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Pulitzer winner Miller draws overflowing crowd

By Ginny White
Senior Staff Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Arthur Miller was greeted by a standing-room-only ovation as he stepped on stage in Morris Dailey Auditorium Thursday night.

Miller has penned many plays, including the now 50-year-old "Death of a Salesman," currently on Broadway with Brian Dennehy as Willy Loman. Miller's latest play, "Mr. Peters' Connections," premiered last year starring Peter Faulk in the title role.

Miller came to SJSU as the last installment of the Center for Literary Arts' Major Authors Series that has already featured Luis Valdez, Wendy Wasserstein and Edward Albee.

After Miller read from his new play, "Mr. Peters' Connections," SJSU President Robert Caret presented him with the Center for Steinbeck Studies Award, titled "In the Souls of the People."

"I was always moved by him (John Steinbeck)," Miller said, accepting the award. "He was a great writer and a great man, and



Arthur Miller

provide names before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950's under the scrutiny of Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

His plays, "A View From the Bridge" and "The Crucible," have been said to be metaphors for the situation now known as McCarthyism.

"Congress is truly on trial, along with Arthur Miller," Caret quoted Steinbeck as saying of Miller's stand for his beliefs.

The 83-year-old Miller sat at a table and began by relating a little story about a great preacher, who managed to attract thousands of

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I am honored to receive this."

Caret said Steinbeck was one of the only writers to publicly defend Miller when he had been convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to

An angry 700 turned away at door

By Franklin Leiva
Staff Writer

Many of the 2,000 people who stood in line to see American literary icon Arthur Miller Friday were turned away.

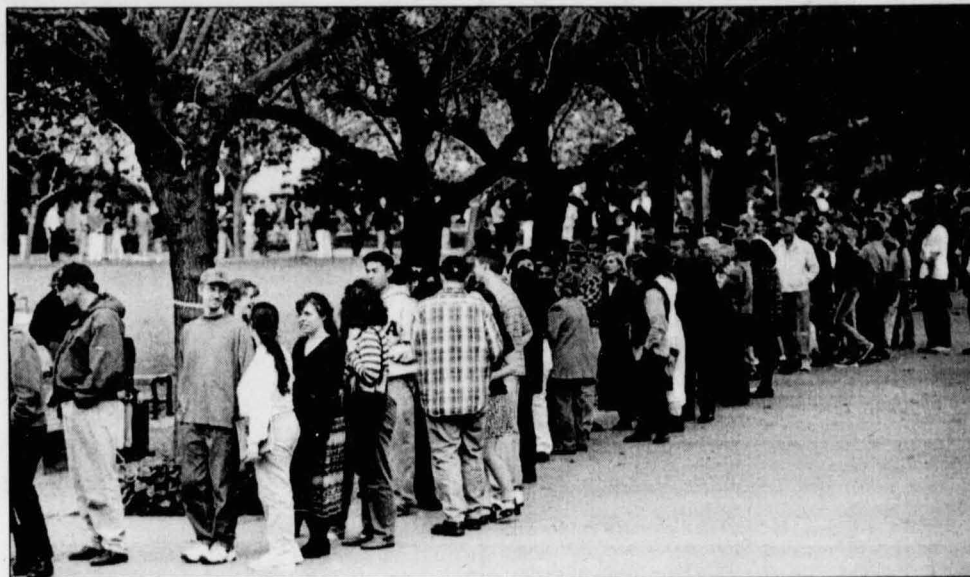
Many of the 700 who couldn't get in were there just for the extra-credit.

"I'm f***ng pissed off," said SJSU freshman Matt Rasmussen. "I just came here to get my f***ng extra-credit for my English class."

Miller, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, came to SJSU as part of the Center for Literary Arts major authors series.

The program has also brought Pulitzer winners

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People wait in a line that stretched around Tower Jose State University. Approximately 2,000 people Hall to see playwright Arthur Miller Thursday at San came to see Miller.

A dispute of inches

29-inch-wide dorm doors not in compliance with American's Disability Act's 32-inch standard

By Laurie Phillips
Staff Writer

What a difference an inch makes — or three.

University officials who claim the San Jose State University campus is compliant with regulations set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act weren't referring to the Residence Halls. There, the doorways leading from the hallways into individual rooms measure 29 inches across, a distance three inches short of the 32 inches required for full compliance with the act.

According to the act, which was signed into law by former President George Bush in 1990, all doorways must measure at least 32 inches across at the narrowest point when open. That measurement holds, regardless of the type of door, its set-up or the hardware that connects it to the wall.

"We know the halls are not compliant with code," said Craig Elliot, assistant director of residential life. "As we do renovations, we'll get facilities up to code."

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Gov. Davis proposes idea of community service requirement

By Rhoda Daclison
Staff Writer

California state college and university students may soon feel the weight of a new graduation requirement.

Gov. Gray Davis recently proposed the idea of making it mandatory for all college students to serve a certain amount of hours of community service before receiving a degree.

According to Davis, although the proposal is still in its initial stages, the mandate would affect those enrolled in California's higher education institutions,

such as community colleges, the California State University system and the University of California system.

Daryl Lui, a senior and art major, was enthusiastic about the governor's plan the minute he heard about it.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "We get so involved in our own lives that we forget that a whole community exists out there. Part of college life should be to help others."

Davis said young people should start giving back to the community and adopt values

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Associated Students fights to make sure joint library named Martin Luther King

By Donna Carmichael
Staff Writer

A groundswell of concern over the possible renaming of San Jose's Martin Luther King Jr. library is building as the go-ahead for the new joint library awaits approval in the governor's final budget.

Two years ago, former mayor Susan Hammer and San Jose State University President Robert Caret joined forces, proposing a joint library facility to serve the needs of both the city and the university. A shared library of this magnitude would possibly be the

first in the nation, according to city and university administrators.

The proposed joint library between the city of San Jose and SJSU is replacing the city's Martin Luther King Jr. main library and the university's Clark and Wahlquist libraries. All three libraries are running out of space to grow their collections, according to university librarian Jim Schmidt.

Associated Students will meet Wednesday in Council Chambers at the Student Union to vote on a "historic" resolution, demanding

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San Jose firefighters wait until all electric power is shut down before entering the Facilities Development and Operations Central Plant early Sunday morning to extinguish a burning transformer on the second floor.

Fire hits SJSU central plant

Blaze at 10th and San Carlos cuts power to nine SJSU buildings

By Leah Bower
Staff Editor

Nine buildings at San Jose State University were without power Saturday, due to a fire at the Facilities Development and Operations Central Plant on the corner of San Carlos and 10th streets just after midnight Saturday, according to University Police Department Sgt. Gary Garrison.

No-one was hurt in the fire. Power to the buildings should be restored by today, according to Kevin Zumwalt, a foreman with Edward Scott Electric, a company working on the infrastructure upgrade at SJSU. No dormitory buildings were affected.

A transformer on the second floor of the building caught fire, according to Manny Alarcon, Battalion Cptn. with the San Jose Fire Department. SJFD tried to put out the fire — confined to a 10 foot square metal box — with chemical extinguishers first, but they failed, Alarcon said.

"We then isolated the building, shut down the power and used water and foam," Alarcon said.

Greg Saca, a senior in radio, television and film, said he noticed the problems at the central plant before the police or fire departments were on the scene.

"I heard a thump, then the lights went out and alarms went off," Saca said.

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San Jose firefighters carry a firehose into the Facilities Development and Operations Central Plant, located on the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets.

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EDITORIAL

Parental insight can prevent mass killings

While the images and accounts that have come out of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. in the past week are horrific, they can hardly be described as surprising.

It seems that all too frequently, tales of troubled youth — with what they perceive as no other alternative — are going on killing rampages. Pearl, Miss., Jonesboro, Ark., Springfield, Ore. and Paducah, Ky. are just four instances of the last year.

And although these five tragedies are clearly an exception rather than a rule, it signifies a disturbing trend of violence by children against children.

So we ask the questions: Why did this happen? Who is to blame? How could no one have seen this tragedy coming? Where are the parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold? And are they to share the blame for 15 dead? Is society to blame? And how do we stop the next Columbine High School tragedy from happening? There are no simple answers.

Harris and Klebold were considered social outcasts in a high school world, where that is the worst fate possible.

They were picked on and teased by the jocks and other "popular" kids. This revelation is nothing new. Kids have teased and picked on other kids since the beginning of time.

The difference is how Harris and Klebold manifested their anger and resentment toward those who ridiculed them.

Instead of seeking comfort in a parent's kind words or talking to a counselor, these two started devising a strategy to get revenge on those who wronged them.

The signs of trouble were there, but no one seemed to notice or at the very least, the signs were ignored.

This is where their parents should have been in tune to the troubles the boys were having. Every problem teenagers have need not be labeled a crisis, but the trouble signs of Harris and Klebold should have raised red flags all over the place.

From a video, where the two "enacted" the killings in detail, to the Web site of Harris, to the diary that laid out a systematic plan of attack, someone should have seen what was coming.

Whether it was a teacher, a classmate or parents, someone should have prevented these murderous rampages.

Much will be made about societies portion of the blame in this mess, but we feel while you can't discount the effects on these two boys, the ills of society are merely a symptom of a greater problem.

Violence in video games and on television, the internet and the prevalence of guns in today's society are concerning. However, millions of other children deal with the same situations which caused Harris and Klebold to snap. What is it that prevents them from doing the same thing?

Across-the-board bans is not only far from being the solution, it is un-American. The focus of society to make sure the tragedy in Colorado never happens again needs to be a complete focus on our children.

The problems of youth are always going to occur — that's human nature. Teaching our children to handle adversity, rise above ridicule and cope in what can be a cruel society is the answer to the problems of Paducah, Springfield, Pearl, Jonesboro and Littleton.

Single motherhood not always right choice

In my last column, "The hardest choice women have to make," I addressed the sensitive and controversial topic of abortion by using a close friend's personal experience.

After writing about my friend's not-so-uncommon story, several readers wrote to me with advice for my friend and inquiring about the outcome of telling the father about the pregnancy.

I will address those concerns and questions. But before I do, here's some background on the situation, for those who missed the April 20 column.

My best friend found out she was pregnant last week with the baby of a married man who was separated from his wife and living on his own during their 10 month romance.

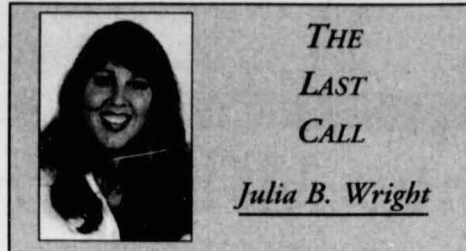
A few weeks before my friend found out she was pregnant, they broke off the relationship so he could "try and work things out with his wife."

For the sake of this story and to preserve their identities I will refer to them using pseudo names. I will call the father "Elvis" and call my friend "Betty."

At the time the column was written, 30-year-old Betty was shocked and horrified at the prospect of raising a child as a single mother. Her first instinct was to get an abortion. For moral and financial reasons, she said she could not possibly keep the baby. In addition to never dreaming of having a baby without being married first, Betty said she couldn't afford to raise a child because she recently moved back into her parents' house to pay off debts.

Betty also decided to tell Elvis of the pregnancy even though she was planning on getting an abortion and they were no longer a couple.

His response was as unexpected as the pregnancy. Elvis told Betty he wanted her to have the baby, and he would take on all the responsibilities of being a father — including living as a family.

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Julia B. Wright

That's right folks — he won't be "working it out with his wife" after all.

Now, Betty is even more confused. She thinks he made that decision because his marriage was volatile and he didn't have children with his wife.

Either way, she has yet another crucial life decision to make. She could keep the baby because he wants her to, or she could have an abortion because she doesn't want to take the risk of becoming a single mother and raising a child in a fatherless home, should he suddenly decide to fly south.

By believing in Elvis' verbal commitment, Betty is gambling with her life.

The odds of their relationship truly working out, or him being actively involved in the financial and emotional support of the child is slim-to-none.

Prior to Betty's pregnancy, Elvis wasn't even interested in pursuing a life with her. It's doubtful that he can make a life-long commitment to her now.

Unfortunately, being happily married in the real world doesn't always work out like that — I have seen examples of that among many of my friends.

A man should not commit to a woman based on a pregnancy alone. Love, respect and commitment to

one another should develop naturally over time as the couple discovers the many facets of each others lives and personalities. Having a child only forces two people into an unnatural union.

A third person should not be brought into an unstable relationship. When two people who have not yet figured out if they really love each other, the odds of the relationship flowering and the family staying intact are reduced.

Elvis' willingness to commit to Betty just weeks after telling his wife he would work it out with her, shows a great deal of character flaws. He is unstable, confused, delusional and indecisive.

I can imagine what he will do when the reality of being a father sets in — abandonment is the first word that comes to mind.

That means Betty and her child could possibly become a product of divorce — yet another statistic.

The recent trend shows there are fewer marriages and more divorces every year.

Some people have suggested that Betty have the baby. If Elvis bails out on the commitment, she could put the baby up for adoption.

That is laughable advice. No woman should have to go through nine months of pregnancy, shell out \$3,500 to give birth, then suffer the trauma of cutting the emotional attachment to the baby — just to give it away.

There are millions of unwanted babies in the world, she doesn't need to add to that statistic too.

My friend's first instinct was to get an abortion for fear of becoming a single parent.

Regardless of Elvis' verbal commitment to being a father to her child, Betty's fear has a very good chance of becoming a reality in the end.

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



Religion a source of pride, should not be hidden

Franklin Leiva

STAFF WRITER



I was offered alcohol at a party I went to the other day. I told the host that I could not drink because of my religious beliefs. The host gave me a funny look, and after having a little chuckle with his friends, he left me alone.

A little later, a young man approached me and whispered a message in my ear, "I'm Christian, but don't tell no one, ok?"

He told me he had been a Christian for years, but he was too ashamed to admit it to his friends. He told me he drank alcohol so no one would find out about his religion.

Many young Christians, and members of other religions, have become fearful of having their peers find out about their beliefs. College is supposed to be a place for students to learn and open their minds to new experiences, but hiding their religious beliefs prevents them from truly expressing themselves.

Being religious has become an unpopular practice in the '90s. Some Christians and students of other religions may fear being thought of as "weak" or "uncool" if they are open about their beliefs. Unreligious people have a field day criticizing anyone who holds some kind of belief they don't agree with.

TV evangelists, conservative Christian politicians and just about anyone who is religious is labeled as a narrow-minded conservative or even dumb. They are even mocked in cartoons.

The other day, I was watching "Celebrity Death-Match" on MTV, a show where celebrities are impersonated through claymation in make-believe matches to the death.

The match was between Hindu, spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi vs. Mongolian conqueror Genghis Khan. Gandhi was a very spiritual, religious person who held his beliefs high, but he was being ridiculed for a cheap laugh in this program. Hinduism is among many religions that has also been laughed at and ridiculed over the years, but Christianity seems to be the favorite target for comedy writers.

Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" has a segment where people who practice Christianity are often ridiculed as "God Stuff."

The animated show "South Park" stereotypes and makes constant negative remarks against the Jewish character, Kyle. The character Cartman made fun of Jesus Christ two episodes ago.

It is obvious society has chosen to laugh at and ridicule anyone who holds any kind of religious belief. Materialism, the belief that only tangible things are real and there is no spiritual side of anything is becoming the norm. But should this be an excuse for people to deny they are religious?

I don't think so. I have been a Christian since birth. My religion is strong and solid. I believe God is a part of me, and he plays a huge part in what I do with my life.

Christianity for me is not just a religion, it's part of me. Denying my Christianity would be like throwing away my principles, my culture and simply not being true to myself.

I don't care what people may think. Even though people may call me "square" or "dull," I like to think of myself as a true radical.

I am my own person, and I do what I think is right. I'm going to do what I want regardless of what people think. Making those choices are examples of my freedom.

Religious people have undergone persecution, death and ridicule through the centuries. Yet, religion lives on. Students coming forward and admitting their religious beliefs can be a difficult decision to make, but it's a crucial one.

Whether students are Christians or follow other religions, it's important they express themselves as individuals. Peer pressure is not a good reason to do anything, especially lose your identity.

Live your life, let others do the same. Peter, Jesus' disciple, denied knowing him three times. How many times have you denied being Christian?

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Sparta Guide

Today

Bake Sale

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union. For more information, call LaVena Williams at 924-7909.

Student Art Exhibits

The School of Art and Design will show 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.

Tuesday

Health and Fitness Workshop

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold the workshop from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Joe West stairs. For more information, call LaVena Williams at 924-7909.

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The School of Art and Design will show student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. A reception will also be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The Tuesday Night Lecture Series will feature Phyllis Galebo, photographer and professor at New York University, in the Art building, room 133 from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4330 regarding the art exhibits and Andy at 924-4328 regarding the lecture.

Art Display

The Frances Gulland Child Development Center will display photos, woodwork and paintings in the main entrance of Tower Hall throughout the month of April to celebrate the "Month of the Young Child." For more information, call Fran Roth or Leslie Carter at 924-6988.

Beethoven Concert Pre-lecture

Lecture by William Meredith at 7 p.m. in the Music building

Concert Hall. For more information, call Patricia Eillote at 924-4706.

All-Beethoven Recital

The Beethoven Center will hold a recital featuring Seymour Lipkin, who will play the "Appassionata" sonata and other works at 8 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call Patricia Eillote at 924-9706.

Breaktime for Late Afternoon and Evening Students

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

Black Jeopardy

Delta Sigma Theta sorority will hold "Black Jeopardy" at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For more information, call Robyn Jones at 924-7959.

Workshop on "Communicating in a Diverse Community"

The Student Leadership Development Workshop Series continues from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Almaden Room, Student Union. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

Book Sales

The Library Donations and Sales Unit will hold book sales in the Clark Library lobby and in Wahlquist Library North, room 408. For more information, call Acquisitions at 924-2705.

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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 faculty, students and staff. For more information, call James Burke at 293-925.

Association of Black Scientists

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

Re-Entry Advisory Program

Trip to the Career Center from noon to 1:15 p.m. Interested students should meet in the Career Center. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Social from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Music Listening Room, Student Union. For more information, call LaVena Williams at 924-7909.

"All My Sons"

The Theatre Arts department will present the play at 11 p.m. at the University Theatre, Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, call Mary Gibboney at 924-4555.

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Spring, allergy season arrive

By Katrina Toranski
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be sneezing — "Achoo."

Allergy season brings goodies such as: watery eyes, coughing and sneezing.

The National Allergy Bureau said seasonal allergy is also called allergic rhinitis which includes symptoms produced by nasal irritation or inflammation. Allergic rhinitis, is also known as hay fever.

According to the National Allergy Bureau, there are between 40 and 50 million people in the United States who suffer from allergies. In 1991, allergy testing was listed as the reason for 1.4 million doctor visits.

The National Allergy Bureau stated in its latest press release that allergies can be divided in to pollen, dust mites, pet dander and food allergies.

Pollens are microscopic, egg-shaped male cells of flowering plants. Dust mites are microscopic spider-like insects contained in house dust. Pet dander are invisible skin flakes that usually come from furry animals, according to the National Allergy Bureau.

According to Alan Heller, San Jose State University allergist, California has nice weather all year round. Trees and plants are always blooming and allergies to pollen are very common, he said.

"We have allergies all year round, but the pollens really get heavy during spring when trees begin to bloom in March and April," he said.

Some people might have allergies all year round and those are called perennial, Heller said.

"We have a lot of pollen that's why people get watery, itchy eyes, runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing and coughing," Heller said.

Heller said allergy symptoms can appear very early in life, but

for some, it can begin at the ages of 40 or 50.

"You can't get rid of them. It's genetic, and you can't get rid of your genes," he said.

However, allergies can be lowered with the right treatments.

Heller said the three treatments for allergies are avoidance, medications and allergy injections.

According to Heller, avoidance of pollen and other allergic particles is hard if not impossible.

"If you're allergic to cats, you kick them outside. If you're allergic to breathing — you stop breathing," Heller said.

But a person can't avoid allergies because pollen is in the air.

Heller said the most effective treatment is the injections, but they don't work for everyone.

"Allergic injections are a way of building blocking antibodies toward something they will come in contact with. If you come in contact with pollen, you have something that will block it," Heller said.

According to Heller, allergy injections are a process because the antibodies have to be built up. It starts with frequent injections of a vaccine, and later, the shots are spread out over time.

Each shot at the SJSU Health Center costs \$7.

Many people have a hard time distinguishing between a common cold and allergies.

"You have to have physical exam because they have similar symptoms," Heller said.

According to Charlie Longinotti, pharmacist at the SJSU Health Center, the pharmacy offers two types of allergy medications.

One is Diphenhist, which comes in a package of 24 capsules for \$2.60. The other is Chlorpheniramine which comes in a package of 100 tablets for \$2.15.

Ron Spring, Safeway pharma-

cist, said name brand medications such as Benadryl and Dimetapp cost between \$7 and \$9. He said a lot of over-the-counter medications might cause side effects.

"They all have the potential to cause drowsiness," he said.

Heller agreed, and he doesn't recommend students taking over-the-counter medications because they might cause drowsiness. Driving is also not recommended when taking allergy medications.

"What good is it if you're sleeping in class?" he said.

According to Longs Drugs, the most prescribed medications on the market are Allegra and Claritin.

Longs Drugs sells Claritin for 30 tablets for \$77.30 and Allegra for \$71.10 for 60 capsules a box.

Shanna Lawson, a sociology major, said she is allergic to pollen, but she does not take medication for it.

"I don't like the way it makes me feel. It makes me tired," Lawson said.

Nicole Classens, a meteorology major, said moving from Southern California to San Jose lessened her allergies.

"In Los Angeles they were really bad from October to January, probably because it's warmer down there longer and the pollution is worse," Classens said.

According to the National Allergy Bureau, allergies should be treated because they might trigger or sometimes cause asthma.

Asthma is a lung disease that causes breathlessness and it affects 15 million Americans, according to the National Allergy Bureau.

Anyone who is interested in the pollen count for the area they reside in can call the National Allergy Bureau at 1-800-9-POLLEN.

The allergist holds hours between 8 a.m. and noon every Tuesday.

Davis: Community service

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much like those set forth during World War II.

Ann Bancroft, spokesperson for the California Educational System, said the governor's idea is still in the early stages.

"This whole thing was still just an idea," she said. "Now we're finally exploring ways to make it work. We want to establish an ethic of service."

Bancroft said California Senator Tom Hayden has recently authored a bill that is similar to the governor's mandate. Hayden's bill would increase grants for service learning centers on college campuses.

"The service learning centers involve community service that is directly related to the student's current coursework and major," Bancroft said. "Whereas the mandate that the governor is proposing would be community service done in general. Students (in respect to the mandate) would volunteer in exchange for school credit."

Guillermo Mayer, a legislative assistant to Hayden, said the bill would help the governor's mandate by implementing and coordinating community service statewide.

"We just had a meeting regarding this where representatives from the CSU system, UC system and community colleges came and voiced their questions about the governor's idea," he said.

One of the concerns that came

up, according to Mayer, is generating enough staff and administration within the educational system to implement the program successfully.

"Given the marginal support for service learning centers, how successful would we be in placing, say, 5,000 students a year in community service positions?" Mayer said.

Mayer said a hearing for the community service mandate is scheduled for the end of this month, in which the public, as well as lawmakers, can share their ideas and concerns.

"If anything, the mandate will force universities and their administrations to take community service and all the benefits it carries seriously," he said.

Ken Swisher, CSU director of public affairs, said community service has played a big role among the CSU campuses, which includes San Jose State University.

"Every five years, the CSU conducts a study and records how many hours of community service the students have done as a whole," Swisher said. "The last study taken showed we did 28 million hours a year."

Swisher said if the mandate is passed, there would not be any real problems for CSU to adapt since community service has such a dominant presence on each campus.

"The Monterey campus already requires community service to be part of the students' curriculum,"

he said. "Even now, each CSU campus, with the exception of two, has their own community service coordinator."

Deborah David, director of the gerontology program, is also the community service coordinator for SJSU. She could not be reached for comment.

A majority of students on campus have already had some experience with community service.

Serena Chan, a psychology major, said she had to participate in some community programs as part of her class.

"Last year, I took the world hunger class and the teacher made us volunteer our time at Second Harvest," she said.

Second Harvest is a nonprofit organization that helps feed the homeless and the needy.

Some students on campus are hesitant to support the governor's proposal.

Jessica Bolo, a child psychology major, said she would rather not have such a thing implemented.

"I have so much on my plate already. The general education courses we have to take are a waste of time, in my book. I don't need community service added to my burden."

Michael Filo, a communications major, said he also does not like the idea of making community service mandatory.

"If it's not related to my major, I don't want it," he said. "I'm here to graduate and get out as soon as I can. This would just be another obstacle."

Library: Name dispute

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the university and the city refuse to allow any name other than that of Martin Luther King Jr. on the new joint library.

The resolution was brought by Leo Davila, president-elect of A.S. at SJSU, as a result of comments made to a local newspaper by Janet Redding, SJSU vice president for university advancement.

Redding suggested the university would be willing to name the new structure after a major donor and said the university would be looking at amounts in excess of \$30 million.

Davila said the very suggestion of giving the new joint library a name other than that of Martin Luther King Jr., is just ludicrous under the circumstances.

The city of San Jose named its main library in honor of the slain American civil rights leader and Nobel laureate ten years ago.

Student leaders and others fear the honor accorded to King's name will be dissolved when the city's main library is vacated and absorbed into the new joint library.

Davila said it's outrageous that King's legacy can be sold to the highest bidder.

Redding said the university has a set procedure for naming buildings in honor of donors, and the process requires approval by the Academic Senate. Also taken into account in the final naming

of the new joint library, will be input from the formal naming processes used by the city and university libraries, according to Schmidt.

Davila and other campus leaders, such as Wayne Wilson, who is the founder and president of the Black Business Association, want to make sure the process takes student and community wishes into account.

Wilson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha — the same fraternity that King belonged to.

Wilson said any effort to remove the name of King will backfire and have historical connotations.

"We were tricked into voting for the new library and the erasing of Dr. King's name in the last election," Wilson said.

Wilson said there is a lot of anger on campus about the name of the new joint library being up for grabs. Wilson is particularly concerned that the process for naming the new joint library not be covert.

Schmidt said the new joint library may not be named after anyone at all.

"It may be given a geographic name or it may simply be called 'the joint library,'" Schmidt said.

Gabe Reyes, of campus climate in the president's office, said people forget the name of the Wahlquist Library, honoring a former president of SJSU, John T. Wahlquist, will also be lost when

that structure — to be replaced by the joint library — is leveled.

But Davila said Martin Luther King is a national treasure and no other name is as worthy of the honor and recognition on the new joint library.

"No legacy matches that of Dr. King's, and is so worthy of commemorating on the walls of the first city-university library in the country," Davila said.

Cobi Kwasi Harris, chair of African American studies, said the naming of the joint library may be something of a Gordian knot that may not be able to be untied.

A Gordian knot refers to any perplexing problem.

"The university tries to solicit donor support — but I don't think this is an unbridgeable gap in terms of a donor and the name of MLK, and the legacies and implications for multicultural California," Harris said.

Wilson put it a little differently.

"What are they trying to teach students by this example?" Wilson said.

Redding commented on the growing concern over the name of the new joint library and the fallout from her recent remarks. She said a donor can't just ask to have a building named in their honor for a given amount, it's more complicated than that.

"No one will touch this now," she said.

Inches: Disability act compliance

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Elliot said a consulting firm has been working with the university to determine what renovations need to be made. He said those renovations would proceed in stages, ensuring each fully complies with the act. At this point, there are no plans to begin full building regulations.

There is no need — not yet, anyway. Section 35.150 of the act states public facilities, such as SJSU — governed under Title II of the act by the department of justice — are not required to make changes to every door in every building. The text recommends university officials take a pragmatic approach to this issue, determining which changes have a higher priority than others and making them as it becomes financially possible.

Buildings that existed before the passage of the act have some flexibility in their compliance. All brick Residence Halls were built in 1957 and 1958, almost 40 years before the passage of the act.

The Joe West tower was built in 1968.

A standard wheelchair is 22 inches wide from wheel to wheel, said Martha Cardoza of American Medical Equipment & Supply in San Jose. Extra-wide wheelchairs, built to accommodate people up to 400 pounds, are 24 to 26 inches wide.

With the doors as wide as they are now, that's just enough space to squeeze into a room. Senior Jason Kleinberg, a Royce Hall resident, found this out firsthand after falling down a flight of stairs and breaking his ankle a year and a half ago. The accident left him a wheelchair-user for four to five

months.

"I literally just fit — I had to back up," Kleinberg said, describing how he had to maneuver to get into his first floor room. "The way the doors are, you have to put yourself at a 90 degree angle to the room."

Kleinberg said the width of his wheelchair left no room between the doorway and the chair to put his hands on the wheels to turn them. The 32-inch requirement stated in the ADA allows for this space.

"It wasn't an easy task at first, but within one or two days I was in and out of the room," he said. "It was tough — you definitely get a whole new outlook on people in wheelchairs."

Residence Hall personnel were unable to estimate how many of the 1,800 people living in campus housing use wheelchairs.

The SJSU Disability Resource Center reported 913 disabled students were registered with the center during the fall semester. Martin Schuller, the center's director, estimated about 5 to 10 percent of those live in the Residence Halls. To the best of his knowledge, there are no demographics for the specific numbers of wheelchair-users in the halls. This information is protected by student privacy rights.

Of the students Schuller has spoken with that live in the halls, none have voiced complaints about accessibility.

"We're not legally required to make every door accessible unless we're doing major renovations," Schuller said. "There is no mandate — it wouldn't be a sound approach to change every single door."

Schuller said he thinks University Housing Services would consider making structural changes if a student had problems getting into a room without them. Not supporting that student, he said, would be discriminatory.

Elliot said University Housing Services usually places wheelchair-users on the first floor of one of the three wheelchair-accessible halls: Allen, Washburn or Royce. Although Joe West is wheelchair accessible on all floors, Elliot said disabled students are not usually placed there. Should a power failure occur, wheelchair-users could be stranded on floors with no way to get down.

Although financial constraints prevent major renovations from taking place any time soon, Elliot said, the university is committed to helping individuals with "ability issues."

"Knowing that we can't tear down the halls and build new ones, we'll do whatever we can to help," he said. "It really depends on the specific needs of the individual."

Susan Hansen, acting director of University Housing Services, said SJSU underwent a major assessment of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1995 for all buildings on campus.

She said decisions to comply with the act are based on what is considered "reasonable."

"We have no plans at this point to renovate any of the old buildings," Hansen said, explaining it would cause a hardship for the university. Regardless, she said, "I think the question of what is reasonable is a fascinating thing for the university to deal with."

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Avalanche bury Sharks in first game of playoffs

By Asa Bexell
Correspondent

Playing good hockey is not enough to beat the Colorado Avalanche. The San Jose Sharks found that out the hard way Saturday, as they lost Game one in the first round of the best-of-seven playoff series against the "Aves" 3-1.

The Sharks had 43 shots on goal. Colorado goalie Patrick Roy stopped all — except one, — to register his 100th playoff win.

The Avalanche scored on two of its nine power plays. This year's NHL playoffs are using a two-referee system, and the two referees at Saturday's game at the San Jose Arena did not miss much.

According to coach Darryl Sutter, some of the Sharks' penalties were questionable. San Jose's newly acquired center Vincent Damphousse received a four-minute penalty for high sticking Colorado's Theoren Fleury at the end of the first period. Fleury ended up with a cut across the bridge of his nose, which is why Damphousse got four minutes in the penalty box instead of two.

But some of the Sharks argued Fleury's own stick caused the cut. "I don't know what happened," Damphousse said. "I didn't feel like I touched him at all."

Another marginal Sharks penalty, according to coach Sutter, was right wing Joe Murphy's goaltender interference penalty, which came with less than five minutes left in the first period.

As Murphy sat in the box, Avalanche center Joe Sakic beat Mike Vernon in the Sharks' goal for the 1-0 lead.

"We have to try to take fewer penalties because they are so potent," Vernon said about the Avalanche. "You look at their power play unit and they have a lot of talent there. They don't need a lot of chances."

Colorado's second goal, at 14:39 in the second period, came during another power play.

The Avalanche had its special teams unit of top forwards Sakic, Fleury and Peter Forsberg on the ice.

Forsberg stole the puck and sent a beautiful cross-ice pass to Sakic, who tried to one-time it for the goal. Instead, the puck hit Sharks defenseman Marcus Ragnarsson and bounced out to former Shark Sandis Ozolinsh, who blasted it past Vernon.

Less than three minutes into the third period, Sakic registered his second goal of the game, giving Colorado a 3-0 lead.

At this point in the game, the 17,483 playoff-enthused, mostly Sharks, fans at the sold out Arena had grown eerily quiet.

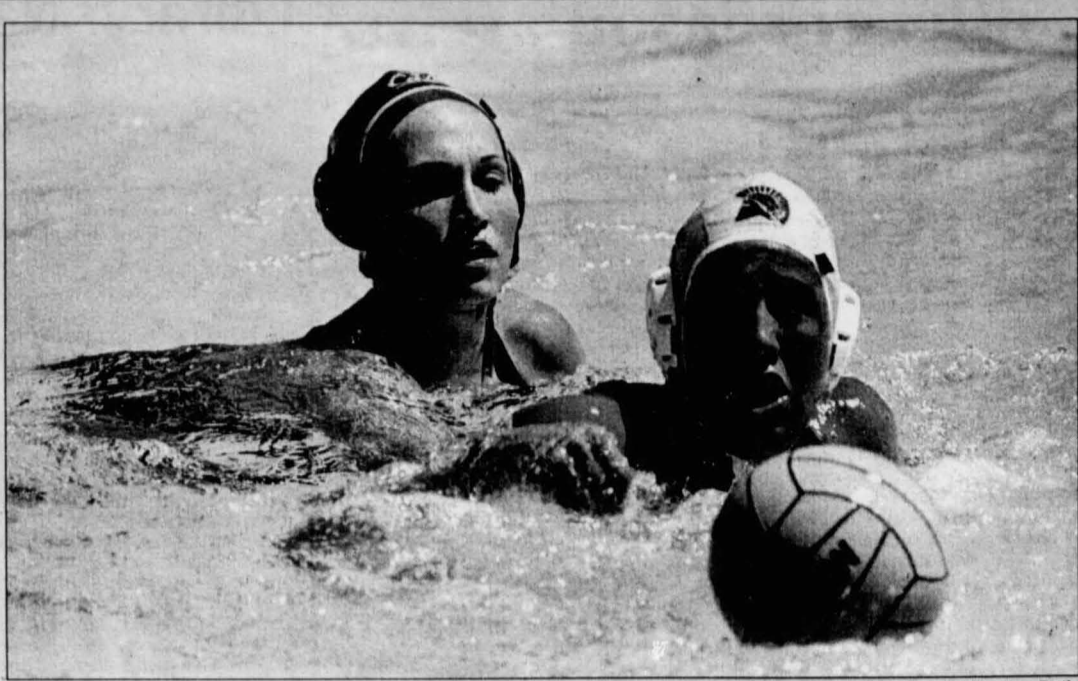
They appeared to cheer up briefly when the Sharks got a five-on-three power-play opportunity and left wing Jeff Friesen was able to outwit Roy for the team's only goal, which came with less than six minutes left in the game.

Friesen said how a team starts the game could determine the series.

"Now we focus to win Game two," he said.

The teams meet again tonight at the San Jose Arena for the second game in the playoff series.

Sharks linemates Damphousse and Murphy agreed the key to winning will be to stay disciplined.



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San Jose State University's Christine Scott struggles for the ball Saturday in a 12-1 loss to University of California, Berkeley. The Spartans placed third in the Northern California Regional Qualification Tournament held at the University of Stockton with a record of 3-1.

Waterpolo stays afloat, places third

By Trisha Herrera
Staff Writer

San Jose State University women's water polo team took third place, beating University of California at Davis, in their final game of the two-day Northern California Regional Qualifier Tournament.

The Spartans scored three goals in the second half, just edging out the Aggies, 5-4 after being tied at the half.

This weekend, a total of six teams competed in the qualifier tournament at University of Pacific in Stockton.

Before their third place game against the Aggies, the Spartans beat California State at Bakersfield, holding them to

only two goals, for a 15-2 win Sunday. The Spartans Erin Kelly led the team with five goals.

The Spartans started the tournament just edging out Pacific in a close match Saturday. The Spartans came back from a 1-3 deficit, scoring four goals in the fourth period and to win, 5-4.

The Cal Bears, who have not lost a game since a March 11 loss to San Diego State University, faced off against SJSU in the second game. The Bears added to their 11-game winning streak by beating the Spartans 12-1.

The Bears' tight defense made it difficult for SJSU to move the ball around and were often

forced to shoot as their 35 second shot clock ran out.

The Bears scored their first goal in the first minute of play, then took off on a 3-0 run in the first period. SJSU was not able to get the ball moving and could not manage to score. At the end of the first half Cal led 5-0.

Junior Colette Glinkowski, co-player of the year in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, led the Bears with four goals.

SJSU Assistant Coach Ryan McMillian said his team did not have a good showing.

"It was a real flat day today for us," McMillian said. "We did not show up to play."

Near the end of the game the Spartans looked tired, and again

were continually forced to take a lot of last second shots.

Finally, in the last period Christy Taylor scored the only goal for the Spartans on a pass from Neva West.

Freshmen Inna Fedoseyeva and West were selected to the tournament's second team. Fedoseyeva said the earlier game against Pacific added to her fatigue when SJSU played against Cal.

"Cal was pressing hard," she said. "And we did play bad."

Most of the team was disappointed with the Cal game including Spartan Liz Garcia, who was selected to the All-MPSF second team.

"As a team we were not ready to play today," Garcia said.



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San Jose State University's Junior Ruiz dives back to first base to avoid the University of Utah's Ryan Johnson's tag Sunday in the Spartans' 8-2 win. The Spartans swept Utah in three games.

SJSU sacrifices Utah to 'Baseball Gods'

By Mike Osegueda
Special to the Spartan Daily

Members of the Spartan baseball team are firm believers in the presence of the "Baseball Gods" — the holy spirits that watches over the every move in between the chalked lines of the baseball diamond.

If such is the case, the "Baseball Gods" would be quite proud of the San Jose State University congregation and their weekend service held at Municipal Stadium.

The Spartan pitchers stood tall on the mound like a preacher at a podium and the bat was passed around like a collection plate, with the entire lineup contributing, as the team swept the University of Utah Utes to up their Western Athletic Conference record to 11-10.

"We played good baseball and did the things that we are supposed to do," Head Coach Sam Piraro said, explaining the turnaround the team showed this weekend after losing four straight series. "We executed well on offense, manufactured runs, we got timely hitting and three quality starts. Add those together and you have a chance to be in the

ballgame."

The third of those quality starts came in the series finale from sophomore pitcher Joey Baker who coasted to his first WAC victory of the season, while the Utes watched him take apart their lineup in an 8-2 victory.

Baker put in a career-best performance on the hill, throwing eight shutout innings while striking out 12 batters.

"I got ahead in the count and got a lot of run support," said the right-handed Baker, who painted the outside corner of the plate all day against the mostly right handed lineup of the Utes. "We tried to pound the outside corner and keep expanding the strike zone."

The theory worked well on the mound, and the offense helped, giving Baker support both early and often. The Spartans got on the scoreboard first at the expense of the Utes in the opening inning. Shortstop Mike Rouse led off with a single to right field. Next, Junior Ruiz walked to put runners at first and second. With Rob Douglass at the plate, Ute pitcher Lance Erickson threw an attempted pickoff of Rouse into centerfield, allowing the base runners to advance. Douglass

promptly lofted a sacrifice fly to left field to score Rouse.

In the fourth inning, the Spartans broke the game open. Ruiz blasted the first offering from Erickson back up the middle for a single. Later, designated hitter Brandon Macchi drove an outside pitch to the opposite field, putting runners at first and second. Ruiz and Macchi moved into scoring position on a chopper to the right side by Todd Duncan.

With two outs, senior Dan Winterberg dropped a single into a shallow centerfield to bring both runners home. Erickson then walked the next two batters to load the bases. Then, Rouse hit a grounder that the "Baseball Gods" allowed to find a hole in between first and second base. The speedy shortstop beat it out and Winterberg came plate-ward for another run.

The onslaught was not over yet, as Tony Tognetti took the first pitch and lined it into right field to score Mike Wright and Ryan Brucker and increase the lead to 6-0.

The two out rally was something that Piraro says the team has been pushing for a long time.

"Since day one we've said we need to keep the inning going and keep the pressure on the other team," Piraro said. "One of the keys in college baseball is the ability to score runs with two outs. The Gods of Baseball would have acknowledged that."

The Spartans added another run in the fifth when Wright brought home Winterberg with a double off the wall in left field. The Spartans manufactured another run in the sixth when Rouse walked, stole second and advanced to third on a pass ball. Then, Tognetti collected his third RBI of the day when he hit a fly ball to right field that allowed Rouse to tag-up and score.

Baker continued his excellent performance on the mound, scattering six hits through eight innings and evading any scoring threats from the Utes. Going into the ninth, Baker had his shutout in place, but it was broken up by a pinch hit, two-run homer by Mike Wood. But, it proved to be too little, too late for the Utes. Baker

struck out the next batter and got Eric Wallace to ground out to end the game.

"We needed to sweep this weekend and I was happy to get the win," Baker said, noting he wasn't too disappointed at losing what would have been his first shutout as a Spartan.

One of Baker's biggest supporters at the plate was Winterberg, who not only had the base hit to open the game up in the fourth, but also added two other hits to go 3-for-4 on the afternoon and scored twice.

"I've been making subtle mechanical adjustments at the plate and have been seeing the ball better," Winterberg said, who exploded to go 6-for-12 in the series and drive in four runs.

On Saturday, Douglass was the hero for the Spartans, as he made up for what had been an 0-4 day at the plate, with a base hit to win the game in the bottom of the tenth inning, 4-3. Tognetti scored the go ahead run and also went 4-for-5 at the plate. Rouse also had three hits and Ruiz drove in two runs to lead the Spartans offensively. Steve Murphy notched the win in relief of starter Jeremy Rogelstad, who worked seven and a third innings and allowed two runs.

Friday's game was less of a nail biter, as the Spartans spanked the Utes, 12-6. Vince LaCorte struck out nine and picked up his sixth victory of the season. Catcher Mike Wright had two hits, including a three-run homer in the fifth inning. Ruiz and Winterberg added three hits apiece while Rouse and Douglass drove in two runs each to spark the offense.

The sweep of Utah puts the Spartans in better position to attain their goal of reaching the WAC playoffs. With a record of 11-10, the Spartans find themselves in fourth place in the conference with San Diego State University (10-11) not far behind. Piraro says the team needs to go 5-4 the rest of the year to be in position to make the playoffs.

The Spartans hope to satisfy the "Baseball Gods" again as they travel to Stanford on Tuesday and are on the road again for a weekend series at Air Force.

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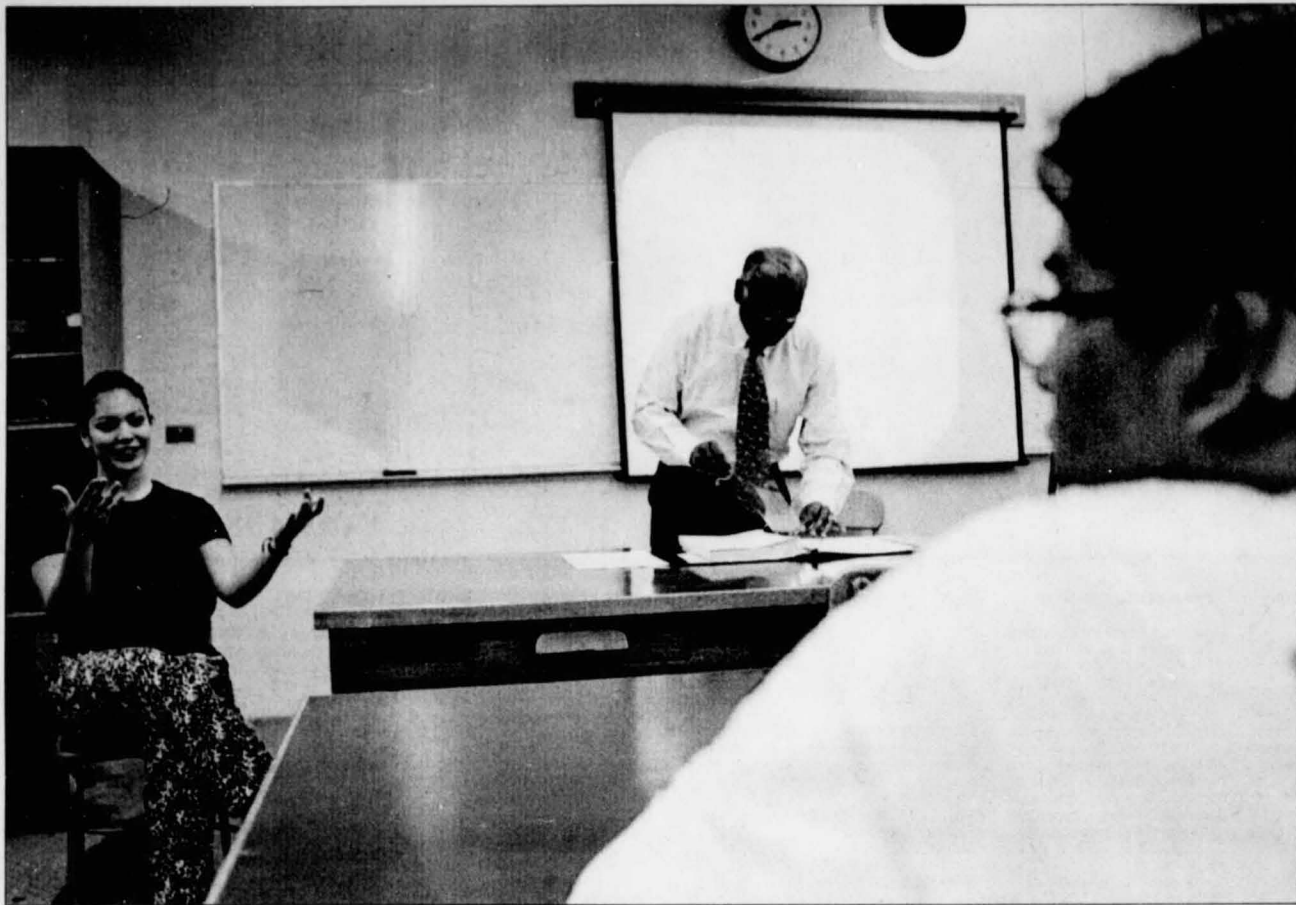
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Joe Pelina (foreground), a Mechanical Engineering major at San Jose State University, relies on Vanessa Savorn, an interpreter for the deaf, to be his ears in his mechanical engineering class. Savorn shares interpreting duties in the class with another interpreter, Priscilla Alden. They switch off every 20 minutes to rest their hands.

Watching the lecture

For hearing impaired students, interpreters are the link to learning

By Melissa Matchak
Staff Writer

Only one student in the mechanical engineering senior project class isn't paying attention to the professor.

He is watching the woman sitting in the front of the room. He has to — she's his interpreter.

For students like Joe Pelina who are hearing impaired, having an interpreter in class can be vital to their education.

Vanessa Savorn has been an interpreter for hearing impaired students at San Jose State University since the fall 1998 semester and



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Vanessa Savorn, a liberal studies major, is an interpreter for the deaf at San Jose State University. She has been an interpreter for four years and is studying to be a teacher in deaf education.

has interpreted at several colleges in Northern California over the past four years.

As the professor lectures, Savorn's hands quickly tell Pelina what is being said. Savorn, 22, is a liberal studies major at SJSU and said she has interpreted classes through sign language all semester for Pelina.

Savorn said she didn't know she wanted to be an interpreter until she started working for Hope Rehabilitation Services in San Jose where she met a deaf woman who used speech to communicate with people and taught Savorn sign language.

"She was able to use her voice to teach me sign language and she taught me about 50 words a day. Within six months I was already communicating and doing a little bit of interpreting," Savorn said.

Savorn said when she first started interpreting she made many mistakes because she didn't know the code of ethics or what the profession of interpreting entailed. She said even without formal training she was able to get jobs as an interpreter and learned all the "don'ts" — such as assuming all people with a hearing impairment can read lips — of interpreting when she began working in the deaf education program at Leigh High School in San Jose.

According to Armand De La Cruz, the deaf services coordinator at SJSU, there are 30 hearing impaired students, five hearing impaired employees and 21 interpreters at SJSU. He said the job of the interpreters is to facilitate communication between students and professors in class and be an advocate for hearing impaired students if necessary. De La Cruz said the interpreters serve as the voice and the ears of hearing impaired students.

In all classes over an hour, team interpreting is used.

Two interpreters are assigned to each class and switch every 20 minutes to give their hands a rest.

"We want to be accurate, that's why it's really important to have team interpreting," Savorn said. "We want the deaf students to get everything the hearing students are getting."

Savorn said the hardest part of her job as an interpreter is going into a classroom with a group of people who have never had experience with interpreters. She said she would like the other students to think of the interpreters as invisible, and to look at the hearing impaired students when asking a question or saying something to them. Savorn emphasized that having an interpreter is a right, not a privilege, for hearing impaired students. She said many students misunderstand the role of an interpreter and think she's doing it for credit or volunteering her time.

"This is our profession and we're getting paid to do this, to provide services for the deaf students or educators," Savorn said.

Priscilla Alden, an interpreter at SJSU, said she enjoys her job and although she was nervous at first, she learned to ignore the other students if they watch her while she's interpreting in a class.

"I love it. It's lots of fun," Alden said. "I love teaching and decided to become a sign language interpreter."

Alden has been an interpreter at SJSU for the past two years and said she interprets 10 classes each week.

Since there is a range of hearing disabilities, there are also different methods of interpreting.

De La Cruz interprets through captioning, which allows the hearing impaired student to read what is being said in class off a steno machine the interpreter types on.

He said the most rewarding part of his job as an interpreter and as coordinator is seeing the students graduate.

"Seeing them graduate, you feel like you're graduating with them," De La Cruz said.

Savorn, who plans to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in the spring of 2000, interprets in five classes at SJSU and in one at San Jose City College. Savorn said she is studying to be a deaf education teacher and that one of the benefits of her job is looking forward to going to work.

"It's very rewarding. I'm getting paid for something I really enjoy doing," Savorn said.

Miller:

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listeners week over week.

When asked how he does it, the preacher replied, "First, I tell them what I'm going to tell them, then I tell them. Then, I tell them what I told them."

"Now, I'm gonna tell you a little bit about what I'm gonna tell you," Miller said.

Miller explained that his plays are all stories — almost without exception.

"Mr. Peters' Connections" is not the exception, Miller said.

"The story is told through moods, rather than concrete events," Miller said. "With no excuses, (the play) is simply following the twists and turns of Mr. Peters' mind."

Even worse, Miller continued, it turns out he may be asleep, and at times, Mr. Peters wonders if he may be dead.

Throughout the reading, Miller seemed to briefly flow into imitations of how he thought the characters sounded. The play's vivid language and off-color humor had the audience laughing and flinching.

Shelly King attended the event and said she was delighted to experience Miller now, having read so many of his plays.

"It was really nice to hear something fresh," King said. "And his tone has changed a bit since

he's gotten older."

The play often refers to women in the context of using the "power room" in the building that was the setting of the play.

"I like his observations on women a lot," King said. "They were) very much an older man's viewpoint."

Emily Farris, SJSU English major, said she is a huge Miller fan, and she arrived more than two hours before the program began to make sure she got in.

"I knew about this since the beginning of the school year," Farris said. "I've been really excited about it for months."

Len Christensen, an English teacher at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, as well as a financial contributor to the College of Humanities and the Arts, said he enjoyed the program tremendously.

"It struck me as a man drifting off either into sleep or death or both," Christensen said of the play. "(Mr. Peters) was sort of ruminating over his life with his different selves."

In 1986, Professor Martha Heasley Cox, who attended the reading, established an endowment to bring playwrights to the university community.

"I love the fact that the program is free," Christensen said. "It really is a fabulous program."

Another of Miller's plays, "All My Sons," is currently being presented at SJSU through May 1.

Fire:

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Freshman Isaac Porras, a mechanical engineering major, said the smell alerted him to the fire.

"It just didn't smell very good," Porras said. "It smelled like burnt plastic, kind of."

There were burning plastics in the fire, according to Alarcon, but there was no danger to residents in the area. Fire department personnel did enter the building with air tanks, and two "hazardous incidence" teams were on the scene as a precautionary measure. Tenth Street was also closed between San Antonio and San Carlos streets.

Garrison said the cause of the fire is under investigation by the fire department and UPD.

One possible cause of the fire is

a mechanical failure in the transformer itself, according to Zumwalt, who emphasized the actual cause has not been determined.

A transformer steps power up or down, changing the voltage.

The transformer on the second floor took power at 1,200 volts and changed it to 4,600 volts.

A 40-foot trailer with a power supply was brought in Sunday for a temporary transformer, which will feed power to the nine buildings that lost electricity after the fire, according to Zumwalt.

"The temporary setup (the trailer and transformer) was going to be installed the first part of June," Zumwalt said. "It was fortunate in the sense we were already staging this stuff."

The temporary trailer and power supply was to be installed in June as part of the infrastructure upgrade at SJSU.

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Angry: Auditorium too small for Miller's fans

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Edward Albee and Wendy Wasserstein and founder of "El Teatro Campesino" Luis Valdez to speak at the Morris Dailey Auditorium for free this semester.

The key word was "extra-credit," and students were not leaving without it.

Most of the disappointed crowd left after being told the auditorium was full, but about 200 remained and tried to force their way inside by pushing and shoving.

"I can't believe the way the crowd was behaving," said Kathy Gonzalez, a teacher at Santa Teresa High School who was angry at the crowd's behavior. "They were shoving, and pushing. So many of them were there just trying to get the extra-credit and not see Arthur Miller."

When the door person asked the crowd how many of them were there for extra-credit, about 150 to 200 hands were raised.

Informational pamphlets were distributed to those students so they could show their teachers proof they attended the event. After the students received the pamphlets, they left.

Some of those students waiting in line had never seen or heard of Miller and his plays.

"I don't really know who he is, or whatever," said Gable Yeung, an SJSU electrical engineering major. "I'm simply here for the extra-credit."

Phat Dinh, a Westmont High School senior, said he came for the extra-credit and was not happy about being left outside.

"I had to wait two-and-a-half

hours," Dinh said. "People were pushing me. It's so frustrating that I wasted all my time."

Not everyone came for the extra-credit.

Some people came because they admire Pulitzer prize winner's work.

"He's an American Icon," said Christine Ritz, a graduate student. "Listening to him read 'Death of a Salesman' it's so incredible."

Mickey Benson, an SJSU alumna, thinks Miller is one of the best playwrights of the century.

"He's one of the icons of literature," Benson said. "It is a lifetime opportunity to get to see him."

Some people came from great distances to have a chance to see Miller.

Donna Tam, a San Francisco

resident commuted two hours only to find herself unable to see Miller.

"I just didn't think," Tam said. "I took a chance, but I knew it was too good to be true. I knew it was going to be crowded. I really wanted to see him."

Some attendees were more angry at the fact the event was not planned properly.

"They should have prepared for this," said Greg Mackarelli, a SJSU graduate student. "They should have set up speakers in the tower lawn so we all could listen to Miller."

Although the crowd was angry about not getting in, there were no episodes of violence or disturbances, according to Shane Palsgrobe, back-up dispatcher for the San Jose State University Police Department.

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