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Author shares dark humor

By Beau Dowling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Best-selling author David Sedaris spoke to a crowd of about 400 people at the Morris Dailey Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night.

The humorist read from his new book, "Me Talk Pretty One Day," as well as some other things he has been working on.

Rachael Haro, a senior majoring in creative arts, said she wasn't surprised by Sedaris' dark humor.

"He was interesting," Haro said. "I figured he was going to be like that."

Young Do, a senior majoring in psychology, said Sedaris' writing is refreshing.

"He takes a lot of risks," Do said. "He's inspiring and daring. Even though he does take risks, it does pay off."

Pete Delgadillo, an attendant at the reading, said Sedaris knows how to entertain a crowd.

"He's funny, and his mind is crazy," Delgadillo said. "He says anything and doesn't care what people think."

Sedaris opened with a poem about pets and their mischievous behavior and started talking about animals his family owned when he was younger.

There was a German shepherd named Machen.

Machen got run over by a car, and Sedaris' father went out and bought another German shepherd while the deceased dog's dinner was still

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'Shift' explores social dynamics

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University's theater department had its first opportunity to show off its stuff in a professional environment Monday night at the San Jose Stage Company.

More than 40 students, faculty members, theater professionals and audience members filled the cozy interior of the company's only stage on 490 South First Street.

Philip Mancini brought his new full-length play "Shift" for a staged reading, offering everyone a chance to see work by one of SJSU's scriptwriting students for

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an admission price of \$3.

Mancini, a graduate student in mass communications, said the reading gave him a chance to gain some exposure while receiving invaluable criticisms of his work.

Set in a restaurant, "Shift" tells the behind-the-scenes story of the activities of the establishment's owner and his employees.

Sara Shimizu, a creative arts major and waitress at one of the Fish Market restaurants in Santa Clara, said she enjoyed the play.

"I can see the social dynamics," she said. "I think it was well done."

Kena Lashley, a senior majoring in radio, television and film, said she attended the reading because she was looking for motivation to finish her own play.

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Bush reaches out to California



Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Texas Gov. George W. Bush talked at a CityTeam Ministry rehabilitation center in San Jose on Tuesday. At the center, Bush emphasized his support for faith-based ministries and told his supporters he thinks he could win the election.

Presidential candidate takes break from political rallies in San Jose

By Emily B. Zurich

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Presidential hopeful George W. Bush took a break from political rallies Wednesday morning to advocate a more accountable government during his last stop in California before the Nov. 7 election.

"Each of us are responsible for the decisions we make in life," Bush said.

The speech was given to an audience of about 150 people near downtown San Jose at CityTeam Ministries Family Services center, a Christian organization that runs addiction recovery programs and cares for the homeless without the use of government aid, located between 13th and 15th streets.

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For Color Photos of Bush's visit

Bush stood in the middle of CityTeam's warehouse, surrounded by donated items such as food, clothes and toys, and spoke to the audience for about 30 minutes.

The Texas governor said he chose to visit and speak at the CityTeam center because of the role religion plays in the election, government and people's lives.

"I can't think of a better way to end a campaign than to come to a place that is founded on love," Bush said.

With less than a week remaining in the 2000 presidential campaign, Bush related his goal of becoming president to CityTeam's charitable work.

"We are responsible to help a neighbor in need," Bush said. "Let's work on the compassion index in the neighborhoods in which we live."

To achieve that level of charity, Bush added, the government should encourage people to donate more of their income by changing the tax code.

"Government can stand side by side with programs like CityTeam," Bush said. "There are ways to help. We need to allow corporations to give more."

He also addressed the concern that government involvement in religious charities is a violation of the separation of church and state.

"They ought to be separate," Bush said. "But we need to encourage faith-based programs."

"I can't think of a better way to end a campaign than to come to a place that is founded on love."

— George W. Bush, Texas governor and presidential hopeful

Bush personalized his message to the audience, calling Silicon Valley a "magnet of entrepreneurship."

"I want to herald the entrepreneurial spirit in America," Bush said. "I love the spirit of Silicon Valley."

The speech took a more personal tone when he briefly mentioned his alcohol addiction and recovery.

Bush said the president should understand the power of religion when it comes to fighting addiction and said that he hasn't consumed any alcohol since 1986.

"I heard a higher call," Bush said. Bush's speech did not concentrate heavily on the election next week or the policies of his opponent Vice President Al Gore.

In a brief slam on his rival, Bush said Gore referred to charitable organizations such as CityTeam as "crumbs of compassion."

Prompting a standing ovation from the audience, Bush said he preferred to call them "the bread of life."

Bush then spoke about the role of the next president of the United States.

"The president must understand the responsibilities of the office," Bush said.

Lawrence Molton, a political researcher, said he came to the CityTeam center to hear Bush's speech.

"I wanted to support him sending a message that the Republican candidate has a vision that works for California," Molton said.

Molton added that he felt the most important part of the speech was when Bush explained his position on the role of government regarding welfare and charities.

"When government helps people, we should ask, 'Are we getting results?'" Molton said.

Molton said he thinks Bush will obtain many votes in California.

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Jackie D'Antonio / Daily Staff

Linda Vaganov rallied for presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush on Tuesday at the CityTeam Ministries Family Services center in San Jose. The private event was his last stop in California before the election on Nov. 7.

OPPOSING VIEWS Debating Measure A

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Measure A will provide much needed expansion of public transportation and ease the valley's gridlocked highways.

Other alternatives offer better traffic solutions than Measure A's hasty proposals and faulty planning.



Minal Gandhi
DAILY STAFF WRITER

It seems that, in the last four or five years, the Bay Area has undergone a Los Angeles-ization in terms of traffic.

The giant, high-tech corporations and smaller, dot-com startups have lured in masses of people who came with the hope of a prosperous career in sunny, Northern California.

But much to their dismay, these newcomers, along with native Bay Area residents such as myself, are finding themselves spending an ungodly amount of time behind the wheel of their

cars instead of at home relaxing after a hard day's work.

This is the reason it still baffles me why some people are against Measure A, a proposal that promises to alleviate traffic congestion by connecting the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, also known as BART, to Santa Clara County, extend light-rail and CalTrain lines and improve the Valley Transportation Authority's bus system.

If Measure A is passed on Tuesday, a half-cent sales tax, imposed by the Santa Clara County in 1996 that expires in 2006, will be extended for 30 more years to fund the transit portion of the Valley Transportation Plan.

The thought of paying taxes may discourage some from supporting this initiative.

After all, who can be certain that the revenue from this tax will be used properly?

According to the county's voter information pamphlet, an independent citizen's watchdog committee would be responsible to review all expenditures, hold public hearings and arrange for an annual independent audit to make sure the money is used for the designated projects.

I look forward to seeing 78,000 fewer vehicles on the road in the future when the BART project comes to completion. Its extension will be like adding three traffic lanes to our freeways, according to the supporters of Measure A.

Furthermore, the extension and improvement of public transportation, such as the Valley Transportation Authority's light-rail and buses, will consequently reduce pollution in the 15 Santa Clara County cities that will be affected by the measure.

With the recent approval of the 20,000-worker Cisco campus in the Coyote Valley, traffic congestion on highways 101 and 680 will only increase due to commute patterns.

It is reassuring to know that one of Measure A's options will fully fund a new light rail line that would run between Santa Teresa and Coyote Valley if the measure is passed.

The line, which would run close to the Cisco campus, can mitigate both gridlock and accidents that are bound to occur on the road.

The Valley Transportation Authority also plans to add 150 more buses to its current fleet of 600 and replace all existing diesel buses with new, zero emission ones in an attempt to promote cleaner air.

Measure A's express bus service can provide more environmentally friendly buses from the county's transportation agency and present a worthwhile alternative to commuting to and from work.

On Tuesday, I will be voting for Measure A, which needs a two-thirds majority vote to pass. I hope that my fellow voters consider the benefits of this initiative because I'd hate to see our increasingly busy lives spent behind a steering wheel while our precious time escapes like the exhaust from a car's muffler.

Minal Gandhi is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

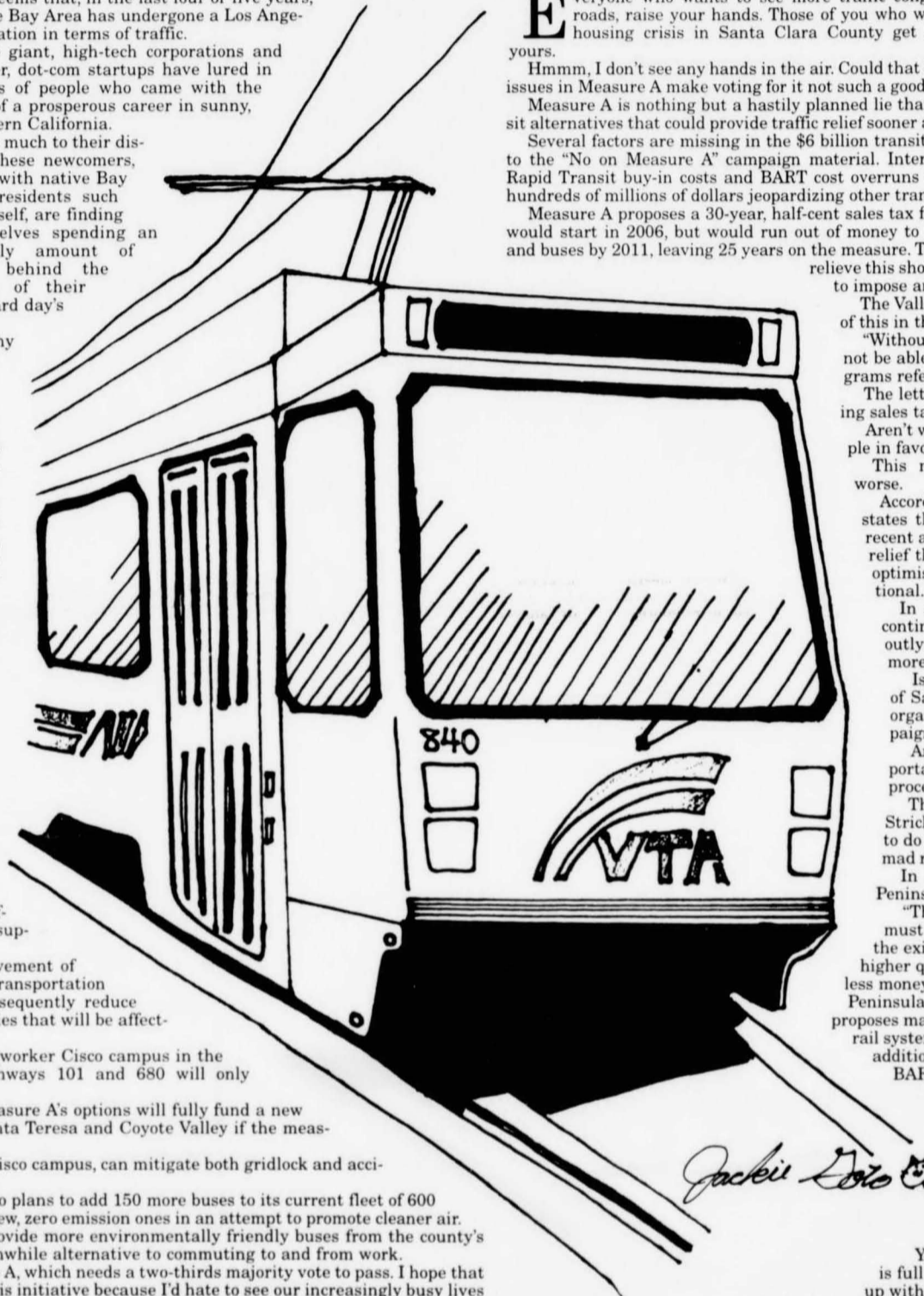


Illustration by Jackie Goto

Everyone who wants to see more traffic congestion on our roads, raise your hands. Those of you who want to see the housing crisis in Santa Clara County get ignored, raise yours.

Hmmm, I don't see any hands in the air. Could that be because the issues in Measure A make voting for it not such a good idea after all?

Measure A is nothing but a hastily planned lie that ignores transit alternatives that could provide traffic relief sooner at a lower cost.

Several factors are missing in the \$6 billion transit tax according to the "No on Measure A" campaign material. Interest, Bay Area Rapid Transit buy-in costs and BART cost overruns can add up to hundreds of millions of dollars jeopardizing other transit projects.

Measure A proposes a 30-year, half-cent sales tax for transit that would start in 2006, but would run out of money to operate trains and buses by 2011, leaving 25 years on the measure. The only way to relieve this shortfall would be to impose another tax.

The Valley Transit Authority, known as VTA, admitted to all of this in their Aug. 7 memo.

"Without additional ongoing financial resources, VTA will not be able to fully fund and operate several projects and programs referenced in VTP 2020 (the BART plan)."

The letter goes on to say that, "an additional 1/4 cent ongoing sales tax would seem the most prudent approach."

Aren't we being taxed enough? Did I forget to ask those people in favor of more taxes to raise their hands? No response?

This measure might actually make traffic congestion worse.

According to the "No on Measure A" information, the plan states that the tax won't even begin until 2006. With the recent approval of the Cisco plan, we need traffic congestion relief that will come sooner than 2010, which, in the most optimistic scenario, is when BART would become operational.

In addition to that, as housing costs in Silicon Valley continue to skyrocket, many people will be forced to live in outlying areas, which will lead to longer commutes and more urban sprawl.

Is it any wonder why the Sierra Club, the Green Party of Santa Clara County and the Environmental Defense organization are sponsoring the "No on Measure A" campaign?

An Aug. 10 Metro article quoted the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition as saying that the process of adopting VTP 2020 has been "hasty at best."

The coalition's Silicon Valley Coordinator Kimberly Strickland said, "There are other solutions. We have time to do studies in order to come up with a better plan. This mad rush for dollars is borderline ridiculous. It scares me."

In the same article, Andy Chow, Board Director of Peninsula Rail 2000, agreed with Strickland.

"This project is not well thought out," Chow said. "There must be a consideration of alternatives. We can enhance the existing commuter rail (CalTrain) to suit better, faster, higher quality trains. This can be done quicker and for much less money than the BART extension."

Peninsula Rail 2000, an all-volunteer transit consumer group, proposes making use of existing CalTrain tracks, electrifying the rail system and having it run as frequently as BART would. In addition, the CalTrain cars would carry more riders than BART cars.

According to Peninsula Rail 2000, a BART car costs \$1.6 million, the same as a CalTrain car, but only has 64-72 seats and carries 100 riders, if standing room is used.

The CalTrain cars average 134 seats. To match this, BART would have to purchase more cars, making it a more expensive plan when matched up to Peninsula Rail 2000.

Consider all of this when you vote Nov. 7.

You can vote for a plan that was thrown together and is full of misconceptions, or you can vote to wait and come up with a better plan that would be cheaper and more effective for San Jose.

Diana M. Ramirez is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

TALKING HEADS Do you support Measure A's public transportation proposals?



"Yeah, I'd be for it. It's not like this big chunk of money."

— Ryan Thomas
junior
math



"Government shouldn't aid BART. They are like every other business. They make a profit, so why do they need (this tax)?"

— Jeana Arabzadeh
senior
international business/
marketing



"Sounds great. Any way to help transportation would be great. People do use it."

— Mike Kuo
freshman
kinesiology



"Yes, I agree to expand BART to downtown San Jose because the commuting would be lesser for people that would be coming from San Francisco and other areas."

— Kelinda Gastinell
freshman
administration of justice



"I would support it if it was a feasible plan. It seems like a good idea."

— Ryan Chiao
junior
business management



"People like to take their own cars. There are so few (people) on the bus. I don't think that if they bring it down here it will do any good."

— Jane Opiora
freshman
accounting

Compiled by Kate Kositch and photos by Jackie D'Antonio.

One of the last legal drugs offers cheap highs

I submit that sugar is every bit as addictive as crack cocaine. Even as I sit here writing, I cannot fight the urge to ingest the sweet substance. Halloween was a virtual smorgasbord of miniature candy bars for those of us on the newspaper staff who have become dependent on toothsome treats. But, we are aware that the short holiday was only an excuse for us to get a big-time fix. Early in the semester, a few of us female staffers decided we weren't going to eat sugar, so as to halt the typically inevitable weight gain that may as well be written into the editorial job descriptions. I should have laughed when I first heard the idea. I should have known that nothing short of methamphetamines would get

me through all 68 issues if I was going to give up sugar. At first I compensated for the lack of sugar by drinking two to three 44-ounce cups of Diet Pepsi every day. Soon, I became addicted to the caffeine. If I didn't have all the caffeine my body was used to receiving, I would get a raging headache. Before long, I couldn't feel the effects of the caffeine. It was barely keeping me awake and definitely wasn't improving my attitude. Unbeknownst to the girls on staff who had boycotted sugar, I began to use again. At first it was just a little bit when I got home from work late at night, just to kind of pat myself on the back for surviving another day. Then I began to eat entire bags of cookies and pints of ice cream on the weekends.



Erin Mayes
ENOUGH SAID

Soon, I could no longer hide the fact that I was using from my fellow editors. Chocolate was spilling out of the drawers in my desk, and they began to point accusatory fingers at me and tell me I'd fallen off the bandwagon, that I'd cheated, betrayed them,

blah, blah, blah. I didn't care anymore. Sugar gave me an increased alertness, a sense of well-being and an intense high. After a while, everyone switched over, we were all using openly, just popping candy into our mouths any old time we felt like it. Now the newsroom is in a constant state of hyperactivity. A large black cauldron sits on the Copy Editor's desk, and every day people are piling candy into it. It's empty by the end of each evening. Unfortunately, now not only am I addicted to sugar, but my dependence on caffeine has not diminished even the tiniest bit. Combined, the two drugs have the after-effects of speed. Paranoia, hallucinations, aggressive behavior, an

increased heart rate, convulsions, a rise in body temperature, uncontrollable movements (twitching, jerking), insomnia, impaired speech, dry, itchy skin, loss of appetite, acne, sores and numbness are just a few of the problems I now have. OK, maybe all except for the loss of appetite. Sadly, there is no support group I can go to, no Sugar-eaters Anonymous or caffeine patches for me to apply to my arm. Sugar and caffeine are one of the last addictive drugs that are socially acceptable, and until the government decides to outlaw them, I'll be abusing them.

Erin Mayes is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. "Enough Said" appears Wednesdays.

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"It is hard to detect good luck — it looks so much like something you've earned."

— Frank A. Clark

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Alcohol Awareness — Myths and realities of alcohol abuse, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe room. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

The Listening Hour Concert Series

Guitar recital: students of Bahram Behroozi performing solo ensemble music, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Career Center

Internship workshop, 1:30 p.m. in building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6034.

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Workshop: "Stress Management," noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For

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Graduate advising for O.T. Program applicants, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 210. For more information, call Barbara Sullivan at 924-3070.

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Free film presentation, 9 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, e-mail anemia_sjsu@hotmail.com.

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Texas Gov. George W. Bush addressed the crowd that gathered Tuesday in the warehouse of the CityTeam Ministries Family Services in San Jose. CityTeam ministries is a Christian-based drug-rehabilitation center that helps local residents. The event, which drew about 150 people, was Bush's last stop in California before the presidential election Tuesday.



Joel Turner / Daily Staff

BUSH: Texas governor tries to solidify six percent lead over Gore during his last visit to California before elections



Jackie D'Antonio / Daily Staff

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"There are circumstances under which Bush can carry California next week," Molton said.

Jennifer Coalson, who came to listen to the speech and bring home signed memorabilia, agreed.

"He has a chance in California," Coalson said. "That's exciting."

About 30 people standing on a corner across the street from the CityTeam center, some with "Gore-Lieberman" placards, disagreed although they had not heard Bush's speech.

A man with a megaphone shouted, "Georgie Porgie, go away. You're not welcome in San Jose."

Michael Miller, one of the protesters, said Bush's policies would not be beneficial for the people of San Jose.

"I think he has no interest whatsoever in the issues that affect San Jose," said Miller, who works for a software company and considers himself a Democ-

rat.

Tom Linebarger, a member of the painter's union, said he was protesting Bush's stand on unions and minimum wage.

Linebarger held up a sign criticizing minimum wage laws in Texas.

"Bush is not good for working people," Linebarger said.

Another protester, Tyson Gustus, said he thought Bush misleads people when he uses the word "compassionate" to describe his policies.

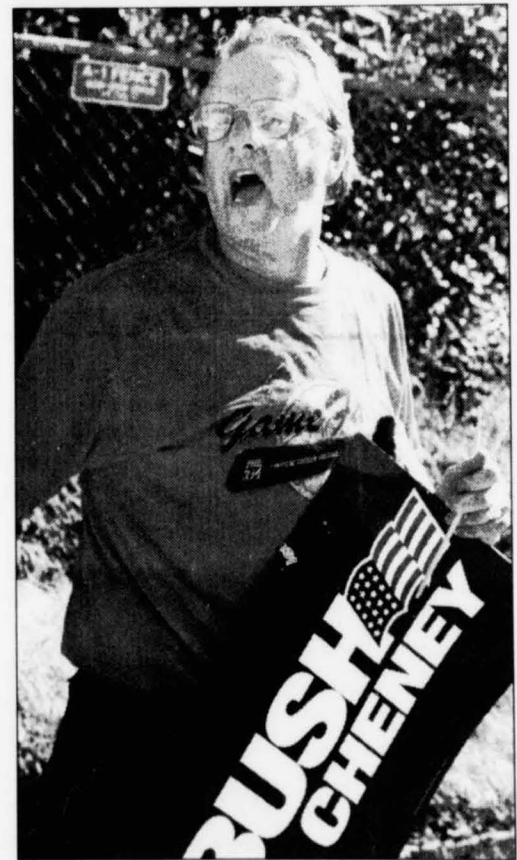
Gustus said Bush's tax cuts go to the rich before paying off the debt.

"That's not compassion," Gustus said. "That's wasting a lot of money that could go to helping people who need it."

The protesters exchanged heckles with about 50 Bush supporters on an opposite corner.

The latest CNN/Time poll shows Bush currently garnering 49 percent of the nation's likely voters while Gore is holding on to 43 percent.

The poll had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.



Jackie D'Antonio / Daily Staff

Willie Ward, a supporter of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, shouts at Gore supporters outside of the CityTeam Ministries Family Services center in San Jose.



Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Top, Presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush talked to supporters Tuesday after giving a speech during a private event held at the CityTeam Ministries Family Services center in San Jose. Above, Supporters of Vice

President Al Gore, foreground, clamor for Bush to leave California after the speech at the center while Bush supporters, in the background, shout back at the Gore supporters.

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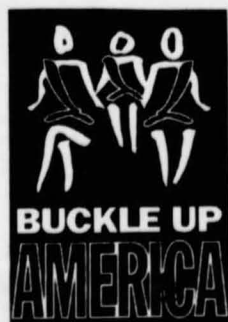
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Karl Laucher, women's rugby club head coach, said he planned to move his team up to Division I this season.

Coming off an undefeated regular season in 1999, San Jose State University dominated all opponents until they got to the USA rugby women's Division II National Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The Spartans were in for a rude awakening.

PREVIEW

They lost two games by a combined score of 72-8, which gave them a good sense of where they stood amongst the nation's best in Division II.

"In the Final Four, we didn't play up to our own expectations," Laucher said. "We had to accentuate the positive. The positive was that we made it there."

Laucher said he expects the team to make it back to the Final Four. This time, he is sure it will lead to a different outcome.

"We left some unfinished business in Division II," Laucher said. "We'll go back and win it this year, then next year move to Division I."

This season, Laucher scheduled tough opponents early to prepare his team for the postseason.

"We didn't face good competition during the season last year, and we didn't have to bring it to that level," Laucher said. "We scheduled four Division I teams this year. This time, we'll be ready."

Among those "powerhouse" teams on SJSU's schedule are Stanford University, Cal Berkeley, University of California at Davis and Santa Clara University. The Cardinal, who won the Division I National Championship in 1999, will be the Spartans' first oppo-



Photos by Joel Turner - Daily Staff

Lindy Lacson, center, ran into her teammate Tonya Jones, left, as Jessica Mendoza tried to chase her down during a scrimmage last week. The women's rugby team practices from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons on the South Campus Field. The Spartans finished seventh out of eight teams Sunday

at the Stanford 7-Aside tournament in Palo Alto. SJSU defeated its archrival Santa Clara University 12-10 in the final game. The women's rugby team will travel back to Stanford on Saturday to compete in the 10-Aside tournament.



Maggie Wilson, a member of the San Jose State University women's rugby team, practiced a drill during a team practice last week. The Spartans have eight returning players out of 25.

When the season begins Feb. 3.

The rugby team's league season doesn't start until the spring semester, but the fall is important for newcomers.

The Spartans compete in several tournaments through December, and the purpose of these games is to give everyone the opportunity to play, Laucher said.

Sunday, the women's rugby team placed seventh out of eight teams in the Stanford 7-Aside tournament in Palo Alto. It was a sub-par performance for SJSU, but the object wasn't to win the tournament, Laucher said.

"We tried to get everyone in," he said.

Despite having only eight of 25 players returning from last season, the Spartans are excited about the incoming talent.

"We have a wider spread of positions," said senior Melissa Ciotta. "Last year we had talent, but this year we have players that can play a variety. We have fast runners and a strong forward pack."

Ciotta said the main emphasis of the preseason is to help the new players learn the sport.

"You only know how to play rugby by actually playing games, not by watching and not by practice," Ciotta said. "Every tournament is a learning experience for the rookies. They have to get used to the different skills, like tackling."

Ciotta was chosen to join Vazquez as a captain of the team

this season. Both players agreed that their leadership and communication skills allow them to work together successfully.

Vazquez said there is a reason Ciotta is known as a "power house runner."

"She has the ability to crash through defenders and break

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- Karl Laucher, women's rugby head coach

tackles," Vazquez said.

The SJSU women's rugby club has only been in existence for four years, but, in that short period of time, it has already become a national caliber program.

Laucher said the high turnover rate of players doesn't seem to affect them, because there are many potential "superstars" on campus.

"I have been fortunate enough to strike gold at San Jose State University," he said. "There is a lot of uncovered potential. Ladies that have some athletic back-

ground but are not currently involved in any sport."

Vazquez was one of those women. As a freshman she entered SJSU wanting to be involved with athletics, but she didn't have the time. She said rugby was a perfect fit for her schedule.

She picked up the game quickly and has been a Spartan captain ever since.

"I never had the rules introduced to me until college," Vazquez said. "But, I played tackle football with neighbors. I've always been aggressive, and I love kicking."

Vazquez said that rugby players come in all shapes and sizes.

"Rugby is set up so that a lot of body types can compete," she said. "You don't have to be the fastest or strongest."

Difficulty may lie in coaching players with so many different characteristics.

But, Vazquez believes Laucher has been able to bring the range of athletes together into a successful team.

"He's been able to find specific skills in every player and makes good use of it," she said. "If you can kick, he makes sure you do that very well."

The Spartans' next tournament is Nov. 4 at Stanford in the 10-Aside. On Nov. 11, they will scrimmage Santa Clara at Blackford High School in San Jose.

Staff Writer Ben Aguirre Jr. contributed to this report

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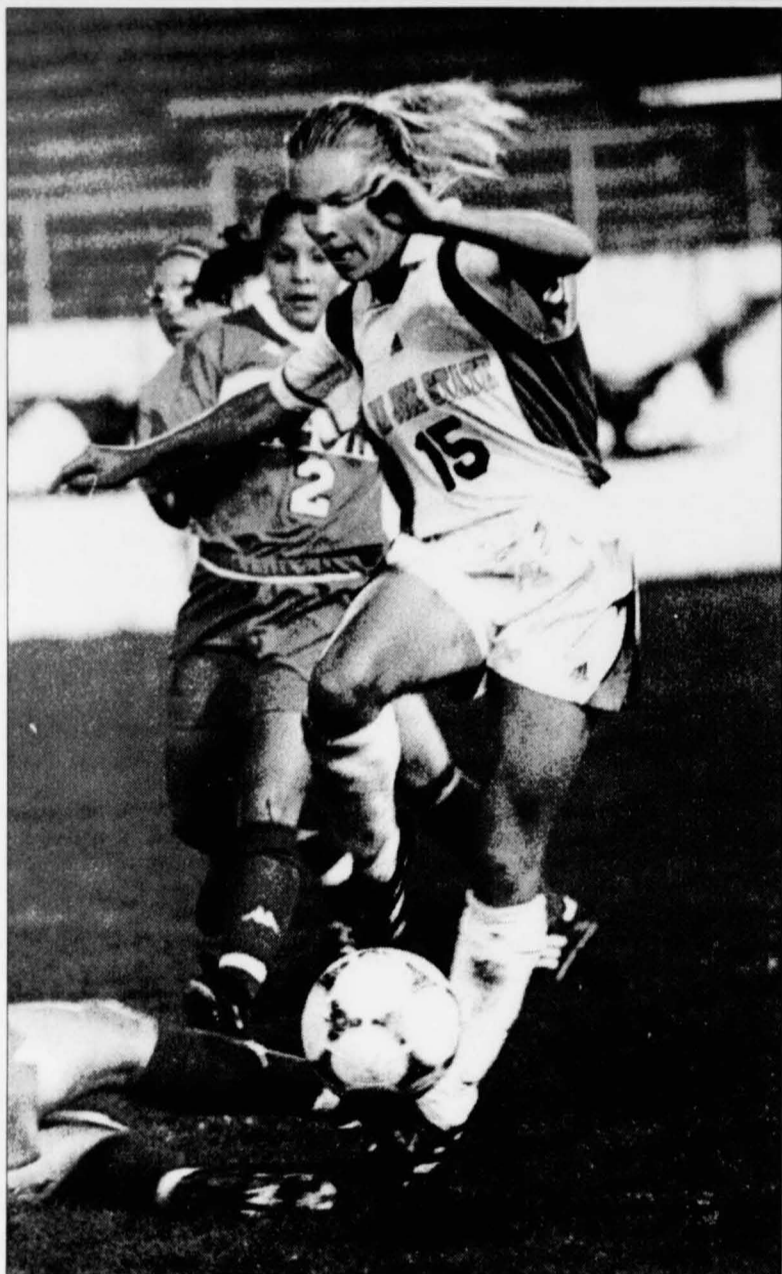
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NOVEMBER

Spartan senior defender Jackie Ost-diek (15) takes the ball from a fallen Fresno State University player at Spartan Stadium. The San Jose State University women's soccer team played its last Western Athletic Conference game of the season on Oct. 22 against the Bulldogs. The Spartans are scheduled to play Nov. 2 to 5 in the WAC Championships in Fresno.

Jackie D' Antonio
Daily Staff



St. Clair gets 100th victory, MPSF title

By Ben Aguirre Jr.
DAILY STAFF WRITER

It couldn't have happened in a more dramatic fashion. The San Jose State University men's soccer team clinched the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mountain Division title, and in doing so, head coach **Gary St. Clair** recorded his 100th career victory. "I didn't even know," St. Clair said about win No. 100. "I'm happy we were able to get it this season while the team is playing well."

In 11 seasons, St. Clair currently has a record of 101-96-14. The team wrapped up the Mountain Division crown last Friday against the University of Denver.

"I think it's a wonderful accomplishment," St. Clair said. "It's the first tangible award we've received thus far. It's one of those things you enjoy for a couple of hours, then it's back to work."

The Spartans also managed to complete a perfect (8-0) conference record by defeating the Air Force Academy 1-0 Sunday in overtime.

The conference title is the Spartans first since the 1976 season when they were defeated by the University of San Francisco in the quarterfinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

This week, the men's soccer team looks to complete the regular season undefeated. They are scheduled to play at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Wednesday's game will be huge for the Mustangs, St. Clair



said.

He added that they have a history for knocking off ranked teams. His son, who is a red shirt freshman for Cal Poly, said that they are pumped up for the game.

The regular season finale for the Spartans is scheduled to take place this weekend at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Cal Berkeley.

"Cal is a bit of a mystery," St. Clair said. "They have good players but have played poorly. In this game, we want to stay healthy and end the season on a high note."

St. Clair attributed the success of the season thus far to the health of the team.

"This team is blessed," St. Clair said. "The lack of injuries has made it easier to put the same lineup out every day."

The Spartans will find out where they stand in the NCAA tournament bracket after the selection on Nov. 13.

"If we win," St. Clair said of the MPSF tournament, "I expect to be the No. 1 seed, but we won't know until the 13th."

National leader no more

Even though he is no longer dominating national statistical categories, senior midfielder **Jorge Martinez** remains the MPSF leader in points (37). He scored (14) and is tied with teammate Lars Lyssand for the lead in assists (9).

Senior goalkeeper **Chris Humphreys** recorded his 12th combined shutout of the season Sunday against Air Force.

Women are seeded No. 4

The Spartan women's soccer team concluded its regular season with a late game Tuesday night at Santa Clara.

Up next SJSU is scheduled to compete Nov. 2 to 5 in the WAC Championships in Fresno.

The No. 4 seeded Spartans will face the No. 5 seed University of Texas El Paso in the first round.

The winner will play either the No. 1 or No. 2 seeds in the tournament.

Stackhouse boosts Pistons to victory with 44 on Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Jerry Stackhouse scored a career-high 44 points as the Detroit Pistons began the post-Grant Hill era with a 104-95 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

Stackhouse scored 19 points in the third quarter as the Pistons led by as many as 19 points in the quarter.

A 3-pointer by rookie Morris Peterson brought Toronto within seven points with 2:50 remaining, but Chucky Atkins made a layup to make it 99-90. After a steal by Peterson, Kevin Willis' layup made it 99-92. After Vince Carter committed his sixth foul as Stackhouse went up for a 6-foot jumper. He made both free throws to give Detroit a 101-92 lead with just over a minute remaining.

Stackhouse also had five rebounds and three assists.

Magic 97, Wizards 86

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his debut, leading the revamped Orlando Magic to a 97-86 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Grant Hill was held to nine points on 3-for-6 shooting but finished with 10 assists, five rebounds and two steals before limping to the bench for good with 4:06 to go.

McGrady led a 15-4 run that enabled the Magic to pull away from a 66-66 tie.

McGrady was 11-of-25 from the field and 8-for-11 at the foul line. He also had four assists and blocked three shots.

Kings 100, Bulls 81

CHICAGO — Predrag Stojakovic and Chris Webber each scored 23 points, giving the Kings a 100-81 victory over the Chicago Bulls Tuesday night.

Stojakovic was 10-of-13 from the field, and had three steals and eight rebounds. Webber also had eight boards, as well as a game-high seven assists. He also blocked three shots.

The highlight of the night for the Bulls was rookie Marcus Fizer.

With about 2 seconds left the first half, he stole the ball from Lawrence Funderburke, crossed the halfcourt line, pulled up and let the ball fly. The 34-footer went in, pulling the Bulls within 46-42 at the half.

76ers 101, Knicks 72

NEW YORK — Allen Iverson

scored 25 points, Toni Kukoc shot 10-for-12 in adding 23 and the Philadelphia 76ers did as they pleased Tuesday night in a 101-72 thumping of the New York Knicks.

Kukoc scored nine points while being guarded by Camby in the second quarter, and the Sixers found more success by simply giving the ball to Theo Ratliff and Tyrone Hill when Camby was switched onto them defensively.

Ratliff added 12 points, Eric Snow had 11 and George Lynch contributed nine points and 11 rebounds. The Sixers shot 58 percent from the field.

Hornets 106, Hawks 82

ATLANTA — Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points and Baron Davis added 20 as the Charlotte Hornets beat Atlanta 106-82 Tuesday night to spoil the NBA debut of Hawks coach Lon Kruger.

P.J. Brown pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds.

Alan Henderson led the Hawks with 23 points on 9-for-11 shooting.

David Wesley, who scored 18 points, handed out a game-high six assists.

Cavaliers 86, Nets 82

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lamond Murray hit a twisting shot in the lane to hold off a late New Jersey rally and the Cleveland Cavaliers spoiled the coaching debut of Byron Scott by defeating the Nets 86-82 on Tuesday night.

Murray led the Cavaliers with 17 points, while Matt Harpring had 16 and Bimbo Coles added 15, including 10 in the fourth quarter when the Cavaliers took the lead for good. Clarence Weatherspoon also came up with a key offensive rebound and two free throws with 11.5 seconds left to ice the game.

Backup center Aaron Williams scored 20 points for New Jersey. Stephon Marbury was held to just nine points on 3-of-17 shooting.

Coles scored five straight points, including a banked 3-pointer at the shot clock to key a 13-5 spurt that gave the Cavaliers an 82-72 lead with 1:56 to play.

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SHIFT: San Jose Stage Company looks to theater department for new material

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A member of a scriptwriting class of Scott Sublett, a lecturer in the department, Lashley said she was working on a dramatic musical that has a due date in early December.

Sublett, who said he does "think pieces" for Universal Press International, said he came up with the idea of the staged readings in an effort to gain more off-campus exposure for SJSU students as well as the theater department.

Sublett teaches courses in screenwriting, advanced scriptwriting and playwriting.

It was in Professor David Kahn's advanced scriptwriting class that Mancini brought his play to a level at which it could be read.

"The (advanced course) ... focused on having students complete a project," Kahn said.

The script was a half-finished product when Mancini took the course.

It took "a lot of polishing" to clarify dialogue and develop characters, so that they were deeper and more interesting, Kahn said.

Cutting unnecessary material was done as well.

"Scripts need to be lean and mean," Kahn said.

Kahn said staged readings were an important part of the process.

"It's a great way to showcase the script," he said. "To see how the words will work as spoken language and how the actor's action — what they are doing — will play itself out in three dimensions."

Sublett had high praise for Mancini and compared him to Russian playwright Anton Chekhov.

"Like Chekhov, he is a playwright concerned with the caring and longings of everyday people," Sublett said. "Like Chekhov, his theme is delicately poised between drama and comedy. And like Chekhov, his play is made up of small moments that add up to big change for the characters."

Scott Tukloff, production manager for the San Jose Stage Company, who also read the leading part for the evening, said that the company is always looking for new material.

The company's arrangement with SJSU's theater department gave them an opportunity to do just that, he said.

Tukloff's said he hoped that eventually one of the plays will go to full production.

"That would be the ultimate outcome," he said.

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— David Kahn
advanced scriptwriting professor

The evening began at 7 p.m. with the actors — all from the professional theatrical community — seated in a row of chairs on the stage, illuminated by a single light.

Copies of the script were placed on music stands.

"They gave me the script yesterday," said Jon Lee Rabbette, who read the part of one of the waiters, Philip.

A graduate of California State University Hayward, Rabbette said he thought the character of Philip was a "one dimensional asshole."

"But I enjoyed it," he said.

Rabbette said he thought that the part of Olivia, the sexually charged hostess with wit, and Paul, the distracted owner of the restaurant and Olivia's intermittent love interest, were more

interesting characters.

Mancini said all the characters in "Shift" want something.

"Philip wanted to run everybody's life," Mancini said.

Olivia, the hostess, wanted Paul, who was in the middle of a divorce, to be more of a person, he said.

Near the beginning of the second act, Paul asked a simple question of the business broker who was looking to help Paul sell his restaurant.

"Anton, between you and me, what do you think of Olivia?"

Anton gave his honest reply.

"What do you mean, what do I think of her?"

If the laughter that followed from the audience is any indication of the play's worth, then Mancini has little, if anything, to worry about.

SEDARIS: Shows lighter side of family

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in the bowl.

They named the new dog Machen II. Sedaris' father would take the dog for long, aimless drives with its head sticking out the window, as it drooled profusely.

His father also took the dog on walks, with a leash in one hand and a shovel in the other.

The young Sedaris couldn't figure out what the shovel was for.

He thought it was to bury the dog if it died. His dad said it was to take care of the dog's business.

"It was interesting. My dad was retired, and the dog had business," Sedaris said.

After that dog passed away, the family bought a Great Dane.

By this time, all the kids in the family had moved away.

Sedaris' mother once received a talking teddy bear named Mumbles as a gift.

"She would ask the dog, 'Where's Mumbles?' and the dog would grab the thing off the top of the refrigerator and shake it from side to side," Sedaris said. "Sometimes the thing would turn on while in the dog's mouth and say one of the five pre-recorded messages. Then my mother would say, 'We don't like Mumbles, do we?'"

Sedaris said he owned a cat until it became old and weak, so he decided to have it put to sleep.

"They gave me the cat's ashes, and since the cat never went outside, I sprinkled them over the living room carpet," Sedaris said.

"Then, I just vacuumed it up."

Next, Sedaris went into a fictional story about two rival neighbors who try to outdo each other in the

Christmas spirit.

His rivals, in this case, were the Cottingtons.

In the story, a bum came to Sedaris' door, asking for change.

"So, we called out a Code Blue, which meant to release the hounds," Sedaris said. "But the dogs were too full from dinner, so I bit the bum myself. He went to the Cottingtons' house next, and they took a picture of the husband giving the bum \$2 and made a Christmas card out of the picture with the title, 'Christmas Means Giving.'"

Sedaris said he invited the bum over for a good dose of benevolence.

He gave the bum a top-loading Betamax, a primitive VCR.

In turn, the Cottingtons gave the bum an eight-track tape deck.

This pattern ensued until the bum had received many strange gifts, such as a year-old blow dryer, a pool table, a satellite dish and a motorized sauna.

In the story, Sedaris had the last laugh when he asked the bum if he liked either little girls or little boys.

The bum said he liked little boys.

So, Sedaris gave the bum his twin 10-year-old sons, Tyler and Weston.

A Christmas picture was made of the event with the title, "Christmas is giving until it hurts."

He used a picture of that scene on another Christmas card with the title, "Christmas is giving until it bleeds."

He took it even further by giving away his eyes, one lung, his kidneys, and the veins surrounding his heart.

His wife gave away her scalp, teeth, right leg and both breasts.

Sedaris ended the reading with answering questions from the audience and a book signing.

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