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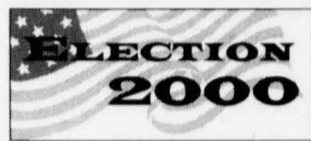
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Cheney tells Gore to throw in towel

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Lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush slogged through a second day of testimony about chads, voting machines and the vice president's pleas for a recount, while GOP running mate Dick Cheney said Sunday it's time for Gore to concede. Gore said he knows America is weary of the long election ordeal but counseled the



country: "It won't last forever." As Democrats talked about the possibility of a gracious exit from the presidential contest, a circuit judge presided over a daylong

hearing on Gore's historic election protest and listened to closing arguments into the night.

The vice president braced for the next round of legal action and attended church, where he heard a sermon titled, "A Time for Waiting."

It was an apt metaphor for the longest, closest presidential contest in 124 years. Gore, testing Americans' willingness to wait as

he exhausts his legal options, conducted an interview with CBS's "60 Minutes" as part of a public relations blitz.

"At the end of the day, when all processes have taken place, if George Bush is sworn in as president he'll be my president. He'll be America's president," Gore said in the interview.

He talked of the ordeal of uncertainty the entire country has gone

through. "The public, I think, has shown a remarkable amount of patience," Gore said. "This isn't easy for any of us in this country. I know the Bush family, as well as my family, is wanting this to be over. The American family wants it to be over."

Nearly a month after Election Day, Cheney led a herd of Bush and Gore allies to the Sunday

news shows. "I do think that it's time for him to concede," he told NBC. "So far, he's chosen not to do that — to pursue other avenues — and clearly that's his prerogative. But I think ... history would regard him in a better light if he were to bring this to a close."

Gore allies said he won't consider quitting before Judge N.

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AIDS forum spreads word

By Kellie Chittenden

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mark Hoffman just had his 50th birthday and said he feels lucky to be alive because he has been infected with the virus that causes AIDS since at least 1983.

About 50 students gathered in the Spartan Memorial on Friday to listen to Hoffman and several others speak as part of San Jose State University's third annual World AIDS Day forum titled, "AIDS from a Global Perspective."

Dec. 1 was designated World AIDS Day in 1988 by the World Summit of Ministers of Health. It is the only international day of coordinated action against AIDS, according to the AIDS Education and Research Trust, a charity that deals with AIDS educational research.

The forum was organized by SJSU's HIV and AIDS Committee and the Student Health Center.

Committee Chairwoman Martha O'Connell said SJSU and San Francisco State University have the two most active committees in the state, according to a seven-year-long survey of the 19 California State University campuses.

In 1993, the Office of the Chancellor established a policy that ordered each CSU campus to have a functioning HIV and AIDS Committee with representatives from the students, faculty members and staff, O'Connell said.

O'Connell said there are currently three student members on SJSU's committee.

The members of the panel reflected on the effects HIV and AIDS have had on blacks, Latinos, Asians and Pacific Islanders, gays and women.

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Just clowning around



Joel Turner / Daily Staff

Levine performed as Rainbow the Clown to a full house of children and to sit where they can see both her and the reactions of their children. their parents at the Palo Alto Children's Library. Levine encourages parents

SJSU professor has been entertaining children as 'Rainbow' for 30 years

By Joel Turner

DAILY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Seeing 70 kids with their faces lit up, eyes wide with amazement, jaws dropped in awe, packed into a small children's library is routine to the woman known as Rainbow.

"You still have another glove on," the kids screamed in unison as Rainbow removed the second colorful glove from her hand.

Three is a magic number for clowns.

"Juggling three objects, twist-

ing a balloon three times before securing it and repeating pantomime acts three times," Rainbow said.

There is more to her juggling act. Rainbow the Clown is also known as Linda Levine to her San Jose State University students. She has been teaching in the recreation and leisure studies department for 11 years.

She's been entertaining audiences for 30 years, such as the crowd of kids and their parents that erupted into laughter as Rainbow finally pulled off her

third glove at the Palo Alto Children's Library during a recent performance.

At 13, she performed as a mime on the streets of her hometown, Cincinnati.

"I would stop people in their tracks, give a little joy to them and send them on their way," Levine said.

The energetic teacher appears to bring the same appreciation of life into the classroom, intertwining magic and juggling in her courses.

"I love the courses that I

teach," Levine said. "I love that I can teach people to stop and pause and celebrate life."

In the class Creating A Meaningful Life, Levine has students write down all the bad things they hold onto and put them in a bag. When she opens it, flowers come out.

"This helps with the students' perception of life and how they look at things. They can reframe misfortune and invite more beauty into their lives," Levine said.

In addition to the magic Levine uses in her classes, she

also connects personally with the students.

"She has an uncanny ability to see into situations," said Saralyn Boyd-Winslow, the recreation and leisure studies department secretary. "That's why she is such a great instructor. She can see what leads students to do the things they do. She really cares about the students as people."

In addition to offering insight to her students, Levine teaches her classes how to juggle. She said

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Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Jeremy Dizon, a member of the Filipino club at Bellarmine College Preparatory, decorates the club's Christmas tree at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez. Dizon was one of the more than 3,000 volunteers who helped set up this year's Christmas in the Park displays.

Holiday cheer hits downtown

By Minal Gandhi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The tree stood 60 feet above the pavement and winked 2,000 sparkling, white lights for about 3,000 people Friday in the Plaza de Cesar Chavez.

When the huge, white fir, adorned with purple and silver ornaments, lit up at 6:10 p.m., visitors to the 21st annual tree-lighting ceremony for Christmas in the Park gasped with wonderment.

Nikki Arevalo, a 5-year-old from San Jose, ran gleefully to her mother seconds after the downtown Christmas tree was lit.

Arevalo, who said she wants candy from Santa Claus this year, liked the tree's glittering, purple ornaments.

"Those are old ornaments that we recycled," said Tom Trafton, the exhibit designer for Christmas in the Park. "The volunteers sprayed them with glitter, and they do look really nice up there."

Trafton, a San Jose State University alumnus, said he was glad the star on top of the tree successfully lit.

"There's been a few years, about three or four, when the star didn't light," he said. "So the fact that

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San Jose holiday parade brings Santa marching into town

By Erika Coron

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In 1981, in San Jose's first holiday parade, Santa Claus appeared on top of the Hyatt Sainte Claire hotel.

He reappeared last Sunday morning, this time on a float, marking the 19th annual holiday parade in downtown San Jose, which more than 100,000 people attended.

"Christmas in the Park was the reason we started the parade," said Marilyn Cardinali, founding director of the event.

The idea was to bring Santa to town in a magical way, said Cardinali, a San Jose State University alumna.

It all started on top of the

Hyatt Sainte Claire, which was the highest building in the area at the time, she said.

Santa would appear on the roof, and in a matter of three seconds, he would disappear and reappear at the front door of the hotel. It was as if he had gone down the chimney, she said.

A horse-drawn carriage would take him around what is now Cesar Chavez Park.

"People would follow the carriage," Cardinali said. "That's how it started."

This year's parade was led by the San Jose Fire Department, which rode in a teal shark-shaped truck and fired confetti into the air.

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PARADE: More than 20 bands played and marched amidst myriad floats

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SJSU's marching band followed down the streets lined with spectators.

"The SJSU band has always been a part of the opening," Cardinali said.

Her husband, Joe Cardinali, is also a founder of the parade and the producer.

"We used to pay them (the band) a small stipend to buy uniforms," he said.

Joe Cardinali, an SJSU alumnus, said Cherrywood Middle School has also been participating in the event since the beginning.

"Rain or shine, they always come," he said of the school participants.

There were more than 20 bands playing and marching in the parade.

"We're able to choose among the best bands," said Ed Bautista, the new parade director.

Gary Wulbern, who majored in music and graduated from SJSU in '63, was one of the judges for the marching bands.

"I assigned myself to come here," said Wulbern, a member of the Pacific Coast Judges Association.

"The parade is not as well known as Christmas in the Park," said Tricia Kerkhof, the parade coordinator. Kerkhof is finishing her masters in public administration at SJSU.

"The theme is 'Holiday Dreams' this year," Kerkhof said. Fourteen different floats attempted to match the theme and win an award, she said.

The sweepstakes award of \$300, also known as the Best Amateur award, went to the Castroville artichoke float. The grand prize, a trophy, went to the Chamber of Commerce, which organizes Christmas in the Park. The Chamber of Commerce was not awarded any money because it was a professional float, she said.

The San Jose park rangers received \$200, and the Church of Scientology was awarded \$100, Kerkhof said. The Grand Marshal award, which is an honorary

award, went to the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce.

When politicians drove by in classic Thunderbirds, the crowds were generally unenthusiastic.

Bautista said people don't really go to see public figures when they go to parades.

"We try to find units that are fun for the audience," he said.

Sgt. Bruce Raye, of the San Jose Police Department, said there were no problems with the parade. Raye said the parade was the best he had seen in the five years he has been involved with security.

"It (the good weather) really helps to pull the people out," he said, adding that a record number of people attended the parade.



Left, the San Jose State University marching band plays at the 19th annual San Jose Holiday Parade in downtown San Jose. The SJSU marching band, with its 130 members, was the first of 28 marching bands in Sunday's parade. Scott Pierson, the band director, has led the marching band at the parade since it started in 1981.

Above, Danielle Musumeci, a member of San Jose State University's Color Guard and an open university student, was right behind the SJSU marching band, along with the rest of the color guard, at this year's San Jose Holiday Parade.

photos by Sebastian Widmann / Daily Staff

Endeavour fitted with solar panels

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts attached the world's largest, most powerful set of solar panels to the international space station on Sunday, then watched with delight and relief as the first glittering wing unfurled.

The panel extended to its full length but was not taut, prompting NASA to put off extending the second wing until Monday at the earliest.

The astronauts' task is as monumental as the wings themselves: The future of space station construction hinges on their ability to install the \$600 million solar panels, which will provide much needed power to the newly inhabited outpost.

Spacewalkers Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega bolted the wings to the space station Sunday afternoon, and about five hours later, shuttle

skipper Brent Jett Jr. was able to command the right wing to open.

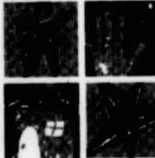
"Ah, it looks beautiful," Noriega exclaimed as the wing finally opened after a delay caused by a computer software problem.

It took less than 14 minutes for the first folded wing to spread to its full 115 feet, and it soon began generating electricity. Some of its tension cables appeared to be slack, however, a problem that had flight controllers debating how best to proceed. NASA held off in tightening the wing, which would have been the final step.

"Since we are in a good, safe posture, there's no reason to be in a big hurry and deploy the other blanket until we absolutely understand what we saw, or what we're looking at right now," said flight director Bill Reeves.

A computer software problem initially left Jett unable to command the latches and retention pins on the wings to open so the panels could unfurl. New software was sent up, and Jett was able to open all the latches and pins except one on the left wing. He continued to send commands and eventually freed the stuck pin.

At the start of their 7-hour spacewalk, Tanner and Noriega had helped Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau, the shuttle robot arm operator, line up the wings for installation. The spacewalkers gave Garneau instructions for closing the final 3 feet. The blue and gold-colored wings, made of silicone cells and thin Kapton layers, had been folded like an accordion for Thursday's launch aboard Endeavour.



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PRESIDENT: Court battles continue

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Sanders Sauls rules on his request for hand recounts in two counties, and the Florida Supreme Court settles the appeal that will undoubtedly be lodged by the losing side. The vice president has one other lifeline: the U.S. Supreme Court is considering the case in a separate appeal filed by Bush.

Gore lieutenant Warren Christopher also mentioned a Democratic lawsuit in Seminole County, where GOP officials were allowed to add information to thousands of absentee ballot applications already submitted to election officials. Their options running low, Gore aides are pinning more of their hopes on the case in east Florida.

Christopher, appearing on CNN, charged that Cheney "is trying to hurry history along."

And yet the question kept coming: When would Gore concede?

"I can assure you that the vice president, when the time comes, will concede in a very gracious way. He understands his obligations to the people of the country," Christopher said, not predicting when that time would come.

"It depends upon when the Florida courts rule. The date of Dec. 12, of course, is an important date," he said. States select their electors Dec. 12 and the Electoral College meets Dec. 18.

Democratic lawyers said privately they expected Sauls to rule against them, and were preparing an appeal to the state Supreme Court. Gore predicted whichever side loses would appeal.

Bush laid low at his Crawford, Texas, ranch one day after meeting with GOP congressional leaders in a presidential-style summit.

Gore won the national popular vote by more than 300,000 votes, but without Florida he falls short of the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency. The state's 25 electoral votes would put Bush over the top by a margin of one.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Bush ally, certified his minuscule lead Nov. 26, forcing Gore to take the unprecedented step of contesting a presidential election result or quit the race.

That led Gore to Sauls' court, where lawyers plowed through hours of dry testimony from GOP witnesses. Gore's attorneys asked Sauls to quicken the pace or allow the recounts to begin before he rules.

Sauls rejected the request, saying he needs to determine that a recount is legal before ordering one. "That's what we're in the process of doing," he said, peering over glasses and rocking in his leather chair.

Delivering a boost to Gore's case, one

Bush witness — voting machine expert John Ahmann of Napa, Calif. — testified under cross-examination that hand recounts are advisable "in very close elections." He said that was the only way to identify valid votes that resulted in so-called hanging chads — disturbed ballots pierced by tiny holes or dimples.

Another GOP witness, police officer William Rohloff of Fort Lauderdale, said he did not intend to vote for president but may have dimpled the top of his ballot by accident.

"I don't believe that, especially on my ballot, that anyone can interpret my intent," Rohloff said, countering Gore's central claim that thousands of ballots with no presidential votes should be examined for any indentation that might hint at the voters' intent.

Another Bush witness, Thomas Spargo, came under strong questioning by Democratic lawyers about his role in GOP demonstrations at the Miami-Dade canvassing board Nov. 22, a display Gore allies claim intimidated the counters and was a factor in their decision to stop counting. The board chairman has said it was not a factor.

"There was some, if you will, chanting," Spargo said. "There was no fighting, there was no roughhousing."

Both sides scrambled to shape public opinion.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo appeared on "Fox News Sunday" at the behest of Gore, saying the vice president's case was "getting stronger every day," though recent events in Florida don't support his claim.

Florida House Speaker Tom Feeney said the GOP-dominated Legislature is on the brink of a special session that could lead to a separate slate of Bush electors.

"I'm convinced we have a duty to act unless the U.S. Supreme Court resolves this matter," Feeney said, though Senate leaders say no decision has been made. "We are not trying to steal any election."

Cheney said the Bush campaign does not control the Florida Legislature, but voiced support for legislative action that would, in effect, give Bush a backup plan in case Gore wins his court cases.

Democrats protested. "It would be quite chaotic and disturbing to the country" if Florida lawmakers took over the election, said House Minority Whip David Bonior of Michigan.

Andrew Card, Bush's presumptive White House chief of staff, said he hoped that the state Legislature and the GOP-controlled Congress don't need to flex their constitutional power and get involved in the election — but he didn't rule out either possibility.

TREE: Lights up after delay of 40 minutes

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it worked this year makes this even more of a success."

Between 3,000 and 4,000 volunteers contributed 22,000 hours to set up this year's Christmas in the Park, according to Edgar Bautista, the special events and project supervisor for the city of San Jose.

"So many people, especially high school kids, came to help us out," Bautista said. "This is a year-round project, but it isn't until the last month, November, that you actually see things coming together."

Trafton said he was also appreciative of the volunteer help this year.

"Lots of work has been put into this evening and this event," he said. "We owe a big thank you to all the volunteers

"This is a year-round project, but it isn't until the last month, November, that you actually see things coming together."

— Edgar Bautista, supervisor, city of San Jose

because without them, we couldn't have done this."

The San Jose Fire Department muster team was the volunteer group in charge of decorating the tree, which was trimmed with 500 ornaments, Trafton said, adding that this year's Christmas tree was from Mount Shasta and was cut down as part of a natural cleaning process.

"Cutting this one will give room for about five more trees to grow," Trafton said.

The tree lighting ceremony also included entertainment by Lincoln High School's Chamber Chorale.



Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Children are showered by snow from a new snow machines that blow bubble snow. Tom Trafton, the exhibit designer for Christmas in the Park, said the snow machines were a big hit with children this year.

After singing several traditional Christmas carols, the director of the chorale, Lou De La Rosa, asked the audience to join in and sing "Deck the Halls," "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

An abundance of children attended the tree lighting and seemed delighted by this interactive portion of the ceremony.

Many parents said they were also pleased with the ceremony.

Dora Arevalo said her family tries to make it to Christmas in the Park every year.

"It's tradition," she said. "This year's ceremony was very nice. Actually, it's always nice."

Florence Barnett, a Mountain View resident, said she is new to the area and this was her family's first visit to Christmas in the Park.

"This is an event that kids can attend with their parents," she said. "This brings a family

together and shows the spirit of Christmas."

Barnett said it was a nice ceremony but she wished the tree had been lit on time at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:10 p.m. because her children were getting antsy from waiting.

Sean O'Callaghan, the master of ceremonies, announced the delay was because a local broadcast news station wanted to capture the event live.

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Right, Linda Levine applied the finishing touches to her makeup before leaving her house to perform as Rainbow the Clown at the Palo Alto Children's Library. Levine said every clown has its own trademark, hers is red sparkles on the end of her nose.

Below, As she waited for her show to begin, Levine put on three different colored gloves for her never-ending glove routine. Levine said she likes to spend a few minutes alone to transform from Linda to Rainbow the Clown.



"I LOVE THE COURSES THAT I TEACH. I LOVE THAT I CAN TEACH PEOPLE TO STOP AND PAUSE AND CELEBRATE LIFE." — LINDA LEVINE

Class Clown

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juggling is a metaphor for students' complicated lives because they juggle school, work and relationships.

"She does a lot of hands-on stuff. She is very verbal and very outgoing," said Terry Barber, a senior in the Leisure Education for Life class. "She wants it to be a loud class."

When she started as a mime, Levine said she never spoke to her audience.

When a reporter asked what her name was, she thought about it and wrote, "Rainbow, a world of color in black and white."

"A rainbow is an image of all the colors coming together, working cohesively to make something beautiful. That is my hope," Levine said of her name.

She has since expanded to become a clown, but her name has stayed the same.

"There is a bigger market for clowns. I can use my voice and more silly antics," she said.

Levine also has her own company, Surprise Enterprise, in which she specializes in motivational speaking and creativity workshops, she uses the motto, "juggling the dimensions of life."

"I like a lot of variety in my life. I have three significant career paths that all fit under one umbrella," Levine said.

Regardless of whether she is teaching, clowning, or running her business, Levine said one thing remains the same.

"I live life with a capital L, and I get to do that in every one of my jobs and try to teach others to do the same."



Above, Linda Levine, center, dances with her students, Thai Nguyen, left, Terry Barber, right, and Penny Pries, front. Pries taught a Greek dance to the Leisure Education for Life class as part of a presentation on leisure in other countries.



Above, Kid's react with enthusiasm as Rainbow the Clown performs her show. Levine said that nothing is more wonderful than seeing the children's faces during her performances. The optimal age for kids to see Rainbow is 4 to 7 years old because of their unbridled delight for clowns, Levine said.



Left, Rainbow the Clown was followed to her car by three admirers as she left her performance at the children's library. Levine said that a clown is like a pied piper: There is something attractive and safe that makes it hard to let the show end. The kids often follow her and wave goodbye.

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Joel Turner
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AIDS: Forum discusses misconceptions

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Hoffman, who works with the "Being Alive" program, said in the gay community the attitude about HIV and AIDS has come back to a "what-I-don't-know-won't-hurt-me" mentality.

The culprit, Hoffman said, is the swarm of advertisements and press coverage portraying healthy people who are living longer with HIV because of the advancements in medical treatments that can prolong the onset of AIDS.

"Young people are assuming because of the advertising that we've come to a place where there's a cure. It's a chronic manageable disease. It's no different from diabetes," Hoffman said.

This misconception is particularly dangerous, Hoffman said, because it's leading people to take risks.

"That's why the infection rates in this country have not declined," he said.

Frank Solerno, a medical social worker with Health Connections, said the information aimed at the Latino community is often insulting and based on false assumptions, making it ineffective.

"There's an assumption that Latinos know how to read Spanish," Solerno said. "And there's an assumption that messages in English can be literally translated into Spanish. That doesn't work. And so therefore, they don't even pick up the information."

Akiyoshi Gonzales works with Project Pyramid and focuses on HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Gonzales said the Asian and Pacific Islander communities are similarly isolated from information about HIV and AIDS because of insensitivity to cultural differences.

"In New York City alone, there are at least 60 different Asian Pacific Islander ethnic groups speaking at least 100 different languages," Gonzales said. "With the programs that are created that are not sensitive to cultural differences, offending the traditions of the participants of the program will compromise the success of these initiatives."

Steven Millner, a professor in SJSU's department of African-American Studies, addressed the impact HIV and AIDS has had in the black community.

"HIV/AIDS is the largest killer

of black males in their 20s, 30s and 40s," Millner said. "That means HIV/AIDS is killing more African-American males than gang bangers in their 20s. More African-American males than drunk drivers. More African-American males than skinhead assaults in Portland or Idaho or places like that. So this is a real crisis."

Calling the disease a "terrible plague" on the black community,

"Young people are assuming because of the advertising that we've come to a place where there's a cure. It's a chronic manageable disease."

— Mark Hoffman, HIV positive since 1983

Millner encouraged students to work toward making testing available at parks and recreation facilities, churches and venues such as rap concerts.

He said that one of the biggest challenges is removing the stigmas surrounding HIV and AIDS.

"Black gay teens have been found to be HIV positive at rates five times as high as white teens who happen to be gay," Millner said. "That is something that will continue to plague our community until we remove the stigma from that type of behavior."

Dr. Jeanne Scott from the Student Health Center said one misconception about HIV and AIDS that persists is that it only affects males.

This is untrue, Scott said. In the U.S., the ratio is nearing fifty-fifty and will likely surpass that figure for several reasons.

"One of the biggest risk factors that a woman throughout the world has is marriage," Scott said.

Because women worldwide are often treated as second-class citizens, or even as property, they are at risk when they trust their husbands to be monogamous, Scott said.

"It's real hard to just say, 'Well, I'm not going to have sex unless you wear a condom.' 'It's just not going to happen.'"



Kristopher Gainey / Daily Staff

Michelle Cu and Joey Hipol, of the Filipino Students Dance Group, performed the Pandango sa Ilaw at the World AIDS Day event Friday at the Student Union Amphitheater. The dance

involves balancing three oil lamps with one on the head and on the back of each hand.

In realizing this, the United Nations is turning its focus on a campaign aimed at men, Scott said.

"The UN is now setting up a program to reach out to men all over the world and educate them about their responsibility not to bring diseases home," Scott said.

Women also have reason for concern because their anatomy gives them a four-to-eight-times-greater risk of contraction, Scott said.

Freshman Giuliana Tomatis said she attended the event because of the extra-credit incentive offered for Millner's African-American history class.

After hearing the panel, Tomatis said she would consider joining the HIV and AIDS Committee.

"I would hope to be able to help them bring awareness to different communities. I belong to the Latino community and that, I think, is important for the uneducated and those ignorant of what HIV is and how you get it."



Steven Millner, a professor in African American studies, discussed AIDS in the African American community as part of the third annual Worlds AIDS Day Forum in the Spartan Memorial on Friday.

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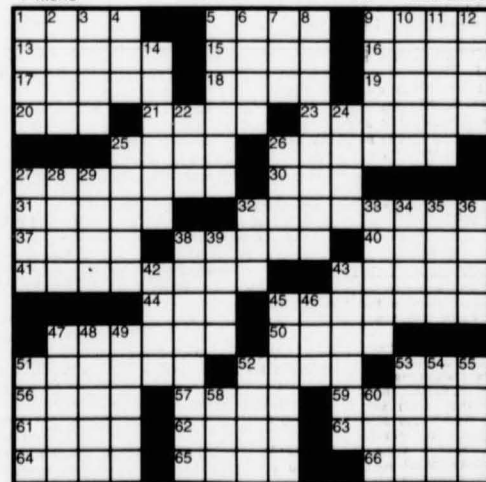
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North Carolina wins consecutive title

By Clarissa Aljentera

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Maybe it was the struggle, adversity and risks the defending champions had to overcome early on this season that facilitated Sunday's win.

Or maybe it was the 15 previous national soccer titles the University of North Carolina Tar Heels have won that propelled them to another.

Whatever the case, UNC defeated the University of California Los Angeles, 2-1, Sunday for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's championship at Spartan Stadium.

UNC head coach Anson Dorrance said the meaning of each title holds more meaning year after year.

"This was a special win for a lot of different reasons. When there is adversity you appreciate winning a lot more. This year we came in the lowest we have ever been seeded," Dorrance said.

The Tar Heels (21-3) lost one of their starting forwards, Susan Bush, during the postseason play when Bush torn her anterior cruciate ligament during practice. UNC lost three games in the Atlantic Coast Conference, the most it has lost since 1980, when its overall record was 21-5.

But Sunday was an entirely different story.

The game-winning goal was off a Bruin defender in the 82nd minute.

UNC was down 1-0 and posted a comeback victory for the ninth time this season and the third time in this year's tournament.

UNC, which was seeded No. 5, readied itself for the possibility of coming back all season long, senior forward Meredith Florance said.

"In practice we do certain things a goal down, where you have to come back and win," Florance said. "We have practiced it and have been in that situation before. We just keep going after it and we never quit."

The Bruins (19-4-1), seeded No. 6, jumped ahead in the 54th minute, when midfielder Lindsay Greco scored and UNC goalkeeper Jenni Branam collided with defender Catherine Reddick.

"The goalkeeper and the defender had collided and I knew Stephanie (Rigamat) was going to get it in," Greco said.

Branam left the confines of her box to meet the ball head-on and ended up on the ground and a bit shaken up.

"I felt bad that I did knock over Branam and kind of hurt her. I just wanted for us to come back and win," Reddick said.

Florance noticed the change in the game after the goal.

"Just like any team, you score a goal and you're ahead and this power comes over you," Florance said. "You're just so excited to play and you're just going after it and going after it."

UCLA head coach Jillian Ellis said the Bruins improved instantly after the television timeout at the 66-minute mark.

"What I told them was either strive or survive, and if we just play to survive, we're not going to get it down," Ellis said. "We have to play and continue to put pressure on them."

Almost 20 minutes later, the Tar Heels created a scoring opportunity of their own. Florance scored on assists from forwards Alyssa Ramsey and Danielle Borgman.

"It started off with Anne Remy in the middle," Florance said. "She was battling with her defender and broke through ... she kept fighting through, got back up and played a ball up to Danielle (Borgman) ... Alyssa Ramsey was right there posted up at the near post and she just flicked a great ball to me."

The Tar Heels found themselves in a similar situation seven minutes later.

But it was the Tar Heels who got the advantage when the Bruins scored on their own goalkeeper, CiCi Peterson.

Ellis said the ball bounced off Bruin defender Krista Boling.

"The ball hits her calf, goes in the back of the net, goalkeeper scrambles to try and save it," Ellis said.

Despite the loss, Ellis said the Bruins will continue to strive for one goal — an NCAA Division I title.

"What I told them at the end of the game was the same thing I told them last year after we lost to Santa Clara in the third round: We will all continue to work hard and next year be back to winning," Ellis said.

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"... When there is adversity you appreciate winning a lot more."

— Anson Dorrance,
 North Carolina head coach

The Bruins made their fifth trip to the NCAA playoffs and their first trip to the College Cup. UNC has been to the College Cup 19 times.

The Tar Heels earned their second consecutive trip to the College Cup when they defeated Notre Dame 2-1 Friday at Spartan Stadium. The Fighting Irish scored in the 20th minute with a goal from forward Amy Warner and an assist from Moetis Erickson. But UNC forward Kim Patrick scored off assists from Jena Klugel.

Jordan Walker scored the game winning goal for the 2-1 win.

Notre Dame was the No. 1 seeded team and the only undefeated team remaining in the tournament until Friday's defeat.

Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum was proud of his team's effort but said UNC needs to be knocked out of the championship game.

"Until somebody beats them for a couple of years in a row, I still think that they are the team to beat," Waldrum said.

UCLA advanced to the next round after shutting out Portland 1-0. The Bruins' lone goal came off midfielder Venus James' assist to Stephanie Rigamat in the 77th minute for the victory.

Florance and Reddick were named the offensive player of the game and defensive player of the game, respectively.



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The University of North Carolina women's soccer team celebrates a 2-1 win against the University of California Los Angeles on Sunday in the finals of the NCAA Soccer Champi-

onships at Spartan Stadium. North Carolina has won a national championship in 16 of the past 19 years. Last year the Tar Heels defeated the University of Notre Dame 2-0 in the title game.



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Above, University of Portland sophomore midfielder Betsy Barr (2) pushed the ball up the field against UCLA on Friday during the NCAA Women's College Cup semifinal at Spartan Stadium. Barr was named to the all-West Coast Conference second team, scoring seven goals this season.

Left, Catherine Reddick (31), a forward from the University of North Carolina, tried to steal the ball away from UCLA forward Stephanie Rigamat during the NCAA Women's College Cup on Sunday at Spartan Stadium. The Tar Heels beat the Bruins 2-1.



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