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Doin' the swing thing

Swing dance craze has people flocking to local clubs for lessons

By Tricia Herrera
Staff Writer

Upstairs at the Agenda Lounge nightclub, swing dance lessons — with dancers being tossed and swung from side to side — looked more like a rehearsal for a Gap commercial.

For six hours, eight couples learned basic dance steps to advanced moves such as the "Hip Flip," where the woman runs toward the man and flips over his extended arm.

Santa Clara resident Brad Crume, who came solo to the workshop Saturday, said he has been swing dancing for months.

"I've taken basic swing classes, but I came today to work on aerials and dips," Crume said. "I came to learn flashier moves."

Marcus Kellum, a San Jose State University psychology major, and Jamie Alberti teach swing dancing at the Agenda, a nightclub on S. First Street, once a week and typically hold workshops once a month. Every Wednesday, starting at 8 p.m., Kellum and Alberti offer an hour-long swing dance lesson for \$5.

They have been teaching swing together for about two years at the Agenda.

"Swing is an easy dance to learn. Last year, I taught more than 11,000 people and only one didn't get it," Kellum said.

Kellum and Alberti's style is reminiscent of the 1940s. Kellum, with his long side burns wore a zoot suit-style pleated pants and chain wallet.

Alberti wore pigtails and denim high-waters, which made her look like a '40s film star with a '90s touch.

Saturday's \$45 workshop offered everything for both beginning and advanced students in the aerial aspect of swing.

Aerials involve the lead (often the male) tossing the partner into the air then catching her.

This was the second workshop for Howard Chen and Natalie Nguyen, who have been swing dancing for about six months. They attended the workshop in March and came Saturday to clean up their moves, Chen said.

Chen and Nguyen mastered the "Jersey Jump," in which Nguyen jumps up, Chen tosses her into the air, she lands and slides back to Nguyen.

The instructors emphasized the importance of timing and consent before performing moves.

Some moves can be difficult and the lead needs to ask the partner's permission before performing any type of aerial or flip, Kellum said.

As the students practiced on their own, Kellum and Alberti approached each couple and encouraged them with corrective criticism.

During breaks, some students would write down notes and discuss the moves with their partners. A few missed the moves and hit the floor, but they got right back up and tried again.

Kellum said he has noticed an increase in swing dancing since the 1996 movie "Swingers" was



released. Since then, it has been made more popular in culture through advertisements, such as the Gap ad, he said.

The Gap ads portray swing dancing youths wearing khaki pants and prancing around in Gap clothes.

Randi Randolph brought her friend along for the workshop. Most of her friends already swing dance, and she always wanted to try it, she said.

"I've always liked to swing and it looked difficult. So I decided to take lessons," Randolph said.

She learned new moves and said she wasn't necessarily able to do everything, but had a lot of fun.



(Above) Peter Shapiro and Migdalia Ramos practice the "Hip Flip" move while instructors Marcus Kellum and Jamie Alberti spot them Saturday at a swing dancing workshop at the Agenda Lounge.

(Left) Bensen Chung and Mary Ow, San Jose State University alumni, practice the steps leading up to the "Hip Flip" move. Marcus Kellum and Jamie Alberti will hold another swing dance workshop May 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Agenda Lounge.

Photos by Sarah Orr/Spartan Daily

San Jose State University dorm life: Home sweet home

Dorm door decoration: Putting a special touch on the place temporarily called home

Editor's note: Dorm life can be the greatest time of your life, or a complete disaster. Over the next few days, the Spartan Daily will finish its look at life on campus. Today — Dorm doors and independence.

By Shane Lewis
Staff Writer

Some of the most beautiful men and women in the world can be found in the dorms. Walk down any hall, and they are in the doorways as you pass by.

The women are often wearing outfits that highlight their breasts, while they pose seductively. The muscular men are

sometimes shirtless, which shows off their six-packs earned from working out.

Best of all, they do not mind people staring at them with lust in their eyes.

They are there to be stared at anyway. That's why their owners put them there.

Washburn Hall resident Mary Csermelyi has a very simple reason as to why a bunch of male model posters — some with a noticeable objection to wearing shirts — adorn the front of her door.

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SJSU Residence Halls



Students enjoy independence away from home

By Hugo Rivera
Staff Writer

The independence gained by living away from home is enough to offset any loss of privacy or homesickness those living in the dorms may feel.

Dorm residents said benefits of living in the residence halls helped them gain more of what they did not have at home — independence.

"I decided to live here to get out

of my parents house," said 19-year-old James Dadzie, who lives in Joe West Hall. "It's kind of nice to be independent."

Besides the independence gained by moving out of parents' homes, dorm residents think living on campus provides more of the college experience. Joe West Hall resident Steven Mihalek said he likes living college life to its fullest in the dorms, although he misses some of the advantages of home.

"I get homesick from time to time," Mihalek said. "You miss going home to a home-cooked meal."

Mihalek said there are not many other disadvantages to liv-

ing in the dorms instead of at home. Although his family lives in San Jose, Mihalek decided to live in the dorms while he attended school. He said he does not visit his parents often. When he does visit, he doesn't stay long.

"The last time I went home, I only stayed there for about two hours," he said.

Mihalek said he enjoys living in the dorms, and it is the next best thing to living in an apartment.

"There's always something going on, and there's always someone there to talk to," he said.

Some students are happy living in the dorms but wish they

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Students building bridges — literally

Engineering competition spans all types of designs

By Cindy Arora
Staff Writer

BERKELEY — Greg Hale from the University of Nevada, Reno stood proudly next to the model size steel bridge he and the rest of his group built for the 10th annual American Institute Steel Bridge competition Saturday.

The bridge, built by a team of engineering students from Nevada-Reno, was one of the top three bridges for appearance, quick assembly and deflection, Hale said.

At the end, Nevada-Reno's bridge took second place in the competition, but it ranked first place among the crowd.

According to Jonah Patak, University of California, Davis stu-

dent and president of the American Institute of Steel Construction of Davis, Reno's bridge was eye candy for engineers.

"Reno's bridge is just sexy. It's sleek and beautiful. When you look at it you can't help but get a sense of jealousy that you didn't build it that way," Patak said.

Winners of the bridge competition — which was held at California State University, Berkeley — California State University, Chico for first place, University of Nevada, Reno in second place and third place went to California State University, Sacramento.

The steel bridges do not win entirely on appearance, but on passing all four parts of the competition. The first part based on the amount of time it takes the teams to assemble their bridges. The second part is based on the actual weight of the bridge. The third part is based on

aesthetics and the fourth part is based on the amount of weight the bridge can sustain without buckling, called deflection.

Each bridge had to be able to maintain a minimum weight of 2500 pounds and not bend more than two inches in the center, under the weight.

More than 100 spectators stood with umbrellas watching the six judges and competing teams.

Despite the rain, teams of engineering students from 10 universities, including San Jose State University's two teams, waited for their opportunity to show the judges what their group had been working on for the past couple of months.

Each team from SJSU constructed and entered its own bridge.

SJSU associate professor Kurt McMullin said SJSU does not have a

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Sean Penello/Spartan Daily

Hugo Villabina, San Jose State University graduate student, fastens a support beam as the rest of his team attaches the remaining joints of a bridge during a bridge building competition Saturday at the University of California, Berkeley campus.

TUESDAY

EARTHQUAKE DRILL PLANNED

SJSU will hold its annual earthquake evacuation exercise at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday in conjunction with California Earthquake Preparedness Month. Students will be asked to leave the building and follow instructions for the 15-minute exercise.



FORUM

Move over Ms. Manners, 'The Last Call' fills Gen X'ers in on manners in the '90s — Page 2

INSIDE THE DAILY



EDITORIAL

United States, NATO need to take action

Inaction by NATO forces and the United States is the same thing as writing a blank check to Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic to carry out the genocide of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

As disheartening as it is to see three U.S. servicemen paraded around like kewpie doll prizes at a state fair, it is necessary for forces to engage this modern-day Hitler.

Much debate has raged about the necessity of NATO military forces in the Balkans, but the fact remains that the world can not sit idly by and watch Milosevic wipe out a race of individuals. It was wrong when Hitler and Nazi Germany did it to the Jews 50 years ago and it's still wrong today.

However, one argument that has gotten lost in the "Should America be the policeman of the world debate" is the fact that the United Nations — who are supposed to be the peacekeeping entity of the world — are nowhere to be found.

Somewhere in the whole Kosovo mess, the U.N. is curiously absent. This leaves the countries of NATO — the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — a military treaty alliance set up during the Cold War against the Soviet Bloc nations, to pick up where the U.N. has faltered.

Perhaps dissent from China and the former Russian states, have tied the United Nations hands as far as its ability to come to consensus on a plan of action in Kosovo. Yugoslavia was a jewel in the now-defunct Soviet Bloc empire.

So, if the U.N. is not there to ensure peace for the Kosovars, who is?

That's right, the United States and its allies in NATO.

It is not the United States' duty to get involved in internal conflicts of every nation. It is not the United States' duty to force our morality upon other nations.

It is the United States' duty, however, as the leaders of the free world, to make sure that dictatorial leaders don't overstep their authority. It is the United States' duty to make 100 percent sure that citizens of the world are not persecuted. It is the United States' duty to make sure ethnic cleansing does not happen.

After months of negotiations of trying to bring a peaceable solution in Kosovo, U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke could not come up with an answer that would placate both Milosevic and the Kosovar people.

Some feared military force by NATO would only be met with stepped-up genocide by Milosevic and his paramilitary forces.

U.S. News and World Report stated this week, that European humanitarian organizations in the Balkans decided to pull out of the region as talks broke off because of a growing paramilitary presence in Kosovo. It saw Milosevic's forces poised for an all-out campaign of genocide — regardless of the outcome of peace talks.

Although 50 years apart, images of emaciated Jews waiting to be shuffled off to a gas chamber and images of frightened Kosovars hiding in the woods, watching in horror as Serb soldiers rape, brutalize and finally execute ethnic Albanians are similar. Both are crimes against humanity.

Sitting back and doing nothing about these human rights violations is the same as turning on the gas chamber and raping and brutalizing Kosovars. Inaction is worse than pulling the trigger.

Mind your 'Manners' Generation X

I have taken my creme-colored, 736-page Miss Manners' book from the shelf and dusted it off for a very important cause — to remind my Generation X peers that there is such a thing as proper etiquette.

It is hard to believe there is a book with more than 700 pages of text on how to properly conduct oneself at the table, at a funeral, during a romance, during a birth, in public and in someone else's house, for example.

The book, written on perfect behavior in absolutely any conceivable situation, is written by Judith Martin. The author, pictured on the front of the book as Miss Manners in an old-fashioned, puffy-sleeved dress, looks more like she were a teacher during the Gold Rush period in the late 1800s than a modern woman. She wears her hair in an enormous bun that looks like a raccoon sleeping on her head.

Her appearance may exude "prude," but her ideas are timeless.

Showing gratitude and common courtesy when it comes to social graces is something of a rarity today. Thank-you notes — with the exception of the wedding season — are nearly extinct.

When I was given the so-called "Bible on etiquette" at the age of 8 by my grandmother I was the only kid in school spending endless hours writing thank-you notes and formally declining invitations to birthday parties within the time frame specified by Miss Manners.

Today, it seems as if I'm still the only one abiding by the Miss Manners rules of etiquette.

Ironically, in a world where communication is accelerated by the use of cellular phones, pagers, fax machines, e-mail and message machines, people somehow find it difficult to decline a formal invitation to a social event. Instead they brush it off as if



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Julia B. Wright

the invitation were never received.

For the person who spends two to three hours handwriting the invitations and paying for the postage, an absence of a reply — as Miss Manners would say — "is taken as a blatant show of disrespect and lack of regard for the friendship (however casual)."

The amount of money spent on postage, 33 cents, is much more than the amount it costs to make a local call. A one-minute phone call to Santa Cruz from San Jose to say "Thank you for the invitation but I have a schedule conflict and can't attend," costs only six cents.

Miss Manners says anyone who doesn't formally respond to an invitation should no longer be considered a friend. She considers the outward display of rudeness as unspoken "fighting words."

I've wanted to rant and rave about manners for a very long time because some of the simplest of decencies is lacking among many Gen Xers today.

Yes, I'm talking about you — those people between the ages of 22 and 34, who were never taught common courtesy.

It's easy to excuse oneself for lacking civilities by saying, "My parents never taught me that," but at

some point you must take responsibility for your actions — or lack thereof.

Although Martin is the foremost authority on etiquette, I don't agree with all of her expert advice on formality. In fact, I break many of her rules on a daily basis, such as eavesdropping, addressing envelopes absent the proper honorifics, using vulgar four-letter words in casual conversation, constantly interrupting, talking about money and offering unsolicited advice.

All that aside, after a close friend throws a dinner party, it is necessary to show gratitude.

No, saying thank you as your walking out the door with a plate of leftovers is not enough.

The host or hostess took the time to clean the house, do the shopping, prepare the meal and clean up afterward, the least the guests can do is take five minutes to put a pen to paper and express thanks.

Those of you who have never even picked up a pen and written a thank-you note, should be ashamed of yourselves.

Sending out thank-you notes are not only mandatory after receiving gifts, but also for being a house guest, for being asked to dinner or for just saying thanks for being a supportive friend.

So, all you uncivil Generation Xers get home and start taking the time out of your busy high-tech lives for telling the people you care about that they are appreciated.

It would be great to start a trend in the new millennium that manners matter and gratitude is greatly appreciated.

Even though not all of the advice in the "Miss Manners" book is good advice — read it. It is a place to start.

Julia B. Wright is the Spartan Daily managing editor. "The Last Call" appears every Monday.

LETTERS

Rant against Jazzland too harsh, unearned

I am sorry Denise Olenak has had problems getting her preferred specialty drink, a soy chai, from Jazzland Cafe, but she ranted so hard against Jazzland and its genial staff that I felt compelled to respond.

I stop by one or twice a week for my favorite non-coffee drink (Earl Grey tea) and have always found the staff to be friendly and competent. At the start of the semester, when I stopped by Jazzland brimming with excitement after teaching my first class, they even took a minute to listen and offer me a "way to go." In short, they've been really nice.

I'm sure it's harder to mess up a cup of tea than a soy chai, but I've never had any problems and I hate to see the Jazzland crew get tongue lashed by someone who seems to spend a lot of time sending back her drinks and demanding to talk to management. Maybe a personal attitude check is in order.

Cynthia A. McCune
instructor, journalism and mass communications

Women's basketball needs active recruitment

Congratulations to the athletic department for finally naming Janice Richard as the new head coach for the women's basketball team.

After an awful 2-25 losing season, this team needs nothing more than some direction and a school spirit face-lift.

However, just by naming a new head coach, the athletic department's biggest mistake would be to walk away. Action needs to be taken to ensure the success of the program next season.

The athletic department and Richard's No. 1 priority should be to start actively recruiting for the women's basketball team. They can no longer expect one good recruit to be able to hold up the whole team by herself, as they have the last couple of years. We lost some good players due to that mentality. The team needs to be built up from the bottom, which will back up the good players we currently have.

This way, the team will start winning again and a crowd of spectators will be sitting in the stands cheering them on. A winning team is way to bring life, pride and notoriety back to our team and our school.

Good luck to Richard and good luck our women. There is a tough road ahead, but with some good, active participation that road will only lead to success.

Anne Bragstad
public relations

Lack of coverage on nutrition disappointing

I imagine my dismay when I opened the March 25 issue of the Spartan Daily to find that the National Nutrition Month fair held in the Student Union on March 24 was not included in your coverage, although two photographers were present.

This event, sponsored by the Student Health Center and the Nutrition Education Action Team, drew approximately 500 students from all majors and ages. Members are senior and graduate nutrition majors who provide nutrition education to other students in a variety of forums.

At the fair, we offered a wide range of nutrition and health-related topics including healthy food tips, sports nutrition, blood pressure screening, body fat testing and vegetarianism.

The irony was the March 25 edition included a letter to the editor from a student living in the dorms who rightly complained about the lack of healthy food choices on campus.

You missed the ball. She and many other students who share her opinion certainly would've benefited by having coverage on our event, which provided not only the exact information she sought but nutrition information on many other topics relevant to maintaining and leading a healthy lifestyle.

Elizabeth Batalao
nutrition

BETWEEN IRAQ AND A HARD PLACE



Take gender bias out of academia

Recently, top officials at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the most prestigious science and engineering universities in the country, has issued a report acknowledging that its female professors suffer from discrimination.

The report, which took five years to investigate, documents a pattern of sometimes subtle, but substantial discrimination in areas such as hiring, awards and promotions.

It also included exclusions from certain committees that control valuable resources such as laboratory spaces and research money.

It began when three tenured female professors in the School of Science at MIT who started to compare notes in the summer of 1994.

They decided to poll their other female colleagues about their experiences in the department. There are only 15 tenured female professors, compared with 194 male tenured professors in the entire School of Science.

Being scientists, they began to collect data on things from laboratory space to the amount of research money professors had to apply for themselves as compared to the money automatically given to them by the university.

It is completely ridiculous such a highly respected institute of higher learning would have any kind of discrimination against female faculty.

Universities are communities made up of scholars who are supposed to teach wisdom to students.

Scholars should teach the wisdom of the past but without retaining the traditions of the Middle Ages with its sexist attitudes and practices.

Granted, you have to give credit to MIT for being able to publicly admit to discrimination against its women faculty members.

The women involved said they do not believe the institute discriminates more than any other top university; it is just more willing to admit it.

On the other hand, it was only after these three female professors took matters into their own hands to compile facts in a scientific man-

ner that MIT had to recognize it.

It is bad enough that traditionally the science field has been unfairly closed to women as compared to men.

Just as a woman should not be deprived of research time and funds because she is a woman, she should not be deprived of them because her area of expertise traditionally does not involve many women.

There is no room for narrow-minded arrogance in any field of study.

Many of the participants in the MIT report said it was only as they became senior faculty that they felt overlooked by the male-dominated system.

In other words, it is only when women begin to gain some power does it seem to disturb the order of things.

After all, research can give status; classroom teaching does not. And women faculty tend to be at the ladder end of the spectrum.

I think the problem begins as early as grammar school when girls are taught, that they should excel at English or other liberal arts subject not math or science — this is for the boys.

If young girls and women are not accustomed to seeing female role models in high ranking positions in academics, they may not consider the possibility themselves possessing the ability to pursue an academic career.

Men are systematically advantaged by having institutionalized support that is designed to fit their needs and experiences, consequently excluding half of the population.

Sadly, it would appear the academic system is still based on attitudes and policies that are more likely to benefit men than women.

The academic community needs to lead the way in stopping irrational prejudices.

MIT is just one example that there is still a long way to go.

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Semester in England

Information meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hugh Gillis Hall, room, 114. For more information, call Kimb Massey at 924-4571.

Black Graduation Committee

Weekly meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, room 216. For more information, call Tony Ferguson at 569-4643.

3rd Annual Ad Club Career Day

All advertising and public relations majors seeking internships are encouraged to attend from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to meet agency representatives in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information, call Rene Caparros at (510) 249-3361.

Health Science Undergraduate Student Association

General meeting at 6 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, room 345. For more information, call Teresa at 92HSUSA.

Marketing Association

The association will host guest speaker Tony Herz from MicroPlus to discuss marketing in the electronics industry at 4:30 p.m. in the Pacifica Room, Student Union. For more information, call Hanh at 251-1653.

Tuesday

American Indian Science and Engineering Society

Native Sounds/Native Voices from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Amphitheatre. For more information, call David Ruiz at 279-3009.

Book Sales

The Library Donations and Sales Unit will hold book sales from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Clark library lobby and Wahlquist Library North, room 408. For more information, call the acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Wednesday

Student Leadership Workshops

Workshop on "Being Able to Motivate Yourself and Others" from

8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Almaden Room, Student Union. For more information, call the Student Life Center 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.

Student Housing Focus Group Feedback Discussions

International Relations Association will host a focus group from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Student Union. For more information, call Evelyn Ramos at 291-0646.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

Bible study from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Student Union. For more information, call Ki Kim at 313-4298.

Spartan Psychological Association Research Colloquium

Psi Chi and the Psychological Society will sponsor the colloquium from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall, room 353. Also from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday. For more information, call Brenda Gummeson at 979-0456.

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Day at the Capitol

The political science department will travel to the capitol. Departure will be at 6:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Interested students should meet at the business tower loading zone. Cost is \$12. For more information, call Gloria at 924-5550.

Free Munchies for Late Afternoon and Evening Commuter Students

The Student Life Center will provide free munchies from 4 to 5:45 p.m. in the University Room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Test Taking Techniques Workshop

The Re-Entry Advisory Program will hold the workshop from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Pacheco Room, Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

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.

Thursday

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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.

The Listening Hour

San Jose State Latin Jazz Ensemble will perform from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Friday

Stress, Health and Wellness Workshops

Counseling Services will hold workshops from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, room 269. For more information, call Denise Hadley at 924-5019 or Jill Steinbert at 924-5910.

Saturday

Ballroom Dance Club Spring Ball

The Spring Ball will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Spartan Complex, room 89. Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a Ballroom Dance Club membership card. For more information, call Carmen at 924-SPIN.

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Roundup

Privacy lost

NEW YORK (AP) — With her newfound fame, Reese Witherspoon is learning that it's harder to keep her personal life private.

The 23-year-old star of "Pleasantville" and the upcoming film "Election" is pregnant with the child of "Cruel Intentions" co-star and fiance Ryan Phillippe.

"It's really daunting, but I think it would be really spoiled of me to sit here and say, 'Oh, yeah, I don't want people to know anything about my personal life,'" Witherspoon says in Sunday's Daily News. "There are sacrifices you make in this business, and some of them are fortunate, and some are unfortunate."

The actress thinks both she and Phillippe are ready for grown-up responsibilities.

"It felt like a challenge, something life wanted us to face," she said. "It really does put your life in perspective and suddenly you think no movie could be more important than what I'm doing now."

Hurt pride

HARPER, Kan. (AP) — Life is imitating art in the Kansas community Kirstie Alley chose as her fictional hometown for the sitcom "Veronica's Closet."

In a recent episode, she learns Harper is naming a street after her.

Proud of the honor, she goes back for the street-naming — only to find a town of narrow-minded people who resent her success designing lingerie. And the street bearing her name turns out to be a trash-filled alley.

Now, there are real-life bad feelings for the native of Wichita, about 50 miles away.

"There were a number of people who were a little disgruntled about remarks that were made on the show," said Harper Mayor Ron Holt. "When you have a lot of pride in your community, something like that is kind of demeaning."

Carmen Aldritt, who went to junior high with

Alley in Wichita and now is city treasurer in Harper, offered support for Alley.

"She loves Kansas," Aldritt said. "She's always been real up front about it."

Ford museum

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford recalls April 1975 as the toughest month in his presidency, but is gratefully accepting a symbol of those days for his namesake museum.

The staircase from the U.S. Embassy in Vietnam that was climbed by hundreds of evacuees fleeing the war-torn nation in 1975 now stands as a permanent exhibit at the lobby of the Ford Museum.

"For me, it's a monument of hope and not despair for it symbolizes man's undying desire to be free," Ford said at Saturday's opening of "The American Century" exhibit at the museum.

The embassy in what is now Ho Chi Minh City has been razed.

The United States intends to build a new consular office in its place.

Only the 18 metal steps from the sixth-floor staircase remain.

Besides American personnel and military, more than 6,000 refugees were airlifted from the rooftops of the embassy compound in Saigon.

The exhibit includes Charles Lindbergh's flight suit, FDR's wheelchair, Truman's briefcase, the Wright brothers' stopwatch, a Ku Klux Klan robe and the safety plug from the atomic bomb that leveled Nagasaki.

Proud mom

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — Michael Jordan's mother is proud she raised a role model.

"When you have the whole world looking up to you, you can make a difference in their lives," Deloris Jordan said. "And it doesn't cost a dime."

Mrs. Jordan visited Tuskegee University on Friday to speak and sign copies of her new book, "Family First."

She attended Tuskegee in 1957, but left after one semester to return to North Carolina and marry James Jordan, who was killed in a 1993 robbery.

She said her son, the retired basketball star, is enjoying life after leaving the game.

"I think it's kind of fun for him to sit in board rooms at this point in his life," Mrs. Jordan said.

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Handball team spans Berkeley in round robin competition

By Katrina Toranksi
Staff Writer

The San Jose State University handball team won the round robin tournament in all but one division against the University of California Berkeley, 26-25.

Saturday's Score	
UC Berkeley Golden Bears	25
Spartans	26

In Saturday's five-hour tournament, players were divided into four divisions, with the players that have the highest skill level in division "A" and the lowest skill level in division "D."

"Each guy in each division plays each other," said Jeff Cardinal, the SJSU handball coach.

The Spartans "A" division was led by Joe Duran, who won all of his matches. The first set he won 31-13, the second 31-19 and the last one 31-17. His running ability and consistency helped him win the competition.

"I feel I did good, I played these guys

before," he said. "I was staying focused and playing my game."

After the tournament, Cardinal said he was proud of Duran's performance.

"He's ready to go to an Open Division, he's got enough experience," he said. "He's at the top of the collegiate game."

Cardinal explained that the open division is the highest level of collegiate handball, where college players sometimes get a chance to play professional players.

Another strong performance came from Manuel Moreno in the "C" division. He took second place in his division.

Moreno said he plays handball mostly for fun, but when it comes to tournaments, a lot of competition is involved. "It's about fun, but it's nice to win," he said.

According to Moreno, each set ends with 31 points, but he played the last set to 21 because players were tired.

Antonio Villalobos took second place in the "D" division and Clarence Jones came in third for SJSU.

During Saturday's tournament, the Spartans' only loss came from the "B" division.

"The division that needs more improvement is the 'B' division," Cardinal said.

According to Cardinal, the tournament also included the coaches and students who take handball as a class. He said he recruited the players from the classes he teaches, and he was impressed with their performance during the tournament.

"They can become part of the team later," Cardinal said in reference to the players from the class.

Lee Sun, UC Berkeley's assistant coach, said the Spartans were a challenge and tough competition for his team.

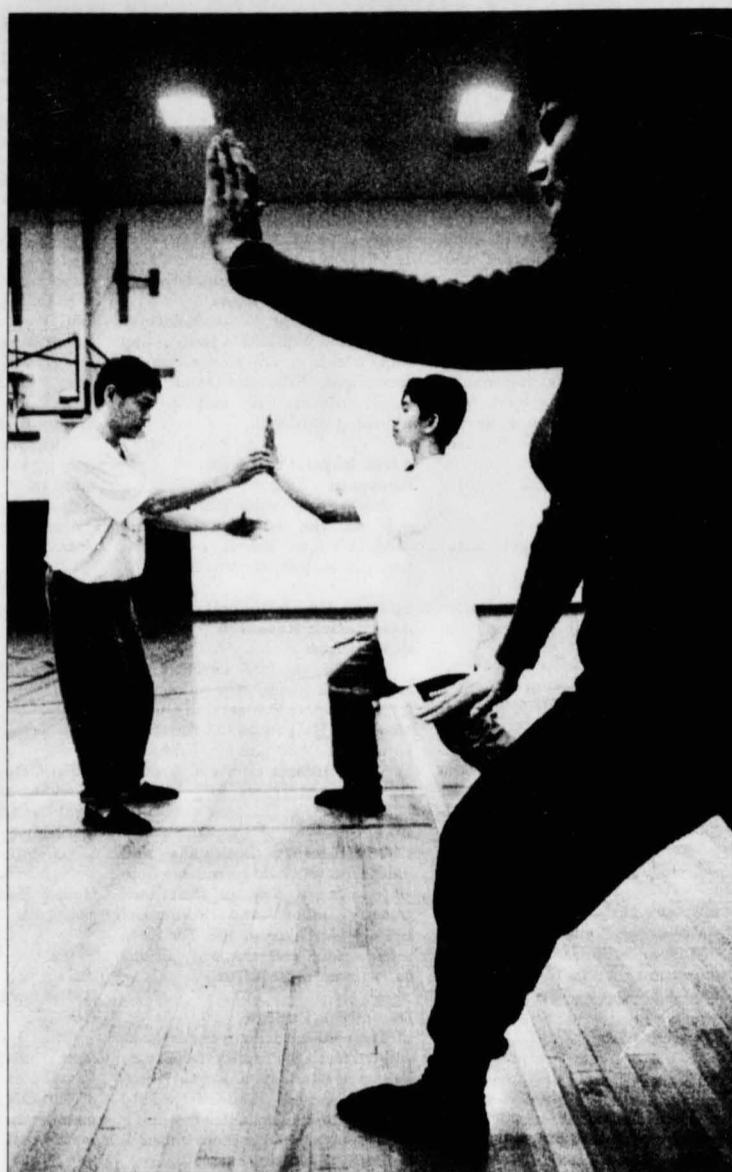
"They (the Spartans) have really strong beginners," Sun said. "They have more endurance and much more athleticism."

According to Cardinal, the UC Berkeley team is tough competition for SJSU.

Cardinal said that in the March collegiate nationals in Chicago, where SJSU came in No. 6 and UC Berkeley No. 7.

According to Cardinal, SJSU tries to play against UC Berkeley at least once each semester.

Give me five



Franchesca Esquibel/Spartan Daily

Leila Yas (right) practices Tai Chi during Monday's class at the SJSU Event Center, while instructor Daniel Wong (left) demonstrates proper technique to Jonathan Domingo (center).

Hit parade marches through A's pitching

SEATTLE (AP) — Edgar Martinez and Russ Davis hit two-run homers in an eight-run third inning, and the Seattle Mariners hung on to beat the Oakland Athletics 11-8 Sunday, despite a shaky outing by Jamie Moyer.

David Bell had a two-run double, Giomar Guevara doubled home a run and Ken Griffey Jr. had an RBI single during the third, when Seattle tied a team record with seven straight hits.

Seattle went on to take a 10-0 lead in the fourth, but Oakland crept back and closed to 10-7 in the eighth before John Mabry homered off Billy Taylor in the bottom half. Scott Spiezio hit an RBI double off John Halama in the ninth.

Guevara, brought up from Tacoma, made errors on his first two chances

but went 2-for-4 with a double. Every Seattle starter had at least one hit by the sixth inning, and the Mariners outhit the A's 18-12.

Moyer (1-1) allowed five runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings with four strikeouts and one walk.

Tom Candiotti was tagged for six runs — five earned — and seven hits in 2 1-3 innings as Oakland lost for the fourth time in five games since beating the New York Yankees on opening day.

Tom Lampkin put Seattle ahead with an RBI groundout in the second, and Martinez and Davis made it 5-0 with their homers in the third. Candiotti's error on a throw from John Jaha while covering first allowed David Segui to reach and start the big inning.

Guevara hit an RBI double off Brad Rigby later in the third, and the hits by Bell and Griffey made it 9-0. Lampkin added an RBI single in the fourth.

A.J. Hinch's solo home run broke up Moyer's shutout bid in the fifth, a drive that tipped off the top left fielder's Butch Huskey's glove and over the fence. Tim Raines had an RBI single later in the inning.

Oakland made it 10-5 in the seventh on Raines' run-scoring groundout, Matt Stairs' RBI double that chased Moyer and pinch-hitter Eric Chavez's RBI single off Brett Hinchliffe.

Pinch-hitter Ben Grieve hit an RBI double in the eighth and scored on Jason Giambi's single off Jose Paniagua.

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won 6-0 Saturday.

Tennis

The top three seeds won, pacing a 6-3 victory for the Spartans over Montana State University Friday in Reno.

Daisy Hurst, Liz Marpuri, Anna Nordel and Mya Mashayekh won their singles matches and the doubles teams of Hurst-Marpuri and Amy Bankston-Mashayekh also won.

Saturday, the Spartans beat the University of Wyoming 5-4, but they lost to the University Nevada Reno 4-3.

Baseball

Other than Jeremy Rogelstad's four-hit, nine-strikeout shutout on Saturday, the Spartans' pitching staff had a tough series against the University of Nevada Las Vegas. The Spartans lost two of three games.

In their two losses, the Spartans surrendered 15 runs and 19 hits. The Spartans lost 5-2 Friday and 9-8 Sunday. They

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Doors: Putting your own mark on your dorm room

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"They are on there because they're cute," said Csermelyi, a pre-nursing major.

Like many other dorm residents, Csermelyi decided to decorate her door because she thought it would add some color to her dorm wing.

"I don't like to have things plain. I decorate it to show who I am in a way," Csermelyi said.

Directly across from her room is another door, which also features men in a rather physical capacity. Again, the shirts are optional and the men have earnest Don Juan stares on their faces.

Alycia Skillion, a social work major, said she and her roommate got the idea to decorate their door from their neighbor.

"Mary started the trend. Just one night, me, Mary and my roommate did it," Skillion said. "It took a couple of hours."

Ask her why they put men all over the door and Skillion immediately incriminated her roommate, Nao Ito, an aviation major. "I refuse to state because I

have a boyfriend," Skillion said laughing. "It was all my roommate's idea."

"No. It was our idea," Ito said, correcting her friend.

Their male next door neighbors decided to plaster their door with pictures of actresses — such as Catherine Zeta Jones, Sarah Michelle Gellar and Liv Tyler, and models such as Rebecca Romijn.

One picture shows breasts barely hidden by a low v-neck dress.

"They have all the girls and we have all the guys," Skillion said. "It's funny because a couple will walk by and a group of girls will be looking at our door and the guys will be looking at theirs."

Then, there is the question of the bottle caps of such beers as Full Sail, Gordon Biersch, Corona, and Red Dog that go around the frame of the doorway of Skillion and Ito's room.

"Now that was all Nao's idea," Skillion said.

Ito said she got the idea from seeing a door at a fraternity house that had bottle caps all over it.

"I thought it was cool so I copied it," Ito said.

Other doors do not focus sex appeal, but they have some meaning to them.

Violet Munoz, an undeclared major who lives in Allen Hall, said she likes to put poems she gets off the Internet on her door.

Her roommate, Corey Garcia, biological science major, has a thing for Chuck E. Cheese, and it shows on her door.

"I'm a kid at heart still. I like Chuck E. Cheese, it's really fun to go to," Garcia said.

Garcia also has a "Top 10 what every little girl wants to do when she grows up" list on her door that utilizes rugby terms. Among the ten things are: be a hooker, ruck hard for 80 minutes and Kick ass. No. 1 on the list which is play SJSU women's rugby.

"I'm on the rugby team," Garcia said, adding that she took this semester off.

Advertising major Jaime Hammond, who also lives in Allen Hall, said she and her roommate have a more practical reason for

decorating their door, which has caution tape outlining the top half of the doorway.

"That way, we know where our room is. It stands out from all the other doors in the hallway," Hammond said.

When her door was undecorated, she said she would often go right by it.

"I'd pass it and get two doors down, and I would go, 'Hey, wait, this isn't my room,'" Hammond said.

Their door has a message board, which is also a popular decoration, so they can pass messages to friends or have messages passed on to them. Hammond said it's also used to write whatever comes to mind.

"We'll have a quote stuck in our head from a song, and we'll write it up there," Hammond said.

There have been times when people have written crude messages on the boards.

"Somebody wrote something really dirty on somebody's board down the hall, but we erased it because it was really mean,"

Hammond said.

There are rules at the dorms for what students can do to decorate their doors.

"If you want to put a paper item on your door, you need to contact paper it because if you don't it's a fire hazard," said Kyla Ross, a resident adviser at Allen Hall. Contact paper is used to laminate any paper items.

Ross said students cannot put just anything on their door either.

"There could also be a problem if there's questionable material with vulgarity or anything that may offend people," she said.

There have never been any problems that Ross knows of at Allen Hall.

"I've seen some questionable material, but it was not in this particular hall," Ross said.

All resident advisers have on their doors the phone numbers of all the resident advisers in the hall and the resident director.

"Resident advisers are required to have this information on their doors," Ross said.

In Markham Hall, child devel-

opment major Irene Shin, felt like it was required of her to decorate her door.

"My friends from L.A. came up to help me unpack and said, 'Oh my God, this looks like a jail cell dorm, and you have to do something with it,'" Shin said.

She then outlined the edges of the left side of her door with pictures cut out from magazines, such as Glamour and Cosmopolitan.

"It's not for other people, it's basically for me," Shin said. "I want people, when they walk by, to know that it's my room."

Donald Flowers, an electrical engineering major who lives in Washburn Hall, drew pictures of Simba from "The Lion King," the video game character Mega Man and warrior woman on his door.

"I figured, I draw so why not put something up there?" Flowers said.

He said because of the pictures on the door, people have come into his room to talk to him.

"It helps me to meet people," he said.

Independence

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could go home more often.

Cesar Carreno said he misses seeing his family regularly. Carreno, who is from Southern California, is a first semester graduate student at SJSU.

"I just wish I could see my family," he said.

Even students who live far from their hometowns are content with the decision to move away for college. Courtney Ingram is an 18-year-old freshman from Colorado. She said there are no significant disadvantages to not living in the same city or even the same state as her parents.

"I miss people and I miss home, but I like my position here," Ingram said.

Resident advisers deal with students and their problems on a daily basis, although they are more like peers instead of qualified counselors. They do not usually have experiences with students feeling low.

Markham Hall resident adviser Luke LaJoie said resident advisers help students cope by talking to them. He said first time freshmen experience some form of depression, but it hardly ever is anything serious. LaJoie said what he tells students experiencing depression varies.

"It's tough. A lot of it depends on the situation," he said.

LaJoie added he has not had many difficult cases to deal with. He said if a student living in the dorms is having major problems, the residential adviser will usually refer him or her to the residential director or counseling services.

Counseling services director Wiggy Siversten said students living in the dorms do not experience more depression than students who do not live in the dorms.

She said students may feel some degree of homesickness but not clinical depression. Siversten said clinical depression is a condition brought on by events other than the changing of an environ-

ment. She added students who are treated for depression by counseling services had the condition before coming to the university.

"Parents just send students when they have some serious problems," Siversten said.

She also said coming to college might bring problems that students already have to the surface.

"If they have been depressed at home, the newness of it exacerbates the problem," Siversten said. "It might trigger them."

Siversten said she believes living in the dorms will actually help students who may be depressed because they have residential advisers and peers looking out for them at all times.

LaJoie said his most difficult case was to help a student cope with the death of a loved one.

He said there is very little a resident adviser can do in cases like that.

"The one thing is to be there for them," he said. "You've got to reassure them everything is going to be OK."

Bridges: Crossing over

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tradition for entering the contest. This inexperience, he said, was the reason the SJSU teams were not as organized as the winning schools. He also said that both teams representing SJSU did very well considering they did everything on their own.

"SJSU is relatively new to this. We haven't had a strong history of building bridges and our students did everything on their own, the designing and the welding," McMullin said.

Both of SJSU's teams finished the assembly of their bridges in about 20 minutes, but failed the fourth part of the competition,

which was the loading of weight onto the base of the bridge.

According to civil engineering student Naja Alghnaim, the bridge buckled at 2300 pounds, which automatically took them out of the competition.

According to McMullin, most of the bridges built by the engineering students were arch's or truss bridges.

Truss bridges are structures made of beams that usually have triangular support and beams are joined only at their ends or joints.

Truss bridges are common for rivers or freeways. Arch bridges are based on the classical structure of an arch. When the weight

is applied, the arch is in compression and the beams that support the deck are in tension, according to McMullin.

Hosting team California State University, Berkeley was taken out of the competition after its bridge collapsed at exactly 2500 pounds. The crowd groaned as the last weight was put on and the bridge buckled under the weight.

Coordinator of the conference Patxi Uriz from California State University, Berkeley said he was glad his team built its bridge to sustain at least 2500 pounds.

"It was a nice failure. At least it broke after the last 28 pounds were put on the bridge," Uriz said.

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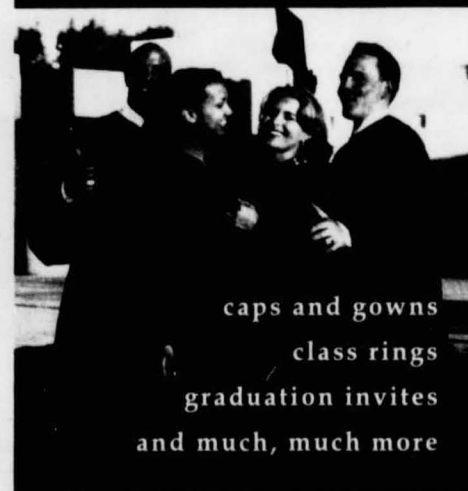
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