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Final candidate makes Friday pitch at SJSU

*New president to be
named Tuesday or
Wednesday*

By Tony Burchyns
Daily Senior Staff Writer



KAPLAN

She said her biggest accomplishment was becoming the president of Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1993. She also said her biggest mistake was mishandling personnel issues while she was there.

Kaplan's visit to campus that day capped a bustling week of open forums and friendly meet-and-

greetings with all three presidential candidates.

California State University trustees are expected to name the new SJSU president Tuesday or Wednesday.

"I was the 12th president at Metro in 28 years," Kaplan told the inquisitive crowd of SJSU students, staff and faculty members assembled in the auditorium.

During her tenure at the state-funded Denver school, Kaplan, 59, said she built teamwork on campus and spearheaded fund-raising initiatives off campus — all during a 10-year hitch that broke a trend of revolving-door presidents.

She said Metro State and SJSU were "economic engines" for Denver and San Jose, respectively.

Speaking in a heavy New York accent, Kaplan expressed an affinity for large urban schools.

"Those are the schools that provide opportunity and diversity," Kaplan said.

Kaplan said her own experience as a college student in New York City enriched her. She earned her undergraduate degree and Ph.D. in history from the City University of New York. She also snagged a master's from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

"My 'Utopia U' would be a place where many different people from different backgrounds rub elbows with each other," she said.

Current enrollment at Metro State is 19,390 and 23 percent of the student body is nonwhite. Like SJSU, the average student is a 26-year old commuter.

Kaplan described the role of an urban university president as equal parts "internal" and "external." She said such presidents could not always be counted on to be highly visible on campus.

"I think the campus community needs to be sensitive that the presi-

dent is pulled in this direction and that direction," she said. "Leadership to the academic house comes from the provost, leadership to the students comes from the student affairs staff."

Kaplan readily offered a bit of self-criticism and said as a first-time president at Metro State she failed to spot — and iron out — kinks in her administrative staff as fast as she would have liked.

"I should have helped some people who weren't working out to move on to other opportunities sooner,"

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Club provides low-cost flight training

Editor's note: Every week, the Spartan Daily will profile a campus organization. — F.B.

By Janet Pak
Daily Staff Writer

Streaks of yellow sun peered through the small patches of clouds Wednesday morning at Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose.

"It's a beautiful day for flying," Patrik Rosenast said as he looked at the sky and prepared the Cessna-172 aircraft for takeoff.

Rosenast pulls the plane, climbs in and puts on his headsets before turning on the engine.

The engine roars loudly as it slowly pulls away from the ground and he rattles off a few commands before flying 3,000 feet above the air over the southern part of Santa Clara County.

As he glides the plane past the area, the waters of Anderson Lake in Morgan Hill sparkle in the sun.

Rosenast is a member of the Flying Twenty Inc. club at San Jose State University, which provides low-cost flight training to students and alumni.

The nonprofit club started in 1939 and is run by SJSU students and alumni to train other students to earn a private pilot, commercial and instrument rating license, Patrick Moran, secretary of the club said. Members can also rent an aircraft if they already have their license.

Members can't earn a multiengine training license because the club doesn't have a multiengine plane, he said. Moran said the club has about 110 members.

Rosenast said the club is managed independent of the university and it's volunteer-based with members performing a majority of the maintenance on the aircraft.

Jeremy Frick, a senior aviation major with a concentration in airplane maintenance, said he likes not having to go through a desk person to rent the plane.

"I just arrive at the airport, pick up and go," said Frick about the few hassles. Some of the freedoms are keeping the keys for the aircraft in the hangar and there's an online scheduling system so members can keep track of which airplanes are available, he said.

Kaze Morrissey, another member, said he joined the club because he didn't have a good experience with a previous flight school making it difficult for him to learn.

"It was the fact that I fly with a lot of my classmates ... it aided me in feeling more comfortable in flying," Morrissey said.

"Being able to know (instructors and classmates) one-on-one was more comfortable," Morrissey said. He said everyone was approachable if he had questions and he didn't have to worry about the question being perceived as stupid.

The instructors were glad to answer his questions, he said.

Morrissey, a senior aviation major with a concentration in flight operations, said the members and the flight instructors are there for the same goal — to gain more experience in flying.

"The neat thing about the club is it's run primarily by students or alumni," Morrissey said.

Frick said he agrees.

"Since it's student-run, it gets more input from the students themselves ... it gets tailored to the needs of students and alumni of the club," he said.

Frick said his favorite flight was on July 4th this year when he saw every single fireworks show in the Bay Area.

Morrissey said the club also offers discounts for renting aircraft that are cheaper than flight schools.

He remembers one of his favorite flights was back in September when he flew right past a U.S. Air Force airplane headed toward Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield.

"It appeared our paths were going to cross just because of my size and their size ... it skewed my view but it was awesome to see a giant aircraft in front of me," he said. "I realized I'm a part of this whole picture."

There is an initial fee of \$80 for members, which allows anyone to rent an airplane and travel anywhere in the United States, Moran said. Monthly club dues are \$25.

He said flight schools are a business and the club is a nonprofit organization that aims to provide low-cost airplane rentals for its members.

"I enjoy being around people who have a passion for flying," Moran said.

The club also has certified flight instructors to teach students who are interested in earning their pilot's license, he said.

Other benefits Frick said are not having to pay up front. He said at the end of the month, he receives a bill and pays for it.

For students who are interested in leisure flying, they can go on demonstration flights that take them on an hour-long scenic tour of the San Francisco Bay Area for about \$50.

The club owns four different Cessna aircraft including a Cessna-152, Cessna-172 and a Cessna-182.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the San Jose Jet Center near the San Jose International Airport at 7 p.m.



Photos by Yvonne Pingue / Daily Staff

Above: Flight instructor Patrik Rosenast, a senior majoring in aviation and member of the Flying Twenties, pushes a Cessna 172 back into shelter after flying the aircraft Thursday morning at Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose.

Right: Before takeoff Thursday morning, Rosenast communicates to the flight tower to confirm that the runway is clear.



A.S. attempting VTA contract renegotiations

By JaShong King
Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students Board of Directors said they were "running out of time" to negotiate with the Valley Transit Authority over the school's transit access program during Wednesday's board meeting.

At stake is the future of students' access to low-cost public transit.

Currently the A.S. transit access program allows San Jose State University students to receive unlimited rides on VTA buses and light rail throughout Santa Clara County. The program is paid for by student fees each semester, though the price per student is a fraction of normal VTA bus fares.

"It is clear VTA is in an effort not to negotiate with us individually," A.S. Executive Director and adviser Alfonso De Alba said during Wednesday's board meeting. De Alba is a full-time A.S. staff member designated to handle contracts on behalf of the A.S. Board.

De Alba said VTA pushed the new fee increases into their overall budget without a discussion. Since the budget was already approved two months ago, the VTA board would have to go back in and specifically take out SJSU's program in order to make adjustments, which De Alba said is difficult to do.

"They say it's a done deal. Now we're going against the current trying to get them to renegotiate," De Alba said.

A combination of a down-trodden economy, low ridership, and decreased funding worked to create the financial storm VTA is in now, according to VTA spokeswoman Lupe Solis. Solis said VTA's financial woes forced them to increase the current cost for each student, as well as cut free student access to their disabled transit service.

Solis stressed the price increase is more of a return to pre-dot-com prices. "Unfortunately, you can't maintain something forever," Solis said about the return to the original prices.

"This is the best they could come up with. Twenty dollars per semester is still cheaper than a two-day pass for a month," Solis said, comparing the savings an increased transit program would cost in relation to paying for bus passes individually.

Students currently pay for the program with an \$11.85 fee tagged onto their school bill each semester. The cost almost doubles in the new contract.

"If it wasn't a burden back then (in 1999), why is it an issue now?" Solis said.

Solis said the reason why SJSU's contract wasn't negotiated individually was because the price VTA gave A.S. was the lowest amount they could manage while being able to keep some fare recovery, which is the money VTA gets back for each ride.

"This is what we can sustain financially," Solis said. "We've gone as low as we can."

De Alba said that while he understands the dire financial situation of VTA, A.S. was looking at its own money crunch. De Alba said the new fees would cost A.S. an additional

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Soccer team clinches NCAA berth

By Ian Ross
Daily Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO — Five goals were scored and five players were ejected in a wild finish to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's soccer Tournament Sunday.

Scoring three-second half goals, San Jose State University emerged victorious, defeating the University of New Mexico 3-2.

By winning, the Spartans clinched a berth in this week's NCAA Regional Tournament. The Spartans first round opponent and the match location is scheduled to be announced today.

With the Spartans leading 3-1 in the 82nd minute, play was stopped when several players were involved in a brawl.

The play began with Spartan midfielder Frank Sanfilippo and Lobo forward Lance Watson jumping for a 50-50 ball at midfield. Sanfilippo got his head to the ball and both players

fell forward onto the turf.

Things turned ugly when the two tried to get up and got tangled with one another.

Several other players got involved and play was stopped for about eight minutes while the referee and linesmen tried to regain control of the game.

Watson left the brawl bleeding from a cut on his right eyelid.

SJSU's Johnny Gonzalez and Sanfilippo were ejected from the match. Because of their departure, the pair will miss this week's NCAA opener.

Lobos Danny Bills, Ricky Francis and Watson were also ejected.

"I saw a frustrated New Mexico player take a whack at Frank Sanfilippo. He took an extra shot at him," St. Clair said. "I saw Johnny Gonzalez retaliate and he should have been ejected. Frank Sanfilippo did not do anything to deserve a red card."

When asked if MPSF officials might review the tape of the game and

reverse Sanfilippo's red card, St. Clair said he hoped so.

The Spartans had to finish the game with nine players on the field. The Lobos played the final eight minutes with just eight players.

Despite being down a man, New Mexico added their second goal in the 87th minute, scored by midfielder Patrick Grange, but time ran out on the Lobos and the Spartans rushed onto the field in celebration.

The Spartans reached the title game by defeating San Diego State University 3-1 in a Friday semifinal. As regular season MPSF champions, the Spartans received a bye in the first round.

Also receiving a first-round bye were the Lobos who finished second in the conference. New Mexico dined the Air Force Academy 5-1 in the first semifinal on Friday.

On Oct. 31, the Spartans lost to New Mexico in a match played in

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Vicki Thompson / Daily Staff

San Jose State University midfielder Artin Rodriguez, right, hugs forward Tim McKinney after the Spartans' victory in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament championship game against the University of New Mexico Sunday at Hornet Field in Sacramento.

IS IT FRIDAY YET?

Scott Peterson case turns into confusing soap opera

This is not a confession, but I'm part of this weird sub-population that enjoys watching lawyer-colleagues bash each other over the head with semantics.

Real lawyers, you know, drooling, getting revved up and going at it.

Not in court but on television while I'm sipping a drink with my feet up.

This sort of spectacle has become a welcome mat for my brain late at night.

After my backpack's been tossed aside, my shoes kicked off, my worries tucked away, I flip on the television and let it whisk me away to Stanislaus County where the grass is green, the girls are pretty and the double-murder defendants look like they're six years old and have just been told, "Son, there's no such thing as Santa."

I'm talkin' Scott Peterson murder trial here, aka God's gift to cable news.

When I come home late I know it's waiting for me. There's just one thing on my mind: "Where's the remote?"

Nothing is like the warm glow of a shark-infested legal panel on "Paula Zahn Now" or "Hannity & Colmes."

Got to love those semantics.

"I'm not saying Scott was never a suspect, I'm saying he never should have been charged!"

"What are you saying? You don't think there's reason to

believe he might have killed his pregnant wife and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay? Come on!"

"If you listen to me for once, you'll understand what I'm saying. The district attorney has no case, no solid evidence that Scott Peterson is guilty."

And on and on and on until three talking heads with decades of courtroom experience are squabbling all at once.

No judge, no rules, no décor — just a motor-mouth wind sprint to the next commercial break.

"Guilty!"

"Not guilty!"

"Yes!"

"No!"

TV magic, brought to you by societal violence and Chevy.

Fox News Channel and Greta Van Susteren spearheaded the coverage. They've been fanning the flames of this for months. Now, Modesto is lost on the map under a locust-swarm of reporters, photographers, agents, producers and all the groupies that go hand in hand with such excitement.

Poor Modesto. You don't deserve this, but yet you must yield to a higher power. Think of it as cosmic jury duty.

Like it or not, gentle town, you are the backdrop to my new favorite show, "Is It Just Me Or Does Scott Peterson

Look Guilty And What Do A Bunch of Random Lawyers Think And Will They Ever Convict Him?"

Time to stock those shelves with microwave popcorn. There's a new OJ in town.

Yes, the nights are getting cold, but this legal extravaganza's just heating up — and it's still just the pretrial hearing.

Vegetation heaven.

What will Amber Frey say when she takes the stand?

Will the judge allow prosecutors to use DNA testing to show that a hair found in Scott's boat belonged to his dead wife

passed a lie detector test.

What's up with that?

Scott's got a lot of explaining to do. One can't forget that he was arrested near the Mexican border with dyed hair, a beard and \$10,000. At the time he said he was taking a vacation from himself, so to speak, ducking the media and his own notorious persona. Well, that backfired.

There are also fresh reports of Scott having been a "sex maniac" who had lots of affairs with different women.

Hmmm. Could that hurt the prosecution?

Let's see.

Could Scott use his womanizing past to devalue the theory that Frey alone was the motive in the case? Could they write her off as just a fling in a series of flings? Could the jury stomach that?

The anticipation is mounting.

Is all the evidence purely circumstantial?

Television has abducted another murder trial. Hell if I'm going to miss the visitation.



TONY BURCHYNS

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Viewpoint | English department needs better leadership by new president

Dear editor,

To our three presidential finalists:

Assume you are on the bare stage in the Engineering Lecture Hall. As yet no audience. Suddenly, as in Hamlet, a ghost appears from beneath the stage with these horrid truths:

1. A previous Academic Vice President, now called the provost, has said that San Jose State University may believe in "literacies" but not in true literacy: the literacy, which not only gets its students jobs but also provides them sustenance, spiritual and otherwise, when they are out of jobs. Read King Lear or the Psalms for this.

2. For the first time in seven years, not a single student in Dr. Grant's Masterpieces of Literature knows what a sentence is. (Was President Caret more interested in clean windows than the clean, pure prose of his students?)

These students write fragments for sentences and sentences for rhetorical fragments. All have had classes in composition. Some have even passed the final exam, the Writing Skills Test (WST). Question Grant's students if you wish.

3. Higher Administration and the Academic Senate have never gotten their act together: To provide the university and its English department with a true writing lab for its many diverse students. Last year, the chair of the English department had to kneel and plead for money to continue its almost extinct writing lab. (Ask ex-Chair Paul Douglas or Dr. Cindy Baer.) The new Chair of the English department, Dr. Scott Rice, has kneepads for this special purpose.

(Ask Home Depot.)

4. THOSE HURT MOST OF ALL ARE STUDENTS OF COLOR. They need remedial English — call it what you will.

5. An irrelevant aside from the Ghost: "Why do tenured English professors spend 25 percent more time in the classroom than their tenured colleagues in Philosophy down the hallway? For the identical salary? Might this inequity possibly affect morale?"

6. The most important exit exam in our students' literacy (the WST), once given by a full professor, who used tenured professors from this English department, is now managed by a part-time lecturer (M.A.) who uses mostly high school teachers to grade these exams. These teachers have never taught composition at the upper-division university level: the level of our exam. Higher Administration's lack of leadership is primarily responsible for allowing these conditions. These two questions, then, to our three Finalists: (1) Assuming that you are sensitive to language, even some poetry, why would you like to act on such a stage? (2) Assuming that you stay on stage, what kind of leadership will you provide, given such Sloth and Stolidity amongst our administrators who have probably never taught a class of college English composition in their lives?

George Grant
Professor
English

NO MUSIC, NO LIFE

It is never too late to tell people you love them

I lost someone last week who I hadn't talked to in almost two years. As you read this, I'll be in Los Angeles making sense of this as best as I can.

His name was Michael Daniel Alvarez (aka Big A), and we went to high school together and remained close after we graduated.

On Nov. 7, he died in an unfair way and was found early that morning by a jogger. Someone had shot him the night before over reasons still unknown.

He was 25 years old.

To make matters worse, his family lost his younger brother six months ago when a drunk driver crashed into his car.

It is hard to fathom a family losing two children in less than a year — occurrences like these never make sense — but when it hits this close to home you begin to re-evaluate your life.

Big A was a sweetheart — he always had smiles and would sacrifice himself to be the butt of a joke to make people laugh. But he would always have a comeback even if it was a lame one.

He had a trademark lisp that I'll never forget.

I miss him and wish I could have had a proper goodbye.

Still, it doesn't matter that Big A and I hadn't spoken in so long because I'm confident that we were still in each other's hearts and scattered thoughts.

There are obvious reasons for why we hadn't spoken — time, moving, new goals and interests, etc.

The loss of Big A hurts even more because we hadn't talked in a long time.

I know the second we would have seen each other it would have been like old times.

Sifting through old pictures recreated so many memories of our road trips, parties, school lunches and dances — we all have those memories and many of mine were with Big A.

My high school friends and I were all close, and that is the bittersweet part of this visit back home. I get to see everyone I haven't seen in a while but for the wrong reason.

It was incredible the way the line of communication between our friends has not diminished. Every time someone in our group of friends faced a hardship, we were there to catch one another.

High school teachers remind us to this day that we have a special bond they haven't seen in other classes.

Some of my friends are coming from different parts of the country — it is important to be together in times like these, and we realize it.

Years can go by, but memories in my heart can't be touched. People are a treasure and need to be treated with delicacy. To expect this in return is important as well.

Appreciate them while you have them, people always advise.

It is easier said than done, but it's the utter truth.

I had to learn this the hard way. I lost my mother five years ago. I had her for a good chunk of time, but she won't be at my wedding or meet my kids and that crushes me.

God's path for my mom and my friend, and all of our loved ones, doesn't make sense. But I believe strongly in my heart that we will understand, and we will see them again.

So, for the meantime, we have to learn from life's twists and turns and apply them the best we can to our little circles and love the hell out of those around us.

I wrote this mainly to remind myself that I have to pull myself out of the stresses in my life and call my dad, a sibling or a friend, so they can bring me back to reality — or to simply tell them that I love them.

I also wanted this to serve as sort of thank you note to those who are in my life. Because of you I am OK.

It doesn't matter that it's been days, weeks or years, if we were in each other's hearts once, that will never change.

I hope this prompts one or two of you to call someone that you haven't talked to in days, because not only do they deserve it, you do.

Rebecca Villaneda is the Spartan Daily arts and entertainment editor. 'Now Music, No Life' appears every other Monday.



REBECCA VILLANEDA

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TODAY

ITALIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The third meeting will be held today from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. Activities for the holidays will be discussed at the meeting. For more information, call Matthew Olivieri at 568-6529.

STUDY ABROAD

An information meeting will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Montalvo room in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-5931 or e-mail studyabroad@sjsu.edu.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student galleries will exhibit student art today from 8 to 6 p.m. in the student galleries in the Art building. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

Bodyfat testing using cutting-edge analyzer will be held every Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Central Classroom building, room 221. It costs \$5 per student. For more information, call Sherry at 924-3362.

SJSU GRUPO FOLKLORICO LUNA Y SOL

Folklorico dancers from various regions of Mexico perform every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MOSAIC in the Student Union. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. For more information, call Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.

TUESDAY

THE "TUESDAY" LISTENING HOUR CONCERT SERIES

A guitar recital showing student highlights will be held today from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. The studio of Rick Vandivier will play guitar. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The last meeting of the semester will be held today at 6 p.m. in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 213. Bruce Roseman of A&R Partners, is a six-year PR veteran and former vice president and president of Peirce Davies chapter of PRSSA in 1997. Join us for pizza and an inside look at the PR world.

STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE

"Salt of the Earth" will be showing today at 4 p.m. in the Ohlone room in the Student Union. The film is about Latino mine workers and their families in a 15-month strike for equality and better working conditions. For more information, call Daniel DeBolt at 261-1860.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Gallery opening receptions will exhibit all galleries today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the student galleries. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

The Tuesday night lecture series will hold "From the Garden" today at 5:30 p.m. in the Art building, room 135. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student galleries will be held today from 8 to 6 p.m. in the student galleries. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

FEMINIST MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

A T-shirt fundraiser sale will be held today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Spartan Bookstore. For more information, call e-mail Erika Jackson at sjsu_fmlla@yahoo.com.

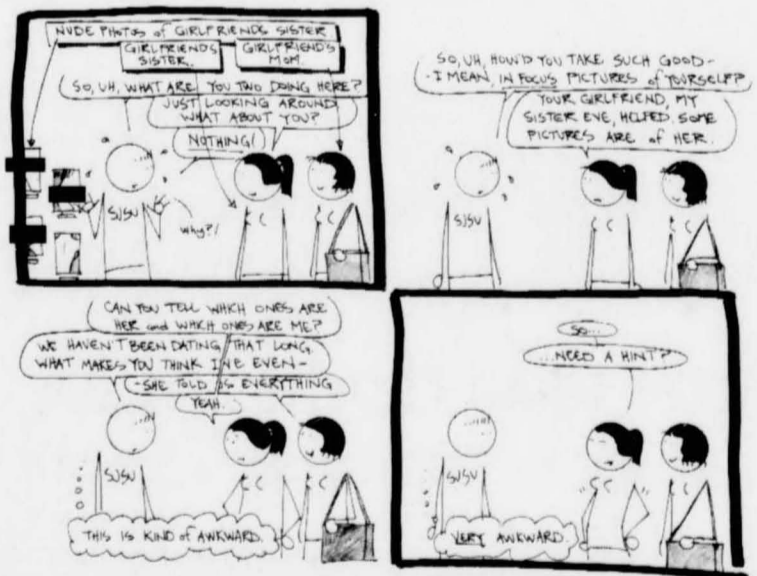
PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

A Polynesian dance class will be held today from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Aerobics room in the Event Center. For more information, e-mail prideofthepacificislands@yahoo.com.

PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

A general meeting will be held today from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail prideofthepacificislands@yahoo.com.

ANOTHER DIMENTION | JONAH PTAK



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Competitors saunter into Barrett Ballroom dance competition



Susan Reno / Special to the Daily

By Jenny Shearer
Daily Staff Writer

Van Morrison's song "Jackie Wilson Said" played as dozens of dancers glided, slid and twirled in the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union on Saturday night.

The seventh annual San Jose State University Ballroom Dance Classic was in full swing and dancers from California schools were vying for first place blue ribbons.

About 80 couples representing SJSU, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Cal State Hayward and the University of Southern California were in attendance, said Kim Granata-Clark, president of SJSU's ballroom dance club.

"What are the judges looking for? That's the question everybody wants to know," said Granata-Clark, a graduate student in human factors and ergonomics.

"They look at your step, how you go through your steps. Are you fun on the floor—are you smiling, do you have a good presence on the floor? Do you execute your steps well?"

Tytus Bergstrom, a professional dancer and 1992 United States amateur Latin dance champion, was there to watch several students he coaches dance.

He said memorizing routines is just part of dancing.

"You have to learn the technique as well as put your heart and your soul into it," he said.

During the dances, spectators on the sidelines cheered the dancers by name or called out the couples' number, which the male partner or leader, wears on his back.

"If no one's cheering, you feel like you're alone on the dance floor," Granata-Clark said. "If there's someone cheering, you want to kind of show off when you're on the floor."

She said she's been dancing for 10 years and about six years with her husband. They met in an intermediate dance class at SJSU.

Granata-Clark said the competition consists of two styles of dances, American and international. Within those styles are the subgroups American smooth, American rhythm, international standard and international Latin. Smooth dances include the waltz, fox trot, tango and Viennese waltz.

Rhythm dances include the rumba, cha cha, swing and bolero. International standard dances include the waltz, fox trot, tango, quickstep

and Viennese waltz. International Latin dances include the rumba, cha cha, jive, samba and "paso doble," she said.

Couples were judged on individual dances and then groups of dances, Granata-Clark said.

"Smooth dances are foxtrot, tango and waltz because they're like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. You glide across the floor and that's why they're smooth," she said.

Competition judges are professional dance teachers who stand on the perimeter of the dance floor and score couples.

Judge Renee Gallagher said she looks for good posture, expression and ease of movement from each couple.

Gallagher said common mistakes beginner dancers make is trying to do steps that are beyond their skill level.

"They're presenting difficult patterns, but they're not dancing them very well. So they would be better if they just danced simpler patterns and danced those well," she said.

The competition was open to beginning, intermediate and advanced dancers and consisted of multiple heats. Each heat starts out with large groups of dancers who are then eliminated through several rounds, until the final round.

Before each dance, the emcee, human performance professor Bethany Shifflet, announces the couples who are slated to dance. As each couple's number is called, they sashay and promenaded on to the dance floor, find a position and wait for the music to begin.

Some couples start dancing as soon as the music begins and others take a few seconds, counting the beats, listening for the right cue.

"If you really hear the music really well, you can start on what's called the one," said Gino Gemignani, a Cal State Hayward alumnus who works in marketing for a software startup in Redwood City.

Gemignani said he's been dancing for about five years and became inspired to do so after seeing professional-level ballroom dancers compete at the hotel where he used to work.

"I thought that ballroom was really much more slow waltz and things like that. I had no idea it was the whole Latin (group of dances as well)," he said.

Gemignani said he's met a lot of engineers who are active in the ballroom dance community.

"I always thought it was because ballroom dancing can get very technical and exact and an engineering person would be attracted to that," he said.

Irene Pashchenko, a computer engineering major at Stanford, said she and her partner, Alex Chitul, practice five days a week for an hour and a half each time.

Pashchenko said her grandfather introduced her to ballroom dancing.

"He wanted me to dance — he put me first in ballet and it didn't work. And then he suggested ballroom dancing and that turned into a great success. I fell in love with his love."

The SJSU Ballroom Dance Club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in SPX 89, Granata-Clark said.

Beginning and intermediate dance lessons are available to students for \$2 per session.

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\$300,000, which he said is a 15 percent increase on the current costs A.S. pays for the transit program.

In order to save some money, A.S. is lobbying to move the transit access program to a price model usually reserved for businesses. This would cut the fee increase SJSU faces in half to make it more manageable.

However, this is still dependent upon the VTA board agreeing to re-evaluate SJSU's contract.

The program is on the line this upcoming Dec. 4 VTA board meeting, De Alba said. Officially, the deadline for accepting the new contract was today, but De Alba said he is using the overlap period where each VTA pass extends several weeks into the next semester to wait for the Dec. 4 meeting.

There, the VTA board will decide whether to keep SJSU's contract as is or modify it.

"We may find ourselves in a situation where some of the board members will be with us, but it's probably going to be a matter of one or two individuals," De Alba said about SJSU's outlook.

If things go the way A.S. wants them to, the reduced fee hike will allow them to maintain the trans-

portation program for a couple more years without having to have a student vote to raise more money.

But if the VTA board doesn't budge on the contract, the A.S. Board will have to vote whether to accept or reject the new contract. Neither option comes without consequences.

De Alba said the transit access program is a restricted budget, like other A.S. funded projects including the Child Development Center and the Print Shop.

Money is locked into each specific program and cannot be moved or shifted to pay for other programs.

Accepting the more expensive contract means extra money would have to be raised by increasing student fees, or slashing the budgets of other A.S. programs to pay for transit access. Both require a majority vote by students in order to implement.

Students had mixed reactions as to whether to save a transit program paid for by everybody, that not everybody uses.

"That's rather communist, isn't it," said Katie Kindle, a sophomore in music. "I can find a ride if I need it, rather than paying for something I don't use."

Lor Vang, a sophomore in computer science, said he was still willing to pay more for the transit access pro-

gram, though he himself does not ride it.

"It might come in handy one of these days," Vang said, though he added without the transit program, "everybody will be fighting for parking. It'll create chaos."

If the new contract is rejected, there will be no SJSU/VTA specific program to allow for public transit. Students would have to buy passes on their own at much higher costs.

The consequences could be nightmarish.

Without cheap public transit, students who previously rode the buses, might resort to driving their own vehicles again, making real the possibility of hundreds of more cars gridlocking on the roads around SJSU and fighting for reduced parking space, De Alba said.

But, there is also possibility that none of this will happen, that the parking situation would be no different from now even without a transit access program.

"People who don't have cars, won't have their cars here," Kindle said. "It will be VTA that loses out."

With time running out for a decision on both sides, only one thing is certain.

"We're playing for some high stakes here," De Alba said.

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Kaplan said.

Kaplan answered a number of questions from the forum audience about how she would go about raising funds and prioritizing budget cuts at SJSU.

She said she believes SJSU needs a volunteer board of "movers and shakers" to raise funds from the private sector which could be used to buy out faculty time and spur scholarly research.

"I've learned that wealthy people give to other wealthy people," Kaplan said. She said making connections with the Coors Brewing Company helped bring in much needed cash at Metro State.

Rather than spread private funds around evenly, Kaplan said she would funnel such money directly into SJSU departments based on need.

"I'm not a centralizer, I'm a prioritizer," she said.

Athletics could have a key role to play in fund raising for other departments, Kaplan said.

"There are those people who only want to contribute to athletics, but I've learned if Joe Smith can give \$50,000 to the athletic department, then he can also give \$50,000 to the arts program," she said.

Kaplan made it clear she values academic integrity above all else when trying to do everything you can to protect the guts of an institution, and that's the academics," she said.

She said the SJSU athletics department should not rely on more taxpayer money than it already does.

"I think the president needs to say, 'OK, athletics, we think you play an important role, but we need to find

new ways over the next five or six years to bring in more outside funding,'" Kaplan said.

Metro State's NCAA programs compete at the Division II level.

"We don't have a football team, but I like to say we compete in the Olympic sports," she said jokingly.

One student asked her about her feelings on Greek life.

"There are some dark spots (in Greek life) around the country, but you don't throw the baby out with the bath water," she said.

Responding to questions from SJSU faculty members on the Academic Senate, Kaplan said she reveres the principle of shared governance.

"I have enormous respect for the (SJSU) Academic Senate, especially on curricular matters. That is where the Senate has the most expertise," she said.

Kaplan's presidency at Metro State came to an end in June. She said the school's board of trustees had decided it was time for fresh leadership.

"It was perfectly appropriate (that I resigned)," she said at a Friday afternoon press conference. "Ten years was a good time for me to step down and for them to move in the direction they wanted to move."

Kaplan said had supported Colorado legislation that set Metro State up with its own board of trustees in 2002.

Kaplan's competition for SJSU's highest post consists of an associate director at the National Science Foundation, Judith A. Ramaley, and the former chancellor of the University of New Orleans, Gregory M. St. L. O'Brien.

Ramaley and O'Brien toured SJSU and held open forums last Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information on those candidates please visit www.thespantandaily.com.

Schwarzenegger's inauguration slated to be a low-key affair

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — In stark contrast to his international celebrity, Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't promoting a glitzy debut as California governor and has instead promised to focus Monday on state business after a low-key swearing-in ceremony.

Mindful of the bitterness that still surrounds the first transfer of power after a recall election, not to mention the state's fiscal troubles, the Republican has shied from the black-tie brio that normally enlivens inaugurations.

But while the actor-turned-chief executive may want to downplay the day, the rest of the world will not. Sacramento is bracing for a frenzy.

Schwarzenegger is expected to deliver a brief speech, attend three ceremonial receptions and return to the Capitol by mid-afternoon for his first hours of work. The job became more daunting over the weekend with a projection from his chief financial deputy that the state budget deficit stands at \$25 billion — far more than other recent estimates.

If nothing else, Schwarzenegger's first day will be well documented. Requests for press credentials to the swearing in have come from TV crews and print journalists around the globe — including Japan, Australia, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and, of course, Schwarzenegger's native

Austria. Nearly 650 journalists will be covering the event — as many as might cover a presidential inauguration.

"Sacramento has never seen anything like this before — it is astonishing," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political scientist at the University of Southern California. "There has never been this kind of intense media attention on the governor at anytime in the state."

Besides the press corps, another 7,500 invited guests will attend the ceremony, which will begin at 11 a.m. on the west steps of the Capitol.

Security will be tight, said California Highway Patrol spokesman Steve Kohler. He said the area will be fenced off and some streets will be closed to accommodate approximately 50 TV satellite trucks.

"I think that people who just show

up downtown hoping to watch will be badly disappointed," he said. "You'd be better off staying home and watching it on TV."

California Supreme Court Justice Ronald George will administer the oath of office and Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver, is expected to hold the Bible.

The ceremony is supposed to take only about an hour. The new first couple will then host a luncheon inside the Capitol rotunda for state and federal officials; head across the street to a private family gathering; and later attend an invitation-only reception sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce at the convention center.

After that, in a departure from recent inaugurations, there will be no big parties, no gala balls.

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Fresno State University 41, San Jose State University 7

Fresno State pummels Spartan football team

By Mark Cornejo
Daily Staff Writer

FRESNO — Much like the fireworks launched after every Fresno State University score, the Spartan football team started bright, but quickly fizzled to nothing.

The Bulldogs trumped the San Jose State University football team 41-7 Saturday night in front of a crowd of 39,453 at Bulldog Stadium.

After Spartan kicker Jeff Carr's field goal attempt was blocked on the Spartans initial drive, the rest of the game went the Bulldogs way, said SJSU quarterback Scott Rislov.

"That could have changed the whole game," Rislov said. "It was a big psychological thing. We were stopped before we could get anything done."

The Spartans started the game off with an eight-minute, 14-play drive, but were held on a third down and 10 yards to go situation on Fresno State's 19-yard line.

Bulldog cornerback Marcus McCauley came up with the block on Carr's 40-yard attempt.

Spartan head coach Fitz Hill said once the Bulldogs grabbed the momentum they ran away with the game.

"(The field goal) would have gave us the momentum," Hill said. "After that we just got into a bad situation and turned over the momentum."

Fresno State would go on to score 41 straight points, including a blocked punt by Bulldog safety Dee Meza, which was returned for a touchdown by wide receiver Adam Jennings with a little more than a minute left in the first half.

It was Jennings's second touchdown in the quarter, the first coming on a 13-yard run 12 minutes earlier.

Fresno State wide receiver Bernard Berrian had two touchdowns against the Spartans as well.

His first came on an 8-yard rush, while the second came on a 1-yard reception from quarterback Paul Pinegar in the third quarter.

Pinegar ended up with 197 passing yards, completing 21 of 32 attempts. "They made plays," Hill said. "(Pinegar) was able to move around and make plays, plus he had a good running game."

The Bulldogs running game was more than good. Led by tailback Dwayne Wright's 109 yards, Fresno State totaled 311 yards on the ground.

The Bulldogs out gained the Spartans 508 total yards to 293.

"It was misexecution," said Rislov, who had 24 completions on 38 attempts for 179 yards. "It was just one guy out of 11 not doing his job, and it was a different guy each time."

One Spartan did have a career day Saturday, however.

Tailback Lance Martin became the second Spartan this season to rush for more than 100 yards in a game, finishing with 109 yards on 19 carries.

"I knew we were going to run the ball versus Fresno," Martin said. "It was just my turn to run the ball."

Fresno held the Spartan tight end tandem of Courtney Anderson and Leon Pinky to only 71 yards on 9 receptions combined in the game.

However, Pinky did score the Spartans only touchdown of the game, a 1-yard pass from Rislov with three-and-a-half minutes left in the game, spoiling the Bulldog's shutout.

The Spartans (2-5 Western Athletic Conference, 3-7 overall) wrap up the 2003 season Saturday when they host the University of Tulsa at Spartan Stadium, with kickoff scheduled for noon.

Fresno State (5-1 WAC, 7-4 overall) is scheduled to kick off against Boise State University Saturday at 6 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium for first place in the WAC.



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San Jose State University tailback Lance Martin is tackled by Fresno State University safeties Marc Dailey, Dee Meza and linebacker Bryce McGill during Saturday's game at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno. Martin rushed for 109 yards on 19 carries against the Bulldogs.

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Albuquerque, 1-0.

SJSU will be making its 14th appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Spartans last NCAA match came in 2000 where, despite being the No. 1-ranked team in the nation, SJSU lost to Indiana University in the first round, 4-0.

The Spartans best finish came in 1968, where it lost to the University of Maryland, 4-3, in the national semifinals.

Although Sunday's title match ended with the score in the Spartans' favor, it didn't begin that way.

The Spartans trailed 1-0 at the half after New Mexico midfielder Jeff Rowland opened the scoring in the 12th minute following a corner kick taken by midfielder Stian Eriksen. Defender Jeff Krause headed the ball in the goalkeeper's box and Rowland headed it past Spartan goalkeeper Tyler Tratten for the 1-0 lead.

New Mexico possessed the ball for most of the first half and foiled whatever chances the Spartans were able to create. SJSU out shot New Mexico 7-5 in the first half, but Lobo goalkeeper Andrew Webber made three first-half saves to keep his team in front.

Once the second half began, the Spartans seized control of the game.

Four minutes in, the Spartans struck the equalizer.

Spartan forward Randy Poggio scored his 14th goal of the year on an assist by forward Tim McKinney.

"The ball was crossed to the far post," Poggio said. "I went up high hoping to keep it in play. I headed it

to Tim, he heeled it back to me and I bent it around the defender into the goal."

The Spartans continued to dictate the pace to New Mexico throughout the second half.

In the 70th minute, Frank Mata took a throw-in close to midfielder and heaved the ball into the goalkeeper's box. The ball deflected off players in the box and found its way into the back of the Lobos' net for a 2-1 SJSU lead.

Officials credited McKinney with the goal.

"Dylan (Pender) hit it and I believe it hit off me," McKinney said. "I've only got three goals this year so I'll take it."

Four minutes later, the Spartans tacked on their third goal of the game. Poggio passed the ball to Gonzalez in the box. Gonzalez turned back right and fired the ball past Weber to give the Spartans a bigger cushion.

Mata was named Tournament MVP and Tratten was named to the All-Tournament team.

St. Clair said the victory was very bittersweet.

"We continued to remain confident and continued to play," he said. "What you saw in the first half, all those chances, we started scoring on them in the second half. That was the key to the game."

The Spartans will play in the NCAA Tournament next weekend.

"We've accomplished something but this ain't nothing," McKinney said. "We're going to turn some heads in the tournament."

SJSU hockey club dives by Long Beach

By Ron Pangrac
Daily Staff Writer

Short three players, including a senior whom head coach Ron Glasow called "our best defenseman," the San Jose State University hockey club relied on younger players in Saturday night's 6-4 win over Long Beach State.

"We were forced into a situation to put these guys in a critical game, and they came up big," Glasow said.

During a 6-3 win over Eastern Washington University on Nov. 8, defenseman Adam Smith-Toomey and Martin Zanoni and wing Donovan Tar were ejected for fighting and suspended for Saturday's game at Logitech Ice Centre.

"It was a real test for our club," team captain and wing Ray Kellam said. "We were under a lot of adversity."

Glasow praised some newer members of the team for their contributions to the win. Defensemen Trevor Lee and Kalle Speer and forward Jason Weiser played well defensively, he said. Forwards Michael Villalobos and Tim Cole each scored one goal.

"Villalobos did a great job," Glasow said. "He got the first goal and then got an assist on the second goal."

The first period was scoreless until Villalobos' goal came at nine minutes, eight seconds.

The Spartans increased their lead with a goal by center Mason Nave at 17:31.

The 49ers could not get on the board until the final 10 seconds of the first period when defenseman Drew Farr got the puck past SJSU goaltender Joe Best.

"That was a downer. That was a momentum changer," Kellam said.

When 49er wing Pete Kotowski tied the game 2-2 at 2:18 in the second period, Kellam said he became worried.

As the period progressed however, the Spartans wrestled control of the game. Defenseman Willie Hodgson scored at 4:59, Cole at 7:07 and Kellam at 9:53, giving the Spartans a 5-2 lead.

"We came roaring back," Kellam said. "We kept firing on all cylinders."

Kotowski earned the 49ers' third goal at 11:05 in the second period.

Forward Chris Lee became the sixth Spartan to score when he got the team's final goal of the night at 18:45 in the second, for a score of 6-3.

The teams continued to fight hard in the third period, with the Spartans tak-



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San Jose State University forward Mason Nave dives over Long Beach State University goaltender Mike Bergman after scoring the second goal of the first period of Saturday's game at Logitech Ice Centre. The Spartans defeated the 49ers 6-4.

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