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MARDI GRAS

Rain can't dampen party atmosphere

By Melissa Matchak
Staff Writer

Despite the rainy weather, masked revelers gathered on Post Street in downtown San Jose to celebrate Mardi Gras Tuesday night.

As the band Crawdaddy played on an outdoor stage, people young and old danced and listened to the lively Cajun music. Mardi Gras is the last night of celebration before the six-week period of Lent, a Christian tradition, during which abstinence,

penitence and prayer are practiced.

As costumed women threw beads from the second story window above Waves, the crowd gathered with their hands in the air trying to catch some of the colorful souvenirs of Mardi Gras. The spirit of Mardi Gras was apparent as strangers greeted each other in the street while drinking and dancing. This is the first year the city of San Jose has allowed a street festival to sell alcoholic beverages until midnight, according to Tom Jemas, a Waves Smokehouse and Saloon manager.

Revelers let it hang out in Big Easy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Merry makers danced in the streets, bartered for beads and cheered the gaudy parades as angels, cowboys and clowns marched the streets from dawn to dusk in the city's Mardi Gras celebration.

The bash is the final fling before Lent, which many Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter by fasting or by giving up something, like meat or sweets.

More than a dozen parades — not counting the small marching

Although not as extravagant and wild as the celebration on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, the Post Street Mardi Gras attracted plenty of people to experience San Jose's version.

"This is great. I like the music, and it's nice to see downtown San Jose doing different things," said Deborah Rowan. Rowan had to stand under an awning to keep her brightly colored feather mask and beads dry. "There's a good mixture of people here. I'm surprised to see so many people out because it's raining."

Rowan was just one of the many people adorned in festive attire. Some even enjoyed the festivities in wild hats, feather boas and capes in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold and green.

Marie Gibson, a San Jose State University alumna who



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Wiley Jones (right) and Rose Asea, Jones' fiancée, celebrate the Post Street Mardi Gras Tuesday night between First and Market streets in downtown San Jose. The event

was sponsored by the Waves Smokehouse and Saloon and other Post street merchants. The Mardi Gras festivities lasted from 5:30 p.m. until well past midnight.

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Wrong-way driver flees bus accident

By Brandy Sailors
Staff Writer

The San Jose Police Department is looking for a green Ford Taurus that caused an accident on Tuesday at approximately 10:15 a.m. The minor accident involved a San Jose State University shuttle bus and another vehicle.

There were no reported injuries, and damage to both vehicles were minor, said Sgt. John Hernandez of the University Police Department.

Rubens Dalaison, the press information officer for the SJPD

identified the other driver as Isidore Gluckman.

Pedro Sanchez, the shuttle driver, said the shuttle was in the middle lane, and Gluckman was in the left lane. A third vehicle turned onto the one-way street — going the wrong way — and Gluckman swerved to avoid a head-on collision. When he swerved, his car bumped into the back panel and bumper of the shuttle.

Sanchez said there were about 15 passengers on the bus in route to the university.

Advertising major Joshua

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Chalk letters on sidewalk tool for Greek recruitment

By Katrina Toranski
Staff Writer

During rush week, fraternity and sorority members have been scrolling messages in front of the Student Union.

Rush week is the first week of every semester for sororities and fraternities to increase membership through recruitment.

"They (the sorority and fraternity members) chalk for recruitment and rush," said Leanne LoBue, scheduling assistant at the Student Union.

According to LoBue, the area in front of the bookstore, between the benches and stairs, can be used for writing in chalk.

"They are restricted to the sidewalk and they can't do it on the stairs," she said.

LoBue said the groups can book the space for a week at a time through the scheduling office at the Student Union.

"They can have five days," she



According to Benito Jauregui, Student Union assistant of facilities, there are not many problems with cleaning it. Every Saturday, the area around the Student Union is cleaned. If there is chalk writing, they will spray wash it.

When members of an organization asks for a space, and the writing is there from a previous group, the facilities department is responsible for cleaning the area, LoBue said.

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49 students on Who's Who list

A.S.'s Cook, Vierra among honorees of academic leadership award

By Hugo Rivera
Staff Writer

All students nominated, with the exception of three who did not complete the paperwork, received the Who's Who award.

The Who's Who award is given to students who are nominated by people who think they show academic achievement, as well as leadership on and off campus.

A reception was held for the recipients Tuesday in the Umunhum Room of the Student Union.

The reception was sponsored by the Who's Who Among Students American Colleges and Universities organization and the Student Life Center. About 30 of the 49 recipients were present at the reception.

Some of the recipients' parents were also present, along with some faculty members. Dyrell Foster, chair of the committee that selects the recipients of the award, spoke at the reception.

"This is one of the greatest awards the academic community can give," he said.

Up to 99 students at San Jose State University can win the award. According to a press release, in the 11 years the award has been given at SJSU, there has never been more than 66 students nominated.

According to Foster, deans, department heads and chairs, as well as presidents of student organizations receive memos asking them to nominate a student for the award. The nominee must have at least a 3.2 grade point



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Heather Cook, president of San Jose State University's Associated Students, and her father Winn Cook (left) talk with Dan Buerger, the

Executive Assistant to the President, at the Who's Who reception Tuesday. Cook, and 49 other SJSU students, won a Who's Who award.

average and must be involved in the campus and the community.

If a person wishes to nominate a student for the award, they must go to the Student Life Center to get a nomination application.

The presidents of student organizations who get the memo can get an application and nominate themselves. Seven people nominated themselves for the award this year.

Over 1900 colleges and universities in the United States give the Who's Who award. The Alabama-based award organization was established in 1934 and was first available at SJSU in

1987.

Among the recipients of the award was Heather Cook, president of the Associated Students.

"This is one of the biggest awards you can win in college," Cook said. "I was honored when Dan Buerger nominated me."

Buerger is the executive assistant to SJSU President Robert Caret.

Another recipient of the award was A.S. Controller Lynn Ann Vierra.

"It's a great honor to be recognized," Vierra said. "I don't do all this to be recognized."

Vierra oversees the Associated Students budget. She has the abil-

ity to grant campus organizations money for activities. Vierra was nominated by the Executive Director for the A.S. Alfonso DeAlba and by Jim Cellini, director of student life.

The award winners received a certificate for their achievement. Their names will also be published in a yearly book containing the names of all the award recipients for the year.

According to Foster, the students will receive brochures in the mail giving them the option of buying the book.

They will also be able to purchase a plaque stating they were Who's Who Award recipients.

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INSIDE THE DAILY



COUNTERPOINT POINT

The Clinton trial is over, but Hustler publisher, Larry Flynt, still threatens to release information on U.S. senators' sex lives. Does Flynt have the right to expose even more government sex?

Republican senators get the 'eye for an eye' treatment they deserve

Like a famous prophet once said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Republican senators are finding out the truth of those words as Larry Flynt, the infamous publisher of Hustler magazine, is considering exposing their own sexual escapades.

Apparently, there were quite a few sinners among the Republicans who dropped boulders on President Bill Clinton, and now they deserve to get burned for it.

The Republicans did not leave a dress unturned or a sperm unexamined in their quest to expose Clinton's sexual improprieties with Monica Lewinsky.



Shane Lewis

It's all fair play for these hypocrites. Sex and politics are nothing new.

Thomas Jefferson had a mistress.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt had a mistress.

John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy were hornier than the Butabi Brothers on Saturday Night Live.

In his book, "Inside Congress," author Ronald Kessler details the sexual escapades of Congress.

- Martin Lobel, a Washington lawyer who was formerly an aide to Democrat Sen. William Proxmire, said, "One woman tried to bed every member of the Senate. She almost had a majority."

- A former Congressional aide recounted how he participated in a monthly "gang bang" with a 25-year-old blonde who worked for Sen. Alan Cranston.

- In the '80s, young female pages, appointed by Congress, would put on a nightly show by undressing in front of their windows — without the blinds closed. The building became known as Virgin Village.

- Lobbyist Paula Parkinson said she had sex with eight members of Congress to promote agricultural interests.

- Capitol police officers report regularly interrupting members of Congress having sex with their secretaries and mistresses in their offices. "I think everybody (in the Capitol Police) came across members or staffers having sex in their offices," said Charles T. Kindsvatter, a retired Capitol Police captain.

- Elizabeth Ray, a former beauty queen who could not type, claims she was hired by Rep. Wayne L. Hays to have sex with him, which she refused.

It is obvious members of Congress are hiding a great deal more skeletons in their closets than Clinton ever did.

For the last year, the Republicans have bombarded the media with information on all the kinky, fun stuff Clinton likes to have done to him while he's on the phone.

There is no doubt that Clinton's personal life is shrouded in lies, broken promises and adultery, and he should be criticized for that, but not by people who are doing the same exact thing or worse.

The Republicans in Congress — in their hunt for political power — did untold damage to Hillary and Chelsea Clinton in the process.

Now, it is time for their wives and daughters to learn the truth about them.

After all, they cast out the first stone.

Shane Lewis is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Illustration by Jess Temujintabor

Flynt should stay out of politics, Congress needs to do its work

Warning! Warning! The snowball is rolling down Capitol Hill and it's getting bigger. The snowball is this "kiss-and-tell" phenomenon that is taking over day-to-day conversations, as well as the print and broadcast media. It is disgusting the way we are in between the bedsheets of American politicians and rummaging up every last condom wrapper.

And Larry Flynt, king of smut and meddling, is smack dab in the middle of it.

Flynt is threatening to release details on the extracurricular sexual activities of several senators.

So, his life was the subject of a pretty good movie, but

JoAnn Peach



does that make it OK for him to release the details of a couple United States senators' sex lives?

Flynt originally said that he might be more inclined to cough up new dirt if the Senate declared President Bill Clinton committed perjury or obstruction of justice. Flynt even went so far as to say that he would dig up more information even if Clinton wasn't removed from office.

So what if Flynt digs up a blizzard's worth of rumors, lies and hyped-up information? When Mr. Smut has any real leverage over the Senate, I'm going straight to Nordstrom to buy a parka, 'cause that'll be the day Hell freezes over.

People, people, he publishes Hustler, for God's sake! Hustler?

You know, the magazine in which you can see way, way into a woman's personal regions? The magazine that shows photos in angles that aren't really flattering? Yeah, that one.

So why is Flynt in the middle of American politics?

When Linda Tripp let Monica out of the Clinton bag, she got called a back-stabbing b-----.

Now that Flynt is threatening to do the same, it seems as if people are waiting to see if it will be as juicy as the Starr report.

Enough is enough.

We really don't need another year — or two or three or four, depending on how many senators' names are on Larry Flynt's list of public figures who GASP! do the freaky-nasty — of sex-infused political coverage on TV, newspapers and magazines.

Can we just get over the fact people in the government have sex like we do?

But the point is that we should leave the politicians we, as a majority, have elected them to run this country. We didn't vote on the basis that they were living their lives piously.

Even the Bible states He who has not sinned shall cast the first stone.

We voted for politicians because of their leadership skills.

We wanted their experience in looking into the state of our nation and ability to pull together to create a better life for the American people.

We need to leave them alone to do their job.

They don't need the distraction of paying attention to a nosy smut peddler. Only then, will our country have a snowball's chance in hell.

JoAnn Peach is the Spartan Daily opinion editor.

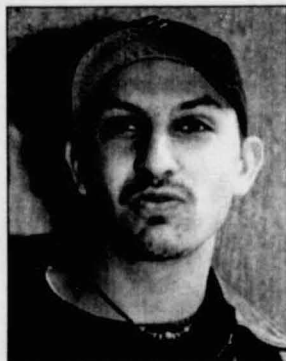
Talking Heads

Should Hustler publisher, Larry Flynt, be allowed to release information regarding the sex lives of Republican senators?



"Sure, why not? If you get to hear about Clinton, you should hear about every official. It's all or nothing."

— Ryan Fisher senior finance



"No, because that's their personal life. As long as the senators are doing a good job, why should their personal life be involved?"

— Khalid Sharif junior electrical engineering



"Hell yeah. People are making a big deal about Bill Clinton, and they know there are other people in government offices getting freaky."

— Royale Kirkland sophomore dance



"Yes, because Congress raised the moral standards for Clinton, and I just want to see if they can stand up to these standards. Go Larry Flynt."

— Akbar Shetty junior management of information systems



"Why not? Since Linda Tripp pulled the same thing on Clinton, then why shouldn't Flynt mess with (Congress) a bit more?"

— Ellen Tsilipounidakis junior physics



"No. It's displaying someone's private life. Your sex life has nothing to do with the job in the office."

— Thu Le junior business administration

Compiled by Katrina Toranski and photos by Franchesca Esquibel.



Exhibit wastes spirit of Black History Month

The picture of Little Black Sambo opening his big mouth so he can stuff a stack of pancakes in it isn't my idea of Black History Month.

Using Little Black Sambo as a showcase for the month is something I would expect from Billy Bob in Georgia.

But hey, San Jose State University students don't need to go to Georgia when we have the Clark Library on campus.

What I had to waste Black History Month. Friday, I had to go to the Clark Library because my class was being held there — the only reason why I would go to the library.

Lo and behold, there was a front display case of Black History exhibits.

Being in a learned institution, I expected the centerpiece to be filled with works by Langston Hughes, Alice Walker and James Baldwin.

Instead, I saw an assortment of books on Sambo, the little tiger-hunting boy from the jungles of Africa, whose big mouth enabled him to gain respect from his peers.

I was also further enlightened with a black face paint tube, a doll of a black girl eating a watermelon and a topsy-turvy doll — you know, the dolls that have a rich Caucasian woman on one side, and when you pull her dress over, there is a black woman in rags.

So, this is the representative culture of black people.

February is Black History Month, and what is being presented in the library are old, racist white stereotypes of black people.

Whoa.

There can be an argument for knowing the future by looking into the past — but Little Black Sambo?

I think I have a grasp on the purpose of the toy and artifact collection presentation in the library — the collection is showing how blacks were treated in the past.

Now, I could attempt to say how I would feel if I was a black person, but I am not. So I won't.

But I will say, there can be a lot of things displayed



in the Library other than a detrimental figure such as Sambo.

And I wouldn't want a figure of him displayed in a month that is supposed to showcase my culture.

If I had a month that highlighted my culture, I would go all out.

I would walk around flexing what little muscle I had and be proud of other people having an opportunity to learn about my culture.

I would feel shortchanged if I had an exhibit that highlighted my stereotypes.

A minority has to deal with stereotypes every day. A month about the achievements of a culture shouldn't have stereotypes presented.

I can really picture a parent telling his kid, "Let's go to the Clark Library and learn about Black History Month through racial stereotypes."

The kid would see the big eyes, lips and mouth showed in the Sambo book and get a full appreciation of what it is to be black.

Yeah, right. Now, this is the worst case scenario of what can happen, but the reasons for the scenario are still negative.

Maybe I don't know what the hell I am talking about, but I thought Black History Month was supposed to highlight certain aspects of the black community, such as the leaders, scientific and artistic contributions to society and an appreciation of a strong culture.

If I am wrong for the way I feel, someone please tell me.

I am really at a loss for words — which sucks when you are a writer — but I think I have some.

The Harlem Renaissance.

"The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

Jazz.

"Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

The Little Black Sambo exhibit ... no.

Jon Perez is the Spartan Daily executive editor "Last of the Moh'ricans" appears every Wednesday.

Sparta Guide

Today

Career Center
A recruiting services workshop will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Student Union. A co-op workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Costanoan Room, Student Union. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

Re-Entry Advisory Program
Network with other students at REAP's brown bag lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco Room, Student Union. For more information, call 924-5950.

Ash Wednesday Service
The Episcopal Canterbury Community will provide imposition of ashes and a free dinner. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Geoffrey at 275-1346.

Student Art Exhibits
The School of Art and Design will present student art in the student galleries from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4330.

Catholic Ash Wednesday Service
Catholic Campus Ministry will provide distribution of ashes at 12:10 p.m. at Campus Ministry Chapel, located at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Presentation on the history of the church will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, located at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Father Bob at 938-1610.

Orchestra Performance
The San Jose State University Chamber Orchestra will perform student compositions at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall in the School of Music and Dance. For more information, call Jun Nakabayashi at 924-4647.

International Relations Association
Guest lecturer from the International Action Center will speak on the U.S. policy with Iraq at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Student Union. For more information, call Karim Kahwaji at 379-4950.

Association of Black Students
General meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall, room 505. For more information, call Tre at 924-8280.

A.S. Elections
Candidate application filing deadline by 6 p.m. in the Student Life Center. For more information, call Robyn Jones at 924-5955.

Sigma Alpha Mu Movie Night
"Sammy Sinema," featuring "Do the Right Thing," featuring Spike Lee, at 7:30 p.m. in Old Science Building, room 142. Free. For more information, call Tim at 924-3274.

Thursday

Bioimpedance Body Composition Testing Lab
Students, faculty and staff wanting to test their body fat composition can do so from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Central Classroom building, room 103. For more information, call James Burke at 293-9225.

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Career Resource Center
A recruiting services workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Student Union. For more information, call the center at 924-6033.

Catholic Campus Ministry
A bible study on the Gospel of John will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center, located at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Father Bob at 938-1610.

The Listening Hour
Erie Mills' vocal students will perform songs of Faure, Wolfe and Grieg from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Former Foster Youth Organization
First spring meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Pacifica Room, Student Union. For more information, call Jennifer McFarland at 924-8569.

Friday

Daily Mass
Catholic Campus Ministry will hold mass at 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, located at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Father Bob at 938-1610.

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SJSU blows by Hayward

By Mike Osegueda
Special to the Daily

Vince LaCorte may be a business management major, but he earned an honorary medical degree on the mound Tuesday as he took apart the California State University-Hayward Pioneers lineup with the precision of a surgeon.

LaCorte struck out 13 in six innings during his first start of the season and the San Jose State University baseball team's offense got on the board early to seal an easy 12-0 victory over the Pioneers in the constant drizzling rain at Municipal Stadium.

Tuesday's Score	
Hayward Pioneers	0
Spartans	12

Today - SJSU @ USF 3 p.m.

The right-hander utilized his impeccable fastball and kept the ball away from Pioneer batters all day. He allowed only two hits and pushed the Spartans' winning streak to three games.

"They were a little behind my fastball, so I stayed with it," said the 6-foot-3-inch LaCorte, who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds, but opted to play at SJSU instead. "I wanted to make sure we won this game and kept our winning streak going."

The Spartan offense struck early and often to quickly bury the Pioneers. Centerfielder Ryan Brucker singled in the bottom of the first to get things going. Senior Todd Duncan then blasted a triple into the gap in right-center field that scored Brucker for the first run of the game.

From that point the Spartans never let up.

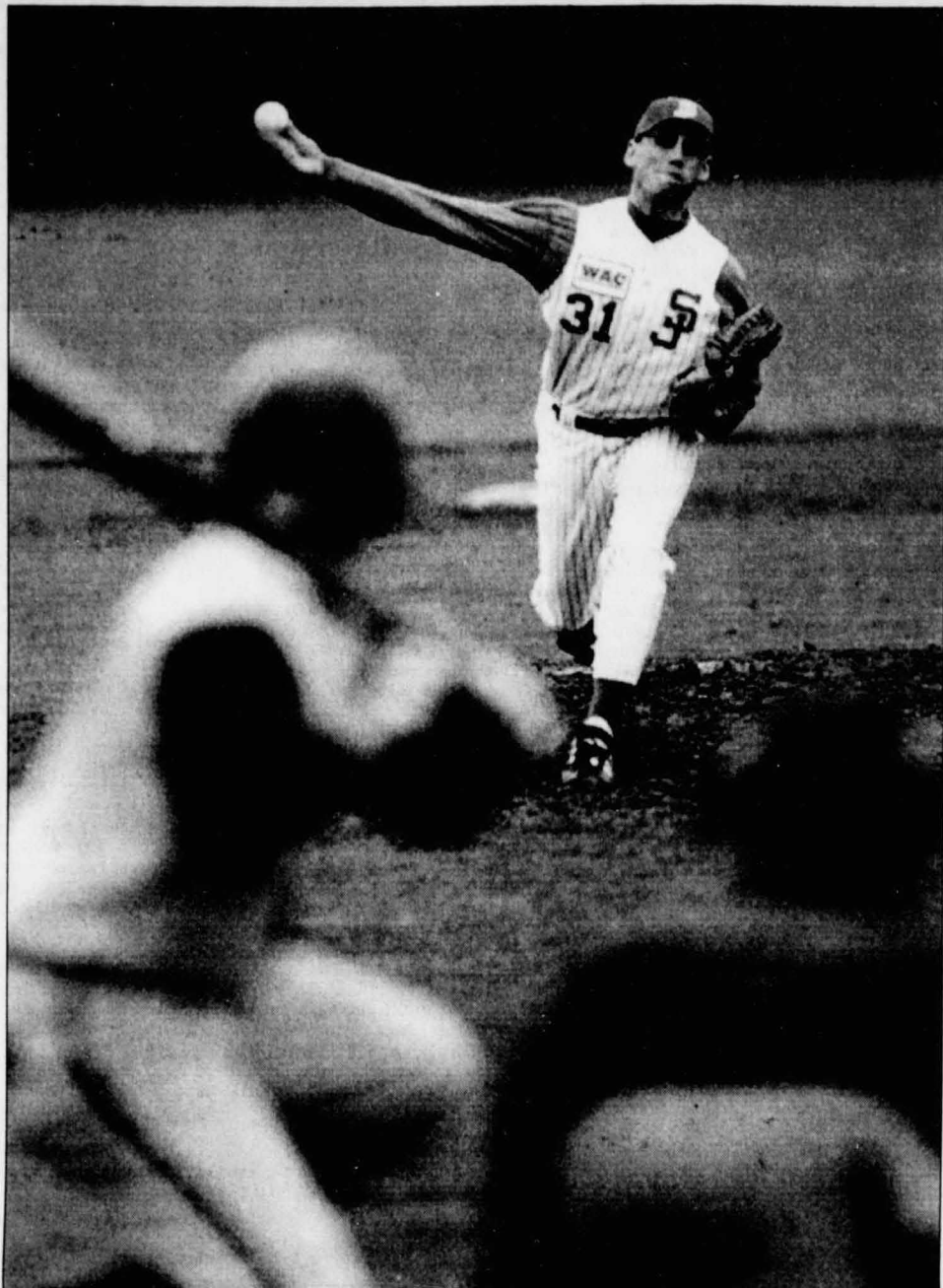
Next, Dan Winterberg hit a grounder to the right side which got past Pioneer second baseman Nick Lemas and allowed Duncan to score. After Pioneer pitcher Nick Burns surrendered two walks, Winterberg tallied the third run as he raced home on a passed ball.

"The first thing to keep in mind on a day like this is that it might be a five inning game. We have to try to get a quick start soon," head coach Sam Piraro said about the team's strategy to combat the ugly playing conditions. "Then we force our opponents to play defense."

The game plan worked successfully as the Pioneers had all kinds of problems defensively. The infielders muffed many easy plays and neglected to charge groundballs, which gave the Spartans countless opportunities to put runs on the board.

The Spartans took advantage of the Pioneer errors to put the game out of reach in the bottom of the fourth. The Spartans loaded the bases with a single from catcher Mike Wright and two walks.

Then, freshman Junior Ruiz waived out another four ball from Burns to bring home a run. The next batter, Brucker, was hit by a



Aimee Santos/Spartan Daily

Pitching in his first start of the season, Vince LaCorte had 13 strikeouts and gave up two hits in six innings Tuesday at Municipal Stadium. LaCorte was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 26th round of the 1998 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

"They were a little behind my fastball, so I stayed with it. I wanted to make sure we won this game and kept our winning streak going."

— Vince LaCorte
Spartan pitcher //

pitch to plate another run for the Spartans, which sent Burns to the dugout. The Spartans got two more runs on a groundout to short by Duncan and sacrifice fly to center by Winterberg, bringing the lead to 8-0.

Another rally in the bottom of the sixth sealed the Pioneers' fate. Gary Patchett led off the inning by reaching on one of the six Pioneer errors. Brucker then hit a chopper that got through third baseman John Martinez's legs.

From there, Duncan hit his second extra base hit of the afternoon. He connected with a 1-1 pitch and put it over the leftfielder's head for a double and two more RBIs.

"I got a couple of good pitches to hit today, and thankfully, I was able to make the best out of it," said Duncan, who recently decided to stay with the Spartans after being drafted by the San Jose Clash of Major League Soccer.

Brandon Macchi and Tony Tognetti also drove in runs before the inning was over and made the score 12-0. Andy Cook came in to relieve LaCorte for two solid innings and Tim Lozada shut down the Pioneers in the ninth to secure the victory.

NFL will return to L.A. or Houston

ATLANTA (AP) — Houston and Los Angeles, which lost NFL franchises this decade, will learn in March which will get one back.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Tuesday there seems to be agreement among the owners on adding a 32nd franchise, setting up a vote on where that team will play.

After meeting with the league's expansion committee, Tagliabue said the owners seem committed to approving a fourth expansion this decade.

Jacksonville and Carolina joined the league in 1995, while the new Cleveland Browns begin play this fall. The 31 owners will meet next month in Phoenix, when a decision is expected on the next franchise that could begin play in 2002.

"I think people are getting to the point where they understand that, as we go into the 21st century, we've certainly got to have a 32-team league," Tagliabue said after the four-hour meeting at an Atlanta airport hotel.

He said both the L.A. and Houston markets have fan interest, population, and television appeal.

The main difference is there is only one group, headed by Robert McNair, vying for the franchise in Houston, and it has a plan for a new retractable-roof stadium.

Two rival groups in Los Angeles

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— Paul Tagliabue
NFL Commissioner //

are bidding for the expansion franchise, each with its own stadium plan.

Hollywood mogul Michael Ovitz has lined up an all-star roster of investors, including actors Tom Cruise and Kevin Costner, to build a combined stadium and shopping mall in Carson, 21 miles south of downtown.

Developer Ed Roski Jr. and billionaire Eli Broad are proposing to renovate the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Los Angeles has been without a franchise since the Raiders returned to Oakland and the Rams moved to St. Louis after the 1995 season. The Houston Oilers left for Tennessee in 1997.

Tagliabue said the league may assist in the funding of the Los Angeles stadium, but the money would go toward one of the plans already proposed.

He would not say if the league is committed to picking one of the two ownership groups, indicating there is some trepidation among the owners about the warring bids.

"We've got two different ownership groups and two different stadium plans," he said. "That's something we've got to work through."

The expansion decision likely will spawn a whole new set of issues, with realignment at the head of the list. Tagliabue said the expansion committee discussed various scenarios Tuesday, using both Los Angeles and Houston.

Realignment is a hot-button issue in a league where Arizona and Dallas are part of the NFC East, Atlanta and Carolina are members of the NFC West, and the three teams in Florida are spread over three separate divisions in both conferences.

On another matter, the league's finance committee decided it needs more information about an \$800-million bid by Howard Milstein to purchase the Washington Redskins.

The league wants to ensure that Milstein is not violating the rule against borrowing more than \$100 million using the team as collateral to complete the deal.

49ers sign former Spartan QB to two-year contract

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Jeff Garcia can pack his bags and put his parka in storage.

Garcia, who played quarterback for San Jose State University from 1991-1993, signed a two-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers Tuesday.

Garcia played in the Canadian Football League for the last five years. He won the Most Outstanding Player the last two years and led the Calgary Stampeders to the league championship last year.

The value of the contract was not disclosed, but Garcia said it was similar to the contract a "late round draft pick" would receive. Since Garcia has never played on the active ro-

ster of any NFL teams, he is still considered a rookie.

"It's definitely a relief," Garcia said. "It was good to go out there and see that they (the coaching staff) were serious about me. I'm glad to finally put my name on a piece of paper."

The 49ers already have three quarterbacks on their roster, but backups Ty Detmer and Jim Druckenmiller have both been rumored in trades. Garcia said he fully expects to compete for the right to backup starting quarterback Steve Young.

"I won't just be there (at training camp in March) fighting for a roster spot," Garcia said. "I think I've shown that I deserve an opportunity to compete at this level."

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Mardi Gras: San Jose celebrates

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arrived early in the evening with friends, said she was surprised to see so many people still coming despite the rain.

"There seems to be a good turnout. We're just going to hang around and see what happens," Gibson said.

As the band played, people gathered around the booths selling beer, food, masks and beads, getting into the spirit of things.

A San Jose southern-style restaurant, Jon Jon, had a booth selling catfish nuggets, potato salad, blackened chicken pasta and other Louisiana-style dishes. Waves Smokehouse and Saloon, where San Jose's Mardi Gras originated, was packed with high-spirited partygoers.

Officer Lee Wilson from the San Jose Police Department said that the crowd was very orderly and he didn't anticipate any problems during the night.

"The people are just here to have fun and celebrate, Wilson said, "This is 'Mardi Gras west (coast).'"

The Mardi Gras festivities lasted from 5 p.m. until after midnight.



Waves Smokehouse and Saloon is filled with people celebrating Mardi Gras Tuesday. Rain caused many people to go in the bar. Masks were hung from the ceiling for entertainment value.

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Fat Tuesday: New Orleans ushers in Lent

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societies like clarinetist Pete Fountain's Half-Fast Marching Club — rolled from early morning until dark.

"We've got everybody here from Grandma on down," said Mike Brou, one of 32 family members dressed as white rabbits along the parade route for Zulu and Rex, two of the largest parades.

"We're here every year," Brou said about his family. "It's a combination family reunion and party. There's nothing else like it in the world."

With sunshine and temperature in the 70s, crowds quickly grew.

Police believed the combination of good weather and a four-day weekend, thanks to Presidents Day on Monday, would boost the

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— Stacie Honore
Mardi Gras parade float rider //

throng to a record size.

"They're huge crowds, much bigger than last year," said police spokesman Marlon Defillo. "We had 1.5 million people then. We'll have over 2 million this year."

Arrests were up slightly in the French Quarter, Defillo said, but they were all misdemeanors —

nudity, urinating in public, trespassing.

"No problems at all, really," he said.

Satin-clad angels rubbed elbows with clowns and cowboys along St. Charles Avenue, the mansion-lined parade route where floats rolled for more than

eight hours.

Children and adults staked out spots before dawn, then clamored for trinkets tossed by costumed riders.

"I spend about \$2,000 on beads and I throw every single one of them before the end of the day," said Stacie Honore, 32, a rider on the Zulu parade. "You can't believe how much fun it is to throw your money away."

People on balconies in the French Quarter tossed beads to the celebrants below.

Although it is illegal, many flashed flesh in exchange for the long strings of plastic beads.

"It's just good clean fun, why would they arrest you for that?" asked Judy Hudson, 26, of Los Angeles.

Fresh 'Juice' sale liquidates Simpson's Heisman Trophy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson's Heisman Trophy fetched \$230,000 Tuesday night at an auction to benefit the estates of the former football star's slain ex-wife and her friend.

Other Simpson items sold from \$400 to \$10,000 at the Butterfield & Butterfield auction house. Bidders were allowed to make offers by phone, in person and over the Internet.

Among the items sold were a Hall of Fame award for \$10,000, a life-size metal statue of Simpson for \$3,250; a weighted-glass University of Southern California Hall of Fame trophy for \$1,800, a trophy given by ABC Wide World of Sports in 1973 for \$1,700 and an umbrella for \$400.

The auction earned \$382,075, Butterfield & Butterfield said.

The proceeds would barely "put a scratch" in the \$33.5 million judgment owed to the estate of

Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and the family of Ronald Goldman, said Gary Caris, a lawyer for the Goldmans.

A small amount of money has been collected in a private settlement. Caris said he could not reveal how much because of a confidentiality agreement.

The judgment stemmed from a civil wrongful death suit in which a jury found Simpson liable for the 1994 killings of Ms. Simpson and Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of murder in an earlier criminal trial.

The winning Heisman Trophy bidder is an East Coast collector who wanted to remain anonymous, said George Noceti, a vice president at Butterfield & Butterfield. He made his bid by telephone.

Earlier estimates had the Heisman Trophy selling for as much as \$4 million.

Crash: Shuttle bus

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Patel said it felt like the shuttle ran over a bicycle.

After waiting for approximately five minutes, a student asked if they could evacuate the shuttle.

Another shuttle came but was already full, so they walked the rest of the way to SJSU, Patel said.

"I would have stayed if I'd actu-

ally seen it, but I didn't see what happened, I just felt it," Patel said.

Dalaison said once the driver of the car realized he was going the wrong way, he made a U-turn and fled the scene. If anyone has information about the accident or the green Ford Taurus, he or she can call the University Police Department at 924-2222.

Chalk: drawings

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Jezebel Diaz, Sigma Alpha Zeta sorority member, said this was the second semester her sorority wrote in chalk as a form of advertisement.

"We did it the first day of school, just for the beginning of the rush," she said.

The sorority also did it to get the members together and show

spirit, she said.

They got together the night before rush started and wrote in chalk.

"We put all kinds of information and concepts," Diaz said.

According to Diaz, it took the members about two hours to finish the project, which included the letters of the sorority and designs to represent its goals.

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