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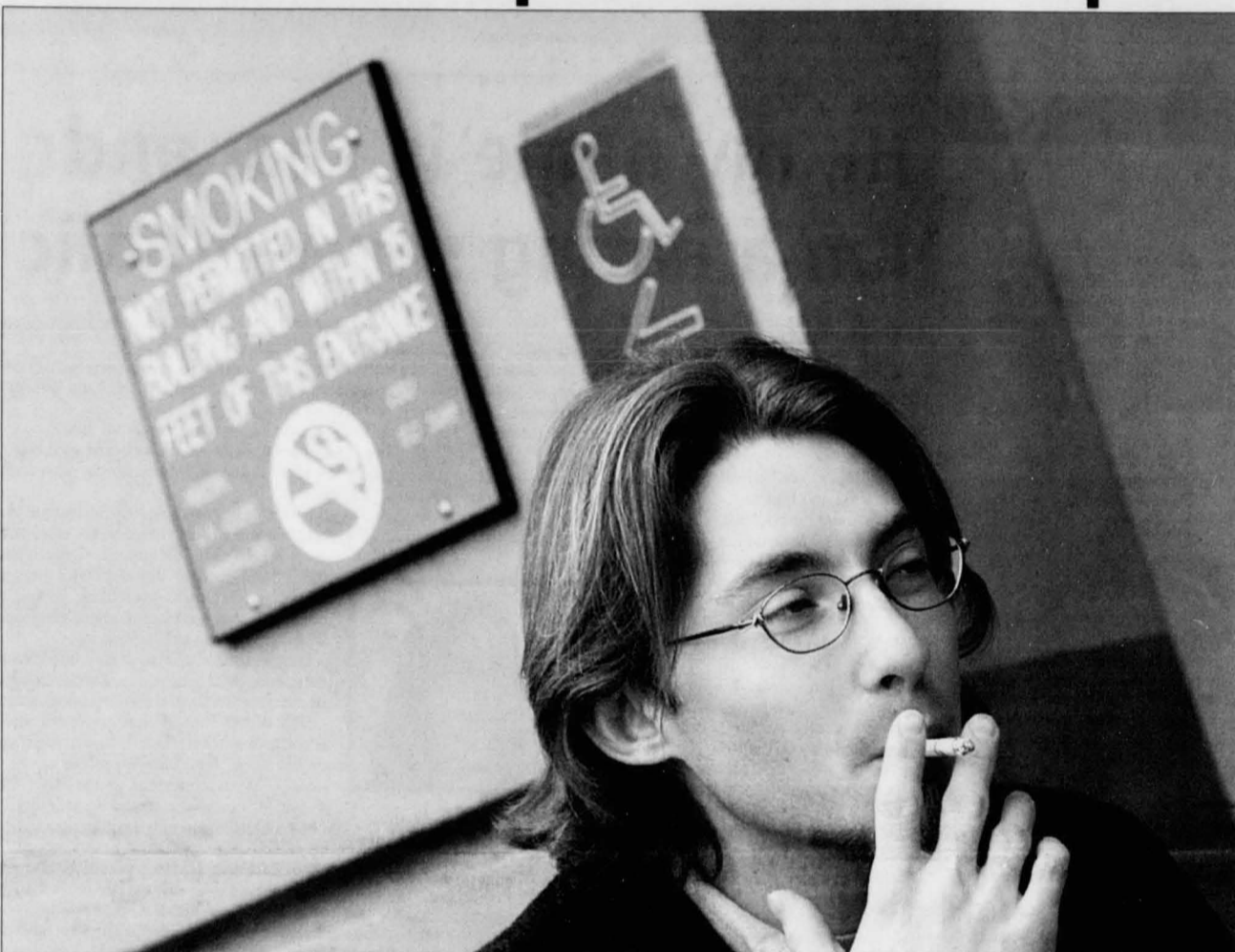
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A.S. seeks opinion on campus smoking policy



Nick Rotsko, a philosophy major, enjoyed his cigarette Monday afternoon outside of the San Jose State University Faculty Offices building.

Measure W could be on March election ballot

By Wendy Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students Board of Directors debated Wednesday whether Measure W, a policy regulating campus smoking, should be on the 2003-2004 election ballot.

Ballot results will verify a student need for an enforced campus smoking policy, said Alice Tsai, A.S. director of student rights and responsibilities.

"The reason why I want to put it on the ballot is so students can have an input," Tsai said.

The current policy prohibits smoking within 15 feet from campus buildings, said Alfonso De Alba, A.S. executive director. A policy not enforced by the school, he said.

Measure W, if passed, would revise San Jose State University's current policy, according to the A.S. election ballot.

"If the measure does not get on the ballot, students do not get their input with Academic Senate," Tsai said.

Currently, the Academic Senate does not have enough student opinion, a reason why the smoking policy is an advisory vote, Tsai said.

The purpose of an advisory vote is to collect a student's point of view, she said.

Once votes are tallied, the senate considers student voice in policy decision-making, Tsai said. A signature from SJSU President Robert Caret determines the final resolution.

"We will never statistically know if we never throw it out there," A.S. Controller Alice Lee said.

Students should be given the opportunity to show that there is a need, Tsai said.

In a similar movement, more than

90 percent of San Diego State University students showed there was a need for stronger smoking policies, Tsai said.

Similar to SDSU, SJSU should be given a chance to voice their opinion, she said.

Allowing students to vote on the smoking policy is an option for students, Lee said. They should not have their options taken away.

Students not participating in the ballot process cannot complain about the outcome of Measure W, De Alba said.

Out of approximately 30,000 students enrolled this semester, 3,000 will vote, Lee said.

"On average, 10 percent of the student population votes during elections," Lee said.

Tsai said there is a need for smoking policy enforcement.

"Cost is not something to worry about," Tsai said, "Education and government codes will cover costs."

California State University representatives have told CSU presidents that, factually, smoking is harmful and smoking problems at all campuses need to be fixed, Tsai said.

Former A.S. Vice President Akbar Shetty, a transfer student studying marketing and economics, said SJSU officials should not tell people they cannot smoke.

On the A.S. ballot, Measure W offers smoking bans 5, 15 and 25 feet away from campus buildings. One option completely bans smoking on campus.

Students wanting to participate in the election need a student identification card with a current transit sticker, De Alba said.

Measure W will appear on the March election ballot. Elections typically take place one week prior to spring break, according to A.S.

Proposed Measure X would provide students with social time

By Veronica Mendoza
Daily Staff Writer

This spring, San Jose State University students will be given the opportunity to vote on a measure that could change the campus from a commuter school.

If passed, the measure would provide an hour in which no classes would take place, and students could participate in events and activities,

said Alfonso De Alba, the Associated Students executive director.

Measure X, also recognized as "University Hour," will appear in the Spring 2003 ballot as an advisory vote.

An advisory vote means that students can decide whether they want to pass the measure but the ultimate decision to implement the idea would have to come from the SJSU president and provost, said A.S. Vice President, Lorenzo Deveza.

The purpose of the measure is to provide an hour in the middle of the day, between noon and 1 p.m., in which no classes would take place, Deveza said.

Deveza, who proposed the measure, said the time would be used for organizations to schedule meetings, for events to take place on campus and for students to have an hour to interact with one another.

"It would allow for creating a better campus atmosphere," Deveza said.

The idea began as a suggestion from the Campus Climate Advisory Committee. The committee is a group that comes up with ideas to improve campus life at SJSU, Deveza said.

After the suggestion was made, it was taken to the SJSU Senate Executive Committee, which is part of the SJSU Academic Senate.

James Brent, chair of the Academic Senate, said the committee agreed that it was a good idea to improve

campus life, but that it was denied for several reasons.

The main reason it was denied was because of budget problems, Brent said.

He also said that the university hour would take place at a popular time for students to schedule their classes.

"Those are prime time hours for classes," Brent said. "The budgetary implications would be quite large."

Brent said another problem with the idea is that the schedule of classes is

very complex, and it would be difficult to re-arrange the classes to implement the university hour.

Deveza said the measure was almost thrown out all together, but said he decided to propose the idea to the A.S. to appear in the general election in March.

"I saw the potential for the idea and I don't see why we don't have it on our campus," Deveza said.

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UPD, SJPD continue investigation of brawl

By Tony Burchyns
Daily Staff Writer

Nearly four weeks after two rival San Jose State University fraternities met at Flickinger Park for a midnight brawl that left one SJSU student dead and others injured, campus officials have not yet initiated judicial proceedings in the matter.

First, San Jose police must be allowed to complete their investigation, said St. Saffold, associate vice president for campus life.

"Upon the conclusion of that investigation, the San Jose Police Department will communicate its results to the University Police Department, which then will communicate them to our judicial affairs office," Saffold said. "That springs us into action, if you will."

In the meantime, a university police detective functions as a liaison with the city's homicide unit, said UPD Capt. Bruce Lowe.

"We hope to get names from San Jose police in two to three weeks," Lowe said.

SJPD Sgt. Steve Dixon said releasing names prematurely would jeopardize criminal justice proceedings.

"We'll give our case to the district attorney's office, and they will tell us what names we can release to the university," Dixon said.

Judicial affairs will then initiate conferences and hearings that could produce probation, suspensions and expulsions for indicted (university code-violating) members of Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon, as well as any other SJSU students cited by city police, Saffold said.

During the Jan. 22 brawl at the park, 23-year-old SJSU student and Lambda member Alan Kim was stabbed in the heart and killed, according to the SJPD.

San Jose police issued a \$1 million warrant on Jan. 29 for 20-year-old De Anza College student Long Duy Tran of San Jose in con-

nection with the fight. So far Tran has evaded city police. "We'll pick him up," Dixon said.

CONFUSED AND HURTING

For now, SJSU students involved in the deadly rumble may still come to class, even though SJSU President Robert Caret has cut all university ties to their organizations, said Angela Harper, Greek Life coordinator.

"The students are still part of the campus community, unless they have chosen to voluntarily not be," Harper said.

With a fellow student dead, a murder investigation hanging over their heads and probable criminal and civil court proceedings in their futures, those who convoyed to Flickinger Park last month may be too stressed to attend classes now, Harper said.

"There is some obvious concern for how they are dealing with something as difficult as this," Harper said.

Some of the fraternity brothers have phoned and e-mailed the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center for advice and comfort, said Coordinator Hyon Chu Yi.

"We know that they're afraid and that they feel isolated — in part because a lot of them thought they were being automatically expelled from the university," Yi said. "We know that's not the case — that's not how our judicial process plays out. It will be on a case-by-case basis."

Yi said she heard that some of the students involved in the Flickinger incident are taking the semester off to recover emotionally.

"They are confused, and they are hurting right now," Yi said. "Some of the students have decided to lower their class loads this semester, and some of them have decided they're not going to attend their classes this semester, and they hope to come back next

Field Vision



Cristobal Salazar, serving as goalie, leaped to catch a speeding ball as he and his friends played soccer Monday afternoon on Tower Lawn.

JaShong King / Daily Staff

fall."

The unprecedented magnitude of this school tragedy — and the uncertainty of the SJPD's investigation — means the university may not know how and what to communicate to the members of shell-shocked fraternities, Yi said.

"There's been a mix of emotions, but for the most part I know they're not very clear as to where the university stands because they have not been directly told what's going to happen to them," Yi said.

CHECKING THE FILES

Students who fought at Flickinger Park and are now taking time off to cope with the loss of Kim and the devastation of SJSU's two premier Asian American fraternities will not dodge disciplinary action by being absent, Yi

said.

"One of the assumptions may be, 'If I don't take classes this semester then judicial affairs can't do anything to me,' which is not true," Yi said.

Saffold said he has heard the same thing. In this case, he said, there will be no statute of limitations.

"We will be checking the files in subsequent semesters to see if (those involved in the brawl) are enrolled, and we will contact them and bring them in at whatever point they choose to return," Saffold said.

Saffold said two SJSU codes of conduct apply in this situation — one for students and one for student organizations.

"There are really two processes that are kind

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Portrayal of blacks in music to be discussed

By Wendy Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

Idealized representations of African Americans in the media will be addressed in "Images of African Americans and Issues in Sexual Health" Wednesday in the Student Union.

This is a hot topic students will be interested in, said Megan Anderson, administrative support coordinator for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center.

Music videos will be played on a muted television screen. Lyrics may be played to support comments, said Jen Styles, nutritionist for the Student Health Center.

Featured panelists will cover how music videos portray the African American community with regards to drugs, sex, alcohol, body image, race and social class.

Guest speakers include Ruth Wilson from the African American studies department, Marlene Coach from the College of Social Work and Ramon Johnson of KSJS.

The Student Health Center is trying to get students to think about the sexual issues in music videos, said Dawn Lee, activities coordinator for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center.

"Personally, this is going to be interesting because it deals with tough issues, and the relationship between images in music videos and sexual health issues and sexuality," Lee said.

Students should attend the event to ask questions regarding sexuality, Anderson said.

"This would be the perfect environment to talk freely about cautionary measures, and the issues that

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CYNICALLY OPTIMISTIC

The value of friendship can never be overrated

People define life in different ways. Some describe it as simply the condition of living. Some say it is the collection of experiences you have, the jobs you hold, the duties and obligations you possess.

For me, life is relationships. Life is people. Life is friendship.

When I talk about my relationship with God, people tend to smile, nod and either accept or dismiss my little notions of spirituality. If I discuss my family, conversations emerge where we compare and contrast all the eccentricities of these people we're related too.

The conversation changes when I talk about the depth of my friendships.

Some people, I think, believe I take all this emotional connection stuff way too seriously. Sure, people come and go, they say. People change. People will stab you in the back, use you and corrupt you.

Of course they will, and I've been betrayed and hurt before. But life is also about risk, and I would risk anything to keep these friendships I hold so dear.

There are friendships I have that passed the usual hurdles and barriers. I just spent a weekend with Kathy, one of my good friends from high school who goes to UC Davis. Going to the club with her and her friends was a blast, and recu-

perating from the wild night by watching two hours of SpongeBob SquarePants on a sleepy Saturday afternoon was fun as well, but the experiences of last weekend were defined more by my company than by my actions. It truly would not have been the same without her (or her friends, whom she was nice enough to introduce me to).

Not only did we survive that treacherous transition from high school to college, but our friendship became stronger and deeper.

Defying the odds can be very satisfying. But moreover, defying what people expect is a small joy of mine.

Whenever I run into someone I used to know from high school (not that uncommon, since I went to Prospect in Saratoga), he or she usually asks me about my best friend during that time, Sean.

"Do you guys still talk?"

"Have you seen him lately?"

"Do you know what he's up to now?"

All of these questions imply an expectation that we drifted apart, that the bonds of our friendship were worn apart by time and life.

I'm happy to say we're still best friends. Unfortunately, these idyllic dreams of lasting friendships can sometimes be shattered, and somehow the world of friendship gets more and more complicated as we progress in our lives.

I've seen the destruction of friendships before. Little differences become drama-laden sagas of tortured lives, twisted and torn by the pressures of this suddenly burdensome friend relationship. Soon, it either implodes and a cruel silence ends it, or a massive explosion of hurtful words and vitriolic spite results.

Sometimes, growing apart is better for both parties involved.

Sometimes it leaves a wound that never fully heals.

Sometimes it leads to future reconciliation.

The world of friendship is complex and frustrating, a sea of emotion with choppy waters and the strewn wreckage of old hurts that occasionally resurfaces. Once you learn how to navigate through all the debris, however, it can be a great journey with someone special.

I've been fortunate enough to have friends who are willing to take a journey with me through all the tough times.

When a planned trip for Las Vegas fell through, my friend

offered to take me to Reno. When I'm at work, wondering how I'm going to get through the long day, my friend visits me and entertains me with tales of her insanity.

When I was broken-hearted after a breakup, my friend called me and we talked for over an hour.

When I was feeling down about myself, my friend told me that he loved me.

These are the best people in the world, and the little sentences and paragraphs I can give to just a few of them here don't do them justice.

Now this is not to say that I am always such a wonderful friend that I am able to always maintain important relationships. I have let friends down, led them on, made them think I was better than I was.

Furthermore, some supposed "friends" aren't worth keeping.

But I treasure the relationships I do have.

There are dangers to friendship. Don't get me wrong. Taking the relationship seriously comes at a high price.

Not taking it seriously, however, can come at a higher price.

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MELINDA LATHAM

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Associated Students Campus Recreation

ASCR is offering fitness classes at the Event Center. Classes running today: Body Sculpting, Weight Training, Yoga, Aerobics, Advanced Step, Butts & Guts, Body Sculpting, Beginning Step. For more information and class times, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Associated Students Campus Recreation

Learn the ancient art of belly dance. ASCR is offering belly dance classes at the Event Center. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. First session Feb. 4 to Mar. 13. Second session Apr. 1 to May 6. Register the first week of class, \$25 for SJSU students, \$30 general. For more information contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Potluck Theology every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call John Wilhelmson at 835-8783 for location.

Nurses Christian Fellowship
The Nurses Christian Fellowship will have "Community Building" at 4:30 p.m. in the Pacheco Room. For more information contact Diane Stegmeir at 248-2997.

MOSAIC
Team I-Themba (Team Hope) will be holding a performance today from noon to 1 p.m. followed by a discussion from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union. This inspiring group of college-aged students from South Africa creatively tackles the issue of race and racial reconciliation. Team I-Themba performs in dance and through dramatization stories of apartheid, Nelson Mandela's rise to power and other historical moments of South Africa and the country's transition to peaceful democracy. You'll get a chance to talk to the dance group after the performance to hear about their experiences with performing and traveling the world.

MOSAIC
African Marketplace through Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the main floor of the Student Union. The market place is a weekend event, in which various vendors around the bay area will feature merchandise from various African countries. There will be a wide variety of art, jewelry, books, fragrances, and clothing to browse and purchase.

MOSAIC

Music Videos: Images of African Americans and Issues in Sexual Health on Feb. 19 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at MOSAIC Student Union. Sponsored by PEP, Nutrition and Peer Health, this workshop will address the issues body image and sexual health as reflected in music videos. Topics such as alcohol, drugs, race and class will be discussed.

MOSAIC

Poetry Night on Feb. 20 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Music Listening room of the Student Union. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the art of poetry and recognize how it has impacted today's society. This event features various guest poets from the bay area and students attending SJSU.

Career Center

Drop-in from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

Career Center

Job search strategy workshop - bring your resume and obtain an Express Pass for the Career Expo. Workshop will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Career Center Workshop room. For more information contact the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

Career Center

Work IV drop-in from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

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Living with Grief: a seminar for faculty and staff featuring Professor Linda "Rainbow" Levine. Seminar will take place at noon in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information contact Chaplain Roger Wharton at 605-1687.

Associated Students Campus Recreation - Adventures

Belly dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Event Center Aerobics Studio. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.

Associated Students Campus Recreation - Adventures

Introductory Yoga class from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Student Union. Cost is \$30 general, \$25 student. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.

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Salsa dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Event Center Aerobics Studio. Cost is \$30 general, \$25 student. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.

Women's Resource Center and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

Tickets are on sale now for the Mar. 6 performance of "The Vagina Monologues" by and for SJSU students and staff. Tickets

are available in front of the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Women's Resource Center in ADM 249. Proceeds will benefit YWCA Rape Crisis Center and Support Network for Battered Women. Students (w/ID) \$5, general \$7. For more information contact Erika or Lindsey at 924-6500.

African American Department

Zen meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the SJSU Africana Center (Module A). For more information contact Dr. Daniel E. Georges-Abeyie at 924-5865.

Re-Entry and Commuter Help Program

Brown bag lunch—Time management: Tools, Techniques, and Technology. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively workshop on time (and self) management on Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information contact Jane Boyd at 924-5961.

International Programs and Services

Study Abroad general informational meetings will take place in the Council Chambers Room today at 11 a.m., Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. For more information contact Ali at 924-5931.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art receptions from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

School of Art and Design

Tuesday Night Lecture Series: "James Fee: Photography." Lecture will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Art Building, Room 133. For more information contact Jo Hernandez at 924-4328.

WEDNESDAY

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ROSE COLORED GLASSES

Hi, my name is Lea, and I'm a dating show-a-holic

The time is 1 a.m. A dim room glows with flashes of blue and purple. Voices resonate from one corner of the room. Some are laughing, some are talking and others are arguing. This is not an abnormal, freaky late-night experience. It is THE freaky late-night experience: the world of TV dating shows.

Viewers can see excitement, anger, desperation, attraction, frustration and boredom all in a tightly packaged half hour show — and I'm addicted.

Just like any addiction, it gives me a high. I get excited and can't look away. These shows are pure entertainment.

Like a drug, if I don't get a regular dosage, I go into withdrawal, wondering what happened to all the twittering, annoying people in my life.

My addiction started at a young age. I can remember coming home from middle school and watching "Studs," a '90s dating game show. "Studs" was the gateway drug.

It led to bigger and hipper things like MTV's version of a dating show, "Singled Out." No matter how annoying the contestants were, or how many times Jenny McCarthy freaked out, I had to keep watching.

Although "Studs" and "Singled Out" are no longer on the air, a fix is still attainable.

Luckily, for me and all of those other dating show addicts out there, this drug is easy to come by. Just turn on the TV between midnight and 1:30 a.m. and you're bound to find one of these dating shows.

We addicts can tune in to "Blind Date," "Elimidate" and "The 5th Wheel," just to name a few.

I don't know what it is about these shows that just draws people such as me in.

The contestants on these shows seem to be the most obnoxious, ignorant, vile people who walk the face of this earth. Somehow they all ended up on television.

For some reason, time after time, I choose to watch.

I think I get a self-confidence boost knowing that I am a life form just a notch above the trash that ends up on these shows. I sit and watch, usually in amazement, baffled by how absurd people will act when thrown into a blind date situation.

At the same time, while my self-confidence goes up as I compare myself to the ridiculous people on the shows, I realize that I, too, am ridiculous.

I can't be all that sane and rational knowing that while these people are the wacky ones, I'm the one sitting in front of the television in the wee hours watching them.

Like reality TV programs, dating shows give us a glimpse

into the world of others. This world might be annoying and twisted, but it is a glimpse nonetheless.

The real reason these shows are so entertaining is that viewers get to see people act stupid, cruel and crazy and wonder if that's how they act on a daily basis.

"Elimidate" seems to be the best example of this. One man or woman goes on a date with four members of the opposite sex and "elimidates" them one by one as the evening progresses.

Occasionally the men or women being eliminated are gracious and forgiving, but more often than not, the eliminated one starts to spout off about how much they didn't want to date the eliminator anyway.

These people seem more than willing to embarrass themselves on national television. In fact, they seem hell bent on it.

They insult and scream at each other, shake their butts and remove as much clothing as necessary to attract the eliminator's attention.

Half of the time I can't even understand why the contestants fight so hard over the guy or girl doing the eliminating. He or she is usually just as obnoxious as the other four people, so I guess they deserve each other.

"Blind Date" is the show where the contestants always seem dramatically mismatched.

Upon rare occasions the man and woman on the date will get along, but usually they end up rolling their eyes while the other dater is not looking. Even better is when the daters tell each other their faces how bored they are or what an awful time they are having.

I wonder how realistic this is and if people would act the way they do if the TV cameras weren't following them around.

"The 5th Wheel" starts out OK, with two men and two women on a blind date, but then ends up being as cruel as the rest when the "fifth wheel," a third man or woman, shows up.

The fifth dater is usually just a little bit more attractive or a little bit more charismatic than the previous two men or women, enticing the daters to want him or her instead. Just like the show's title says, at least one person ends up as the fifth wheel, while the other four get to have fun with their new dates.

These people are only setting themselves up for rejection. If that's what they want to do, it's fine with me because I wouldn't be able to get my fix without their help.

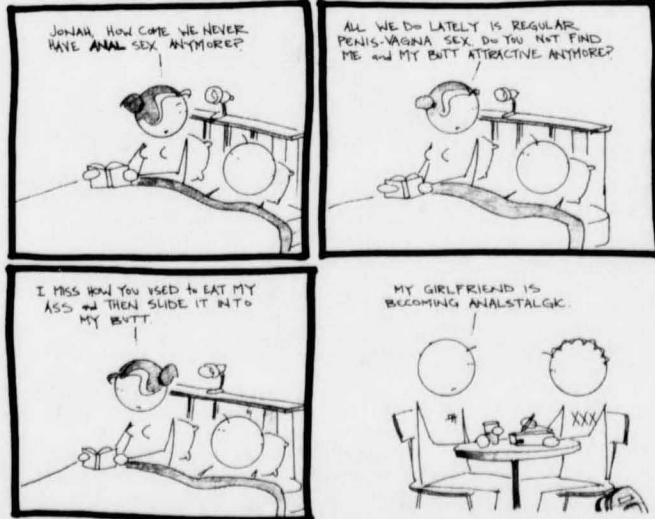
Maybe it's just amusement, or maybe I really do get a self-esteem boost, but all I know is that watching these TV dating shows is something I cannot get enough of.



LEA BLEVINS

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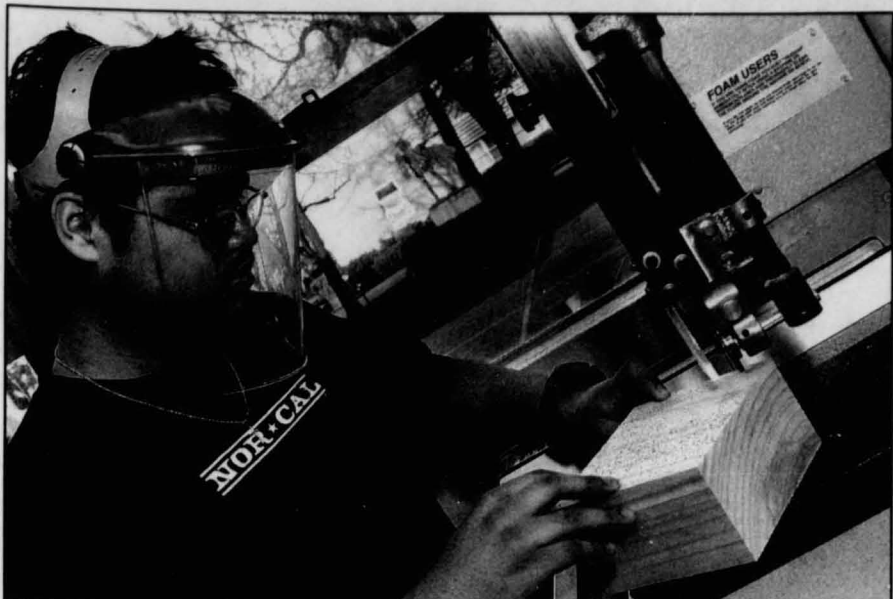
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Wood Works



Alex Cayetano used the band saw in the Art building's open lab to create a wood sculpture on Monday.

Vicki Thompson / Daily Staff

BRAWL | Uncertainty remains

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of parallel," Saffold said. Despite disarray and abandoned fraternity houses, full and proper judicial proceedings will unfold, Saffold said. "We have been made to understand that one of the two fraternities has elected to disband itself," he said. "Regardless, both organizations will be put through the process (of a judicial review) simply because one of things we know is that they went (to Flickinger Park) and they did battle. That alone puts them in violation."

HOLDING LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR GROUPS

Officers of Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon will be called upon to represent their fraternities in campus hearings but will not necessarily face individual hearings, Saffold said.

"They do have some responsibility with regards to exercising some leadership control over the membership," Saffold said. "But if a member (of the fraternities) was fighting or having some significant involvement in this incident — and the officers were not fighting — you kind of have to pull the member out. As student officers, they may only have so much control over the members, so to hold them responsible for the individuals' acts might be unfair and a stretch at best."

Yet the question of officer culpability could surface in civil court, Saffold said.

San Jose police said that the fraternities were involved in taunting and egg throwing the afternoon before the Flickinger fight, and that members of the organizations managed to contact outsiders and recruit them into battle.

"There were people at Flickinger Park who weren't fraternity members or (SJSU) students," Dixon said. Dixon said homicide investigators are interviewing more than 70 people in connection with the brawl.

The thought of fraternity presidents mobilizing for such a battle is reprehensible, Harper said.

"The expectation of an officer would be not to be engaging in (physical violence)," Harper said.

The officers of Greek organizations are supposedly the most responsible people in their chapters, said Meredith Moran, director of the Student Life Center.

However, Moran said she agreed with Harper in that the group dynamics of this situation may be complicated.

"Being an elected leader is different from being the (inherent) leader of a group," Harper said. "From my experience, it's not like the members of the group are following three or four people, doing everything they say."

Saffold said the officers may have done all they could to prevent the catastrophic conflict.

"A conceivable situation is that the officers may very well have tried to exercise their responsibility by traveling along with the group and trying to dissuade them from going into battle," he said. "It's going to be difficult to make that determination."

CULTURAL NORMS AND COUNSELING

Students involved in the SJPD investigation can still use on-campus counseling services, Moran said. "The university definitely has reached out to individuals to ensure that they understand the (judicial) process, and the university services are still available to them," Moran said.

Despite good intentions, counseling services could go unused by grieving Asian American students for cultural reasons, Yi said.

"I think within the Asian community there's always been a taboo about seeking any kind of psychological counseling," Yi said. "It's not something that's encouraged because of a fear of feeling like you're weak. This is a generalization, but for the most part counseling has not always been viewed as a good thing."

Nevertheless, Yi said her staff continues to suggest counseling for any troubled students.

"Certainly, we've been encouraging them to get help if they feel like this is way too much on their shoulders if they've been having a difficult time in their classes or a difficult time period," Yi said.

Yi said SJSU counselors are very cul-

turally sensitive.

"If the students choose not to use the service, I don't think it's necessarily because the counseling center is insensitive," Yi said.

Though the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center has talked with local and national leaders of Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon, communication has tapered off recently possibly because lawyers now represent the groups, Yi said.

"I know that there's an attorney working with the Lambdas, and I'm pretty positive that Pi Alpha Phi also has an attorney," she said. "I'm sure they've been given advice to be very careful about what they share."

MORE THAN DRINKING AND FIGHTING

Meanwhile, other SJSU Greek organizations have been meeting individually and in their respective councils to discuss the scrutiny they are under, Harper said.

"They certainly understand the challenges this puts on them," she said. "But to incriminate them because they have Greek letters is not at all fair."

Harper said a date is being set for all 35 SJSU fraternities and sororities to formally convene.

"How can we as a community show the best of ourselves is definitely something (campus Greeks) have talked about," she said.

Going drinking and getting into fights does not wholly describe the past behavior of Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon, Yi said.

"Certainly, both the organizations have a history of being service organizations," she said. "I know the Lambdas put on a successful bone marrow drive, which is very hard to do in the Asian American Community."

Yi said rumors of all-out war between the fraternities are overblown, and that the groups mingled in the same social circles.

"My understanding is that they were social outside their fraternities," she said. "They did hang out with each other — maybe not on an everyday basis."

Yi also said that both groups had planned to attend Mosaic workshops in order to receive funding from the center.

Competition for pledges did cause tension between the fraternities, Yi said. "They had the inherent competitive rivalry like you have in any Greek organization, but more so because they were the two dominant Asian

American fraternities on campus," Yi said.

Both organizations were relatively new, having formed in the last 10 years, Harper said, and they may have been structurally weaker than other fraternities that have stood for 100 to 150 years.

"That's not to put down new (Greek) groups in the sense that this is a danger, but, sure, that might have contributed to their particular challenges," Harper said.

However, Harper said gang-like mid-night brawls could be called a rare occurrence anywhere Greek life thrives, new or old.

BRUSHES WITH LAW OFFERED NO WARNING

The Spartan Daily has obtained a police report from the university police in which witnesses identify Kim and six other Lambdas as instigators of an on-campus scuffle on Feb. 24, 2002.

Also, university police responded to 15 disturbances of the peace at the Pi Alpha Phi house since 1999, according to police media logs. No reports were filed regarding the disturbances.

All campus officials contacted for this story denied that the university could have used this information to prevent the Flickinger catastrophe.

Yi said past UPD incidents had nothing to do with last month's violence.

"It's so unfortunate (that the media implied) that the university knew something and could have intervened," Yi said.

The SJPD's investigation will offer campus officials a chance to reevaluate the dynamics of a new generation of SJSU students, Harper said.

"Our hope is that we can come out of this with some ideas about how these things happen — and use them to do positive and proactive things for the campus," she said.

Beyond gloomy regrets lies enlightenment, Moran said.

"I'm sure everyone would like to turn back the clock. Hopefully we'll gain more insight and understanding down the road," Moran said.

Because of recent tragedies involving the deaths of four SJSU students, Yi said an open memorial would bolster campus morale.

"I know there's been some talk about using Spartan Memorial as a space for students to memorialize those who died and to express their condolences to their families," Yi said. "Even if we didn't know (those who have died) intimately, they were part of our community."

American U-2 plane makes first flight in support of U.N. inspection mission

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American U-2 surveillance plane made its first flight over Iraq on Monday in support of the current U.N. inspection mission, marking another concession by Saddam Hussein's regime to stave off a U.S.-led attack.

Meanwhile, Iraqi state television broadcast scenes of Iraqi troops in maneuvers to defend the country from a possible U.S. attack. State television also said Saddam praised last week-end's anti-war protests, singling out those in Italy, Spain and Britain whose governments support the strong U.S. position against Baghdad.

The U-2 flight took place only one week after the United Nations and Baghdad broke an impasse that had kept the reconnaissance plane grounded since the start of inspections in November. The Iraqis agreed to allow U-2 flights last week, fulfilling a major demand by U.N. inspectors seeking to determine if Iraq still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

"At 11:55 a.m., a U-2 surveillance plane entered Iraqi airspace and reconnoitered several areas of Iraq and left Iraqi airspace at 4:15 p.m.," the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "The reconnaissance operation lasted 4 hours and 20 minutes."

The statement did not indicate the plane's flight path.

"A U-2 did fly today," said Ewen Buchanan, the New York-based spokesman for the chief inspector Hans Blix. "It's about time, too. We've been trying to do this for quite a while and we hope that the other reconnaissance aircraft and drones will be up

and running shortly, thereby increasing our capabilities."

Iraqi officials had objected to the U-2 flights, contending they couldn't guarantee the safety of the plane if it was flying over Iraq at the same time as U.S.-British air patrols in the "no-fly zones" of northern and southern Iraq. Unless those warplanes were kept out of the sky during the U-2 flight, the reconnaissance craft might be targeted by anti-aircraft fire, they said.

The no-fly zones were declared by Washington, without U.N. authorization, to protect dissident Iraqi Shiite Muslims and Iraqi Kurds from Saddam's forces. The Iraqis consider the zones to be illegal.

It was not immediately clear whether the United Nations met conditions requested by the Iraqis in order to let the U-2 flights pass unimpeded.

Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison officer to the U.N. inspectors, had asked Blix to give Baghdad data on the flight before it entered the country's airspace, including the plane's call sign, its altitude, speed and time of arrival.

Iraq had asked for similar conditions for U-2 flights that occurred after the 1991 Gulf War, but had relented and permitted the flights to go forward.

Baghdad is under strong pressure from the United States to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors or face attack. The United States and Britain reject Iraqi claims to have abandoned all weapons of mass destruction.

On Monday, U.N. inspectors visited six missile sites — including one involved in a rocket system the United Nations has banned.

Blix told the U.N. Security Council on Friday that U.N. missiles experts "concluded unanimously" that two versions of Iraq's Al Samoud-2 missile could exceed the 94-mile range limit set by the United Nations — and were therefore banned.

Under U.N. resolutions adopted after Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War, all banned weapons must be destroyed.

Since that report, U.N. inspectors have been marking the banned Al Samoud missiles so that they can be tallied and accounted for. Hiro Ueki, a spokesman for the inspectors in Baghdad, would not say whether the inspectors intended to destroy them — only that they were tagging the rockets as "a way of monitoring" them.

During Blix's visit to Baghdad in January, he said the Iraqis suggested that when they fitted guidance and control systems and other devices to the Al Samoud missiles, they would be weighed down and fly within the legal distance.

The New York Times, however, reported that the United States will consider Iraq's destruction of the Al Samoud, a liquid propellant "mini-Scud" ballistic missile, a litmus test of Baghdad's commitment to disarm.

Destroying the Al Samouds would rob Iraq of a potentially valuable weapon which it considers legitimate for its defense at a time when it faces tens of thousands of American troops poised for a possible invasion.

Other outstanding disarmament issues include allowing inspectors to interview Iraqi scientists without government "minders" present.

Poll suggests must feel no extra anxiety because of terror threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than seven in 10 say the threat of terrorism has brought no extra stress or anxiety in their lives, says a new poll taken after the nation was put on a heightened state of terrorism alert.

Almost three-in-10, 27 percent, said they felt extra anxiety because of the threat of terrorism, but only 8 percent said they felt a great deal of extra stress and anxiety, according to the ABC News-Washington Post poll taken from Wednesday through Sunday.

A fourth, 24 percent, said they have stockpiled supplies and another 12 percent were considering it. The most popular items were food and water. Only three percent said they had stocked up on duct tape.

Overall, about a third in the poll said they are worried that they personally

might become the victim of a terrorist attack. Only one in 10 have expressed a great deal of such worry. Those levels are about the same as last fall and in November 2001, just two months after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

The concern level varies among men and women.

Four in 10 women said they were worried about being a victim of terrorism, while just 25 percent of men would say they are worried about becoming a victim.

The poll of 1,042 adults has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Bands and Budweiser entertain at Titan Games



ABOVE: Kevin Casey, lead vocalist of RubberSideDown, sang for SJSU students on Valentine's Day outside the Event Center for a Budweiser sponsored event. The band offered free tickets to whoever wanted to go to their concert the next evening.
ABOVE RIGHT: Agent 51 kicked off the second part of Titan Games on Friday afternoon.



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Alternative and punk bands play hard despite low attendance Friday

By Rebecca Villaneda
Daily Staff Writer

With an audience missing, the bands Agent 51, Divo, RubberSideDown and Dizmis were still great sports and made the best of the Budweiser sponsored event for the Titan Games on Friday.

"This one is dedicated to Budweiser," said Sean Scure of Agent 51.

"They played 'American Rock and Roll,' which could be considered a suitable song for a band that arrived in San Jose at 4 a.m. from San Diego.

"We're like the Beatles," said Chris Armes, guitar player for Agent 51.

"We play morning, noon and night."

Divo was a more familiar band that played despite the lack of audience. That didn't keep them from playing with fresh force.

"We've been together for about five years," said drummer, Nick White.

"Last year, we probably played almost 200 shows. Budweiser must know we drink lots of beer. That's probably why we were invited to play."

Divo members who came by tour van offered the lowdown on their music.

"We're pursuing our true fix of happiness when we play our music," said Divo's singer and guitarist, Mick Leonardy.

They said they play songs about getting in fights with girlfriends or about a friend dealing with substance abuse.

"Our music has grown up with us," Leonardy said. "We sing, I wouldn't say mellower, but just a more grown

up sound."

The courtyard in front of the Event Center was the site of the celebration. A stage, booths, beer, Olympic gold-medal hopefuls, San Jose State University students, Live 105, were all present for the shot put competition.

Following the throwing of the heavy metal balls was the band RubberSideDown. The end of the shot put games took the audience away with it.

"It's too bad more people aren't here to appreciate all the energy this band is giving," said Mike Evans, an undeclared freshman. "I missed Divo and Agent 51, but these guys are cool. So I'll stay with the other eight people here."

Jocelyn Kane, RubberSideDown's booking agent, was selling CDs and said the event was fun for the band no matter how many people were present.

"It's a really big stage, and it was a good practice for their gig tomorrow at Slim's in San Francisco. Plus we got paid," Kane said.

A San Jose native and the drummer of Rubbersidedown, Paul Batres, said he is happy to support SJSU.

"It was a pleasure to be here, and we had a great time, good practice for tomorrow and on a great stage," he said.

Batres said they are a grassroots band with their inspirations being Led Zepplin, Stone Temple Pilots, Rolling Stones and Tom Petty.

The guitarist of the last band, Dizmis, played the role of Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) by jokingly tying his bandana to his mic stand. The five-piece band couldn't contain themselves on stage.

The high energy was apparent as they cart wheeled, sang on their knees and handed out Hershey's kisses.

"This actually worked out great because we're afraid of big crowds," said lead singer, Zack Zegan. "We feel right at home playing to no one, like we're back in our garage."

CD REVIEW



Kings of Leon
Holy Roller Novocaine
RCA Records

There is nothing numbing about "Holy Roller Novocaine," the five-song debut EP by the Kings of Leon.

This young band — made up of three brothers and their cousin, ranging between the ages of 16 and 22 — is giving rock a new twist. The Kings of Leon take the sounds of the '60s and give them a retro vibe. Who would have thought the sons and nephew of a preacher could jam like this.

Listening to the first few bars of "Molly's Chambers," the spunky first track on the CD, will have one believing it is the Beatles. Instead, the edgier sound of the Kings of Leon lets the listener know this is definitely music of the 21st century.

All five songs on the EP are written by Nathan and Caleb Followill, who are the lead vocalists and Angelo, the acoustic and electric guitar player.

Nathan and Caleb suck the listener in with their velvet smooth voices. The brothers sing of girls, love and life with feeling and emotion, while the rest of the band plays along in perfect harmony.

Songs such as "Wasted Time," "California Waiting," and "Holy Roller Novocaine," will leave listeners bobbing more than their heads. The Kings of Leon will hypnotize people onto the dance floor and keep them moving and shaking.

The band slows it down a notch for "Wicker Chair," a song about a confused girl trying to get her head together. It is not quite a ballad but not quite a tune to dance to either. Listeners can tap their feet while enjoying this song story.

"Rolling Stone" has called the Kings of Leon the No. 2 band to be on the lookout for, but they are being underrated.

"Holy Roller Novocaine," is available in stores today. The full-length album is in the works and set to be released in this summer.

— Annelinda Aguayo

TV networks stretch far to get pictures they want on screen

NEWYORK (AP) — During coverage of the space shuttle Columbia's disintegration, the folks in CNN's control room thought the picture they saw on rival Fox News Channel looked familiar.

So they tried a little experiment.

The producers superimposed a tiny "CNN" logo on the upper left corner of the network's screen as it showed the shuttle breaking into pieces. Blip! The same logo appeared on Fox News Channel.

Then they decided to abruptly switch cameras so a picture of correspondent Miles O'Brien appeared. For two seconds — until it was hurriedly replaced with a view of NASA's mission control — it looked like O'Brien was working for Fox, too.

The shuttle disaster provided a vivid example of the lengths to which television networks sometimes go to get the most compelling pictures for a big story — and an even more vivid example of the consequences if they don't.

A Fox News Channel spokesman did not return a telephone call seeking comment. Earlier, a station representative told Broadcasting & Cable magazine that its request to explain the apparent piracy was "a waste of time."

As the Columbia flew over Texas on the morning of Feb. 1, Dallas station WFAA-TV followed its normal routine for fly-bys: a cameraman was assigned to capture the streak across the sky.

The picture appeared live on the air. But it wasn't for several minutes, until NASA said it had lost contact with the shuttle's crew, that it became clear what WFAA's pictures revealed.

Several videos of the shuttle falling apart, both amateur and professional, eventually surfaced that day. But for a certain period as the nation awoke to the unfolding tragedy — perhaps as much as an hour — WFAA's pictures were the only ones available.

WFAA has affiliation agreements with ABC and CNN. Television is a complex web of affiliations and exclusivity arrangements. Usually, they're respected. But with satellite dishes, networks can pluck virtually any pictures out of the sky and, on a big story, it's often anything goes.

CBS used WFAA's video in its special report. The network politely asked for permission — after the pictures had already appeared.

CBS News President Andrew Heyward argued that the concept of

fair use — essentially the legal term for anything goes — applies in cases of national emergencies.

"Every once in a while you have a piece of video that is so newsworthy you really can't keep it off the air," Heyward said. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, network news division heads agreed that they all could use each other's video.

CNN believes fair use applied for the shuttle story. But its executives are still annoyed at Fox.

"It's a perfectly acceptable position for networks to take video from each other in times of national emergencies," CNN spokeswoman Christa Robinson said, "but it's rare that networks would go to such extremes to cover it up rather than give proper credit."

The fair use doctrine gets murkier for stories that aren't so big, as CBS learned this month when "60 Minutes II" obtained an interview with Saddam Hussein.

"Once it was used on Arab TV and on Channel 4 in England, you knew our competitors were going to stretch the concept of fair use very thin," Heyward said. He sent a letter to rivals reminding them of CBS' exclusivity.

During shuttle coverage, NBC's Fort Worth affiliate, KXAS-TV, provided pictures to the network that, through an existing arrangement, were then distributed by the Reuters news service for international use only.

Reuters at first neglected to include an explanation that the pictures were not for domestic use but, according to both NBC and Reuters, this was quickly corrected. Nevertheless, NBC said Fox News Channel repeatedly used the pictures without permission.

"If they hadn't used our video and CNN's, they would have had nothing," said NBC spokeswoman Allison Gollust.

Short stories combine to create story

By Daniel Hartman
Daily Staff Writer

Jack Kerouac, Luis Ferlenghetti and Allen Ginsberg all made routine stops on what is now known as Kerouac Alley at a bookstore founded for Beatnik thought.

Science fiction author Carter Scholz popped into the City Lights bookstore

REVIEW

Thursday at Columbus and Broadway streets in San Francisco to read from his book, "Radiance."

Away from the neon lights of the strip clubs and the frantic motorists, the bookstore was quiet, even upstairs where Scholz was giving his reading. Next to him on a small coffee table was another of his books — "The Amount to Carry."

"The book is made up of stories that I have compiled over twenty years and each one has been published before in some sort of science fiction magazine or anthology," Scholz said while imbibing a cup of merlot wine. "The most recent one is the title story."

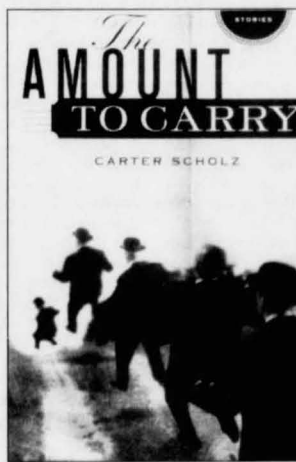
"The Amount to Carry," one of twelve stories that compose the book, is a piece in which Franz Kafka, the

famed Czechoslovakian author, poet Wallace Stevens and musician Charles Ives come into contact in a hotel room in Prague, Scholz said.

"It's interesting that all three of these men actually worked in the same profession during the day — life insurance," Scholz said. "Life insurance was a little bit like the Internet is today where some fairly smart college graduates were looking for a way to make money."

Scholz said his decision to use the three characters was based mostly upon his respect for them. The correlation between the characters was a precursor to the overall theme of the book that nothing is truly as it seems in nature because little variables that can alter the total perception with which we look at things.

He said Kafka was from Prague, where the story takes place and was somewhat thought of as a cubicle



dweller.

"He's really a well thought of professional type of guy," Scholz said.

He said that Ives worked in New York and earned two million dollars per year, which made him filthy rich.

"He, from the reader's standpoint was rather gregarious and withdrawn," Scholz said.

"Although, he did need some assistance in the processing of his musical talent."

Other interesting chapters in the book were excerpts from "Altamira." This story juxtaposes a character from the 15th century with another from the 1960s in an attempt to show how the modern realm has drawn conclusions from occurrences from the past.

Successfully, Scholz has amalgamated Guttenberg, the originator of print design from the 15th century, with a young genius's ideas from "Altamira" and his involvement with a top-secret organization that successfully attempts to use his talents with Fust, who stole Guttenberg's ideas and made millions of dollars off of them.

In all, the book has many overtones of a young man's struggle to make it in a world that wants to use his mind for the establishment's own selfish advancement. The main character from "Altamira," Vogel, ultimately discards the subject left in his own disillusioned self-pity and alcoholism to drown any sense of reality he has. That leads him to smoke marijuana because he is not happy with his art, drink because he is lonely and write because he has nothing better to do.

The science fiction in the book works because it is not the stereotypical "Star Wars," but rather has to do with space travel, human suffering and subterranean triumph in raw form.

The basis for the novel is various characters that have subtle intricacies in common, and it works well.

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Stampede at packed Chicago nightclub leaves 21 dead, 57 injured

CHICAGO (AP) — It was a chaotic scene: Hundreds of screaming people stumbling down the darkened stairs of an illegally operated nightclub, gasping for air and stepping on bodies, only to find themselves trapped at the bottom trying to escape through a single exit.

At least 21 people were killed and 57 injured in the stampede early Monday at the crowded E2 nightclub, authorities said. There were reports that as many as 500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed Mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.

A judge ordered the owners to close their second-floor club last July because of safety violations, including failure to provide enough exits, city officials said Monday. A judge had denied a request by the owners to reopen.

"The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second-floor facility," said Fire Commissioner James Joyce. City officials said they plan to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner.

Witnesses described a frenzied scene of some people trying to climb through the ceiling, while others were trampled in the frantic rush for an exit, their faces and bodies flattened against the glass front door.

Some people fainted on the club floor; others were coughing and crying, gagging and blindly groping for any way out.

"People were being trapped underneath you ... so we're actually standing

on people's heads and we didn't even know it," said Amishoov Blackwell, a 30-year-old patron. "It was just bodies laying everywhere."

Blackwell said one man crushed between two people told him, "I can't breathe! I want you to hold my hand, man. If I don't make it, tell my mom that I love her!" He just basically collapsed.

Some witnesses reported that the lights were cut in the stairwell.

On Monday afternoon, Joyce backed off earlier statements that firefighters had used sledgehammers and pry bars to open other doors in the half-block-long building.

Larry Langford, a fire department spokesman, said one door was locked and another was blocked by laundry bags or other items from the first-floor Epitome restaurant.

While that would be in violation of city fire codes, it apparently didn't contribute to the deaths, as officials said the crowd surged down a single front exit in the pandemonium.

Joyce also scaled down the number of people in the club to about 500; earlier, the fire department had estimated as many as 1,500 people were on the second floor.

Joyce said that fire department inspectors visited the first-floor restaurant, known as Epitome, in October, but did not visit the second-floor nightclub, known as E2, because they had no reason to suspect it was open.

But the club — which was frequented by professional athletes and entertainers — has been advertised on the Internet and featured in current

nightlife listings.

Police Superintendent Terry Hillard said investigators were trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the Mace or pepper spray and obtain videotape from inside the club. Witnesses said the spray may have come from the club's security guards trying to break up a fight between at least two women.

"Lives were tragically and senselessly lost, pinned down by a stampeding crowd," Hillard said.

"We will get to the bottom of this," he said. "Right now our investigation is at full tilt."

Friends and family of missing patrons flocked to the morgue Monday afternoon, searching for information and holding out hope that their loved ones were still alive.

"I just can't understand it," said Herschel Blake, who was looking for his 22-year-old grandson, Michael. "His mother called me and said, 'Your grandson is dead. The door was locked. There was only one way out of the place.'"

Witnesses said some people were stomped on; many victims suffered crushing chest and head injuries. By Monday evening only seven of the injured remained hospitalized. Most of the dead were in their 20s or early 30s. At least nine died from multiple trauma and four from cardiac arrest, authorities said.

"Everybody smashed; people crying, couldn't breathe," said club-goer Reggie Clark. "Two ladies next to me died. A guy under me passed out."

Water and ice were passed to some of those trapped as rescuers struggled

to pull them from the building.

"You could see a mound of people," said Cory Thomas, 33, who went to the club to pick up two friends. "People were stacking on top of each other, screaming and gagging, I guess from the pepper spray. The door got blocked because there were too many people stacked up against it."

"I saw them taking out a pregnant woman," Thomas said. "She was in bad shape. I saw at least 10 lifeless bodies."

The president of a Chicago entertainment agency that has booked acts at the club said access to the building was unsafe for the number of people reported to be there early Monday.

"The doorway was obviously inadequate for an emergency," said Ron Onesti of Onesti Entertainment Co. "When the place is filled to capacity, the doorway is very thin."

Photographs on Onesti's Web site depict packed crowds at the nightclub. Onesti maintained that his agency had nothing to do with managing the club and hadn't had any dealings involving it in about a year.

The club is located in the Near South Side, a commercial district near the McCormick Place convention center.

The stampede was one of the nation's deadliest.

In December 1991, nine young people were crushed to death in a gymnasium stairwell while awaiting a celebrity basketball game in New York.

In December 1979, 11 people were killed in Cincinnati in a crush to get into a concert by The Who.

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are out there," Anderson said. "Especially for those who do not know how to ask questions on this issue."

The Student Health Center is trying to get students to relate to the issues addressed in music videos, Lee said.

Because the event is a different approach to sexual health issues, it will be interesting to see what is going to go on, Lee said.

All students should attend, Styles said. Although the event is focused on African Americans, it does not mean that it is an issue that cannot be applied to other ethnicities, Styles said.

"Those who attend the forum will, hopefully, never look at music videos the same way," Lee said.

Hopefully, it will make students into critical viewers, she said.

The event is scheduled to run from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union.

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The idea of having an hour for students to have time to interact and attend events has been implemented at campuses such as New York University, Arizona State University and University of California Davis, DeVeza said.

DeVeza pointed out that one of the reasons the proposal was not originally accepted is because some SJSU faculty members do not feel students would utilize the extra hour for activities or events because the campus is known as a commuter school.

He also said that some faculty like to teach during the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and view the idea of a university hour as a waste of time.

Michael Beeson, a computer science professor, said he believes that most professors on campus would not approve of the idea.

He also said it would be difficult to make the schedule changes, and that most SJSU commuter students would not be interested in staying at school for an hour just to attend some events.

"Students commute and have jobs," Beeson said. "Students don't want to be stuck for an hour here without taking any classes."

Dawn Lee, the activities coordinator for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, heard about the idea from DeVeza and believes it is a good idea.

"I come from universities that have a common hour, and I think it's a great idea for a commuter campus like this," Lee said.

Marcus Nolan, a first year business management major agreed that the idea would help to change the image that SJSU has as a school where students just come to school and leave.

"It would be good because since it's a commuter school, it would give more of a college atmosphere," Nolan said.

De Alba said if the measure is passed in the general election it will take a few years before the schedule could be changed, but said he believes it is a good opportunity for students.

"This campus is known as a commuter campus," De Alba said. "This is an opportunity for students to vote and make it something better than that."

Northeast buried by President's Day snow storm, thousands without power

Associated Press

The worst blizzard in seven years shut down much of the Northeast on Presidents Day with blinding, wind-blown snow that piled up as much as 4 feet deep and left more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses shivering without power.

At least 21 deaths had been blamed on the storm system since it charged out of the Plains during the weekend, piling snow in the Ohio Valley, producing mudslides and floods in the southern Appalachians, and making layers of ice that snapped trees and power lines.

The storm was headed for New England, where Massachusetts expected up to 2 feet of snow and minor coastal flooding.

Airports for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York largely shut down, stranding thousands of passengers trying to leave and get into the region. Amtrak's north-south service was halted between Washington and Richmond, Va., and regional bus service stopped in many areas.

The holiday meant there were few commuters, but police from Kentucky to Massachusetts pleaded with motorists to stay home and some counties banned nonessential travel so they could clear the roads.

"This is going to be days worth of cleanup," said Maryland Highway Administration spokesman David Buck.

The western tip of Maryland was buried, with 49 inches of snow in Garrett County on top of 30-foot drifts left by earlier storms.

"It's no man's land out there," said Garrett County state highway supervisor Paul McIntyre, whose office window in Keyzers Ridge, elevation 2,900 feet, was entirely blocked by snow. "It looks more like Siberia than Maryland."

Elsewhere, 27 inches fell in West Virginia's Berkeley County, the National Weather Service said. The Seven Springs ski resort area on western Pennsylvania had 40 inches.

It was one of the worst snowstorms in a century in Washington, where 16 inches fell. For the region as a whole, it was the worst snowstorm since the blizzard of 1996, when at least 80 deaths were blamed on the weather.

Among the many travelers stranded by the storm, few were as far from home as Lynn Anderson of Belfast, Ireland.

"It's turned into a complete nightmare," said Anderson, who arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday hoping to go to Williamsburg, Va., but had to stay overnight in a downtown Philadelphia hotel.

Staff members at Baltimore-Washington International Airport distributed blankets and pillows to the some 150 travelers who spent the night there. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, supplied cots and blankets.

Thousands of travelers trying to get home from vacations were stuck at Florida airports.

"We got in here Sunday afternoon and were told we weren't going anywhere until Wednesday morning," said Thomas Gibbons of Philadelphia, who had spent a vacation with his wife and two other cou-

ples in the Dominican Republic. Gibbons, who found hotel rooms for him and his traveling companions, took the delay in stride.

"It could be worse - it's gorgeous here in Miami, and the hotel has a nice pool."

The heavy snow was blamed for several roof collapses in New Jersey, including one that killed a man at a job-training school in Edison. In Maryland, a roof fell in at the B & O Railroad Museum in Baltimore.

Ohio Gov. Bob Taft declared three southern counties disaster areas Monday because of the snow and ice. Disaster and emergency declarations also had been issued by governors in New York, Kentucky, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

States had thousands of crews plowing and spreading salt. Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich said the storm had cost between \$20 million and \$30 million — and the state was already \$14 million over budget for road cleanup this season.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the storm, measured in Central Park at 19.5 inches by early evening, already had cost his city around \$20 million. By early evening, the snow had ended in the city.

Plows built piles of snow two stories high along some streets, including Fifth Avenue near the Saks department store in Midtown Manhattan, where tourists took pictures of each other standing on the gigantic mounds of snow.

An estimated 100,000 customers lost power in West Virginia, with 20,000 in the Carolinas, 62,000 in Ohio, 96,000 in Kentucky and 6,000 in Virginia.

Weather-related deaths included two in Illinois, one in Nebraska, six in West Virginia, six in Missouri, one in Ohio, one in New Jersey and four in Iowa.

In Tennessee, two children were missing after the car in which they were riding was swept off a bridge by high water late Sunday. The car had not been found Monday. Their aunt, who was driving, was rescued.

Storm cancels hundreds of flights statewide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A blizzard that buried the Northeast on Monday caused cancellation of hundreds of flights from California, stranding passengers and creating long lines to reroute or rebook flights.

Hundreds of eastbound flights across the state were delayed or canceled after airports largely shut down in New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore.

The storm, the region's worst in seven years, dumped up to 4 feet of snow in some areas and was blamed for at least 21 deaths since starting in the Plains over the weekend.

"I had to rebook my flight and I'm leaving tomorrow at night," Brian Leong at Los Angeles International Airport told KABC-TV. "I'm going to Boston and connecting to (New York's) LaGuardia from there."

At San Francisco International Airport, 59 flights were canceled because of the bad weather. The next flight to the East Coast was scheduled to take off at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday and land at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

"We have no delays," said airport duty manager Abe Eaglin. "That's probably because we have no flights."

Five of six flights from Oakland to New York were canceled, as well as two flights to Washington. But the situation had improved by Monday evening, said airport spokeswoman Rosemary Barnes.

"As of tonight we're getting back to normal," she said. "We'll see what tomorrow brings us."

At Long Beach Airport, Jet Blue Airways canceled 12 flights heading to or from New York and Dulles Airport near Washington, D.C., while American canceled four flights mostly affecting New York, said airport spokeswoman Sharon Diggs-Jackson.

Four airlines — American, Continental, United and US Air — canceled flights at San Diego's Lindbergh Field, said airport spokesman Steven Shultz.

Airlines advised travelers to call ahead to determine the status of their flights. But some passengers complained that when they did, all they got was a busy signal.

"We called all yesterday we called all night, you can't get through on the lines," LAX passenger Vince DiDonato told KABC-TV. "The only way to make a reservation is to be here to get something done."

Missing woman's mother-in-law pleads for help

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The mother of Scott Peterson, whose pregnant wife, Laci, vanished in December, believes time is running out to find her daughter-in-law before she gives birth.

Jackie Peterson said her family believes kidnapers abducted the 27-year-old woman from outside her Modesto home with intentions of holding her captive until she delivered the baby.

"There's no other explanation," Peterson said Monday by telephone from her home in Solana Beach, north of San Diego.

Scott Peterson, who grew up in San Diego County, reported his wife missing on Christmas Eve after he returned from a solo fishing trip in the Bay Area. The couple was expecting their first child, a boy they planned to name Connor.

Peterson said her daughter-in-law's due date initially was estimated for Feb. 10, but later revised to Feb. 16. She noted first pregnancies often go past the due date.

"We believe she is still pregnant," she said. "If everybody were looking they'd find her because she's pregnant. But she's not going to be pregnant for much longer."

Modesto police continue to search for the woman, but there were no new devel-

opments as of Monday afternoon, Detective Doug Ridenour said.

Peterson expressed frustration over suspicion focused on her son, especially since a woman stepped forward to say she had been having an affair with him. Peterson said the reports have detracted from the search for Laci and hurt the volunteer effort.

"At first we didn't mind ... but it became more about him than about Laci," Peterson said. "We had a lot of people volunteering and the (search) foundation closed the volunteer center the day they heard he had an affair. And that put people to stop looking for her, which makes no sense to me."

The negative attention has compounded the exhaustion Peterson says she and her family have experienced throughout the ordeal.

"I'd like to crawl into bed and cover up my head but I can't do that. I can't until I find Laci."

Peterson defended her son's actions that have raised speculation. She explained that he attempted to sell Laci's 1996 Land Rover because police had confiscated his own pickup and Laci had wanted to have a new car because she thought the Land Rover was unsafe.

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