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Johnson to run with Bulls

Johnson's sudden departure unveils Barnes' hasty arrival

By Aaron Williams
Daily staff writer

After one year as coach of the San Jose State University men's basketball team, Phil Johnson has left for greener pastures — much greener.

Johnson, who guided the Spartans to a 12-16 record last year, took a position as an assistant coach to Tim Floyd and the NBA's Chicago Bulls.

"An opportunity like this doesn't come along everyday," Johnson said at a Friday press conference. "I didn't think I hear the term 'former coach' so quickly. I'm leaving with a heavy heart."

While Johnson's sudden departure was both sudden and shocking, SJSU Athletic Director Chuck Bell tried to spin Johnson's jump to the NBA as positive, saying, "Phil caught a lot of people's attention, including Tim Floyd's. When your staff is wanted, it's a great compliment. San Jose State's image will be greatly enhanced because someone wanted one of our people."

At the same time as Johnson was leaving, Bell introduced Steve Barnes as Johnson's successor.

Barnes became SJSU's third head coach in as many years.

Johnson took over for Stan Morrison after a dismal 3-23 season two years ago.

For Barnes, an assistant coach

at Iowa State for the last two seasons, it is his first crack as head coach of a Division I basketball program.

The whirlwind of musical coaches started around Aug. 23 when Johnson met with Floyd and Bulls general manager Jerry Krause in Chicago. "When they kept Phil an extra day, I knew we were in trouble," Bell said.

Johnson will make an estimated \$1.2 million over three years with the Bulls, far more than the \$97,000 a year he was scheduled to make after he signed a five-year contract extension with SJSU after last season. Barnes will earn \$95,000.

"I hate the timing," Johnson said. "I feel sad because I would have loved to have left a winner. I wanted to hang a WAC (championship) banner. But this program is in good shape. Steve is the right fit."

Johnson leaves the basketball program with what some basketball publications have called one of the top 10 recruiting classes in all of Division I.

Bell said when he realized that Johnson might leave for the Bulls, he pulled out his list of six or seven candidates and the question became, "How do I coax Steve away from Iowa State?"

"Truth be told, I really wanted to

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Above, Phil Johnson, right, talks to R.J. Powell during a game last season. Johnson announced Friday that he will be leaving the San Jose State University men's basketball team to be an assistant coach for the Chicago Bulls.

Left, Steve Barnes, San Jose State University's new men's basketball coach, speaks during a press conference Friday afternoon.

Bell limited coach search to members of 'family'

By Margaret Bethel
Daily senior staff writer

Choosing a new head basketball coach for the Spartans may sound like a repeat of last year, but this time, the process has been modified. The announcement of Phil Johnson's resignation also served as the introduction of his replacement, Steve Barnes, a former assistant coach for Iowa State.

Chuck Bell, San Jose State University's athletic director, said he wanted to make an expedient move to hire a new coach for the sake of the players. He said he didn't want the recruits to feel abandoned while the department took several weeks to search for a new coach.

"We made every attempt to stabilize the basketball program," he said.

Spartan guard Ben Sanders said having a new coach step in immediately made him more comfortable with the situation.

Sanders said because Johnson and Barnes know each other, the transition will be easier for the team.

"I haven't heard of him (Barnes), but I feel confident since coach Johnson recommends him," Sanders said.

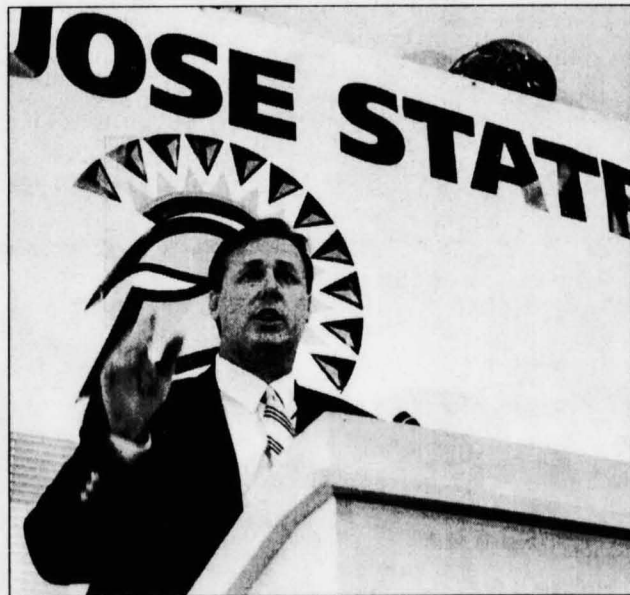
Barnes said although he just met the team Friday, he's familiar with a lot of the players from his recruiting for Iowa State.

"I feel like I know them better than they think I do," Barnes said. He said he's not worried about how the new Spartan recruits will react to him because they seem generally open to seeing what's going to happen.

While Sanders was relieved to have a new coach right away, the department's decision to forego a formal, lengthy, nation-wide search that would have kept the position open avoided any controversy among candidates — an issue that couldn't be avoided last year with the hiring of Johnson.

Top candidates last year included Percy Carr, head coach at San Jose City College, and Bob Burton, West Valley College's head coach, according to an April 1998 Spartan Daily article. Both coaches said, in the April article,

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David Heller/Spartan Daily

Spent

Living in Silicon Valley has a price, students learn the hard way

By Charmain Smith
Daily staff writer

For many college students, having a steady source of income is a necessity for food, rent and tuition.

Ada Echeverria, a freshman at San Jose State University, works part time in stock recovery at Macy's.

"It's hard to afford to go to school here," Echeverria said. "I work to help my parents pay for school."

Echeverria is not alone.

According to Career Center statistics, last year 45.5 percent of all SJSU students used the Career Center. In addition, \$8.11 million dollars was earned by students who obtained part-time jobs, sea-

sonal jobs, and internships through the career center, excluding jobs that were found for graduating seniors.

"I need extra money to help me get through school and to help my parents pay for it," said sophomore Debbie Delacruz, a receptionist at Cisco Systems.

Delacruz works about 24 hours a week and says once her bills are paid, she still has some money left over for movies, club visits or shopping.

Senior Kim Yanda, a business finance major, also has to work to cover the expense of school. As an ambulance coordinator for Kaiser Permanente, Yanda said she

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Greek rush kicks off semester

By Christina Lucarotti
Daily staff writer

Students can depend on a few constants in the first days of a new semester at San Jose State University.

First, parking will be difficult, if not impossible. Second, the lines at the Spartan Bookstore will be long. And third, the tables outside the Student Union will be swarming with fraternities and sororities looking for new recruits.

For many SJSU fraternities and sororities, rush has begun. A second wave is scheduled for Sept. 8 when Panhellenic sororities begin rush.

"Rush is simply a time for people to see what fraternities are really like," wrote Errol Ozdalga, recruitment chairman of Sigma Chi, in a rush flyer.

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Melody Dumlaio, left, vice president of public relations for Sigma Alpha Phi sorority, spends a few hours a day the first week of school making friends with new students — freshmen and transfers — and signing up recruits, such as Senior Loan Ngo.

Jessica Malloy/Spartan Daily

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San Jose State University

Drug use won't increase due to needle exchange

Remember the good old days when politicians were only concerned about what the polls told them was the "right" move? "I don't know Dan, this whole Kuwait thing seems a little sketchy. Wait, what did you say? The American people would rather keep gas prices low than save a few thousand lives. Well, shoot, let's bomb those guys back to the Stone Age."

Ah, weren't times great. Well apparently, the good old days are over. Politicians these days seem stuck on ignoring polls, at least when it comes to things like drugs. Our new "liberal" governor Gray Davis is getting ready to veto a bill



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JEREMIAH OSHAN

that would give local governments the ability to run their own needle exchange programs, despite an overwhelming number of California voters supporting such programs. In a recent Field Institute survey of 1,010 voters, 79 percent of Democrats, 54 percent of Republicans and 74 percent of independents supported local municipalities running their own needle exchange program.

The bill would not set up a state-wide needle exchange program. What it would do is make such programs legal, allowing cities such as San Jose to make needle exchanges available. The main push behind the bill is preventing the spread of AIDS through intravenous drugs.

Currently there are similar programs being run underground with no state funding and with no supervision of any kind. By bringing needle exchange above ground, we can make it available to more people and ensure its success.

There are those out there who would rather not see needle exchange for precisely that reason.

They argue that by legalizing needle exchange, we are condoning the use of illegal drugs. We are sending, they argue, mixed messages to our youth. On one hand, we are telling them that drugs are bad. On the other, we are giving them the tools to abuse drugs for free.

I understand where they are coming from, but I think we underestimate the youth.

If people have already decided to walk down the dark alley which is heroin use, then their decision is not based on the availability of a clean needle. Providing a clean needle is unlikely to make anyone start using drugs, or use more drugs.

What needle exchange programs do is protect the rest of us from AIDS. By lessening the risk of spreading the plague of the '90s, we are also lessening our chances of getting the disease.

Davis, and those supporting his stance, are living in a dream world. They think that by denying drug users clean needles, they are somehow going to end drug use.

While I don't think that drugs, especially harder ones like heroin, are something everyone should indulge in, we must be realistic about how we treat them.

People will use drugs no matter what the government says. The failed multi-billion dollar drug war has proven that.

What we should do is accept people's personal habits and try to make them as safe for the rest of us as possible.

Jeremiah Oshan is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Prophecies" will appear every Tuesday.



Of hate crimes and political snorting

Normally I don't like to mix thoughts in my column, but I've collected several burrs in my saddle over the summer and I need to unburden myself of them.

First, hate crimes and the idiots who perpetrate them.

After spending a glorious summer up in beautiful Redding where only my sarcasm drips more than the perspiration from the ungodly heat, I have come to a conclusion: being an agnostic is not so bad after all.

As a recovering Catholic, I used to wonder if there was something I was overlooking, if there really is one true God and a message that I was somehow missing. Not anymore.

After following the exploits of the pathetically idiotic Williams brothers — no relation, trust me on that — I have come to believe that religion, while not a bad thing, is a dangerous thing in the hands of stupid individuals.

For those not up to speed, the Williams brothers are accused of not only burning down three Sacramento synagogues, but killing a gay Redding couple.

The brothers not only have ties to Christian movements, but also the center of White Supremacy in America — Idaho.

To prove just how dangerous righteous and just ideas can be in the hands of idiots, the Williams' allegedly killed Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder, stole Matson's car and were picked up by police while trying to buy ammunition — while wearing bullet-proof vests — with Matson's stolen credit card.

But hey, they were only doing God's work, because God hates gays, right?

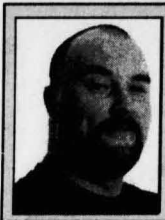
And as for the synagogues, we all know that Jews are evil, don't we? After all, if you believe the White Supremacist/Christian rhetoric aren't they responsible for the decline of Western Civilization?

Please. I find it interesting that throughout history people have fought, killed and died in the name of God.

Talk about things that make you go Hmmm.

Here's an idea: Practice your beliefs and leave everyone else alone. After all, religions are all the same thing, just with different names.

Secondly, while I can't stand the thought of having another Bush in the White House, I have to come to his defense regarding the whole "Did I snort coke?"



MR. BAD EXAMPLE

Aaron Williams

issue. Bottom line ... who fucking cares?

We already have someone in office who makes Austin Powers look like a Eunuch and we're worried about the fact that George W. snorted a little magic dust. When he was in his 20s, no less.

I realize that the issue of character will always arise, but what's more important, the fact that Clinton boinked a fat intern or that the economy is riding a tidal wave of good fortune?

Let's face it, the ideals of holding our leaders up to a higher moral standard died with John Kennedy. The changes of the '60s and Woodward and Bernstein's outing of what a crook Nixon was all but blasted the notion into oblivion.

Having an honest, stand up person is admirable, but when in the last 30 years has the American public had an opportunity to elect one?

Right. Holding someone to their behavior when they were 20 years old also seems a bit hypocritical.

How many of you have woken up and didn't know where you were and who you were with?

That's what I thought. Last time I looked at the Constitution, all it said about becoming president was that you had to be 35 years of age, a natural citizen and have no felony convictions.

There was no morals clause. You aren't precluded if you have sex with your interns. You aren't precluded if you sampled da kind or hoovered some booger sugar. You aren't precluded even if you are made of wood. Right Al Gore?

I also find it ironic that America still wants to hold these individuals up for public scrutiny when most of us have been as — if not more — morally corrupt than the candidates we set up to shoot down.

Did Bush powder his nose when he was 20?

Don't know, don't care.

Do I believe in his ideological philosophies for running the country?

Hell, no. That's why I won't vote for him, not because he lined up one night at Studio 54.

Aaron Williams is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. "Mr. Bad Example" will appear every Tuesday.

Divorced dads not always the deadbeat parent

I'm fed up with hearing the stereotype that divorced men are deadbeat dads. My fiancé is a father of two from a previous marriage. His sons, 5 and 7, came to stay a week with us over the summer and I was appalled by some of the things they told us.

The boys' daily routine consists of going to day-care in the morning, and staying there until six or seven at night — regardless of whether their mother is off work early — coming home to play outside for an hour with their friends, having a dinner of fast food, macaroni and cheese or corn dogs, getting a bath and going to bed.

They don't eat well-balanced meals, the only par-



Charmain Smith

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ent/child interaction they receive is at meals and bath times and they'd rather fall asleep to the mechanical babysitter — a.k.a. television — than have a story read to them.

I realize single parenting is difficult, but how hard can it really be to make sure some vegetables are served with dinner, milk instead of water is offered with meals, and at least an hour is set aside each night to work on school assignments, read or play with your children? I believe there are some moms that deserve the deadbeat title far more than the dads.

Kathleen Parker, a columnist for *The Denver Post*, noted, "One can only conclude, judging from the news, that men are mean, small-minded, violent and stupid. Men ... are fast replacing women as victims of negative messages. They're deadbeat dads. They're wife beaters. They're child abusers."

Bad publicity such as this has stemmed from poor data collection — especially concerning child support payments.

In an on-line Canadian newspaper, *The Mississauga News*, Reinhold Knauss, a divorced dad, said on the surface the system seems fair but it is not. Knauss hasn't seen his daughter in two years and blames this on the fact that dads have to rely on the goodwill of the woman they're divorced from to see their children. Knauss said in 95 percent of cases the mother gets custody of the children, the father pays child support and access to the children by the father is dependent on the mother.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 50 percent of children receive the full amount of support to which they are entitled, while 25 percent receive only part of what they are owed, and 25 percent receive nothing at all.

Stanford L. Braver, Ph.D., author of *Divorced Dads*, said, "Virtually all the researchers who arrived at the conclusion that fathers are overwhelmingly not paying child support used only one source of data in arriving at their findings: the custodial mothers."

From a personal standpoint, I can see how this information can be skewed. My fiancé repeatedly receives phone calls from his ex-wife accusing him of not making a payment. Luckily he saves all deposit slips, receipts and bank statements to prove otherwise.

It's time we give dads a break. I'm not saying all divorced dads don't fit the deadbeat description, but I think those that do are the exception not the rule.

Charmain Smith is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Spare the Air Day message falls on deaf ears at San Jose State University

Yet another Spare the Air Day has come and gone. Didn't notice? Neither did anyone else, apparently.

It is unfortunate, at a school the size of San Jose State University, that faculty, staff and students choose to drive on overcrowded freeways only to park in overcrowded garages despite warnings about poor air quality.

Admittedly, riding a bus in San Jose isn't a walk among the butterflies. Long waits and even longer trips, frequently detouring through neighboring states on their way to SJSU, make public transportation inconvenient for students who live and work outside the downtown area.

Students and staff who work after dark usually find the short walk to the relative safety of their car preferable to a shivering, half-hour vigil at a bus stop on Santa Clara Street.

However, breathing clean air should also be a priority for people in the Silicon Valley.

Turning a blind eye to the problems of air pollution, especially on a Spare the Air Day, only ensures the problem will continue to be swept under the tires.

Never mind that SJSU students pay for a semester-long bus pass with their student fees, allowing them to ride anywhere in the valley for no additional charge.

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Never mind that San Jose offers a free downtown shuttle, a widespread bus network and a light rail system.

And definitely don't pay any attention to the fact that poor air quality has a serious impact on the health of residents of everyone in Silicon Valley — including SJSU students, staff and faculty.

Asthmatics will only wheeze a little more and children will only suffer from more respiratory infections, while inhaling

carcinogenic chemicals into their growing bodies. It is just one more layer of zit-causing toxic grime seeping into the pores and bloodstreams of valley residents.

It is nothing more than inhaling a pack of cigarettes, then rolling in the ashtray. Heck, it is only our health.

While everyone seems to be aware of the causes of poor air quality, and the short- and long-term dangers of living in a polluted environment, few want to take steps toward solving the problem.

Don't drive your car to SJSU when there are air quality warnings. Instead of jumping in your carbon-coughing car, ride a bus, bike, skateboard or pogo stick.

If you must drive, try car pooling with other students or staff to cut down on the number of cars on the road. Besides, then you can use the carpool lane and cut your travel time by a factor of 10 during rush hour.

Unfortunately, using public transportation is an inconvenience in San Jose. Unlike San Francisco or Washington, D.C., the airy layout of the Silicon Valley is not conducive to a truly effective bus or rail system.

But for just a few days a year — Spare the Air Days — consider the inconvenience of a longer ride to SJSU compared to gasping for air through layers of smog.

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Today

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass held at 12:10 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Chapel, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Father Robert Barry at 938-1610.

Clark Library

Grand opening of library donations and book sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clark Library, room 408. For more information, call the acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Women's Basketball

Sign up to try out for the team through next Wednesday. For more information, call Lisa Rathbun at 924-1227.

Sigma Pi Fraternity

Rush event: The Edge nightclub in Palo Alto. Meet at Sigma Pi, 182 S. 10th St. at 8 p.m. For more information, call Bill or John at 287-6012 or 279-5146.

Panhellenic Sororities

Pizza Chicago at the rush tables from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Seventh Street plaza. For more information, call Stacey Voorhees at 557-0812.

International Relations Association

General meeting — everyone welcome — at 3 p.m. in the Constonoan room, Student Union. For more information, call Karim Kahwaji at 379-4950.

Sigma Theta Psi

Multicultural sorority informational rush meeting. Come learn about the organization and meet the members. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Sigma Theta Psi house, 164 S. 10th St. For more information, call Cecilia at 924-8347 or Veronica at 280-7705.

Tau Delta Phi

Delta meeting at 6 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, call John at 445-5440.

Wednesday

Student Life Center

Welcome Day '99 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the art quad and the Seventh and Ninth street plazas. Ice cream social from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the art quad. For more information, call Melanie Esquivel at 924-5955.

Student Life Center

Welcome Day '99 with KSJS per-

formers from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union amphitheater. For more information, call Melanie Esquivel at 924-5955.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

Welcome back meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room, Student Union. For more information, call Eli at (510) 770-1903.

Sigma Pi Fraternity

Rush event: Miniature golf at 7 p.m. Meet at Sigma Pi, 182 S. 10th St. For more information, call Bill or John at 287-6012.

Mosaic

SJSU's multicultural center welcome back with highlights of the Sundance Film Festival award-winning film, "Three Seasons," and dialogue with director Tony Bui following the film. Film and dialogue from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Loma Prieta Room, Student Union. Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Mosaic, third floor of the Student Union. For more information, call Raji Pannu at 924-6255 or Mai-Le Ho at 924-2575.

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SJSU Cycling Team

First meeting of the semester at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room, Student Union. For more information, call Chris Corpora at 972-8306.

SJSU Ballroom Dance Club

Beginning and advanced waltz lesson followed by open dancing. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Spartan Complex East, room 89. For more information, call Michelle Lehne at 260-8187.

Re-entry advisory program

Welcome to SJSU party and brown bag lunch from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco Room, Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Catholic Bible study: The introduction to the Gospel of St. Matthew. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Father Bob Barry at 938-1610.

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tions and book sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clark Library, room 408. For more information, call the Acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Thursday

Sigma Pi Fraternity

Barbecue at 7 p.m. at Sigma Pi, 182 S. 10th St. For more information, call Bill or John at 287-6012.

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity

Broomball — ice hockey with a broom — and pizza provided by Pizza Chicago. Meet at 10 p.m. at Beta Theta Pi, 282 S. 10th St. For more information, call Gary Vecchiorelli at 506-2395.

Sigma Theta Psi

Multicultural sorority rush event: Ice cream night. Come meet members and enjoy free ice cream. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Event Center fountain. For more information, call Cecilia at 924-8347 or Veronica at 280-7705.

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AIESEC
Information session for the International association of students in business and economics. Meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room, Student Union. For more information, call Carla at 293-2244.

Friday

Sigma Pi Fraternity

Rush event: Q-Zar laser tag. Time to be announced. For more information, call Bill or John at 287-6012.

Career Center

Co-op workshop from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. in building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

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Co-op resumé critique from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

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Letters

March of technology inevitable Staff access to parking improved

Regarding the forum topic of Aug. 25, 1999 — good topic! I look forward to more of the same. Let me begin by indicating that my sympathies are with Melissa Matchak. I think her argument is well stated and I hope folks will heed what she says. However, I have the feeling she is swimming upstream. Facts on the ground will overtake any moral lessons she gives us. The march of technology seems inevitable and is largely based on something else we all value: freedom. The freedom of choosing a sex for our children will be seen as just another freedom we think of as an inalienable right. Indeed, we don't

undoubtedly some of us don't even like it that Microsoft is the only technology that gives us these choices.

But, as the great philosopher Jean Baudrillard tells us, there is something else that is the result of the march of technology, something ominous. Technology replaces our very anthropology. Because technology only bears upon our preoccupation with ourselves, the Other in us evaporates. As technology erases intentionality, we discover that humanity itself is the biggest casualty.

Jim Dix

Grad student, philosophy

Let us congratulate the University Police and parking authorities for developing creative solutions to the parking problems that have traditionally afflicted the beginning of each semester at San Jose State University.

Offering free parking at South Campus during the first two weeks of classes has apparently diverted sufficient cars away from the garages to avoid the traffic backup that normally clogged not only the streets around campus, but even the exit lanes from Route 280.

Allowing faculty and staff to use the San Salvador ramp into the Seventh Street garage has doubled the entry points into that facility during the busy morning hours.

But best of all, the postcard mailed to our homes alerted us to these options and permitted our plotting the most efficient way to a parking spot.


In the 31 years I have been on campus, Fall 1999 has provided the easiest access to parking. I can only hope that these changes will continue in future semesters.

In the meantime, those individuals who developed such creative and imaginative solutions to a long-term, seemingly insoluble problem deserve to be recognized and appreciated.

Arlene N. Okerlund
Professor of English


Transportation Solutions Program

avoid the stresses of driving in circles and traffic backup

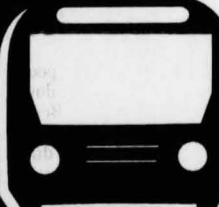


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SJSU Carpool

share driving costs
make new friends
preferred parking at 7th street garage
match lists with SJSU students, faculty, and staff

Traffic and Parking Operations

Park and Ride Lot

located at South 7th & Humboldt Street

FREE Parking from Aug 25-Sept 10 at the Park and Ride Lot
FREE Shuttle service beginning at 6 am
after Sept 10th parking is \$1 per day
Look for possible student curbside parking around
University perimeter later in semester

SJSU faculty and staff may enter 7th Street Garage
via E. San Salvador ramp from 7am-10:30am
during first two weeks of semester


for further info call TPO at 408.924.6556 or
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San Jose State University

Sororities get 'jiggy'

Panhellenic Council brings in 94.9 for get-to-know BBQ

By Liz Cloutman
Daily staff writer

The Panhellenic Council offered female San Jose State University students a free pizza lunch, rock music and the opportunity to sign up for sorority rush, which begins next week. The sign up was held Monday at the barbecue pit off the Seventh Street plaza.

Representatives from the five sororities that make up the Panhellenic Council — Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta and Kappa Delta — were present at the event to answer questions about rush and sorority life.

Jenny Ho, a San Jose freshman, took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions.

"I had to find out more," Ho said. "I want to find out what I'm getting into before I decide to join."

Panhellenic Council President Heather Cook said she thought the sign up was successful.

"I think the event went well," Cook said. "We answered a lot of questions. People got the opportunity to learn about each sorority."

Theresa Higgins, a junior and the Delta Zeta secretary, said she thought the sign-up was also a good opportunity for students to

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— Jenny Ho
SJSU freshman
on why she went to the barbecue

see the unity of the different sororities.

"It's really good for all the sororities to be here together to let people know we're all friends," said Higgins.

Disc jockey Rynell Williams, from radio station WILD (94.9 FM) provided event music.

KYLD, which came at the request of the Panhellenic Council, regularly provides music and deejays at no cost for Bay Area school and campus special events as a promotional device for the station.

"Anything that's community and school — with no hesitation, we say yes," Williams said. "We like to take care of our listeners. With our No. 1 ratings, we can't do anything but give back the love."

Cook said she thought the music helped promote the sign-up.

"The music brought attention to what was going on," said Cook. "It helped make students aware of the sign up."

Also present was Stacey

Voorhees, vice president of rush for the Panhellenic Council, who was responsible for organizing the rush week program.

"We're really hoping that women will take advantage of the benefits of belonging to a sorority," said Voorhees, a senior majoring in public relations. "There are so many benefits: getting involved on campus and in the community, academic tutoring, developing a network for future careers."

Voorhees said she believed the greatest benefit to belonging to a sorority was gaining friends for a lifetime.

"It's evident when sorority alumnae return to campus," said Voorhees. "They're still very close."

Rush week begins with an orientation and sorority forum from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 8 in the Loma Prieta Ballroom in the Student Union.

Interested students should call the Student Life Center at (408) 924-5950 for further information.

Rush

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SJSU is the home of 16 sororities, 21 fraternities and 10 coed fraternities, according to the Student Life Center's registration list from last semester.

The rush process and requirements vary from one organization to the next, mostly depending on the type of fraternity or sorority.

"There are three types of fraternities and sororities — professional, social, and honor society," said Dax Legaspi of Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity for men and women.

Legaspi said professional fraternities focus on leadership, scholarship and professionalism.

Social fraternities and sororities usually choose a focus, such as Asian awareness, according to Sheryl Calimquim of Sigma Omicron Pi, one such sorority.

Fraternities and sororities also belong to different national organizations, according to Maria Rodrigues of the Student Life Center.

The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils govern some of San Jose State's national

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of Delta Sigma Pi

The Panhellenic Council sororities at SJSU include Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta and Kappa Delta.

To rush a Panhellenic sorority participants must complete a recruitment registration form and turn it into the Student Life Center with a \$30 check made payable to SJSU Panhellenic, the center reported.

Rush for the Interfraternity Council fraternities, which include Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi, started Thursday and is scheduled through Sept. 10.

A recruitment registration form is also required to rush the Interfraternity Council fraternities, but there is no recruitment fee.

Information on fraternities and sororities that are not part of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils can be obtained at the Student Life Center.

fraternities and sororities, while other fraternities and sororities are local to the Bay Area or California, Rodrigues said.

Rush activities such as go-karting and laser tag are scheduled for next week. The Panhellenic sororities will not begin their rush until September, according to information from the Student Life Center.



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Resignation

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come here," Barnes said. And what of the possibility of leaving after one or two seasons for bigger and better things?

"I don't foresee that. I'm thinking long-term," said Barnes, a father of two, who has extensive ties in California.

"I think the California tie is important," Bell said. "Ames (Iowa) is a long way away."

Barnes is no stranger to Bell — or Johnson, for that matter. He was an assistant coach at Utah State when Bell was the A.D. there. Johnson and Barnes are connected through Floyd and former Utah State — and current Iowa State head coach — Larry Eustachy.

"With (Chuck) Bell there is a coaching fraternity and a coaching family, and Steve Barnes is in that family," Johnson said.

"We had no idea. We thought it was a welcome back meeting. When he told us of the offer by the Bulls, it shocked a lot of guys."

— Ben Sanders
one of three returning men's basketball team players on head coach Phil Johnson's resignation

Barnes said he had heard rumors about Johnson and the Bulls, but didn't take anything too seriously until Bell called Aug. 23 and asked if he'd be interested.

"I think this is probably the most exciting day," Barnes said. "It's like getting married, and if that works out as good as my 16-year marriage, things will be OK." Barnes acknowledged the tim-

ing of the moves, and said the next few weeks will be an adjustment period for both he and the team. "It will take some time to get a feel (for each other)," Barnes said.

Both Barnes and Johnson met with the team Friday morning to tell them personally.

"We had no idea," forward Ben Sanders said. "We thought it was a welcome back meeting. When he

told us of the offer by the Bulls, it shocked a lot of guys. I think the new recruits took it a lot harder than the seniors."

Sanders said he understands that Johnson's move is the nature of the business.

"I like the way (Bell) did it," he said. "Instead of searching and getting behind, they have a coach who steps in and knows coach's (Johnson's) philosophy."

Bell said he and SJSU President Robert Caret felt it vital to name a new coach in order for the program to have a chance to build on the successes of last year.

"It's rare that San Jose State feels it's this important to make an expedient move for its students," Bell said. "We didn't want to abandon (our players) in a search that could take two, three or four weeks just six weeks before the start of practice."

Raiders fade in loss

OAKLAND (AP) — It was taken as seriously as an exhibition game can be, at least by the Oakland Raiders and their fans.

Given a chance to show their stuff against San Francisco, their more glamorous and successful cross-bay rival, the Raiders couldn't prevent second-half scoring passes by Jim Druckenmiller and Jeff Garcia in a 16-8 loss to the 49ers on Monday night.

Billed as the Battle of the Bay, the game produced the Raiders' first sellout in two

years, allowing a home game to be shown on television locally for the first time since the 1997 regular-season opener against Kansas City.

It was the first meeting between the teams since the Raiders returned to Oakland in 1995, ending a 13-year stay in Los Angeles, and marked San Francisco's first appearance in Oakland since 1981. But the game went beyond hype for the players, seeking to make one more impression in a bid for jobs before Tuesday's league-wide cutdown to 65 players.

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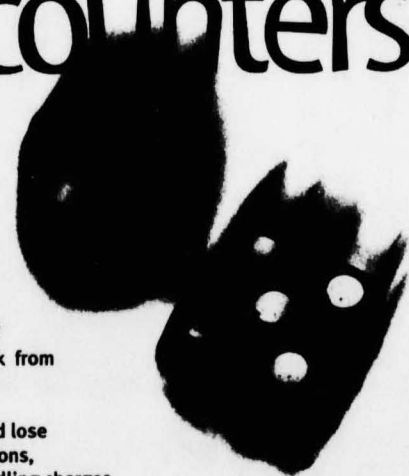
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Recruits hurt most by coach's move

Players came from far, wide to play for SJSU, will face uncertainty

Maybe they just woke up, maybe they weren't excited about their fall class schedules, but the looks on the faces of the eight or so recruits at Friday's press conference told a different story than the one being spun at the podium.

The looks, at the very least, seemed to say indifference and, at the most, disgust at their now ex-head coach's departure to the Chicago Bulls.

But no matter how you interpreted the looks, no one will claim that the basketball recruits looked excited about the prospects of starting a new season, in a new town, at a new school, with players they have never played with and for a coach they had just met that morning — just over six weeks prior to the team's first practice.

While San Jose State University's president and athletic director — Robert

Caret and Chuck Bell — were talking about how Johnson's leaving was a good thing and how it spoke volumes about the high quality of SJSU's athletic department, the recruits were probably second-guessing their decision to become Spartans.

We can, of course, only guess about that since only one player — Ben Sanders — was made available to the media for comment.

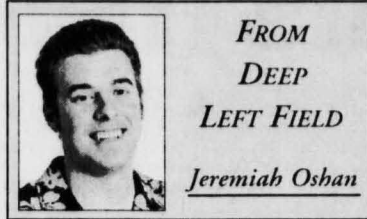
But what he said seems to support my assumption.

"It shocked a lot of us," said Sanders, who is one of three returning players from last year's 12-16 squad. "The younger guys felt a little abandoned. But nobody got too upset. Nobody's ready to abandon ship yet."

The "yet" part is intriguing. While none of the 10 new players, from as far away as Illinois, are packing their bags as they speak, some of them may feel differently once the season is over.

Chances are Johnson did not warn any of his recruits that his return was anything less than certain.

These guys had no idea what they



FROM DEEP LEFT FIELD
Jeremiah Oshan

were getting into. They thought they were coming to play for one of the up-and-coming programs and coaches in the country. While that may still be true, there could be some hurt feelings if playing time or role-playing promises are never fulfilled.

Assistant coach Gary Patterson, who helped recruit the current players and was the only hold-over from Stan Morrison's staff, disagrees.

"In athletics there's always people who play and those who don't," he said. "These guys understand that. Coach (Steve) Barnes is fair. He'll play the people who deserve to play."

While what he is saying surely does

have some truth to it, one must look at the situation realistically.

Every one of these guys was either the star or one of the stars on Barnes' team last year. It is then fair to assume that these guys are used to playing most, if not all, of the game. They are competitive and want to play as much as possible. When they find themselves getting more splinters than minutes, Barnes will likely become the object of their frustration. This might result in their leaving the program all together.

Something similar actually happened to me last semester. I added a class mainly because I liked the teacher. About six weeks later, he told us that he had been offered a job in Sacramento and that he intended to take it.

Most of the students, including me, understood his decision but were nevertheless at least a little upset.

Much like the basketball recruits, we had been misled when we signed on. The players probably have come to understand that college basketball is a business and have accepted Johnson's decision. That doesn't mean they like it.

This is the best recruiting class in SJSU's recent history and as a result drew players from all over the country. While everyone involved would like you to believe that Johnson was not the only reason the recruits chose SJSU, he no doubt played probably the biggest part of their decision to come here.

From the look of things, the casual Spartan basketball fan won't notice much of a difference between last year's and this year's teams. Both coaches preach defense, rebounding and hard work. They come from almost identical coaching backgrounds — from the same "family" in fact — and have similar dispositions.

In five years, maybe Phil Johnson's departure will just be a mere footnote in the annals of Spartan basketball. Maybe every one of the recruits will learn to love Barnes as he leads SJSU to numerous WAC championships.

But for right now, one has to feel for a bunch of guys duped into playing for a coach they never got to know.

Jeremiah Oshan is the Spartan Daily executive editor. His column "From Deep Left Field" will appear from time to time.

Coach

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although they were called top candidates by Bell, they were not treated that way.

"We were both in and out of there," Burton said in the April article. "It seemed like a token interview and like it was set up to look like we were top candidates."

Carr got the same impression. He said, in the article, he found the whole process degrading.

While Carr was not announced as a top candidate for the current position, he had no comment on whether his complaints over the last process eliminated him from the running.

According to Bell, he had a list of four or five possible replacements for Johnson and there were a number of little factors that narrowed it down to Barnes. Bell declined to name the other candidates because he said he didn't want to make them uncomfortable.

He said he looked to a "coaching family" for people he would feel comfortable hiring. That family includes a group of coaches that either know each other from working together or are familiar with each others' coaching style.

"The candidates we looked at were some of the ones from that coaching family," he said. "We pretty much stayed in that group."

Burton could not be reached.

WAC may get a little smaller

ESPN.com is reporting that Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University are going to announce their intention to leave the Western Athletic Conference for Conference-USA.

SMU President Gerald Turner denied any knowledge of such a move.

"We're in the WAC and things are fine," he said.

The WAC has been in a seemingly constant state of change ever since eight schools broke off to form the Mountain West Conference.

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'Forever' falls flat

Puff Daddy serves up a series of rap clichés on new CD

By Mike Osegueda
Daily staff writer

In hip-hop music, the building block for longevity is creativity.

Love him or hate him, no one has ever accused Sean "Puffy" Combs of being creative. His new album "Forever" is further evidence to support that idea, and proves that with his current style he will not be around long enough to achieve the longevity that most artists dream of.

Puff Daddy's debut album, "No Way Out," launched his empire, Bad Boy Records, and with his sidekick Mase and an arsenal of artists, Puffy attacked the rap world with his borderline plagiarism of '80s hits and elementary lyrics.

Times have changed for Puff, though; his list of artists is constantly depleting. Mase has retired from the rap game; the Lox no longer are affiliated with the label; Total works more with outside producers than Puffy; and of course Notorious B.I.G. was murdered.

This leaves Puff as almost the last man standing, and "Forever" may just be the piece of music that knocks him down and puts the final nail in the coffin of his Bad Boy empire.

Upon first listen to "Forever," it becomes evident that Puffy is a living, breathing contradiction of himself. Puffy opens the album with an introduction, talking about how much he loves God, yet his album is filled with his threats of murder and crime. He also claims to love hip-hop, but continually breaks the No. 1 rule of the culture: no biting other people's music.

By now most people are famil-

iar with what Puffy did to the Police's "Every Breath You Take" and how he twisted Diana Ross' "I'm Coming Out." On "Forever" he hasn't changed his ways.

"What You Want" opens the album and the first words out of Puffy's mouth are ripped off from Run-DMC: "I am the crush-grooving, the body-moving, the record-breaking and the record-making."

Puff doesn't stop there. "Satisfy You" features R Kelly, uses the same beat that the Luniz made famous on their anthem "I Got 5 On It," and proves that Combs can steal contemporary songs as well as songs from 20 years ago.

As much as it hurts to see Puffy take other people's work and alter it, the worst of all is his first single, "PE2000." He robs Public Enemy of one of its classic songs, and turns "Public Enemy No. 1" into a song about how everyone is 'hatin' on him.

It is not just Puff Daddy's lack of artistic ethics that brings down "Forever," it can also be attributed to his failure to establish a particular sound as he did on "No Way Out." Puffy had a strong fanbase with the masses of pop fans who liked to wiggle their behinds to his radio and club aimed hip-hop. This time around, Puff only has a few songs on his album that will appeal to those fans.

"I'll Do This For You" is the one of his signature pop songs, which leaves a lot to be desired in the

lyrics department but will still go over well with the commercial radio crowd. "Satisfy You" should do well with the familiar Luniz beat and also profits from R Kelly's namesake. The third of the radio geared songs is "Do You Like It . . . Do You Want It . . ." which is driven by a guest appearance from Marcy's finest, Jay-Z. Puff and Jigga exchange the usual materialistic rhymes that both are known for.

After those three, the well runs dry for Puffy. The rest of the album finds him trying to catch up with the changes the rap industry has seen since his last effort. The hip-hop world has seen the emergence of the "thugged-out" East Coast scene recently, and leaders DMX, Nas, Jay-Z and Ja Rule have brought a new sound to it. "Forever" finds Puffy trying to hop on the bandwagon, but he looks like two 13-year-old kids with their clothes on backwards — he missed the bus.

On songs like "Gangsta Sh't," "Journey Through The Life" and "Reverse" we hear Puffy's new persona, the wanna-be thug. On "Pain" he says, "there's six million ways to die and you chose me / but I'm an O.G." He also tells stories of how he puts guns into peoples' mouths and so on. But, for some reason he left out the part about being a backup dancer for Heavy D and making his name by dancing around in shiny suits.

The one place where the album could pick up is with the help of his guest appearances. The lineup seems impressive: Jay Z, Lil Kim, Nas, Busta Rhymes, Redman, Bizzy Bone and his late friend Biggie.

In the end, Puffy's wild card ends up being a joker and most of his guests either overshadow him or just do not work.

"Is This The End" finds Puffy paired himself with Chicago's rapid-firing Twista. Although he does get some credit for trying, Puff sounds absolutely ridiculous trying to adapt to Twista's quick delivery. On "Reverse," Puff raps first, and by the time the big boys like Redman, Busta Rhymes and Cee-Lo come to play, no one remembers that it's a Puff Daddy song.

Then there is "Fake Thugs Dedication," which could have been a good song, as Puff paired himself with Redman again. However, Redman only appears on the hook and leaves Puff alone on the mic, which is certain disaster.

"Forever" is not an aptly titled album because as Puff Daddy makes evident, he won't last forever with his remedial rhymes and recycled concepts. If he ever wants to sample a classic hip-hop song again, he should try OC's "Time's Up" because it describes Puff's 15 minutes of fame.



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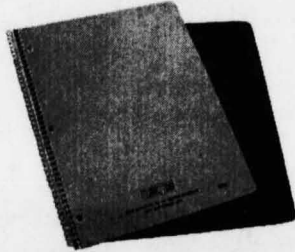
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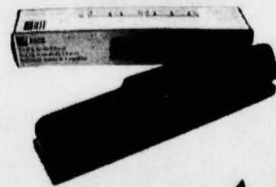
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