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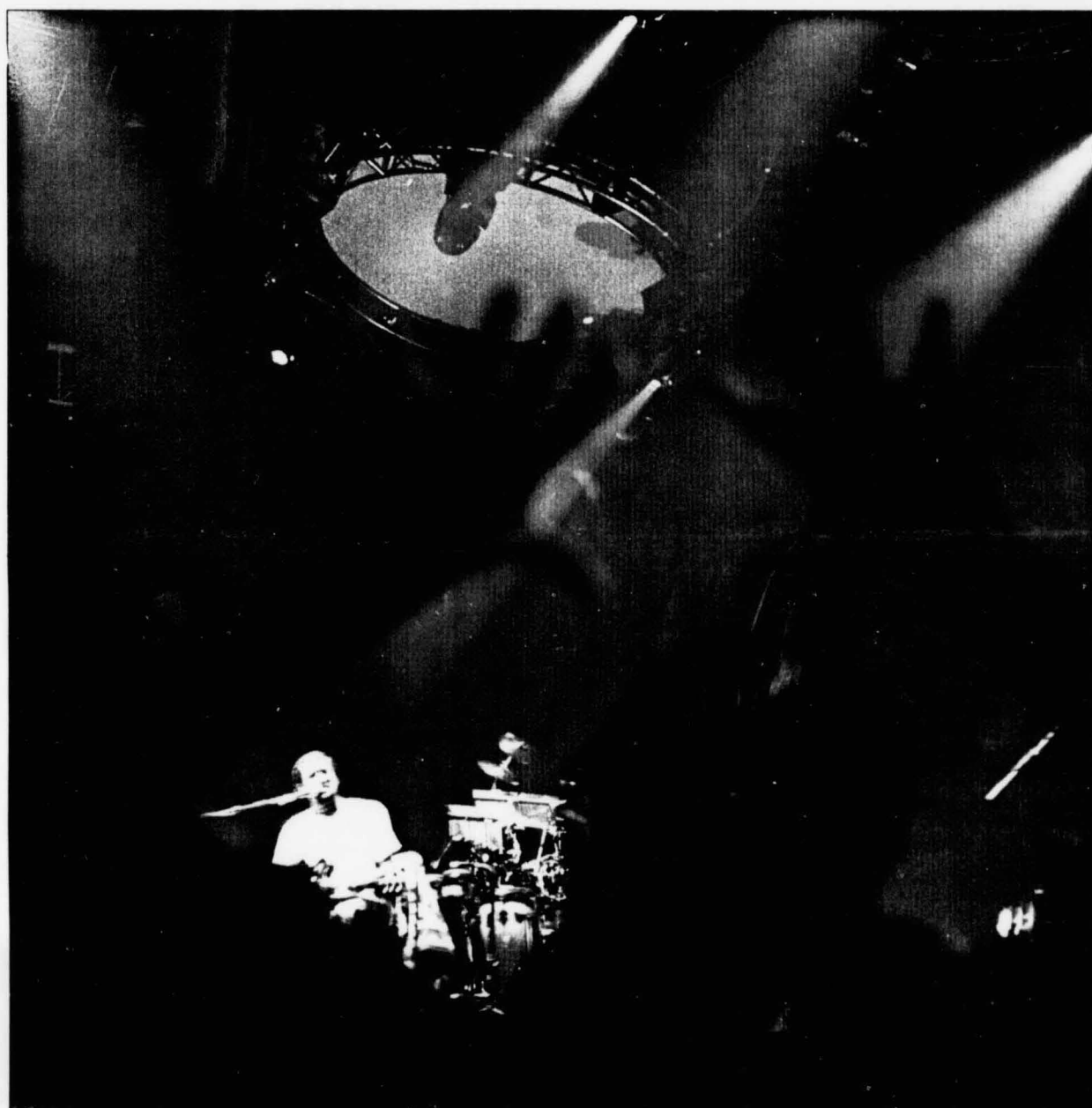
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Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals tell SJSU....

## STICK 'EM UP



Above, an enthusiastic crowd grooves to the acoustic sounds of Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals. Harper played Wednesday night at the Event Center on campus. Top right, Harper and the Innocent

Criminals were the first performers this fall at San Jose State University's Event Center. Maceo Parker, a former saxophone player for James Brown, graced the stage as Harper's opening act.



Text and photos by Jackie D'Antonio

An enthusiastic crowd and the crisp, clean sound of a slide guitar brought the Event Center to life Wednesday night as Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals took the stage for the first concert appearing on campus this fall.

A crowd of 1,700 attended the show, which started promptly at 8 p.m. with opening act Maceo Parker. Parker is a saxophone player and former member of James Brown's band. His funky jazz style warmed up the crowd as they anxiously awaited Harper's entrance. "I was quite surprised that Maceo was opening because he usually does the main show," said Tristan Pradelle, an African drum player and musician. "I've seen him three times and he was really on tonight."

REVIEW

When Harper came on the scene, the arena erupted with applause and support for the California-born, folk-rock musician. His earthy sound and politically charged lyrics attracted a culturally diverse audience. "Ben Harper is one of the most politically and socially active musicians out there today," said Will Sundquist, a longtime fan. "He's also one of the most talented — both vocally and with his guitar."

Harper played a variety of guitars during his performance. The most unique was a Weissenborn, a slide guitar. Accompanied by the Innocent Criminals, the backup band from his latest compact disc, "Burn to Shine," Harper captivated the audience with his intoxicating acoustics and heart-felt words. He thanked them for being so quiet and attentive during his solo encore, saying that such respect was rare and appreciated.

Harper returned for a second encore, charging the audience with a soulful cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Manic Depression" from the album "Are You Experienced?" which was released in 1967.

The combination of hypnotizing lights and a sound system — which has received many compliments from concert industry sound operators for its quality acoustics — created an uplifting, inspirational atmosphere for the show.

"By most accounts we have one of the best sounding arenas of our size in the country," said Duncan Lange, the event coordinator.

The Event Center was configured to hold between 2,000 and 2,200 people for the show, which was sponsored by Bill Graham Presents. It can be expanded to hold up to 7,000 people depending on the size of the stage production, Lange said. Tickets for the show were \$20 for students and \$27.50 for general admission, if they were purchased in advance.

Further information about ticket sales and upcoming events can be found at [www.union.sjsu.edu](http://www.union.sjsu.edu), the Student Union, Inc. Web site. The Ben Harper show was a strong opening venue for the season, which includes men's and women's basketball, volleyball and a variety of concerts.

"We try to provide a variety of shows because we realize we have a very diverse campus," Lange said.

## Chavez name OK'd by A.S.

By Bill Picht

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A resolution to name a campus facility after Cesar E. Chavez was adopted by the 1999-2000 Associated Students board on April 26, 2000. Chavez founded the United Farm Workers of America and was the posthumous recipient of America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom.

The A.S. resolution followed closely on the heels of the failure of Measure Q, which was an advisory referendum asking students if

they supported the renaming of the Student Union in honor of Chavez.

Earlier in the 1999-2000 school year, a number of student organizations and individuals made "incredibly passionate" pleas to the board for recognition of Chavez, said Akbar Shetty, A.S. board member. "Before that, I didn't know who Cesar Chavez was, and I was touched — by how much he means to the community."

In response, the board placed Measure Q on the spring ballot. The measure failed with 42.3 per-

cent of voters supporting the renaming.

Following the failure of Measure Q, Shetty talked to students and said he found "most of the students didn't know how Cesar Chavez affected their ethnic community or their cultural background," he said. "Some people knew who Cesar Chavez was," Shetty said, but told him "this is a Student Union building. We don't want to change it to the Cesar Chavez building."

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## Campus credit card vendors losing credibility

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The days when a hungry student could fill out a credit card application in return for a free snack may soon be gone.

And some critics say it's about time. Studies have found that students who apply for credit cards at campus tables are apt to ruin their credit.

A study published by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in the spring of 1998 found that students who apply for credit cards at campus tables usually have more cards, higher unpaid balances and

don't fully understand how credit cards work. The study, titled "The Campus Credit Card Trap," surveyed 15 campuses across the country, including four-year residential and two-year community colleges.

The Consumer Federation of America released a similar study in June of last year that supports the public interest group's findings. Although the students questioned in the Consumer Federation study were limited to eastern universities, the results indicate that the problem has reached national proportions.

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## His airness conducts with class



Edward Harris, instructor for the Wind Ensemble class, conducts new students in San Jose State University's Music building. The beginning orchestra class meets in the Music building, Room 176 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.



### CREDIT: Legislation will help avoid "trap"

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Back on campus, some students are concerned about the credit card vendors.

"It kind of bothers me how many tables are out here," said computer animation major Valerie Diaz.

State Senate Bill 796 may just take care of that. It has already passed the Legislature, and the final draft is in the works.

The bill is aimed at having colleges and universities to adopt policies that will regulate the marketing practices some credit card companies use on campuses.

Such policies may include limiting the number of tables on campus, not offering free gifts to students for filling out applications unless the student has first read a credit card education brochure and making credit card and debt education counseling sessions a regular part of campus programs.

"I think people don't have a good understanding of what they're getting themselves into," junior Annie Laurilla said. "A lot of people don't understand that you can get a credit card, but you still have to pay it off."

"This bill is about consumer education," said Ronda Paschal, legislative aide to Sen. Joseph Dunn, D-Garden Grove, the author of the bill. "We just want to make sure that they (students) are going in with their eyes open."

According to the policies suggested in the bill, student credit card debt education should be considered by campuses to avoid having students fall into this "trap."

"It's very easy with the high interest rates which these cards are offered at, to get in over your head," Paschal said.

Ed Mierzwinski, the public interest group's program director, agreed.

"Students, often without jobs and often facing large student loans and other school debts, should be careful not to make things worse by running up unnecessary, high-cost credit card debt, since they risk ruining their credit records if they fail to pay on time," Mierzwinski said.

As well as ruining their credit records, students can also risk losing out on good jobs. More and more employers are reviewing credit reports before hiring employees, according to the con-

**A lot of people don't understand that you can get a credit card, but you still have to pay it off."**

— Annie Laurilla, junior

"I think it should be up to the students," sophomore Jarrod Fisher said. "They (the government) have control of enough stuff. They should impose more important laws like security on campus."

Freshman Sam Yang agreed. "If you're in college, you should really be mature enough to handle your own money."

Although this may be the case, the consumer federation study has reported instances when students have been known to cut down on their classes or, in some cases, drop out of school completely. One University of Indiana administrator said in 1998 that, "We lose more students to credit card debt than to academic failure."

In addition, the consumer federation study mentioned two students who committed suicide partly because of their credit card debt.

In Janne O'Donnell's statement in the study, her son, Sean Moyer, a University of Texas student, accumulated 12 different credit cards without his parents' knowledge. His parents only learned of his \$10,000 debt when he moved home to save money and work off his debts.

"I will never know the exact reason Sean killed himself," O'Donnell said, "but I have no doubt that his credit card debt played a significant part in his decision."

In similar testimony, Mitzi Pool's daughter, Tricia Johnson, who attended the University of Oklahoma, received and maxed out three credit cards within her first three months at college without her mothers' knowledge. The college freshman also committed suicide, partly because of credit card debt, according to Pool's statement.

"This bill does not prohibit students from having credit cards, but

### Showing their true colors



Jodi Turner Daily staff

Coach Robin Hewett practices a routine with members of the San Jose State University Color Guard. The Color Guard is preparing for the football game against Stanford University Sept. 9 at Stanford.

### CHAVEZ: After "value decision," A.S. says building will bear Chavez's name

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The board considered these arguments and the election results when it debated A.S. Resolution 99/00-07, "Renaming a prominent on-campus facility to the Cesar E. Chavez Building," Shetty said. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the board.

The resolution urges the university and Academic Senate to name a facility on campus after Chavez, and listed ten buildings as possible candidates, including the Student Union, the Central Classroom Building and the Event Center.

"This (Measure Q) was not a mandate by the

general population, it was an advisory measure" A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba said. "The students advised not to do this, but that doesn't mean they (the A.S. Board) can't."

The board considered the referendum results when approving the resolution, Shetty said. "Sometimes we, as a board of directors, are in a difficult position. Do we go with the mass?" Shetty said. "And we took that into consideration. Or do we go with our value system?"

One factor behind the board's decision to approve the resolution was that many people might not be familiar with Chavez and his

accomplishments, Shetty said. "Because he is a modern hero — he passed away in '93 — he is not so well known, but he does mean a lot."

"I made a value decision ... to represent a minority on campus," Shetty said.

Currently, the resolution is being considered by the university administration, said Irene Miura, the executive assistant to university President Robert Caret. "I met with the president this week, and I am creating a committee to generate ideas as to what would be suitable," Miura said. Miura added that she expects to complete the informal discussion about a site this semester.

### Free spirits burn in Nevada

BLACK ROCK DESERT, Nev. (AP) — Wearing nothing but a hat and a few body rings as he takes his bike out for a spin, Steve Hosking is enjoying his annual pilgrimage to northern Nevada's high desert.

It's the third straight year he has left Santa Cruz, Calif., to let his hair down at the Burning Man counterculture festival on the Black Rock Desert 120 miles north of Reno — and he's not alone. Nine co-workers at his Silicon Valley high-tech firm are joining him this year.

"Trying to describe Burning Man to someone who hasn't been here is kind of like describing sex to someone who hasn't had sex. It's hard to do," said the 47-year-old electrical engineer who asked that his employer not be identified.

"It's the one place on the planet where you can express yourself freely and not get arrested. It's an insane outpouring of creativity and you see people doing every damn thing imaginable. Unlike society, people here accept the uniqueness of others."

Hosking is among 28,000 techies, artists, spiritualists, old hippies and rave regulars who are expected to converge on the sprawling desert for the 15th annual Burning Man.

The weeklong celebration on the dry lake bed surrounded by stark mountains ends Saturday night with the ceremonial torching of a 52-foot-high wooden effigy of a man for whom the event is named.

Artists will toss their paintings, sculptures and other creations onto the raging bonfire to reinforce the celebration of art for art's sake.

The Mardis Gras-like celebration combines wilderness camping and an eclectic mix of art and music in a surreal 5-square-mile encampment known as Black Rock City.

Drug sales are strictly forbidden but drug use is tolerated in what is among Nevada's five largest cities for the week. Clothing is optional.

Participants disagree with some locals and environmentalists who say the event has become too big and commercial.

During the 1990s, the event dou-

bled in size nearly every year. Tickets now cost as much as \$250 a head.

The festival operates on a \$3.4 million budget under the for-profit Black Rock City LLC headed by event founder Larry Harvey of San Francisco.

"This is my fourth year at Burning Man and I don't see where the size and ticket prices have spoiled it," said Ohio Knox, 53, an Albuquerque, N.M., construction superintendent.

"I'm still amazed by how creative the art is. There's a tremendous amount of openness and generosity that you don't find a lot of places. You can be who you are or who you want to be. You don't have to hide beneath a facade out here."

Daniella Irish, 18, a waitress in Estes Park, Colo., said the event's offbeat art and entertainment would draw her back to Burning Man for a third time next summer.

"It's still a wonderful escape for a week," she said. "Society can be cold and impersonal, but it's the opposite out here. When people back home ask me about it I tell them, 'It's a lot of naked people playing with fire and having a lot of fun.'"

Participants rave about the event's creativity, citing such draws as fire-belching sculptures, a 75-foot-long seesaw and Dr. Megavolt's lightning-producing show.

Among the festival's theme camps and businesses are a home that parodies television's "Leave It To Beaver" and the Costco Soulmate Trading Outlet where participants can line up dates.

Still other attractions include the Full Monty Carlo Barter Casino, the Black Rock City Wedding Chapel and Midget Dance Floor, the Body Hair Barber Shop and the Dirty Liver Lounge.

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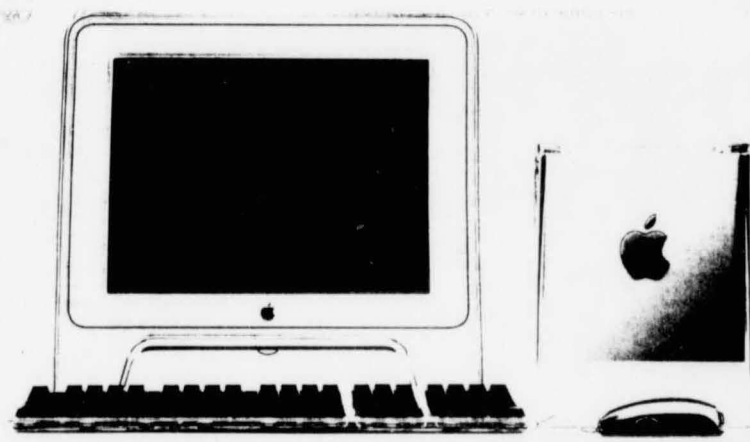
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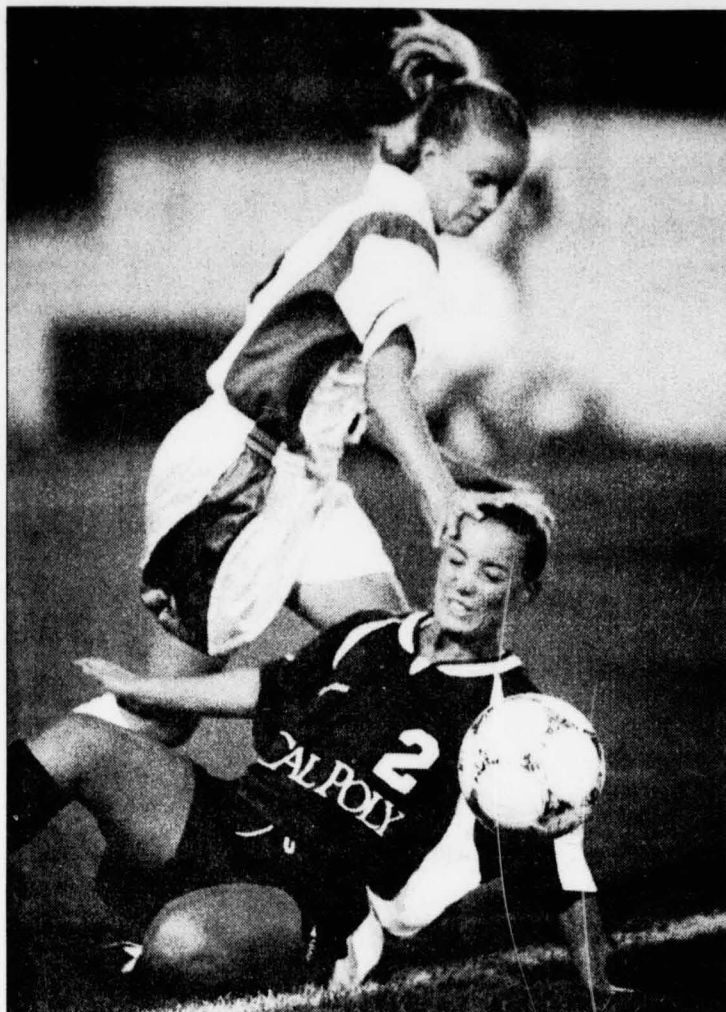
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Sophomore midfielder Jennifer Mescher takes down a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo player Tuesday night at Spartan Stadium. San Jose State University won the match 1-0. The Spartans next game is at home against Wisconsin Sept. 4.



Jackie D'Antonio Daily staff

## Tackling the opposition

SJSU women's soccer team ready for all foes

By Clarissa Aljentera

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A crowd dressed in blue and gold, the confines of Spartan Stadium and a home field advantage might make all the difference in the world.

And for the San Jose State University women's soccer team, home is where the heart is.

The Spartans finished fourth last

### PREVIEW

season in the Western Athletic Conference and are looking to make their biggest difference at home.

After a recent game against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, junior midfielder Brandy Apodaca said playing at home should put the team at ease.

"To win at home is one of our biggest goals," Apodaca said. "We have several seniors on the team, and it means the world to them to win at home."

The four returning seniors and eight juniors can provide the Spartans with depth and experience this year.

"This is our home. We don't lose here," said Apodaca, who is one of three captains.

Aside from the goal to win at home, the Spartans want to make it into the postseason and possibly the National Collegiate Athletic Association college

finals.

"Ideally we want to make it into the WAC and win it," interim head coach Tamie Grimes said. "We want to make the NCAA playoffs. This isn't something I set. The girls set it for themselves. It is better for them because they want to achieve them."

Grimes was a graduate assistant coach under former head coach Philippe Blin until earlier this summer. Blin compiled a record of 53-44-3 in his five years as the head coach. He is currently the technical director of the Pleasanton California Girls Soccer Association.

The transition has been easy, Grimes said.

"It is different than last year," said the 32-year-old. "I love coaching, and I love soccer. It makes it easy to coach because even though they aren't all captains, they are all leaders."

Team co-captain Rosie Madera describes Grimes style of coaching as laid-back.

"She is more relaxed, but it is good for our personalities on the team," said the senior midfielder. "It has a positive effect. We miss Philippe, but we will be just fine."

Apodaca said both coaches had the same mind-set in the game.

"They are both offensive minded. They teach us to go forward the entire time and our defense is solid. The new additions were strong, and it wasn't major like we thought," she added.

Along with the coaching changes this year, the Spartans have worked to replace empty spots. The Spartans are trying to fill voids left by seniors

Amee Brown, Momi Aiu and Kelli Mahoney.

Brown was a two-time first team all-conference selection. Aiu was named first team all-conference, and Mahoney was named co-defensive player of the year for the Spartans last season.

Grimes said her team is playing well despite the losses.

"We lost a goalkeeper and a right back who were key seniors, but the others are stepping up nice, and the captains are doing a good job leading the team," Grimes said. "The team chemistry is awesome. They get along well together."

Captains Apodaca, Madera and senior defender Jackie Ostdiek will lead the team of 31 women in its home game against Wisconsin at 11 a.m. on Monday at Spartan Stadium.

The Spartans are 2-1 as of Wednesday. They split two road games with a 5-3 loss Saturday to the University of Oregon, and a 4-0 win Sunday against Portland State.

Madera said the loss in the season opener was a wake-up call for the Spartans.

"Our first game against the University of Oregon was a warm-up. We have stuff to improve and work on," Madera said.

The Spartans most recent improvement was a 1-0 win against Cal Poly Tuesday.

The win for the Spartans was healthy since it could be a precursor for the season, Madera said.

"We were looking really good and very positive."

## Spartan Outlook for Labor Day weekend

**Today:**  
Men's Soccer vs. CS San Bernadino at Spartan Stadium, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball at Phoenix Airport Hilton Challenge in Tempe, Ariz.  
**Saturday:**  
Football vs. Nebraska at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. 12:30 p.m. CDT  
Volleyball at Phoenix Airport Hilton Challenge

Men's and Women's Cross Country at CS Sacramento Invitational in Rocklin, Calif.  
**Sunday:**  
Men's soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara at Spartan Stadium, 1 p.m.  
**Monday:**  
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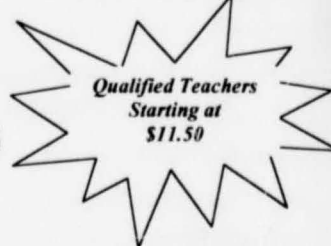
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Women's soccer coach Tamie Grimes confers with assistant coach Orlando Cervantes during the game against Sacramento State University on Thursday night at Spartan Stadium.

## Grimes with success

By Ben Aguirre Jr.

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Tamie Grimes knows how to win.

The San Jose State University's women's soccer interim head coach played in two National Collegiate Athletic Association women's soccer Final Four with Santa Clara University and coached under former SJSU head coach Phillippe Blin, who coached the Spartans to four winning seasons during his five-year run with the Spartans.

"It's the premier college tournament...the first year was overwhelming," said Grimes, who was named most valuable defensive player on her Santa Clara University soccer team. Santa Clara reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four in 1989 and 1990.

Grimes not only brings a skilled playing background, but she brings a winning attitude to the 2000 women's soccer team.

Grimes' previous trips to the women's soccer Final Four as a player gave her the experience of being in the big games.

The Spartans hope to add to her experience in the big games as a coach.

"The girl's have set the goals," says Grimes, "Making it to the Western Athletic Conference playoffs. Winning the WAC and hopefully making it to the NCAA championships for the first time in school history."

"Tamie did a good job with the transition," says junior forward Brandy Apodaca, "There are three captains that are seniors,

and she kept the bond together."

In replacing Blin, Grimes is the second head coach, and the first woman head coach since the program's inception in 1995. Blin had a career record of 53-44-3.

"I love Phillippe, he was my coach at Santa Clara," Grimes said.

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- Tamie Grimes, Interim Head Coach

Grimes grew up in Santa Clara and chose to stay home to attend college. She graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Spanish.

She began coaching soccer in 1990 at Homestead High School and moved to SJSU in 1998, as an assistant coach to Blin.

Grimes was named the interim head coach on June 2, a month and a half after the resignation of Blin.

"I love Soccer," Grimes said. "It's in my blood."

## Nebraska coach recalls upsets at SJSU

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Although it's been 28 years since Nebraska assistant George Darlington was on the coaching staff at San Jose State, he's passed along at least one memory of his West Coast days to the Cornhuskers.

In 1971, Darlington's third season at San Jose, the Spartans beat eventual Pac-8 champion Stanford 13-12.

"We had the upset of the year," said Darlington, who coaches Nebraska's secondary. "We beat Stanford's Rose Bowl team."

If the Spartans pull another one Saturday against No. 1 Nebraska, "upset of the year" won't begin to cover it.

San Jose State is more likely to join the ranks of Pacific, Akron and Northern Illinois as non-conference warmups that have provided a scoring frenzy for Husker fans.

Darlington, in his 28th season at Nebraska, has been gone long enough that coach Frank Solich hasn't hit him up for any past tendencies of SJSU. "There have been so many head coaches and assistant coaches since I was there," Darlington said. "San Jose has been a revolving door for coaches."

The list of former San Jose coaches includes Ron Turner, who has brought Illinois back into contention in the Big 10, Jack Elway and Darryl Rogers. The reason for the high turnover is largely financial, Darlington said.

"San Jose is a program that has always struggled for money and support, so consequently it's tough to keep coaches there," he said. "If a coach is there and he does a good job, often he's offered a job that, quite frankly, pays

where we didn't have 10,000 people in the stands," Darlington said. "San Jose's program was so poor financially it was just like being in a different world, even though we both played football."

Traveling to Nebraska is going to help the Spartans' financially — they're guaranteed \$475,000 for the game, coach Dave Baldwin said.

"Definitely it is a money game," Baldwin said. "There is money on the table that allows us to do some things athletically in the program that probably we would not be able to do. But I think also there's just the excitement of playing a No. 1 team."

The only other time San Jose State played a No. 1 team was against Miami in 1989, a 48-16 win for the Hurricanes. San Jose State is 1-8-1 in its last 10 season openers, but Baldwin said that doesn't change the expectations.

"You go into any game hoping that you're going to win. You don't think of anything else. The caliber of winning is measured on the scoreboard," said Baldwin, 11-22 at SJSU.

"We're never going to stop competing. That's our motto this year. As far as point favorites, as a coach I can't look at that way," Baldwin said. "I want us to improve. I think we've done that during fall camp. Whether we do it against the No. 1 team in America, I don't know if that will happen."

### A webcast first for Spartans

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Oddsmakers say that Saturday's college football game between No. 1 Nebraska and San Jose State won't be much of a contest.

But the folks at FOXSports.com are betting that their live webcast of the NCAA Division I-A contest — the first college or professional football game ever broadcast on a major Web site — will be a hit with fans.

The free webcast of the 9:30 p.m. PDT game will include live video and audio from the game on FOXSports.com and Huskers.com, Nebraska's athletic department Web site.

The idea for the webcast was hatched after cable television's FOX Sports Net, which holds the television rights to the game, opted not to show it.

"We saw this as a perfect time to move in," said Danny Greenberg, vice president of FOXSports.com, a sister company of FOX Sports Net.

Fans wishing to access the webcast will need computers equipped with 56K modem.

more money and has more chance to go on and someday compete for national championships."

For Darlington that chance was in 1973 when a rookie coach named Tom Osborne was putting together his first staff. He said he first noticed the difference during a pep rally before Nebraska's 1973 season opener against UCLA, when he estimates 6-7,000 fans showed up.

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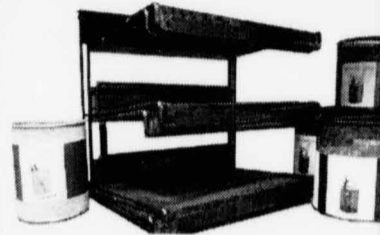
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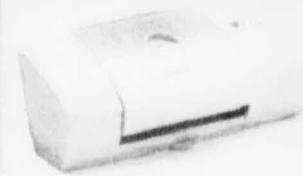
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