientation" at 7:30 p.m. at 80 E. Rosemary St. For more information, call Ilene at (408) 441-6661.

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"A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine" at 7 p.m. in the University

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#### STARS ON ICE

Ice skating with children who have disabilities from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Ice Centre of San Jose. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Pamela Nail at (925) 432-8707.

### Saturday

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Piano concert by John O'Connor at 8 p.m. in the Music Building's Concert

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### Sunday

#### ALPHA PHI OMEGA (NATIONAL CO-EDUCATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION)

General meeting, all members welcome — past, present and future — from 6 - 7 p.m. in Business Classrooms, Room 312. For more information, call (408) 924-6626.

#### T.I.G.E.R. OF SJSU/AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

"Silicon Dreams" from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, call Dennis English at (408) 924-7932.

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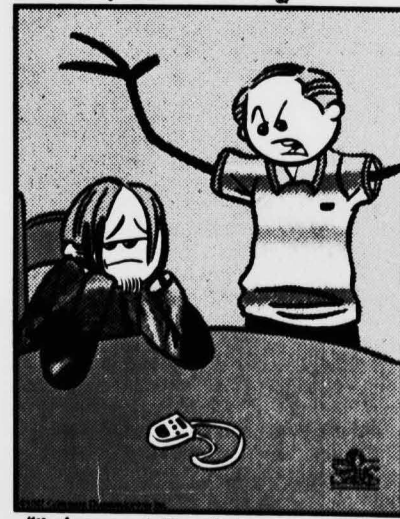
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## SPARKWORLD



"You're gonna tell me that your virtual pet turned 16 and wrecked the car?"



# Young engineering whiz to don cap, gown

By Cindy Scarberry  
Staff Writer

Beatrice Ojo gave birth to a second son, Temitope, in 1978 after a difficult pregnancy and several miscarriages. He was known in Nigeria as "a mind to be grateful for," the Yoruban translation. Family called him "Temi" for short.

Nineteen years later, young Ojo proves he has a mind to be thankful for. The San Jose State University electrical engineer major will walk in May's graduating ceremonies as one of the youngest students, according to an SJSU admissions and records spokeswoman.

"I have a very strong mother who wouldn't let me relax in my studies," Ojo said. "She knows I'm doing my best."

## All in the family

Beatrice would expect nothing less, said Ojo's brother Todd, who also completed college early and works as an mechanical engineer in the Bay Area.

"Education was definitely encouraged by our parents," Todd said. "They told us education was the best way to succeed in life."

Children usually go to kindergarten in Nigeria until they are five years old, according to Ojo. At age four, Ojo was reading first grade level textbooks, so he transferred to the Unity elementary school a year earlier than most of his peers. There he learned with pupils from different backgrounds and income levels and was prepared for the diversity he was to find at SJSU.

Ojo learned English, arithmetic and the sciences so quickly that at age nine he passed the required high school entrance exam and entered the seventh grade.

## Coming to America

With high school behind him before his 14th birthday, Ojo headed for California.

"Nigeria was going through an unstable time and it could have taken me a long time to finish college there so I decided to come to California," Ojo said. "I stayed with a family my father knew in Oakland."

A seasoned world traveler, Ojo said he has visited parts of Africa, most of Europe, England and many of America's largest cities. His goal is to meet as many people as possible and make the most of his time at SJSU.

"I had to justify the expense," Ojo said half-jokingly. "I tell my brother that I probably know three-fourths of the people at San Jose State."

Becoming a university housing resident adviser and a counselor to international students helped Ojo meet his goal.

"It was the best thing I ever did," Ojo said. "I had to go through training on diversity and learn how to be receptive to disagreements, to respect differing opinions."

Robyn Jones, president of the SJSU Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers, remembers meeting Ojo more than a year ago and his words of encouragement when she went through the residential adviser training program.



Brian Prince/Spartan Daily

**Temi Ojo, a senior at San Jose State University, will be one of the youngest students to graduate this semester and will be receiving a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Ojo will turn 20 on May 8.**

"I think he's a genius. I've never met anyone so smart, so young," Jones said. "Everybody loves him. He's always concerned about the next person."

## And humble, too

Ojo said he doesn't consider himself a genius.

"It's a negative word, I think,"

Ojo said. "I'm just very determined and goal-oriented. I'm very good at the things I like."

Being good isn't always enough. As a youngster in Nigeria, Ojo formed a community soccer team when his school said it didn't have a spot for him on its team.

Last year, when SJSU didn't

have a spot for him on a soccer team, Ojo knew from experience what to do. He organized his own intramural soccer team called "INT" for International Terror. It didn't surprise him when INT won the championship game in the spring of 1997.

"I love competition," Ojo said. "I wanted to show them you can be good and be humble."

Ojo's father was proud.

"We encouraged our children not only to read but also to get involved with outside activities," his father said. "Whatever he wants to do, as long as he does his best."

When the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers needed a vice president, Ojo applied and won the position. As a black man and the only black residential adviser at SJSU last year, Ojo said he can relate to the African-American experience in America but thinks of himself as an international kind of person.

"I'm not looking for acceptance on any side," Ojo said. "I joined BASE because I wanted to be a good example to black high school students. I would like to see more black students in engineering."

## The price to pay

The midnight oil burns late at Ojo's room in Spartan Village. As graduation nears, Ojo said there are not enough hours in the day to do all the things he still wants to do.

Most evenings Ojo can be found, along with his three team members, working on his senior project. The team's project uses cutting-edge technology for a three-dimensional conferencing

system and includes a system where two sound sources help determine the direction of a person's voice, according to Ojo.

He attributes an internship last summer at Quantum Corporation as a highlight in his engineering experience. He plans to pursue a career in the United States.

Like his parents, who both operate their own businesses, Ojo said he will probably combine engineering and business at some point in his life.

"I want to use my international experiences and lead a global life," Ojo said. "Who knows what I may do?"

## Mature beyond his years

Staci Buchwald, a Royce Resident director and Ojo's supervisor, said she wouldn't be surprised if Ojo ran the United Nations one day.

"Ojo is highly motivated and ambitious," Buchwald said. "He saw the world as his community. I don't think anyone who meets him thinks he's as young as he is."

Cristoval Perez, an SJSU senior, said he has known Ojo for about a year since becoming his roommate and agrees with Buchwald's assessment.

"It's an extremely hard achievement," Perez said. "To keep up with the whole college experience, the clubs and school. Ojo has done really well."

Being a young leader doesn't bother him, Ojo said.

"When I'm around people of the same age as I am, I feel older," Ojo said. "Probably because I've experienced more. I've known since I was a young child that I've been privileged."

## Celebration: Triumph

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Cinco de Mayo is a celebration in remembrance of a battle that took place on Mexican soil on May 5, 1862, he said, adding the poorly trained Mexicans defeated one of the most powerful armies of that time, sent over from France by Napoleon III.

Mora-Torres pointed out the victory is celebrated as a symbol of Mexicans not allowing foreign powers to conquer their country.

"I think (Cinco de Mayo) has to do with people of Mexican ancestry having a desire to preserve their culture," he said. "We can absorb American culture, yet maintain Mexican culture."

Rowena Cubero, an accounting major who recently moved to San Jose from Southern California, said she thought Cinco de Mayo was Mexico's Independence Day.

"In Porterville they had a

(Cinco de Mayo) festival, but I was never really into it because nobody told me what it was about," Cubero said, adding she would like to attend Sunday's festivities if she can get some friends to join her.

Shanin Kreis, a liberal studies major, went to last year's downtown celebration and said she found it interesting.

"I think it (the holiday) is important to Californians because we have people from lots of different cultures here," Kreis said.

Sunday's Cinco de Mayo parade is scheduled to run from 9 until 11 a.m., heading east on Santa Clara Street. The festivities will be located at the Downtown Festival Site on Almaden Boulevard and Park Avenue, and at the Discovery Meadow, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Women: Abuse

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Statistics, in the United States one out of four women will be raped in her lifetime.

One survivor who wished to remain unnamed stopped by the table to get shirts on which to write. She said the man who abused her was here at SJSU.

Renee Allen, a member of the Women's Health Team, said many people stopped and looked, but it was men who were more sensitive.

"One guy wanted to find out the difference between rape and consensual sex. This can open the lines of communication between people," Allen said.

Many women haven't been as vocal, yet they have stopped to ask about information on making the shirts and are taking flyers, according to Kockelman.

"A sorority came by. They are interested in sponsoring the Clothesline Project," Allen said. "Also, other women said they wanted to donate shirts to the project."

The Women's Health Team, part of SJSU's Peer Health Education program, also set out pamphlets on different topics relating to abuse such as rape statistics, different rape crisis centers, guidelines for rape awareness and the dating bill of rights guide. The bill of rights includes what people have the right to do, such as the right to ask for a date and the right to refuse a date, the right to have limits and to have values respected, the right to refuse to lend money and the right to refuse sex with anyone.

For more information on rape or abuse, contact the Student Health Center at 924-6136.

## Precautions: Ready

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one half hour before the end of the festival. There has also been a voluntary curb on the sale of alcohol, according to Moore.

"Most downtown merchants have voluntarily agreed to not sell alcohol immediately following the festival," Moore said.

The parade is scheduled to take place from 9 to 11 a.m. with the festival beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

This may create a problem because of the San Jose Clash game beginning at 5 p.m., which is around the same time most people will be trying to exit the festival, said Moore.

San Jose Police are trying to encourage people who are planning on attending the game to come on foot or take a shuttle to keep traffic under control.

Extra law enforcement officers have been added so SJPD can be ready to respond if any

disturbances occur.

"We are going to be there to keep people from getting hurt, not to keep people from having a good time," Moore said. "I think we will be successful."

San Jose's Downtown Association has met with business owners in the area to discuss the methods by which they can get downtown with the least amount of hassle and how they can prepare for the aftermath of the celebration.

"Our role in this has been to get information out to business and property owners about getting their employees access to downtown and to answer any questions they might have," said Noelle Knell, communications manager of San Jose's Downtown Association.

## Checchi: \$500 million man bankrolling own campaign

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Technology Initiative, is a \$2.8 billion project funded by GTE and Fujitsu to link the 24 CSU campuses together in a single network. Hughes and Microsoft recently pulled out.

Proposition 215 is a California initiative passed last June by voters, making marijuana use legal for medical purposes. Its constitutionality has recently been challenged by the state's judicial system.

Proposition 209 is a California initiative also passed last June by voters, repealing the state's affirmative action requirements for government-funded organizations.

"CETI was the right idea from a public policy standpoint, but no one had an idea on how to implement it correctly," Checchi said. "It collapsed because they used a top-down approach. It was backwards."

Checchi said in order to start again, faculty and students — the end users — should be involved in the decision-making process.

Checchi doesn't support Prop. 209 and, he said, if elected he would take steps to eventually repeal it. He said he would make 2,400 government appointments of staff that "fully represent the diversity of California" and would hire regents "who recognize that the aspects of an educational system need to be reflected by the diversity of its students."

Proposition 215, Checchi said, is not a political issue but a medical and scientific one.

"As a son of a Food and Drug official, I believe that there are existing processes to determine

the safety (of marijuana)," he said. "If it's safe, then it should be available on prescription."

As for Northern California's high price of gas, Checchi said that he hadn't looked into the matter and didn't know the facts involved.

"If, after studying it, it was discovered that a regional cartel was behind it (gas pricing), I would break it up," he said.

Checchi is joined by congresswoman Jane Harman and Lt. Gov. Gray Davis as Democratic gubernatorial candidates. The republican candidate is state Attorney General Dan Lungren. A recent poll of voters shows Davis leading both Checchi and Harman.

SJSU liberal studies major Zoe Ferrant said that she wants to know what the candidates can offer college students.

"I would like to know how

they can help students, especially CSU students, to better afford school," Ferrant said. "It is supposed to be cheap, but it isn't."

Both Harman and Checchi are believed to be spending approximately \$1 million a week campaigning. California's blanket primary, available for the first time, allows voters to pick candidates outside their party and opens up an entire new segment of the voting population to candidates.

Worth approximately \$500 million, Checchi is financing his own campaign. Because he isn't accepting money from special interest groups, he believes he is offering voters a choice they normally wouldn't have.

"I would ask candidates to put their money where their mouth is," Checchi said, "instead of their mouth where other people's money is."

According to SJSU Political Science Chair Terry Christensen, Checchi is seen by most political scientists as "just another moneybags, like Michael Huffington."

"I wouldn't write him off as

just another checkbook candidate," Christensen said. "He's smarter than Huffington and is campaigning more vigorously than Huffington did."

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# Softball's Miner: A major motivator

By Peggy Flynn  
Staff Writer

Softball Head Coach Connie Miner knows greatness takes time.

When Miner accepted the head coach position for the San Jose State University's women's softball team, she wanted to turn the program around, and knew it wouldn't happen overnight.

"I want to set goals for academics as well as on the field," Miner said. "Half our kids were awarded with honors (this year) and I want to continue promoting that aspect."

Miner came from Eastern Michigan University where her record of 269-254-2 in nine seasons gave her the distinction of being the school's most victorious coach.

"I did a lot of things there (EMU) — in the community, setting up camps, fund-raised almost my entire budget," Miner said. "I was ready for a change of pace."

A pace, Miner admits, that hasn't allowed her to venture too far from San Jose since her arrival in November 1996.

"I threw myself into my work," Miner said. "I just found a great apartment."

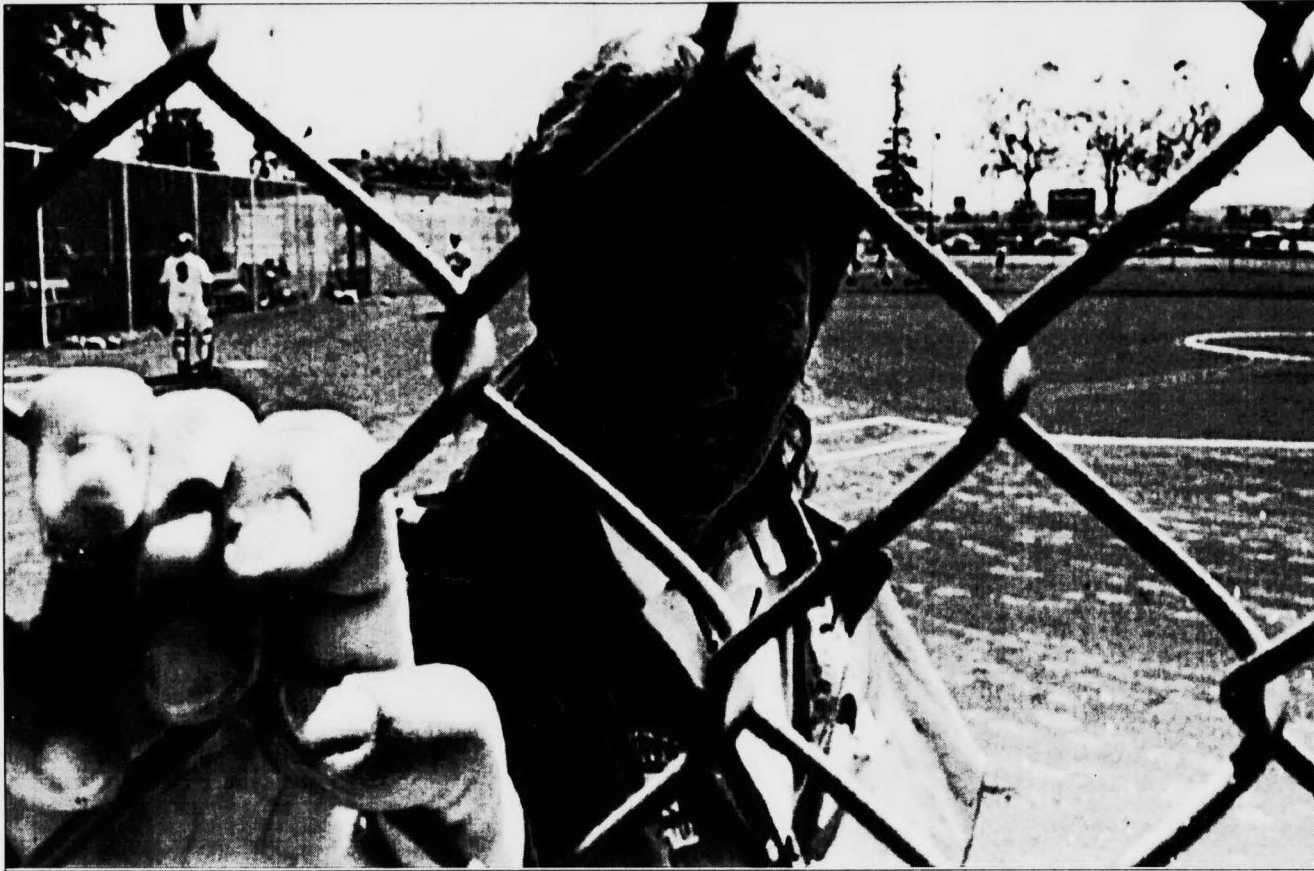
SJSU Associate Athletic Director Carolyn Lewis said that Miner is a great addition to the staff.

"Connie is hard working and is determined to succeed," Lewis said. "She's done a good job with bringing back the alumni and involving them in our program."

Miner said that she is enjoying the team members and getting them involved in the neighborhood and with at-risk children.

"I want them to know that you have to earn your spot (on the team) and that a work ethic is required in the classroom as well as on the field," Miner said. "This will help them in the real world."

A Kansas native, Miner said



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

SJSU softball coach Connie Miner has brought a hard-nosed approach to San Jose State University since she came here from

she couldn't remember a time that she wasn't playing ball.

"I had a neighbor, a 70-year-old man, who allowed me to play ball with the boys," Miner said. "He taught me that I could do whatever I wanted to."

Miner was a four-year letter-winner and a four-time all-conference honoree at Kearney State College (Neb.) where she graduated with her degree in health, physical education and recreation in 1979.

"Good coaching is what got me into college," Miner said about her softball coach.

Despite the 22-29 overall record and 7-17 in the WAC, Miner said she wants her team to go out strong.

"I would like us to finish in the top half (of the WAC)," Miner said, "and get a chance to go to the regionals."

Miner said she is focusing the Spartans on being the team to beat. She wants them to use that

Eastern Michigan University. Despite the 22-29 overall record and 7-17 in the WAC this year, Miner's team always comes to play.

approach and attitude for every game.

"She's very aggressive," junior pitcher Niki Zenger said about Miner's intensity. "She's coached us on power hitting. This is the strongest hitting team I have ever been on."

Junior utility player Maya Garcia added that Miner is an enthusiastic teacher.

"She's pumped up all the time, which motivates us," Garcia said. "She promotes togetherness and

teaches us to count on each other for support."

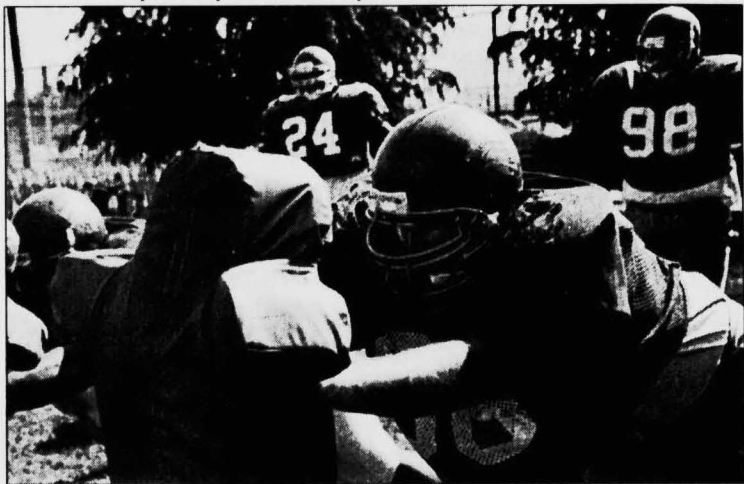
According to Lewis, the WAC is the second strongest athletic conference in the nation and has "extremely tough competition."

Miner said she is ready for the challenge of taking SJSU to the next level and is aiming high.

"My dream is to be in a position to win a national championship," Miner said.

"Once I get there, winning will be icing on the cake."

## Outta my way, dummy



Grayson West/Spartan Daily

Spartan football player Jason Mitchell practices on the tackling dummy Thursday at Simpkins Field, in preparation for this Saturday's 10 a.m. practice game.

## 'The Boss,' Adidas settle antitrust suit with major league baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees and Adidas dropped their antitrust lawsuit against baseball today, and New York owner George Steinbrenner was reinstated to the sport's ruling executive council.

The team and the sporting goods company sued baseball last May 6, alleging the sport interfered with the \$95 million, 10-year marketing agreement the Yankees and Adidas America agreed to in March 1997.

Seven days later, the council suspended Steinbrenner, one of the four American League owners on baseball's ruling body.

As part of the settlement, baseball and Adidas signed a licensing and advertising agreement.

Adidas did not gain the right to display its logo on official uniforms and jackets. In announcing the settlement,

baseball also said it extended its uniform licensing deal with Russell Athletic through 1999, its batting practice jersey deal with Majestic Athletic through 1999 and its outerwear deal with Starter Corp. through 1999.

Baseball extended its caps deal with New Era through 2003, and signed Adidas, Nike and Reebok as marketing partners, giving them the right to use team uniforms in advertising both in the United States and overseas.

The Yankees and Adidas sued baseball after officials in the commissioner's office ordered the team to stop selling T-shirts with Adidas logos at Yankee Stadium and told the Yankees to stop outfitting their grounds crew in Adidas gear.

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5/3 at 2 p.m.

### Football

San Jose State University Spring football game at Simpkins Stadium Practice field  
5/2 at 10 a.m.

**Editor's Note:** The SJSU baseball game Friday is students' night. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. with a barbecue, meet and greet with San Jose Clash players, WILD 94.9 provides music, raffles and giveaways.

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