

Women's hoop team drops 14th straight in 66-51 loss to Horned Frogs

Without Schulz, Aaron might have been 'Mr. Worse Example'

Voodoo Lounge becomes one of SJ's newest hot spots

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Ex-hoop recruit faces rape trial

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DAILY STAFF EDITOR

A municipal judge ordered a former San Jose State University student to face trial on rape charges.

Leslie Norman, the former SJSU student and men's basketball recruit, will be formally charged Feb. 22 in Santa Clara County Superior Court.

The charges stem from a Sept. 12 incident in his residence hall room. The charges are rape of an unconscious victim, rape of an intoxicated victim and false imprisonment charges.

Norman must post a \$80,000 bond today to remain free.

Municipal Judge Virginia Mae Days increased Norman's bond from \$30,000 to \$80,000, but denied the prosecution's request to raise it to \$250,000.

The preliminary hearing ended with testimonies from a criminologist and the alleged victim. It is the policy of the Spartan Daily to withhold the names of possible rape victims.

On Thursday, she stated she wanted to kill herself after she said her parents would kill her if they had ever discovered what had happened, she testified.

According to her, the two had met during the summer at Sky Hawks, a recreational camp, and had a amicable relationship but she said she was only inter-

ested in a friendship. The 17-year-old testified she didn't speak to Norman after the camp but initiated conversation when the two had seen each other at the San Jose Jazz Festival in August.

On Sept. 12, the victim of the alleged rape called Norman early in the morning after she returned from a friend's house. They had breakfast at Coco's Restaurant she testified. After breakfast, she met his roommate who was, "tall and a basketball player," according to her testimony.

Norman then offered her some gin, but she declined and decided to pick up some 40 ounce bottles of liquor, she testified.

Both individuals went to pick up Norman's friend and purchase alcohol.

When they returned to Norman's room, they watched television. As they began drinking and kissing, she began to feel intoxicated. She remembered Norman leaving the room, and next thing she knew he was on top of her, she testified.

Kristin McCormick, a residence assistant, testified she heard the 17-year-old say, "Why are you doing this to me?"

McCormick knocked on Norman's door and entered to find girl huddled in a ball on the floor. McCormick then called residence assistant Janelle Green to the scene.

Green, who was left to tend to the high-school-aged alleged victim, found her wearing only a T-shirt, she testified.

McCormick testified at the preliminary hearing Wednesday and Green testified Wednesday and Thursday.

From Washburn Hall, the alleged victim was transported to Valley Medical Center where she was given exams.

The alleged victim ended her testimony with information regarding her examination at the hospital. Testimony from a criminologist followed and then the court took a short recess before reviewing the motion to increase bail.

Jay Boyarsky, a deputy district attorney for Santa Clara County, gave various reasons as to why Norman's bail should

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New MBA program starts in fall

Andi Anderson
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students wanting to enter the high-speed business world now have a chance through enrollment in a new master's of business administration program in the fall.

Students will have to endure 12 months of intensive curriculum in the new program, while current master's of business administration programs take anywhere from two to four years, according to Valerie Sermon, director of the College of Business graduate programs.

"No one else in the area has a one-year program," said Lee Jerrell, associate dean of graduate programs.

Now students can speed up the process of furthering their education, said Sermon. The fact that it only lasts 12 months seems to be an attraction of the program, she said.

"I know that if I were to leave and try to come back later it would make it harder," said Brian Day, a senior majoring in computer science. Day was the first student accepted into the program, Sermon said.

The new program will take place in an off-campus facility, located at the Rose Orchard Tech Centre, which is located near Cisco Systems. The typical course length is eight weeks, with a two-to-three course load.

Although the off-campus site may be further to commute for some, there are perks. A light rail station within two blocks of the site and unlimited parking should encourage students, said Jerrell.

A 3.0 GPA is the minimum grade requirement to get into the program.

The total cost of the program is \$16,000, which can be paid in full.

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Mari Matsumoto / Spartan Daily

Junior Tetsu Okano (left) and Senior Mike Barnes, teammates for the San Jose State University Judo team, fight against each other in a match during the San Jose Buddhist Judo Club Tournament. The tournament began at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in SPX 44.

Judo finds its way to San Jose

Tournament held on campus is first in three years at SJSU

Ryan McCrossin
DAILY STAFF EDITOR

Joe Pinon didn't know anything about Judo when he signed up for a beginning judo class in Spring '98, yet he competed during the first day of the annual Sensei Memorial Judo Tournament Saturday at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall.

"He's just doing it for fun and that's the

point," said Dave Williams, an assistant coach for the San Jose State University Judo team and teacher of the beginning and intermediate judo classes. "He's really done what this program is supposed to do — It's supposed to enlighten-people about judo and get them into it."

The two day tournament — which was sponsored by the San Jose Buddhist Judo Club and was the first regional tournament held at SJSU in three years — showcased fighters of all levels from all over the world. Some of the countries represented included Yugoslavia, Japan, Canada and Costa Rica.

On the first day, 87 black and brown belts competed in Uchida Hall, while on Sunday 330 senior white belts and youths competed in the Event Center.

In between his job and finishing up coursework for a degree in nursing, the 29-year-old Pinon finds time to polish his judo, a sport which demands intelligence, patience and discipline. Since he took the judo class at SJSU he has participated in tournaments throughout the Bay Area during the judo season, which runs from

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Students use speech clinic infrequently

Nadeen Sarkis
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the fall semester, less than 10 students and faculty members took advantage of the services the Kay A. Armstead Center for Communication Disorders had to offer.

That is a far cry from the 493 non-San Jose State University student clients the clinic provided services for.

"We are able to accommodate some 500 clients per semester," Olympia Williams, who is in charge of the clinic's grants and procedures, said.

Although SJSU doesn't know it, the speech and language clinic — which is run by student staffers and licensed faculty — provides speech, language and hearing services. The services offered, such as learning disability therapy, accent reduction therapy, medical referrals as well as a number of other services were provided to the community.

The communicative disorders and sciences department operates the clinic, located in Sweeny Hall, Room 115, and offers free services to all SJSU students as well as services to non-students, according to Sharon Sprugasci, who is majoring in communicative disorders and sciences.

"The majority of the clinic's clients are not SJSU students," Sprugasci said.

Sprugasci, who does clerical work at the clinic, said most students aren't aware the clinic exists.

The clinic was named after Kay A. Armstead, who was a professor of communicative disorders and program director of the clinic from 1989 until she passed away in the summer of 1991, according to program director Gloria Weddington. The center was

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Karl Benson, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference,

gives the details on the Silicon Valley Classic, the "Bowl by the Bay" football game. The game, scheduled for New Years Eve, will be televised by FOX Sports Net.

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Silicon Valley Classic inks TV deal

Aaron Williams
DAILY CO-EXECUTIVE EDITOR

College football in San Jose during the month of December isn't something San Jose State University is accustomed to.

Yet in 311 days, a major college bowl game will be played in Spartan Stadium.

The announcement of a television contract with FOX Sports Net Monday for the Silicon Valley Classic — San Jose's New Year's Eve bowl game — guaranteed football to be included in South Bay year-ending festivities.

The Silicon Valley Classic looks to pit a Western Athletic Conference team vs. an at-large team.

"Essentially we are set to start the dominoes falling. The first domino was establishing the partnership with FOX," said Gary Olimpia, president of the Silicon Valley Classic. "Over the



next three days, we should be announcing two more primary sponsors and a title sponsor."

The television deal, worth an estimated \$3.7 million, ensures the future of the bowl game for the next five years.

Chuck Bell, SJSU's director of Athletics, said the deal will provide the bowl game with 20 30-second ad spots to offer to its sponsors, in addition to eight spots for its title sponsor.

The bowl revenue will be generated from the ads — \$250,000 each for two of the primary sponsor spots and "in the ballpark of \$1.2 million" for the eight spots of the title sponsor.

Bell said the sponsors — both primary and title — should be announced in the coming days, but companies such as Knight Ridder and 3Com have already jumped on board as primary sponsors.

"This (the Silicon Valley Classic) is one of two critical elements that will assist the WAC in maintaining its national ... (prestige) that we've enjoyed for the last 40 years," WAC commissioner Karl Benson said.

SJSU President Robert Caret said the television contract was essential to make the Silicon Valley Classic work.

"It's (the TV deal) critical in pulling off a bowl game on a national level," Caret said, adding the game is a huge feather in SJSU's cap, especially with last year's breakup of the 16-team WAC.

"We feel it's vital for San Jose State to be a big part of the 'new' WAC," he said.

In addition to improvements to Spartan Stadium — the likes of which include an increase in capacity and a Jumbotron scoreboard — Caret said the national visibility given to SJSU as host of the game is a win-win situation for the university.

Dave Almstead, senior vice president for FOX Sports Net, said the corporation was committed to keeping college football alive in the WAC.

"I'm impressed with the vision ... and pleased to align ourselves (with the bowl)," Almstead said. "This is a long time on coming. We're pleased to be a part of the Western Athletic Conference and now this too."

FOX Sports Net, a partner of the WAC for several years, was more than affable in striking a deal, according to Olimpia.

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LETTERS

Ad responses

Is the Holocaust a hoax? Most of us would probably have never considered the sensitive issue a questionable one. I have never thought of the issue in any other way besides a true, tragic, documented story, which effected many people's lives. There are some people who believe otherwise.

Bradley R. Smith, director of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust published an ad in the Spartan Daily on Feb. 7, questioning the truth being the Holocaust. By placing such a controversial ad in a college paper, Smith must receive tons of responses, such as this one. Whether readers agree or disagree with his claims, Smith seems to be accomplishing what he wants. By targeting young college students, who may carry ignorance or uncertainties about the Holocaust, he may be able to persuade them easily.

Smith's ads have been published in over 200 student newspapers. Despite all of the criticism he receives, Smith continues to believe, "No gas chambers, no Holocaust." His shocking ads strike up a great deal of curiosity, as some may question his motives, research or ethics.

Regardless of Smith's intentions, we should keep our First Amendment rights in consideration and accept his allocations for merely his opinion. As intellectual individuals, we are left to accept, reject or ignore the ad.

Julie Barros
advertising major

You are reading this letter I have written and you know that what I am expressing is my own opinion. Are you going to hate me the instant I say something that offends you? Or are you going to acknowledge that in our free country I am allowed to voice my opinion, whether it shocks you or not?

When I read the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust ad, I understood why it was written. Let's look at Bradley R. Smith, who wrote the ad. He obviously has a point he wants to make and is trying to spark some discussion on the topic. He knows there are going to be those who will oppose his thinking, but at the same time, all he wants is to have an "open debate" on the incidents of the Holocaust. He wants people to expand their minds and look at both sides of the coin.

What is wrong with that? Is it because we have been raised to accept that things happened one way and believe anything different threatens what we think we know? What if we do not know? Do we not have the right to think a little different than everyone else? This country was founded by men who spoke out against the norm. These men told people things that went against what they believed. Just think what would have happened if no one had listened.

Nikki Medoro

Dark and stormy night for "Peanuts," the world

Snoopy finally got it right — it was a dark and stormy night. For the better part of 50 years the beagle owned by Charlie Brown sat on his doghouse and tried to write his novel — always starting with the cliché, "It was a dark and stormy night."

When "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz died at the age of 77 Saturday night in his Santa Rosa home after a battle with colon cancer, Snoopy's cliché rang true — both literally and metaphorically.

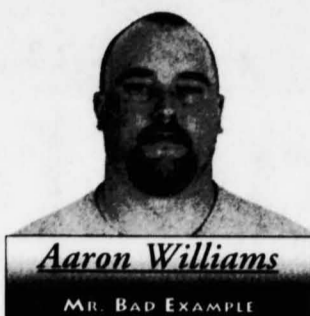
I don't think it simple coincidence or a cruel twist of irony that Schulz died the night before his last regular Sunday strip was to appear in newspapers around the world.

He had once said, "Why do musicians compose symphonies and poets write poems? They do it because life wouldn't have any meaning for them if they didn't. That's why I draw cartoons. It's my life."

"Peanuts" was more than just a comic strip, more than a piece of Americana. It spoke to seemingly everyone who ever had the joy of reading it.

We've all looked at our parents and heard, "Wah, wah, wah" as though Charlie Brown's teacher were lecturing us.

When I heard of Schulz's passing, I wept.



Aaron Williams
MR. BAD EXAMPLE

Not because I knew him, but because he knew me. He was also — indirectly — responsible for keeping me sober.

There wasn't one character Schulz created which I couldn't — at one time or another — identify with. In a way, I am "Peanuts."

I am Charlie Brown.

I am the lovable loser who just can't seem to get a break.

I've had the football pulled away just as I ran up to kick it.

I've been the kid afraid to tell the little red-haired girl how I felt about her and then gone on to regret it.

I am constantly getting myself stuck in the tree of life with my kite.

I am Lucy.

I've been the know-it-all handing

out advice as though I am selling lemons from a corner stand.

I've been the tart-tongued person who tells it like it is, regardless of others feelings.

I am Linus.

I've been the only one to stand up for my principles in the face of ridicule and adversity.

I still cling tightly to my security blanket.

I'd still rather face the world with, "The light of one candle, than face the darkness."

I am Pig Pen.

No matter how old I get, my space is still my space. If I want it dirty, so be it.

I don't walk around with a cloud of dust trailing me, but I still relish the days when I could go jump in a mud puddle — no questions asked.

But of all the characters in "Peanuts," I identify the most with Snoopy.

I owe Snoopy my sobriety and everything positive that has happened in the eight years since I deemed him my higher power.

It was perhaps the darkest time in my life — the early months of my sobriety — and I often looked to crawl back in the bottle, roll myself up in a joint or line myself up on the mirror.

I faced a terrible dilemma, as I didn't know if I still believed in God.

That's where Snoopy stepped in. Needing to believe in something to turn my will over to — following the 12-steps of recovery — I was informed "God could be anything. It could be religious, Good Orderly Direction or anything that would keep you from the next whatever."

Snoopy was picked on a whim, but as time passed, I grew to understand how profound my higher power selection was.

He always fought the good fight against the Red Baron. He was more than willing to lend Woodstock a helping hand. He knew how to prioritize things in life: friends, food and fun.

Snoopy — and Schulz — helped me through some dark and stormy nights.

Today, I have all the promises of sobriety. I have a good life, with a beautiful wife and two boys who bring me ultimate joy. I am no longer afraid of crawling back in the bottle.

As I sat pondering Schulz's death, I could only wonder how many more dark and stormy nights I would have faced if not for "Peanuts."

In his final strip Sunday, Schulz wrote, "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy ... how can I ever forget them."

No, Charles Schulz ... how can we ever forget you.

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MIKE LUCKOVICH



THIS JUST IN: OG, CAVE PAINTER HAS MERGED WITH ZUG, SMOKE SIGNALER...

PERFECT MARRIAGE OF OLD AND NEW MEDIA...

Academic probation essential to athletes

Entering high school, the first goal I set for myself was to be a starter on the varsity basketball squad because I knew that was the first step to playing in college.

During my first two years of school, all of my effort went into becoming the best player I could possibly be. I practiced basketball for an hour before school, for the entire lunch period and for a couple hours after school everyday.

However, I overlooked one key aspect to prep sports participation that was most crucial: The significance of academics. As a sophomore, I found myself on academic probation when I could have been suiting up for my first varsity basketball game.

Initially I was pessimistic about my chances on returning to the court. I had confidence in my ability with the basketball. Those countless hours of hard work gave me that. After ignoring my studies altogether, I now thought it was impossible to dig myself out of the hole and pull my grades up.

My belief was school and sports were two separate entities. Taking sports away didn't seem fair. I was bewildered. How could one affect the other?

Depression sank in because I had no time to go to the court. All of the hours I spent shooting hoops I now used to study. There was no balance in my schedule.

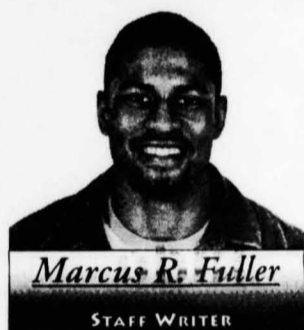
Thoughts of frustration were rumbling through my head because I wanted to play. I then realized it was time to stop feeling sorry for myself.

I had faced the consequences of my naivete. It was time to take academics seriously.

The issue of academic probation faces many high school students in the Bay Area.

Athletes must have a 2.0 GPA at the conclusion of a grading period to be eligible to compete, according to the California Interscholastic Federation.

In a recent article in the Contra Costa Times, the debate on whether probation should entail students who have recently failed to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement



Marcus R. Fuller
STAFF WRITER

was brought to the forefront.

School districts can choose to institute an academic probation policy that allows students to continue participating in athletics for one quarter while attempting to raise their GPA. Districts may also choose not to implement a probation policy at all, according to the article.

Some argue probation from sports eliminates a major driving force for students to stay in school.

The slap in the face I got was crucial in helping me make academics a priority.

Schools should not be allowed the choice of implementing academic probation for athletes. Academic probation should be mandatory in all school districts.

In 1998, when Richmond High School basketball coach Ken Carter kept his entire team from practicing and competing in games until they improved their grades. The result was an improvement in grades and overall athletic achievement. The incident gained national recognition.

I believe having a strict probation policy is the best way to increase a student's academic performance. The objective is for the student to realize athletics is secondary.

Sports are extracurricular activities, just like dancing and band. Athletes are students, just like everyone else. And, they must learn in high school to balance both academics and sports.

Marcus R. Fuller is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Enough flying dangers to stay grounded

A verse in the song, "Ironic," reminds me of my fear of flying. The song — performed by Alanis Morissette — has one verse about a man who was afraid of flying, but boarded an airplane.

It went down.

Fear of flying is a phobia that consumes 27 million Americans today. And I am one of them.

This coming March, a friend and I were going to journey across the vast Pacific to the island of Hawaii for a Spring Break reunion with a good friend.

But those plans have since changed. After the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 earlier this month, the fear of flying has once again reared its ugly head into my peaceful life.

The recent plane crashes have brought an old fear back into my life, diving head-first into my thoughts — my life disappearing in the chilly Pacific waters and my body never being found.

Yes, the risk of dying in an airplane accident are low — nine in 10 million — when compared to the rate of car accidents, which are 1.6 in 10,000.

Still, a chance remains.



Clarissa Aljentera
HERE'S THE DEAL

The fear that confronts aviophobics — people who are fearful of flying — like myself is the fact our lives are in someone else's hands.

Yes, that someone else has likely logged more hours flying than I have driving in the past five years, and has been prepared for emergencies and properly trained on all the fancy equipment.

But that doesn't matter.

It doesn't matter that my chances of dying in an airplane crash are slimmer than being killed by a co-worker, which has a nine in one million chance of hap-

pening. Planes land and take off every few minutes at San Jose International Airport and most go off without a hitch. But with my luck, it would be the day I step foot on a plane that an accident would happen.

Perhaps it is an issue of control. The fact that I believe I control my own destiny — whether it is crossing the street erratically and almost being squashed by a semi-truck, pulling a fast right turn into traffic and upsetting drivers in back of my vehicle or planning the academic track of my life at San Jose State University.

I control it all, but all control of life is lost once a passenger like myself boards an airplane. Every inch of control is given up for a few brief hours. During that time, life is led by the seat of my pants.

The last time I took a plane flight, my fears were overcome when I was knocked out. About two years ago, on the way to Pennsylvania to visit some family, a physician had prescribed some medication to calm my nerves and soothe my thoughts.

It was great. I was relaxed and enjoyed myself for the first time

in almost 10 years.

But then the panic set in. On the way back, I forgot my medication.

The trip across the Rocky Mountains was the worst part. There was turbulence and a few pockets of air that kept me glued to my seat at all times.

The people in the seats next to me weren't pleased, but they were amused that my fear of flying kept me ghostly afraid during the entire flight.

Some people are afraid of spiders. Some people are afraid of small enclosed spaces.

And some people are absolutely terrified of those two-winged contraptions that coast around the world.

With all the news of plane crashes being heightened to a new level, with planes being grounded for further inspection and airlines under intense scrutiny — the only way I'm of taking a trip to Hawaii is if I leave now ... by boat.

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Sports

Squashed!

Horned Frogs leap past SJSU; losing streak now 14 games

Franklin Leiva
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In a twist on the classic David vs. Goliath match up, Goliath finally got his revenge.

The much smaller San Jose State University women's basketball team suffered its 14th consecutive loss at the hands of Texas Christian 66-51, Saturday at the Event Center.

The Spartans are now 2-19 overall and 0-9 in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Spartans, who have only one player over 6-feet in the game, were out-rebounded 44-32 by the Horned Frogs, who had at least three players over 6-feet-tall on the floor at any given time.

SJSU coach Janice Richard said her season-long frustration continues.

"We dug a hole so deep, it's so hard to get out of," Richard said. "We struggled offensively and defensively and every team we faced has killed us on the boards."

"It's been a battle the whole season and it's going to continue the rest of the season," she added.

In the first five minutes of the game, both the Spartans and Horned Frogs traded baskets.

SJSU guard Crissy DiLuzio made a three-point shot to even the score at eight with 15:55 to go in the first half.

The Spartans stayed close, thanks to three turnovers by the Horned Frogs in the next five minutes. Juliana Smith's basket with 9:48 brought the Spartans to 17-15.

The Horned Frogs then went on a 7-2 run capped with a basket by forward Sally Spencer with seven minutes left to go in the half.

The Spartans converted 7 of 12 free throws compared to only 2 of 4 for the Horned Frogs to keep the game within reach during the first half.

Still, TCU led 33-26 at the half. The fouling trend by TCU was not exploited by SJSU in the second half.

Very few Spartan players drove the ball inside, looking to draw a foul.

And the Horned Frogs size advantage proved too much for SJSU to conquer.

To start the second half, TCU went on a 10-2 run with the assist of eight missed field goals by the Spartans to make the score 43-28. The Horned Frogs never looked back, leading by as much as 19 when a steal and layup by Janice Thomas made the score 64-45 with 2:34 left to play.

The loss contributed to what SJSU guard Juliana Smith said had been a disappointing season.

"Nothing but frustration this season," Smith said. "Not one person can get the blame. We really don't have a leader, and we're too small and it's not helping that we can't get any boards."

Spartan guard DiLuzio shrugged her shoulders when asked why her teammates and herself did not go into more often to try to get the hack-happy TCU players in foul trouble.

"They were pretty big and have



Douglas Rider / Spartan Daily

TCU's Kim Walters blocks Spartan Sasha Spalding while Walters' teammate Jill Sutton reaches for the ball Saturday night in the Event Center. The Spartans lost 66-51 and dropped to 0-9 in WAC play.

good shot blockers," DiLuzio said.

Coach Richard agreed. "We just don't have that many players that can dribble and penetrate," Richard said.

Richard said there is no finger pointing about whom is to blame, but better recruits are needed in order to improve the Spartan team.

"You can say anything about

coaching, but the bottom line is recruiting," Richard said.

"It does not matter how good the coach is, you have to go out there and find players. You have to make sure that the players you bring can help you and play the style that you want to," she said.

The Spartans will now go on the road to face Rice Thursday.

Spartan roundup

Staff report

Men fall to TCU

The men's basketball team dropped its record to the .500 mark with a 78-73 loss to Texas Christian Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Spartans, now 12-12 overall and 3-6 in WAC play, went into the locker room at halftime with a 40-32 lead, only to see it slip away as they were outscored by the Horned Frogs 43-19 in the game's final 13 minutes.

Forward Billy Landram led the way for the San Jose State University men with 22 points. The Spartans come home Thursday to face Rice at the Event Center.

Rugby blanks Reno

The women's rugby team picked up another shutout victory Saturday when it defeated Nevada-Reno 15-0.

The Spartans, now 2-0 in Northern California Collegiate Division II play, can now earn a berth in the Pacific Coast Playoffs with two more victories.

Carrie Burr and Melissa Ciotta put SJSU on the scoreboard in the first half, scoring a try each to go up 10-0. Erica Elliot scored another try in the second half.

The men's rugby team didn't fare as well, as they were crushed by Reno 113-0.

The women return to action later this week against Cal State-Monterey Bay.

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Judo

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September to March.

"I wrestled in high school and I just like competing," said Pinon, who earned a brown belt in judo.

Those who hadn't taken a judo class before Saturday received their first lesson in judo.

Three large competition mats were sprawled across the center of the gym in Uchida Hall. A book on the outside of each mat was a long banquet-sized table where the scorekeepers sat.

The way a judo match is scored can be confusing to anyone at first. There are three point values — koka, yuko, wazaari — awarded to a competitor for imperfect throws. A competitor earns an ippon, which ends the match, by throwing his opponent squarely on the back or pinning him to the mat.

A smattering of family, friends, fans and students from Williams' judo class — who are required to go to at least one match during the semester and write an analysis on it — tried to keep up with the non-stop, simultaneous competition on all three mats.

If the spectators' attention wasn't focused, they might've missed something. The tournament's matches lasted only five minutes, at most, and some matches ended just after the two fighters began to tangle.

The quickest draw at this tournament undoubtedly belonged to Shibusuke Ando, who was one of SJSU's representatives in the 178-lb. black belt division. After a bye in the first round, he cruised through his second and third round matches.

In Ando's first match, he tilted his head slightly and moved toward SJSU's Zac Caltagrine with a look of purpose. The two clashed for about an instant before Ando swept Caltagrine's feet out from under him.

Ando's placid expression, accentuated by his dark eyes and wrinkled brows, didn't change until his third and final match. After brushing off a quick attack by Miguel Royale of San Francisco Judo, he was left wincing in pain with a sprained thumb. Ando spent the rest of the tournament with an ice pack palmed in his left hand.

SJSU's Jose Benasmi went on to claim first in the division by paying Royale back in the finals with a strong performance.

Other matches on Saturday weren't such quick studies.

SJSU's Lee Heitzman fought a defensive match in the opening minutes of first round competition. He said he had trouble adjusting to his opponent from Japan because of his quickness and grip style. As a result, his Japanese opponent tried many throws, though Heitzman held strong and never hit the mat.

Seated close to the mat, the vocal and animated SJSU assistant coach Ali Moghadas shouted some strategic advice for Heitzman.

"He was telling me to concentrate," Heitzman said. "He's a great coach. He's really vocal and I need that kind of encouragement."

Heitzman took his coach's advice to change his grip, or the way he was holding on to his opponent's gi, and he turned the match around. He executed two clean throws and went on to win.

"When I let him control the grips, he was able to control the attacks," Heitzman said.

Three SJSU judo fighters — Mike Barnes, Tetsu Okano and Eitan Gelber — took the top three spots in Heitzman's 198-lb. division.

The SJSU team earned 11 medals in the tournament, including 4 first place finishes.

Heitzman said he was just happy his losses came to SJSU opponents, and that he was finally able to compete in a tournament at SJSU.

"I thought it was good that we had something here so SJSU students have a chance to come see us fight," Heitzman said. "People I know always wonder when we are

going to do something here so they can come see us."

After Heitzman's match, Moghadas hurried to the next mat where there was another SJSU fighter he needed to lecture.

Pinon may not have to sit through any more "judo lectures," but he continues to study. He sat on a fold-up chair, taking occasional sips of bottled water while he watched the action on the mat intently.

Before one of his brown belt matches he would rise from his seat and stand expectantly — with his eyes expanding — at the edge of the mat.

He wrung his arms and hopped on his toes to perhaps fight off some pre-match jitters.

It was evident how much he had learned once he stepped on to the mat.

Going after each of his opponents like a frisky kid, he executed two ippons in his four matches. Both were earned with an over-the-shoulder throw, which happens to be the first throw that is learned in Williams' class.

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Lifestyles

Three SJSU grads go Voodoo

Jessica Neu
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Upon entering the Voodoo Lounge, it is a scene reminiscent of "Cheers" for some.

A person might expect the crowd to yell, "Norm!" at any given moment.

This is the place "where everybody knows your name," which is exactly what owners Dave Powell, Tony Beers and Dave Zulaica said they hope will set them apart from other bars.

The three entrepreneurs intended to create a place that was not only a friendly spot to drink, but a place where customers could come in and be recognized by Voodoo staff members, Beers said.

"People like to go to bars where the bartenders or the guys at the door remember them," Powell said. "People want to feel like they belong."

During any night at Voodoo, one might encounter at least 10 people that either know the owners personally or are connected to them in one way or another.

The Voodoo owners have spent years forming relationships with business owners, bar patrons and students all over San Jose.

Powell, Beers and bar manager Troy Shahan were all San Jose State University students and Theta Chi fraternity brothers at one time, which has made them plenty of friends in the area.

"There is an unspoken camaraderie between everyone in the bar. It just feels comfortable," said Adam Wittmayer, a 22-year-old De Anza College student.

Beers and Powell, both former Flying Pig bartenders, had a reputation around town for pouring a strong drink.

"When they left 'The Pig,' people wanted to follow," said Serena Yun, a 26-year-old mortgage banker.

"Voodoo is the only place I would go in downtown San Jose," Yun said. "It has a classy atmosphere and there is never a cover charge. You can't find many nice places in San Jose that don't charge cover."

Having all been involved in the bar business at one time or another, and being avid bar-goers themselves, helped these guys find Voodoo's niche in the San Jose bar

scene. "We wanted to build the most functional bar in San Jose," Powell said. "We wanted to have an inviting feeling, draw large crowds and still give restaurant-style customer service."

The two-story establishment, equipped with oversized mob-style booths and leopard print bar stools always has music playing. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the disc jockey chooses the music, usually a mixture of '70s, '80s and current dance hits. During the rest of the week the customers choose what they want to hear on the jukebox, which offers a large variety of music.

"I like coming here because it is different from all the other bars in downtown. Even though it is a club on the weekends, it doesn't feel like a club; it feels like a neighborhood bar," said Steve Vittone, a 23-year-old visiting San Diego State University student.

After an eleven-month quest for the perfect location, the partners finally settled on the Second Street site, right next door to Toons nightclub. However, its acquisition didn't come easily.

"We spoke to the owner, who was using it as a banquet hall at the time," Beers said. "He wasn't interested at first, but in early September he called us back and we made an offer."

Running on faith, the three worked desperately to come up with the money to take over the

lease of the bar, Beers said. "We took out loans, asked parents, even used cash advances on credit cards," he said.

By mid-October the bar was theirs.

The following 30 days were spent working vigorously to get the place prepared for opening night.

The three collaborated to design a relaxed atmosphere so guests would feel comfortable.

From velvet couches customers could sink into, to chandeliers evoking a warm glow, every detail was covered.

The dream became reality for the three on Dec. 11, 1999, when the Voodoo Lounge opened its doors for business.

The place has been going strong ever since.

"I always try to get here by 9 p.m., otherwise, I know I will be waiting in line forever," said Louise Griffin, a 28-year-old architect from San Francisco.

These days at Voodoo you will always see the smiling faces of either Powell, Beers or Zulaica tending bar or walking through the crowd to make sure everyone is having a good time.

It is apparent from the contented look on each of their faces that they take pride in being their own bosses.

The long line that wraps around the building on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays is strong evidence that the camaraderie at the Voodoo Lounge is contagious.



The Voodoo Lounge, located on Second Street between Santa Clara and San Fernando streets, is crowded with clubgoers Saturday night. The laid-back, friendly atmosphere of the club promotes dancing and having a good time.

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The Voodoo Lounge offers a stage for people to dance. The music at the club is a mix of hip-hop, rock and Top 40.

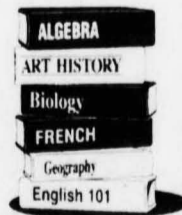
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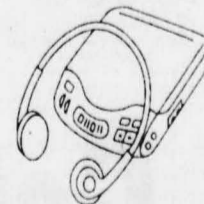
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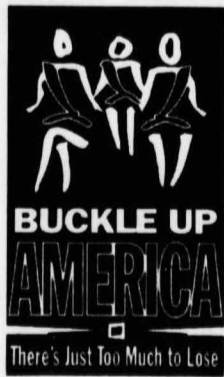
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be increased. Boyarsky said Norman was facing serious charges, perhaps approaching the severity of murder.

"If convicted on counts one and two, it would make him a striker," Boyarsky said. "Striker is in relation to the three strikes law. If convicted of rape, he would have one strike," Boyarsky said after the hearing.

Boyarsky also challenged a letter from Michael Donovan, a chief of police in Lebanon, Ill. in which it asked for a lesser bond for Norman.

The letter states: "I feel that this young man should be given consideration for leniency on any

charges that are made against him. He comes from a caring family and at his young age and being so far away from home, he is probably out of his element."

It continues, "He always made an effort to association with the right people because sports was his main goal. I've known him and his family for the last six years and have never had any problems with Les. I do appreciate anything you could do for him."

Donovan said he wrote the letter for a decrease in the bond, not for use in the preliminary hearing as Boyarsky had used it.

"I wrote the letter for (the) bond, not a lesser charge," said Donovan, in a phone interview from Lebanon, Ill. "If they have a good case they will find him guilty or not guilty."

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or broken up into payments during the 12-month period. Financial aid may be available to students who qualify.

While enrolled in the program, students are not allowed to work because of a 40-hour schedule they must maintain weekly.

"With this program, they (students) will have an opportunity to apply what they learn in a real business setting," said Sermon.

Jerrell saw the need for a day-time master's of business administration program years ago.

"We've never had a day program, most of (the programs) are

part-time at night," Jerrell said.

One of the goals stated in the brochure is to "foster the entrepreneurial spirit that is the business environment of Silicon Valley," according to a letter from the business graduate programs. Part of the program will include students having the opportunity to work with start-up companies around Silicon Valley.

Only 40 students will be accepted into the new program.

The application deadline for international students is March 1, while the deadline for all others is May 1.

For more information on the master's of business administration programs, visit www.cob.sjsu.edu/graduate.

Another Columbine shooting

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two Columbine High students were found dead early today after a shooting at a sandwich shop two blocks south of the school. The school still reeling from the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Investigators could not offer a motive but ruled out murder-suicide.

A woman who worked at the Subway sandwich shop was driving by just before 1 a.m. and noticed a light on inside. Since the business was supposed to be closed by 10 p.m., she stopped, went inside and found the bodies of a 15-year-old boy who also worked there and a 16-year-old girl, Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Davis said both victims, students at Columbine, suffered apparent gunshot wounds, but could not say if the wounds were the cause of death.

The victims were identified as Nicholas Kunselman and Stephanie Hart, who were dating, according to Courtney Scott, an 18-year-old cousin of Hart's.

"I hope it was just a robbery," Hodack said. "I've had way more than enough of this. This stuff needs to stop."

The shop is in a small strip mall within sight of the school where two teen-age students killed 12 students and a teacher on April 20 and wounded more than two dozen others, then committed suicide.

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"There are always times during negotiations when things get tense, but it wasn't like that. It wasn't 'what more can we get from you, but what more can we give you? What more can we bring to the table to make this thing work?'" Olympia said.

Bell said there are many other

things planned, both during bowl week and throughout the year, in order to increase the exposure of the Silicon Valley Classic.

A golf tournament in May and a men's and women's basketball tournament scheduled to be played Dec. 29 and 30 will all carry the Silicon Valley Classic tag.

"The city will be able to witness a premier athletic event right here at our backyard," vice-mayor Frank Fiscalini said.

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founded by Margaret Letzter, who was trained in speech pathology, she said.

"She (Letzter) was the first person to start the program, which is now the oldest program in the state," Weddington said.

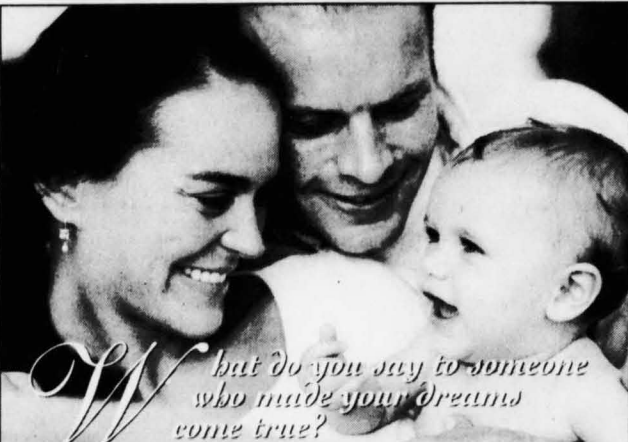
The center has been in operation since the early 1930s, according to Weddington.

"The clinic has been around way before my time and I have been here for 31 years," Weddington said.

The clinic is completely self-supported, according to Williams.

As well as providing on-campus services, the clinic provides services to the community at a competitive cost and compensates low income clients with reduced fees, while extending its services to hospitals and school districts as well, Williams said.

Shannon Pfaff, president of the National Student Speech and Hearing Association and coordinator for evaluations, said students are encouraged to drop-in or call the clinic for more information on the services available to them.



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