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Heavy Rain
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High-speed rail gets community input

By Karen Kabiling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Town Hall meeting discussing the environmental review process and getting public feedback for a proposed statewide high-speed rail system took place in the Engineering building on Thursday.

If California High-Speed Rail Authority's project proceeds as

planned, the system would serve all major metropolitan centers with a fully grade-separated, electrified, dedicated double-track system capable of speeds of more than 200 mph.

One of the presenters, Dan Leavitt, deputy director of the rail authority, said these town meetings were the first step before proceeding to the formal environmen-

tal-program-level document.

Leavitt began the meeting with greetings and introductions followed by the presentation of an overview of high-speed rail and California's vision.

"The growing population is largely inevitable in California," Leavitt said.

Forty years from now, the population is estimated to grow to more

than 58 million, limiting mobility by the increase of intercity trips and heavy highway traffic.

Leavitt mentioned the history of high-speed rail in countries such as Asia and Europe, and stressed its reliability, and how beneficial it would be for the United States.

Leavitt said the high-speed passenger train system's estimated capital cost ranges from \$25 billion

to \$33 billion and is expected to be completed by 2016.

Estimated one-way fares on the high-speed rail would cost riders between \$24 and \$42, Leavitt said.

With the high-speed rail, passengers could get from San Jose to Los Angeles in about two hours without dealing with hassles at the airport, Leavitt said.

The 700-mile high-speed train

track would stretch from San Diego to Sacramento with proposed corridors and stations (routes) running from the Bay Area to Merced; Sacramento to Bakersfield; L.A. to Bakersfield; L.A.-Riverside to San Diego and L.A.-Orange County to San Diego, Leavitt said.

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Campus elevator permits outdated

By D.S. Perez

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

When San Jose State University President Robert Caret goes into Duncan Hall, one of the things that he said catch his eye are the elevators, which appear to be a problem.

It appeared to him that the building, which has four elevators on the ground floor, only has one elevator working whenever he visits.

"Maybe they're sending me a signal," Caret joked.

"But, we're stuck with history. The problem is we can't do much renovation with those old elevators," Caret said, noting that more than \$200,000 was spent to repair the elevators in the Business Tower.

San Jose State University is also stuck with a number of elevators that either lack a visible permit or have an expired permit.

In a visit to 25 elevators on campus, the Spartan Daily noted that 16 elevators either had no permit posted, or a permit that had expired.

Expired permits were found in Hugh Gillis Hall, the Business Tower, Duncan Hall, MacQuarrie Hall, Sweeney Hall, the Boccardo Business Center and Washington Square Hall.

No permits were seen inside the elevators in Joe West Hall, the west elevator in the Engineering building, the southern and center elevators in Duncan Hall, the elevator near the entrance to the Event Center, the 10th Street garage's northern cab or the elevators in Clark Library.

Two discrepancies were noted in the Business Tower and the Boccardo Business Center. In the Business Tower, the same elevator number, 52907, was used on both of the permits in the elevators, and both were expired. One permit expired in October 1998; the other expired last October.

In the Boccardo Business Center, the east elevator has a handwritten permit with a three-month life. The permit stated that the elevator was checked Feb. 3, 2000 and expired in May 2000. The other elevator has an up-to-date printed permit that expires in April.

According to Dean Fryer, spokesman for the California Department of Indus-

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Get Up, Get Down

Bottom: Dancers of Adage Repertory Company performed "Roots" by Heather Cooper to the music of Mickey Hart, the former Grateful Dead percussionist, on Saturday in the San Jose State University Dance Theatre, SPX 219. "Roots" was one of twelve dances shown at Danceworks, a collaboration of Limon Dance Company of San Jose and the School of Music and Dance at SJSU.

Left: Visual Rhythm performed, "Here We Go Go," a blend of '60s go-go and hip-hop sensibilities at the Danceworks production Saturday in SPX 219. The profits went to scholarships for aspiring dance students at San Jose State University.

Photos by Troy Bayless / Daily Staff



Mixed-use brings architect on board

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The university identified the nationally recognized architectural firm Skidmore, Owing and Merrill as the newest player to its mixed-use development team.

A future tenant and a general contractor, however, are yet to be named.

State-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices are planned as the major benefits of a proposal that seeks to provide much-needed university space while generating revenue for the university.

Total cost for the proposal is

planned to be \$250 million to \$300 million, according to the agenda item presented last month to the California State University Board of Trustees.

Departments affected by the mixed-use proposal include those currently residing in Hugh Gillis and Dudley Moorhead Halls and the Science and the Administration buildings.

SRM Associates of Alameda has already been chosen as the principle developer, said Don Kassing, San Jose State University's vice president for administration and finance.

The university's department of planning, design and construc-

tion, as well as a general contractor, is planned to join Skidmore, Owing and Merrill as part of the development team.

"We will be working with the San Francisco office," Kassing said. "They are one of the top firms in the country."

Past successes of the firm include design of the 100-story John Hancock Center, a skyscraper built during the 1970s in Chicago.

Steve Meckfessel, president of SRM Associates, was involved in the selection process for the architect and said that the firm impressed him.

The personnel assigned by

Skidmore, Owing and Merrill were "equally experienced" in high-rise design and academic projects, he said.

"An unusual thing to see these days," Meckfessel said.

Dan Johnson, associate vice president of Facilities Development and Operations, said SJSU would be choosing a general contractor soon.

A meeting had been scheduled with the architectural firm to finalize agreements this week, he said.

"One of the first topics of conversation will be who we will use

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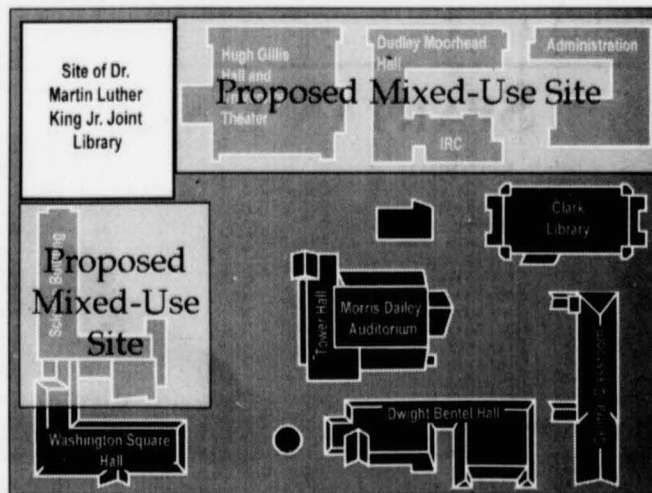


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Editorial

A.S. election needs voices and votes

Students of San Jose State University, we have a choice before us. And it's a big one.

One of the biggest, in fact, that the students of this university will have the chance to make.

On March 21 and 22, when the Associated Students general election is scheduled to take place, we will vote on a referendum asking for a new recreation center that will cost an estimated \$28 million.

There's more to it, however, than just "Yes" or "No."

Along with this new building would come a new chunk of student fees, starting at \$50 per semester in the 2002-2003 school year and making its way to \$100 per semester in the 2004-2005 school year.

It may increase thereafter, depending on the inflation rate in the Bay Area.

The building would add a laundry list of services at its proposed location within the three blocks of university housing between Seventh and 10th streets. The construction would comply with the planned renovation of that area so as to not add further disruptions to the campus.

We should be grateful that the university put this referendum before the students because in the past, students haven't had a voice in the construction of the joint library project or in the newly proposed mixed-use project.

Some may be scared that the university put this referendum before the students because in the past, students haven't used their voices.

In last year's election, only 2,203 votes were cast. In our student population of roughly 30,000 that translates to just more than 7 percent of the student population.

And that number was an increase from the 1,885 students who voted the year before.

That can't happen this year.

If only 7 percent of the students are making a decision for the other 90-plus percent, then something is wrong.

The Daily understands just how important a decision this is, and it's still too early for us to say whether we agree with the referendum, but we know that it's important for the students pay attention to what is going on.

We're going to do our best to inform ourselves and share what we find with our readers.

That way when March 21 and 22 come around, the other 27,000 San Jose State University students will be informed.

That's the only way this decision can be made.

So pay attention. Read up on the matter. Make up your own mind. And cast your vote.

Remember that we as students have a voice in the matter — our vote.

Quote for the Daily:

"Float like a butterfly,
sting like a bee."

— Muhammad Ali

SpartaGuide

Today

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

jspirit.org

Meditation — guided and instructional — All meditators welcome, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

SJSU Alumni Association

Deans' scholarships: \$1 \$1,250 scholarship available to undergrad and grad students. Pick up application from any

dean's office, deadline: March 1. For more information, call Ivy Low at 924-6524.

Associated Students

Online scholarship applications at <http://scholarships.sjsu.edu>. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

"Jesus, the Master Over Fear," 11 a.m. in the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Stegmier at 279-6385.

Student Leadership Development Workshop Series

Communication styles exploration, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room, located in the Student Union. For more

information, call Bethany at 924-5955.

Leopard Circle African Music Society

Learn African and Caribbean drums and songs, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Music building, Room 186. For more information, call Julian Gerstin at 924-4660.

Tuesday

MOSAIC, Multicultural Center

Music, Improvisation, Meditation and Cultural Exchange with California Arts Council artist-in-residence Eddie Gale. Campus and community participants welcome. Refreshments are free, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, located in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-6255.

SJSU Ballroom Dance Club

Beginning and intermediate East Coast swing lessons, followed by open dancing, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Spartan Complex, Room 89. For more information,

call 924-SPIN.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Banff Mountain Film Festival, 7 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, call Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

B.A.S.E.

Weekly meeting, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Engineering building, Room 248. For more information, call Dariek Cooper at 924-7910.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

"Jesus, the Master Over Fear," 2 p.m. in the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Stegmier at 279-6385.

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Exploiting one's body to earn a quick buck

D.S. PEREZ

BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

Art students can be thankful for my choice.

Now, I know anybody in an aquatic sport wears next to nothing — Speedos are very revealing, especially on men.

However, this isn't an excuse for someone to toss that 20th-century fabric to the ground and try to sell the 12 months of the year, as well as your athletic team.

Athletes of SJSU, please, for the love of God, don't sell yourself this low. Not for decency, but for the fact that you're exploiting yourself worse than a whore working the streets to buy baby formula and diapers.

I don't think the world is ready for a \$5 Spartan program with the cover picture showing a running back streaking across Spartan Stadium

with the pigskin strategically positioned.

SJSU doesn't need its students to be confused with nude photos of the basketball teams at center court.

And for the sake of attention, there are better ways to earn it. Like winning. I don't need to see someone wearing only a black belt to bring to my attention the university's successful judo team.

In fact, nowhere in this Cal Poly article did I see the record for the men's or women's water polo team. Do they suck? Did they win a championship? Don't know.

Bottom line (nowhere located near the party one), winning is what really counts. If you have success behind you, then I can accept you for clowning around and baring it all for the camera.

But all I know about Cal Poly's water polo team is, well, they aren't good looking.

Rule of thumb, most people are hella ugly when naked. I should know; I once came across a nudist camp. After that vision, I felt like Mr. Universe comparing myself with the skinny stoners, hippies and fat, pale old

farts.

I may not be a handsome stud, but what I saw made me feel a lot more comfortable with what genetics have stuck me with.

If you want to pose nude or get a nude portrait, that's cool. But if that's the way you're going to sell your group or cause, you are a desperate freak.

And you don't get too much respect in my book.

On a side note, the calendars are sold through the Associated Students Inc. of Cal Poly. What are the odds that the greedy blokes in our A.S. government would market such a thing?

I'll bet \$18 that they'd OK such a thing. Who knows, maybe we'd have an A.S. centerfold in the 2002 calendar.

I'll also bet that you'll never see the Spartan Daily editorial staff posing full-monty in an ad.

Readers, you should be thankful for that.

D.S. Perez is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer. "Born Under A Bad Sign" appears Mondays.

"WE'LL TRAVEL TOGETHER - OUR GUY STEERS
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Nobody is fit to play God with human lives

What started with "Dolly," the sheep from Scotland, may end with a replica of a human being by Christmas.

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready for human cloning.

Yes, that's right, a clone — a person who shares the exact DNA as another individual. Kind of like a twin, except that a clone is created, it's bred, and if people really think about it, a clone is artificial.

This weekend, I was bombarded with all things cloned.

Friday night, while I idly sat in front of the television set after a draining week, I saw a commercial for 20/20.

The 15-second ad promised an interview with magician David Blaine. That was enough to lure me in.

Blaine, to put it lightly, is strange. He's probably the most fantastic, in-your-face magician who exists today. Yet his "magic tricks" that have, of late, been verging on insanity, his fluid, effortless sleight-of-hand that boggles my mind and his dark, piercing eyes that, I swear, can penetrate into one's soul, dually scare and mesmerize me.

But I digress. Because it wasn't Blaine who had my attention that night; it was an even stranger man from Quebec, Canada who called himself Rael.

Rael looked more like a Star Trek reject than he did a human being.

He is the founder of the Raelian Movement, which "believes that life on Earth was created scientifically in laboratories by extraterrestrial beings and also claims that Jesus' resurrection was, in fact, a cloning," according to www.clonaid.com.

Clonaid, according to the Web site, is the first human cloning company in the world, founded by none other than Rael.

The spiritual leader of about 50,000 followers, aptly named "Raelians," told the 20/20 correspondent who interviewed him that he feels alien scientists once contacted him and that he, himself, was cloned on a different planet.

In the Feb. 12 Time magazine, Nancy Gibbs reported, "Raelians" are committed to welcoming the first extraterrestrials when they visit our planet."

I don't know about the rest of America, but allowing this man the opportunity to clone a human is as safe as consuming the white (yes, white ... not clear) tap water that runs out of the Daily's newsroom faucet.

But there may be hope. Fortunately, according to a

MINAL
GANDHI

UNRAVEL

Time/CNN poll conducted two weeks ago, 90 percent of respondents thought it was a bad idea to clone human beings. Also, four U.S. states, including California, which banned the process in January 1998, have outlawed human cloning.

Nevertheless, that still leaves 46 states that have no such regulations.

Imagine the possibilities for people like Rael.

The Quebecer, along with other supporters, explained that the scientific developments in cloning are primarily for therapeutic purposes.

Apparently, scientists have found that cloning isn't as difficult as one may think. The process, as reported in Time, simply involves taking a donor egg, sucking out the nucleus (hence the DNA) and fusing it with a skin cell from the human being copied.

Rael told 20/20 that with \$100,000, infertile couples can create their own babies, who would share their traits.

Moreover, grieving parents may be granted the chance to duplicate their dead child, and family members who are faced with the impending death of a loved one can opt to clone the individual.

For those who can't see a pattern unraveling, I'll point it out to you: Many of the people who publicly support and wish to reap the benefits of cloning are facing difficult situations in their lives. Many of them are desperate. And as we've heard time and time again, "Desperate times call for desperate measures."

Only this is too desperate.

Who knows how well human cloning would be regulated if it began?

Who has the authority to grant or deny another's wish to be doubled, or even tripled?

And, most importantly, how on Earth could we even fathom the idea of playing God with one another?

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SPARTAN RoundUp

Women's basketball team drops two straight

Atari Parker's 19 points weren't enough for the women's basketball team on Sunday as it lost to Southern Methodist University 80-71.

San Jose State University fell to 12-13 overall and 4-10 in the Western Athletic Conference, while the Mustangs improved their record to 14-11 overall and 9-5 in the WAC.

SMU's D-dra Rucker led all scorers with 24 points, with SJSU's Parker and Elea A'Giza, who had 15 points, trailing her.

The Spartans and Mustangs battled to a 37-37 tie at the half, but SMU took control in the second half.

The Mustangs went on a 14-7 run in the second half to fend off the Spartans.

SJSU also suffered a 13-point loss Friday against Rice University, 69-56.

In the loss, the Spartans shot a season-low 25.8 percent from the floor, as Danada Smith hit 4-14 of her field-goal attempts as she led the team in scoring with 17.

SJSU's next challenge will be its last home game of the season when the Spartans are scheduled to face the University of Hawai'i at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Event Center.

Baseball team gets first conference win

The Spartan baseball team opened its conference season with a three-game weekend series against Fresno State University.

SJSU dropped two of its three games to the Bulldogs, with the first being a 3-2 loss Friday and the second, a 5-3 defeat Saturday.

The Spartans' lone victory came Sunday as they rallied to score four runs in the eighth inning to beat the Bulldogs 7-4.

Sunday's victory gave the Spartans their first conference win, improving their WAC record to 1-2 and 6-3 overall. The Bulldogs' two victories increased their record to 9-5 overall and 1-2 in conference.

The Spartans are scheduled to play the University of San Francisco at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Municipal Stadium.

*Spartan Daily staff contributed to this report

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Spartans split doubleheader with Broncos



David Bitton / Daily Staff

Spartan third baseman Veronica Ramos throws out a Santa Clara Broncos player at first base. The Spartans lost the first game 4-3, but shutout the Broncos 2-0 in second.

By George Moore

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Spartan softball team managed to beat the storm and split a doubleheader Saturday against Santa Clara University.

A four-run fourth inning sealed game one for the Broncos 4-3, while clutch hitting and pitching secured a 2-0 victory for the Spartans in game two.

Sunday's Scores

Game 1	
Santa Clara	4
Spartans	3
Game 2	
Santa Clara	0
Spartans	2

Wednesday: SJSU vs. Sonoma State 1 p.m.

Spartan head coach Dee Dee Enabenter attributed the team's 5-8 record to inconsistency.

"We could be better," she said. "A lot of the games were one-run losses. We've been fortunate that our pitching has kept us in every game. We just haven't had the timely hits."

But the Spartans had a few such hits Saturday, a glimmer of light during the cloudy day.

The first game began as a defensive battle. Good pitching from Christine Akin and two pick-offs by catcher Roxanne "Rocky" Staniorski highlighted the first three scoreless innings.

With two outs in the second, Bronco infielder Vanessa Werner got a little too much real estate between herself and second base. Staniorski threw to second, and Werner had nowhere to go but third, where she was easily tagged out.

Staniorski's second pick came in the third when Amy Walter left her duties at second base and sneaked behind surprised Bronco pitcher Krista Barry, who was taking a big lead off first. Trouble began for the Spartans, however, in

the top of the fourth inning.

After a couple of Bronco base hits, a walk to load the bases and a perfectly executed suicide squeeze play, the Broncos trotted down the home stretch.

An error and a couple of close plays at the plate, both in Santa Clara's favor, made the score 4-0.

The Spartans struck back with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth with RBIs from Gina Saldaña and Karlie Reiss.

A two-out single from infielder Veronica Ramos in the bottom of the fifth was the final run of the game in the Spartan 4-3 loss.

In game two, Spartan pitcher Candice Akin, on her way to pitching her second shutout of the season, had a key strikeout in the top of the second inning, stranding two Broncos.

She felt she struggled a bit despite the shutout.

"I wasn't really hitting my spot," Akin said. "So my catcher was trying to call whatever she could to get us through the game."

In the Spartan's half of the second, Ramos walked after fouling off numerous pitches. Saldaña singled to right field and outfielder Jackie Jimenez advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt.

Kirsten Foster, a natural third baseman who played left field for the first time this season, came through with a clutch hit.

After Dianna Lilly struck out, Foster cracked a two-out grounder that ate up Bronco third baseman Vanessa Werner, allowing Ramos to score easily from third.

"We tried to stay focused," Foster said. "Those were the times when we needed the hits," she said, referring to her hit and the play of Ramos in the third inning.

In the bottom of the third, the score still 1-0, Ramos stepped to the plate with two outs and a runner on second.

She smacked a double to left that hit the fence on one hop, making the score 2-0.

"You could feel the intensity in the second game," Ramos said. "I felt that I was focused. My goal was just to hustle and give it my all."

The Spartans next face Sonoma State at the SJSU Field Wednesday at 1 p.m.

NASCAR racing legend dies during final lap at Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— He was The Intimidator, the Man in Black, and right to the end, Dale Earnhardt was every bit the brusque daredevil who drew millions to his sport.

Earnhardt, the driver people either loved or hated — but had to watch either way — died Sunday at the Daytona 500, a race he spiced up with his trademark bumps and bold challenges, unexpected moves and even an obscene gesture to a green rookie.

Some 200,000 fans witnessed Earnhardt's black No. 3 Chevrolet slam into a wall and careen into the infield during an accident on the last lap of the race. A few hours later came the terrible news. At age 49, possibly the best-known figure in motorsports history was gone.

"NASCAR has lost its greatest driver ever, and I personally have lost a great friend," NASCAR chairman Bill France said.

Earnhardt's statistics — 76 victories, seven Winston Cup championships, that long-awaited victory at the Daytona 500 in 1998 — don't come close to completely telling this story.

Rather, the image does.

One of the most-repeated quotes in NASCAR history dealt with what it felt like to try to hold off The Intimidator with one lap remaining: "There is no worse sight than seeing Dale Earnhardt in your rear-view mirror," driver after vanquished driver would repeat over the

years.

Dressed in a black button-down shirt, black jeans, and sporting a bushy moustache that was once nearly singed off, Earnhardt was an intimidating figure who went after what he wanted. Not just on the speedway, but in the business world, in NASCAR's front office and in the rules meetings, where he sat front-and-center Sunday before his final race.

He wore an open-faced helmet and shunned some of NASCAR's other basic safety innovations. He said the restrictor plates NASCAR used to slow speeds at its fastest tracks were for sissies, and refused to don a new-wave Head And Neck Safety (HANS) brace that has recently been touted as a way to lessen the blow of severe impacts.

Dr. Steve Bohannon said Earnhardt likely died of severe head injuries, particularly to the base of the skull. They were the same type of injuries three drivers died of in NASCAR accidents last year.

"I know the full-face helmet wouldn't have made a difference," Bohannon said. "I don't know if the HANS device would have helped. I suspect not."

Thus continued the pall that has been cast over NASCAR's world for the last year, although none of the previous deaths will have the impact of this.

After finally triumphing at the Daytona 500 in 1998, after

19 failures, pit crews, drivers and owners stood atop their cars and applauded wildly. No other driver could command such respect.

"This one tops them all,"

Earnhardt said after that victory. "It puts the icing on the cake."

But the party wasn't close to being over. He won five more races afterward, finished sec-

ond last year in the Winston Cup point standings and said he felt primed for a run at a record eighth title this year.

The quest ended much too early.

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Spartans lose Garrett, win third consecutive

By Tiffani Analla
DAILY STAFF EDITOR

One team is hot — the other is cold.

Coming into Sunday's basketball contest at the Event Center it would be easy to confuse the Mustangs' and the Spartans' play.

Southern Methodist University (18-9) was in second place in the Western Athletic Conference and vied for an at-large bid into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. Seventh place SJSU (14-11) was simply out for respect.

Sunday's Score	
SMU	51
Spartans	81

Thursday - SJSU vs. UTEP 7:05 p.m.

The Spartans earned a little respect with their largest margin of victory since their 1997 inception into the WAC with an 81-51 lashing of the Mustangs.

SJSU enjoyed a hot hand with its third consecutive victory, while SMU has dropped consecutive conference contests.

Senior forward Darnell Williams boasted a career-high 30 points, while frontcourt mate Cory Powell had season highs of 27 points and five assists.

"Yesterday I had a bad practice," Williams said. "I had to prove to myself and to my team that I could step up."

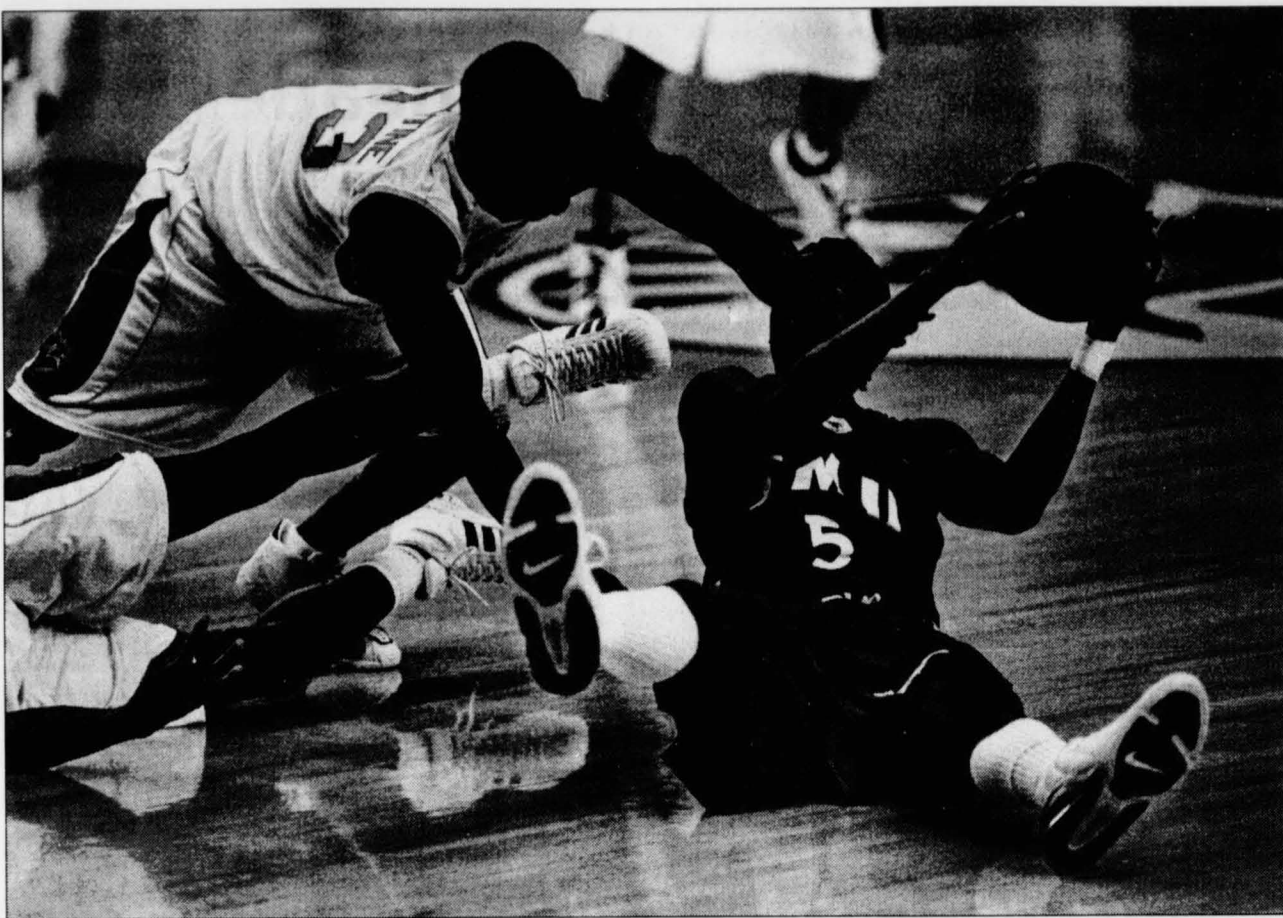
And step up he did.

Williams was in the "zone" as he hit on three of his first four shots, helping the Spartans begin with a 12-3 run. The Spartans never lost the lead from start to finish.

Williams couldn't be stopped. He played the entire game and connected on 77 percent of his shots, grabbed seven boards, handed out five assists, swatted two shots and sunk each of his nine shots from the free-throw line. Williams also hit his first three pointer of the season.

The Spartans' staunch defense was another factor in the decisive victory as the Mustangs' offense was held in check.

Two of the WAC's top ten scorers, guards Damon Hancock and Jeryl Sasser, combined to score 17 points. Sasser, who is the fourth leading scorer in the WAC with 17.4 points per game,



Troy Bayless / Daily Staff

Spartan forward Andre Valentine, No. 23, attempted a steal from Southern Methodist University guard Jeryl Sasser. Valentine had nine tallied 10 on the afternoon — all of which came in the first half.

"Everyone knows where Sasser is on the court," Powell said. "We just try to shoot down the team's most explosive player."

Mustang guard Hancock, the WAC's sixth leading scorer at 17.2 points per game, shot a dismal 2-of-12 from the floor, which amounted to seven points.

"They're one of the toughest teams to play because of their defense and because they can control the tempo," SMU's head coach Mike Dement said.

Back-to-back conference losses for SMU, Dement said, hurt its chances for an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"Since my first year I can't remember being beat that

badly," Dement said.

The last time the Mustangs suffered a 30-point loss under Dement was at Stanford in 1998 at the preseason National Invitational Tournament, 86-51.

But Sunday, it was the Spartans who were running on all cylinders as they torched the nets with a 58.8 field-goal percentage for the game. Their counterparts managed to shoot 33.3 percent from the floor.

In the first half, the Mustangs were scoreless for the first three minutes as Williams hit SJSU's first three shots. Nearly midway through the first half, SMU's DeWayne Floyd dunked on SJSU's defense on a bounce pass from Sasser, closing the gap to 14-8.

SMU managed to keep the score close for most of the first half, but the Spartans could not be stopped.

At the closing of the first half, senior guard Mike Garrett and Powell each sank three-pointers, junior forward Andre Valentine threw down a one-handed jam off a dish from Powell and Williams hit a pair of free-throws to push the lead to 11.

SJSU's 39 points were the most scored by the Spartans in the first half against a WAC opponent this season.

"We wanted to come out and prove a point," Williams said. "Once we stepped up in the beginning, they sort of laid down."

The second half proved to be no different.

Senior guard/forward Billy Landram knocked down his lone three pointer of the game to begin the second half of action. Landram contributed eight points, three rebounds and three assists on the afternoon.

Four minutes into the second half, junior guard Scott Sonnenberg threw a lob pass to Powell for an alley-oop.

The offensive barrage continued despite SMU's full-court press.

Sonnenberg came alive in the second half with three points and three assists after he replaced Garrett, who suffered an injury.

The starting guard sprained his right medial collateral liga-

ment when he tried to pivot around another player, according to the Spartans' head team physician, Dr. Martin Trieb.

Garrett will miss the rest of the conference season, Trieb said.

SJSU's head coach Steve Barnes said that Garrett's absence hurts the team.

"Garrett is going to be out at least three weeks," Barnes said. "He's our best point guard and one of our best guards."

Despite the loss of a key player, Barnes said he was not only pleased with his team's play on the afternoon but is satisfied with the direction the basketball program is taking.

"Our program is coming along," Barnes said. "It shows we're making steady progress. It's just a matter of building a program."

The Spartans' defense played effectively for the entire game, Barnes said.

According to Barnes, Williams' stellar play at his natural forward spot helped SJSU notch its sixth conference victory.

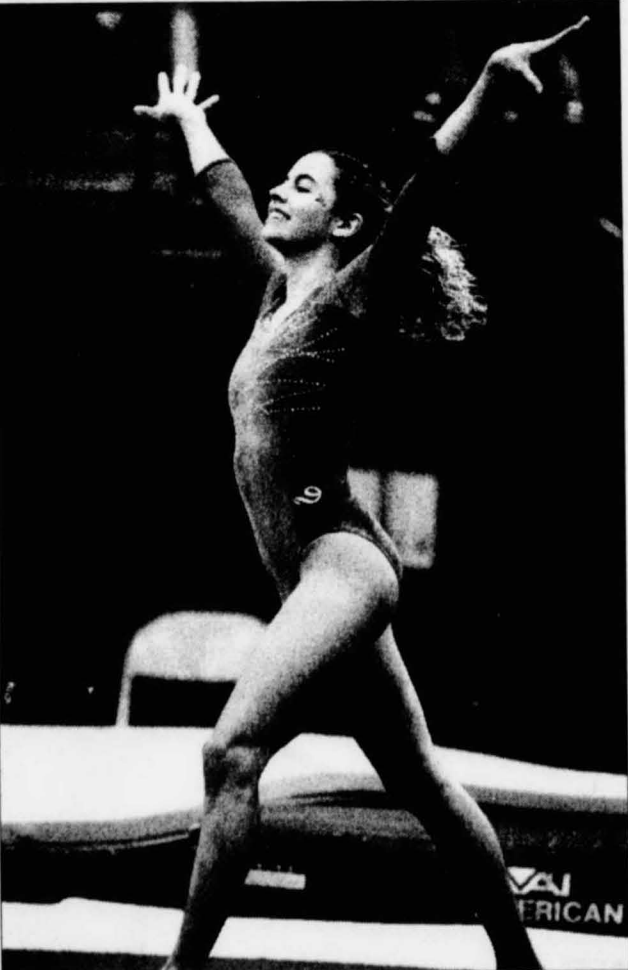
"Darnell is at his best when we play him at the four," Barnes said. "Today we played him more at that natural spot, and that made a difference. He put the game plan into the game today."

Powell agreed that things are coming together for SJSU and that opponents shouldn't overlook the Spartans.

"We take every game one game at a time," Powell said. "We want to let them know that they have to respect San Jose State."

SJSU 81, SMU 51	
SMU (51) Rose 5-9, 0-1, 14; Sasser 4-13, 1-1, 10; Davis 4-8, 0-2, 9; Hancock 2-12, 3-3, 7; Floyd 2-7, 2-2, 6; Atkins 0-2, 3-3, 3; Kelley 1-1, 0-0, 2; Niemi 0-1, 0-0, 0; For-nash 0-0, 0-0, 0; Nedd 0-0, 0-0, 0; Lowe 0-1, 0-0, 0; Wilson 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals 18-54, 9-12, 51.	
SJSU (81) Williams 10-13, 9-9, 30; Powell 10-18, 0-0, 22; Valen-tine 4-8, 1-2, 9; Landram 3-4, 1-2, 8; Garrett 2-4, 0-0, 5; Sonnenberg 1-1, 0-0, 3; Granucci 0-0, 2-2, 2; Thurmond 0-2, 2-2, 2; Okunrinboye 0-1, 0-0, 0. Totals 30-51, 15-17, 81.	
Halftime — SJSU 28, SMU 39. 3-point field goals — SMU 6-20 (Ross 4-7, Sasser 1-2), SJSU 6-10 (Powell 2-3, Williams 1-1, Sonnen-berg 1-1, Garrett 1-2, Landram 1-2, Valentine 0-1). Fouled Out — none. Rebounds — SMU 22 (Sasser 7), SJSU 34 (Williams 7). Assists — SMU 7 (Ross 4), SJSU 21 (Williams 5). Total Fouls — SMU 15, SJSU 16. A — 873.	

Albright, gymnastics team break three records in victory



David Royal / Daily Staff

Kimberly Cianci of San Jose State University won the floor exercise in Friday night's gymnastics competition with a score of 9.825. The Spartan team came in first overall with 194.300 points, Sacramento State University was second with 193.550 points and UC at Davis was third with 191.825 points.

By Jordan Robertson
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Dani Albright's record-breaking vault early during a Friday night competition between the Spartan women's gymnastics team and two other Northern California teams signaled that the San Jose State University squad was on its way to victory.

Led by Albright, a sophomore, the SJSU team beat Sacramento State University and UC Davis by the slimmest of margins.

The final scores were: SJSU, 194.300; Sacramento State, 193.550; and UC Davis, 191.825.

The top three individual scores were awarded to Spartan gymnasts Albright (39.375), freshman Shiria Choy (39.125) and junior Kimmy Cianci (39.100). Each score broke the standing SJSU record, which was 39.075.

SJSU assistant coach Steve Wilken said the Spartans won because they placed well in each event.

"They stayed competitive in all four events," he said. "That's something we haven't been doing all season."

Albright, an undeclared major, broke a school record with her vault, which earned a score of 9.875. She placed second in every other event, namely the uneven parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Choy, a human performance major, placed third in the balance beam event, fourth in the floor exercise, fourth in the vault and tied for eighth on the uneven parallel bars.

Cianci, a marketing major, won the floor exercise event, tied for fourth on the balance beam and uneven parallel bars and took ninth on the vault.

SJSU coach Jackie Walker attributed the win to near-flaw-

less performances by her team.

"We had fewer mistakes," she said. "Because the level of talent between the three teams is so close, it's all who makes the least mistakes."

Sacramento State head coach Kim Hughes said he wasn't surprised by the loss.

"This was very tight," said Hughes, who has been head coach at the school for 19 years. "We were ranked very close to them before this meet, so we knew it was going to be a tough battle."

Another factor contributing to the loss was SJSU's home-gym advantage.

"Anytime you go into an oppo-nent's gym, you have to beat them by a lot," Hughes said. "You can't beat them by a little."

The Spartans now have a 3-2 record in the Western Independent Conference. Friday's meet was the team's third win in a row, its previous victories coming against the Seattle-Pacific and Wisconsin-Whitewater teams.

Walker said she was excited about the streak.

"It's a great confidence builder for the team," she said.

Walker, who has been head coach at the school for 17 years, added that the individual scores were particularly important to some of the Spartan gymnasts.

"The top three all-arounders for tonight, they've been having a competition to beat Hawley Almstedt's record," Walker said. "She held the school record until tonight."

Almstedt, who competed at SJSU from 1995 to 1998, and is now an assistant coach, held the individual record of 39.075.

The top three SJSU gymnasts all broke that record Friday.

"It's cool because our coach is the one who has all the records,"

Albright said. "So we told her that we would beat her this year."

Albright, who competed in only a few meets last season because of a chipped bone in her ankle, said she was successful at Friday's meet because of her intense attitude.

"I push myself really hard — I expect to push myself to the fullest," she said. "That's just how I was trained and brought up. My coaches always expected a lot of me."

Choy said she was happy with her performance, even though she made a mistake on the uneven parallel bars. She had to redo a pirouette during her performance.

"I did really good on beam, vault and floor, (but) I had a little mess-up on bars," she said. "But it didn't faze me. I finished it up good. I finished it up the best I could."

Cianci's winning floor exer-cise, which was new this season, combined dance moves from the Michael Jackson music videos "Beat It," "Thriller" and "Billy Jean."

"It was difficult at first," Cianci said. "But coach Hawley — we broke her record — she made it up so she was there to help with the little parts."

Cianci said she is hopeful about the rest of the season, adding that she wants to com-pete more against quality teams like Sacramento State and UC Davis.

On Friday, the SJSU gym-nasts compete at the California State University at Fullerton.

"I hope we can keep the same energy going," she said. "We were excited about the competition today, and (we want) to keep that going throughout the season."

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Dance the night away



Kristopher Gainey / Daily Staff

San Jose Dance Sport instructors Hans and Renee Schmitt performed a Latin dance during the Valentine's Ballroom Dance on Friday night. San Jose State University's English Society hosted the dance at the Ron Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

RAIL: Statewide, high-speed railway system subject of town hall meeting

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By 2020, the implementation of high-speed rail will take more than 35 percent of intercity trips, trips greater than 150 miles, greatly reducing the amount of airplane and automobile travel, Leavitt said.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority program has begun the process of preparing for both the program's Environmental Impact Report and the Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the proposed system in order to begin construction of the system, Leavitt said.

Andy Bley made the distinction that Thursday's meeting was an informal "scoping meeting," relating to the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

Bley, a transportation planner for PB Farraday Inc., said the rail authority took note of the people's comments in preparation for the formal comment period.

The rail authority has received funds to begin the environmental review process to construct a high-speed train extending from San Diego to Sacramento, Leavitt said.

After the overview, the first facilitated discussion was opened to the entire group.

The key question was "What are your reactions about your transportation systems in 2020, the high-speed train project, and alternatives for meeting future transportation demands?"

In this portion of the meeting, the community was allowed the opportunity to have their voices heard.

At the same time, the rail authority listened to various concerns from the community.

Rail authority members then spoke about their regional perspective from proposed corridor alignment, station locations, purpose, goals and objectives.

The rail authority also addressed regional issues pertaining to high-speed turnouts, limited right-of-way, shared tracks, environmental preservation, historical areas, Bay Area Rapid Transit, airports and public involvement.

In the second facilitated discussion, the participants broke into three small groups where rail authority members and planners could address the issues presented in the larger discussion.

David Mansen, transit planning manager for the rail authority, headed one of the groups and asked the group what they thought was right and wrong with the planned station location and corridors.

Irvin Dawid, a graduate student in urban planning, said the speed of 200 mph was a good idea, but wasn't necessary.

During the small group discussion Dawid brought up his concern that there was a need to focus on the improvement of already existing systems.

"Everyone loves the prospect of two-hour trips via rail to L.A. Rather than putting money and effort into this unrealistic goal, my preference would be to have the state support a massive infusion of funds into regional rail systems and intercity systems," Dawid said.

Akos Szoboszlai, an SJSU alumnus and

Modern Transit Society officer, attended the meeting to express his views and learn more about the program.

"I (and others in MTS) worked to bring light-rail transit back to this valley," Szoboszlai said.

MTS, a local railroad organization, strives to make efforts to benefit mass transit users and the community, Szoboszlai said.

The rail authority would provide a "major multimodal station" for the state of California, Mansen said.

"Suddenly, people can go anywhere in the state," he added.

It seems almost impossible, but Leavitt said the rail authority would capture a diverse group and serve various markets — long distance or otherwise.

Leavitt said the program's Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement documents are expected to be ready for public review in late 2002 and for formal public comment by late 2002 or early 2003.

Andy Chow, a senior majoring in economics, said the rail authority has an ambitious schedule trying to get all the studies complete and finishing the project by 2016. "By the time they get all these things done, it would be 30 years," said Chow, a member of the board of directors for Peninsula Rail 2000, a Cal Trans advocacy group that supports high-speed rail systems.

For more information about the California High-Speed Rail Authority and its agenda, visit its Web site at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov or call (916) 278-3876.

MIXED-USE: Push toward new real estate project leaves Clark Library move up in the air

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as the contractor," Johnson said.

No real work can begin on the project, however, until a company steps forward with the necessary resources and signs a lease, he said.

The type of tenant desired, however, is clear.

University President Robert Caret said SJSU was looking for a Fortune 400 company.

Such a company would be around for a while as well as be able to lease out two-thirds of the space — more than 1 million square feet.

"We need a tenant wanting a long-term lease," Caret said at a press conference earlier this month. The benefits would be many.

"We wouldn't have had to pay a penny for the land. And from the rent we will make a profit," he said.

The university would be effectively doubling its space and making a profit from it, he said. When the lease expires in 10 to 12 years, the upper floors could return to university use if that were desired.

"It's a vertical research park instead of horizontal because we are in the middle of downtown," Caret said.

Jerry Mimnaugh, executive director of SJSU's Spartan Shops, said it was the money obtained in a such a lease that would financially drive the project.

Spartan Shops, Inc., would be the university organization in charge of the office complex once it was completed.

"Before we go farther down the design path, you want to have a tenant secured," he said.

Work can still be done

Although no tenant has yet been signed to a lease, preliminary work on the mixed-use proposal can still be done, such as testing soil samples, Mimnaugh said.

"That kind of analysis has to be done, regardless," he said.

Johnson said volume studies of the property — referred to as "massings" — can be done as well.

Shapes of all kinds and sizes are placed within the space and moved around.

"When you get the massing you like best, you have the basics of the design," he said.

Johnson said he hoped any new design would avoid the drab, "square-box shape" often found in government buildings.

He said he hoped it would follow more innovative designs such as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

"How do we design it to look other than like a government building?" Johnson said.

Both Kassing and Johnson agreed, however, that detailed schematics and construction documents must wait until a tenant is found.

"That's a couple steps away," Kassing said. "We're not at that point yet. We don't even have a design to show anyone yet."

Kassing said he was receiving more than three telephone calls per day from companies wanting to sell something or to become involved with the project.

As of Friday, there were no tenants to name, however.

"We don't have anything formal going on at the moment," Kassing said. "These things take time."

The economy is slowing, he admitted.

"Maybe we'll have to postpone (this project) for a while," he said. "We'll have to see."

Provost to meet with college deans

New Provost Marshall Goodman said it would be premature for him to comment on how the mixed-use proposal would affect the academic affairs division.

"I haven't been in a single meeting yet," he said.

Goodman said he is planning to get together the college deans as well as the heads of academic services to discuss the proposals.

Location and efficiency have become important issues.

"What type of configuration (campus layout) would make the most sense in light of the recent changes?"

Goodman said he also had been invited to a meeting on Tuesday with Kassing. Deans from buildings impacted by the mixed-use proposal were invited as well, he said.

Jim Freeman, a professor in the electrical engineering department, said he hadn't formed an opinion regarding the mixed-use proposal yet.

"We haven't seen the specifics," he said.

Clark Library move loses definition

Meanwhile, Jim Zavagno, associate director of SJSU's Planning, Design and Construction, said work on the eventual move into Clark Library has become more complicated as a result.

The move is "starting to lose definition," he said. "Sometimes you need to stand back to sort it out."

With more than 250,000 square feet of space for classrooms and faculty offices, the mixed-use project "raises some interesting questions," he said.

It might become more useful to move some of those departments slated for Clark into the mixed-use buildings or conversely, move tenants of the current buildings into Clark.

Earlier plans for the Clark move called for those departments currently in the Administration building, the modulars and the Student Services Center to move into Clark building after the library has moved into the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in 2003, he said.

The division of development services, housed on Santa Clara Street, has also been scheduled to back on campus at the same time.

Zavagno said that continued success of the Student Services Center has led university officials to consider leaving that building largely intact.

Improved service efficiency from consolidating the student services into a single location has been a large part of that success.

"One-stop shopping," he said.

Zavagno said university officials now wonder whether such consolidation may be desirable elsewhere on campus.

Other relocations seem possible, he said.

The history, psychology or communication departments could move elsewhere if that were deemed a better option. Zavagno said the Clark move has changed.

"It's taken a life of its own," he said.

ELEVATORS: Despite lack of permits, university officials say students should not worry about elevator safety on campus

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trial Relations' elevator unit, a division of Occupational Safety and Health, every elevator is required to post a permit.

Printed on each permit is "This permit must be posted in elevator car."

"Granted, it is common to see an expired permit," Fryer said. "That's generally the time when the renewal takes place."

Fryer said there isn't much his department can do to punish anyone with a late permit and said there is no fine for an overdue permit. The most the department can do is shut down the elevator, he said.

"And we don't want that to happen," Fryer said. "We just want to make sure that things are taken care of. It seems that getting permits posted on the campus seems to be a problem not on our end."

Dan Johnson, vice president of Facilities Development and Operations for SJSU, said the campus

does its own inspection of elevators, making sure they are safe and operational.

"We can't always wait for the state's people to come down and check them," he said.

Johnson said the reason some elevators lack permits is because students have stolen them.

The Art building's elevator has paint on it, obscuring the permit's information, and the southern elevator in Duncan Hall has a loosely hanging plastic container with no permit inside.

Both Fryer and Johnson said one improvement needed is for all the elevators on campus to be inspected at the same time.

"There's no danger of anyone being stuck in an elevator. When it happens, it's just a really big inconvenience."

—Dan Johnson,
Vice president of Facilities, Development and Operations

An example of erratic inspection dates is in MacQuarrie Hall, where the three elevators have three different inspection dates. Two of the elevators, the northernmost and southern, have permits that expired Dec. 30, 2000 and Feb. 10, 2001, while the center elevator

has a permit that will expire on April 12.

As for the odd case in the Business Tower, where both elevators are using the same permit number, Fryer said elevator No. 52907 was issued a current permit. Both Fryer and Johnson said it may

have been a worker's error that put the wrong permit in one of the elevators, and clerical problems may be the reason the up-to-date permit has yet to be posted.

Fryer also said some of the elevators that the Daily took account of do have up-to-date permits as

well, despite the fact that they may not be posted. At press time, none of the up-to-date numbers could be verified.

Fryer said that while the campus does have an unusual situation with elevator permits, there should be little to worry about.

"A permit not posted doesn't mean the elevator is unsafe," Fryer said.

Johnson agreed, stating that the problem is more of a bureaucratic nature than one of actual physical danger.

"There's no danger of anyone being stuck in an elevator," Johnson said. "When it happens, it's just a really big inconvenience."

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