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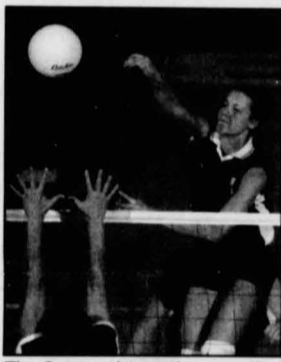
How I loathe Thanksgiving — compliments of 'Born Under a Bad Sign.'



'Unravel' looks at how five years have changed her high school into an unsafe environment.

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SPORTS



The Spartans' smooth run to the Western Athletic Conference tournament finals hit a brick wall when it was swept by the University of Hawai'i on Sunday.

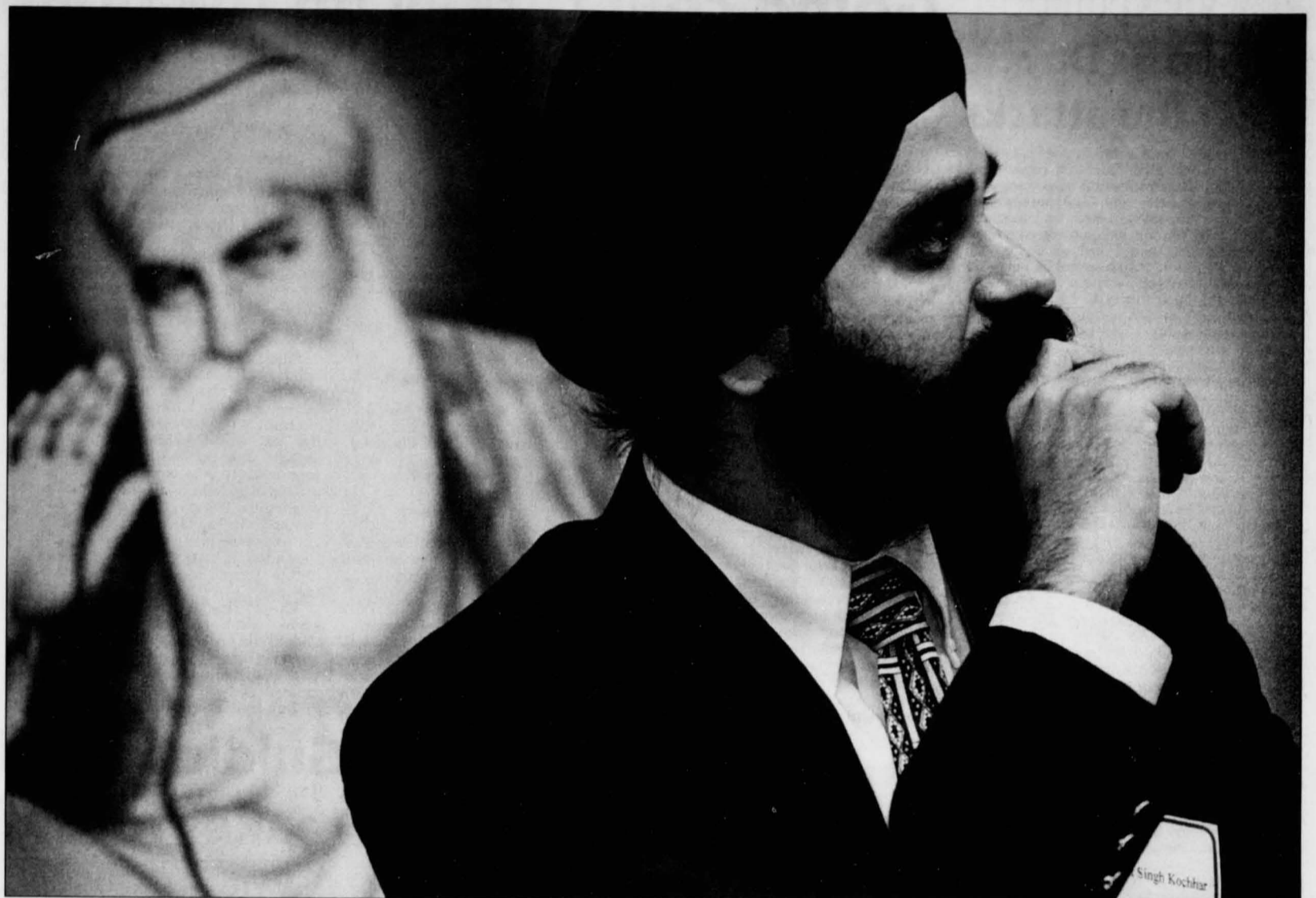
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TO OUR READERS

This week the Spartan Daily will publish Tuesday Nov. 20 before adjourning for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume publication on Tuesday Nov. 27.



Christy Kinsky / Special to the Daily

Jasmit Singh Kochhar, a speaker at a symposium on the Life and Teachings of Guru Nanak, listens as another speaker addresses a question from the audience Saturday afternoon in the Boccardo Business Center. In the background is a depiction of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion.

The symposium, hosted by the Punjabi Studies Program addressed cultural and spiritual issues for American Sikhs, particularly in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Meeting helps understanding of Sikh religion

By Kemberly Gong
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Social justice, equality for women and discrimination were just a few of the topics covered in Saturday's symposium on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion.

The event, put on by the Punjabi Studies Program at San Jose

State University, was presented to students, faculty, and members of the community.

It was held to educate people about the Sikh religion and provide insight for the audience about Guru Nanak, said SJSU Professor Atamjit Singh.

The symposium's audience nearly filled the lecture hall in the Boccardo Business Center

classroom.

The seminar featured speakers from the faculty at SJSU, students in the Punjabi studies program, and the community.

There were four main panelists that spoke for about 20 minutes each.

Though the event was originally meant to cover the religious teachings of Guru Nanak, the

symposium turned to a discussion about the roles of Sikhs after the terrorist attacks.

Inder Mohan Singh, chairman of the event, said the teachings of the Sikh religion could be applied to modern practices of prejudice, terrorism and hate, because it was created during a time of social upheaval.

He said Sikhism was estab-

lished at an intersection of Islam and Hinduism in India. It takes a universalistic view, because it does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race or caste, Mohan Singh said.

Jagot Singh, a community member, spoke about the discrimination faced by many Sikhs

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Custodians say harassment charges are form of retaliation

By Hillary Cargo
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the last three years, three custodians in the Facilities Development and Operations department at San Jose State University — all of whom were active union members — have had alleged sexual harassment charges brought against them.

Dolores Gutierrez, Herbert Long and Frank Espinoza each said they have their own reasons to believe that these alleged charges were brought against them as retaliation for their active involvement with the

union as stewards.

Union stewards are the "eyes and ears" of the union and as such, they are trained to educate their fellow employees about their rights under the union's bargaining agreement contract between the Board of Trustees of the California State University and the California State Employees Association, also known as the CSEA.

According to Steve Sloan, union president of SJSU's chapter of the state employees association, in the past three years, Gutierrez, Long and Espinoza have been the only stewards for Unit 5, which oversees operations support services,

and includes employees from the facilities, development and operations department.

Sloan said that ideally, there should be one steward for every 30 employees for employees to have access to information about their rights.

There are about 300 employees in the department, according to Dan Johnson, associate vice president of Facilities Development and Operations.

Sloan said that there is currently one active steward for Unit 5.

According to Gutierrez, Long

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Economic downturn may cause enrollment increase

By Karen Kerstan
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The economic downturn had nothing to do with why Maria Avalos, a senior in business administration, returned to school.

"The downturn hasn't affected me at all, I just want to get a degree and be a good role model for my children," she said.

Avalos is one of many students who returned to school and accounted for the increased enrollment for fall 2001.

According to a San Jose

State University campus newsletter published by the Office of Communications and Public Affairs, fall enrollment is currently 28,010; an increase of 1,312 from last year's 26,698 last year, which adds up to a 5 percent increase for the semester.

But SJSU isn't the only school with an increase in enrollment. According to Charles B. Reed, Chancellor for the California State University, the economic downturn plays a large part in the students attending school.

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Chancellor speaks about issues concerning California universities after terrorist attacks

By Joannie Sevilla
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In a brief news conference held at Tower Hall on Thursday, California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed answered questions about campus policy, budget and current events that may affect universities throughout California.

"I don't think it's any secret. This state, this country, is entering into very difficult times during the next 12 to 24 months," Reed said. "We were taken by surprise in the California State University system, because this fall we ended up with 8,200 more full-time equivalent students than we had planned for. That's about a 2.5 percent increase above what we had projected."

Reed said that if there is an economic downturn, which the country is experiencing, there is usually an increase in enrollment in the universities.

"Students can't find jobs, lose jobs, so they go back to school," Reed said.

The chancellor also touched on the effects the terrorist attacks have had on the university system.

"Sept. 11 has changed the world forever," Reed said. "It has impacted universities in many different ways. As a matter of fact, we probably will need universities more than ever if you think about it, because of Sept. 11."

Reed said that the important role universities will have is to strengthen community building through its teachers and students, and teaching diversity in regards to eastern religions, language and cultures.

"There is a need to prepare people to have a greater understanding of diversity and tolerance and to learn more about the East and eastern religions," Reed said. "Are we preparing students for a new 21st century and what do we need to encourage students to explore? It makes sense to me that in general education, there be one non-Western course taught in history, religion or literature."

Reed also tackled questions regarding a study abroad program

in Cuba that had been cancelled due to a policy made by the board of trustees, according to Associated Students President Maribel Martinez.

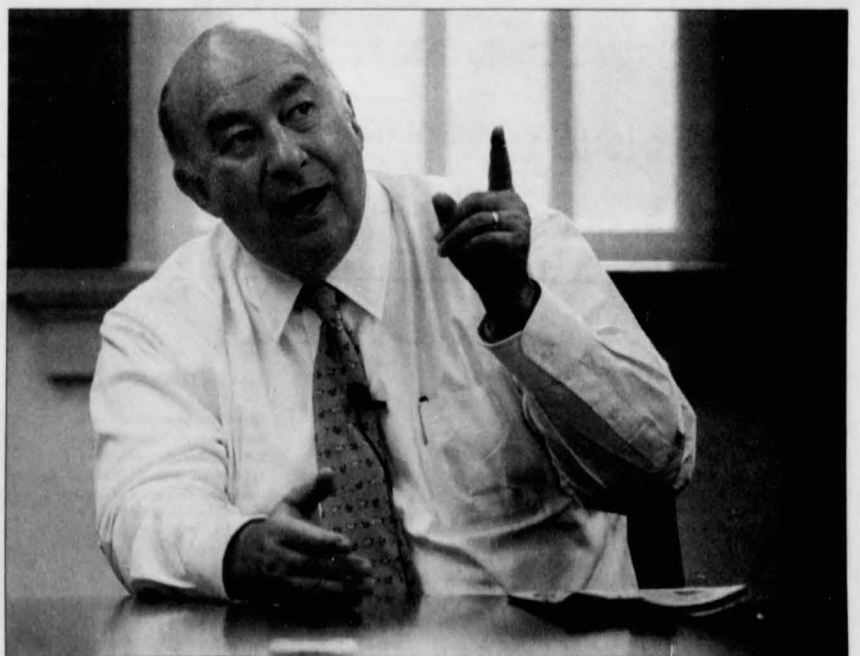
"It was from a policy from the board of trustees that was in place that said these trips would involve a risk issue for the universities," Martinez said.

Reed said there was no such policy.

"You've got a green-state dollar here and a George Washington dollar over here and you're saying it's OK to go to Cuba on this dollar and it's not OK to go on this dollar? If something bad happens, no one is going to ask me what color the money is," Reed said. "Something doesn't add up. There is no policy that I know of."

Alice Tsai, director of student resource affairs for A.S., brought up the issue of SJSU's drop-policy rules being too stringent for students coming up with "serious and compelling reasons" to drop a

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JaShong King / Daily Staff

Charles B. Reed, chancellor of the California State University system, makes a point during a press conference in Tower Hall on Thursday. Reed discussed issues, such as university's budget with the student media.



Viewpoint
Veteran's Day after the attacks

Has there been a day in your life when time stood still? Have you experienced a day in your life when something suddenly brought everything into perspective? Have you witnessed an event so emotional and fulfilling, you felt like you were going to explode? If not, then I feel sorry for you, because the feeling is indescribable. This past Veteran's Day was one of those days for me.

I had the opportunity to witness unique circumstances in our nation's history. Last Sunday was a day I will not forget, and it takes place every year. I went to the Vietnam Memorial for a ceremony dedicated to our nation's veterans. I don't know why I wanted to go so badly. Maybe it was because of the Sept. 11 attacks, or because I am living in Washington D.C. or because I wanted to hear Lee Greenwood sing "God Bless the U.S.A."

All I know is that something drew me there. Upon arriving at the memorial, I felt undeserving to be a witness to such an occasion. Having never served in our nation's military, it was a humbling experience to see into the eyes of those men and women who lived the unthinkable. It was not hard to see the pain and frustration these individuals carry with them each day of their lives. But along with that baggage, comes a special membership that only a privileged few are still alive to witness, but to which so many belong.

As I became engulfed by a sea of resplendent veterans, my eyes and ears would wander from one group to another, listening to the soldiers reminisce about the days gone by. For many, it was like a class reunion, pleasant, joyful and full of laughter. For others it was a day of sorrow, dismay and unpleasant memories, but nonetheless, a day that comes every year.

My generation does not know what it means to fight for democracy and freedom. Or even worse, die for democracy and freedom. We feel more compelled to criticize the actions and laws of our government, rather than become a part of it. The men and women I saw on Sunday gave more to me than I can ever hope to give back. And for that, I will spend the rest of my life honoring those who have done so much and asked for so little in return.

Veteran's Day is not about a three day weekend. It's about celebrating our freedom by honoring those who are willing to fight for the lifestyle we have, and the lifestyle about which others dream. As I said before, I felt undeserving to be witness to such an event, but the truth is, those veterans are proud to know that because of their actions, I was standing next to them on their day.

Craig Murphy congressional intern political science and broadcast journalism

Going cold turkey on the holiday thing

Just after all the damn midterms are over, I'm getting my bearings back.

After hell breaking loose, it's time to put things back in order. Ah hell, it's another break. Thanksgiving.

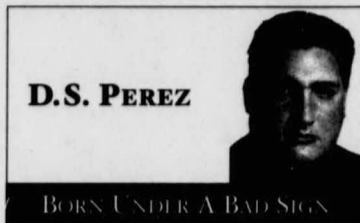
Five-day holiday? Yeah, nobody shows up Wednesday ... sounds good at first.

Unfortunately, it's not. I'm more in the mood to get some homework in. I've already missed enough classes.

Now I have to weigh the new dilemma: staying in the northern part of the state, where I have distant, crazy relatives I try to avoid, or going back home, fighting the hordes of traffic on the freeway and going to dine with my closer, crazy relatives.

Screw that. I'm just going to stay in my apartment, sleep and play video games. Peace and letting out my frustration by causing crime in "Grand Theft Auto 3" or bringing tyranny to the universe as the Galactic Empire in the latest Star Wars strategy game that came out - nothing more satisfying than Emperor Palpatine electrocuting farmers with the Force and having Imperial walkers obliterate Jar Jar Binks with a laser blast.

Sounds better than hearing family gossip or helping carve up a bird. Do I have to hear about so-and-so are divorcing or my teenage nephews are being paroled while preventing little children from destroying my PlayStation or worrying that my brother is pissed while holding an electric knife?



D.S. PEREZ

BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

Great, all I need for the holidays. I always envied my father in the holidays: he got to act grumpy and watch TV in the front room or in his room with no interruption.

"Get that damn basketball game off. Football's on."

"OK."

As Mel Brooks said, "it's good to be the king."

OK, so staying here in San Jose would be more peaceful, but then I'd have to deal with eating on Thursday.

I'm not eating Kentucky Fried Chicken again for Thanksgiving as I did a few years ago.

I'd probably have to stock up on what I could cook.

Bad news: my George Foreman grill is out of order. Besides, how the hell am I going to squeeze a turkey under that little lid?

Course, I could follow George's advice and get some turkey burgers ... which is about as tasteful as tofu turkey for vegan Thanksgiving dinner.

I never really cared for Thanksgiving dinner. Maybe it's because I'm not big on turkey. Fried, roasted, poached,

however you serve it, the bird is dry and tasteless. That's why I loved spending Thanksgiving in Las Vegas. Ah, buffet Thanksgiving, where you can eat anything else aside from the bird.

Unfortunately, a whole host of people would be there, in the buffets line. I'm hoping Osama bin Laden and Mulah Omar, from the Terrorist Cave ...

"Quick, Omar, to the Terrorist Cave!"

"Dah-dah-dah-dah-dah Bad Man...."

... has scared enough away from traveling. I could finally eat at that foreign buffet everyone talks about at the Rio.

Finally, something to thank a villain for - "Osama, thank you for making the lines short and prices low here in Vegas. It only took your alleged act of killing a few thousand people, holding the world hostage for a few months and terrorizing 250 million Americans to give me a chance to eat a Spanish paella and Chinese orange chicken for Thanksgiving. By the way, you and the Taliban can rot in hell as I finish these beef satays."

Mmmm ... satay with Thai peanut butter. Yum. Now that's better than turkey.

The Puritans and Indians didn't know what a real Thanksgiving should be. All they did was avert starving by cooking up local birds and pigs and making a temporary peace treaty.

But that story was a little rosier

than those same Puritans going up to Salem and cooking up some charges on locals on the crime of witchcraft. Witchcraft isn't all its cooked up to be either: instead of cool applications like conjuring curses, farting fire or talking with the dead, today's spell casting is only capable of summoning an overweight Wiccan or Harry Potter protestors to your doorstep.

I digress. Maybe the reason I'm not down with traveling south, in the rain, to Los Angeles, is because I don't have a spell that can have me ignore my relatives who have to come over and play the game of reality where nobody kills one another. My family is that dysfunctional.

Of course, I could do what I did last year: eat at a stranger's house for free. Nice and all, but having to be introduced every hour isn't my thing. I was doing more "Hello, my name is" than Eminem.

Hmm. I conclude by asking the question: is there a "holidays for hermits" book out yet? No wonder I played Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol."

Happy Thanksgiving, and bah humbug to y'all.

D.S. Perez is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. "Born Under A Bad Sign" appears Mondays.

Letters

Reader torn between feelings of patriotism, injustices of revenge

After reading J. Martin Nysted's letter to the editor on our president's "anti-terror" power, I was overcome by two completely different emotions. The beginning half of the letter, I agreed with. How do you sift through hundreds of innocent people to find a few terrorists?

Army intelligence agents have trouble enough, what makes the president think that hundreds of missiles can?

The Sept. 11 aftermath (the instant patriotism) made me

extremely proud to be an American and made me want those innocent people's lives to be avenged.

On the other hand, I didn't want us to become the terrorists. An eye does not equal an eye and taking a human life does not justify taking another. What are we as a country, as a human race, doing when taking innocent lives becomes part of making a point?

Sarah Merritt freshman interior design

Wednesday

Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Alliance (GLBTA)

Weekly club meeting, 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. Community, activities, support and discussion open to all. For more information, e-mail the alliance at glbta@email.sjsu.edu.

Students for Justice

Weekly meeting, 5 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. Join us as we plot world domination and progressive campus campaigns. For more information, call Vanessa at 504-9554.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Bible Trek, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

sjspirit.org

Daily meditation, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Come join us no matter your meditation form. There is a power and comfort in community meditation. Weekly Spiritual Explorers meetings, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Want to come out of the closet spiritually? Come for discussion, reflection, meditation, singing, ritual, liturgy and a supportive environment to be the spiritual person you are. All spiritual traditions are welcome. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

Associated Students

Finance committee, 3 p.m. in the Associated Student House, Room 102. For more information, call Julie Perreira-Rieken at 924-6257.

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Guiding troubled youth makes for safer schools

A friend and I were talking the other day, catching up on the latest events that have unraveled in our lives, and found ourselves reminiscing about our high school years.

It just so happened that that we both attended the same school, only it was during different times. Times, I now realize, that feel like they occurred light years ago.

When I was a high school student between 1993 and 1997, my campus, which is the biggest campus in San Jose's East Side Union school district, was very small in my eyes.

In fact, it was my small haven - very familiar, very welcoming, very safe.

But almost a week ago, I was invited to dinner at a family friend's house.

While there, I overheard some very unfortunate information about my alma mater.

I found out the students are now required to wear their identification cards around their necks at all times, that way security and administration can spot suspicious people.

Violence involving weapons are commonplace in the current environment, and students brag about these dangerous possessions. Uniforms are now being proposed for students

for the coming years, to promote unity and decrease chances of gang fights.

And as if this weren't enough, my friend, the same one I mentioned earlier, was told that teachers are instructed to lock their classroom doors after the sound of the second bell, which signals the start of class.

I'm forced to wonder how these things are affecting the nearly 4,000 teen-agers who study at the school.

How it's affecting them to know that Al DeGuzman, the student who allegedly planned to bomb De Anza College in January, got his education from the school they attend.

What they think when they have to sit for 55 minutes in a locked classroom because their safety is at risk.

Only five years have passed since I graduated from Independence High School.

After those years, I'm appalled to learn that the school now sounds like a prison: constricting, cold and dangerous. It's scary how much five years can change things so drastically.

I sensed the change when I went to the school to visit my old teachers.

To be quite honest, I ask myself if I'm just getting older and am at a stage



MINAL GANDHI

UNRAVEL

where things that may not have fazed me before now seem incredibly shocking. But then I tell myself that it should be shocking.

The Columbine tragedies were shocking, the same way as the school shootings in Santee, Calif., and Kip Kinkel's deadly rampage at his high school in Oregon were shocking.

These threats were hardly heard of, let alone pervasive, years ago. But they're telling of the time we live in. These events were devastating and real.

And it hurts to see my old school prepare for the worst.

All precautions that are taking place are justified, I admit that without a doubt. But they're also discouraging to hear, especially for graduates like me who didn't think my school would ever be under fire.

Young people are tough, however. They're able to adapt to their environments like chameleons and endure more things than adults.

Some experience violence at school, yet they manage to move on and overcome their fears. But in the process, they're stripped of their childhood and are forced to grow up quicker than some of them may want.

Though all of us are older now, harsh realities have the potential to hit us the same way and to the same degree. Because today's high school students are many of our younger brothers, sisters and friends.

If something terrible happens to them, we also get hurt.

But on a positive note, some of us have the opportunity to prevent trouble.

Our younger siblings and friends look to us for guidance. That's one job we should take very seriously.

Our security and the security of upcoming generations depend on it.

Minal Gandhi is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer and Copy Editor. "Unravel" appears Mondays.

Sparta Guide

Today

Catholic Campus Ministry Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

School of Art and Design Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in galleries two, three, five, six, eight and Herbert Sanders in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

sjspirit.org Thanksgiving celebration, 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. Come join us in celebrating the spirit of Thanksgiving. All are welcome. Daily meditation, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Come join us no matter what your meditation form. There is a power and comfort in community meditation. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

Student Life Center Student leaders are invited to apply for "Leadership Today: Creating Community in a Diverse World, Jan. 16 to 18 at the Asilomar Retreat Center. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Nov. 20. This program is designed to train students to address issues of diversity. There is no cost to participate. Applications are available in the Mosaic of the Student Union and the Student Life Center or by e-mailing jpbayd@email.sjsu.edu. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5961.

Career Center Internship workshop, 1:30 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

Pi Sigma Alpha Club meeting, 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, call Geoff Crockwell at 286-3505.

Tuesday

School of Art and Design In conjunction with the exhibition of their work, Thompson Gallery director Jo Farb Hernandez will introduce the work of May Bero and Dennis Nedhvala, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Art building, Room 133. For more information, call Jo Hernandez at 924-4328. Student galleries art reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the galleries in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science Come see the latest in body composition testing, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom building. Students pay \$5. Staff and faculty members pay \$10. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

M.E.Ch.A. Raza Day Committee weekly meetings, noon to 1 p.m. in the Chicano Library Resource Center. For more information, call Adriana Garcia at 655-6785.

Catholic Campus Ministry Scripture Reflection, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Nurses Christian Fellowship Jesus the puzzling king, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Stegmeir at 279-6385.

Counseling Services General process group, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, call Kell Fujimoto or Jeni Landau at 924-5910.

School of Music and Dance Choreography III showing, 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Spartan Complex, Room 219. For more information, call Fred Mathews at 924-5044.

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Reflecting on golf. . .



San Jose State University alumnus Jim Knoll cleans his golf balls in a puddle of water on the soccer practice field east of Spartan Stadium. *JaShong King / Daily Staff*

ENROLL: 1,312 more students on campus

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"We were entering into an economic downturn this summer and spring," he said. "And we're taken quite by surprise in the California University System because we ended up this fall in August and September with 8,200 more full time equivalent students than we had planned for which was about a two-and-a-half increase above what we projected."

While those numbers reflect the entire California State University system, another executive had some numbers for SJSU.

Robert Caret, president of SJSU, said in a recent press conference that there are 1,600 more students on campus this semester than there were last fall.

He said a problem SJSU had last year was that there was a decrease in the number of returning juniors. He said many of them left school in search of a job because the economy was thriving, but then said many have returned to school because of the economic downturn.

According to the campus newsletter, enrollment services had not expected the increase and in response to the demand, added improvements to the registration process such as staff members available by phone to help prospective students and a web portal system to speed up communication with applicants.

Akiyo Kawamura, an international student majoring in business, said she hasn't seen a difference in registration procedures.

"It's still hard to register," she said. "I had a difficult time getting the classes I needed."

But what made Kawamura notice the increased enrollment is the difficulty she has getting a unoccupied computer in different labs on campus.

"There are more students trying to get on computers than before I've noticed," she said.

Tan Ngyuen, a junior majoring in business said he has noticed the crowding on campus as well.

"It's hard to take classes over here (SJSU)," he said. "It seems the school is very crowded."

Nguyen said he came from Vietnam three years ago to study at San Jose State University. He said he made the decision to come to SJSU because of the large Vietnamese population in the area.

"We have a big community and it is our culture to study in groups," he said.

Numbers from the Institutional Planning and Academic Resources state that females at SJSU outnumber the males. For Fall 2000, the total number of females was 14,396 while their were males 12,302.

In Fall 2001, the number of female students is 15,053 while males weigh in at 12,957.

The top 10 undergraduate majors are computer science, computer engineering art, management, marketing, electrical engineering, management information systems, nursing, accounting and psychology.

Business currently is the largest college with 5,472 students.

SIKH: Some say the battle about stereotypes should be fought with a pen and through education, not through violence

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since the attacks in Washington, D.C. and New York. Ten people in the audience said they had been mistaken for Muslims because of the color of their skin or because they wore a turban. Jagot Singh also pointed out the similarities between the values of Sikhism compared with the values that are stated in the U.S. Constitution, such as freedom of speech and religion, and equality among all people. He said the only way to combat the stereotypes by other groups is through education.

"The battle today is not on horseback with a sword, it's with a pen, it's through the media, it is talking with other people," Jagot Singh said.

SJSU graduate Jasbir Kaur spoke at the symposium about the basis for practicing non-violence.

She outlined the basic reasons for terrorism and spoke of the effects it can have, adding that education is the best way to combat fear and uncertainty. Kaur said Guru Nanak saw freedom from fear as a way to a peaceful, pluralistic society. She said Sikhs have encountered a "misguided backlash" regarding the negative views toward them since the attacks on Sep. 11.

Her viewpoint was backed by Hardeep Singh Dhillon, who said the negative views towards Sikhs were caused in part, by the lack of knowledge about Sikhism. Sikhs, he said, must tell others about the religion instead of waiting for others to ask about it.

"Our insular behavior is what caused the backlash — if we don't articulate ourselves, we will lose," Dhillon said about the fight for justice and the understanding of

Sikhism in America.

Dhillon also said that to be true to the ideals of Sikhism, people must think about their actions and remember to live the message they preach. In one example, he made reference to the practice of Sikhs to wear the Kirpan, a dagger, which men hang on their belt, as a symbol of the fight against injustice. He said that wearing the dagger means nothing if the ideal behind the message is lost.

"Live the message," Dhillon said. "Give your rituals meaning — define the Sikh community through truth rather than rhetoric."

Jasmit Singh Kachhar spoke about Guru Nanak's commitment to a fair and equal religion that was accessible to all groups, such as women, poor people and those from the "untouchable" caste in India. He said Guru Nanak was

sympathetic to all people and was able to spread his views throughout India because he made his teachings accessible to all people.

Kachhar also said the teachings of Guru Nanak were important for Sikhs at this time of heightened tensions by people who discriminate unfairly against them.

"It is not I, wearing my turban, who is a victim; no, the people who discriminate are victims — victims of ignorance," he said. "It is he or she who has lost out for not knowing the person inside me."

Some students said they would have liked more presentations

about the teachings of Guru Nanak, the instead of the focus that the symposium took towards responding to the terrorist attacks.

"I think they should show more religious views," said Mandeep Kaur, a student at SJSU. Another student, Navjot Dhaliwal, said she would like more Sikh students from the university to attend these events.

Robbie Singh, one of the event organizers, said the symposium was held to educate the community about Sikhism. He also said there will be more events put on by the Sikh Student Association in the future, geared toward middle

school and high school students about what it means to be a Sikh.

"We need to have more programs like these, and more frequently, to create awareness so there is less misunderstanding," he said.

Students can get more information about events and view transcripts of the presentations online at <http://www.sjsu.edu/orgs/sikh>

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ISSUES: Most talked-about subject was class drop policy

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class. "One of the biggest issues that comes up every year is the drop policy," Tsai said. "It's quite hard because we can't move the decision back to the departments because it would be a fairness issue. Yet we've caught students lying about their reasons."

Reed answered that the decision to change the drop policy had to be a campus-based decision that involved both faculty and students.

"This campus needs a good set of rules, but then they need something that the president and the provost can make an exception for," Reed said. "Because somebody is allowed to have a really good reason, there needs to be some wiggle room."

Martinez, who raised questions about diversity and technology not being reflected in SJSU's curriculum, said that she anticipates Reed's help in encouraging leadership on campus to listen to students.

"I am looking forward to creating strategy to actualize the things we promote," Martinez said. "I don't think we are promoting technology and diversity to the full extent like we should be, or the way SJSU is promoted to be."

Colleen Bentley-Adler, director of public affairs for the office of the chancellor, said Reed also spent the day attending an editorial board meeting at the San Jose Mercury News and was slated to attend a dinner with members of the community before visiting the San Francisco State University campus on Friday.

"The chancellor likes to come visit the campuses once a year," Bentley-Adler said. "He loves to talk to students and enjoys being around them."

Reed said his visit to SJSU was a way for him to find out what's going on at the campus and listen to campus issues.

"I was up on the eighth floor of your new library this morning, walking on one of those narrow beams. They were terri-

fied I was going to fall off. I like to just walk around and kick the tires and see how it's going," Reed said. "I met with faculty at lunch and the senior staff. I saw the new Koret

sports center and met with the football coach. I like to hear what the issues are on the campus. It helps me when I go home."

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CHARGES: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received a complaint

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and Espinoza, the people who have retaliated against them include the manager of Facilities Development and Operations, Patty Wall; a supervisor, Chris Smythe; and the associate director of the department, Bob Andrews.

"I became known as someone who rocks the boat," said Gutierrez, who has been working as a custodian for 13 years. "When I was a union representative, I had grievances filed against (Chris Smythe) by union members. She had animosity against me for that."

According to Gutierrez, when Smythe became a supervisor, Smythe retaliated by filing sexual harassment charges against her.

Gutierrez said she was speaking with friend and co-worker, Juan Leon, about Smythe. When Leon told Gutierrez that Smythe was nice to him, Gutierrez said Leon must be Smythe's "boy toy." Leon said he repeated the joke to Smythe, upon which time Smythe filed sexual harassment charges against Gutierrez, allegedly claiming that "boy toy" was considered sexual harassment.

"I never filed those charges against Dolores (Gutierrez)," Leon said. "Chris (Smythe) went behind my back and filed those charges. I never felt that she (Gutierrez) sexually harassed me, never. It caused conflict with our friendship."

Smythe was unavailable for comment.

"If you disagree with her (Wall's) way of thinking or what she wants to do, then automatically, you are labeled a trouble maker. So anything that could be considered minor could be trouble," said a source within the department who asked to remain anonymous, because Wall told them not to speak with the Spartan Daily.

According to the source, who said he has no personal interest in the case, Wall and Smythe are neighbors. "It's not so much that they are conspiring or that they have it set up that way, but Wall's boss (Bob Andrews) takes her word for it too often," he said. "Which results in a mock investigation." Andrews declined to comment.

Johnson said that filing a grievance with the union would be an employee's first means of action if one felt he or she was being treated unfairly.

"There is due process followed by us to make sure everyone is treated fairly," he said. "It's a requirement, but it's also how you do business. Treating employees badly is bad business."

Johnson said if employees felt that they were still being treated unfairly after filing a grievance that they could then go to their supervisor and/or manager for help.

But Gutierrez said she didn't feel as though she could go to her supervisor, Smythe, or her manager, Wall, for help and she said she was also prohibited from speaking to Leon.

In a letter from Dona Bertain dated Feb. 7, 2000, Bertain, then the university discrimination case manager, states, "The informal complaint of sexual harassment filed by Mr. Juan Leon has been investigated and the matter is now concluded. There was no finding of harassment."

Bertain is now the assistant vice president for human resources and said she couldn't comment on Gutierrez's case for confidentiality reasons but added that she doesn't think there is any correlation between an employee's involvement in the union and how they are treated as workers.

"Performance issues and union issues are separate," Bertain said. "Administration respects the role of the union. If there are union issues, we take care of those issues."

Since Gutierrez's charges were dropped, she has maintained her position as custodian.

Herbert Long has since filled Gutierrez's shoes with his involvement in the union as the Unit 5 steward.

Long said in November of last year, Andrews, associate director of facilities management, and Smythe, supervisor, told him a few of the students had complained about him staring at them and told Long that was sexual harassment toward the students.

"I didn't think that was right,

so I talked to them (Andrews and Smythe)," Long said. "They told me if I agreed to move out of my work station (in Duncan Hall), that they would drop the charges."

Neither Smythe nor Andrews were available for comment.

Long said he is a very hard worker and that his area always looked nice, so when he was charged with harassment, he thought it was due to his involvement with the union.

"I don't get along with Chris Smythe," he said. "She really doesn't know anything about being a custodian, but she does know how to harass people."

Leon said, "They failed to submit those charges with Herbert (Long). They told him, 'You move to another floor and we'll drop the charges.'"

According to Long, the charges, which were never formally filed, were dropped in November of 2000, when he agreed to move his work station to the sixth floor of Duncan Hall.

Long is the only remaining active steward for Unit 5, according to Sloan.

The only sexual harassment charges still pending are against custodian and union steward Frank Espinoza, who said he is on medical leave from the job due to the stress caused by Wall, Smythe and Andrews.

"My job (as a union steward) was to advise people (that) if they were being mistreated, then they had a right to complain," Espinoza said. "I was the hit man for the supervisors. They want to keep the custodians ignorant about their rights, because it is one way to take advantage of them."

Espinoza said the sexual harassment charges filed against him were retaliation for his involvement with the union.

"Once he became a steward, he started getting a lot more problems brought against him," Long said about Espinoza. "They teach you your rights as a steward. Bob Andrews and Betty Luna (director of Facilities Development and Operations) started giving him a real hard time when he started getting more involved with the union."

According to Espinoza, Sarah Portales, a fellow custodian, filed sexual harassment charges against him in April 2001.

Portales was unavailable for comment, but still works as a lead custodian at SJSU.

"About 39 days after I was trained to be a steward I was charged with sexual harassment," Espinoza said.

Brad Davis, diversity and personnel officer, said "I am aware that Mr. Espinoza had filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, also known as the EEOC. I am aware that more than one custodian has filed a claim of discrimination with the EEOC and those claims were serious."

Lynn Hart, senior investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said she could neither confirm nor deny whether Espinoza's case is currently on her desk.

"If we found probable cause that someone's civil rights have been violated, we would take action," she said.

Hart said that in many of the cases she deals with, "People never tell us the entire truth." According to Hart, if someone was found guilty in an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigation, it would be the entity (in this case San Jose State University) that would be held accountable, not an individual.

Espinoza said his rights have been violated and said he thinks the way custodians are treated is an example of modern slavery and discrimination.

The anonymous source in the Facilities Development and Operations department said, "They got (Espinoza) because he went overboard. He was a little too overbearing, too outspoken."

Sloan said, "If they get fired for their involvement with union activity, they can file an unfair labor practice."

Espinoza said he filed an unfair labor practice last month.

He is on leave until further notice from his doctors and his supervisors.

Daschle, Gephardt meet relatives of WTC victims

HUEJOTZINGO, Mexico (AP) — Two top U.S. Democrats met Sunday with relatives of Mexicans killed or missing from the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

"Our hearts go out to them and we will help them any way we can," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, of Missouri.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, of South Dakota, said one woman requested help in getting back even "a piece of my son."

The congressmen met privately with three families with relatives missing from the Sept. 11 attacks and the wife of a man who survived the collapse of the World Trade Center but has been hospitalized for emotional trauma.

Ayde Reyes said her husband, Candido, had gone to the New York area only three months before the attacks and had not finished paying off the immigrant smuggler when the World Trade Center was hit. He worked in a nearby restaurant and had to be hospitalized.

Reyes said the congressmen promised to help her husband return home.

The congressmen were bombarded with gifts of hand-canned peaches and handicrafts as they toured Puebla state on Sunday, the final stop on a three-day trip to meet President Vicente Fox and to promote proposed immigration reforms.

Puebla state, east of Mexico City, has sent about 600,000 of its 6 million people to the northeastern United States, said Jorge Perez Bravo, an adviser to state Gov. Melquiades Morales.

Five of the 16 Mexicans known to be killed or missing after the

Sept. 11 attacks were from Puebla state.

The congressmen said they want to encourage economic growth that would make immigration less necessary while improving conditions for those who do migrate.

"We want to ensure that those who have come from Puebla to the Northeast and want to stay in the United States as citizens are able to do so," Daschle told a crowd gathered in the town of Calpan.

The pull of the U.S. border was evident at a women's food-canning project that pays workers \$6 to \$10 a day during canning season.

But as the women plied the congressmen with peaches and cider, Eloisa de los Santos, the project's marketing director, said about a quarter of the project's founding members had already given up and migrated to the United States.

A lack of machinery and marketing resources meant there had been no profits so far for the partners.

"They didn't have the resources to continue," she said.

Meteor shower dazzles stargazers in the United States and Asia

MOUNT WILSON, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of shooting stars provided a dazzling light show Sunday that amazed veteran and novice stargazers alike as the Leonid meteor shower made the moonless sky appear to rain light.

At the peak of the early morning shower, as many as 1,250 meteors per hour streaked overhead, according to NASA estimates.

Atop Mount Wilson, hundreds of cars clogged the road leading to the observatory high above the Los Angeles basin as stargazers sought out dark spots to watch the display.

Streak after streak of light shot across the sky as tiny bits of comet debris burned up harmlessly in the atmosphere. The brightest flares left shimmering, smoky trails that hung in the sky for a few seconds.

The shower was less intense than the 4,000 per hour some had predicted, but nonetheless it was a more impressive display than astronomers have seen in years.

"I'm seeing more (meteors) in the last six hours than I have in my whole life," said George Heald, who teaches astronomy at the University of New Mexico, as he watched in the Cibola National Forest southeast of Albuquerque, N.M.

The best viewing in the United States was between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. EST, but people on the East Coast reported seeing meteors fly even after dawn broke. Some meteors could be seen even in New York City, where light pollution normally makes for poor skygazing, Phillips said.

In a park at Larchmont, N.Y., 10-year-old Ken Kaneshiro said he counted 40 meteors in about 20 minutes.

But many other people across the Asia-Pacific region who had given up a good night's sleep were disappointed by bad weather. Skies in Tokyo clouded over after sunset. Conditions in Sydney, Australia, were worse with heavy rains throughout the day.

But about 150 Chinese who gathered at midnight on the roof of a 550-year-old Ming Dynasty stone observatory in Beijing were overjoyed when the first meteor tore across the sky leaving an ephemeral fiery trail in its wake.

"There are many more shooting stars than I expected, and they're really clear," said Hou Lei, a 19-year-old construction engineering student.

Clear skies also rewarded more than 1,000 stargazers who sat on lawn chairs at a youth training camp near Seoul, South Korea.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime specta-

cle, said Ko Hyon-ju, 19.

The Leonid shower occurs each November, when the Earth's orbit takes it through the trail of particles shed by the Comet Tempel-Tuttle as it swings around the sun once every 33 years.

Most particles are smaller than a grain of rice. They enter our atmosphere traveling 45 miles a second and burn up in brilliant streaks of light. The meteors are called Leonids because they appear to come from the direction

of the constellation Leo.


The last major Leonid shower occurred in 1966, when stargazers counted as many as 150,000 meteors per hour. Astronomers expect another such shower in 2099.

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"Harry Potter" topples box office records with \$93.5 million debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wizards vanquished lizards as "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" grossed \$93.5 million in its first weekend, shattering the box-office debut record held by the dinosaur sequel "The Lost World: Jurassic Park."

Other records also fell by the wayside. "Harry Potter" posted the top three one-day box office hauls, according to studio estimates Sunday.

And it positioned itself to become the fastest movie to hit \$100 million, with a shot at crossing that mark in its fourth day on Monday. It took five days to reach that level for "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace."

"Lost World" took in \$72.1 million in its first three days over the 1997 Memorial Day weekend. If the box-office estimate holds when final numbers are reported Monday, "Harry Potter" will have surpassed the \$90.1 million "Lost World" grossed in its first four days.

On Friday, "Harry Potter" broke the record for best single-day take with \$31.6 million, topping the previous best of \$28.5 million by "Phantom Menace" in its opening day in 1999.

On Saturday, "Harry Potter" broke its own record by taking in \$32.9 million. And distributor Warner Bros. estimated the movie's Sunday ticket sales at \$29 million, which would give the film the No. 3 best one-day

gross. "We obviously knew going in we were going to have a great opening," said Dan Fellman, Warner's head of distribution. "Nobody anticipated such a staggering number that would shatter every industry record."

Based on the first book of British author J.K. Rowling's adventure series about a school for wizards and witches, "Harry Potter" was directed by Chris Columbus and stars Daniel Radcliffe in the title role.

They have little time to bask in the film's success. Production on "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" begins Monday in London, with Warner planning to have it in theaters the weekend before Thanksgiving

next year. The studio hopes to do the same with the third "Harry Potter" movie in 2003.

"Monsters, Inc.," the No. 1 film for the previous two weekends, fell to second place with \$23 million. Disney's decision to put the animated tale into theaters two weeks before "Harry Potter" was paid off: "Monsters, Inc." set a record for best debut for an animated movie and had taken in \$156.7 million in just 17 days.

The top 12 movies grossed \$157.1 million, up 6.6 percent from the same weekend a year ago when four movies opened in wide release, including the blockbuster "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The two-and-a-half-hour running time of "Harry Potter" lim-

its the number of screenings that theaters can squeeze in each day. Warner compensated by debuting the film in a record 3,672 theaters, which showed it on about 8,200 screens — nearly one-fourth of the nation's total.

"Harry Potter" averaged \$25,467 a theater. "Monsters" averaged \$19,332 in 3,237 theaters in its debut.

"I think in the wake of Sept. 11, people are looking for entertainment close to home," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office. "Harry Potter" plays right into that. It's a fantasy world people can get out of the house and enjoy for a few hours, but stay relatively

close to home." Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released Monday.

1. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," \$93.5 million.
2. "Monsters, Inc.," \$23 million.
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Spartans can't dig Wahine in finals

In WAC Tournament Finals, SJSU is swept by the University of Hawai'i in three straight games

By Marcus R. Fuller

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Two points. That's what separated the Spartan women's volleyball team from a victory against the University of Hawai'i in its last meeting at the Event Center a month ago.

So, what happened in a 3-0 loss against Hawai'i on Sunday afternoon at home in the Western Athletic Conference final?

The Spartans had gotten better since their last meeting with Hawai'i, surprising even their own head coach Craig Choate in the first two rounds of the WAC tournament in three-game sweeps against the University of Texas El Paso and the University of Nevada.

The Rainbow Wahine haven't changed. They're still ranked No. 12 in the nation.

"But we went five with them the last time with almost a perfect game. We did everything right, including all of the little things," said outside hitter Brianna Blair, who had 16 kills on Sunday. "In this match, we let little things hurt us. We let them score five straight points... you just can't do that against a team like Hawai'i."

Blair was referring to when San Jose State University started the second game with a 5-0 advantage that was later extended to 10-4. WAC Player of the Year Kim Willoughby of Hawai'i, who had 26 kills and 17 digs in the match, single-handedly snatched the momentum back in the Wahine's favor.

Choate said that the size of the Spartans' opponent was almost impossible to overcome.

"Games 2 and 3 I thought we played pretty hard, but physically, there was no comparison," Choate said. "They've got two players over 6-foot up front and Willoughby might as well be 7-feet the way she jumps."

Choate said he has never seen a sophomore with as much physical ability as Willoughby in his nine years as the Spartans' head coach.

"She's so good that she could play for the national team right now," Choate said. "Already she's a legitimate international talent. That's something you don't

say very often with someone her age. Players can train until their senior year and never have her gifts."

Liz Hudson, the Spartans' top middle blocker, said that she often finds herself watching in awe of Hawai'i's kill queen during the match.

"She's amazing," Hudson said. "Right when she hits we all get excited. We know someone is going to have to try and dig it."

Willoughby made her presence felt early with four consecutive kills to help Hawai'i take a 12-5 advantage in Game 1. Just when the 6-foot left side hitter began to warm up, Willoughby went to the sideline after hitting her head on the floor while diving.

With their go-to hitter on the bench, the Wahine looked to 6-foot-2-inch Maja Gustin, who had 8 of her 18 kills in the first game.

Blair scored four straight points on three kills and a service ace to pull the Spartans to within six (26-20), but Gustin finished off the game 30-22.

After squandering its six-point lead to begin Game 2, SJSU held on to a 15-14 advantage following three powering shots from Willoughby.

The Spartans battled back behind Savannah Smith and Stephanie Pascucci and tied the game at 23-23. Kimberly Noble came to life with two kills on game point, but Willoughby's tenth kill of the game off the face of a Spartan player earned Hawai'i the 30-27 win.

In the final game, SJSU took its first and only lead at 5-4, after the Wahine were called for a net violation. Noble twice chipped the deficit to two points at 11-9 and 17-15, but Willoughby and Gustin thrashed any hope of Spartan comeback with a 30-22 victory in Game 3.

Hawai'i head coach Dave Shoji said he believes that SJSU will join his team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament this year.

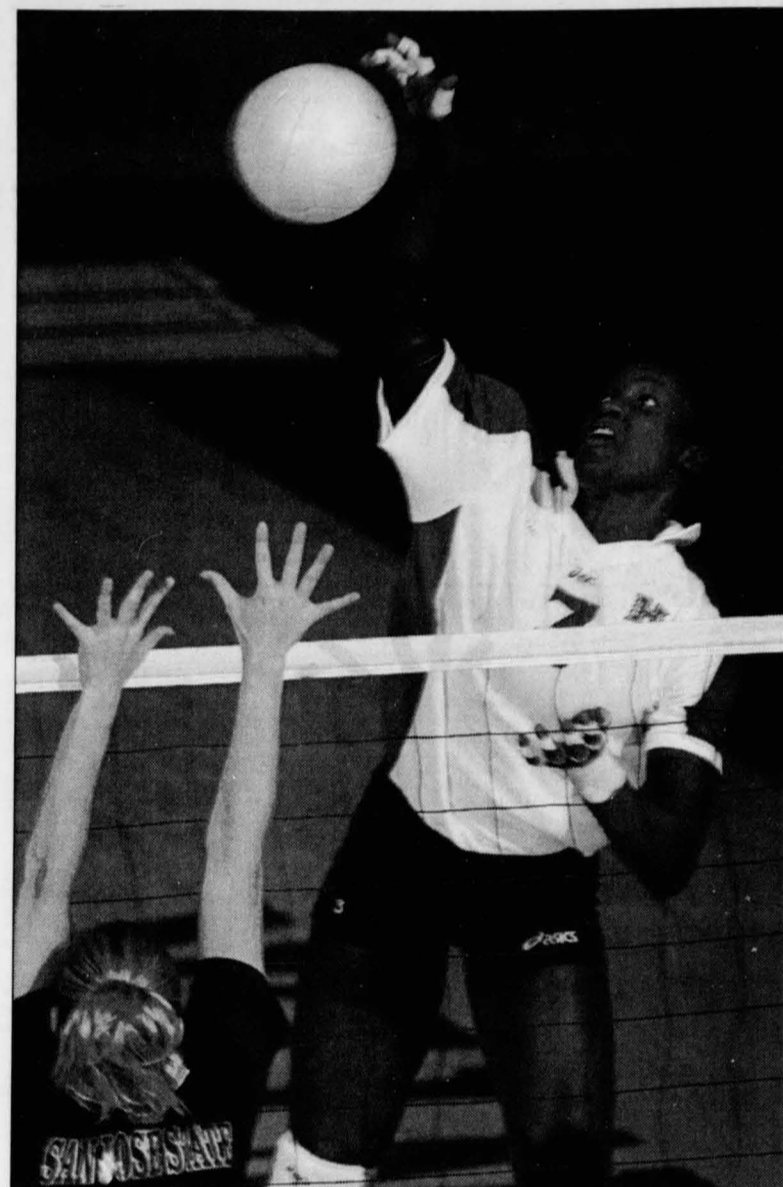
"There's not any doubt. They're a legitimate NCAA type team. I think the WAC will get three teams," said Shoji, referring to Hawai'i, SJSU and Nevada. "This match prepared us well for the tournament. It was great competition against a good team on their home floor."

Hudson said that SJSU's tournament run doesn't necessarily guarantee a post-



Ben Liebenberg / Daily Staff

Middle blocker Liz Hudson returns the ball against the University of Nevada. The Spartans beat the Wolf Pack in three straight games Saturday to advance to the finals against the University of Hawai'i on Sunday.



Chris Prevolos / Special to the Daily

Sophomore Kim Willoughby had 26 kills in the University of Hawai'i's win over San Jose State University in the 2001 WAC Volleyball Tournament Championship Sunday afternoon at the Event Center. Hawai'i defeated the Spartans 30-22, 30-27, 30-22.

— SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY 6, BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY 56 —

The Players' Club



BRONCOS
RYAN
DINWIDDIE

Position: Quarterback
What he did: Completed 18 of 27 passes for 348 yards. He connected on four touchdowns.

Trivia: In his efforts against the Cal State Fresno Bulldogs on Oct. 19, Dinwiddie was named college football's national player of the week by USA Today and ESPN Magazine.



BRONCOS
JEB
PUTZIER

Position: Tight end
What he did: Caught six passes for 191 yards and scored three touchdowns in the 56-6 rout.

Trivia: His first touchdown catch was in the opening quarter, where he took the ball 80 yards to give the Broncos the lead.

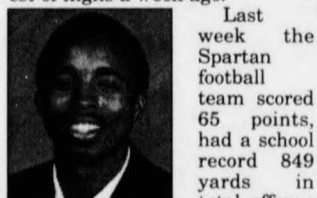
SJSU experiences a deep freeze in Boise

Rain, cold weather and injuries hamper Spartans in rout

By Mike Osegueda

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Jekyll-and-Hyde-like season of the Spartan football team followed suit Saturday, hitting the lowest of lows after the highest of highs a week ago.



Shepherd

Last week the Spartan football team scored 65 points, had a school record 849 yards in total offense and set numerous conference and national records in a victory against the University of Nevada.

Saturday, the Spartans scored six points on a season-low 183 total yards as they were crushed 56-6 by Boise State University.

San Jose State University dropped to 3-7 overall and 3-4 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Boise State solidified its hold on second place in the conference, improving to 7-4 overall and 6-2 in the WAC.

The biggest difference, said senior wide receiver Edell Shepherd, was the weather in Boise, Idaho.

"It was freezing," Shepherd said. "They were playing like it was a sunny day, but we couldn't

"It was pride. I can't let them take my pride away. I got to keep making plays until the last whistle blows."

— Edell Shepherd, Spartan wide receiver

get nothing going. Couldn't run the ball, couldn't throw the ball. It was all bad for the offense."

Shepherd said hard rain pelted down for three quarters at Bronco Stadium, something he didn't expect after flying into Boise on Friday and seeing everything dry.

But Saturday morning, both teams played under a torrent of rain.

"It's real hard because you stay stiff," Shepherd said. "Your shoes are wet, your socks are wet, it's all just heavy. It was a really hard condition, our hands were frozen. You really couldn't catch the ball like you wanted to. It wasn't like it was a missed assignment. It was hard for a lot of players to concentrate. We let the weather get us out of the game."

Meanwhile, Boise State didn't miss a beat.

On the second play of the game, quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie connected with tight end Jeb Putzier for an 80-yard touchdown.

The connection worked twice more, as Dinwiddie had 348 yards on 18-of-27 passing.

The Broncos jumped to a 28-0 halftime lead when running back Brock Forsey scored a one-yard touchdown with four seconds left in the second quarter.

Forsey also had three touchdowns and rushed for 122 yards.

The Spartans couldn't muster much of a ground game without Jarmar Julien, who suffered a bruised thigh injury in the first half and Deonce Whitaker, whose right knee is still hurting.

"We had a couple of key drops in the first quarter that was just momentum," Shepherd said. "Every time we went three-and-out, they scored."

The only points of the game for SJSU came in the fourth quarter.

After cornerback Alex Wallace picked off a Dinwiddie pass, Spartan quarterback Marcus Arroyo threw a 30-yard strike to Shepherd.

It was Shepherd's 11th touchdown catch of the season, tying a school single-season record.

"It was pride," Shepherd said. "I can't let them take my pride away. I got to keep making plays until the last whistle blows."

Arroyo, who was named the WAC offensive player of the week after throwing for 476 yards and five touchdowns while setting a

record for passing efficiency against Nevada, was only 13-of-33 in the air for 129 yards.

"It was disappointing that we lost that bad. We couldn't do anything. We just wanted to hurry up and get home and start over next week for Fresno," Shepherd said.

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