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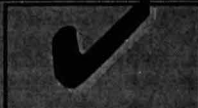
A.S. Elections

After interviewing each of the six candidates running for major positions on the Associated Students Board of Directors, the Spartan Daily Editorial Staff recommends the following choices in Wednesday's and Thursday's election.

President



Heather Cook



Leo Davila



Davila's ideas, such as reestablishing relations with the California State Student Association and implementing a University Housing Services advisory committee, gives him the Daily's endorsement. Even though Cook has experience in the A.S., is strong in bylaw interpretation and is a polished professional, Davila appears to have the ability to identify and adapt to student issues.

Vice President



Kristina Palos



Anthony Drummond



Drummond gets the Daily's nod over Palos, even though Palos has done an admirable job in taking over as director of student rights and responsibilities. Drummond has a clearer plan on how to garner student outreach and input.

Controller



Rai-mon Barnes



Carlos Aguirre



Barnes has the communication skills to be controller. Aguirre is qualified in budget management, but Barnes has a clear idea of how to communicate the process to receive A.S. funds. His ability of outreach was the Daily's determining factor.

Measures

YES

Changing the title of the A.S. Board of Directors will make it easier for students to find the appropriate representative.

NO

The A.S. would have too much authority by giving it the power to implement standing boards and committees.

Polling Places — March 17 & 18

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Duncan Hall, 7th Street (Central Plaza), 10th and San Fernando streets, Morris Dailey Auditorium
2:30 - 8 p.m. — 7th and San Carlos, Joe West Hall

The Wahlquist Solution?

Safety issues plague relocation despite contrary UPD assurances

Editor's Note: This is the second part in a four-part series, highlighting the health and safety aspects of moving Student Services to the 10th Street garage.

By D.S. Perez
Staff Writer

After conducting an analysis, the University Police Department said that the 10th Street garage will be a safe place to put temporary offices if certain measures are implemented.

The offices would house Wahlquist employees, who would be displaced if the proposed joint library between San Jose State University and the city of San Jose is built on the corner of Fourth and San Fernando streets.

All employees and services located in the three Wahlquist buildings, such as financial aid, cashiering, admissions and records and general education advising, could be temporarily relocated to the first floor of the 10th Street garage while construction for the joint library project is underway.



The Wahlquist solution?

Employees are concerned about their safety in the garage.

Karla Larson, student resource adviser, said employees are concerned about their safety in going to and coming from offices in the garage.

According to Lt. Bruce Lowe of the UPD, both he and Chief Ric Abeyta

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SJSU looking for film company willing to blow Wahlquist up

By Halima Kazem
Staff Writer

San Jose State University wants to get into the movies.

The university is looking for a producer who would like to blow up the Wahlquist Library on campus for a future film or television project.

The new joint library project between the city of San Jose and SJSU is scheduled to get underway in December. The next step is demolishing Wahlquist Library North, Central and South. The buildings currently house student services, such as financial aid and admissions and records.

"We thought if a film maker was interested in blowing up the buildings for their movie, it would help us cut costs," SJSU Public Affairs Director Carol Menaker said.

The university approached the San Jose Film Commission about

printing a proposal in the current issue of 'Film Clips', a publication of the San Jose convention and visitors bureau for film and video professionals.

"The issue just came out, and once it gets to Los Angeles producers, they might show some interest," said Kevin Kurimoto, film and video manager for the San Jose Film Commission.

Kurimoto said the ad hasn't generated any interest from film professionals yet. Wahlquist Library North features 1960's-style architecture, with six floors and more than 120,000 square feet of space.

"The buildings are going to come down whether or not someone catches it on film," Menaker said.

During a library budgeting meeting, ideas were thrown around about cutting costs, Menaker said. The

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Tooting their own horns



Aimee Santos/Spartan Daily

University of California Davis freshmen Jeff Miller and Naomi Robin rehearse in the Music Building Tuesday night before their joint performance with San Jose State University's Symphonic Band. The perfor-

mance which combines 60 UC Davis concert band members and 40 SJSU Symphonic Band members was arranged and planned by Keith Brion, SJSU conductor and Jonathan Elkus, director of bands at UC Davis.

The man behind the voice

Richard Pfaff guides students through the 'CALL-SJSU' menu

By Melissa Matchak
Staff Writer

He talks to approximately 27,000 students, anywhere from five to 10 times each semester — sometimes more.

Richard Pfaff is the voice students at San Jose State University hear when they call touchtone registration, or CALL-SJSU. His voice is on all of the telephone recordings students hear when they call to register for classes, get their grades or any of the other things students do over the phone.

Pfaff came to SJSU as a counselor in 1971, and he is currently the assistant director of financial aid. He said he was recommended for the job in 1991 by Linda Vasquez, who is now the senior director of business operations at SJSU, because of his radio experience. Pfaff has worked for San Jose radio stations KSJO and KFOX, as well as two San Francisco radio stations.

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Emergency relief to be had

Student's death prompts fund for support

By Franklin Leiva
Staff Writer

Whenever a tragic death in the family occurs, relatives are caught by surprise — sometimes without the monetary or emotional support to overcome the trauma.

Rosa and Jesus Castillo were in that situation when their son Juan, who was a San Jose State University freshman, died in a car accident Feb. 16 on Highway 17, after leaving his class to return home in Watsonville.

The Castillos were left without money to bury their son, according to Wiggy Sivertsen, SJSU's director of counseling services. She was first contacted by a close relative of the Castillos about monetary help.

In response to the Castillos' crisis, Sivertsen and student affairs created the

Family Emergency Fund.

Donations may be sent to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office at One Washington Square 242 Administration Building San Jose, CA 95122-0031.

To make matters worse, the car Juan died in was the only car the family owned. Juan's father, Jesus Castillo, has been depending on rides from his relatives to get to work.

The division has started a fund for Juan's family, asking people on campus to make donations. The proceeds will go to help the Castillos bury Juan and perhaps provide them with a new car.

"I still can't let it go," Rosa Castillo, Juan's mother said. "I still can't believe it happened to us."

According to Stacey Morgan-Foster, associate vice president for student affairs, a total of \$3,000 has been raised for the emergency fund.

Two thousand dollars has been raised

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Spartan Daily second in state at college press award contest

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The Spartan Daily, San Jose State University's daily newspaper, took second place in the daily newspaper, general excellence category at the California Intercollegiate Press Association's award ceremony in San Luis Obispo Friday.

"This is a terrific honor and reflects the quality of our students and our program," said Jan Shaw, a journalism lecturer and Spartan Daily adviser. "We beat out every university in the state, except Berkeley."

The University of California, Berkeley's Daily Californian placed first in general excellence, and The Stanford Daily took third.

The Spartan Daily tied itself for first place in overall design of

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a full size paper and placed second in the sweepstakes category for daily papers. The Daily Californian placed first.

The sweepstakes award is based on the overall number of awards won by a publication at the event.

Entries, mailed in February for the competition, were from the spring and fall terms in 1998.

First place awards were given to present and past Daily staffers Brenna Jennison (front page layout, full size), Terri Milner (arts review), Aaron Williams (sports feature article) and Dan Frolich (sports photo).

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COUNTERPOINT POINT

Associated Students elections have begun, but last year, only a small percentage of students voted. Is voting a cherished right or a meaningless distraction for university students?

Voting wastes time, energy busy college students don't have



D.S. Perez

Students come to San Jose State University to fight for a parking space, take a few classes and hope to get degrees and job opportunities. They come to take notes, research, write essays and do homework, and leave tired with barely enough stamina for all the other factors in their lives.

So when a few signs come up with someone's mug proclaiming that if they're elected, they are going to make a difference in student collegiate life by representing and helping them achieve their goals, the majority give a resounding answer.

"Yeah right" — in the form of not voting. In the busy lives of students, voting for someone they will never meet, and who probably won't affect their campus lives, falls to the bottom of the "Things to Do" list. A few students are compelled to vote because they feel they are choosing someone who will truly make a difference to the student body.

While it sounds like a noble cause to elect someone to a position of leadership, where they represent 20,000 students, the reality falls way short of that goal. And students know it.

Apathy is prevalent in the student body. Students usually don't care about voting — for anything.

While not voting might have a negative impact on national or state elections, there is little consequence for ignoring campus elections for A.S. positions.

Why don't they care about voting for a student representative? Because they know it doesn't matter.

How many A.S. presidents have significantly shaped or changed the direction of the university?

Answer: none. Perhaps earlier generations of students may have had concerns about their welfare and representation. This is the '90s, a cynical era where there are no heroes and no trust. So it is expected the administration will, on occasion, give the students the shaft.

It is also a generation that asks, "Are these people really representing the student body, or are they taking a pitiful first step at gaining a useless bureaucratic title for a political career? Is this an attempt just to get into 'The Who's Who College Edition'?"

If candidates did care about students, they might just be trouble-making protesters that are miffed about missing the '60s. They also may become disillusioned about the bureaucracy they have to deal with.

A student representative should be a peer of the common student — usually the common twenty-something student cannot relate to a student representative.

Candidates should be asked if they can juggle "representing" the student populace, attending meetings and activities, in addition to the usual student chores of classes, homework, exams, jobs, bills, family and whatever else the real world offers.

With those kinds of time restraints, an A.S. representative really making a difference is unlikely. Students barely making it and living on a bad diet of junk food and Kmart sundries know that.

Wake up and smell the cynicism in every cup of \$3 cappuccino. The student body really doesn't care about voting. And it holds the right to not care.

D. S. Perez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

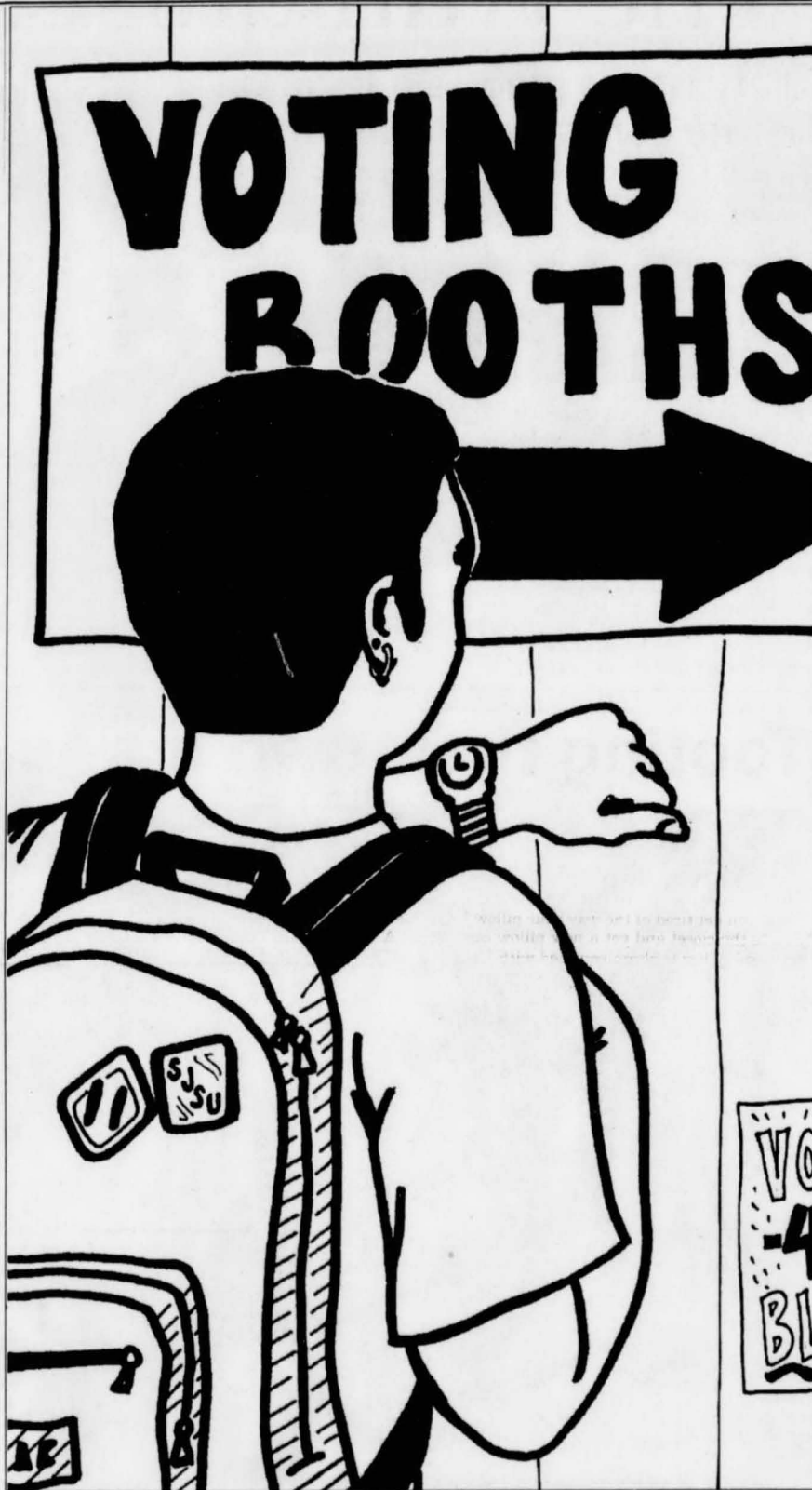


Illustration by Serwa Oni Hayes

Student population misses out if voting rights are not exercised

Katrina Toranski



The Associated Students is holding elections Wednesday and Thursday and it's important for San Jose State University students to cast their votes.

Last year, about 1,700 students voted. That's about 7 percent of SJSU's population.

That's a joke.

Most students — 93 percent — either did not care or maybe didn't know the way to the voting booths. This is a weak excuse because there were about three voting locations open for the two days of voting.

The low voter turnout is embarrassing because it shows SJSU students don't care.

There are many reasons students should vote, but the main one is they have the right to express themselves by choosing people who will represent them and listen to their needs and concerns.

A.S. elections might not be as big as the United States presidential elections, but they are certainly as important.

All 25,594 students pay \$55.50 in A.S. fees. That's \$1,420,467 A.S. has to take responsibility for each semester. People who vote have the power to decide who will be taking care of this money and how will be spent. The elected candidates will be talking on behalf of the students.

The last excuse students should have is that they did not know the candidates. The students have easy access to the A.S. offices. There are many people that can provide information on the candidates. If that's too much — ask a friend, or two friends. Someone will know who the candidates are or at least a few of them.

The easiest thing is to get an A.S. voter information guide from the Student Resource Center. It only takes a few minutes to look over it.

Just like a lot of students, I'm a busy person, but I took some time out of my schedule and familiarized myself with the candidates. I will vote, and the students who will not are letting me decide who will speak on their behalf. I don't know if you really want me to do that because I'm graduating in May, and the students who will still be here next year will have representatives that I chose for them.

Voting is an easy process and it takes about 15 minutes. It sure is more fun than doing homework. At least one time during the day most of the students will pass by the voting booth. C'mon, stop and vote. Make yourself feel better because you were a part of the greater whole.

Vote so SJSU will look like its students care about what's going on in the university. It doesn't matter that most people are commuter students. They might not spend a lot of time on campus but they still pay the A.S. fees.

Voting is not only important, but it's also exciting. Standing in the voting booth and marking the ballot is a powerful advantage over people who don't vote. You will be part of changing the campus' political forum.

Students who decide not to vote will lose their voice in campus politics. They are also letting others make decisions for them.

Show that you care. Cast your votes today and tomorrow because your vote counts.

Katrina Toranski is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Talking Heads

Are you voting? Why is or isn't voting worth the time?



"Yes, I'll vote. It's a chance to pick a representative who serves students' best interests."

— Louis Liang senior marketing



"I'll probably vote. If students don't vote, the few who do don't necessarily reflect the majority."

— Elizabeth Phillips senior communications



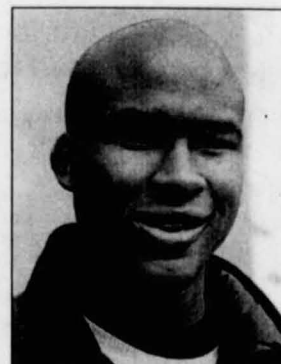
"No. I don't plan on voting. It doesn't really affect me. I only spend three hours a day here."

— Greg Lee senior nursing



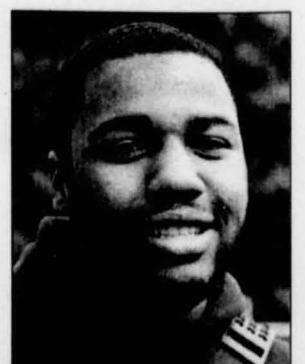
"Yes, I'm voting. If we don't vote, we don't get a say in what goes on in our campus. It's our chance to participate."

— Mindie Godby junior child development



"Yeah, I'm voting. I don't know if it's worth it to vote because not a lot has changed over the past year. The library and computer labs aren't open late enough."

— Martin McGee sophomore computer engineering



"Yeah, I'm voting. I'm not sure if it's worth it to vote. Everything that happens with A.S. is a big secret. Those cats don't care about real issues."

— Nyereris Britt sophomore political science

Compiled by Rhoda Daclison and photos by Aimee Santos.

Carl's Jr. heats up diversified campus climate

Sbarro needs to be kicked off campus. As I was sitting in the Marketplace Cafe on campus eating Italian cuisine provided by Sbarro, I realized I was living in sin.

No, it wasn't from the mid-night interlude I had with Bedspring Betty, it was my patronage to Sbarro.

As I was about to put the first Italian morsel in my mouth, I saw a vision of Jesus Christ on a crucifix.

I remembered how the deranged Roman emperor Nero used to throw Christians to the lions in the Coliseum.

Rome is in Italy. Romans are from Italy. Sbarro is a fine Italian eatery. Sbarro is Italian.

By eating at Sbarro, I and everyone else are advocating the persecution of Christians.

After the Carl's Jr. incident, where the corporation and San Jose State University mutually agreed to pull out of their contract because of questionable right-wing spending by 5 percent shareholder Carl Karcher, I have been on the lookout for political correctness.

After my enlightenment, I quickly threw away my lasagna and was ready for action.

I ripped out a piece of binder paper and was ready to gather petitions and march to Spartan Shops to hold an emergency meeting to discuss my concerns.

I never got there, because I realized that Spartan Shops should be kicked off campus.

During its height of power between 400 and 600 B.C., the Sparta of ancient Greece promoted war, slavery, and the subjection of women.

Sparta, along with the other Greek city-states, also originated the word 'barbaroi,' which later became the word barbarian.

Barbaroi became a negative connotation of the



VOICES IN MY HEAD Jan Perez

unacceptance of anything that was not pertaining to Greek society.

Having the word Spartans representing SJSU disrupts the climate of our diversified campus.

Hey, if Carl's Jr. is kicked off campus, we should share the wealth with all the politically incorrect individuals on campus.

Jamba Juice?

They only support natural ingredients.

Since they don't represent synthetic components, they should get the boot.

The palm trees at the Seventh Street Plaza should be cut down, because they don't give an equal representation of the conifer species of trees found locally in San Jose.

This blatant disregard of campus climate needs to be corrected.

In order to ensure we have a campus that is politically correct, everybody should be tested on political correctness.

The questions on the test could range from whether we have ever eaten at Carl's Jr., called an Asian an Oriental, called a vertically challenged person a midget or called a person who becomes horizontal when money is offered a cheap hooker.

With this test, the campus would become a better place.

With this new campus, only one type of opinion will be acceptable.

That opinion would be the administration's, and it will be yours, too.

The reason why I said "yours" instead of "ours," is because this will be my last column.

I called Bedspring Betty a cheap hooker last night.

This column appeared in the Oct. 21 issue of the Spartan Daily. It took 3rd place in the California Intercollegiate Press Association contest.

Pillow talk American Style: good night

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



LOSER FRIENDLY Andrew Hussey

your pillow without feeling guilty and being on the receiving end of a disgusted look.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This column appeared in the May 1 issue of the Spartan Daily. It took 2nd place in the California Intercollegiate Press Assiation contest.

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information, call Katherine or Geoff at 275-1346.

Today International Relations Association

The club will host a speaker regarding women in the 21st Century at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Student Union. For more information, call Dana Chiadi at 241-6105.

Women's Group

Female students wishing to join a women's group for discussion on life issues and networking, please call the group at 356-4966.

Free Movie

Sigma Alpha Mu will present "2001: A Space Odyssey," at 8 p.m. in old science building, room 142. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Tim at 924-3274.

Body Composition Testing

The nutrition and food science department will provide bioelectrical impedance testing from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Central Classroom building, room 103. Cost is \$5 for students, faculty and staff. For more information, call James Burke at 293-9225.

Peer Networking

The re-entry advisory program will hold a networking session from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Pacheco Room, Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Student Art Exhibits

The School of Art and Design will present student art 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.

Episcopal Canterbury Community

Free dinner and Bible study from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center. Everyone welcome. For more

Association of Black Students

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

Thursday School of Music and Dance

Company One will present "A New World," at 7 p.m. at the University Theatre. For more information and tickets, call 924-4555.

Free Movie

Sigma Alpha Mu will present "Shaft," at 7:30 p.m. in old science building, room 142. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Tim at 924-3274.

A.S. Elections

Voting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Duncan Hall, 7th St. Central Plaza, 10th and San Fernando streets and at Morris Dailey auditorium. Also from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at 7th and San Carlos streets and Joe West Hall. For more information, call Robyn Jones at 924-5955.

Bible Study

Catholic Campus Ministry will hold Bible study on the Book of John from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, located on the corner of San Carlos and 10th streets. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

The Listening Hour

University Faculty String Trio will perform works from Handel, Halvorsen, Gliere, David Jaffe and Astor Piazzolla from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in music building concert hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

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'Slapping' their way to the top

Handball club ranks 6th among 27 colleges after national tournament

By Heidi Marie Ortmann
Staff Writer

It takes skill and strategy to win the game of handball.

That's just what the San Jose State University men's handball team did at the collegiate handball tournament Feb. 24 to 26 in Chicago. The Spartans, who ranked sixth in the nation, beat the University of California, Berkeley, who are ranked No. 7.

Handball players said it may look easy, but it's a difficult game to play and win.

"You win handball with skill," said Juan Gonzalez, a team member and electrical engineering major, who reached the semifinals in the tournament. "It doesn't matter how hard you hit the ball, as much as it does where you hit it."

The sport of handball is like racquetball, except no racquet is used.

"It's actually really hard to play handball," said Gonzalez. "The rules are similar to racquetball, but it's a different feeling when playing. It's more you and the ball. It's easier to get injured."

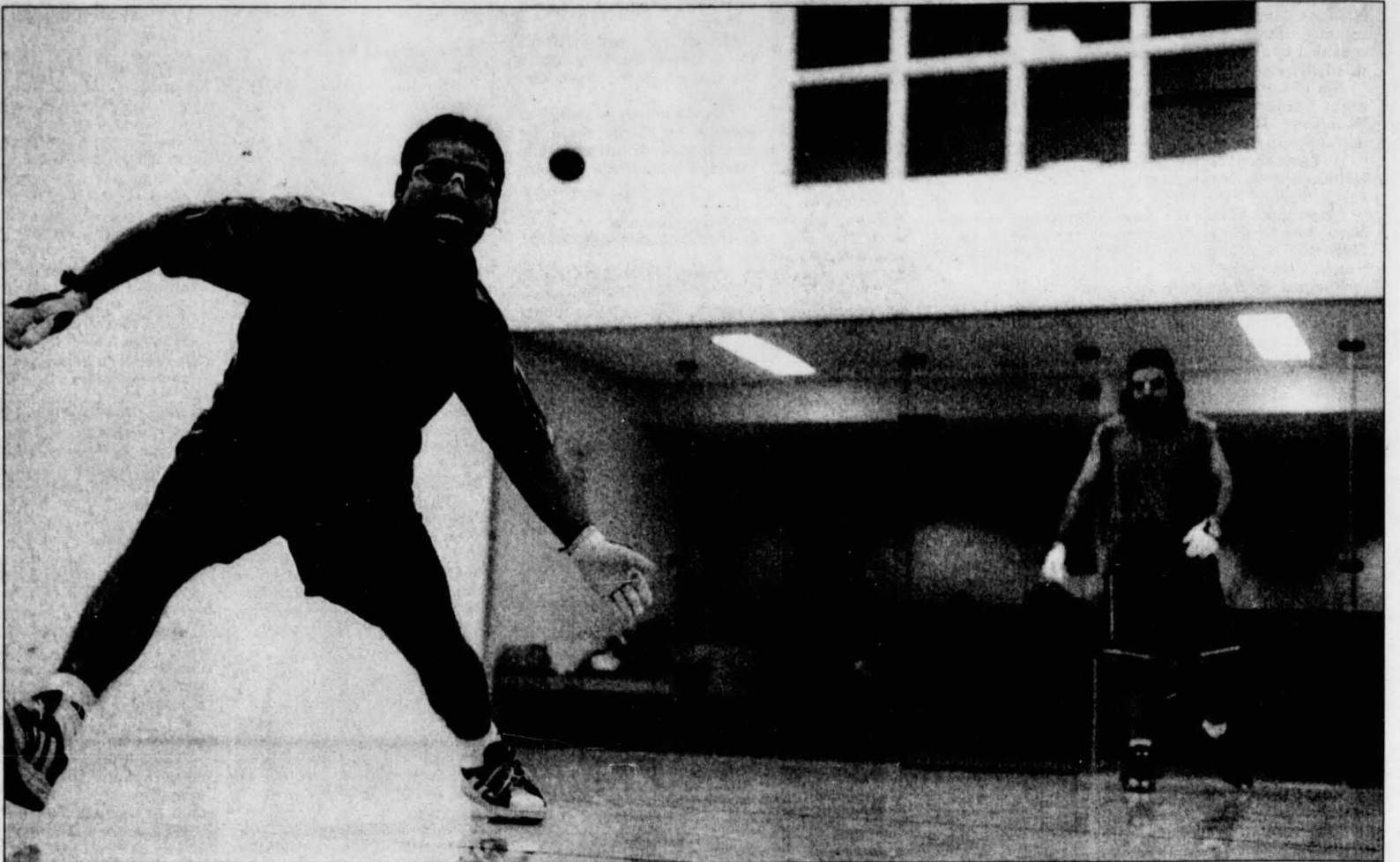
Handball uses a small round rubber ball which feels soft to the touch but actually hurts when it hits you, Gonzalez said. He added that injuries occur when players get hit with the ball.

"In handball, you have to be able to see the ball, so that means your opponent has to step out of the way after he hit the ball. Sometimes, opponents intentionally get in each other's way," he said. "When that happens, I accidentally hit them with the ball, and they move out of the way. Quickly."

Even with occasional minor injuries, Gonzalez said he loves playing handball. He started when the men's handball team was formed two years ago, when coach Jeff Cardinal rounded up a few guys playing racquetball at the Event Center. He convinced them to try out handball and the players became hooked.

"I like playing because the practice schedule is really flexible," said Gonzalez. "I spend a lot of time studying for my engineering courses, and this isn't too time consuming."

There are about 14 players on the team, according to Cardinal. Since it's a club not funded by SJSU, the players



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Juan Gonzalez (left), an electrical engineering major, and Edgar Marquez, a human performance major, play handball Tuesday in the Event Center. Both

Gonzalez and Marquez are on SJSU's club handball team and have played for more than a year. The club has been in existence for two years.

aren't required to show up to practice or show up for games. There are several members of the team who are very dedicated, he said.

The team members who show up regularly for practice said they have fun going to competitions.

"We had a lot of fun at the tournament in Chicago," said Marc Black, aviation major and tournament finalist. "It was exciting. We trained all year. It was like the Super Bowl for us."

It was the second national tourna-

ment the team attended. Last year, the team competed at the national tournament in Burlingame, where it ranked 13th in the nation. This year it improved, moving up to sixth place.

Among the teams at the tournament were four teams from Ireland, a country in which handball is popular, Cardinal said.

The sport originated there in the late 19th century, he said, and gained popularity in the late '70s in America with the advent of racquetball. He said the

sport is still popular in Ireland, but the Irish play handball differently from Americans.

"Irish players keep their arms really close to the body," Cardinal said. "It's a unique style to the Irish. Little kids there mimic the professional players they see on television as they grow up."

The Irish are considered excellent handball players and formidable opponents, according to Cardinal. Even though the handball team played against some Irish teams at the tourna-

ment, the players weren't nervous.

"I really wasn't nervous during the tournament," said Daniel Lucero, an industrial technology major who made it to the semifinals. "I didn't have a problem staying focused. If you lose your concentration and think about your last shot you're not thinking about your next one."

The members of the team are thinking about their next tournament, scheduled for Southern Missouri State University next year.

NFL gives L.A. 3rd chance

PHOENIX (AP) — Los Angeles rather than Houston will get the NFL's 32nd team, NFL owners decided Tuesday.

However, the awarding of the franchise is contingent on Los Angeles getting a stadium, financing and community support by Sept. 15. If not, Houston will get the team.

That follows four years of lobbying by the two cities deserted by their respective teams during the franchise free agency boom of the mid-1990s.

But it was hardly decisive.

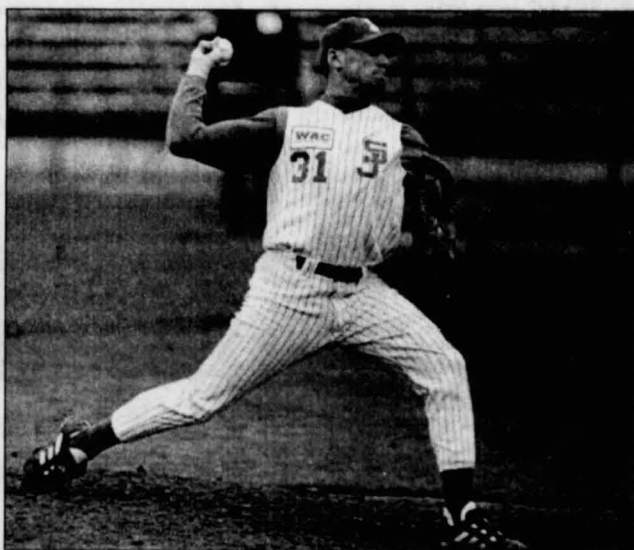
Most owners liked Houston's plan, which had a stadium and financing plus an owner, Bob McNair, who seemed acceptable to the league. Los Angeles, by contrast, has two competing groups,

two stadium plans and less solid financing.

But in the end, it came down to the size of the television market — Los Angeles, with 5.5 million TV homes, and Houston with 4 million.

"Based on television contracts and similar factors, the league's first priority should be the re-establishment of a successful NFL franchise in the great Los Angeles market," the resolution said.

Los Angeles was deserted by the Rams and the Raiders after the 1995 season, the Rams moving to St. Louis, the Raiders back to Oakland, from where they had moved in 1982. Houston lost the Oilers to Tennessee after the 1996 season.



Aimee Santos/Spartan Daily

Vince LaCorte was named WAC Pitcher of the Week for his performance against the University of Hawai'i.

Spartan named WAC Pitcher of Week again

Spartan Daily Staff Report

By beating the University of Hawai'i Sunday, Vince LaCorte did more than complete a Spatan sweep and push his baseball team's record to 6-0 in the Western Athletic Conference.

LaCorte also won the WAC Pitcher of the Week for his complete game, one earned run and eight-strike out performance. The Spartans won the game 3-2.

The junior — in his first season at San Jose State University — probably could have received the award for almost any of his four prior starts.

LaCorte has posted a 0.81 ERA in his starts, thrown two complete games and one shutout and struck out 44 batters in 43 innings.

The Pitcher of the Week honor marked the second-straight week a Spartan pitcher was given the award.

Sophomore Jeremy Rogelstad earned the honor last week for his performance in a 3-0 win over the University of New Mexico. Rogelstad posted seven strike outs, walked just two and allowed only two hits while going all nine innings.

The third starter for the Spartans Steve Murphy, hasn't pitched too shabbily either. Murphy's ERA dipped to 1.91 and his record went to 3-1 after leading the Spartans to a 9-3 victory over Hawai'i Friday.

The Spartans are off to their best conference start in school history while compiling an eight-game winning streak.

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MLS' youngest GM takes over Clash

By Lance Swanson
Staff Writer

New San Jose Clash General Manager Lynne Meterparel (MEE-tah-pah-rel) doesn't want the fact that she's a woman to be an issue in her running a Major League Soccer team.

She wants her job performance to be the only criteria for her success.

"I never thought of being a female as qualifying me — or disqualifying me — for inclusion in what I do," Meterparel said. "I just go ahead and get the job done."



Lynne Meterparel

Meterparel, 30, is the youngest general manager in MLS. She joins Betty D'Anjollel of the Miami Fusion as the only women in charge of a team in the three-year-old, 12-team professional soccer league.

They both join Oakland Raiders Chief Executive Amy Trask as the highest-ranking women in professional sports.

"I'm hoping people, at the end of the day — when they judge my performance as a GM running a club — don't dismiss it as 'oh, it was because she was a girl,'" Meterparel said.

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If she fails as general manager of the Clash, Meterparel said she hopes people don't think it was because of her sex.

Meterparel has spent the last three seasons as director of crowd building with the New England Revolution another MLS team.

Meterparel was in charge of marketing and publicity for the club. Under her guidance the Revolution had the highest average attendance in the MLS with more than 20,000 fans per game, even though they had the worst record in the league.

The league has averaged about 17,000 fans per game since MLS started in 1996.

With the Revolution in 1997, she earned the Commissioner's Award — given annually to the best team executive in the league.

Meterparel will report to Clash owner Jonathan A. Kraft, who worked with her for three years with New England.

"Lynne brings a wealth of experience, creativity and ideas to the Clash," Kraft said. "She is clearly the most qualified person for the job."

"She did a tremendous job for us with the Revolution, and we think she can do the same thing in San Jose."

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— Lynne Meterparel
New Clash GM //

The Clash has not made the playoffs since its inaugural season in 1996.

Subsequently, it has seen its fan base dwindle from a 17,332 average in 1996 to a paltry 13,653 in 1998.

Meterparel said the most important thing for the Clash is to increase attendance for a successful 1999 campaign.

Meterparel said she wants Bay Area soccer fans to embrace the team and accept it as part of the community.

The home-field advantage in soccer can be the deciding factor that pushes a home team to victory, she said.

"We want to create something at Spartan Stadium that's very home-town driven," she said.

"We want people to be passionate about the game."

"I think we're beginning that process."

Meterparel has worked with head coach Brian Quinn in helping upgrade the 24-man Clash roster, which only has seven players from last year's team.

Their first major acquisition was MLS all-time leading scorer Raul Diaz Arce, from two-time champion D.C. United.

Diaz Arce has scored 56 goals and collected 16 assists in 82 MLS games and will help the Clash improve its lackluster goal scoring.

Quinn said Meterparel brings a youthful exuberance to the Clash as well as the thick skin needed to make tough personnel decisions.

"Her enthusiasm is infectious," he said. "No" doesn't exist in her vocabulary.

"She finds solutions and that's what good GM's do."

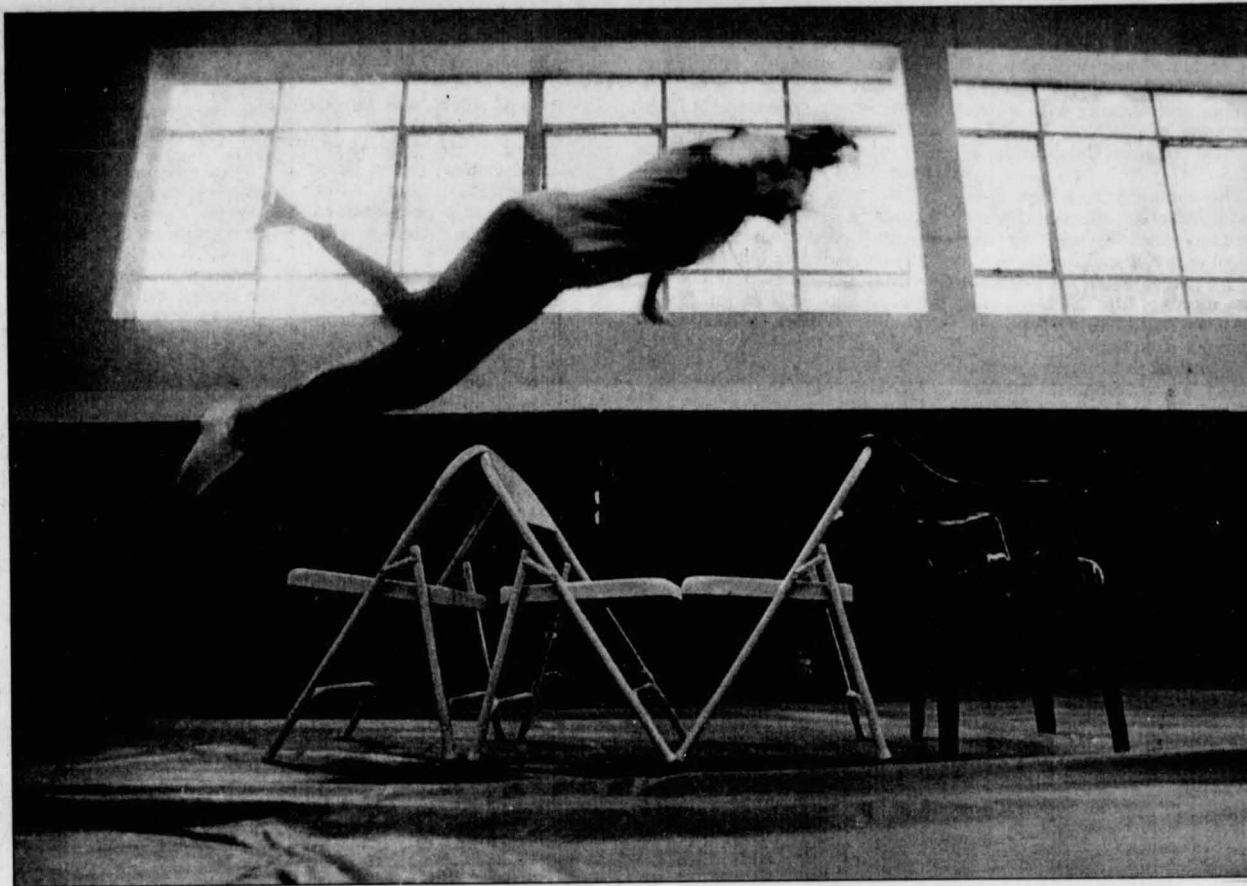
Meterparel couldn't be more pleased that for the first time all 32 Clash games will be on Bay Area television, increasing the team's exposure.

All games will be televised by Fox Sports Bay Area or Bay TV. A few games will be on ESPN or ESPN2, as determined by the league.

"People have busy lives," Meterparel said.

"People who won't be able to make it to every match can still watch the Clash on TV."

I can fly, I can fly, I can fly



Jeff Vinall, theater arts major, jumps over four chairs to practice Taihenjutsu, a traditional Japanese martial arts movement for self-protection and attack, at Uchida Hall. Vinall is in the San Jose State University Budo Taijutsu Club and has practiced the art for five years.

Dai Sugano/Spartan Daily

Golden Bears seem blessed in victory over Demons

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — This time Cal got the close victory. And the Golden Bears are moving to the third round of the NIT after overcoming a 17-point deficit and edging DePaul 58-57 Tuesday.

Francisco Elson hit a go-ahead basket with 2:11 to go and Cal survived a controversial finish and a miss at the buzzer by DePaul's Willie Coleman to advance against Colorado State, an 86-76 winner over Colorado.

Cal (19-11) also avenged a three-point loss to DePaul (18-13) on the same floor at the Rosemont Horizon back in November.

With Cal leading by one, the Bears' Thomas Kilgore missed a shot with 21 seconds left and DePaul's Quentin Richardson rebounded.

DePaul tried to set up a winning shot, but Coleman got tangled up under the basket and Cal came up with the ball. But the Bears' Sean Lampley was called for traveling under the Blue Demons basket with what appeared to be one-tenth of a second left, giving the ball back to DePaul.

Officials watched a courtside TV replay and initially restored the clock to 1.3 seconds.

After another review, it was changed again to three-tenths of a second, prompting a heated argument from DePaul coach Pat Kennedy, who asked to see the replay and for more time.

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'A New World' of dance

By Katrina Toranski
Staff Writer

Company One will express different aspects of life through singing and dancing with a performance of "A New World, a Musical Theatre Celebration of Life."

The company is a San Jose State University musical theater company that is run by the school of music and dance.

"We're looking at the interesting aspects of life. The highs and the lows," said Janie Scott, performance director.

According to Scott, the performance is a musical theater review. It's composed of music, dancing and singing.

"There is not a storyline or a plot," she said.

The musical theater review is composed of seven pieces in act one and 10 pieces in act two.

The performance, she said, is about two hours long. Two numbers are from the famous musical "Rent," currently running in San Francisco.

"We're doing 'Seasons of Love' and 'Take Me or Leave Me,'" she said about the numbers from "Rent."

The performance will also include a guest choreographer and guest performers.

Dawn Wiley, publicist for the dance department, choreographed one of the tap dance pieces titled "Five on Tap."

"There is no real music in the number. The only music is created by their (dancers) feet," Wiley said.

Performer Suzanne Guyot also choreographed one of the dance pieces.

"It's a really hot jazz piece. We brought five other dancers from the department to perform in it,"

Scott said.

The guest dancers were invited to help with the performances when the performers change costumes, Scott said.

Scott said there will be one basic look for everyone. The women will be wearing colorful shirts, and men will sport khaki pants, shirts and ties. Throughout the performance, the women will change into skirts.

Scott encourages people to attend the performance because it's an opportunity to see contemporary musical theater.

"The audience will also have a very uplifting evening of music, theater and dance," she said.

The performances will be held at the University Theatre at 7 p.m., Thursday.

It will also show at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Wahlquist: Safety concerns

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took pedestrian, student and employee safety, as well as parking concerns, into consideration.

"The choice of the 10th Street garage is logical," Lowe said. "The garage on Seventh is busier and tends to have more incidents."

Lowe said to better control the stream of traffic and pedestrians, a traffic signal will be installed on the corner of San Fernando and Ninth streets by the city.

More lights on the exterior of the garage will also be added.

Addressing parking concerns, Lowe said the second floor of the garage will still be available for parking, with 350 spots for employees and 33 30-minute parking spots for visitors.

Sgt. John Hernandez said to soften the loss of parking spots, UPD has been exploring the possibility of opening another parking lot off campus.

While parking remains a hot topic on campus, Larson said general security issues for both students and employees remain a priority issue to address in the moving process.

Hernandez said there will be a number of security measures available, ranging from blue light phones, silent alarms and extra patrols by officers.

Both he and Jim Zavagno, SJSU's associate director of planning design and construction, said security cameras may also be installed.

"If it wasn't going to be safe, we would not let them go there," Hernandez said.

Lowe said response time to a distress call from the garage would take three minutes.

He added the design of the office would make it a safe place to work, and the UPD would remind both students and faculty to stay alert of any dangers — emphasizing more open eyes and

listening ears make for a safer environment.

The cashiering office is another aspect of security concerns. Most of the transactions at cashiering are in the form of checks, but there is an ample amount of cash in the vault.

Zavagno declined to say if a vault would be present in the garage, but he said an armored vehicle will regularly pick up money.

According to Lowe, armored vehicles are no strangers to the campus scene.

"There are armored vehicles that come to campus every day. Money travels around this campus every day. The situation in the garage will be no different," Lowe said.

Marlene Anderson, director of student financial services, said there was no danger to the cashiering employees.

"There really are no safety concerns," she said.

Fund: donations

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through student affairs and \$1,000 were donated by the Associated Students.

"We are going to try to cover the Castillo funeral expenses. Whatever money is left, would remain in the fund to be used by future students who encounter similar tragic situations," Morgan-Foster said.

Morgan-Foster said the family emergency fund has no fixed criteria on who qualifies for aid, so cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

According to Heather Cook, the Associated Student president, the A.S. will discuss the possibility of disbursing more money to the family emergency fund in an upcoming meeting.

Sivertsen said she has

remained in contact with the Castillos and they are grieving the tragedy.

"The Castillos are devastated. Losing their son left them in a pretty deep grief."

The fact that the university is helping them, will at least take off some of their financial burden," Sivertsen said.

Jesus Castillo said his life changed completely after the tragedy.

"Our family was happy living a pleasant, peaceful life," Castillo said. "Now it is very difficult. It's going to take time for us to get over this."

Castillo said he personally thanks all who have and will contribute to his son's funeral.

Juan Castillo left behind four sisters and two brothers.

Spartan Daily: Awards

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Second place awards were presented to Lois Jenkins (front page layout, full size), Andrew Hussey (humor/satirical column) and Jeremiah Oshan (sports news article).

Margaret Bethel, Mindy Griser and Leah Bower (news article - joint effort), John Meyer (human interest article), Jon Perez (humor/satirical column), Aaron Williams (sports game article), Scott Lechner (news photo) and Brian Prince (feature photo) took third place awards in the competition.

Fifteen Daily staffers attended the association's award ceremony and on-site competition, sponsored by California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Saturday, the association held on-the-spot competitions, where students were taken to real events in the San Luis Obispo area and told to cover them.

An on-the-spot first place award went to Clayton Stalter (feature photograph), Grayson West (feature photograph), Scott

Shuey (news) and Terri Milner (news editorial) placed second, while Leah Bower (news) and Melissa Matchak (features) took third. awarded to Lois Jenkins (front page layout, full size), Andrew Hussey (humor/satirical column) and Jeremiah Oshan (sports news article).

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Explode: Demolition

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entire library project is expected to run about \$171 million. SJSU is responsible for \$101 million of the total cost.

Alan Freeman, SJSU's planning design and construction director said \$1.5 million have been allotted for demolition of the Wahlquist buildings.



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Chetan Kotak sends electrical currents through two metal spears after Scott Tannin released them over a special paper that uses the electrical current to mark the spears' path as they collide and

bounce apart Monday. The experiment was meant to give the physics 70 lab students a better understanding of linear momentum.

UC campuses shows increase in minority admissions

BERKELEY (AP) — Early admissions figures released by six University of California campuses Tuesday showed blacks and Hispanics making some gains in the second year of the system's affirmative action ban.

Sharp increases were seen at Riverside, which admitted 471 black students, up 37 percent from 343 last fall, and 1,863 Hispanics, up 14 percent from 1,630. There were 2,468 white students admitted, up 33 percent from 1,850; and 4,975 Asians, up 21 percent from 4,123 last fall.

"We're really pleased," said admissions director Laurie Nelson. She credited the increases to solid recruitment efforts. "Recruiters go out all over the state looking for students who are UC material and telling the Riverside story. It's been a very effective tool for us."

Other schools reported varying results. Davis, for example, had little change in black and Hispanic admissions while San

Diego admitted fewer blacks but more Hispanics.

Complicating the picture was the fact that the highly competitive campuses of Berkeley and UCLA, which experienced dramatic drops in black and Hispanic admissions last fall, won't be releasing their admissions figures until early next month.

UC officials said that without those figures, it is too soon to draw any conclusions about fall 1999 admissions.

In San Diego, more black students applied (919, a 14 percent increase) but only 172 were admitted, down 15 percent from the 203 admitted last fall. Admissions of Hispanics, however, rose 13 percent, from 979 to 1,109.

Joseph Watson, San Diego's vice chancellor for student affairs, said officials were "deeply disappointed" that the increase in black applicants didn't translate to more blacks admitted and said the school would work harder to increase diversity.

San Diego admissions include 90 students who were accepted as a direct result of that school's policy guaranteeing eligibility to area seniors who graduate at the top 4 percent of their class.

UC regents will vote on whether to make that the policy for all campuses at their meeting Thursday.

At Irvine, there were increases in all categories. Black student admissions increased by 13 percent, from 254 to 286 students, while Hispanic admissions rose 14 percent from 1,318 to 1,502. Asian admissions rose 15 percent, from 4,530 to 5,187 and white admissions were up 28 percent, from 2,775 to 3,546.

UC Davis reported little change in admissions of blacks and Hispanics. Thirteen more black students were admitted, for a total of 344, while five fewer Hispanics were admitted, for a total of 1,290. Admissions of Asian students increased 12 percent, from 4,021 to 4,486, while white

admissions went up 18 percent, from 5,047 to 5,938.

The Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campuses also released admissions Tuesday.

Santa Barbara admitted 338 black students, down 10 percent from last fall's 375, and 1,774 Hispanics, an increase of 4 percent. Santa Cruz admitted 264 black students, an increase of 11 percent, and 1,393 Hispanic students, up 5 percent.

Several campuses noted that the number of students declining to state ethnicity was substantially lower than last year, when that category ballooned by 100 percent and more.

At the time, some campus officials said they suspected many of those declining to state ethnicity were white. Some admissions officials credited the drop in "decline to state" to having simpler forms this year.

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Pfaff: The voice behind CALL-SJSU

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Pfaff said he was director of public affairs for KSJO and had a regular program on Sunday mornings, which covered topics of public interest. He said he also reported news, sports and did programming for KSJO and KFOX. He left the radio stations in December 1998.

Pfaff said the first recording of the information took about a month to complete and now he does additions or modifications when they are necessary. He said he reads and records written information with five second pauses in between each number, class name and other piece of information.

A paraphonics system organizes the information so that each student can receive personal information such as their grades and class schedule. The pieces of information that Pfaff reads at random are organized into order by the paraphonics system.

Pfaff said he feels the recordings give him a bit of immortality and said he considers it a "mini-career."

"I love doing it. If I could, I would do it for a living," Pfaff said.

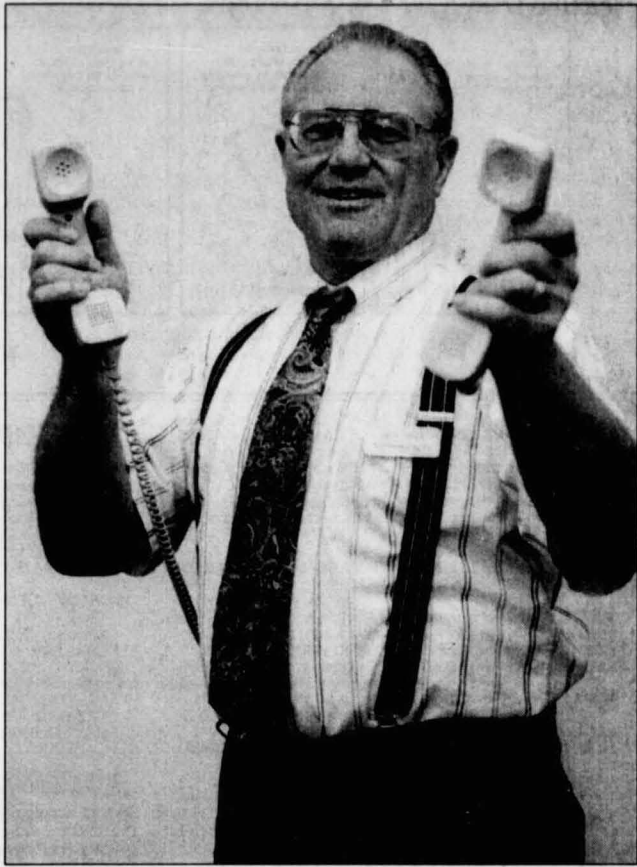
Pfaff said being the telephone voice of SJSU satisfies his expressive side, while his job in financial aid is the part of him that is routine. He said he enjoys helping students get a college education.

Pfaff said despite the number of times students hear him on the phone, the majority that come into his office for financial aid advising don't recognize his voice in person.

Pfaff said one student told him when she's feeling depressed, she calls touchtone to hear him read her grades. Pfaff said an older student who came into the financial aid office was frustrated because the "man on the phone" kept repeating the same thing and wouldn't "listen" to him.

Pfaff said many students are amazed that he records so many student's grades, and often ask him how long it takes.

"It only took five minutes to do everyone's grades because all I had to do was record the letters once. I didn't record anybody's



Dai Sugano/Spartan Daily

Richard Pfaff, assistant director of financial aid, was selected as the voice of Call-SJSU in fall of 1991 and since then his voice has been heard by over 27,000 students a year.

individual grades, just the symbols," Pfaff said.

He said the paraphonics system organizes the grades so that when students call the grade menu and punch in their social security and pin number, it's all tied together.

Sarah Gregorich, a transfer student from the University of Minnesota, said there is no touch-tone phone system there and everything is done online. She said she prefers the phone system because it gives students the chance to confirm the classes they

register for.

"The voice system is more personal because you're 'talking' to a real person," Gregorich said.

Pfaff said he enjoys using his voice, and if he could do anything he'd be a game show host.

Pfaff has also used his vocal talents as an auctioneer for the San Jose art league and as a master of ceremonies for several events.

He has led a singing group at the Transfiguration church in San Jose every Sunday for the past 25 years.

A look at St. Patrick's Day Web sites

By Igor Bilis
Staff Writer

Happy St. Patrick Day. This is the day everyone wants to be Irish. Check out these cool Web sites for recipes, a live Dublin Parade, history, myths, and beer!

•Go to: www.stpatricksdaily.com and check out how partying is done in Dublin, Ireland. Watch a live feed of the parade today. The site is easy to navigate and it has the background and history of the festival since 1996.

•What's so special about the shamrock? Go to: www.bconex.net/~mbuchana/realms/stpatric/spatindx.html and it'll tell you all about it as well as the history of the holiday, blessings, and links to other related web sites. This site is nothing fancy and pretty straightforward. There are hardly any pictures to download that might delay your

surfing the Web.

•Kiss the Blarney Stone online to endow yourself with the gift of eloquence and persuasive flattery. Go to: www.usacitylink.com/lucky. It has a lucky Internet limerick page with a poem about a dog named Bud who wants to play with a 486 computer.

If you would like to play an Irish word puzzle, then hunt down the words. This site also has a pot of gold.

•You're planning a party tonight and you've got no idea how to make that Irish Soda Bread. Go to: soar.berkeley.edu/recipes/ethnic/irish/ to find the recipe, along with another 144 Irish recipes to choose from. This site is clean and pictureless.

•What's a party without beer? Go to: www.guinness.com and find out how to brew your



own beer. You will need Macromedia Shockwave plug-in for some pages there. The plug-in allows you to view animations. Your Web browser will either download it for you or ask you to go to the Macromedia web site and install it.

You will need it to play several games there. The site is pretty jazzy and professionally done. Knock yourself out.

Coming March 24: Web sites to help you do your taxes.

Dow busts through 10,000 ceiling

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 10,000 today, a feat made possible by nearly a decade of steady economic expansion and the growing enthusiasm for technology, especially the Internet.

The Dow industrials cleared the milestone at 9:50 a.m. EST, and climbed as high as 10,001.78, a gain of 43.01, before giving ground. It was up 7.77 at 9,966.54 by early afternoon. Broader indicators also were rising in active trading that was running ahead of Monday's pace but far from record volume.

As the record was broken, a roar exploded through the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Traders cheered and raised their arms in celebration, and some held up both hands with their fingers spread to signify 10.

The revelry lasted only about 30 seconds before traders and

clerks returned to work.

The average of 30 blue-chip stocks took almost a year to gain 1,000 points after passing 9,000 on April 6, 1998. The 1990s bull market was all but written off last summer and early autumn after Russia's economic crisis, then rebounded on a series of three interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

The Dow got a lift today from an upbeat earnings forecast from Union Carbide, one of the Dow's components. Wall Street's best-known indicator also has been pumped up by its own momentum, including a spurt of more than 700 points in the past two weeks. By reaching five digits, the Dow is now up nearly 9 percent this year on top of an unprecedented four straight years of double-digit growth.

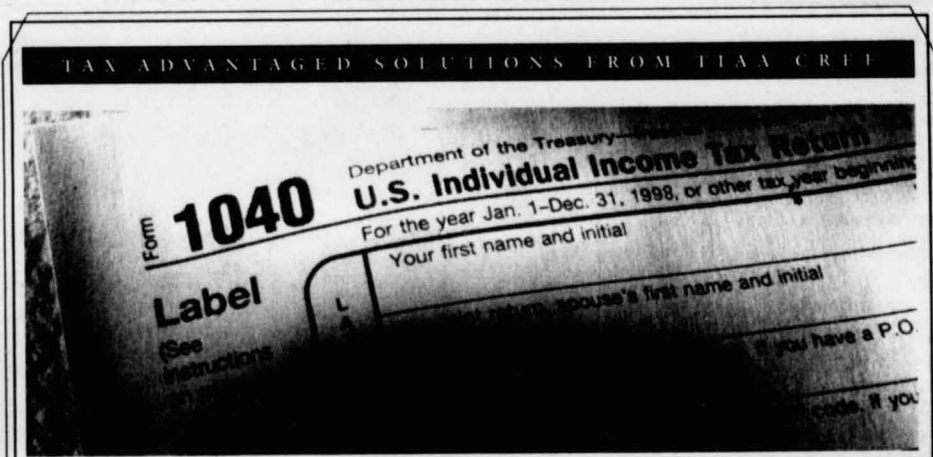
The march toward 10,000 started in the early 1990s when

the U.S. economy began a period of remarkable growth combined with low inflation and interest rates that kept consumers spending and corporate profits rising. The rise of personal computers and technology improved productivity even as manufacturing jobs steadily declined.

The market got an additional boost in the past year through the explosion of enthusiasm for money-making on the Internet as hundreds of companies put a "dot.com" after their names, expecting a big payoff by selling everything from Furby dolls to stocks on the World Wide Web.

And it was pumped up by a recent perception that the troubled economies of Asia and Brazil may be bottoming out.

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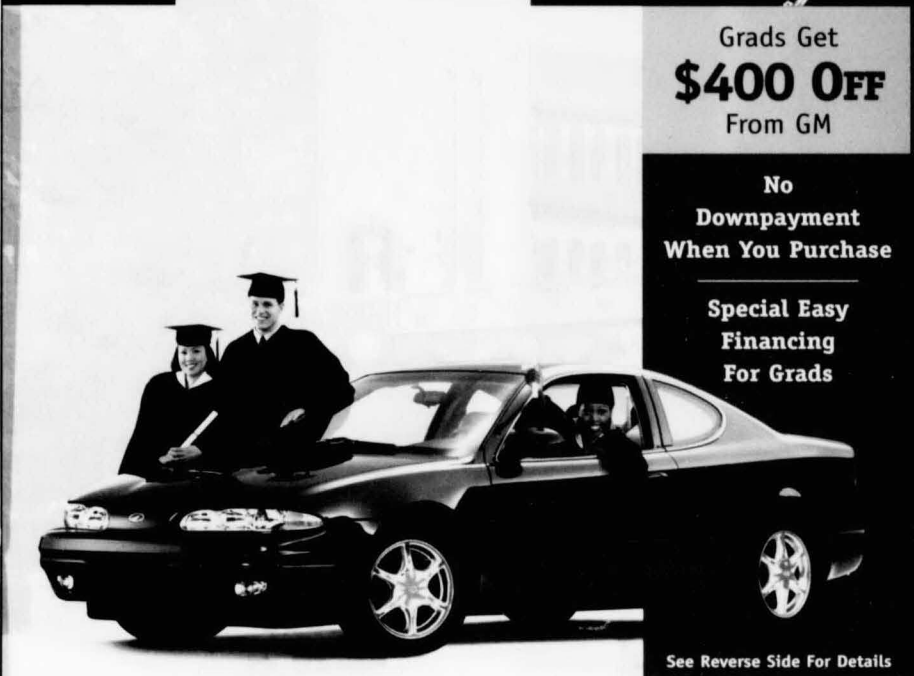
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By Cindy Arora
Staff Writer

Bobbie Artz, from the League of Women Voters, started her drive Wednesday at the polling booth at San Jose State University. She was here to get out the vote in the Associated Students election.

"I've been here since 9 a.m. and I've had a good turnout of people because I'm literally dragging them in," Artz said, who works at the Morris Dailey Auditorium booth.

Artz is one of a dozen volunteers from the League of Women Voters who are on campus monitoring the polling booths for Tuesday A.S. elections.

SJSU student voting started Wednesday and will continue through Thursday, but campaigning from the candidates has been in full swing since March 1.

Flyers, lawn signs and talking to students and organizations were the main strategies for candidates of both the Spartan Pa-

The Worst Solution

Earthquake s

By D.S. Perez
Staff Writer

The idea of being trapped inside the 10th Street garage after an earthquake is a primary concern of the Wahlquist employees moving there, but studies by the proponents of the temporary office have changed that.

Karla Larson, student resource adviser, said the university has given them information that reassures them about the strength of the 10th Street garage.

Dames & Moore, a consulting firm, found the three Wahlquist buildings much more susceptible to earthquake damage than the 10th Street garage.

All employees and services located in the three Wahlquist buildings, such as financial aid cashiering, admissions and records and general education advising will be temporarily relocated to the first floor of the 10th Street garage while construction for the proposed joint library project is underway.

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