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## U.S., France compete for Security Council support

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States and France were locked in a last-minute race Sunday for Security Council votes that could make or break international support for war in Iraq.

As Washington worked the phones, the French foreign minister headed to Africa to try to persuade undecided council members to reject a U.S.-backed resolution which gives Saddam Hussein a March 17 ultimatum to disarm or face war.

U.S. diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States would announce Monday that it would seek a council vote for Tuesday or Wednesday, noting they may need a little more time.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte told the council to be ready to cast their votes by Tuesday — leaving Washington with less than 48 hours Sunday to round up enough support. President Bush has said the United States is prepared to forcefully disarm

Iraq without Security Council approval. But U.N. support would give the war international legitimacy and guarantee that members of the organization share in the costs of rebuilding Iraq.

Much could change before the council meets Monday afternoon.

Key swing voters, such as Mexico and Pakistan, which want to come on board with the United States, are asking for a few extra days to negotiate a deadline beyond the March 17

date proposed by Washington.

But the United States clearly was ready to move forward.

"We're delayed out and we're definitely moving forward with a vote this week," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for the U.S. mission at the United Nations.

The U.S. resolution, backed by Britain and Spain, needs nine votes to pass. But even if Washington can muster the support it must prevent France, Russia or China from vetoing

the measure. While Paris has implicitly threatened a veto, Moscow and Beijing have been more cautious.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday there was a strong chance the United States could get nine or even 10 votes, adding that most of the undecideds were making up their minds over the weekend.

He spoke amid indications that Cameroon, a former French colony, was throwing its support behind the resolution. U.S. diplomats said they

were now concentrating on council members Angola, Guinea and Chile. The foreign minister of Guinea will visit administration officials this week in Washington.

Appearing on Fox News Sunday, Powell said it would be "unfortunate if France decided to veto," although he would not be surprised.

"Even though France has been a friend of ours for many years, will be a

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## SJSU takes three from Santa Clara

By Tammy Krikorian  
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan baseball team almost let their first series sweep of the season get away from them in a close game Sunday afternoon against Santa Clara University.

The three-game series began Friday at Municipal Stadium with SJSU winning the first game 8-0. Pitcher Matt Durkin struck out 15 batters and allowed no walks, going the distance to pitch a complete game.

Saturday's game at Santa Clara was much closer, going 10 innings; the Spartans eventually took the game 6-4.

When the Spartans took to Blethen Field on Sunday, they played with a strong defense and won the game 5-4.

Starting pitcher Carlos Torres gave up a hit in the first inning but, backed by his defense, the Spartans managed to get three outs from the first four batters.

SJSU faced Bronco pitcher Jim Wallace and scored two runs off of three hits, ending the inning 2-0.

The Spartans scored again, once each in the third and fourth innings, going into the fifth inning 4-0.

In the top of the fifth inning, with Bronco right-fielder Jason Matteucci and catcher Jim Wallace on second and third, left-fielder Joe Diefenderfer hit a sacrifice fly into left field sending Wallace home and giving the Broncos their first run of the game.

In the bottom of the inning, with two outs and the bases loaded, Spartan second baseman David Pierson singled, sending designated hitter Aaron Bates home, bringing the score to 5-1.

The next batter, third baseman David Hoffmire, grounded out leaving Matteucci on second to end the inning.

The Spartans maintained the lead entering the seventh inning, and it looked like SJSU would take the game.

The Broncos, however, weren't going to go out that easily. In the top of the inning, Broncos shortstop Will Thompson singled down the third base line, putting him on first base. Torres then walked Wallace on a full-count.

Matteucci reached first on a fielder's choice, forcing Wallace out at second. Torres walked first baseman Michael Thompson and, with one out and bases loaded, the Spartans replaced



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff  
Spartan pitcher Andy Cook raises his fist in the air after the team's victory over the Broncos. Sunday's save was Cook's second of the series and fourth of the season.

Torres with Brandon Dewing. Dewing walked Diefenderfer, allowing Thompson home. Designated hitter Scott Dierks got a base-hit and, on a Spartan error, sent Thompson and Matteucci home, cutting the Spartans' lead to 5-4.

Dewing walked center fielder Jack Headley and was replaced by Matt Winck.

The Spartans failed to score in the bottom of the seventh. In the top of the eighth, Winck walked Wallace and was lifted in favor of Jose Amaya.

With two outs, Amaya struck out Michael Thompson to end the Broncos threat.

The Spartans chances to add insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth were squashed when a bunt attempt by shortstop Anthony Contreras was caught by Bronco relief pitcher Anthony Rea.

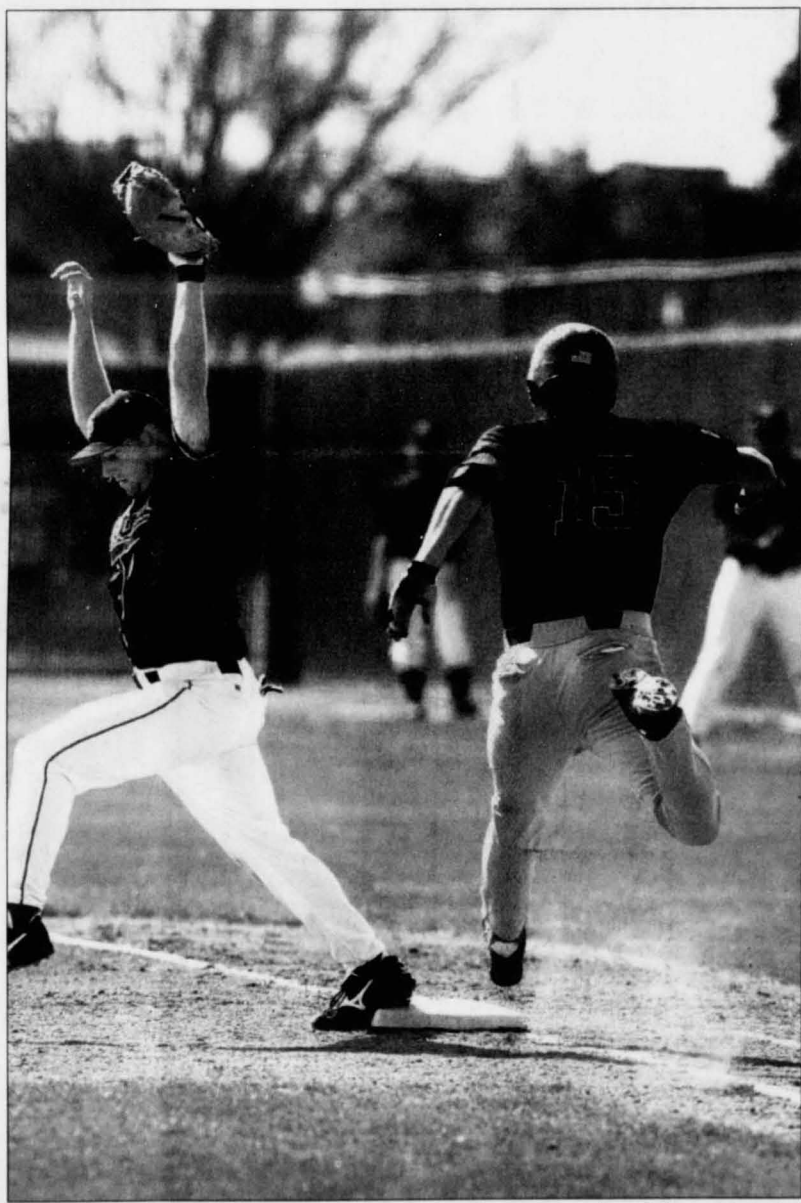
Rea doubled up on Jordan Bergstrom at third base to end the inning.

In the ninth inning, Andy Cook took the mound to close the game. He walked Diefenderfer before the next two batters grounded out in the infield. The final batter flew out to center field as Cook recorded his fourth save of the season to help SJSU sweep the series.

"There is a lot of pressure when you're on the verge of (a) sweep, and it all comes down to the last three outs of the game."

Andy Cook,  
Spartan pitcher

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Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff  
Spartan first baseman Jordan Bergstrom held the bag to get out Santa Clara University shortstop Michael Thompson on Sunday at Blethen Field. The Spartans swept the series, 3-0, against the Broncos.

## Some show concern for BART project

By Tony Burchyns  
Daily Staff Writer

Slashing bus and light rail services while raising fees to fund a costly BART-to-Santa Clara project is impractical, unethical and possibly illegal, said advocates of public transit at a protest/news conference held last week at San Jose State University.

"The VTA (Valley Transit Authority) is dismantling the countywide bus system to pay for a \$6.2 billion BART line that won't provide any traffic relief to large portions of our county," said Bill Michael of the Sierra Club.

Michael was one of six speakers at the Thursday afternoon protest, which took place on the steps of the University House.

Condemning service cuts, Michael called the transit authority's bus and light rail system the workhorse of the county.

"This will create undue hardship for many county residents trying to get to work, school or medical appointments, or who are trying to use environmentally-friendly ways of getting around town," he said.

Less public transportation will mean more cars vying for parking downtown and on campus, said Alfonso De Alba, executive director of Associated Students.

On top of possible record-high tuition increases this fall, SJSU students could be charged more for their Tower Card VTA stickers, said Eyedin Zonobi, manager of Transportation Solutions for the Associated Students General Service Center.

"VTA may require the university to pay 70 percent more for transportation passes," Zonobi said.

Due to decreased ridership and hard economic times, the transit authority is proposing a scale back in light rail service from one train every 10 minutes to one train every 12 minutes, according to transit authority information.

Similarly, several bus routes will be affected, too.

The changes would take effect April 6 if approved, according to members of the Transportation and

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## SJSU alumnus to receive Tower Award

By Falguni Bhuta  
Daily Staff Writer

When President Robert Caret called Leigh Weimers late last year to inform him that he would be honored with the Tower Award for 2003, Weimers couldn't believe his ears.

"I was amazed," he said. "There are just some outstanding people on that list (of award winners). I'm still pinching myself."

Weimers has been with the San Jose Mercury News for the last 44 years — first as a general assignment reporter, then as assistant city editor, and now as a local news columnist.

"You can't stop the guy," said Bert Robinson, assistant managing editor for local news at the Mercury News and Weimers' boss. "It's amazing to see how incredibly plugged to the community he is."

Robinson said Weimers breaks local news faster than any other staff member of the newspaper.

"You can't cover news in the (Silicon) Valley till you read Leigh's column in the morning," he said.

Weimers started his newspaper career when he was in high school. Born and raised in Napa, he covered sports at the



Karin Higgins / Daily Staff  
Leigh Weimers, a San Jose State University alumnus and columnist at the San Jose Mercury News was selected by SJSU President Robert Caret to receive the Tower Award. The award is the highest recognition of service to SJSU.

age of 16 for a local weekly newspaper called the Napa Register, now known as the Napa Valley Register. While working at the newspaper, he also attended a

local community college for two years. In 1955, he transferred to San Jose State University as a junior and joined the staff of the Spartan Daily.

"I certainly enjoyed my time at San Jose State, that was one of the high points in my young life," he said. "It's a wonderful school, and I'm still very fond of it."

Weimers said working at the Spartan Daily was an absolute kick.

"The nice thing about the Spartan Daily was it was professionally advised," he said. "It didn't feel much like a student newspaper. It felt like the real thing."

During one of the three semesters he worked on the Spartan Daily, Weimers served as editor and wrote a column called "The Circular File."

Weimers said working at the Spartan Daily helped him to smoothly transition into the Mercury News, which he joined immediately after his graduation in 1958. He said finding a job as a journalist then was much easier than it is now.

"It was more sedate when I was in school," he said. "In 1958, reporters, columnists and newscasters weren't seen as celebrities."

Weimers said it was only after investigative journalists Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward of the Washington Post uncovered the Watergate scandal

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## Film examines Sikh culture

By Falguni Bhuta  
Daily Staff Writer

In celebration of National Foreign Languages Week, the Punjabi studies program at San Jose State University presented a documentary and discussion about the Sikh religion and its customs and traditions to about 20 people on Friday evening.

Last in the series of events organized by the department of foreign languages, the video titled "Mistaken Identity — Sikhs in America," addressed the Sikh religion, which originates from India and described its philosophy, its people and their contribution to the world, and the confusion that exists in the United States about Sikhs.

The main coordinator of the event was Atamjit Singh, a lecturer in the department of foreign languages.

"The primary objective of the event is to celebrate National Foreign Languages Week," Singh said. "Every community is being represented in some way. We are showing a video that talks about the social, cultural and religious life of the Sikhs."

The documentary particularly focused on the Sikhs in the United States including their history in the country and the hate crimes inflicted on them

after Sept. 11.

"Sikhs were a target of hate crimes and two or three Sikhs were shot dead in the U.S. after Sept. 11," Singh said.

He cited the example of Balbir Singh Sodhi, an owner of a Chevron gas station in Meza, Arizona, who was shot and killed four days after the attacks because he was mistaken for being a Muslim.

"Sikhs are frequently mistaken as Muslims or Arabs because they wear turbans and have beards," Singh said. "Many people were harassed, chased and humiliated."

The documentary stated that since Sept. 11, there were 290 assaults on Sikhs in the United States.

According to the department of foreign languages, the purpose of the documentary was to help average Americans understand who the Sikhs are and to create a cross-cultural understanding without preaching about religion.

The documentary portrayed Sikhs as being a peace-loving and tolerant religious group. It also explained that Sikhs don't shave or cut their hair because they believe that they should adopt the form given to them by God.

Sikhism is one of the youngest reli-

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ANNOYED

# Future family member brings new challenges

Excuse me if I seem a bit scatter-brained this week, but there is going to be a new addition to the family.

No, I'm not going to be a father yet. And no, it isn't my sister or one of our cousins who is pregnant. Rather, my mother is the one who is going to give birth.

While I was studying for a midterm Friday night, my 41-year-old mother told me she is pregnant.

As usually is the case when life situations like these arise, shock is the first stage of reaction, followed by joy or anger. For me, it was the former.

My mother has said in the past that she wanted another child as both my sister and I have grown to be adults, so I was elated for her when she told me the news.

I must say, however, that this situation has kind of "weirded" me out.

I went from learning about democracy and capitalism one second to finding out about a new addition to the family — and it coming from my mother, no less.

When I thought of children, I figured I would be the first to have one, and then my sister would follow. The thought of my mother having another child didn't even seem realistic.

Personally, the whole pregnancy process is somewhat new to me.

You see, I have a younger sister, Roxann, 21, but I was just a baby when she was born, so I have no idea what my mother went through.

One of my cousins was born when I was 5, but the main thing on my mind at that point was Scooby Doo — not a child being brought into this world.

One of my girlfriend's older sisters had a child a few years back, but I did not really deal with it until after he was born.

And now, at age 22, I am dealing with my mother's pregnancy, and needless to say, it is going to be an educational process for me.

For as long as I can remember, I have always had a sibling, so new additions never happened and being an older brother kind of has a new meaning.

As noted earlier, I have a kid sister — only 15 months younger — but I'd hardly say that I served as a mentor to her. In fact, when we were growing up we fought a lot, and my friends would make fun of her, so when we were home, we rarely saw things eye-to-eye.

And as we've grown older, I haven't been the model for

excellence. In fact, she is in many ways more mature than I am.

But my mother's pregnancy gives my sister and me a chance for both of us, I feel, to be mentors to this newborn; an opportunity to carry out one of our purposes in life — to impact the life of another human being in a positive fashion.

If my mother gets her wishes, we are going to have a brand new baby brother.

For me, this is a bit awkward. Suddenly I find myself thinking more about how I will look to this child when it grows up rather than about my immediate future.

Will I be a good figure for this kid to look up to?

Will the fact that I am not always around negatively affect his childhood, which could later translate over to his teen years and make him or her an angry person?

The main issue I am debating in my mind is the latter. I won't be around for one-third of the pregnancy because of an out-of-state internship and then again when the child is born because I will be in search of a job,

which could lead me to other areas of the state or country.

My mother knows how I feel and what I must do, yet I feel like I am abandoning her, her boyfriend and the baby.

This entire process has been an educational life situation thus far — and it has only been two days since I found out.

In the last two days, life has certainly gained value in my eyes as well as the worth of family.

But isn't this what life is all about — trials and tribulations, bumps along the way that help each person realize what is really important and what is merely artificial or material.

I am surprised at the way I have taken the news. My mother expected me to be upset and blow up and disown her, but that couldn't be further from the truth.

I am happy for her, and I feel I am giving her the only thing she needs from me — support from her offspring.



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## 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

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**SJSU Student Health Center**  
The SJSU Student Health Center is offering the second annual Chad Okamoto scholarship. The \$500 scholarship applications are due April 21. Application forms are available in the lobby of the health building or at [www.sjsu.edu/depts/student-health/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/student-health/index.html). Email at [rvmont@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:rvmont@email.sjsu.edu) for more information.

**Nutrition Education Action Team**  
Free nutrition counseling by nutrition and dietetics students today from 3:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the Sport Club. For more information contact Jen Styles, campus nutritionist, at 924-6118.

**Associated Students Campus Recreation - Adventures**  
Capoeira Martial Arts Training from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Event Center Aerobics Studio. Cost is \$60 general, \$50 student. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.

**Student Health Center**  
SHC cholesterol study will be enrolling subjects now through March 15 at the SJSU Student Health Center. For more information contact Dr. Steven Kim at [skim18@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:skim18@email.sjsu.edu).

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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.

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**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 runs until March 13. Second session April 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.

**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.

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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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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: "Andrew Ortiz: Recent Work." Photographer Ortiz, professor at the University of Texas-Arlington, explores issues of identity and ethnicity as he combines symbols of his Mexican heritage with icons from his American middle class background. Lecture is held in the Art building, room 133. For more information contact Jo Hernandez

at 924-4328.

**Movimiento Estudiantil de Aztlan M.E.Ch.A.**  
Weekly meeting today at 6 p.m. in room 1 of Uchida hall. For more information contact Adriana Cabrera-Garcia at 250-9245 or [sanjosemecha@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjosemecha@yahoo.com).

**National Association of Working Women, 9 to 5**  
The National Association of Working Women is inviting all college working women to dial the 9 to 5 job survival hotline at 1 (800) 522-0925 for help with workplace problems.

**Career Center, Cal-Pro-NET Center and NuFS Club**  
"Careers in Child Nutrition" educational panel from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information contact Sandy Queen at 924-3217 or Susane Head at 924-6045.

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**Asian American Christian Fellowship**  
AACF is welcoming all to our weekly fellowships. To seek Him, to grow with Him and to have fellowship in His name, come join us every Wednesday night. We meet in the Almaden Room of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Anh Truong at 605-9684 or visit our website at [www.aacfsjsu.com](http://www.aacfsjsu.com).

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## THE FINE PRINT

# Choosing to stay home on a wild Mardi Gras night

I was asked by a fair share of people last week what I planned on doing this past Tuesday night.

"Where you gonna be for Mardi Gras?" "Stocking up on beads for this Tuesday?" "You going out for Fat Tuesday?"

My answers to these questions were basically "Home," "No" and "(Expletive) no," respectively.

I was out for the Mardi Gras "celebration" last year on Post Street — in fact, I was covering it for this very publication.

If there is one thing we can learn from this event and others that are similar, it's that San Jose, as much as I hate to admit it, simply isn't mature enough for this sort of activity.

I was right in the middle of it last year. I saw the unruly crowds.

I saw the riot squad marching through downtown San Jose clearing out the unruly crowds.

And yes, I saw those same unruly crowds harassing women in the kind of fashion that almost made me ashamed to be male.

Sure, I like breasts as much as the next guy — perhaps even more — but if your idea of a good time is tossing beads at drunk chicks and demanding that they disrobe and chasing them down the street and practically forcing them to when they don't, then you seriously need to re-evaluate your social life.

And if you're like some of the idiots I saw last year, you probably need to be locked up in jail too.

It's almost humorous watching the young males who hit up the Mardi Gras celebration as they take what ought to be a very festive event and turn it into absolute chaos.

Last year they packed into the small Post Street event, and pretty soon the music, the Cajun food and the beer stands disappeared into a sea of testosterone-induced anarchy.

Fights broke out.

Women were bullied.

Buildings were damaged.

Even if you were there just on the hopes of catching a

glimpse of the beads-for-breasts tradition that Mardi Gras has come to be known for, you would have had to fight your way through the rabid crowd that would literally swarm from girl to girl looking for some topless action.

Maybe those who made up the crowds don't know how to meet women in a normal fashion; maybe they aren't allowed to watch Cinemax late-night; maybe they just weren't breast-fed enough as infants.

Whatever the case, I felt embarrassed for them, since they obviously didn't have the shame to feel it for themselves.

And this was all before the action spilled onto the rest of the downtown streets.

Newspaper racks were tossed through windows, cars were damaged and the crowd even had the nerve to dismember a church statue.

So while I regularly enjoy San Jose's nightlife, I took a pass on Mardi Gras.

From what I gather, it was a good idea.

A good friend of mine who works security at a popular downtown bar was one of those folks trying to get me to go out last Tuesday.

The next day he understood exactly why I didn't.

After spending much of his work shift lined up with the rest of the security in front of the bar so the crowds couldn't damage their windows, watching young thugs dance on top of his parked truck and swallowing his pride as the same thugs taunted him and his coworkers, he knew why I was better off in front of the tube watching "SportsCenter" that night.

Of course, that was after I sat in traffic for a half-hour, because San Jose police decided to close off every street downtown and make me drive around the airport in order to get to my house two blocks away from campus.

Do I sound bitter? Well, I should.

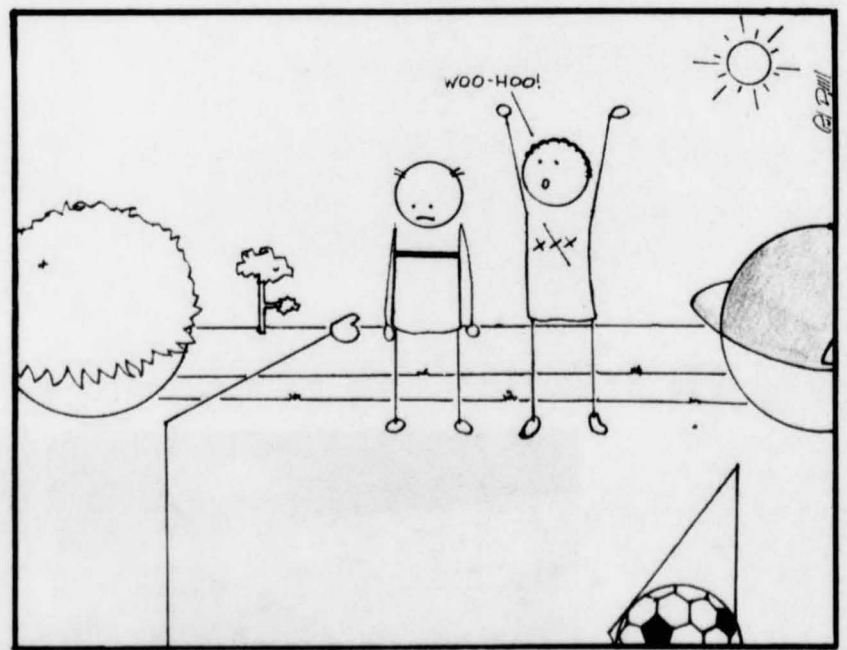
Maybe I'll get my revenge on St. Patrick's Day.



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# Animator presents work at SJSU SIKH | Religion 500 years old

By **Huong C. Pham**  
Daily Staff Writer

It was a full house at the Towne Theatre as animator Bill Plympton presented his past work and featured his animated film "Mutant Aliens."

The event was organized by the Shrunkenheadman club, an unofficial student club for the animation and illustration department at San Jose State University.

As Plympton took the podium, he introduced the audience to a few of his short animated films accompanied by live commentaries.

Plympton said because FedEx lost his reels, the short films would be viewed from a projector connected to a VCR.

One of the films shown was titled "Helter Shelter," which MTV bought from the animator, but never aired.

With non-stop sexual innuendos, the storyline consisted of three

roommates — two guys and a girl. One guy was about to go on a date when his head got separated from his body. As a solution, the other roommates conjured up wacky ideas to help salvage his date such as putting his head on a pre-cooked turkey.

"Some of his stuff can be offensive, but I don't really care," said Stacey Croft, a retail clerk. "I may not like all of the things he's done, but that's his style."

Plympton said it usually takes him two weeks to complete a sketch for a five-minute short film and a month for production.

Currently, "Hair High," another of Plympton's films, is still in the works but is expected to be released in 2004. Plympton described it as a "high school gothic myth kind of film."

Plympton gave advice to the audience about the animation and illustration industry, as he emphasized

that animators and illustrators should start by being independent.

"I love doing animation more than anything," he said. "The smartest decision I ever made was saying no to a funding because you have more freedom to do what you want with your work."

With an intermission before the featured film, Shrunkenheadman members drew a raffle and gave away two sketches drawn by Plympton and a few other items of club paraphernalia.

Plympton said he saved the featured film "Mutant Aliens," released in 2000 for last. He said he was inspired by a picture of Laika the Russian cosmonaut dog and wondered if there were other animals that were abandoned in space because of space experiments.

The story revolved around human characters and mutant animals such as a hamster that swallowed a human whole then instantly excreted

the remains into a cube, a pig that kills with its blade-like snout and a blue fish with birdlike features.

"The target audience (for Plympton's films) are from 18 years old to 35 years old," said Jeff Adams, vice president of the Shrunkenheadman club. "The content is a little more mature — kind of like an 'R' rating."

Plympton admitted that some of the material he uses in his films is "crass."

"I don't find it offensive," said Eric Llorente, an illustration/animation major at SJSU. "I'm familiar with his work, some I've seen on MTV and other (media outlets). It's all in good fun."

During a question and answer segment, at the end of his presentation, a member of the audience asked the animator who influenced his work.

"I stole from many artists," Plympton said. "If you steal, steal from good artists."

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gions in the world and is barely 500 years old, the documentary said. However, it is now the fifth largest religion in the world. The founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, passed on the simple message that all people are one and that no one is higher or lower than another.

Singh said Sikhism is one of the religions that is inclusive and is based on an interfaith model. The holy scripture of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth Sahib, contains hymns not only by Sikh gurus but also by Hindu saints and Muslim Sufis, he said.

"Sikhism laid the foundation of mutual understanding and harmony between different religious groups in India," Singh said.

Maggie Carrera, an SJSU staff member and alumna, said she attended the event to broaden her understanding of other cultures and beliefs.

Joan Torne, a graduate student in sociology, said she had come for the same reason.

"I want to broaden my knowledge,"

Torne said. "Movies from every country are different. I want to understand more about what I don't know."

The screening was followed by a discussion about how members of the Sikh community can bring about worldwide awareness of their religion. The group agreed that one of the reasons Sikhs were targets of hate crimes after Sept. 11 was a lack of knowledge among Americans about the religion.

Carmen Solorzano, a graduate student in Spanish studies, said she attended the event because she had recently visited India and wanted to clear misconceptions she had about Indians. She said there could be awareness about this religion only if the younger generation makes an effort to spread the word.

"It's a pity there aren't that many young people here—they are the ones who can make a difference," Solorzano said.

"Mistaken Identity — Sikhs in America" was produced and directed by Vinanti Sarkar of New York and written and edited by Emmy Award winner Philip Marshal.

## WEIMERS | Diagnosed with cancer in 1999

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in the 1970s that journalism became a sought-after profession.

As a general assignment reporter for the Mercury News, Weimers said he wrote obituaries, covered school board meetings and even reported on automobile crashes.

"When there was a big car wreck, we'd take pictures because we ran pictures of car wrecks," he said. "It was not that common at that time."

There was a two-year hiatus in Weimers' newspaper career when he was drafted in the U.S. Army. When he came back to the Mercury News, he obtained the position of assistant city editor and had to work late hours as a part of the job. He remembers his job as a columnist started just about the time his first daughter was born.

"I talked it over with my wife and realized that if I keep the same hours when my daughter went to school, I would never see her," he said.

In 1965, Weimers quit his position as assistant city editor and became a full-time columnist for the newspaper so that he could spend more time with his daughter. His column appeared five times a week. His inspiration to become a columnist came from Herb Caen, a San Francisco Chronicle writer, whose columns Weimers grew up reading.

Over the years, Weimers has grown as a writer just as the Silicon Valley has grown as a region and the Mercury News as a newspaper.

"Things were a lot smaller and quieter in Santa Clara county and San Jose at that time," he said. "The transition from the agricultural valley to Silicon Valley has been fascinating to watch. I can't think of being anyplace else."

"(The Mercury News) has changed just as the rest of the Valley, and I'd like to think for the better," he said.

Weimers said the Mercury News has metamorphosed into a good, solid metropolitan newspaper from the small-town newspaper it was when he joined it. Stephen E. Wright, deputy managing editor at the Mercury News, said Weimers' most important achievement is his connection with readers of all types and contacts with all the "movers and shakers."

"He has his fingers on the diverse pulse that makes up San Jose and the Silicon Valley," Wright said. "The names Leigh Weimers and Mercury News are almost synonymous to many readers."

Weimers was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999 and after considerable research decided on surgical removal as the best option. He announced to readers that he would be away for a couple of months as a result of his surgery and urged them to get regular checkups for the disease.

"I've been told that my greatest achievement is going public about prostate cancer and the lives it may have saved as a result," he said.

To become a good columnist, Weimers said, you have to possess pretty much the same qualities as any journalist — curiosity and the ability to care

for people.

"I talk to a lot of people, make a lot of phone calls, get a lot of e-mails, and I ask questions," he said. "This is a great area for communications. It's where the communications revolution started."

Wright said he enjoys watching Weimers at work in the newsroom.

"He's a dapper, works the phones and press releases with ease and always has more information than there is space for," Wright said. "And unlike many writers at the paper, Leigh meets or beats his deadlines nearly every day."

Robinson recalled a recent example of Weimers' skill as a reporter, when he broke a local news story that became front-page material. He said Weimers was the first to report the Silicon Valley Charity Ball was cancelled this year because of lack of funds.

"It was a great story and symbolic for how bad things were in the Silicon Valley," Robinson said. "But Weimers refused to run it on the front page because he was worried that his readers wouldn't find his column on page 2B where it appears normally."

Robinson said it was funny because it is any journalist's dream to have his or

her story run on the front page, and Weimers refused to take that opportunity.

"It shows how iconoclastic he is," Robinson said. "His column is his conversation to his audience everyday, and he can't see it anywhere else but on page 2B."

Weimers will join the ranks of other distinguished Tower Award recipients such as Bill Walsh, Alan and Phyllis Simpkins and James Boccardo when he receives the award at a banquet on April 26.

According to President Caret's office, the Tower Award is presented annually to alumni, faculty and community leaders as the highest recognition of service to SJSU. The president selects recipients of the Tower Award.

Some of the other people from the media that have been honored with this award are Joseph B. Ridder in 1975, who was the publisher of the Mercury News; P. Anthony Ridder in 1984, CEO of Knight Ridder Corporation and Robert M. Hofelder in 1957, who was general manager of Channel 36.

Weimers has been writing columns for 37 years and said he thinks he can do it for a few more. He said he will step away and try something else when he stops having fun at his job.

"I'm trying to learn the piano," he said. "Maybe I'll play in a piano bar or a saloon someday."

*"He has his fingers on the diverse pulse that makes up San Jose and the Silicon Valley. The names Leigh Weimers and Mercury News are almost synonymous to many readers."*

**Stephen Wright,**  
Deputy Managing Editor,  
San Jose Mercury News

## BART | Bus services might be scaled back

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Land Use Coalition at Thursday's protest.

A coalition report cites misallocation of Measure A taxpayer money — not decreasing ridership — as the reason for the transit authority's service changes.

"The blame can be placed on the BART-to-San Jose project," said Stuart Cohen, executive director of the coalition.

The report states that BART-to-San Jose plans were drawn up during better economic times when a "BART tax" was passed.

Back in November 2000, Santa Clara County voters welcomed political promises of an East Bay BART line reaching San Jose by approving Measure A — a \$6 billion sales tax for VTA projects — with 70 percent of the vote, Cohen said.

Now, thanks to an economic nose-dive, the transit authority faces a \$6 billion operating shortfall during its current 25-year budget, according to

the coalition's report.

"The solution to this problem is stopping BART in Milpitas," Cohen said.

Horde of out of county BART riders would transfer in Milpitas anyway, said Margaret Okuzumi of BayRail Alliance.

"This would produce most of the traffic relief benefits and allow VTA to run the BART trains without robbing our existing public transit," Okuzumi said.

BART riders are part of an "elite" commuter group that doesn't reflect the general population, Okuzumi said.

"VTA is headed for a catastrophic meltdown that is reducing transportation options in this county and hindering access to jobs when people need it most," Okuzumi said.

Nevertheless, BART planning has been a VTA priority, Okuzumi said.

"Whenever VTA wanted to make the BART project look good, they produced new financial numbers with rosy assumptions," she said. "But when it comes to bus service, they

propose yet another 21 percent service cut on top of cuts they have made three times in the past three years."

The transit authority might be breaking the law, said David Schonbrunn, president of the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund.

"The VTA receives federal money and has a legal responsibility to maintain prices before cutting services," Schonbrunn said.

Schonbrunn said his organization is considering legal action against the transit authority.

"We're watching them closely," he said.

The transit authority began as a county department in 1972. Though it now operates as an independent agency, it still receives county funds.

De Alba said he doubts the effectiveness of a San Jose BART line.

"The point of BART should be to increase public transit riders overall," he said. "But in reality, there would be less public transit available if BART comes through."

## SFPD scandal exposes city to lawsuits, threatens prosecutions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Police Department scandal, while throwing City Hall into turmoil, is exposing this city to millions of dollars in damages and threatens to unravel past and pending prosecutions.

San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi and prosecutors are trying to determine what cases the three rank-and-file officers indicted on assault charges played a role in. The investigations may lead to reopening cases and could add a new layer of scrutiny to pending prosecutions in which the officers took part.

"It could shed doubt on the credibility or believability of officers' testimony," said Adachi, whose office represents the bulk of the city's defendants. "We don't really know what is out there."

A San Francisco grand jury indictment from Feb. 27 accuses the three officers of an unprovoked attack on two civilians, one of which suffered a broken nose and possibly a concussion. The indictment also accuses seven high-ranking officers, including Chief Earl Sanders and Assistant Chief Alex Fagan Sr. of conspiring to cover up the

brawl.

The beating allegedly included off-duty officer Alex Fagan Jr., the assistant chief's son. Fagan Jr. is the focal point of the indictments and is named in at least four civil rights abuse claims or lawsuits against the police department and city, which could be affected by the indictment.

All 10 men have pleaded innocent and are scheduled for trial next month. The grand jury indicted the top brass despite prosecutors' assertions that there was not enough evidence to sustain the conspiracy charges. District Attorney Terence Hallinan has vowed to move forward with the case against the rank-and-file officers. But he is reconsidering the case against the high-ranking officers, whose indictment has escalated tensions between Hallinan

and Mayor Willie Brown.

As fallout from the indictments, Hallinan's office is reviewing prosecutions involving Fagan Jr. and fellow indicted street officers Matthew Tonsing and David Lee.

"Cases where they might be witnesses are no doubt under investigation," said Mark MacNamara, a Hallinan spokesman. "If there were a case where one of these people might be involved, then there is doubtless an investigation attached to that case."

## Powell, Rice reject direct talks with North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Bush administration officials said Sunday the time still isn't ripe for one-on-one talks with North Korea, despite concerns that North Korea is moving rapidly to develop new nuclear weapons.

Any lasting solution to the North Korean problem will need the support of Russia, China and other nations, Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, said in separate television interviews. North Korea opposes multilateral talks.

"I think eventually we will be talking to North Korea, but we're not going to simply fall into what I believe is bad practice of saying the only way you can talk to us is directly, when it affects other nations in the region," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Powell, on Fox News Sunday, said that during his visit to the United Nations last week, he worked with diplomats to develop a multinational approach to North Korea.

Democrats are pressing the Bush administration to begin direct talks immediately. They say that while the administration has been paralyzed by indecision and distracted by Iraq, the threat posed by North Korea has spi-

raled.

In recent months, North Korea has expelled U.N. monitors, withdrawn from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and moved to restart a nuclear reprocessing facility that could produce bombs within months. It is believed to already have one or two bombs.

Most recently, North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane and the Pentagon sent 24 bombers to the region. North Korea on Sunday accused the United States of plotting an atomic attack against it.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, a Democratic presidential candidate, called for direct talks to ease tensions.

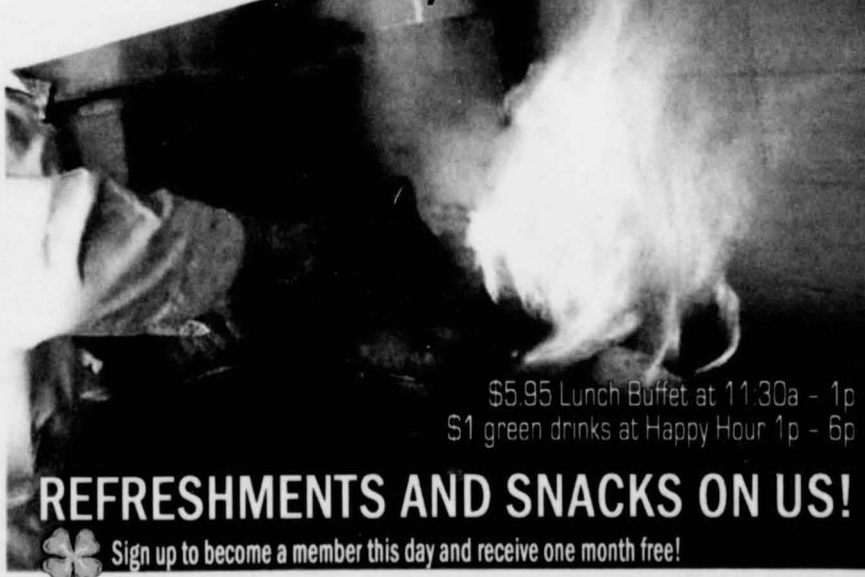
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# SJSU loses in first round; Cal wins tournament

By Paulo Hernandez  
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan softball team posted a 1-4 record at the 17th Annual National Invitational Softball Tournament played at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale Friday through Sunday.

San Jose State University opened tournament play Friday in pool play against nationally ranked No. 17 Oregon State University. SJSU lost the game 7-0. The Beavers jumped on Spartan starting pitcher junior Kelli McCollister early. McCollister allowed six hits and five runs in two innings of work. SJSU sophomore pitcher Carol Forbes and senior pitcher Candice Akin finished the game allowing a combined three hits and two runs.

SJSU's offensive struggles continued as they mustered only four hits. The Beavers' starting pitcher Amy Klever went the distance and picked up the win to improve her record to 4-1.

In the second game Friday, SJSU faced No. 23 University of Oregon. The Spartans lost that game too, 3-0. Forbes started the game and went five innings allowing four hits and two runs. Akin came on to replace Forbes in the sixth inning and allowed three hits and one run. The Ducks' picked up their runs on a two-run homer by first baseman Alyssa Laux in the third inning and got one more in the seventh inning to cap off the scoring.

Spartan head coach Dee Dee Enabenter said her team was indecisive at the plate.

The two losses on Friday in pool play relegated the Spartans to consolation bracket play for the remainder of the tournament.

Sacramento State University handed the Spartans their third loss of the tournament in bracket play on Saturday, 4-0. SJSU starting pitcher freshman Courtney Lewis went seven innings and allowed four hits and four runs.

Hornet starting pitcher Nicole Deatherage shut out the Spartans, limiting them to one hit and catcher Erin Coyne connected on a three-run home run in the third inning to lead their team to victory.



Saori Yoneda / Daily Staff

Spartan shortstop Marissa Sandez attempted to tag a Virginia Tech player Saturday at the National Invitational Softball Tournament at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale. The Spartans defeated the Hokies, 2-0, in round robin play.

The Spartans broke through for their first win of the tournament in the second game Saturday. SJSU defeated Virginia Tech University 2-0 on the arm of Forbes, who pitched seven innings, allowing just four hits and no runs to pick up the win. Forbes improved her record to 4-5. The Spartans scored their first runs of the tournament on a single by senior centerfielder Becca Baldrige in the fifth inning and a double by sophomore catcher Shannon Anderson in the seventh inning.

Enabenter praised Forbes for her work on the mound and said, "It was a

great pitching performance by Forbes."

SJSU's final opponent was the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Sunday. The Spartans lost the game 1-0. The game saw little offense as the two teams combined for eight hits. The Kangaroos scored the game's lone run in the top of the seventh inning. McCollister started the game for the Spartans and allowed three hits and no runs in five innings before being replaced by Forbes to begin the sixth. Forbes allowed two hits and one run in two innings of work.

Enabenter said the team wasn't happy with their overall performance in the

tournament. She was pleased with most of her team's pitching performances and credited the pitchers for keeping them in games.

Senior second baseman Tara Hall, who was named to the 2003 NIST All-Tournament Team, offered her explanation for the team's performance, "We weren't aggressive enough, we have to find our comfort zone."

### Quarterfinals

Cal 1, Georgia Tech University 0

Cal scored the lone run of the game in

the bottom of the eighth inning. Golden Bears pitcher Kelly Anderson picked up the win to improve her record to 8-3.

Arizona State University 3, Oregon State University 2

The Sun Devils and the Beavers each scored two runs in their respective halves of the fifth inning. Arizona State

University broke the tie, scoring one run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Santa Clara University 4, University Missouri-Kansas City 2

Santa Clara University scored four times in the first inning and held off UMKC for the win. The Broncos had seven hits while the Kangaroos had five hits.

University of Oregon 3, University of Minnesota 2

The game went into extra innings when the score remained tied at one after seven complete innings. The University of Minnesota scored once in the top of the eighth inning. The University of Oregon answered by scoring two in the bottom of the eighth inning to win the game.

### Semi-Finals

Cal 6, Arizona State University 1

The Sun Devils took the early lead scoring one run in the first inning. Cal responded by scoring two runs in the fourth inning and scoring another four runs in the seventh inning.

University of Oregon 3, Santa Clara University 0

The Ducks scored two runs in the first inning and one more in the fourth inning. The Broncos had five hits in the game, while the Ducks had eight.

### Final

Cal 6, University of Oregon 0

Cal pitcher Kelly Anderson pitched a complete game shut out for the Golden Bears and allowed only three hits. Cal won the 2003 National Invitational Softball Tournament for the fifth time.

## Men's basketball team loses to Boise State

Women's team defeats  
Broncos 73-61 in Boise

By Daniel Lopez  
Daily Sports Editor

What a way to close out the regular season on your home court.

In the final game of the 2002-2003 regular season, the San Jose State University men's basketball team notched its lowest point total of the season, dropping a 65-47 decision to Boise State University on Saturday at the Event Center.

The first half saw the return of freshman forward Antonio Lawrence, who came back from an ankle injury. In 11 minutes of first half play, Lawrence was 1-for-3 from the field and nabbed three rebounds for the Spartans.

The Spartans lost nothing in the Western Athletic Conference standings and will play the University of Texas-El Paso when the WAC Tournament opens on Tuesday at the Reynolds Center, in Tulsa, Okla.

Tip-off against the Miners is slated for 4 p.m.

No team dominated the other in the opening half, however SJSU took a five-point lead into halftime, leading 27-23.

The game was certainly lost in the second half.

After opening the half with a surge that saw the Spartans go on a 6-2 scoring run to put the scoreboard at 33-25, but SJSU lost its momentum.

Down by eight with 17 minutes, 34 seconds to play, the Broncos began to close in on SJSU's advantage.

Three minutes and 21 seconds later, the Broncos tied the game at 34-34, completely erasing the Spartans' lead with tough defense. SJSU missed four consecutive field goals during the stretch.

BSU (7-11 WAC, 13-15 overall) drilled two three-pointers and guard Joe Skiffer had a lay-up and completed the three-point play after he was fouled by the Spartans Brandon Hawkins on the shot.

Skiffer erased SJSU's 34-33 lead with two free throws moments later. After breaking the tie on a C.J.



Loretta Gibson / Daily Staff

Spartan guard Keith West struggled to keep the ball in-bounds during the second half of Saturday's game against Boise State. The Broncos' strong second half lifted them past SJSU 65-47.

Williams jumper, the Broncos were off and running. The Spartans trailed by two points with 12:19 to play but the Bronco stampede was on and they never looked back.

Boise was relentless opening up leads of 10 points or greater from 7:52 remaining on the clock, all the way down to the final buzzer.

Against a Spartan team that leads the Western Athletic Conference in turnovers, Boise capitalized on the SJSU mistakes. The Broncos scored 18 points off of 21 SJSU turnovers.

SJSU head coach Phil Johnson said, "The errors that we made were pretty much self-inflicted."

While he didn't blame guard Keith West and Lawrence for the Spartans turnover woes, he did say that the problems stemmed from easing the pair back into the lineup. He explained that the team had grown as a team and throwing them back into rotation was "a little bit of a disruption."

In his 18 minutes of play Lawrence went 3-for-7 from the field and ended

with eight points.

West was 2-for-4 from the field, finishing with four points.

Thought Johnson said Lawrence was rusty coming back from his injury he added that he was careless with the ball, committing four turnovers in the game. West led the team in turnovers with five.

Hawkins who, along with guard Moises Alvarez led the Spartans in scoring with 10 points, said, he was disappointed with the teams effort and lack of enthusiasm. Hawkins who also played in his final regular season home game as a Spartan and was honored along with Alvarez and guard Scott Sonnenberg said it was, "sloppy on our part, bottom line."

To having Lawrence back Hawkins said it was good to see him back but did not think he was himself on the court.

The Spartans not only were beat off of turnovers but also were where out shot point wise as well, 42-20 in the second half.

Going into the WAC tournament in Tulsa Tuesday off of a loss Hawkins said the biggest concern from Saturday's game would be what losing would do to the team's confidence.

SJSU Women 73, BSU 61: At the Pavilion in Boise, Cricket Williams scored 23 points to set a new single-season SJSU women's basketball scoring record in the Spartans final game of the regular season.

Williams finished the year with 541 points, one more than the 540 total posted by Natalie St. Mary during the 1982-1983 season. Williams has 1,273 career points placing her fifth on the all-time list.

The Spartans and Broncos exchanged the lead seven times in the first half. SJSU guards Jessica Kellogg and Kim Sheehy combined for three three-pointers near halftime to lift SJSU to a 38-30 advantage at the break.

With just under 13 minutes remaining in the game, SJSU went on a 12-0 run to take a 64-44 lead with nine minutes, 15 seconds to play.

Williams finished with 11 assists in recording her 10th double-double of the season. Center Teoma Taylor added 12 and Kellogg netted 11.

The Spartans (9-9 WAC, 13-14 over-

all) finished sixth in the conference and will play No. 3 Fresno State University in the WAC Tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday. Tip-off against the Bulldogs at the Reynolds Center is slated for 4 p.m.



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## Sharks blanked by Stars 3-0

DALLAS (AP) — Ron Tugnutt stopped 23 shots for his third shutout of the season, making goals by Stephane Robidas, Brenden Morrow and Jason Arnott hold up Sunday night in Dallas' 3-0 victory over San Jose.

The Stars remained unbeaten in four games against their division rival, which has fallen to last in the Pacific Division and was eliminated for the division championship after winning the Pacific last season. The first-place Stars, who'd won three straight Pacific titles before the Sharks finished on top a year ago, have a 15-point lead over second-place Anaheim.

Tugnutt registered his 24th career shutout, improving his record to 5-4-3 since taking over while starter Marty Turco recovers from a sprained ankle.

Robidas scored just over two minutes into the game, then Morrow connected from close range in the final minute of the second period as the

Stars improved to 93 points, best in the Western Conference.

The Stars killed off seven power plays.

Mikka Kiprusoff had 21 saves for the Sharks, still recovering from the shock of trading away captain Owen Nolan and physical defenseman Bryan Marchment. More Sharks deals could

be forthcoming before Tuesday's trading deadline, further distracting the San Jose players.

The Sharks, beaten at Phoenix 6-4 on Saturday night and 1-4-0 in their last five, are also without defensemen Brad Stuart and Dan McGillis, and wingers Scott Thornton and Matt Bradley, all sidelined by injuries.

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# SJSU gymnasts fall to Stanford

Team sets new mark in vault, its third record this season

By Janine Stanhope  
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan women's gymnastics team set a new all-time team vault record against Stanford University on Friday but lost the meet 197.200-193.225.

It was the third team record set this year with Coach Wayne Wright at the helm. The team score of 48.700 on the vault surpassed its own best record of 48.600 set in 1997.

The mixed rotation of events started with San Jose State University on the vault and Stanford on the uneven bars.

Following the rotation with Stanford on the vault and SJSU on the bars, the meet concluded with the mixed rotation of the balance beam and the floor events.

Recently, the Spartans set an all-time best team record on the bars with a 49.275 score in February. SJSU did the same in the floor event with a 49.150 in March. The Spartan record on the beam remains 49.150 set in 1999.

SJSU senior Dani Albright took first place on the floor event with a score of 9.925. Junior Shirla Choy took second on the uneven bars with a score of 9.900. The scores were close to their personal best that they recently set in February. Albright's best on the floor is 9.950, and Choy's best on the bars is 9.950.

Stanford junior Kendall Beck took first place on the vault with a perfect 10. Stanford junior Shelly Goldberg and freshman Glyn Sweets both tied for second, each with a score of 9.900. Sweets also took first in the uneven bars with a 9.925 score, and freshman Natalie Foley tied for third with junior Caroline Fluhrer with a score of 9.850.

Stanford took first, second and third on the beam. Junior Lindsay Wing took first with a score of 9.950, Foley placed second at 9.900, and Beck was third at 9.875.

In the all-around, Sweets and Stanford took first place with a 39.375 score.

SJSU gymnasts held second and



Rebecca Ronzio of the San Jose State University gymnastics team performed her beam routine Friday against Stanford University in the Spartan Gym. The Spartans lost the meet, 197.200-193.225 to the Cardinal.

third in the all-around. Albright placed second at 39.275, and Choy took third at 38.575.

Spectator Julie Kasik, a freshman psychology major, said going to the meets is exciting.

"A lot of my friends are on the team," Kasik said. "They are all awesome girls."

Kasik said she liked to see the SJSU girls keep breaking their own records.

"More people should be out here," she said. "People don't know how good they are."

Joe Aceto, an undeclared freshman, said he doesn't know very much about women's gymnastics and that he had not attended any gymnastics meets at SJSU before.

"Hard work really pays off," Aceto said. "It's a good thing to do on a Friday."

# Jordan shines in final MSG appearance; Wizards lose

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though he didn't beat them, Michael Jordan proved he can still rattle the New York Knicks.

Jordan finished one point shy of 40 in what was likely his final game at Madison Square Garden as New York blew all but one point of a late 15-point lead and came away with a 97-96 victory Sunday.

"We were throwing the ball all over the place. We weren't executing the trap," Latrell Sprewell said. "When you're up, you have a tendency to not be as focused. That was the case with us."

The sight of a certain player wearing No. 23 probably had something to do with it, too.

Recent Knicks history is littered with examples of them falling short of their goals every time Jordan got in their way. There were the five playoff defeats at the hands of Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, the famous double-nickel game when Jordan returned from his first retirement in 1995 and scored 55, along with many other instances in which Jordan got the best of New York.

A compelling final chapter would have been added if the Wizards could have pulled this one out.

"I didn't know how that would transpire," Jordan said. "Perfect endings happen if you play hard and do all the

necessary things you need to do, but I wasn't trying to come up with something that would be a perfect ending."

Jordan was brilliant in the first half, scoring 26, and quiet for most of the second half until the game went down to the final minute.

That's when the Knicks nearly had a complete collapse, with the NBA's leading free-throw shooter, Allan Houston, missing a pair from the line with 18.8 seconds left and Shandon Anderson making only one of two with 5.4 seconds remaining.

That left Washington trailing 97-94, but the Knicks wouldn't let Jordan go for the tie. Sprewell fouled Jordan immediately after he received the inbounds pass, forcing him to shoot two from the line.

Jordan made both with 4.2 seconds remaining, and the Knicks were able to run out the clock with some quick passing off the inbounds play.

Jordan shot 13-for-22, with a dozen of his field goals coming from outside, and 13-for-15 from the line for 39 points. He got little help, however, as Larry Hughes and Juan Dixon scored 13 each and Jerry Stackhouse was held to five.

The victory pulled New York within two games of ninth-place Washington in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

The Knicks are 3 games behind eighth-place Milwaukee.

"It's very disappointing when a 40-year-old man has more desire than a 24-, 25-, or 23-year old, diving for loose balls, busting his chin and doing everything he can to get his team into the playoffs, and it's not reciprocated from the other players on the team," Jordan said. "Until guys let go of that macho, cool attitude and do the necessary things that it takes to play the game of basketball, it's going to be tough for Washington to make anything."

Houston scored 28, Sprewell 20 and Anderson 17 for the Knicks.

Jordan re-entered the game with 10:29 left in the fourth quarter and Washington trailing by eight. Just 25 seconds and two jump shots later, Jordan had the crowd cheering for him and the deficit down to four.

But Anderson scored the next five points to start a 13-2 run that put the Knicks ahead 95-80 with 5:19 left. They didn't score again until 30 seconds remained, and many in the crowd cheered for Washington during the comeback.

"It was really bizarre, a strange feeling," Houston said. "You're fighting so hard for the playoffs and it's almost like you're on the road. But you know what? It's Michael."

# O'Neal scores 39 in Laker victory over Sixers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal again seems virtually unstoppable, and the Los Angeles Lakers again look like the three-time defending NBA champions.

"We are the hottest team in the league," O'Neal said Sunday after he had 39 points and 10 rebounds in the Lakers' 106-92 victory over Philadelphia. "My teammates have done a better job with the ball and I have done a better job with the ball."

"We are playing good defense and moving the ball around. We just have to get better at staying consistent."

Kobe Bryant added 28 points and nine assists for the Lakers, winning for the ninth time in 10 games and 16th in their last 19. Now 35-26, they were a .500 team just over a month ago.

Allen Iverson scored 30 points on 12-of-28 shooting, and Keith Van Horn had 19 points for Philadelphia, losing for only the second time in 13 games since the All-Star break.

O'Neal went 14-of-24 from the field and 11-of-19 from the free throw line, and Iverson said the Lakers' center was simply overpowering.

"He's the hardest man in the league to guard. Nobody can guard him. If you double on him, you have so many guys out there just licking their chops for the opportunity to hit a wide-open shot," Iverson said. "Just imagine if they kept throwing him the ball on every play? Nobody could do anything."

The game was tight most of the way until the Lakers opened their first double-digit lead when Iverson, coach Brown and Tyrone Hill each were called for technical fouls five minutes into the third quarter.

Iverson protested when the Lakers were awarded the ball after he and Derek Fisher dove for it near the sidelines. When referee Derrick Stafford slapped Iverson with a technical, Brown complained to referee Joe Forte and Forte called a technical on him. While Bryant was making the two free throws, Hill complained and Stafford gave him a technical.

Bryant then converted the third free throw to give Los Angeles a 64-54 lead, and the Lakers were up 80-70 heading into the fourth quarter.

"I don't think we had a shot after that. It is just frustrating," Iverson said. "I think that referee, Derrick, has a vendetta against us and it was evident today. We weren't able to talk to him at all. When we asked about things, he gave us smart comments and pretty much juked us."

"My head was mentally out of the game after that because I felt like we didn't have a shot."

Brown said: "One of the officials has it personal for some of our players and if that wasn't the greatest forum to see that, nothing is. He's been personal with us for a long, long time."

Stafford had already left the arena when the Sixers made their complaints and was unavailable for comment.

O'Neal drew a technical foul of his own nine minutes into the game when he yelled at referee Gary Zielinski to protest a lane violation called against him. Although there was a timeout immediately following the lane call that wiped out a layup by O'Neal, the Lakers' center kept jawing at Zielinski from Los Angeles' huddle.

Los Angeles led 53-48 at halftime, thanks in part to scoring 12 points on 13 Philadelphia turnovers. The Lakers committed seven turnovers that led to five points for the 76ers.

The 76ers finished with 19 turnovers, the Lakers with 13.

Iverson had 16 first-half points and Van Horn had 13, while O'Neal and Bryant had 15 apiece for the Lakers.

# BASEBALL | Durkin struck out 15 batters Friday



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but not fun when it doesn't work."

SJSU head coach Sam Piraro said they could afford to make so many pitching changes because it was the last game in the series.

"You're not saving anybody," he said. "That's pre-planned. Sunday games are always managed differently than the first two."

Piraro said that the Spartans have had some trouble closing their games.

"Last weekend we had two games get away from us," he said. "This week we tried to work hard on our late-inning game. Work on our defense, work on our execution."

Piraro said SJSU could be national-

Spartan right fielder Jon Heuerman prepared to bat as first basemen Jordan Bergstom and catcher Aaron Bates warm up in the batters box Saturday at Buck Shaw Stadium in Santa Clara.

ly ranked if they didn't let some games get away from them.

"You can talk about it 'til you're blue in the face, but you learn by playing," he said. "We've had to hang on by the thread of our pants."

Pitcher Carlos Torres, having walked four batters in less than seven innings, said he was ecstatic about the effort put forth by the defense.

"They got me out of a lot of jams," Torres said.

Despite the walks, Torres said he didn't feel ready to come out in the seventh inning, but he understood.

"It's great that they came in and did what they did," he said.

The Spartans are scheduled to play their next game Tuesday at Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

# Detroit outlasts Golden State, 107-105

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons didn't think it was going to be this difficult.

After all, they had been resting at home since Tuesday, while the Golden State Warriors were playing their third game in four nights, including an overtime loss in Milwaukee on Saturday.

But in the end, the Pistons needed a 3-pointer from Chauncey Billups as time expired to sneak away with a 107-105 victory Sunday night, their second victory in a row after a seven-game losing streak. One of those losses was in Golden State.

"That was a game that could have been a huge, huge loss," said Billups, who led the Pistons with 31. "Coming off a tough road trip, that was one of the teams that we felt we owed."

Pistons coach Rick Carlisle felt the playoff might have actually hurt Detroit.

"As much as we needed that rest, it is difficult to go that period of time without playing a game," Carlisle said. "I think you could tell our guys were a little anxious out there and tried to do too much. They were just excited to be back on the court."

Detroit trailed by a point and got the ball after Gilbert Arenas missed a shot for Golden State with 5.8 sec-

onds left. Billups took the inbounds pass and hit the winning shot over Arenas.

"We had our chances, but they made one more play than we did, just like Milwaukee did last night," Golden State's Bob Sura said. "Last year, we would have felt good about playing this well, but we are chasing a playoff spot this season, so it is disappointing."

The Pistons have tough home games later this week with the Lakers, Wizards and Celtics, and the dramatic win only boosted their spirits.

"We needed a game like this," said Corliss Williamson, who scored 22 points. "After so many close losses lately, we needed to show ourselves that we can still pull out games like this."

Arenas had 28 points for Golden State, including 13 in the fourth quarter, while Troy Murphy scored 17.

"We fought hard, but they hit a big shot at the end," Arenas said. "Great shooters are going to hit shots like that."

Warriors coach Eric Musselman was amazed that his team was even in the game at the end.

"We were coming off a really emotional loss last night, and we were reading all about how rested the Pistons were and how ready they were for us," he said. "I guess this game

really shows how much character our team has. The Pistons were rested, and they got a lot of lucky breaks, and they still needed a tough shot at the buzzer to beat us. The only negative for us tonight was the final score."

A 3-pointer by Arenas gave Golden State a 102-96 edge with 2:28 left, and after the Pistons cut the margin to three, he drove and scored again.

Moments later, though, Arenas was called for a loose-ball foul, then picked up a technical for arguing the call. The Pistons hit two of the three free throws, pulling them within one, 104-103.

"I feel like the game turned around right there," Arenas said. "The guy pulled my arm and the ref called it on me. I had to express my feelings, and I got a 'T' for it. I can't do anything about that."

Arenas hit one of two from the line to move the lead to two with 42 seconds left. Cliff Robinson missed, but Wallace was fouled. Wallace hit one of two to return the deficit to one, 105-104.

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# SUPPORT | France, Germany oppose resolution

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friend in the future, I think it will have a serious effect on bilateral relations, at least in the short term," he said.

But the French — who are leading the anti-war camp in a very divided Security Council — mounted a last-ditch diplomatic bid Sunday to defeat the resolution.

If it passes, war would be automatic anytime after March 17 unless Saddam comes up with a move dramatic enough to convince a majority of the council that Iraq has fully disarmed — a scenario deemed highly unlikely by most diplomats.

Still, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin headed Sunday to the capitals of the three African council members — Angola, Cameroon and Guinea.

"France will not allow a resolution to pass that authorizes the automatic

use of force," de Villepin said before leaving Paris.

Earlier Sunday, France won key support from Germany for a proposed Security Council summit on Iraq — although the idea was rejected by the United States.

France, Germany, Russia and China have all said that weapons inspections are working and have pointed to generally upbeat assessments from the inspectors.

But the United States, along with its closest ally, Britain, have declared the inspections a failure because of Iraq's lack of cooperation and compliance with more than a decade of Security Council resolutions demanding its disarmament.

On Sunday, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who faces strong domestic opposition to war without U.N. approval, spoke by phone with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who

said that military force will not solve the world's problems and every effort must be made to avoid war, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

But Beijing, whose trade relationship with Washington is crucial to its economy, has refused to say specifically it would veto the U.S.-British deadline proposal.

Russia, which has backed France, appeared less certain Sunday, with officials stressing Moscow's desire for continued good relations with Washington. Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said unilateral military action against Iraq would harm the international community, but he also hinted at a possible compromise.

"We are striving to find a common language with the United States, England and other countries," Fedotov told Russia's NTV network. "We have never tried to inflame the

conflict."

Bush has spoken in recent days with Russian President Vladimir Putin and was expected to make additional calls to foreign leaders Monday seeking their support. Putin also spoke with French leader Jacques Chirac Sunday.

In the meantime, a third track of diplomacy backed by Saudi Arabia and Pakistan — aimed at forcing a revolt in Iraq or coaxing Saddam into exile — was quietly picking up steam through Muslim channels.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud said in remarks published Sunday that the quickest way to resolve the Iraq crisis was for Saddam to step down.

And an Arab delegation planned to travel to Baghdad in the coming days to try to avert a U.S.-led war against Iraq, Egypt's foreign minister announced.

# Even before war, Kuwait begins preparing for postwar boom

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The prospect of war in Iraq has cast a pall over most of the Arab world. But here in frontline Kuwait, it has fueled a roaring stock market, with businessmen dreaming of a postwar boom.

As war between U.S.-led forces and neighboring Iraq draws near, Kuwaiti businessmen are confident that the United States will remove Saddam Hussein swiftly and painlessly — and open the door for lucrative commercial deals.

Cement and construction companies are planning to help rebuild Iraq from the devastation of a third war in two decades. Banks hope a new, friendly government in its northern neighbor will need massive loans to fund a rebirth. Food wholesalers are getting ready to feed hungry Iraqis.

Mobile phone networks, insurance firms, transportation companies — nearly everyone here has fantasies of a post-Saddam golden age in Kuwait.

"When that regime goes, everything will be prosperity," said Saleh al-Saleh, a 49-year-old stock trader.

The stock exchange's trading hall, a three story room ringed by digital boards and electric tickers showing rising stock prices in Arabic numbers, was infused Sunday with the combined murmur of hundreds of chatting traders and the percussive clack, clack, clack of their swinging worry beads.

The traders — all men — wore brown and gray robes and white headscarves as they milled about, speaking into their cellular phones or sitting in plump leather chairs drinking coffee delivered by a team of waiters.

Since the possibility of a U.S.-led war against Iraq became serious — and Kuwait was designated the launch pad for the attack — the stock exchange has soared.

At the end of October, the exchange's index was 2,060. On Sunday, it closed nearly 30 percent higher at 2,642.

Aside from a brief bull market in 1996 and 1997, when many Kuwaiti companies were privatized, the market here has not been this strong since 1979, just before the eight-year Iran-Iraq War began.

The regional instability that conflict caused made many investors wary. It got far worse after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990 and took over the whole country in a matter of hours.

When Saddam's forces were driven out seven months later, he left Kuwait's oil wells in flames and its economy in tatters.

The exchange itself shut down after Saddam invaded and only reopened on Sept. 28, 1992, more than a year and a half after Iraqi troops were pushed out.

Saddam's continued grip on power in Iraq and his almost routine threats to invade have pushed many Kuwaitis to invest their money abroad, where it

might be safer.

"We've been living in fear for the last 12 years. Saddam is not a very good neighbor and we know he's got bad ambitions about Kuwait," said Wafa Mohamed al-Rasheed, an official at the stock exchange.

While most of the Arab world is dreading a war because of the potential for economic and social upheaval, many Kuwaitis feel that with Saddam gone, Iraq and Kuwait could restore their once-deep economic ties: Iraq used to export dates and water to Kuwait, while this tiny desert emirate's large port served as a transit point for imports headed to Iraq.

Kuwait, with its 2.1 million people, could use its northern neighbor of 26 million people to diversify its oil-based economy, strengthen its industries and perhaps reclaim its role as a regional trading hub, analysts and traders said.

Kuwait is not "looking forward to destroying Iraq so we can rebuild it and benefit from that," said Abdul Mohsen al-Hunafa, Kuwait's under-secretary of finance.

But the dividends of "regime change" will surely be huge, he said.

"If there is stability there and security, this will benefit not only Kuwait and the Emirates and the Gulf, but everyone in the whole area," he said.

War also could have disadvantages for Kuwait.

If a pro-American government is installed in Iraq, Kuwait could be forced to write off \$50 billion it lent the country before the 1990 invasion, said independent economic analyst Jaseem al-Sadoun.

Kuwait would also likely have to forgo the nearly US\$180 billion it wants in compensation from Iraq for the invasion, he said. The war could also send millions of displaced Iraqis streaming toward Kuwait.

"The humanitarian situation in Iraq would lead us to think in a different way," al-Sadoun said.

No such cautionary thoughts lived in the optimism suffusing the stock exchange's trading floor, where more than 100 companies are listed, compared to the 54 that were listed before Saddam invaded.

Traders scoffed at suggestions the war might take longer than expected or that Kuwait itself could fall victim to Iraqi missiles.

"Nothing will happen like this," al-Saleh said authoritatively.

"The Iraqi army is no match for one brigade of the U.S. Army," trader Majid al-Shatti said.

"It will be safe after the war and everything will be normal," trader Tariq al-Suleiman said.

Some traders' biggest worry was what would happen to the market if U.S. troops failed to oust Saddam.

"It will go down," trader Fhalco Ali said. "To zero."

# Iraq says United States is set on war, but its cooperation could change world opinion

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A top Iraqi official said Sunday he is convinced the United States has decided to go to war but that Iraq's cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors would strengthen opposition on the Security Council to U.S. war plans.

Iraq's chief liaison to the inspectors, Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin, belittled a U.S. and British proposal to give Saddam a March 17 ultimatum to disarm or face war, saying Baghdad was trying to meet U.N. inspectors' demands.

"We are working hard to meet our obligations and to overcome any obstacles," he said. "Whether that takes a week, 10 days, or a month, we are doing everything we can. We are not interested in dates and times."

Amin ticked off examples of Iraqi cooperation, saying Baghdad has proven it has no nuclear weapons and will soon prove it has rid itself of biological and chemical weaponry as well.

"We hope that this will guide (U.N. inspectors) to reach the position that Iraq is rid completely of weapons of mass destruction and to recommend to the Security Council the lifting of the unfair sanctions imposed on the courageous Iraqi people," he said.

He said Iraq received on Sunday a list of outstanding issues from chief inspector Hans Blix, and added Iraq might invite Blix to Baghdad on March 17. He gave no details.

Amin said President Bush appears to have made up his mind to go ahead with war despite Iraq's disarmament progress.

"Yes, we believe that," he said. "But

there is a probability that the situation will be enhanced by the support of other nations on the Security Council and all the people around the world."

President Saddam Hussein chaired a high-level meeting Sunday with Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmed, several senior military commanders and his two sons: Odaï, who commands a pro-government militia, and Qusai, who leads the elite Republican Guard.

"Iraq's leadership, people and army are ready for the battle of destiny," Deputy Prime Minister Abdel Tawab Mullah Huweish told Saddam, according to the official Iraqi News Agency.

The United States underlined the urgency of Saddam's situation on a Middle East news broadcast Sunday night.

"Time is fast running out if war is to be avoided," U.S. envoy Richard N. Haass told Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. television, which can be seen in much of the Middle East.

"Saddam Hussein has been given roughly another week" to disarm, Haass said in English, with an Arabic voiceover. Otherwise, "I think it is quite possible that he will be disarmed ... by military force quite soon after that," he said.

Saudi Arabia appeared to move closer to endorsing a proposal by the United Arab Emirates for Saddam to step down to avert war. Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal told a newspaper and a television network that it would be the quickest way to resolve the crisis.

The proposal aimed "not to harm Iraq, but on the contrary to protect Iraq

from the evils of a military confrontation," Saud was quoted Sunday as saying. Senior Iraqi officials say Saddam will not step down.

The Arab League will send a high-level delegation to Baghdad in the coming days in an attempt to avert a war, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said. League spokesman Hesham Youssef said the delegation would hold talks with Iraqi officials aimed at "enhancing cooperation between Iraq and the U.N."

The Saudi defense minister, Prince Sultan, said the United States was giving the kingdom technical aid to handle a possible surge of Iraqi refugees, and that his country was willing to hold military maneuvers with the United States near the northern town of Tabuk, 60 miles south of the Jordanian border.

He said Saudi Arabia has troops there in case Israel violates Saudi airspace.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was hopeful a majority of council members would vote for the resolution giving Iraq the March 17 ultimatum, but acknowledged it could still be vetoed by permanent members.

"I'm encouraged we might get the nine or 10 votes needed to get passage of the resolution, and we'll see if somebody wants to veto," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Amin said that if Baghdad resolved technical disarmament issues, "we can disarm the British and the Americans of their pretenses."

He said, however, that Iraq would be ready no matter what. "We are preparing ourselves for a war," he said. "All the people will fight against any foreign

forces that try to enter Iraq."

Iraq's armed forces newspaper, Al-Qadisiya, reported Sunday that militias of the ruling Baath Party conducted live-fire war games in three Iraqi provinces on Saturday. It gave no details.

Amin appeared to back off of comments last week by a top Saddam adviser, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, that Iraq would stop destroying its Al Samoud 2 missiles if the United States appears set on war.

Amin said he interpreted al-Saadi's comments as meaning that if war begins, the inspectors will leave and be unable to continue with the monitored destruction of the missiles. But he indicated that Iraq will continue with the destruction until the start of war.

He said Iraq destroyed six more missiles on Sunday, bringing the number destroyed since March 1 to 46, almost half of Iraq's original arsenal of 100 Al Samoud 2s. In addition to the missiles, a total of 16 warheads, one launcher and five engines have been destroyed since March 1, said Hiro Ueki, an inspector spokesman.

The United Nations ordered the rockets destroyed because some tests indicated they could fly farther than the 93 miles allowed by the Security Council.

Saddam long has claimed Iraq destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction. The United States and Britain maintain he's lying, and have assembled a quarter-million troops around Iraq for a possible invasion.

Blix has said it will take months for him to verify which side is right.

# Bush administration hopeful it can win necessary votes for ultimatum

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell held out hope Sunday that the U.N. Security Council, allies across the globe and the American public would come to support an American-led war with Iraq, as the United States pressed for an ultimatum giving Saddam Hussein until March 17 to prove he has disarmed.

Powell said he was within "striking distance" of the necessary nine votes to win a majority on the 15-member council. But he conceded on "Fox News Sunday" that the French appeared set to "do everything they can to stop it" by using their veto. Such a veto, he warned, would "have a serious effect on bilateral relations, at least in the short term."

He said it remained unclear where two other veto-bearing nations, Russia and China, stood on a vote that could take place as early as Tuesday.

Nevertheless, Powell said he was leading intensive efforts over the weekend to win over several other governments, hoping to muster the nine

necessary votes.

The foreign minister of Guinea, a Security Council member, will visit administration officials this week, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said on ABC's "This Week." Asked whether the administration was trying to entice potential backers with promises of financial aid, as it sought to do with Turkey, Rice said, "We're talking to people about their interests."

Rice refused to say which nations the United States is counting on for supportive votes.

Powell and Rice took to the airwaves in a series of news interviews Sunday amid a tide of opposition to war from foreign leaders and their constituents, and from many Americans. Police arrested five anti-war protesters outside the ABC studios in Washington where Rice was interviewed, and several demonstrators followed her to the CBS offices where she was interviewed by "Face the Nation."

Thousands of protesters converged on the White House to voice opposi-

tion to war Saturday, and additional demonstrations were planned for Sunday.

Powell and Rice said the administration is following the hard but necessary course to protect Americans, and predicted public opinion would swing the administration's way. "Sometimes public opinion trails behind very difficult decisions," Rice said on CBS.

"As a matter of war and peace, most people would prefer to be on the side of peace — I would prefer to be on the side of peace," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

War "is always unpopular," Powell said. "I've seen it in a number of crises, whether it was going into Panama or the Gulf War, where public opinion is against you until the moment of truth comes when you go in and you find out what they have really been doing, you liberate a people and you create a better life for that country, for the people

of that country — then you see that public opinion will change."

But Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Democratic presidential contender Howard Dean warned that a U.S.-led war would give license to other nations who felt they needed to pre-emptively attack.

"It might be considered as a precedent for others to try to do the same thing," Chretien said on ABC. "Where do you stop? You know, if you can do that there, why not elsewhere?"

"What is to prevent China, some years down the road, from saying, 'Look what the United States did in Iraq — we're justified in going in and taking over Taiwan?'" Dean said on NBC.

Dean, the former governor of Vermont, said President Bush had not made the case that military action against Iraq was justified. "Going into Iraq has very little to do with protect-

ing the United States of America," he said.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California drew a standing ovation from the Communications Workers of America Sunday as she stated her opposition to an Iraq war at this time. Bush has alienated allies in the war on terror, she said.

"Our country has never been greater," Pelosi said. "And yet we have never been more dependent on our friends and allies to keep our country secure."

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and the top Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said war could threaten the United States by fanning anti-American sentiment.

"Anti-Americanism is a threat to us," Levin said on CNN. "We've got to lead the world. We shouldn't be treating the U.N. as an obstacle, but as an opportunity to rally the world against

terrorist threats and not take unilateral actions which could fuel the terrorist response against the United States."

Former President Jimmy Carter, last year's a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, added his voice to that warning. "It is quite possible that the aftermath of a military invasion will destabilize the region and prompt terrorists to further jeopardize our security at home," Carter wrote in a New York Times opinion article Sunday.

"Increasingly unilateral and domineering policies have brought international trust in our country to its lowest level in memory," Carter wrote. "American stature will surely decline further if we launch a war in clear defiance of the United Nations."

Bush spent a rare weekend in Washington to attend Saturday evening's annual Gridiron dinner. On a sunny, springlike Sunday, he jogged at Fort McNair.

# College journalist headed to Kuwait as correspondent

FULLERTON (AP) — Ronald Paul Larson is supposed to be writing his thesis. But the college student who joined the student newspaper at Cal State Fullerton now wants to be a foreign correspondent.

This week, Larson, 39, is off to Kuwait as the only college journalist credentialed by the Pentagon to cover a possible war in Iraq.

"Sometimes, I think I've gotten in over my head," said Larson, a graduate student in history. "I just hope that what I send back is decent. Guess we'll find out."

Larson spent last fall, his first semester as a student reporter, covering features, lectures and sports for Cal State Fullerton's Daily Titan. Now the former soldier and amateur photographer is rethinking his plan to become a history teacher.

"The ivory tower just has no interest for me. I have no interest in debating how many angels can dance on the head of a pin," said Larson, of La Habra. "I want to be where the action is."

It won't be the first time the Wisconsin native follows his muse.

At 17, Larson joined the Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. At 21, he sought clues about the meaning of life by observing war. Larson said he went to Pakistan, and spent a month in Afghanistan shoot-

ing photos of mujahedeen soldiers fighting the Soviet army.

His editor said Larson had good journalistic instincts.

"He likes history and the stories he wrote were very in-depth," said Daily Titan Editor in Chief Kimberly Pierceall. "He always tried to get every ounce of detail into a story."

When Larson applied for a press credential, the letter landed on the desk of Army Maj. Tim Blair, at the Defense Department.

"I had an opportunity to put him in there, so I did," Blair said, adding that the Titan being a college paper played no role in Larson's chances.


"It was his timing."

Larson plans to write about younger soldiers whose stories will resonate with the paper's college readers. His stories will be distributed to more than 660 college newspapers.

He won't be paid. He's covering more than \$2,000 in expenses himself.


"I'm doing this as an experiment," Larson said. "My whole life is one big experience. I love travel, but what I'm really looking for is something that gives my life meaning and purpose."

"Whether I find that in Kuwait, I don't know."



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The Associated Students Board of Directors has passed a proposal to start an Online Book Exchange Program for SJSU students. The goal of this program is for students to manage selling and buying textbooks at more reasonable prices through a website provided by Associated Students.

The following survey was put together to allow students to get involved with the design, details and cost of this service. Please fill out the survey below, and drop it off at any of the Associated Students service centers.

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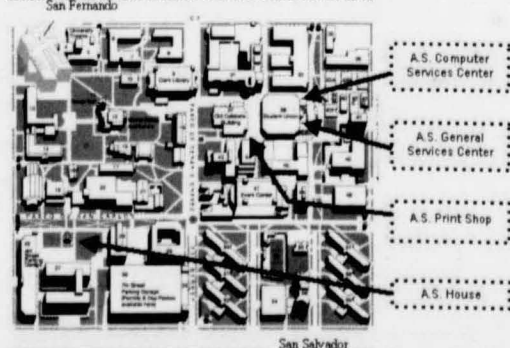
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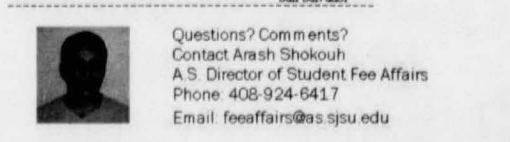
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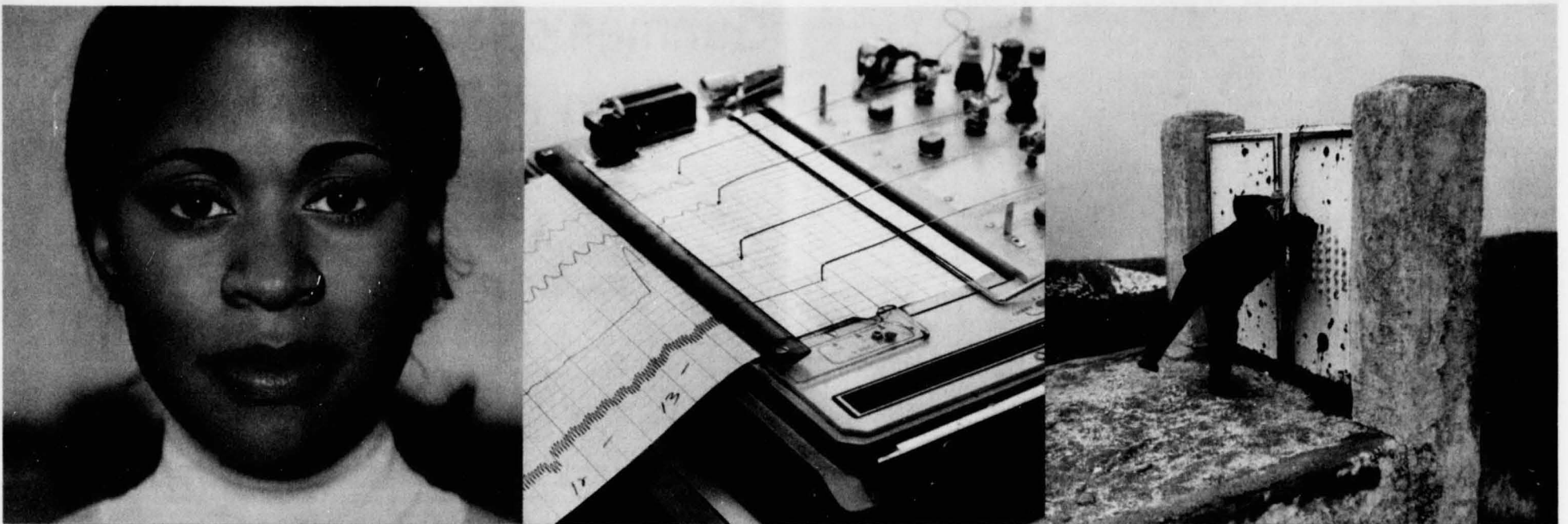




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