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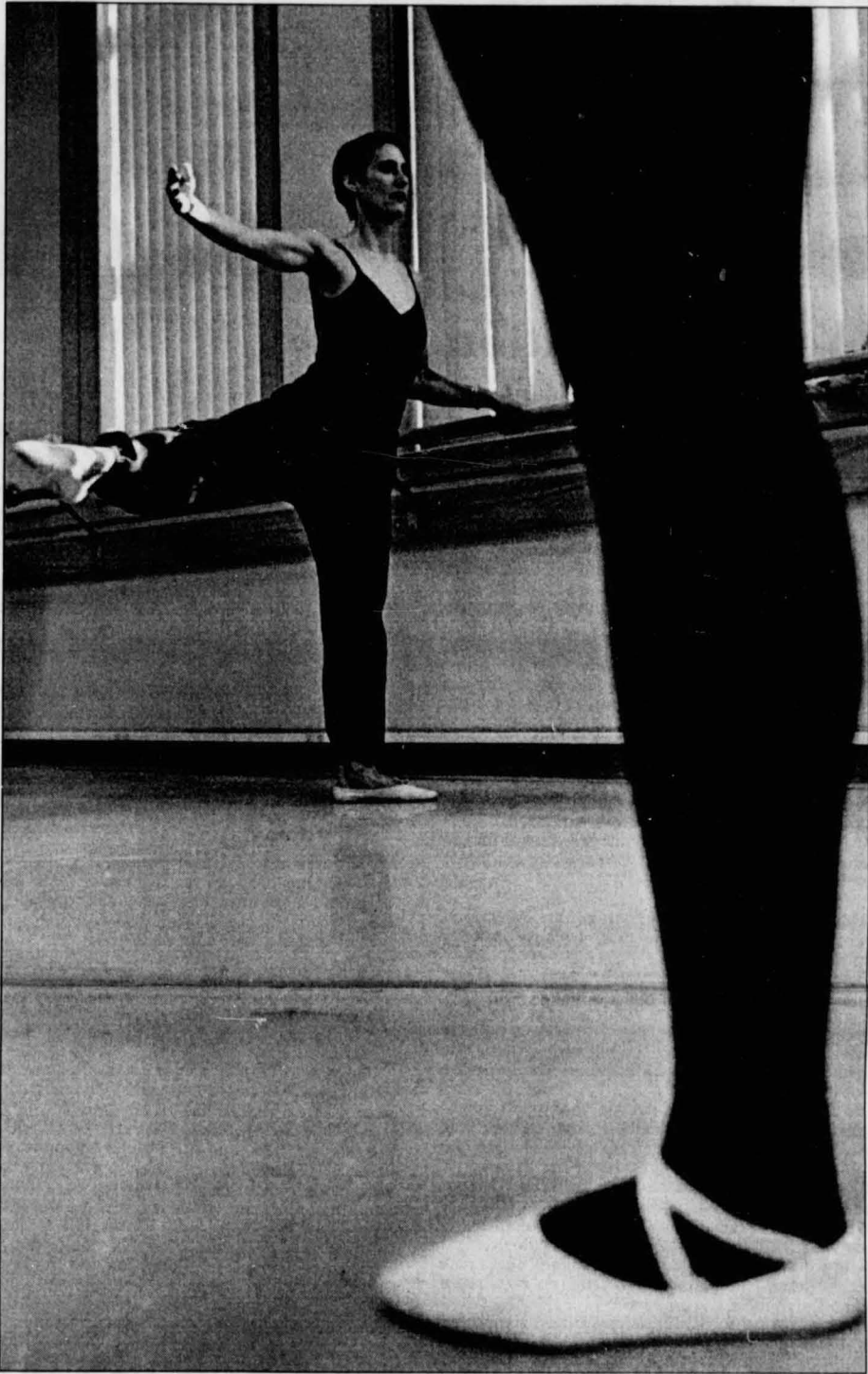
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## Dancing to her own beat



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Ballet is just one of the many dance classes Von Joo-Tornell takes to fulfill her master's degree requirements. On average, Von Joo-Tornell spends four hours a day in dance classes and spends additional time to rehearse on her own.

## Deadline passes for CFA contract

By Scott Shuey  
Senior Staff Writer

California State University faculty could vote to approve a strike before Feb. 15 if CSU trustees implement their "last, best and final" contract offer today.

The California Faculty Association and the CSU system, which San Jose State University belongs to, have been working on renegotiating their contract since July while working under an extension. However, the state served notice on Dec. 24 to terminate the extension, which expired Monday at midnight.

Without a contract the state has the right to implement an offer included in an independent fact finder report — which was released on Monday — or a previous offer until an agreement between the faculty and the state is reached. Ken Swisher, the California State University Public Affairs Officer, said he could not discuss the exact details of the state's last offer.

The university trustees are scheduled to make a decision on

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— Terry Christensen  
Political Science  
Professor //

how to proceed without a contract Tuesday at 3:45 in Long Beach when Charles Reed, the California State University Chancellor presents his recommendations to the Trustee Collective Bargaining Committee. "One of two things could happen," said Jim Smith, California Faculty Association communications director. "The CSU would submit the 'last, best and final' offer to the faculty for a vote, or they could unilaterally impose a 'last, best and final' offer and make that the rule. If that were to happen we

would go get the strike vote." If the faculty is given the opportunity to vote on a proposal, Terry Christensen, SJSU political science professor and chair, doesn't think the faculty should necessarily vote to approve it.

"If we're given the chance to vote, I think we should vote against it," Christensen said. He added that the faculty would be very disappointed if the governor and legislature didn't say something in the faculty's defense.

If the faculty is not given the option to vote on a proposal or if a proposal is voted down, then their next step could be to vote for approval to strike.

Even if a vote to strike was approved, he said, the faculty wouldn't just walk off campus, but should do something to express their discontent.

Swisher had no comment on the faculty's threat to strike and said it was too early to speculate what the CSU would do if a strike occurred.

Robert Caret, SJSU president, said during his December press

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## SJSU complying to Y2K

By Ginny White  
Senior Staff Writer

The Y2K problem has brought visions of power outages, food shortages and world-wide computer crashes expected at 12:01 Jan. 1, 2000.

Computers recognize the "00" in 2000 as 1900 because they are programmed to assume the century is the 19th.

This potential catastrophe is so well known, it has its own name: Y2K for Year 2000.

The California State University system has required all its campuses to be compliant by December, but San Jose State University expects to be fully converted by the end of July, said Katie Hill, interim director of Information Systems, in charge of converting campus systems to recognize the year 2000. She said students don't need to worry about SJSU computers.

"We've been working on the problem since 1996," Hill said about Y2K. "There isn't any cause for worry about graduation,

Y2K Compliance	
How computers read the date before and after compliance	
Date	January 26, 1999
Pre Y2K	990126
Post Y2K	19990126
Source: SJSU Y2K website WWW.SJSU.EDU/COMPUTING/Y2K	

grades and the like."

Becoming Y2K compliant involves programming the computer to recognize 2000 or replacing computers that can't be upgraded.

The university began working with the Student Information System's software vendor, SCT Corporation in 1997. They have been converting the original software and all changes since its installation to accept dates beginning with 2000.

The Student Information System, the main source of student documentation, contains

information about student admissions, records, financial aid and billing, Hill said. This system has been customized over the years to suit the needs of SJSU.

"Customization (of the software) since its purchase makes it difficult to upgrade," Hill said.

Hill submits periodic progress reports to the Chancellor's office. The next report will be completed in late February, she said.

Sylvia Hutchinson, public affairs officer at SJSU, said Hill was in charge of conducting a university-wide inventory of computers possibly affected by Y2K.

"Y2K is problematic where software that was purchased years ago and has been customized," Hutchinson said. "So (Hill) went over the systems in search of potential problems."

The cost of converting the Student Information System to Y2K compliance is \$171,000, Hill said.

Individual departments are in charge of their own systems and workstations, she said.

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## Defunct ABL gathers to thank fans by putting on All-Star game

By Leah Bower  
Senior Staff Writer

San Jose Lasers' guard Jennifer Azzi, along with other American Basketball League players, scrimmaged one last time for charity during the all-star hoopSalute game at DeAnza College in Cupertino Sunday.

"As far as I know, this is the first time in a pro league that a league folded and still had an all-star game," hoopSalute organizer Gay Katilius said.

The ABL, a professional women's basketball league, which includes the San Jose Lasers, filed for bankruptcy Dec. 22. According to league co-founder Steve Hams the ABL folded partially because they were not able to secure television contracts.

"The bottom line is we ran out of money," Hams said. "The league was operating at a loss."

Katilius said the non-profit game was a labor of love for her and fellow fans, who paid from \$50 to \$1,500 for seats. Between 1,600 to 2,000 ABL fans piled into a DeAnza gym to watch players like Azzi, the Philadelphia Rage's Teresa Edwards and the Seattle Reign's Kate Starbird play ball.

Many fans expressed disappointment over the league's demise, especially since many felt the players were extremely accessible compared to other athletes.

"It was everything that was right about basketball," said fan John Cunliffe of Felton, who called himself a convert from the NBA. "I drove to San Jose to see them [the Lasers]."

The Lasers played their first season's games at the San Jose State Event Center before dividing their home games between the Event Center and the San Jose Arena.

"San Jose lost a great team," San Jose resident Sandi Visser said. "I had hopes that my daughter would be on this team someday."

The Lasers fielded five players for the ABL tribute game, while Lasers coach Angela Beck took charge of one team and was assisted by former San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer.

Team Dunn, led by Portland Power coach Lin Dunn, kept control for most of the game thanks to the low post power of Natalie Williams, who was named the 1997-98 ABL Most Valuable Player while with the Portland Power.

Team Beck came from behind to nab a one-point victory with a last second jumper from Edwards, which ended the game 101-100.

In an emotional ending to the event, Azzi gave her Olympic jersey to organizer Katilius, along with her thanks for giving the ABL players another day with their fans.

Azzi was a member of the 1995-96 U.S.

Gold Medal Olympic Team and was an alternate for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team.

"I'm sad and happy at the same time," Azzi told the crowd after the game. "It's ironic. This is a lot like our first game, but we have a lot more media at this game."

HoopSalute was not an ABL event Katilius said, since players were still under contract to the league so proceeds will go to DeAnza women's basketball, Next Door — a domestic violence agency — and other charities to be decided on by Katilius.

"I got special approval to use the players in this game because it was not for profit," Katilius said.

San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales even got in on the excitement with a one-on-one game against the Rage's Edwards at half-time that ended with no score.

Gonzales said while San Jose lost a pro sports team, the city learned how much support there was for women's basketball.

"I look to the day we can have pro women's basketball in San Jose," Gonzales said. "If it's good for San Jose, I'm for it."

However, a Women's NBA franchise might be difficult to get, according to Gonzales, because the league wants to locate teams where there is already a NBA team.






Aimee Santos/Spartan Daily

Naomi Mulitauaoepe of the Seattle Reign smacks 'high-fives' with fans during the starting lineup introductions.

While Hams said he is not planning to form a new rival league for the WNBA to replace the ABL, he still has hopes the ABL's bankruptcy will not be the end of

fall season women's basketball. "I believe somebody will come along to fill this space left by the ABL," said Hams.

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## Advice list devised in attempt to help incoming students

Although the majority of students begin their careers at San Jose State University during the more traditional Fall Semester, I realize that there is a large number of students who are in their first semester at our fair institution.

For the benefit of those students, I have devised a list of things they will have to deal with, accompanied by possible ways of dealing with them.

As I am sure you have already noticed, the parking situation is not exactly choice. There are several techniques for getting a spot, such as following pedestrians to their spots like a vulture, or simply



Prophecies

JEREMIAH OSHAN

waiting in one spot for a space to open up. If, however, you do not feel like turning into a cut-throat parking space seeker, I suggest forgoing the parking situation altogether and finding an alternate form of transportation. You will be the life of any party with the stories of your travels.

New students also may have noticed the long line protruding out of the Admissions and Records Building. This line should be avoided at all costs, but that is far more easily said than done. Since you will surely find yourself needing some kind of advice on which form you need or which transcript you must turn in, make sure to get the name of the person who helped you and have them sign a receipt.

Your transcripts will be mishandled a minimum of five times and it won't matter if you turned them in by hand if you don't have proof. Every SJSU student has a horror story about getting the run-around from countless "just doing their job" bureaucrats. So, welcome to the club.

After filing your paperwork, you will surely be directed next door to the cashiering office. You will find the accompanying lie which will stretch outside the building, past the big bell, down the stairs and to the front steps of Tower Hall.

There is a drop window, but then you again run the risk of having your payment lost. Your wait will be made all the more exciting by listening to all the intriguing predicament your fellow students have gotten themselves into. No one will simply pay and leave, except you.

For those who need to add, good luck, you will definitely need it. Unless you plan on slipping your teacher \$20, you will undoubtedly have to compete with 50 students for one spot.

While most of the above situations are negative in nature there are some unique pleasures at SJSU, too. First of all, do not bother with nicely paved walkways. As many SJSU students have discovered the dirt paths are a much quicker mode of transportation.

If you need a quiet place to study, try the library. For at least the first few months of school you will be all alone.

Looking for a good place to eat? SJSU has plenty. On campus there is the Market Cafe, Sbarro, the Student Union and — for dorm residents — there is the Dining Commons. None are especially good, but you are young. You will recover. Off campus, there are plenty of similarly qualified eateries.

Do not misunderstand me, I love SJSU, but it takes some getting used to. Keep these tips in mind and you'll be fine.

Jeremiah Oshan is the *Spartan Daily Sports Editor*. *Prophecies* will appear from time to time.



## Olsen twins ruin New Year's resolution

I was sitting on my couch New Year's Eve battling the flu that's going around when I did something I never do — I made a resolution.

I vowed that I would be less critical and more pleasant.

Well surprise, surprise, I made it only two weeks before the venom inside boiled over.

I had the best of intentions, but a story I read last week sent me over the edge.

Being the parent of a 17-month-old, I thought I had seen it all.

I have to play with the Teletubbies dolls, La La and Po. Teletubbies are these weird looking and obnoxious alien-like dolls with antennae on their heads and televisions in their stomachs.

I have even succumbed to the omnipotence of Barney, that damned purple dinosaur.

For me it was a trip to the dark side of parenting. I've learned to roll with the punches as a parent, but I drew the line last week.

Apparently some marketing genius actually thinks the world has a need for Olsen Twin dolls.

You remember the Olsen Twins, Mary Kate and Ashley, those detestable little brats from the TV show Full House.

God, if I had a dollar for every time I have wanted to slap those pretentious little prima donnas, I would own them. I could make them my personal serfs.

"Mary Kate, wash my socks."  
"Ashley, scrub the toilet."  
"Both of you, no supper tonight. I had to see your faces on the Superstation while flipping through the dial."

Those brats don't deserve to be on my television. They aren't cute, they aren't adorable and they certainly don't deserve to have some poor sucker shelling out \$19.99 for their hard earned money just so those nauseating "stars" can keep their "lifestyle" afloat.

Isn't it bad enough that they are on TBS twice everyday? Isn't it worse yet, that they replaced a quality show like Saved By The Bell?

Oh, stop, we all know why I'd watch Saved By The Bell. Hello Jesse, Kelly and Lisa, but I digress.

Who decided that those two repulsive kids deserve to grace my television screen anyway?

I can't wait for the day I see the story of those two doing the typical childhood star thing by committing a robbery — ala Dana Plato — or bounce in and out of Betty Ford more than Robert Downey Jr. That will be a blissful day in the Bad Example household.



Mr. BAD EXAMPLE

Aaron Williams

Speaking of things I don't wish to see on my television, I think I could go the rest of my life without seeing another commercial for ... genital herpes.

If you haven't seen the ad, it starts off with a woman complaining about having to take five pills a day to control her herpes outbreaks.

"I just don't have time for

that," she says.

Gee, she should have thought of that before she slept around like the whore of Babylon.

The commercial continues by showing beautiful people in love. They are walking on the beach, having a candlelit dinner and dancing.

Now I don't know about you, but if I ever brought that special little present home to my wife, my dog would need to find a new residence.

The beauty of this ad is the announcer — his barely audible announcer voice — telling viewers, "There is no cure for genital herpes, and Valtrex is meant for the suppression of the herpes virus. Unprotected sex is not advisable during outbreaks."

You don't say. I thought it was bad enough when tampon, douche and other feminine hygiene ads became socially acceptable.

I used to love, "Mom, do you ever get that 'unfresh' feeling?" What was once a hilarious joke is now trite.

I don't think of feminine hygiene products as a taboo subject, it's a natural part of being a woman. However, I would rather my son not walk around the house with his new maxipad airplane — you know the ones with wings.

It's not just tampons and douche, that aren't appropriate viewing material. Products such as jock itch powder, hemorrhoid cream and laxatives shouldn't be the thing I see in between episodes of Full House.

Who cares that Preparation H shrinks 25 percent more hemorrhoidal tissue than Anusol?

Who needs to know about the fungal monster living inside your BVD's?

Who would be stupid enough to take a burro ride into the Grand Canyon while fighting an epic battle against diarrhea?

Bring me Mary Kate and Ashley, I need something from the drug store.

Aaron Williams is the *Spartan Daily Production Editor*. Mr. Bad Example appears every Tuesday.

## Students prepare for last semester before Millennium

We're back. It's time to be college students again. San Jose State University beckons us to continue our higher education, nickel sacks not included.

The same campus awaits us. The same palm trees, the same faces, even the same squirrels.

President Robert Caret's "Construction Deathtrap" program is continuing at full speed with even more uncompleted construction sites lying between you and getting to class alive.

There is so much to do now that we are here again.

Get reacquainted with the pot dealer down the hall from you in the dorm.

Figure out the perfect two minute window of



Shane Lewis

STAFF WRITER

opportunity to find a parking spot.

Remember which stores have the best specials on beer.

Forget that the dwindling population of squirrels on campus is directly related to the improved flavor of the meat at the Quesadilla Corner.

Pretend again that you have no change for Coffee Joe so that he can buy a "cup 'a coffee."

As college students we need goals that will drive us to excellence. The pinnacles of achievement that the student body will strive for can be summed up in four goals, each one with something to fall back on.

1. Get laid ... or go crazy.

2. Get drunk and/or high ... or drink so much caffeine that you scream, "Are you threatening me?" at the squirrels.

3. Pass your classes ... or revise the ten-year plan for the tenth time.

4. Show up to work ... or catch a new exotic, highly contagious disease like genital ebola coli warts every other day.

The order of importance will differ for the alcoholics, nymphomaniacs, academics and workaholics.

Some of these goals will directly contradict one another.

To achieve one will deny the other. That's the hardest part of being a college student. Making it all work. It's not easy. It takes compromise, planning and extreme sleep deprivation.

This is one of life's greatest mysteries, much like the question of "Why did Monica Lewinsky decide to keep an unwashed blue dress with presidential stains on it?"

Almost everyone will eventually graduate, even the guy asleep in a puddle of his own drool at the back of class.

There will be those who get lost on the way never to be seen again and those who get back up after falling and mending their wounds.

SJSU is no Stanford, Harvard, or Princeton. But, it's our place and the Stanford yuppies with silver spoons wedged up their asses can't take that away from us. SJSU is giving us a chance, something that the other universities would not even consider giving.

It's a new start, and after all, this is the last school year before the Millennium and the End of the World.

So, grab your straitjacket, strap it on and try not to fall on your face when you run to class.

It's going to be another one of those insane semesters. I already have my straitjacket on.

Shane Lewis is a *Spartan Daily Staff Writer*.

## Clinton's State of the Union suggestion to invest in stock market is a bad idea

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — During the State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton put forth the idea that the United States government should start investing in the stock market.

This is a bad idea.

Turning the federal government into a financial powerhouse is not a prudent way to save Social Security. Instead, the government should require all U.S. taxpayers to invest a fixed portion of their earnings in a mutual fund of their choice.

Clinton proposed that \$2.7 trillion, out of a projected \$4.4 trillion in surpluses, be used to shore up Social Security in the coming years. In particular, he suggested that in order to generate greater returns,

\$700 billion of the money devoted to Social Security be invested in the stock market.

One common objection to investment of Social Security funds in stocks is the risk of a huge crash in the market. The stock market, as evidenced by last year's performance, is certainly prone to periodic gyrations.

However, over the long term, which is certainly the time frame that Social Security funds would be invested, history tells us that stocks are in fact the safest place to be. The real dangers are far more subtle. White House officials have stated that tremendous care will be taken to ensure that this investment scheme stays apart from politics.

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Surely boycott-happy members of the American public would find some reason to complain about the stocks in which the government invests.

Knowing where the government was planning to invest would be incredibly valuable.

Even if the investment decisions could be made in an apolitical manner, significant incentives would exist for government managers to behave in a corrupt fashion.

The knowledge of where and when the

federal behemoth would make transactions would be priceless to unscrupulous traders wishing to engage in illegal dealings.

One proposal is to model the U.S. Social Security system on the one used in Chile, where all workers are required to invest a portion of their salaries in a private fund.

Such a system would allow all Americans to take part in Wall Street's wealth creation as well as bringing about the same investment boom for the American economy that Clinton's plan would accomplish.

Individuals who had previously been unable to invest would now find themselves enjoying the same benefits as the

wealthy.

The government must not become an investor in the stock market. Keeping the Social Security system in its current form would be preferable.

However, ideally the system will be reformed to allow everyone to generate wealth of their own through investment. With a privatized system in place, Americans in their 20s and 30s could be confident that they will participate in the Social Security system when they retire.

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## Sparta Guide

### Today Library Donations & Sales Unit

Ongoing book sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clark Library Lobby and Wahlquist Library North Room 408. For more information, call 924-2705.

### Tower Card Distribution

Tower Cards will be available to new and returning students through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Umunhum Room, Student Union. For more information, call the Campus Card Office at 924-2273.

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Career Center will hold a co-op workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the Costanoan Room, Student Union.

For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

### School of Art and Design

Student art exhibits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies building. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4328.

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A free dinner and discussion will be held by the Episcopal

Canterbury Community from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center located at the corner of 10th and San Carlos Streets. For more information, call Katherine at 275-1346.

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Student galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Art and Industrial Studies building. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4328.

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## Quote for the Daily

"University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."

Henry Kissinger  
Former United States Secretary of State

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### MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman



## Roundup

### Playwright returns

HOMERVILLE, Ga. (AP) — After a long career as an actor, 81-year-old Ossie Davis wants to get back to what drew him to show business in the first place — writing.

"I wanted to write for the theater," Davis said at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting in his hometown Saturday.

He has had several plays produced off-Broadway, but is better known as an actor.

He was nominated for a Tony in 1958 for "Jamaica" and appeared in a string of movies, including "Do the Right Thing" and "Grumpy Old Men."

### Album Censored

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney is looking for some parental guidance.

The former Beatle took out newspaper ads Monday ridiculing a "parental guidance" warning that was slapped on his late wife Linda's new album because there is an obscenity in one song.

In the tongue-in-cheek ads

headlined, "Parents! We need your guidance," McCartney calls on parents to listen to the song, "The Light Comes from Within," and decide "whether your children will be morally corrupted."

The song has been banned from television and radio in Britain.

The song was recorded last March, a month before Linda McCartney died of breast cancer at age 56.

### Not book worthy

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Clancy has thought up some wild scenarios for his novels, but he wouldn't even try selling the Clinton-Lewinsky story to a publisher.

"It's too implausible," Clancy said. "I have trouble understanding the self-destructive personality of Clinton. He doesn't just thrive on chaos — he genuinely loves chaos."

Clancy has written 10 novels and lives in an estate on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay.

This week ABC is airing "Tom Clancy's Net Force," a two-part movie about FBI agents who police the Internet.

### Sexpot simmers

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — For Carmen Electra, the question is

whether being known as a sexpot is a good or a bad thing.

First it happened on MTV's "Singled Out," then on "Baywatch" and now on WB's new "Hyperion Bay," on which Electra plays the vice president of her father's computer company.

This time viewers will see less skin.

"I wear business suits and my hair in styles I don't necessarily like," she says in Monday's USA Today. "I wouldn't wear my hair like that — in a bun, completely pulled back — but it's right for the character."

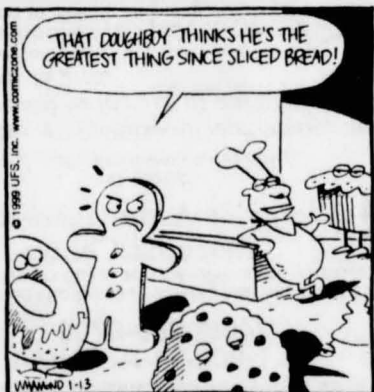
### Website criticized

SANIBEL, Fla. (AP) — A city councilman posted Playgirl-style photos of himself on the Internet, angering some residents in this conservative seaside community.

Andrew Reding, 44, said he was looking for companionship and sees nothing wrong with the photos, which are digitally altered to include a strategically placed white square.

"Why should anybody's personal or private life have to be exposed just because they're an elected official," he said. "There are things in everyone's background that are no one's business because they have no effect on the job (they) were elected to do."

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by Dave Whamond

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Soci 80	6	Social Problems	15633	R	1800-2045	DMH 161	Rokni
Soci 100W	2	Writing Workshop	15637	MW	1330-1445	DMH 226A	Boyd
Soci 100W	3	Writing Workshop	15639	TR	1330-1445	DMH 161	Gadban
Soci 102	1	Intro to Statistics	15647	MWF	0930-1020	DMH 226A	Tootell
Soci 161	1	City Life	15685	M	1800-2045	DMH 231	Asquith
Soci 256	1	Sem Cont Iss in Crim	16905	R	1800-2045	DMH 226A	Hebert

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## SJSU SHUTTLE UPDATE

During the Spring 1999 Semester, the Park and Ride Shuttle will provide expanded service:

- A shuttle van will begin service at the Park and Ride Lot at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. The van will run every 20 minutes with stops at Spartan Village and Duncan Hall only.
- Four shuttle busses will begin running at 7:15 a.m. with stops at Spartan Village, East San Fernando and South 7th Streets (near the Administration Building), South 10th Street and East San Antonio Street (near the Business Buildings) and Duncan Hall. Between 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. shuttles will run every 10 minutes.
- From 4:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. shuttles will run from Duncan Hall to the Park and Ride Lot and Spartan Village every 20 minutes.
- On Fridays the last shuttle run will depart Duncan Hall at 5:45 p.m.



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## Advice list devised in attempt to help incoming students

**A**lthough the majority of students begin their careers at San Jose State University during the more traditional Fall Semester, I realize that there is a large number of students who are in their first semester at our fair institution.

For the benefit of those students, I have devised a list of things they will have to deal with, accompanied by possible ways of dealing with them.

As I am sure you have already noticed, the parking situation is not exactly choice. There are several techniques for getting a spot, such as following pedestrians to their spots like a vulture, or simply



*Prophecies*  
JEREMIAH OSHAN

waiting in one spot for a space to open up. If, however, you do not feel like turning into a cut-throat parking space seeker, I suggest forgoing the parking situation altogether and finding an alternate form of transportation. You will be the life of any party with the stories of your travels.

New students also may have noticed the long line protruding out of the Admissions and Records Building. This line should be avoided at all costs, but that is far more easily said than done. Since you will surely find yourself needing some kind of advice on which form you need or which transcript you must turn in, make sure to get the name of the person who helped you and have them sign a receipt.

Your transcripts will be mishandled a minimum of five times and it won't matter if you turned them in by hand if you don't have proof. Every SJSU student has a horror story about getting the run-around from countless "just doing their job" bureaucrats. So, welcome to the club.

After filing your paperwork, you will surely be directed next door to the cashiering office. You will find the accompanying line which will stretch outside the building, past the big bell, down the stairs and to the front steps of Tower Hall.

There is a drop window, but then you again run the risk of having your payment lost. Your wait will be made all the more exciting by listening to all the intriguing predicament your fellow students have gotten themselves into. No one will simply pay and leave, except you.

For those who need to add, good luck, you will definitely need it. Unless you plan on slipping your teacher \$20, you will undoubtedly have to compete with 50 students for one spot.

While most of the above situations are negative in nature there are some unique pleasures at SJSU, too. First of all, do not bother with nicely paved walkways. As many SJSU students have discovered the dirt paths are a much quicker mode of transportation.

If you need a quiet place to study, try the library. For at least the first few months of school you will be all alone.

Looking for a good place to eat? SJSU has plenty. On campus there is the Market Cafe, Sbarro, the Student Union and — for dorm residents — there is the Dining Commons. None are especially good, but you are young. You will recover. Off campus, there are plenty of similarly qualified eateries.

Do not misunderstand me, I love SJSU, but it takes some getting used to. Keep these tips in mind and you'll be fine.

Jeremiah Oshan is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. *Prophecies* will appear from time to time.



## Students prepare for last semester before Millennium

**W**e're back. It's time to be college students again. San Jose State University beckons us to continue our higher education, nickel sacks not included.

The same campus awaits us. The same palm trees, the same faces, even the same squirrels. President Robert Caret's "Construction Deathtrap" program is continuing at full speed with even more uncompleted construction sites lying between you and getting to class alive.

There is so much to do now that we are here again.

Get reacquainted with the pot dealer down the hall from you in the dorm. Figure out the perfect two minute window of



Shane Lewis  
STAFF WRITER

## Olsen twins ruin New Year's resolution

**I** was sitting on my couch New Year's Eve battling the flu that's going around when I did something I never do — I made a resolution.

I vowed that I would be less critical and more pleasant. Well surprise, surprise, I made it only two weeks before the venom inside boiled over.

I had the best of intentions, but a story I read last week sent me over the edge.

Being the parent of a 17-month-old, I thought I had seen it all.

I have to play with the Teletubbies dolls, La La and Po. Teletubbies are these weird looking and obnoxious alien-like dolls with antennae on their heads and televisions in their stomachs.

I have even succumbed to the omnipotence of Barney, that damned purple dinosaur.

For me it was a trip to the dark side of parenting. I've learned to roll with the punches as a parent, but I drew the line last week.

Apparently some marketing genius actually thinks the world has a need for Olsen Twin dolls.

You remember the Olsen Twins, Mary Kate and Ashley, those detestable little brats from the TV show *Full House*.

God, if I had a dollar for every time I have wanted to slap those pretentious little prima donnas, I would own them. I could make them my personal serfs.

"Mary Kate, wash my socks."

"Ashley, scrub the toilet."

"Both of you, no supper tonight. I had to see your faces on the Superstation while flipping through the dial."

Those brats don't deserve to be on my television. They aren't cute, they aren't adorable and they certainly don't deserve to have some poor sucker shelling out \$19.99 for their hard earned money just so those nauseating "stars" can keep their "lifestyle" afloat.

Isn't it bad enough that they are on TBS twice everyday? Isn't it worse yet, that they replaced a quality show like *Saved By The Bell*?

Oh, stop, we all know why I'd watch *Saved By The Bell*. Hello Jesse, Kelly and Lisa, but I digress.

Who decided that those two repulsive kids deserve to grace my television screen anyway?

I can't wait for the day I see the story of those two doing the typical childhood star thing by committing a robbery — ala Dana Plato — or bounce in and out of Betty Ford more than Robert Downey Jr. That will be a blissful day in the *Bad Example* household.



MR.  
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Aaron Williams

Speaking of things I don't wish to see on my television, I think I could go the rest of my life without seeing another commercial for ... genital herpes.

If you haven't seen the ad, it starts off with a woman complaining about having to take five pills a day to control her herpes outbreaks.

"I just don't have time for

that," she says.

Ge, she should have thought of that before she slept around like the whore of Babylon.

The commercial continues by showing beautiful people in love. They are walking on the beach, having a candlelit dinner and dancing.

Now I don't know about you, but if I ever brought that special little present home to my wife, my dog would need to find a new residence.

The beauty of this ad is the announcer — his barely audible announcer voice — telling viewers, "There is no cure for genital herpes, and Valtrex is meant for the suppression of the herpes virus. Unprotected sex is not advisable during outbreaks."

You don't say.

I thought it was bad enough when tampon, douche and other feminine hygiene ads became socially acceptable.

I used to love, "Mom, do you ever get that 'unfresh' feeling?" What was once a hilarious joke is now trite.

I don't think of feminine hygiene products as a taboo subject, it's a natural part of being a woman. However, I would rather my son not walk around the house with his new maxipad airplane — you know the ones with wings.

It's not just tampons and douche, that aren't appropriate viewing material. Products such as jock itch powder, hemorrhoid cream and laxatives shouldn't be the thing I see in between episodes of *Full House*.

Who cares that Preparation H shrinks 25 percent more hemorrhoidal tissue than Anusol?

Who needs to know about the fungal monster living inside your BVD's?

Who would be stupid enough to take a burro ride into the Grand Canyon while fighting an epic battle against diarrhea?

Bring me Mary Kate and Ashley, I need something from the drug store.

Aaron Williams is the Spartan Daily Production Editor. *Mr. Bad Example* appears every Tuesday.

## Clinton's State of the Union suggestion to invest in stock market is a bad idea

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — During the State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton put forth the idea that the United States government should start investing in the stock market.

This is a bad idea.

Turning the federal government into a financial powerhouse is not a prudent way to save Social Security. Instead, the government should require all U.S. taxpayers to invest a fixed portion of their earnings in a mutual fund of their choice.

Clinton proposed that \$2.7 trillion, out of a projected \$4.4 trillion in surpluses, be used to shore up Social Security in the coming years. In particular, he suggested that in order to generate greater returns,

\$700 billion of the money devoted to Social Security be invested in the stock market.

One common objection to investment of Social Security funds in stocks is the risk of a huge crash in the market. The stock market, as evidenced by last year's performance, is certainly prone to periodic gyrations.

However, over the long term, which is certainly the time frame that Social Security funds would be invested, history tells us that stocks are in fact the safest place to be. The real dangers are far more subtle. White House officials have stated that tremendous care will be taken to ensure that this investment scheme stays apart from politics.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

Surely boycott-happy members of the American public would find some reason to complain about the stocks in which the government invests.

Knowing where the government was planning to invest would be incredibly valuable.

Even if the investment decisions could be made in an apolitical manner, significant incentives would exist for government managers to behave in a corrupt fashion.

The knowledge of where and when the

federal behemoth would make transactions would be priceless to unscrupulous traders wishing to engage in illegal dealings.

One proposal is to model the U.S. Social Security system on the one used in Chile, where all workers are required to invest a portion of their salaries in a private fund.

Such a system would allow all Americans to take part in Wall Street's wealth creation as well as bringing about the same investment boom for the American economy that Clinton's plan would accomplish.

Individuals who had previously been unable to invest would now find themselves enjoying the same benefits as the

wealthy. The government must not become an investor in the stock market. Keeping the Social Security system in its current form would be preferable.

However, ideally the system will be reformed to allow everyone to generate wealth of their own through investment. With a privatized system in place, Americans in their 20s and 30s could be confident that they will participate in the Social Security system when they retire.

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Career Center will hold a co-op workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the Costanoan Room, Student Union.

For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

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*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.*

## Quote for the Daily

"University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."

Henry Kissinger  
Former United States Secretary of State

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### MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman



## Roundup

### Playwright returns

HOMERVILLE, Ga. (AP) — After a long career as an actor, 81-year-old Ossie Davis wants to get back to what drew him to show business in the first place — writing.

"I wanted to write for the theater," Davis said at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting in his hometown Saturday.

He has had several plays produced off-Broadway, but is better known as an actor.

He was nominated for a Tony in 1958 for "Jamaica" and appeared in a string of movies, including "Do The Right Thing" and "Grumpy Old Men."

### Album Censored

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney is looking for some parental guidance.

The former Beatle took out newspaper ads Monday ridiculing a "parental guidance" warning that was slapped on his late wife Linda's new album because there is an obscenity in one song.

In the tongue-in-cheek ads

headlined, "Parents! We need your guidance," McCartney calls on parents to listen to the song, "The Light Comes from Within," and decide "whether your children will be morally corrupted."

The song has been banned from television and radio in Britain.

The song was recorded last March, a month before Linda McCartney died of breast cancer at age 56.

### Not book worthy

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Clancy has thought up some wild scenarios for his novels, but he wouldn't even try selling the Clinton-Lewinsky story to a publisher.

"It's too implausible," Clancy said. "I have trouble understanding the self-destructive personality of Clinton. He doesn't just thrive on chaos — he genuinely loves chaos."

Clancy has written 10 novels and lives in an estate on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay.

This week ABC is airing "Tom Clancy's Net Force," a two-part movie about FBI agents who police the Internet.

### Sexpot simmers

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — For Carmen Electra, the question is

whether being known as a sexpot is a good or a bad thing.

First it happened on MTV's "Singled Out," then on "Baywatch" and now on WB's new "Hyperion Bay," on which Electra plays the vice president of her father's computer company.

This time viewers will see less skin.

"I wear business suits and my hair in styles I don't necessarily like," she says in Monday's USA Today. "I wouldn't wear my hair like that — in a bun, completely pulled back — but it's right for the character."

### Website criticized

SANIBEL, Fla. (AP) — A city councilman posted Playgirl-style photos of himself on the Internet, angering some residents in this conservative seaside community.

Andrew Reding, 44, said he was looking for companionship and sees nothing wrong with the photos, which are digitally altered to include a strategically placed white square.

"Why should anybody's personal or private life have to be exposed just because they're an elected official," he said. "There are things in everyone's background that are no one's business because they have no effect on the job (they) were elected to do."

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- Four shuttle busses will begin running at 7:15 a.m. with stops at Spartan Village, East San Fernando and South 7th Streets (near the Administration Building), South 10th Street and East San Antonio Street (near the Business Buildings) and Duncan Hall. Between 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. shuttles will run every 10 minutes.
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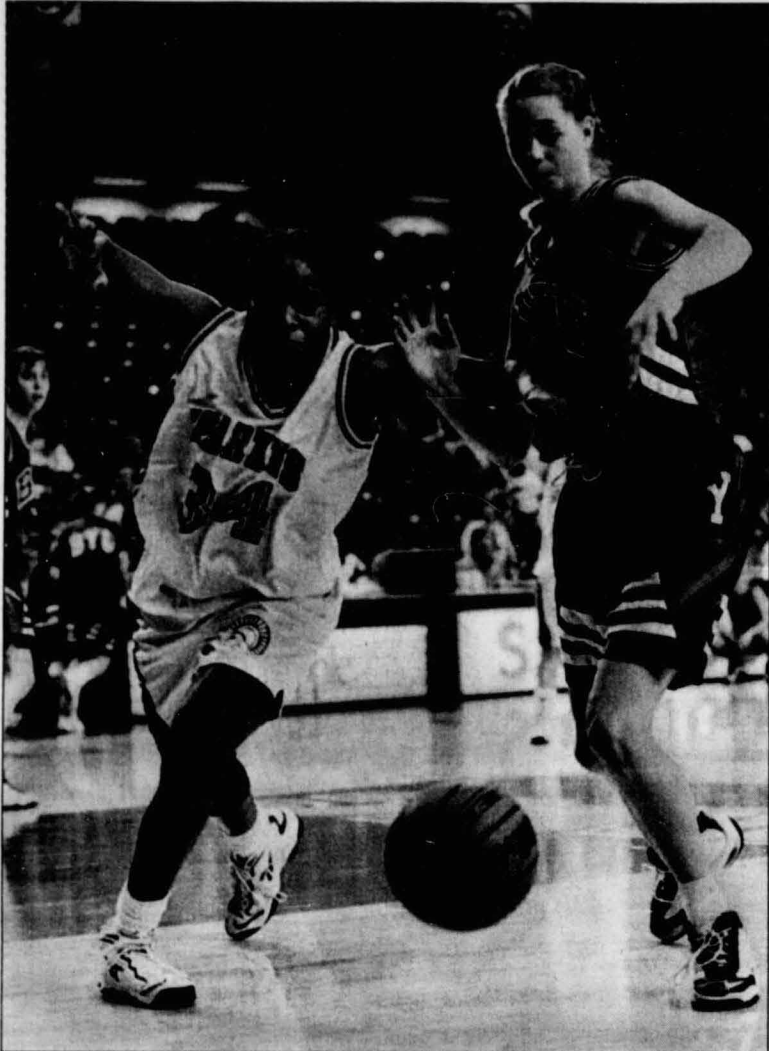
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## Cougars devour Spartans

By Hugo Rivera  
Staff Writer

The San Jose State University women's basketball team suffered an 81-38 loss against Brigham Young University despite their energy, which did not make up for their missed shots.

From the first few seconds of the game Saturday in the Event Center, it was obvious the Spartans (2-15, 0-4 in the Western Athletic Conference) wanted to outplay the Cougars (9-7, 3-1 in the WAC) into surrendering the game.

The Spartan women fought and taunted the Brigham Young Cougars by staying with them and by trying to take the ball away from them. This effort by the Spartans made the Cougars visibly upset.

However, that is all the Spartans could achieve because the Cougars scored first and maintained a substantial lead throughout the game.

The Cougars could not be held down as every player on the team scored. The highest scorer of the game was Cougar guard Renae Hansen with 18 points.

Cougar assistant coach Cindy Lindsay admits the Cougar starters were frustrated by the Spartans.

"As far as getting our flow in the starting line, we did not do that," she said.

She added the Cougars came to put up a fierce fight against SJSU by making them work extra hard on scoring points.

"Our goal was to hold them and to force them to earn a shot," Lindsay said.

The half-time score of 41-14 reflected the dominance the Cougars held over the Spartans.

In fact, Lindsay said she cannot remember the last time the Cougars had such con-

trol over a team.

"We've never held a team down to 14 points in the first half," she said.

Neither team seemed to be performing at its best during the game due to the amount of turnovers which occurred on both sides.

SJSU's loss should not be attributed to lack of shooting opportunity. Both teams had control of the ball for an equal amount of time. When Spartan players were not missing shots, they were not shooting the ball at all. Even some of the SJSU fans, which made up about half the crowd of about 120, noticed the missed shooting opportunities and shouted, "shoot the ball."

The Spartans also missed most of their free throws, but even if they had made all of them they still would not have come out victorious.

Spartan head coach Karen Smith admitted scoring posed a problem for her team.

"We just weren't getting the shots from certain players," she said.

Smith added the pressure the Spartans put on the Cougars was not enough to earn the a victory.

"We knew we had to pressure them but we did not do that enough — there was nothing good about this game," Smith said.

The Spartans are currently in last place in their conference. They have nine games remaining in the regular season, all of them are against WAC teams. Smith hopes the team will improve its weaknesses in time for the game against San Diego State University on Thursday.

"It's a game we need to go into to win to stay in the hunt," she said.

Until Thursday's game, some of the Spartan players will reflect on their weaknesses in Saturday's game.

"I feel bad we lost the way we did," Spartan forward Ayana Smith said. "We came here with no energy, we were sluggish and we were not here mentally."

**"I feel bad we lost. We came here with no energy, we were sluggish and we were not here mentally."**

— Aaron Williams  
Roman Emperor

## WAC Standings

### Men's Basketball

#### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Conf.
Utah	14	4	4-0
Fresno State	13	6	3-1
New Mexico	16	4	3-2
UTEP	11	7	3-2
BYU	8	9	3-2
SJSU	9	9	2-3
Hawai'i	4	13	1-4
San Diego State	2	15	0-5

#### Mountain Division

Team	W	L	Conf.
UNLV	11	7	4-1
Tulsa	16	5	4-2
Rice	12	5	3-2
TCU	15	5	3-3
Colorado State	12	5	2-3
Wyoming	11	5	2-3
SMU	8	10	2-3
Air Force	8	8	1-4

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UTEP	8	9	2-3
Fresno State	7	11	2-3
San Diego State	4	13	1-4
SJSU	2	16	0-5

#### Mountain Division

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Rice	11	6	4-1
TCU	11	6	3-2
SMU	8	9	3-2
UNLV	10	6	2-3
Tulsa	4	13	2-3
Wyoming	5	11	1-4
Air Force	5	12	0-5

## Spartan Shorts

### Swimming

The Spartans (3-9) swimming team lost 140-96 to Pepperdine in a dual meet, Saturday at the Aquatic Center. SJSU's first place finishers were Elin Carlsson (200- and 500-freestyles) and Michele Mowry (100-butterfly). SJSU also won the 400 Medley Relay.

Mowry was named Western Athletic Conference women's Swimmer of the Week Jan. 11-17. She won the 100-butterfly and 50-freestyle in SJSU's win over San Francisco State University.

### Gymnastics

Andrea Snellgrove won the individual all-around in a losing cause for the SJSU gymnastics team (1-1) Friday against UC Davis at Recreation Hall. Her score of 38.350 was a career-high as she edged out Dawn MacDiarmid of UC Davis who had a 38.225. Snellgrove won the balance beam and finished second on both the floor and uneven bars.

### Tennis

The Spartans tennis team came up a little short in their season opening 5-4 loss to Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo Saturday night at Club Sport in Fremont.

San Jose State University split the six singles matches, but won just one of three doubles matches.

Lizbeth Marparit won the No. 1 singles match 6-4, 6-2 but was unable to repeat the performance when she teamed up with Daisy Hurst. They lost 8-2. Kim London and Helen Van won the No. 4 and 6 singles and Anna Nordell and Van won their doubles match 8-6.

### Men's Basketball

After starting their WAC season strong, the Spartans suffered a slight set-back with two league losses in Utah.

Thursday San Jose State University looked bad in a 75-44 loss to Brigham Young University. Terrance Richmond led the team with 15 points. Will Trawick added 14 points and eight rebounds.

SJSU looked better but had a similar outcome in a 70-54 Saturday night loss to the University of Utah.

Richmond led all scorers with 22 points, but he had little scoring help. No other Spartans were in double figures.

Andre Miller and Hanno Mattola each scored 20 points for the Utes.

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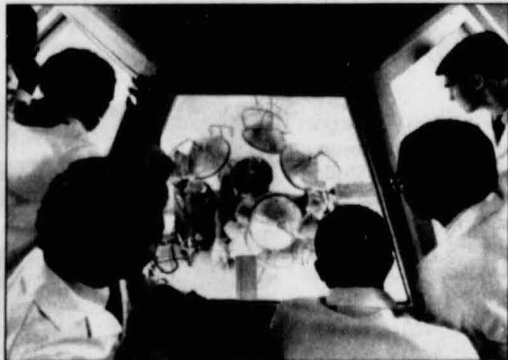
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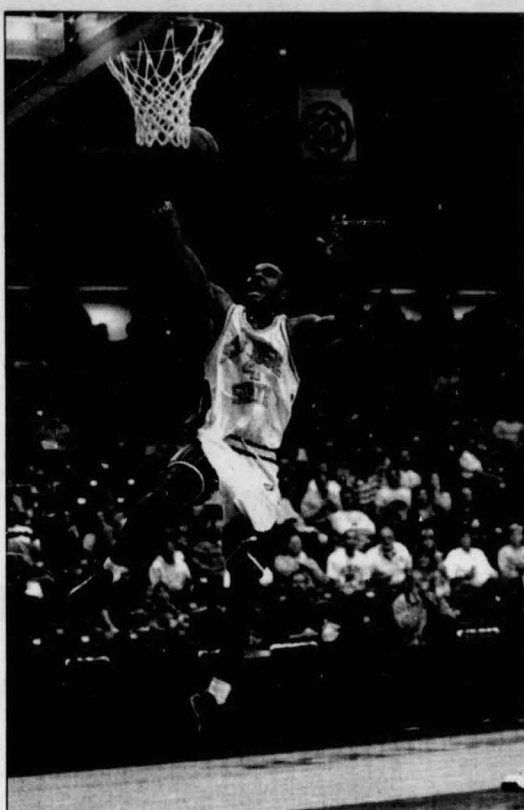


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Ben Sanders (4) guard for the San Jose State Men's basketball team has become the unofficial leader of the Spartans this year. He is second in points per game with 11.8 and first in steals with 26.

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## Last minute phone call lands a Spartan offensive threat

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Sports Editor

Phil Johnson had to start the rebuilding process somewhere. He was taking over a Spartan basketball program, which lost its best player — Marmet Williams — to graduation, finished the past season with no direction and was one of the worst teams in the nation, statistically.

On top of that, there were no recruits of any serious merit signed to letters-of-intent for the 1998-1999 season.

His first move has proved to be one of his best.

Almost as soon as he was hired, Johnson called and successfully recruited Ben Sanders. He has since given the Spartans something they sorely lacked since the departure of Tariq Abdul-Wahad (Olivier Saint-Jean) a year ago: an impact player who can take over a game.

"We were not in a position to be real choosy," said Johnson, who saw Sanders play during his senior season at Westchester High School in Los Angeles and liked what he saw. "I knew he could score and make plays and we needed someone who could do that. We just wanted people who wanted to play."

"I was kind of surprised he was

still available."

By all rights, Sanders probably should not have been available. He was one of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' prized recruits in 1995 after averaging 23.5 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals a game to earn Los Angeles City Co-Player of the Year honors his senior season.

Since leaving the Runnin' Rebels after the 1995-1996 season

his weakest attribute.

Those statistics still fail to show the real impact of Sanders' performance.

Sanders exciting open-court play has helped make him the unofficial leader in crowd-igniting plays.

Against Fresno State University on Jan. 7, for instance, Sanders had dunks on consecutive series, which gave the Spartans a 21-point lead and brought the San Jose Event Center crowd of more than 4,500 to a deafening roar.

The Spartans went on to beat the Bulldogs for the first time since 1993.

"The dunks really get us fired up," forward Shaun Murray said. "When you see one guy getting aggressive it helps everyone else. That was one of the things we lacked last year."

"He gives us instant offense," said point guard Michael Quinney, last year's leading scorer. "He can get to the hole anytime he wants. He is unstoppable."

Against Fullerton State University on Dec. 27, Sanders took over the game. In 28 minutes of play, Sanders scored a career-high 20 points, had three steals, three assists and four rebounds.

When the 6-foot-4-inch Sanders was guarded by the 5-foot-11-inch Fullerton point guard Kenroy Jarrett he used his size,

when anyone else guarded him he used his quickness off the dribble.

At one point late in the first half, Sanders scored nine straight points — six on layups and three on free throws achieved by his ability to get inside.

"We had trouble matching up with him," was all Fullerton head coach Bob Hawking could say after the game.

Although Hawking denied any knowledge of Sanders' year at cross-town Fullerton Community College, Sanders said an assistant coach at Fullerton State had told him he was "too lazy."

"They were at every game," Sanders said of the Fullerton coaches who saw Sanders score an average of 18.5 points, grab 6.2 rebounds and dish out 4.2 assists a game at Fullerton Community in 1997-1998.

"I don't think they really want-

ed me. They said I only play in spurts. It seemed like an excuse to me."

Sanders took the criticism in stride, just like he handled the recruiting trip cancellations and UNLV's treatment of him.

In fact, those disappointments are what Sanders credits with making him the person he is today.

"At first, I kind of felt slighted (by UNLV)," said Sanders, who added that UNLV recruited over him. "But I realized that basketball is a business and sometimes that's the way it goes. I learned a lot from that situation. It taught me to be humble."

After leaving Las Vegas, Sanders enrolled at Long Beach City College where he did not even try out for the basketball team.

There, he said he learned how

to be an adult.

"It (handling bills and finding an apartment) makes you grow up real quick," said Sanders, whose GPA was close to 3.0 at Long Beach. "I learned that there is more to life than basketball."

The epiphany did nothing to quench Sanders' taste for basketball.

"I would watch games and miss it," Sanders said. "I got the love back for the game."

With his desire fully restored, Sanders seems poised to lead his team back where he started his college career: at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas for the WAC tournament.

"I think we've surprised a lot of people," Sanders said of the team's 9-8 start. "We can beat anyone in there (the WAC tournament). Teams can't overlook us anymore."

"He gives us instant offense. He can get to the hole anytime he wants. He is unstoppable."

— Michael Quinney  
Spartan point guard //

he was not exactly a forgotten name, either. Several schools have shown interest in acquiring Sanders.

Still, Sanders was intrigued by the situation at SJSU.

"I saw it as an opportunity to play some solid minutes at a Western Athletic Conference school," said Sanders, who left UNLV because of a lack of playing time. "I just wanted an opportunity to contribute somewhere."

In the first 16 games of the season, Sanders has done more than simply contribute.

His 11.8 points and 3.9 assists per game are second on the team and he leads the team with 26, although Johnson said defense is

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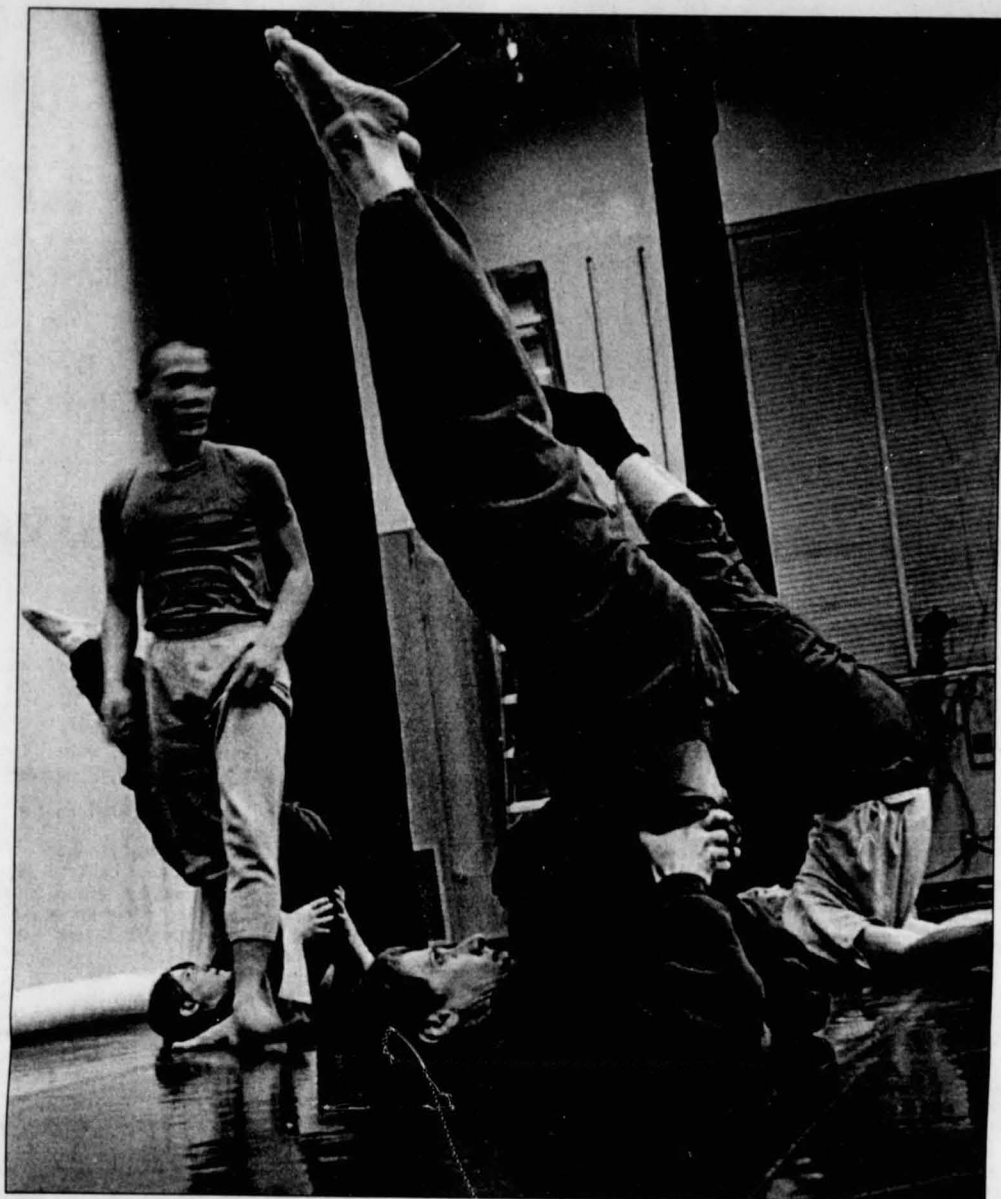
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# New Steps

Photos and Text by Aimee Santos



Von Joo-Tornell stretches before a rehearsal in her Modern Dance class with guest choreographer Robert Regala. Stretching is an important part of a dancers' routine, it allows them the flexibility to perform and the strength to dance.

When Donna Von Joo-Tornell decided she wanted to go back to school she never thought about being a dancer. Von Joo-Tornell, a San Jose State University graduate had never taken a Modern dance class before, but she said, "I had to see if I could do it."

The 38-year-old Von Joo-Tornell, said she was tired of only having her children and the news of the world to talk to people about. She wanted to learn and go to school. In 1989 Von Joo-Tornell enrolled at Cabrillo College in Aptos through a women's re-entry program.

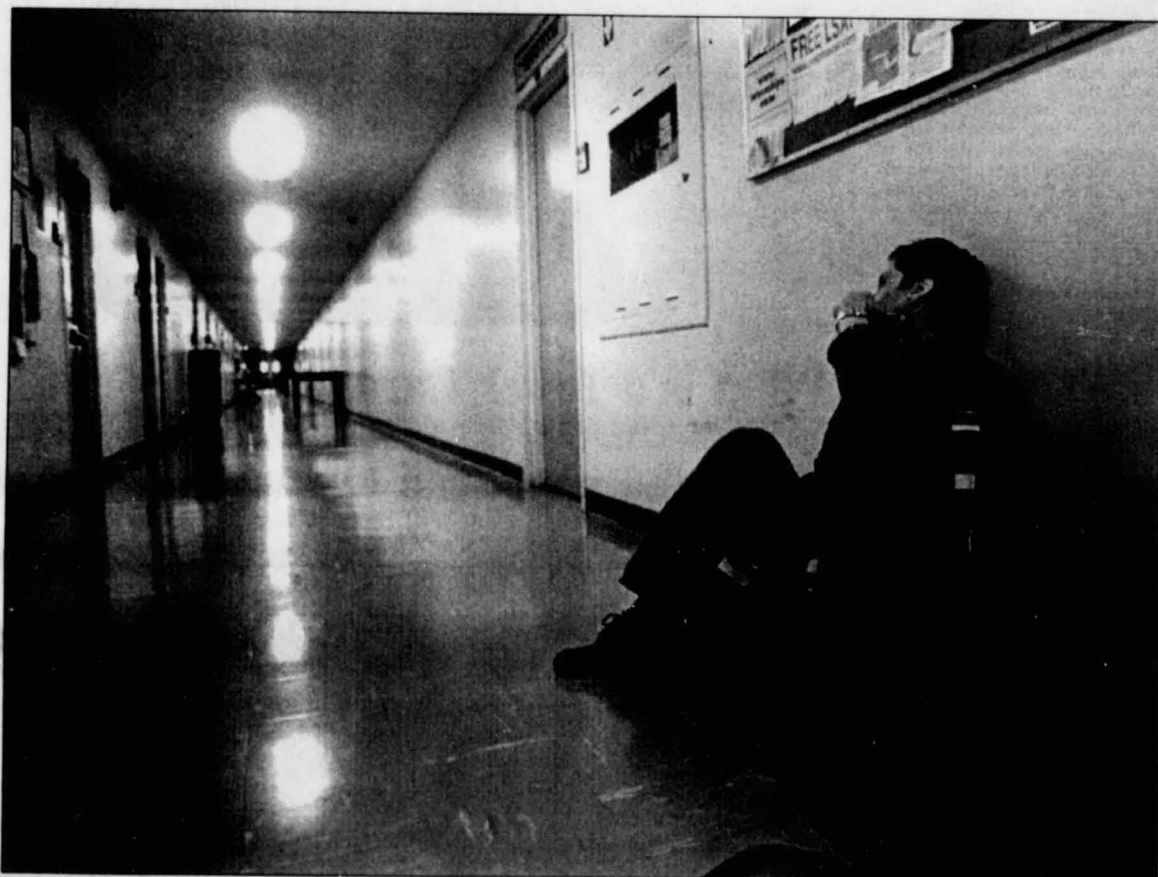
In her first English class she wrote a play and discovered she liked theater. From theater classes Donna found a love for dance.

In 1993 Von Joo-Tornell earned her associate in arts degree in Dance from Cabrillo College. She then transferred to SJSU and received her bachelor of arts degree in dance in 1997.

Now at the age of 48, three of her four children; Zachary Hilary and Noel have moved out on their own, while she and her youngest son Lucius see each other scarcely.

Von Joo-Tornell said she is working hard on her master's degree and hopes to one day own her own dance studio and teach dance professionally.

With three more semesters of graduate studies to go, Von Joo-Tornell will receive her master's degree in the Spring of 2000.



Von Joo-Tornell rests after one of her three dance classes in Dudley Moorehead Hall while waiting for her adviser.

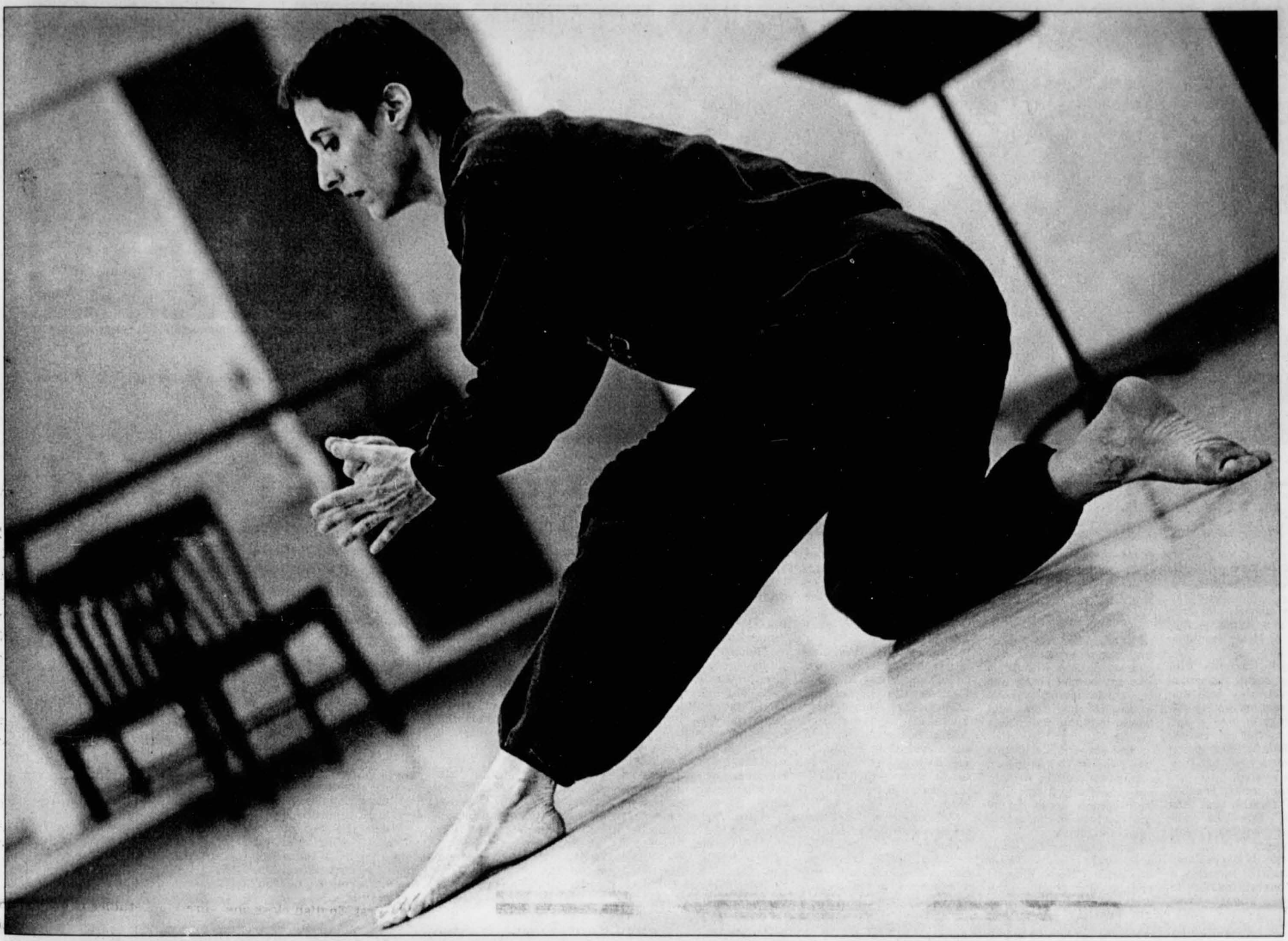


Working with her adviser, Karl Toepfer, Von Joo-Tornell understands what she needs to focus on in order to finish her master's thesis on aged people in dance.

Warming up for her practice performance in "Dark Party" helps her perform with endurance and without injury.





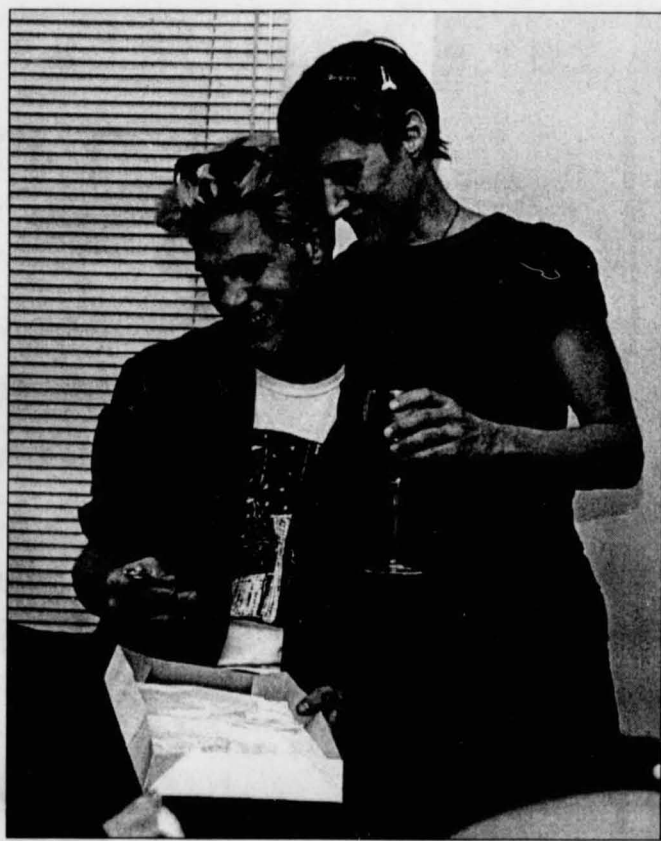


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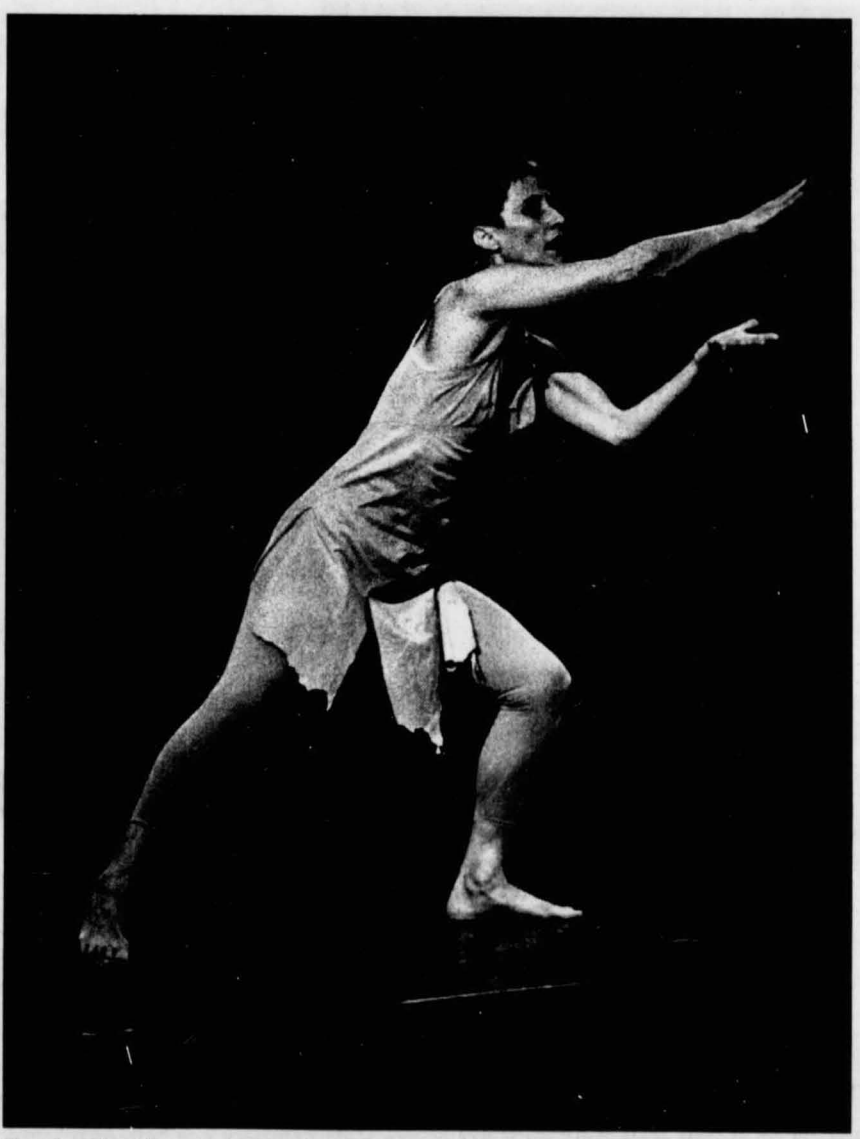
**Von Joo-Tornell mentally choreographs** her own routine while changing every few seconds to choreograph her dance partner's routine. One of her final projects was to choreograph her own piece for the department's annual "Images of Dance" program, which includes performances by other dance majors. The compilation of works are then presented to the professors at the end of the semester.



master's thesis which deals with the subject of older people in dance today.



**Von Joo-Tornell admires** a present of garlic oil that wards off vampires given to Noel by her other son Lucius.



**Von Joo-Tornell performs** her choreographed piece titled "Dark Party" to the music of Velvet Underground in San Jose State University's School of Music and Dance showcase, Images of Dance.



(Above) Jon Stewart strikes up a conversation with Gillian Anderson during their dinner date.

(Left) Angelina Jolie sets her sights on Ryan Phillippe, a club local who does not date.

Photos courtesy of Miramax films

## 'Heart' problems surgically repaired

By John Meyer  
Entertainment/Lifestyle Editor

### Movie Review

If any movie's plot ever resembled a jigsaw puzzle, "Playing by Heart" would be it.

Willard Carroll's film takes six jagged, dissimilar puzzle pieces — each one being a relationship in a different stage of love — and after a series of twists, unites them without giving the viewer a hint that they might be related.

The end product is a Los Angeles family that has anything but the all-American squeaky clean family image.

The family's problems deal with AIDS, infidelity, a brain tumor and inability to find love. Although these

are major problems, the characters cope with them like any normal family and the movie doesn't oversensationalize them to a point where they lose touch with reality.

The star-studded drama has a cast of 11 well-known actors that could be straight out of a Woody Allen film. The seasoned actors supply the movie with its highly emotional lifeline.

Sean Connery (the original 007) and Gena Rowlands ("Hope Floats") play an older couple on the verge of celebrating their

40th wedding anniversary. When Rowlands discovers a photograph of a woman whom Connery fell in love with 25 years ago, she gets jealous and wants some answers.

Connery and Rowlands' situation is minor compared to Ellen Burstyn ("The Cemetery Club"), whose son (Jay Mohr from "Jerry Maguire") is dying from AIDS. She spends most of the movie trading intimate secrets with Mohr, while he lies on his hospital bed looking emaciated from the disease.

"Playing by Heart's" strong suit is its one-on-one dialogue. The chemistry between the actors gives each situation a different dynamic that appeal to various-age groups.

Gillian Anderson ("X-Files") and Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") provide drama.

Stewart, who usually is a comedian, injects some humor into the movie, too.

Anderson plays a single thirty-something theater director who has lost all of her confidence when it comes to dating. Stewart comes along as her knight in shining armor and asks her out. She goes on a date with him but foresees a broken heart, so she prevents the relationship from developing. Stewart gets confused but he pursues her because it is a challenge.

The situation is reversed with Angelina Jolie ("Gia") and Ryan Phillippe ("I Know What You Did Last Summer"). Jolie is a heavy-

partying clubgoer who just broke up with her boyfriend when she meets Phillippe. Phillippe is the hip club loner, who like Billy Idol, prefers dancing by himself. Jolie attempts to crack the thick emotional wall Phillippe has built around him.

Phillippe is all but a lost cause primarily because he has a dark secret that prohibits him from getting into a relationship.

Madeleine Stowe ("Unlawful Entry") and Anthony Edwards ("ER") are sharing another secret — their extramarital affair. Stowe, who is caught in a doomed marriage, loves the steamy sex between her and Edwards.

The final piece to the puzzle is Dennis Quaid

("The Right Stuff"). Quaid plays an improvisational instructor who frequents bars at night pretending to be someone he is not so students can observe his performances. In one scene, he goes to a gay bar and hits on a transvestite. Basically, he is satisfied acting like someone he is not because his life lacks excitement.

Besides the quality acting, watching the six different bits of the puzzle come full circle and materialize makes "Playing by Heart" an entertaining movie. The last twenty minutes offers a few shocking surprises.

When the big picture unfolds, "Playing by Heart" does a great job connecting the different situations together, making it a strong movie.

### Spartan Ratings

★★★★★  
Star Wars

★★★★★  
Happy Gilmore

★★★★★  
New Jack City

★★★★★  
Porky's II

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## Byrd motions to drop case against Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — As senators from both parties struggled with the question of calling witnesses, a senior Democrat today introduced a motion asking the Senate dismiss the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against President Clinton and end his impeachment trial. House prosecutors forcefully argued against it.

"I ask you to consider the harm he caused, the indignity he brought to the institution of the presidency," Rep. Charles Canady of Florida said, arguing against

the long-anticipated motion introduced by Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

Canady told the senators that the White House arguments — that Clinton's offenses in concealing an affair with Monica Lewinsky didn't rise to the level of high crimes and misdemeanors — "will debase and degrade the institution of the presidency."

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., added his plea that senators not end the trial just "because you do not think there are presently enough votes for conviction."

Even before Byrd made his plea, Republican Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., declared he had enough GOP votes to defeat it.

"We have the votes, I believe, not to dismiss it at this point," Lott said. "I think that is a short-circuiting of the process that would not be fair. The American people would not agree with that."

Earlier, Republicans rejected a plan that would have brought the trial to an end on Friday with no witnesses.

The White House criticized that decision.

## CFA: contract expired at midnight

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conference that he was not prepared to deal with a strike.

"We are hoping there is no strike," Caret said.

A vote to approve the strike would not necessarily mean the complete stoppage of work, Smith said. After faculty association members approved the strike by a secret ballot, a statewide strategy would be determined. The tactics could include faculty not performing their full duties, such as sitting on committees, one day strikes or a full strike.

Both parties spent Monday trying to iron out the final points on a contract, according to the Smith.

Even though the current contract ended Monday at midnight, the negotiator will continue to work towards a new agreement.

"They could go all night if there's progress," he said.

The two sticking points left in the contract are compensation and merit pay — pay based on an instructor's performance — according to Smith.

The faculty association wants 40 percent of the total package to go toward merit pay that would be decided by peer review.

The state wants only 22 percent to go towards merit pay and they want that pay decided on by

the administration.

The faculty association also wants a six percent pay increase. The CSU's last contract offer was an average five percent increase according to Swisher.

Smith said five percent is deceptive because it is only an average for the total compensation package.

"For some faculty, all they would get would be three percent," Smith said.

Other issues include retroactive pay, salary increases for newer faculty and part-time lectures and the role of department chairs.

## Y2K: Countdown to 2000

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"(Y2K) is a major problem for software that deals with date manipulation," Hill said.

Elevators, security alarms and items that shut down automatically are the most vulnerable. They have what's known as "embedded" systems that can't easily be modified.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials said virtually all systems or devices relying on date and time can be affected by Y2K. Power, dispatch and communications and 911 systems could shut down, the agency said.

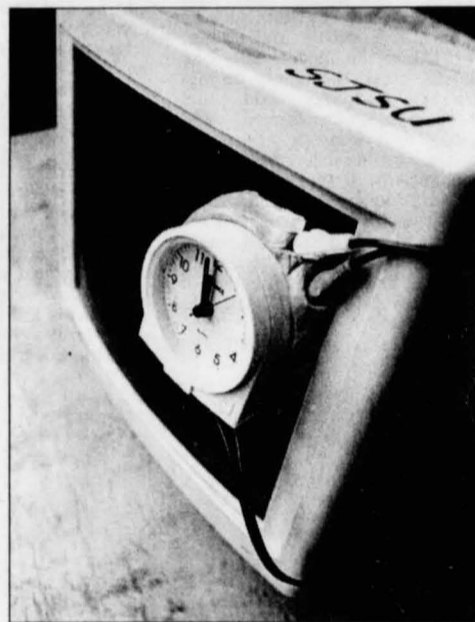
The agency reports that most state-level emergency offices are well on their way to fixing the Y2K problem.

"Clearly the most serious potential for problems is at the local level," the agency's Deputy Director Mike Walker said. "While some failures will be minor annoyances, some may have more serious consequences."

Sgt. John Hernandez of University Police says PacBell of Oakland is ensuring Y2K compliance on the 911 emergency system and all pay phones on campus.

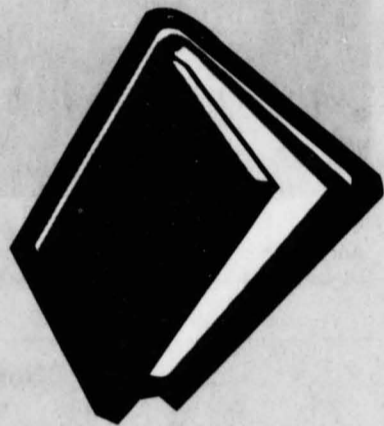
Telecom Telecommunications, the company that deals with campus-telephones and blue-light phones, is checking into possible problems with Y2K but they do not believe there should be any problems, Hernandez said.

"On and off of campus, we aren't expecting any problems from the Y2K," Hernandez said.



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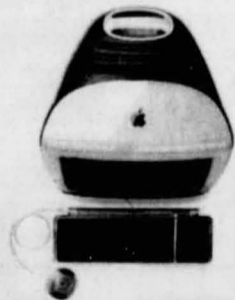


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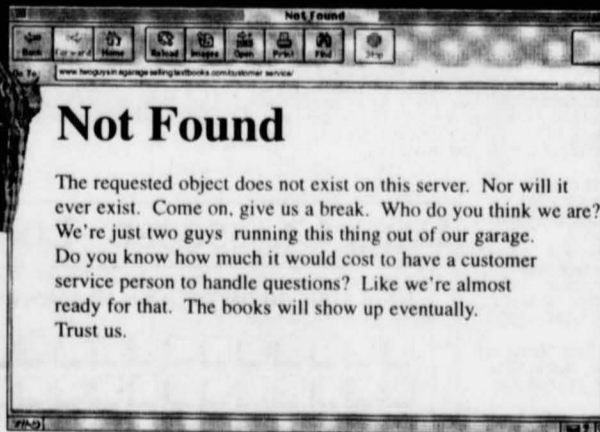


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