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Thunder, lightning rock San Jose

Storm gives light show of the decade

By Franklin Leiva
Daily senior staff writer

Michelle de la Cruz, a San Jose State University sophomore, thought last night's storm signaled the end of the world.

"Since it was Sept. 9, 1999 (9/9/99), I got scared about all the talk of the end of the world," de la Cruz said. "Since it came out of nowhere I thought that was the beginning of the end of the world, but maybe it was just a coincidence."

It wasn't quite the end of the world, but the unexpected storm stunned Bay Area residents, including a lot of SJSU students.

Mike Voss, a SJSU instructor of meteorology, said a unique weather phenomenon occurred simply because weather systems in the Bay Area connected in the right place at the right time.

"The weak upper-level system off the coast helped to draw up tropical moisture from Hurricane Greg," Voss said. "This helped to destabilize the atmosphere that produced the storm."

The unlikely event produced one of the few major thunderstorms in the Bay Area in over 20 years, Voss said.

Some SJSU students were caught off guard by the unusual weather pattern.

Lan Nguyen, a SJSU business major, was caught out in the rain and lightning on campus.

"I was waiting for my husband, out in the open, to pick me up from school about 9 p.m. last night," Nguyen said. "I was very frightened and surprised about the whole thing."

Junior Marco Antonio Diaz said he was studying at the library with his friends when the storm hit.

"My friends were really scared



Chad Pilster / Spartan Daily

Lightning strikes Wednesday night over Capitol Expressway in South San Jose. The lightning was the result of Hurricane Greg. This was the worst lightning storm in San Jose in 20 years according to Mike Voss, a San Jose State University instructor of meteorology.

of the thunder and they were asking me if we should all go home," Diaz said. "The scariest thing of all was that it was summer, and this is not supposed to happen."

Not everyone was scared of the storm, though.

Child development major Susan Noda said she actually enjoyed the whole thing.

"It was great," Noda said. "I just sat outside to admire the light show."

Although it's not a cause of concern, Voss said that lightning

causes more deaths than any other weather phenomenon.

"Over 100 people get killed by lightning every year," Voss said.

Voss said it's safest to be

indoors during a thunderstorm. If people are outside, they should avoid standing near tall objects such as trees and telephone poles that could ignite charges.



Glenn Fuentes / Spartan Daily

Ten-year-old Joshua Uribe plays a video game on the Sega Dreamcast Wednesday night at Software Etc. on Stevens Creek Boulevard for the premiere of the the video game console.

Electric premiere for Dreamcast

By Lance Analla
Daily staff writer

Electricity and excitement were literally in the air Wednesday night on Stevens Creek Boulevard. Hundreds of people braved the thunder and lightning to wait in line outside of Software Etc. to purchase the new Sega Dreamcast system.

Andrew Pasquinelli, a kinesiology major at San Jose State University who was taking a break while his friends held his place in line, was surprised to see that so many people showed up.

"There's a lot of people here. It's not what I expected," he said.

Jen Walker, a executive for Access public relations for Sega, said the company planned to launch the Dreamcast at two other locations in the United States — Minneapolis and Atlanta.

Sega expects a record 300,000 pre-orders, shattering the previous record of 100,000 set by the Sony Play Station in 1995, Walker said. The company also anticipates the biggest 24-hour sales period in the history of the entertainment industry, topping out between \$60 and \$80 million.

It is set to surpass the old record set by "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace," which earned \$28 million in one day.

Sarah Scheppe, an English major at SJSU who was keeping a friend company in line to purchase the Dreamcast, also made a comparison between Star Wars and the system.

"This is wild. It's like the line for the premiere of Star Wars," Scheppe said.

Verne Troyer, who played Mini Me in the comedy hit "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged

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Brittle bones get aid

By Liz Cloutman
Daily staff writer

May Wang, an assistant professor of nutrition and food science at San Jose State University, was awarded a \$120,000 grant from the Osteoporosis Business Coalition to study bone health in young Asian women and Latinas.

"We're very proud that Dr. Wang received the grant," said Lucy McProud, chair of the nutrition and food science department. "She is involving our students in the project so it's also very good for us. We look forward to reading the results (of the study) in a professional publication."

The Osteoporosis Business Coalition grants \$500,000 annually to fund community education and scientific research on osteoporosis in minority women. It was founded by the National Osteoporosis Foundation and Federal National Mortgage Association, known as Fannie Mae, and has 15 corporations as members.

The grant is being used for the Latina and Asian Bone Health Study, a col-

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Renovations eliminate 600 parking spots

By Christina Lucarotti
Daily staff writer

Frankie Lopez is frustrated — very frustrated.

In fact, Lopez, a sophomore majoring in history, is so frustrated he's willing to ride the bus for an hour and a half to get to school from Morgan Hill in order to avoid dealing with parking at San Jose

State University.

It would take him 45 minutes to drive.

"I don't think it's fair that even if you buy a parking permit, you're not guaranteed a parking spot every day," Lopez said.

If it seems like there are fewer parking spaces this semester, it's because there are.

SJSU has 600 fewer parking

spaces, said Sgt. John Laws, supervisor of Traffic and Parking Operations for the University Police Department.

Thirty thousand students, staff, faculty and visitors are on campus every week.

Parking spaces only number 6,200.

Construction is the current reason for parking shortages.

The first floor of the 10th Street garage has been closed and will be converted into offices for departments currently housed in Wahlquist.

Parking, located next to the corporation yard on the east side of campus, currently serves as home to modules while construction continues on the Business Tower.

When the construction there is complete, the modules will remain as offices for those displaced by the closure of Wahlquist until construction of the new library is finished, Laws said.

Lot 20, on Eighth Street between William and San Salvador streets, has been permanently closed for the building of a

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Sponsorship by Pepsi Cola a bad move for schools

Pepsi officials are a step closer to obtaining brand recognition with school children in the San Jose Unified School District.

In an agreement with San Jose Unified, Pepsi Cola could pay San Jose Unified up to \$995,000 over the next 10 years for exclusive rights to sell its product at district schools.

Aside from making thousands of dollars from a soda pop company, the schools are literally selling

Clarissa Aljentera

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themselves out for easy money.

Back in the 1980s when I was attending elementary school, we had fund-raising events such as bake sales, festivals and fashion shows.

How about schools making projects to sell or having parents sign up for volunteer hours to rebuild parts of the school or help in some other administrative aspect?

Perhaps if parents spent more time with their local schools, the school district wouldn't need outside sources such as Pepsi Cola for revenue.

Could it hurt parents to spend even a few hours at school being a part of their children's lives?

It seems more and more schools are relying on companies or retail establishments to save them from any unforeseen expenses, when funds from the city or state don't come through.

For example, when I attended Ohlone College, it was in the process of switching all soda products to Pepsi Cola, in exchange for some extra revenue and the company's name on the scoreboard.

The money earned from Pepsi Cola will be used for technology and to pay for athletic field maintenance, said Bill Erlendson, an administrator for the San Jose Unified School District. The idea was originally his.

According to Erlendson, the district has decided to accept the proposal, and now they need to come up with a contract to which school officials could adhere.

The school district's revenue from the machines will consist of 50 percent of soda sales and 55 percent of the water sales going back to the district.

Currently there are 125 machines in the district that will be replaced with Pepsi machines as soon as a contract can be reached.

In addition to the Pepsi machines in each school, the company logo will appear on each school's scoreboard. No additional machines will be added to the supply the schools already have.

Erlendson said for administrative purposes, dealing with one company will be easier than with the 15 drink manufacturers they have now such as Coca-Cola or 7UP.

Regardless of the lack of funds each school receives from the budget each July, they must not rely on selling themselves out for extra funding.

This teaches children that when in doubt, trade a little school space in for some soda money. Instead of Pepsi pouring its cash into traditional forms of advertising in magazines or on television it has opted to turn to local schools.

And instead of children earning money for sports or other activities, they too have learned money isn't found on trees but in soda machines.

Clarissa Aljentera is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



MIKE LUKOVICH/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

Public military school teaches life skills

Last month, the Chicago Military Academy opened up as the first public school in the United States run by the Army's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

What makes this special is the 150 youths in this inner-city Chicago school — a mix of high school kids including troubled youth, average boys and girls and a few gifted and talented subjects — are attending what used to be only available to the wealthy or for kids who were major brats or both.

And the aim of this school isn't to send students to be tomorrow's officers in the military, but to send them to college by use of military methods and educational practices.

The feeling in my throat: It's about time, but too bad we let the system fall apart to the point of bringing in the ass-kickers.

It's like civil unrest. When there's grumbling in a society, talking between the sides, compromising and basic police forces should suffice. But when that grumbling turns into a full scale riot or war — a sign that everything has collapsed — you bring in the military.

It pretty much tells me the public educational system, that about 100 years of tax dollars has funded, failed.

But that's the only negative I can find right now about this situation.

According to an executive within Chicago's public school system, students who participate in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs increase their grades by a half to a full grade.

According to school policy, discipline is expected and tardiness is not tolerated. The commandant of the school (a bit more respectful of a title than principal) said one late student was recorded for the first day and the girl who was tardy was "getting ... chewed out."

Military chew-outs are a hell of a lot different than visiting the principal's office.

The aim of the school is to teach general subjects, such as English, math, science and other college prep courses, as well as instill self-confidence, self-esteem and comradeship.

There's also military history, physical education, mandatory summer courses and two weeks of mili-



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D. S. Perez

tary camp.

Sounds grueling, but if it works as it's billed, handling a job, taking college courses and struggling to meet all the bills college students face won't be a big deal for these kids.

As criticized as the military is, it does have a good reputation for instilling a degree of self-discipline and procedural efficiency in work. Looking at

my dirty room and glancing at the hamburger that McDonald's screwed up again, we could use a little more of that.

Also, it's something I kind of envy. I went to a public high school where a continuous string of 'D's guaranteed graduation. I had enough pride not to take that route, but I'll admit that I often ditched school for a friend's house, a horse race or pool hall quite often. That led to me taking four years of community college and ending up here.

I figure if I had that kind of regimen drilled into me in high school, I'd be just coming out of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., or Michigan State University right about now, which is where I wanted to go anyway.

Having a military atmosphere will show what kids can do when they're motivated to the extreme — or show how lost they are.

Yeah, Chicago is a bit far away from here. It's half a country away and a hell of a lot different than the California scene and atmosphere. The school system might be different too.

But think about the impact on the nation's school system if this works out and kids start improving. Our generation won't have to save up to send our kids to some private school where we believe they are getting a better quality education.

Besides, with today's brats running around, not giving a damn about school and pointing to their crotches and exclaiming "Suck it!", I wouldn't mind a return to "Yes, sir!"

D.S. Perez is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. "Born Under A Bad Sign" will appear Fridays.

Paranoia about Y2K a waste of time and energy

People are nothing short of paranoid when it comes to the Y2K bug. "Survivalists" are stocking up on food, water and even building underground shelters for what some experts call the "disaster of the millennium."

"Y2K" or "year 2000" is a bug in computers that still use a two-digit year system. On Jan. 1, 2000, computers will recognize "00" not as the year 2000, but as the year 1900. This could cause them

Franklin Leiva

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to either shut down or generate incorrect data. Millions of files, such as birth records, credit information and Social Security numbers could be lost forever.

And you know what I'm going to do to prepare for it? Absolutely nothing.

People, especially students, depend on computers to run their everyday lives. From reading e-mail, working and typing that special term paper, computers represent an indispensable aid to the everyday student.

I personally think that's fine. Computers are helpful. Heck, I use one myself at work. I'd be a hypocrite if I told you computers aren't helpful. But when computers start to rule people's lives and dictate their behavior, that's where I draw the line.

There are tons of things you can do without a computer. How about going on a bike ride? Playing sports? Going out on a date? Reading a book? If you are doing some or all of these things on a computer, you may have a problem.

When the "apocalyptic" day comes, I plan to have some fun with people who are scared about the whole Y2K deal. I'll do cool stuff like shopping at supermarkets to watch nervous clerks try to remember their multiplication tables. I'll go tease the drive-through window workers at a bunch of fast food restaurants just to see how long it will take them to get my order right. I'll point and laugh at my friend Ken, who will be unable to see his favorite "cam-girl" undress on live-streaming video. Sorry fellas, a lot of you are just going to have to click on your own joysticks for a while.

I know this is a serious problem. So why am I making fun of it? I do it because it's not as bad as you think. Humanity has survived two world wars, horrible natural disasters, segregation, hunger and more horrible things than being unable to turn on your computer and listen to the computer-generated voice say, "you've got mail."

There is no replacement for human intelligence. The human race is as resourceful as can be. Christopher Columbus did not have a global positioning system but he still stumbled upon America.

Michaelangelo did not have a graphics design program, but he still painted the interior of the Sistine Chapel.

Thousands of important files could be lost. Millions of dollars could go down the drain. But is the world going to end? Hell, no. Life will go on. The new millennium will start and things will go back to normal in no time.

If for one would not complain if my grade point average suddenly disappeared from the school's admissions and records mainframe. Would you?

Franklin Leiva is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

Past drug use by politicians not a matter of national security or concern

LOS ANGELES — It's a tug-of-war. Should a presidential candidate's life history, such as Texas Gov. George W. Bush's rumored drug experimentation, be a matter of public scrutiny? I fear for our country if we answer yes.

Because privacy is the natural state of a candidate before seeking office, the burden of proof is clearly placed upon the shoulders of those who would seek to alter the status quo. What justification can we offer as a defense for the violation of one of America's most sacred rights? Certainly, knowledge itself is of little practical import. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge does not come close to meet-

ing the burden required for the infringement of such a fundamental principle of freedom.

Therefore, we must turn to a more practical application of the knowledge we might glean from invading a candidate's private life. "Safety" is the most obvious excuse that comes to mind. It is safety that has been at the root of the vast bulk of the statutory law that fills volume upon volume of our legal code. Safety is the war cry of those who slimmered the Bill of Rights to an anemic skeletal image of its former self.

The Fourth Amendment, for starters, has been carved like a Thanksgiving

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turkey by those who would protect us from drug traffickers. From canine cops to body-cavity searches, the law offers carte blanche to the men in blue who protect us from the vile drug peddler. So, if we apply the powerful rhetoric of the "safety first" crowd, we could formulate an argument to justify the disturbance of our candidate's private life. Allow me to try my hand at a couple syllogisms. Point

one — drugs are illegal. To engage in illegal activity is immoral. Therefore, anyone who uses drugs is immoral. Point two — drugs cause harm to brain cells. Harmed brain cells cause brain functions to be negatively affected. So, people with negatively affected brain functions are not fit to be president. Perhaps the strongest case to be made is in the concept of morality being embodied by strict adherence to legality. In other words, the first syllogism I offered. Still, this argument only carries weight with those who place weight in morality. I can't fault those who don't. For starters, the issue only seems to arise in the area of politics. Our lives are

essentially morality-free until a politician goes gunning for another politician. Second, consider that nearly everyone has their own individualized ideas of morality. One man's virtue is another man's sacrilege. By claiming that a candidate once held disregard for the laws of the same nation he now intends to lead, one almost has the makings of a solid case. Almost. Let's be honest, though. Doing drugs in college or during the '60s is not necessarily a declaration of treason. It is, rather, a celebration of youth. It's just a part of growing up in America. Let's not make it more than it is.

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LETTERS

Truths about Woodstock

The Woodstock summer of 1969 was the summer between my freshman and sophomore years at San Jose State University. Ms. Griser's comments ("Repeat After Me," Aug. 27) were quite insightful. However, I must point out one historical inaccuracy. While she was absolutely correct when she said there were no Game Boys then, she was absolutely incorrect when she said that we had no battery-operated dildos.

These stand-ins had been around for years, but were simply not as necessary for the ladies of that era as they are for the unfortunates of today.

If on any given evening then, a

young lady found the particular natural implement in her company not to be to her liking, she could (and would) move on to another before morning. She was driven, she was ruthless, she was a heat-seeking missile, knocking flat one target after another in her search for a "soul mate."

As Ms. Griser said in her opening line, some things can never be repeated, and I think that goes for some times as well. Those were very good times, and I miss them a lot.

— David Wilson
Business Accounting, 1972

Racist hiring policies

The rapid hiring of a replacement for the men's basketball coach and the secrecy of that process demonstrates how far this institution's athletic department remains from being an "equal opportunity employer."

As for the Spartan Daily's assertion that the "search" avoided any controversy, not true! Not true! The shabby treatment of local coaching legends, San Jose City College's Percy Carr and West Valley's Bob Burton remain an item of heated discussion throughout the local basketball scene. The failure to hire Percy Carr is especially distasteful since it demonstrates that black male coaches are still held to a different and unfair standard.

Percy Carr has taken his City College teams to the California State basketball finals six times, has a winning percentage of better than .750, has sent several players over the last 25 years to the NBA, Arizona University, Indiana University, and dozens of other Division I schools. What

has this new coach Barnes ever done except be well connected?

For Carr to be bypassed again while Chuck Bell openly admits that he turned to his "coaching family" is both an insult to the black and university communities, as well as probably being against all the equal opportunity laws in the books. For this style of racism to resurface on the very campus that was the focal point of the national struggle for the dignified treatment of black athletes and coaches in the late 1960s is shameful.

Did Tommie Smith, Lee Evans and John Carlos demonstrate and suffer for nothing? As a member of the black faculty and staff's committee on fair treatment of blacks in sports, our organization wishes to publicly express our profound displeasure with this sham process.

— Steven Millner
Professor African-American studies

Examine book options

I was reading over the Spartan Daily Thursday, Sept. 2, and the top headline was about online textbooks. Although it serves as a very informative article, the facts remain unclear about which is the better alternative.

Should students check their bags inside the tent, then wait in a never ending line? Or should they sit at home and surf on the Web hoping their books would arrive soon because they really need them right away, being that class has already begun.

Basically, I have personally been testing this online textbook phenomenon. The Roberts and Spartan bookstores of the world do not really need to worry about the online textbook sites. However, they do need to realize that these sites are their competitors, and paying for shipping or

tax is not the issue. The issue is price. Students want the cheapest book and they do not care where they get it.

From my personal test during this semester I have found that if you need a brand new book, order it online. Do not let shipping costs hold you back because many sites offer free shipping and no tax.

However, if there are used books available then use Roberts and the Spartan Bookstore as your resource. Online sites do not offer a good resource in purchasing used textbooks because they lack inventory. So good luck to everyone shopping for books. We all have our own ways and opinions on this issue.

— Sherman Hu
Marketing

Absolute couch-dwellers

Whereas Ms. Griser's attempts to address and solve the ubiquitous subject of "couch-dwellers" ("Repeat After Me," Sept. 1), are admonishable, one can easily become disturbed by the duality presented in her "Couch-Dweller Etiquette."

The concern is this: necessity. She states that if it is "absolutely unavoidable" — that is, having sex with the person the renter is seeing — be as considerate as possible. Again, you address unavoidability in the third section of your proposed etiquette.

It is this same loose use of the word "unavoidable" which one observes as the basis of pleas for mercy as a professor hands out tests. One can become indefinitely lost in thought trying to determine the extent at which sexual

relations are unavoidable, though still consensual — this being legal.

Perhaps it is this sort of non-sensical paradigm which is indicative of the poor excuses perpetrated by this duality, allowing both the renter and couch-dweller to become owners of yet another ruined relationship.

Instead of making excuses for inconsiderate and inappropriate behavior, a couch-dweller might find taking a cold shower a more prudent decision — or even more so, taking that saved time and unexpended energy to find a job or another place to live.

— Nathaniel B. Stoddard
Computer science

Sparta Guide

Today

Theatre Arts department

"Crimes of the Heart" at 7 p.m. in the Hal Todd studio theatre, Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, call Betsy Meyerson at 924-4555.

Mu Alpha Gamma

Magazine journalism club organizational meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 213. For more information, call Harvey Gotliffe at 924-3246.

Chinese Campus Fellowship

Movie day, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Almaden room, Student Union. For more information, call Amy at 298-4693.

Muslim Student Association

Friday prayer from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Constanooan room, Student Union. For more information, call Emal Numan at 971-8347.

Hong Kong Student Association

Welcome party — please join us for free food and games from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in council chambers, Student Union. For more information, call Vida Tsui at 997-9198.

Jewish Student Union — Hillel

Rosh Hashana services for the Jewish New Year at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Rd., Los Gatos. For more information, call Lindsay Greensweig at 358-3033 ext. 60.

Panhellenic Sororities

Formal rush through Tuesday. For more information, call 924-5950.

Korean Students Association

General meeting at 3 p.m. in the Constanooan room, Student Union. For more information, call Sonya Park at 888-5790.

Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority

Rush event: Movie night informational meeting for interested individuals, 7 p.m. at Sigma Theta Psi, 164 S. 10th St. For more information, call Cecilia at 924-8347 or Veronica at 280-7705.

Saturday

Theatre Arts department

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Jewish Student Union — Hillel

Rosh Hashana services for the Jewish New Year at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Rd., Los Gatos. For more information, call Lindsay Greensweig at 358-3033 ext. 60.

Sunday

India Student Association

Picnic with games and prizes from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Seventh Street barbecue pit. For more information, call Andy Atta at 787-7010.

When to use the asterisk

When I read the Aug. 27 "Repeat After Me," I was stunned to see the proverbial "f" word in type in a newspaper.

You may call me prude, old-fashioned (I am a 35-year-old freshman after all) or out of it, but you would be wrong.

I have, on a number of appropriate occasions coined that specific vernacular myself. I occasionally read trashy summer nov-

els. I've seen a porno flick.

But to see this word in the newspaper to refer to being stoned, blasted, messed up or wasted, and only a few lines later see the "t" word for breasts, hooters, knockers or boobs get the asterisk seems a bit bass-ackwards to me.

— Valerie Gordon
Magazine journalism



Quote for the Daily

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have.

The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

— Agatha Christie,
Author

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A stroke of culture



Gladys Mondala / Spartan Daily

Liberal studies major, Crystal Wilson, begins painting another sheet of construction paper Thursday as part of a book making project for her multicultural art for children class. The finished product

will be an art journal of 16 color pages, consisting of collages, self-reflection and creative and cultural influences in art.

Sega

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Me" and Donna D'Errico from "Baywatch" also put in an appearance at the release.

Unfortunately for Mike Kim, a computer science major from SJSU, catching a glimpse of either celebrity was difficult.

"This line runs so far through the back of the building, I can't see any of the celebrities," he said.

Schwepe, on the other hand, had better luck eyeing the stars.

"I saw Mini Me and he's really freakin' small," Schwepe said.

SJSU students after previewing the Dreamcast, had varying opinions.

Horace Wong, a radio, television and film major said the Dreamcast had its good and bad points.

"It loads very quickly, but the games suck," Wong said.

Journalism student Amir Fahmy likes the system so much he pre-ordered it.

"The Dreamcast rocks! It's a good system," Fahmy said.

Among the crowd at the event were three SJSU alumni.

"I saw Mini Me and he's really freakin' small."

— Sarah Schwepe
English major

Mika Kelly, Wiebke Vallentin and Kelly Lawson now work in public relations for Infogames, a company that designs software for Sega, located in San Jose.

Infogames has two games available for the new Dreamcast. One is called "Pen Pens Tricelon", which is an arcade action game that races penguin-like creatures. The other is called "Expendable," an '80s-style, non-stop action combat game.

Parking

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children's day care facility.

Starting Sept. 27, lot 13, used by deans and department chairs and located near the Scheller house, will be closed for four weeks as the demolition of Building X takes place. That space will be converted into more faculty parking spaces, Laws said.

Although main campus parking has become more difficult, plenty of South Campus parking is available.

The Park and Ride lot has 900 spaces and the municipal stadium lot, which is opened when Park and Ride is full, has 1,000 spaces, Laws said.

SJSU leased the municipal lot from the city of San Jose and has had to open it every day this semester except Fridays, Laws said.

A full lot at Park and Ride is a first for SJSU, but 500 spaces at

the municipal lot usually go unused.

SJSU has plans to build a structure on South Campus that would shelter students from unpleasant weather while waiting for the shuttle, said Robert Caret, the university's president.

Students such as Michelle Meier, a sophomore, are finding ways to deal with the limited parking.

"Yesterday was the first day I used Park and Ride," Meier said. "Last week my car got towed from Sixth Street because my car was a little bit in front of someone's driveway. I knew I was taking a risk — it cost me \$185 to get it back."

Some students, similar to Lopez, opt to take public transit to avoid the parking crunch altogether.

"I've never even driven to school because I was told by friends that it was too big of a problem to even hassle with," said Erin O'Day, a sophomore.

Hill adds MTV award to collection

NEW YORK (AP) — Five-time Grammy winner Lauryn Hill continued her winning streak Thursday when her slinky video for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" earned four video awards during MTV's invasion of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Puff Daddy replaced Pagliacci and the Backstreet Boys elbowed out "La Boheme" as the raunchy awards show took over opera's epicenter.

Instead of "Faust," the audience was treated to Kid Rock in a white fur coat and a dozen male Madonna impersonators.

Hill won the night's big award, video of the year, and also won for best female video, best rhythm 'n' blues video and art direction.

The video shows her simultaneously dressed in '60s and '90s outfits.

Acceptance speeches are getting redundant for the rap-soul diva, who only seven months ago dominated the Grammy Awards.

Dance artist Fatboy Slim won three awards for "Praise You." Ricky Martin's video of dancers undulating to "Livin' La Vida Loca" and Korn's arresting "Freak on a Leash" video featuring a slow-motion animated bullet each won two awards.

Comedian Chris Rock, dressed as Rigoletto from the Verdi opera in a huge poster in the lobby but all in white on stage, was the host.

"I may be the first black man in history to take the stage of the Met without a mop," Rock quipped.

Madonna, somewhat flustered by an over-enthusiastic fan in the audience, won an award for her salaciously comic dance with Mike Myers in "Beautiful Stranger."

Later, she was ushered out for an appearance by male impersonators dressed in a series of outfits from her videos.

"All I have to say," she said, "is it takes a real man to fill my shoes."

With the award ceremony's usual home, Radio City Music Hall, under renovation, MTV went uptown for a new venue this year.

The clash between high and low culture gave producers a rich vein of material.

In the venerable hall's lobby, the display cases stuffed with opera costumes were cleaned out in favor of moments from MTV's past: the hip-hugger pants Madonna wore to the 1995 video awards, Busta Rhymes' red crushed velvet ensemble from his appearance at the podium with Martha Stewart two years ago.

Usually, MTV's annual special is the program where awards are less remembered than wardrobes or attempts to shock the censor.

Perhaps intimidated by the surroundings, the rockers and rappers were somewhat tame.

Only rock's fun couple, Tommy Lee and Pamela Anderson Lee, shook things up.

Lee wore a furry pink hat and her husband a trench coat.

He flashed her backstage as she talked to reporters, causing

Bone

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laborative effort by SJSU and the University of California Berkeley, Wang said.

The study will measure bone density in 300 Asian and Latina women, ages 20 to 25, and examine the effects of diet, physical activity and medical history on peak bone mass.

Young women gain much of their bone mass at puberty, and it peaks between the ages of 20 to 25, Wang said. Peak bone mass is a major factor in the development of osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, she said.

According to the Johns Hopkins Family Health Book, osteoporosis is the thinning of bone that creates a vulnerability to fractures — often from relatively minor injuries.

Osteoporosis affects an estimated 25 million Americans, primarily women. The disorder typically appears in women in the first 10 to 20 years following menopause.

Wang said previous bone density research in the United States has been conducted on Caucasian and African-American women.

"By measuring bone density in Asians and Latinas, a comprehensive database for all four ethnic groups can be established to help clinicians diagnose problems," Wang said. "Right now, we really didn't know what the standards are."

Wang has begun recruiting young Asian and Latina women for the study. She said she is

pleased that over 200 SJSU and UC Berkeley women have already agreed to participate in the study in the first two weeks of recruitment.

"We've been overwhelmed," Wang said. "We didn't expect such a response."

Since only 50 to 60 of the 200 women who will participate in the study are Hispanic, Wang said she wants to recruit more Latinas so the study can be evenly divided between the two ethnic groups.

Cheryl Valdez, Wang's research assistant for the study, urged Asian and Hispanic women to participate.

"I'd like to encourage all eligible women to participate in the study so that we can find out about their bone density in this stage of life," said Valdez, a nutrition and food science graduate student. "It's one outlet for Latinas and Asians to find out about themselves."

Wang said the project will also recruit women from the San Jose community at large.

Participants in the Asian Bone Health Study will be paid \$30 for a one-time visit to the study's research office on the UC Berkeley campus.

They will be asked to complete health questionnaires and to have relevant measurements such as height and bone density taken. The appointments will last about two hours.

Those interested in participating in the bone density study can register at www.sjsu.edu/faculty/LABH or by calling (408) 924-3106.

Winners in some categories at the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards on Thursday night:

BEST VIDEO: Lauryn Hill,

"Doo Wop (That Thing)"

MALE VIDEO: Will Smith,

"Miami"

FEMALE VIDEO: Lauryn Hill,

"Doo Wop (That Thing)"

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Scrubs"

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"Doo Wop (That Thing)"

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Boys, "Intergalactic"

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Slim, "Praise You"

DANCE VIDEO: Ricky Martin,

"Livin' La Vida Loca"

ROCK VIDEO: Korn, "Freak

on a Leash"

POP VIDEO: Ricky Martin,

"Livin' La Vida Loca"

NEW ARTIST: Eminem, "My

Name Is"

VIDEO FROM A FILM:

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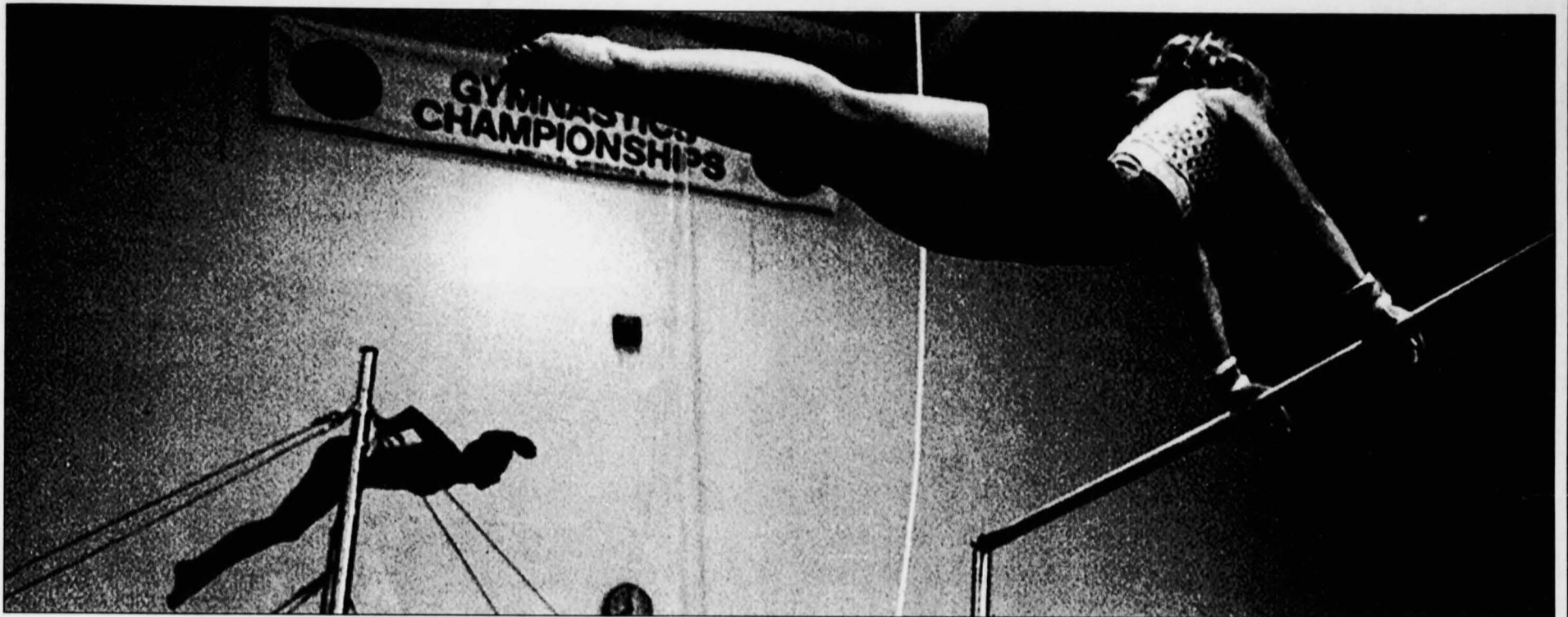
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The 'Beam' Team



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SJSU gymnasts Kelli McCoy (front), and Sarah Molasky refine their skills on the uneven bars Thursday in Yoshihiro Uchida Hall. Although the Spartans do not have their first meet until Jan. 15, the team still continues to prepare by practicing during the off-season. The team posted an 11-11 record last season, while winning the Western Independent championship.

A's ace Catfish Hunter loses battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, dies at 53

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim "Catfish" Hunter's blue eyes brimmed with tears last spring as he spoke about wishing he could trade his fame and fortune for a life of anonymity, good health and a chance to see his grandchildren grow up.

"I'd be a groundskeeper and not let anybody know me," he said.

Hunter wasn't simply speaking out of a fear of death from Lou Gehrig's disease. Everyone who knew him understood that he had always put family and faith above fame, had always gotten his priorities right.

Hunter died Thursday at age 53 after battling the disease named after another New York Yankees great, Lou Gehrig. He died at his home in Hertford, N.C., according to George Byrum of Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford.

There are plenty of scoundrels and fools in sports, plenty of phony heroes, but Hunter wasn't one of them. He exuded the kind

of honesty and integrity that is instantly recognizable, and he had a sense of humor and an easy way of telling stories that made people like him right away.

He was the richest ballplayer of his time, a groundbreaker for all the big bucks thrown at athletes these days.

But, as former New York teammate and current Seattle manager Lou Piniella said recently, "If you didn't know he was making that kind of money, you'd never guess it because he was humble, very reserved about being a star-type player. ... If you didn't like Catfish, you just didn't like people."

He pitched for the Oakland Athletics in the early '70s, playing on a ballclub that was as wild as it was successful. Stories about all-night escapades and pranks were already legendary, and Hunter was in the middle of them all.

Yet when manager Dick Williams handed him the ball and his teammates took the field

behind him, they all knew Hunter could be relied upon to give them a good chance to win.

Hunter brought those qualities to the Yankees, and he helped turn that fractious team of Billy Martin, Reggie Jackson, Thurman Munson and Graig Nettles into a champion.

"I never thought I'd be 50 years old," Hunter said, thinking back on those days of pranks and parties. "I thought I'd die before then.

Because ballplayers when I played ball loved to have a good time, go out together. I loved it. I think the guys today don't have as much fun as we did."

The essence of Hunter's game was control, a mastery of fastballs thrown at different speeds, sliders and curveballs that kept batters

guessing. Hunter was one of baseball's most dominant pitchers during a 15-year career that brought him five World Series rings with the Oakland Athletics and the Yankees. He strung together five straight 20-victory seasons, pitched a perfect game and won a Cy Young Award.

He became the first multimillionaire player when he was declared a free agent on a technicality after the 1974 season, then became the Yankees' workhorse the following two years, completing 51 of 75 starts and leading them to their first pennant in 12 seasons.

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U.N. convoy flees East Timor

Militiamen trap staff in compound

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — U.N. workers evacuated their embattled compound in East Timor today, leaving a skeleton crew to continue working to bring the territory to full nationhood. Anti-independence militiamen fired on the convoy as it left Dili.

There was no immediate word of any injuries among the U.N. staffers, who had been trapped in the complex by the rampaging militias for several days. Some evacuees arrived in Darwin, Australia, later Friday.

On Thursday, the Roman Catholic Church accused pro-Indonesian militiamen of targeting nuns and priests in predominantly Catholic East Timor, where voters have overwhelmingly chosen independence from mostly Muslim Indonesia.

"The world is talking and we're dying," nun Esmeralda de Araujo was quoted as saying by the Vatican's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. "It's hell here and I'd like to cry out to everybody to save us. But no one seems to want to hear."

Mission chief leaves

Among those fleeing today was U.N. mission head Ian Martin, wearing a light blue flak jacket and riding on the back of one of the trucks heading for the airport. Some gunfire was heard in the distance.

Keeping the U.N. compound functioning is considered key to the world body's plans to give East Timor nation status after its people voted overwhelmingly on Aug. 30 for independence from Indonesia, which invaded in 1975. The vote triggered a backlash of looting, burning and killing by anti-independence militias. The Indonesian army had pledged to ensure security.

More than 200,000 East Timorese have been forced to leave their homeland, U.N. officials said. More than 50,000 were shipped to militia-run camps in West Timor, where refugees told of massacres and arson attacks by anti-independence militias either backed or led by Indonesian army units.

International outrage grew Thursday, with the Pentagon suspending official relations with the Indonesian military, and foreign ministers at an Asia-Pacific summit demanding that Indonesian leaders stop the rampaging militias. While some countries advocated an international peacekeeping force, key nations shied away from committing troops without an invitation from the Indonesian government. NATO said it wouldn't take part in such a force.

Relations suspended

In Washington, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the crisis presents no threat to U.S. national interests that would justify sending American troops. Shortly after, President Clinton suspended relations with Indonesia's military and insisted its government allow international peacekeepers in.

Australia said Friday it will consider breaking economic ties with Indonesia if Jakarta fails to control the crisis in East Timor. The two nations trade \$3.9 billion worth of goods each year.

The nations also have close military links, but Prime Minister John Howard said he had not yet decided whether to suspend Australia's military ties with Indonesia.

The militias have reportedly killed about 100 people, including three priests, in a grenade attack on a church in Suai, the Vatican's missionary news agency Fides reported Thursday. Fifteen priests and some nuns have been reported killed in Dili and Baucau.

Cancer shield studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental drug may relieve some of the miserable side effects of cancer treatment, allowing stronger doses of chemotherapy and radiation, researchers say. Ironically, the drug works by briefly blocking a gene that is a natural defense against cancer.

Although the drug has been used only in mice, researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago are preparing to test it in baboons and hope to begin human tests in about a year.

A report on the drug study in mice appears today in the journal *Science*.

Dr. Carlos Cardon-Cardo, director of molecular pathology at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Institute, said that if side effects of cancer treatment could be eliminated or controlled, "it would allow us to give higher doses and more effective doses" of radiation and anti-tumor chemicals.

Anti-binge ads try sarcasm

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — More than 100 universities are trying to alert parents to rampant alcohol abuse on campuses with a sarcastic full-page ad in newspapers for "Binge Beer."

Under the headline "Hitting college campuses this fall," the text reads: "It's tough being a college kid today. That's why we've developed Binge Beer. At Binge, we understand that sometimes you just need five or six drinks the night before that big test."

"Who says falling off a balcony is such a bad thing? And what's an occasional riot? Or even a little assault between friends?"

The ads were to appear in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and more than 100 other

Alcohol abuse prompts 100 universities to act

papers today.

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges sponsored the campaign, and 113 college presidents signed the ads.

The ads, coordinated by Penn State University, are aimed at stopping drinking deaths, alcohol poisoning and drunken riots at college campuses.

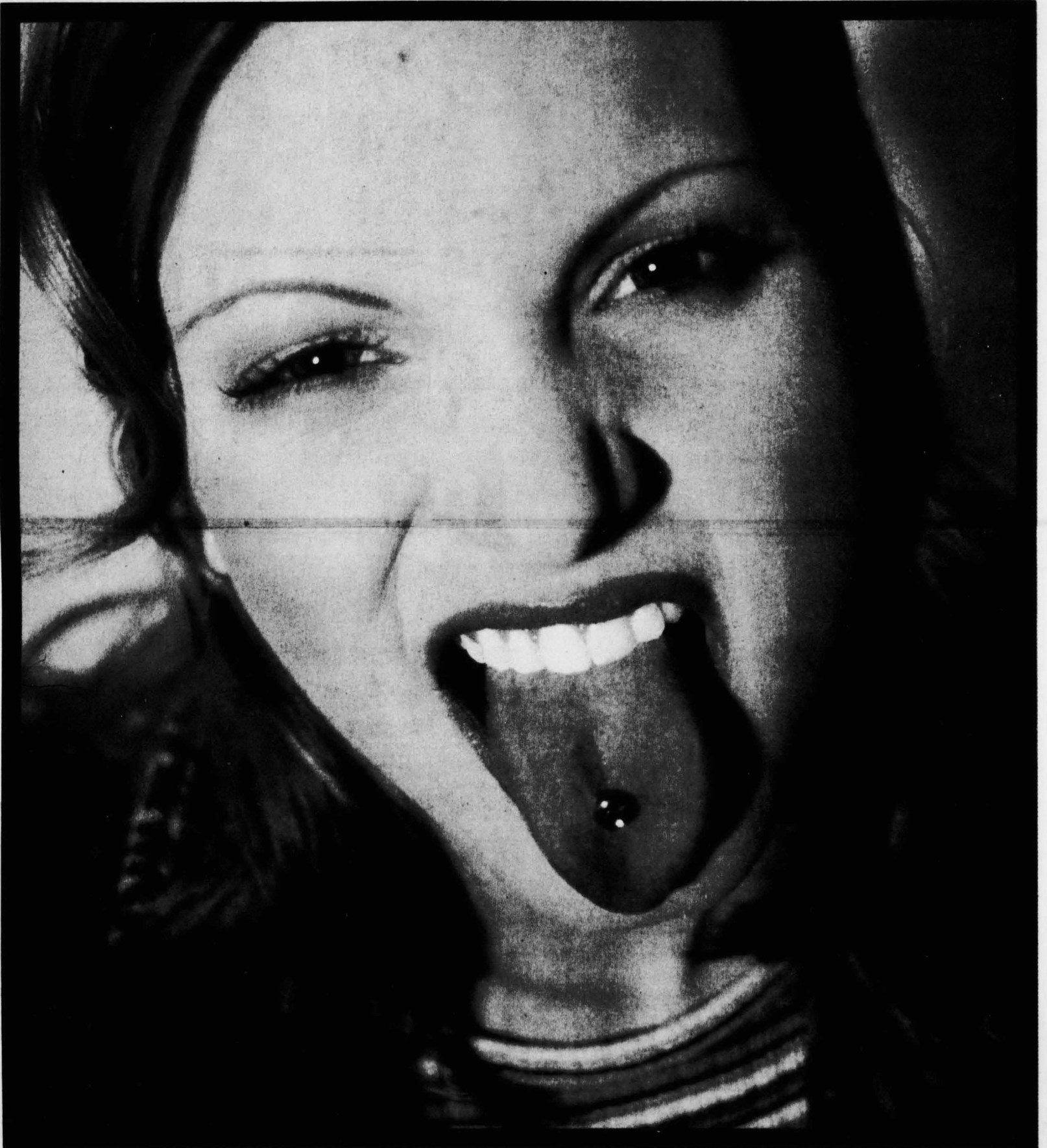
"The whole idea all along was, we wanted to reach parents and opinion leaders more than students," said Stephen J. MacCarthy, Penn State's executive director of university rela-

tions. "It hopefully creates some conversation on the issue."

A Harvard study in 1997 found that 43 percent of college students reported being binge drinkers: five drinks a sitting for men, four drinks for women.

At Penn State last year, thousands of drunk college students and alumni massed on downtown streets after a summer arts festival, setting bonfires, looting storefronts and tossing bottles at police.

And at the start of this school year, a Penn State student was hospitalized with a blood-alcohol level of 0.68 percent — almost seven times the legal limit for drivers — after drinking 21 shots to celebrate her 21st birthday. She survived.



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