



A Student walks past a row of motorcycles parked on San Fernando Street Wednesday.

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Although there are benefits to commuting by motorcycle, the drawbacks must also be considered. One is the weather. Umemoto said that in April he took a spill when he hit a rain-slickened oil spot on a freeway on-ramp. Another drawback that cyclists point to is dealing with other drivers. "I'd say most people don't know how to drive," according to Christophe Diez, a junior majoring in advertising. "As a motorcyclist,

you assume that nobody pays attention to you." Bowersox said that if someone is considering taking up motorcycling, proper preparation is critical. "Most people don't try because they feel it's dangerous," he said. "And it is dangerous in a lot of people's hands." Bowersox recommends if someone is interested in taking up motorcycling that they practice. "Get time in the saddle," Bowersox said. Another necessity for commuting by motorcycle is proper riding gear, according to Umemoto. He wears a

leather jacket and chaps most of the time, but he changes to waterproof gear for wet weather. Umemoto added that having to carry his gear with him on campus is another drawback. Also, California law requires any rider on a motorcycle wear a helmet. Despite the drawbacks, some find the benefits of commuting by motorcycle are worth it. "It's different from riding on the back," she said.

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For red-curb parking violators pay \$46, forgery attempts get \$151 and parking in spots for disabled without a disabled permit gets \$351. According to Marilyn Fratto, budget and finance coordinator for UPD, the police collected \$496,603 from citations and \$25,000 in interest in 2002. The money is deposited into the fines and forfeitures fund, according

to Fratto and Alfonso de Alba, executive director of Associated Students. De Alba said that the transit access program for SJSU employees and staff, administered by the A.S., receives approximately \$85,000 per year out of the fines and forfeitures fund. Other alternative transportation programs such as Vanpool, the DASH shuttle, the transit pass program for students and the Highway

17 Express reduced pass also benefit from citation funds, according to Fratto. Castro and Fratto said that another part of the money pays for citation enforcement, officers' salaries, maintenance of their on campus vehicles and fees required by the Department of Motor Vehicles and by the county. Castro said that \$5 out of each ticket cashed in needs to go to the county fund.

PARKING | Service fee non-refundable

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specific days they wanted," Captain Alvarez said. She said that once they realized the problem, the UPD staff called or e-mailed every student who bought a one- or two-day permit online. "It's gone progressively worse," Jodie Baldhosky, a parking consultant with iParq, said that the university wanted to administrate the one- and two-day parking permits. "We are working with San Jose State University to make one- and two-day parking permit system working more efficient," Baldhosky said. Captain Alvarez said that students should be patient because the police are trying to work out any problems that might arise from implementing the new purchasing system. "I know things are not perfect," Alvarez said. "We are trying to work out any bugs." Alvarez added that UPD is planning on meeting with iParq next week. Monique Castro, a senior majoring in liberal studies, went through an unusual experience with the online parking permit system. She said that she called iParq, the permit store, close to the date her five-day temporary parking permit was due to expire. According to Castro, the permit store canceled the missing permanent permit from their records and proceeded to mail a second one. "To this day, I haven't received either permit," Castro said. At UPD on Monday she received her third temporary parking permit, but she was still waiting for her permanent sticker. "If they don't give it to me, I'm out of \$161," Castro said.

Clive O'Connor, an electrical engineering graduate student, has been attending SJSU classes for eight years. He bought a two-day parking permit this semester, but he said he was not satisfied with parking on campus. O'Connor said he came to campus to pick up his permit because UPD had informed him through e-mail they were too backlogged to send the permit themselves. When students buy their parking permit online, they are charged a \$3.95 shipping and handling fee. Captain Alvarez said students should receive this amount back, in case they weren't mailed the permit. Some students who came to the UPD to pick up their permit after ordering it online said they weren't refunded the \$3.95 shipping and handling fee. Baldhosky said this amount would not be refunded because it is a service fee. She said the service provides customers "a convenient way to buy the permit without having to go to the campus." Baldhosky added that the service allows permit buyers to edit their account online and allows the university police to track the people who are parking on campus. "From a security point of view, it is good to know who is parking on campus," Baldhosky said. Besides going online or to the UPD, students can choose to buy their parking permit with cash at the Student Services Center in the 10th Street garage, said Marija Jakovcovic,

cashiering operations coordinator at the Bursar's Office. Students who are buying their permit online need to print a temporary permit until they receive the permanent one and put it in the right place. Both the permanent and the temporary parking permits need to be displayed on the lower left corner of the front car windshield, Captain Alvarez said. Failing to do that will result in receiving a parking ticket, according to a UPD handout. Ariel Alvarez, a parking services attendant who was doing his tour on Monday afternoon, left parking tickets on some cars that hadn't correctly displayed the permit. Captain Alvarez said that police are checking the car owner's name first and fine the person only if it turns out to be a second warning. "We try to be very fair," Captain Alvarez said. Linh Nguyen, a civil engineering sophomore, went to UPD to appeal a parking citation on Friday. He said that he knew from the iParq Web site the correct location of the parking permit, but he had received a ticket because he hadn't displayed the temporary permit. Captain Alvarez said that to win the appeal Nguyen needed to bring the temporary permit and a transaction receipt to the UPD counter. According to the parking services Web site, citations can also be appealed online by filing a request form. Students can go to www2.sjsu.edu/parking to find out more details. Daily Photographer Janean Brongersma contributed to this article.

String quartet finds a home at SJSU

By Mark Cornejo
Daily Staff Writer

In 2000, San Jose State University's new director of the school of music said he had a goal of bringing a world-class string quartet to SJSU. At the same time, the Cypress String Quartet, a world-class group, was looking for residency at a university. Tom Stone, a violinist for the group, said it was a strange coincidence. "We made our list, and San Jose State was at the top," said Stone, whose group is only 7 years old. "We got a call a few weeks later from the school saying we were on the top of their list." Beginning his fourth year as director of the school of music, Ed Harris said the young and talented group was a favorite of the SJSU music professors. "Out of four or five possibilities," Harris said. "The faculty zoned in on Cypress."

Along with Stone, the San Francisco-based group is made up of violinist Cecily Ward, Ethan Filner on viola and Jennifer Kloetzel on cello. In addition to coming to SJSU to play for the students, the quartet members will teach string classes and use their connections in the music world to bring other well-known artists to SJSU. Stone said a responsibility the quartet has taken is to develop music programs at local high schools, including San Jose's Lynbrook, Lincoln and Homestead, as well as ones in Saratoga, Los Altos and Palo Alto just to start. Another reason the quartet chose SJSU, Stone said, was the Beethoven Center on the fifth floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. "The Beethoven Center's incredible," Stone said. "They have the largest collection of his original sketchbooks, and his first addition works for quartets." The group's initial performance will

be at the Beethoven Center on Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. They will discuss Beethoven's work and play some of the pieces he wrote. Another of the group's major influences is Anton Dvorak, a composer from the Czech Republic, who created a series of string quartet pieces called "The Cypresses," for whom the group's name is derived from. Stone said he and the rest of the group were very impressed by SJSU's school of music, but saw they could improve the string program. "I don't want to sound negative," Stone said. "The music department is very strong, but the strings were not as strong. We saw an opportunity to strengthen the program." Harris said the school needed help with its strings program since string instruments are some of the hardest to play. "String instruments are more difficult because the fingering positions have to be exact," Harris said. "You also have to have a good ear to listen if

you're on the right note." By bringing in Cypress, Harris hopes the school can compete with other string programs in the nation, like the University of Southern California. "There are not a lot of good string players out there," Harris said. "Colleges are all trying to find gifted string players." With the addition of Cypress, along with an endowment fund being given to the school of music next year for the string program, Harris said he is hopeful the school will be able to create its own string quartet with students. Stone said Cypress is already trying to bring musicians from all over campus to the school of music to play or sit in on classes. "If any students play or have played an instrument in high school, they are welcome to come stop in just to play with other people," Stone said. "Or they could just come in to listen to others play."



Photo courtesy of Cypress String Quartet

Delay in federal security funding

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mayors from five California cities expressed frustration Wednesday over a bureaucratic distribution system that is delaying federal funding intended to help them prepare for possible terrorist attacks. "Cities are still waiting to get the money for homeland security advancements," Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn said Wednesday during a leadership summit in downtown. Hahn said he convened the event, which was attended by the mayors of

Oakland, Long Beach, San Jose and Glendale along with security, public safety and public health officials, to promote better communication and coordination. The mayors urged the federal government to improve the way it distributes homeland security funding to cities. "In the post 9-11 era, cities face new challenges that require a strong dialogue between all levels of government," Hahn said. Hahn's statements coincided with the release of a study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The survey of

168 cities found that delayed federal funding on 10 homeland security programs caused many cities to spend more money on security needs since Sept. 11, 2001. As a result, cities are struggling financially to maintain existing services to residents, the study said.

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