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Spartan alum pioneered Web for Dean

*Former A.S. member,
Trippi, to speak tonight*

By Robert S. Hong
Daily Senior Staff Writer

It was exactly 24 years ago when San Jose State University student Joseph P. Trippi first took his seat as an Associated Students councilman.

Now the 48-year-old, groundbreaking campaign manager is making a return to speak at his alma mater.

Through his work with former presidential candidate Howard Dean, Trippi has turned the World Wide Web into a prime medium for campaigning. Earlier in the year, Howard Dean became a household name as the man who might replace George W. Bush, and much of that success can be attributed to Trippi's efforts.

However, back in 1977, Joe Trippi had other

fish to fry.

With the SJSU population morale at a low and financial situations piling up, university president John Bunzel was avoiding public confrontations. Merely a few weeks after entering into the council, Trippi was already at the forefront of a group working to remove Bunzel from office.

Among those who joined Trippi in this effort was former A.S. President Steve Wright.

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Trustees choose Yu to lead SJSU

New president urges 'measured steps' in athletics funding debate

By Jenny Shearer
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Paul Yu will be the 25th president of San Jose State University, the California State University Board of Trustees announced Tuesday. He will begin his tenure on July 15.

Yu has been the president of the State University of New York College at Brockport since 1997.

During a phone interview Tuesday afternoon, Yu said there are many challenges facing SJSU.

"When you have a campus this large and this diverse, with so many different constituencies, there are disagreements with each other. The biggest threat of all is external — fighting the economy, public policy from our leaders and so on," Yu said.

"We need to make sure over time ... (that we) come together much more strongly as a campus, resolve our own differences," he said.

An issue Yu will likely face early in his SJSU presidency is the amount of state general fund support intercollegiate athletics receives. The Academic Senate voted Monday to recommend reducing this amount from 3.3 percent to 1.8 percent by academic year 2005-06.

Annette Nellen, chair of the Academic Senate, said a faculty referendum will be held within 30 days so faculty can vote yes or no in support of reducing athletic department funding to 1.8 percent of the state general fund.

When told about the senate's

resolution, Yu said he wished events had not moved so swiftly before he had a chance to join the conversation.

"Whatever we do, let's take measured steps and not jump to anything drastic. ... We need to put collective wisdom to the problem and decide what to do," Yu said.

Yu, who was born in Chungking, China, and left the country in

1949, was one of two candidates in the final pool — the other finalist was Richard Jarvis, the outgoing chancellor of the Oregon University System.

"The board's feeling was that Dr. Yu is just an excellent choice for San Jose State," said Bill Hauck, a CSU trustee and chair of the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President.

"Our feeling is he was a very solid, thoughtful person who is also a demonstrated leader. That's what a president needs to do: He needs to lead, be thoughtful and inclusive and be a good listener ... he fills that bill," Hauck said.

Yu holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy from the University of Michigan.

In addition to leading Brockport,

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Studying to teach ...



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Shannon Delaney, a graduate student in elementary education, studies for her online education class at a table in front of the Jazzland Cafe at MacQuarrie Hall on Tuesday. Delaney said she isn't exactly sure which school grade she would like to teach but is considering third through sixth grades.

'Wear Your Jeans to Work' aims to raise awareness

By Mari Sapina-Kerkhove
Daily Staff Writer

In an effort to raise awareness on sexual assault, the San Jose State University Women's Resource Center is encouraging all women to wear jeans today as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Wear Your Jeans to Work Day" was brought to life by a 1999 Italian high court decision, said Erika Jackson, a double major in anthropology and behavioral science and coordinator at the center.

In the court ruling, the judge argued that a sexual assault victim couldn't have been raped because of the tight jeans she wore during the assault — the rapist, the judge reasoned, couldn't have possibly taken off the victim's pants without her help.

To protest the verdict, all women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans the next day, Jackson said.

She said the ruling reflects the misconceptions regarding the definition of sexual assault.

According to Jackson, sexual assault is "any unwanted sexual contact done by force or threat of force."

"That also includes times when a woman says yes when she's too afraid to say no," Jackson said.

Jessica Martin, a senior sociology major and coordinator at the resource center, said sexual assault is a large problem everywhere, including college campuses.

Martin said there has been one rape reported in one of SJSU's fraternity houses several weeks ago, but she suspected that the case was not a one-time incident.

"I know that there are many more out there. They are just not reported," she said.

According to University Police Department's Sgt. Robert Noriega, the rape case is currently still under

investigation, and more details are not available.

Noriega said he encourages anyone who has been assaulted to report the incident to police.

"Not only will we investigate the case, but we have resources available to help them through the ordeal," he said.

Leandra Peloquin, prevention services coordinator at YWCA Santa Clara Valley's Rape Crisis Center, said many victims are hesitant to report an incident because it is still quite common to blame the victims, rather than the perpetrators, of sexual assault.

Victim blaming, she said, is a direct result of the many myths surrounding sexual violence.

Some of these myths include the idea that rape is done by strangers, that assault happens because the victim asks or "deserves" to be raped, and that the victims lie about what has happened to them.

According to Peloquin, another common misconception about sexual assault is the idea that victims are always female.

She said societal beliefs, such as the notion that men should be strong and not allow themselves to be overpowered, make it even harder for males to report an act of sexual violence.

But Jackson, coordinator at the Women's Resource Center, said not reporting an assault only communicates to an assailant that he can get away with what he did, which might encourage him to harass another victim.

Peloquin said that while victims not reporting an incident is an issue, an increasing number of them are making reports, partly because the criminal justice system has become more sensitive about sexual assault over the past few years.

Another reason for the increasing number of reports, she said, is that more

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Nobel Prize winner to speak on campus

By John Kim
Daily Staff Writer

J.M. Coetzee, the acclaimed and reclusive South African novelist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature last year, will speak at a free event sponsored by the Center for Literary Arts at 7:30 Thursday evening in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Coetzee (pronounced cut-ZEE-uh) is expected to read from a selection of his works. He will also take questions from audience members.

Following the event, participants can purchase his books, some of which will be signed, and purchase tickets for a reception with the author, which is scheduled for 9 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

Coetzee's appearance is part of the Martha Heasley Cox Lecture.

Cox is a former professor from the English department, who created the annual lecture in 1987. Previous lecturers have included playwright Arthur Miller and novelists Norman Mailer and Toni Morrison.

"The Center for Literary Arts has had 28 Pulitzer Prize winners here, and Coetzee's only our fifth Nobel Prize winner," said Mitch Berman, director of the center. "But he's our very first Nobel Prize winner to be the current Nobel laureate."

In awarding its prize in literature, the Nobel Foundation praised the "well-crafted composition, pregnant dialogue and analytical brilliance" of Coetzee's novels.

"But at the same time, he is a scrupulous doubter, ruthless in his criticism of the cruel rationalism and cosmetic morality of Western civilization," the Foundation noted. "It is in

exploring weakness and defeat that Coetzee captures the divine spark in man."

Coetzee, 63, is the only author to win the prestigious Booker Prize, an award for outstanding contemporary fiction, twice — first in 1983 for "Life and Times of Michael K" and again in 1999 for "Disgrace." Coetzee has authored 19 books, nine of which were novels.

In a New York Times Book Review, Coetzee is referred to as a "resolute allegorist" who provides a "punch of reality to incisive fictional critiques of, variously, imperialism, apartheid and post-apartheid anarchy."

Gloria Collins, a lecturer in the English department at San Jose State University, said students should attend the Coetzee appearance because their understanding of South Africa is so limited.

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Italian ambassador gives talk on European Union, Iraq

By John Myers
Daily Staff Writer

More than 70 students, faculty and community members filled a lecture room at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library Tuesday to listen to the Italian ambassador to the Western United States speak about the European Union, the United States and the Iraq conflict.

"We have some of our troops in Iraq," Ambassador Francesco Sciortino said in the beginning of his speech. "We didn't participate in the war, but after the end of the war, we decided ... at the request of the United States, to send some people to help in reconstruction and troops to protect those working there."

Sciortino, who is a former ambassador to Somalia and Liberia, discussed recent events regarding Italian hostages in occupied Iraq. "A few days ago, a few Italians were taken hostage," he said. "Two days later, one of the four hostages was killed. We are currently trying to seek out who killed the men."

Italy has suffered other casualties during the peacekeeping effort in Iraq, including a terrorist attack on troops that left 14 Italians dead, Sciortino said.

Sciortino shifted the remainder of his

speech to the European Union, talking about Europe's goals with forming the economic commonwealth.

"The first goal of the European Union was to avoid interfighting," Sciortino said. "The second was to let Europe have an important role in world affairs."

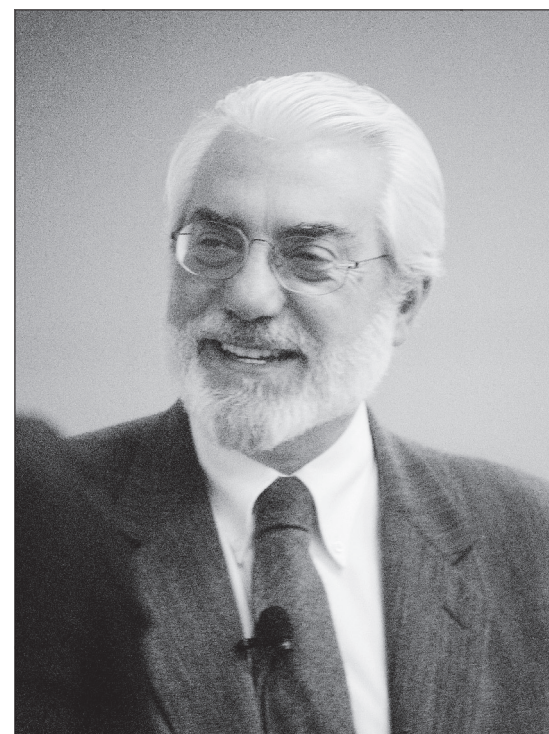
With the European Union, Europe can take a larger part in major world events, Sciortino said.

"We want to be able to have Europe have its own say in world affairs and discuss problems with the U.S.," he said. The United States and Europe "can join forces and use all resources and all means to work together."

The European Union is currently working on a constitution, but nothing is ready to be drafted, Sciortino said. Some controversial issues preventing the drafting include foreign policy, defense and representation in the

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Francesco Sciortino, Italian ambassador for the Western United States, spoke to over 70 students, faculty and community members in the King Library Tuesday.



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Opposing Views: Should San Jose State University keep Division I-A football?

YES *Division I-A football status gives the university prestige and exposure*

These are dark times not just for San Jose State University football but for the SJSU community as whole. On Monday, the Academic Senate recommended to reduce general fund support to intercollegiate athletics.

There is a push among critics of SJSU football to bump SJSU down from its Division I-A status and maybe even eliminate the football program altogether.

The university is facing a period of uncertainty as it faces a tight budget crunch, but making a rash decision with a football program that was established more than 100 years ago will not magically solve SJSU's budget crisis.

Dropping football to Division I-AA would bring up new problems that this university is not prepared to deal with. The process of changing divisions could be more costly to SJSU than keeping its current Division I-A standing in the Western Athletic Conference.

While the football team has not seen much success on the field lately, it still competes at the highest level of college football. Just because a team is not currently winning does not mean it should be demoted or cease to exist.

This not only affects football players but other sports and other SJSU organizations. Football, which draws more people than all the other sports, makes it possible for other SJSU teams to compete against the best competition.

The football program is struggling with the NCAA Division I-A average attendance requirement of 15,000 at home. Last season, SJSU averaged 15,080 fans, including a sellout against Grambling State University.

Critics like to point out that the Grambling sellout was because of the famous Tiger Band.

While this argument is used as ammunition against the football program, I see it as the reason why football is a necessity to this university. Football gives other segments of the SJSU community a purpose. Without football, the marching band, dance team, Spartan Stadium employees and campus media that cover football would be greatly affected.

As a commuter, like many other SJSU students, one of the few times that I actually felt that I was a part of this university was when I attended football games.

Being involved in Division I-A gives the university prestige and gives the name San Jose State exposure. Without a Division I-A standing, SJSU might be perceived by outsiders as nothing more than a four-year De Anza.

While the football program is receiving money from the general fund, it has the potential to pay for itself. The program receives money for playing at a place like Stanford University.

The program would also receive a paycheck if it reached a bowl game, which is not totally out of the question. In 2002, the Spartans came one win short of reaching the Silicon Valley Classic. Imagine how many ways this university would benefit by participating in a bowl game in the Bay Area.

By dropping down to Division I-AA, the university would still have to pay money to field a team and donors would probably contribute even less money to the program.

There is also no guarantee that SJSU would be invited to join a new conference in Division I-AA.

While Division I-A football does have its costs, it offers more bang for its buck than paying for a team wallowing in an inferior division.

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ERIK LACAYO



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NO *Low attendance and losing records are reasons to not keep I-A status*

A lot has been said about the San Jose State University football team's Division I-A status.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Spartan Daily has received and published several letters to the editor explaining why the university should drop the program to Division I-AA status. Others would like to cut the program altogether.

A few of the letters state that money spent on supporting a Division I-A football program would be better spent on classes and other academic needs that are dwindling as a result of ongoing budget cuts.

While the merits of these arguments can be debated for ages, there are other reasons why San Jose State should not keep Division I-A football.

The first reason simply comes down to the appeal of SJSU football.

In 2003, SJSU football averaged 15,080 fans per home game. That number was just enough to comply with a new NCAA Division I-A attendance policy mandating an average attendance of 15,000 to keep Division I-A status.

However, a closer look at these attendance figures tells a more interesting story.

An Aug. 23, 2003, nonconference game, named the Literacy Classic, saw SJSU draw 31,681 fans in a game against Grambling State University.

The game also featured an appearance by Grambling State's renowned marching band.

Curiously, SJSU failed to draw 15,000 to any of its remaining four home games during the 2003 season, all against Western Athletic Conference opponents.

In fact, take out the attendance at the Grambling State game and the number drops from an average of 15,080 to 10,929 for the other four home games.

Sure, marching bands are great. They entertain fans during halftime and are appealing to some — but this is about football.

In 2002, SJSU drew an average of 10,360 fans to each of its four home games, while drawing an average of 10,207 in 2001.

See a pattern here?

Numbers don't lie. Spartan football doesn't appear to have a wide appeal to students or alumni. According to a Sept. 30, 2002, Spartan Daily report, SJSU has an estimated 100,000 alumni and 30,000 students. Even if SJSU averages 15,000 to every football home game, that is a small percentage of students and alumni who actually go to the games.

Another reason why SJSU should not keep Division I-A football is the quality of the product on the field.

In 2003, SJSU football had an overall record of 3-8, with a 2-6 record in the Western Athletic Conference. Although 2002 saw the Spartans put up a respectable 6-7 overall record, with a 4-4 record in the WAC, 2001 was too similar to 2003, as SJSU went 3-9 overall, with a 3-5 WAC record.

According to an April 20 San Jose Mercury News report, the total current budget for SJSU athletics stands at approximately \$11.8 million. As recently as 2002, SJSU football accounted for around \$2.8 million of the athletic budget, as reported in a Sept. 30, 2002, Spartan Daily article.

While budget cuts will likely force everyone to tighten their belts in 2004, including football, it is clear that Division I-A status comes with a hefty price tag.

It makes no sense to spend this much money on an inferior product.

It's the equivalent of paying the price of a Porsche and getting a Ford Pinto in return.

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DIEGO ABELOOS

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"Yes. Keep it to conserve traditions and hopefully other generations will engage themselves in school."

Cesar Lopez
senior,
international business



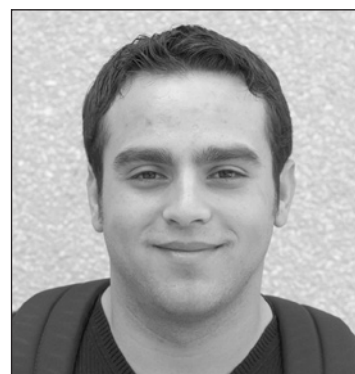
"No. It just comes down to money. If it's bringing in money, then why is it costing so much to support it?"

Rachel Post
second bachelor's,
computer science



"Yes. When you have a Division I-A football team, it puts you on a higher level."

Ryan Calvano
freshman,
television, radio, film
and theatre



"No. If we play people that we can compete against, then we would have something to cheer about."

Alex Chavez
junior,
mathematics



"Yes. I think they should keep it, because sports are an important part of life and it keeps people out of trouble."

Ling Chow
senior,
hospitality management



"No. I think we should lower the division, because we're in the Bay Area, so there's not a real large fan base."

Brian Stewart
freshman,
political science

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OUT OF THE SHELL

Benefits outweigh drawbacks in Cyprus unification

Growing up, I somehow had the notion that, in terms of world affairs, things were permanent. I learned at a young age about death, divorce and the general tumultuousness of life.

But learning about the founding of our country, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the civil rights movement, it all seemed like a really, really long time ago.

The concept of wars and changing borders seemed to me a thing of the past, when in reality they are occurring still.

Take, for instance, the island of Cyprus. Located near Turkey and Syria, the island was a British Colony from 1878 until it was granted independence in 1960.

The way I understand it, Cyprus — where Turks and Greeks lived side by side under British rule — became an independent nation under the rule of Archbishop Makarios, who was ethnically Greek.

Though the nation was technically independent, its population was largely made up of Greeks.

There are various parts of the Aegean region that Greek nationalists believe are part of Greece, which, for historical reasons, technically may not be, according to Jonathan Roth, associate professor of history.

Makarios was a proponent of "enosis" — Greek for unity — until he saw the advantages to having an independent nation of Cyprus.

Others disagreed and, in 1974, a Greek coup was staged in Cyprus.

The Turkish government saw what was happening and took the opportunity to invade northern Cyprus, where they remain today, though the Turkish Republic of Cyprus is only recognized by the Turkish government.

The coup failed in southern Cyprus, and it is still independent and ethnically largely Greek.

So why is this relevant now? Cyprus is being admitted to the European Union on May 1. But there is a catch.

In a referendum scheduled for Saturday, northern and southern Cypriots will vote on whether to reunify and knock down a barbed-wire division that's been in place for 30 years.

According to a Tuesday Reuters report, "Opinion polls have suggested the Greek Cypriots in the south will reject the plan while the much-poorer Turkish Cypriots in the north of the island look poised to approve it."

"If either side votes no, only the internationally recognized Greek Cypriot government will join the EU with nine other states on May 1 and will be deemed to represent the whole island."

According to the Associated Press, joining the EU

provides "broader access to aid and markets plus visa-free travel throughout the 25-nation bloc."

A Friday AP article reports, "In the south, large roadside billboards cry 'oxi,' no in Greek. In the north, the word is 'evet,' yes in Turkish, and backers of the plan are already flying with the blue-yellow-and-red banner the United Nations has proposed as the emblem of new 'United Cyprus Republic.'"

The AP article says that, while the resolution "ought to be cause for rejoicing," it is obvious that the Turkish side, with one-fourth the gross domestic product of the Greek side, has more at stake.

On Tuesday, according to Reuters, the United States and Britain called for a "U.N. Security Council resolution to woo warring Greek and Turkish Cypriots to back a U.N. plan to reunify their island in referendums this weekend."

The United States has a vested interest in the matter, because Greece and Turkey are both U.S. allies as well as NATO members. There is also concern over stability in the Mediterranean.

The resolution would ban the supply of arms to Cyprus and promote the U.N.'s peacekeeping mission there, but the U.N. is divided on whether to pass the resolution before or after the vote.

Proponents say passage of the resolution will likely sway more Greek Cypriots to vote in favor of reunification. Others are concerned it will anger Turkish Cypriots.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's reunification plan calls for two politically equal states under a weak central government.

If the plan passes, the Turkish area would be reduced from 37 to 29 percent of the island. However, while Turkey's 40,000 troops and its post-invasion settlers won't be required to leave, Greek Cypriots who fled during the Turkish invasion of 1974 will have restricted rights of return.

Clearly, passage of the referendum will have greater benefits for the Turkish Cypriots.

But, according to the AP, Turkey and Greece have both backed the plan, as have nearly 50 other countries. The United States has also agreed to contribute \$400 million for "relocation and compensation costs."

While there may be disadvantages to the deal, it would be best for all concerned if the island is reunited.

As Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis said, "The positive elements may prove to be stronger than the negative. We must not let the injustices prevent us from looking forward."

Tammy Krikorian is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Out of the Shell" appears every Wednesday.



TAMMY KRİKORIAN

GUEST COLUMN

Forget classics; it's time for new music heroes

I hear it all the time. Every time some "new" band has a hit and is shown on television, giggling the words that some record executive wrote and dancing around in flashy plastic clothes.

I always hear someone say, "Man, these bands need to go back to the basics. They need to look back at greats like the Beatles." Or the Ramones. Or any other wrinkly hero band.

These statements make my head pound and throb with what was and what will come to be.

Face it, these bands have been overplayed so many times that their songs have lost all meaning.

It doesn't matter what the Beatles sang about or how symphonic and well-written their chords were. Radio has murdered them, executives have scalped them, and now it's time to speak their eulogy and let them go.

The new MTV bubblegum music that is being produced this very moment is a result of the Beatles and their music. If we allow new music to take this recursive journey, we will only further maim the classics. We'll get monsters, raving teenagers who feed on cash and publicity in exchange for vomiting those crude synth beats and overproduced vocal effects.

Now we need to give up on failed pasts. It was a good try, John and Paul, but it's over for you. We need new Beatles, new bands to reject that which poisons our ears.

Punk hit the mainstream hard. Hardcore did, too. Rap and hip-hop got some great shots in there. But none of them were able to survive without succumbing to the great green god known as the dollar bill.

So we are left with few options. We could continue to reach back and reassemble a broken skeleton, yes, we could. Or we can stick our heads inside holes under rocks to see what we've been missing.

The only place where honest new music is happening is in your backyard — in the garage down the street, in the dorm room that's always locked and in the backroom

of that bar you've always been too scared to try.

These are the places where untainted musicians can usually thrive, and if you're not careful, you'll step on them while trying to stampee your way to the next White Stripes concert because you have heard that they are "alternative."

These "local" or "amateur" musicians are not the cute hobbyists the mainstream makes them out to be. Inside, they harbor rabid mean streaks, powerful claws and locking bites that don't let go until the prey they have stops its last few wriggles.

They are creating art not just so you can slap them on the back and give them a thumbs up, but so that you can learn the difference between music written by the artist with worn-out sneakers and music written by executives on the 57th floor of a glass building in Los Angeles.

You are meant to understand, not merely nod. You are meant to take it seriously, not as a gimmick.

I now implore you, too, to be a part of the process. Go to the next show at the Dining Commons, or the next Battle of the Bands.

Later, when you are sitting on a porch drinking brandy and smoking cigars, you can smile and nod your head and say, "Yes, I was there, at SJSU, when that band was just starting out."

Granted, you will be tempted to cheer for poseurs along the way — those bands that cover Green Day and fake "indie" rock. But you must see through the devil's guises and find those honest bands, those creative ones, those "radicals" and "heretics."

It will be a revolution, and you can either join it or keep letting the ruling party abuse you.



JOHN MYERS

John Myers is a Spartan Daily staff writer. Guest columns usually appear on Thursdays.

Viewpoint: SJSU must provide better parking services

Dear editor,

The campus parking situation at San Jose State University is terrible; the permits are too expensive, there are few spaces available, and there are inadequate alternatives.

Compared with other California State Universities, SJSU requires the highest parking fee, except California State University, San Marcos, which requires the same price as SJSU.

Even though SJSU requires the most expensive parking permits, the condition of parking is awful.

For the people who take morning classes from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., it is possible to find a parking space if they arrive between 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; however, if people have classes from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour is not enough to find parking.

Meanwhile, students have to drive around and chase other students who may be leaving; otherwise they have to end up parking on the street and be late for classes. This is a huge waste of money, time and gasoline for students.

Although SJSU offers alternatives, such as Park and Ride and Valley Transit Authority passes, there is not enough support for the parking situation.

According to some students who use Park and Ride, the shuttles are very crowded and their timing is

not reliable.

Moreover, some students cannot buy a Park and Ride permit, because they are often sold out.

Regarding a VTA pass, the fee is included in the student fees, although there are students who do not use it.

Here are some of the reasons that students do not use VTA: Students have to pay their whole tuition on time, so students who miss the payment due date cannot use this service. Also, not all students necessarily have access to VTA stations.

For the students who pay the regular parking fee, this means they pay for both their own parking and others who do not pay for parking. This is not fair.

Many students are struggling with these unfair situations and inconveniences.

Some students say that this semester has better parking availability than last semester because of fewer students' use of parking, as a result of the increase in parking fees. But I say that there is no improvement of the parking situation.

If SJSU cannot decrease the parking fee, they should at least offer services that correspond to its fees.

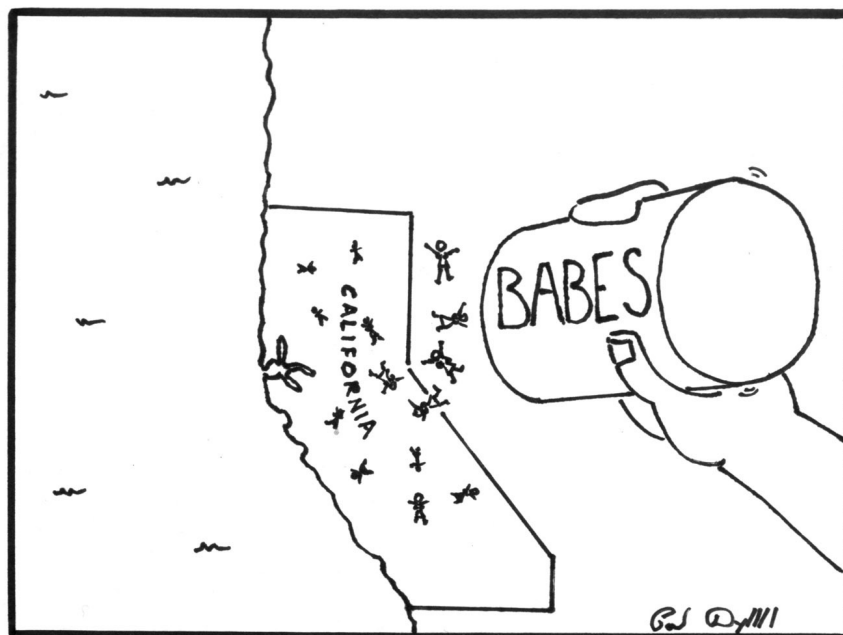
Students at SJSU say the same

thing for tuition and student fees; if they need to charge more, they should offer adequate services or support.

Otherwise, more students will have to leave not only the parking lot, but also SJSU.

Hitomi Tamura Senior Design studies

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Clarification

In Jennifer McLain's April 20 column, "Debate over football needs voice from athletes," it was mistakenly suggested that the football program be "demoted" from Division I-A to Division I-AAA. This is incorrect.

The Spartan football team could not play in Division I-AAA, because this is an athletic division without a football program. The football team could, however, participate in Division I-AA.

It was also written that the "referendum requires football spending to be cut from the general fund by 1.8 percent." This is incorrect. It should say that the Academic Senate voted to support a recommendation to reduce the amount of general funding support that intercollegiate athletics receives to 1.8 percent or less of the school's general funding budget by the 2005-06 academic year.

The Daily regrets these errors.

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. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

School of Art and Design Art exhibitions featuring student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call 924-4330.

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Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allies A "Day of Silence" informational table will be located in front of the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Anne at 924-6500.

SJSU College Republicans A meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more informa-

tion, e-mail Alex Vassar at alex@alexvassar.com

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Trucker hats find heads in San Jose



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Pictured is a Miller High Life trucker hat on display at Zumiez clothing store in the Westfield Shoppingtown Oakridge.

By Sean Edgley
Special to the Daily

It's lunchtime at San Jose State University. Outside the cafeteria, a student leans against a telephone booth, taking drags from a cigarette while talking to a friend. He is wearing low-rise faded blue jeans with a black shirt. On his head rests a black-and-white trucker hat with "akademic" printed in big block letters across the front. The cap is slanted upward, tufts of uncombed black hair hanging over his ears and forehead. Inside the cafeteria, a girl sits eating fast food, a camouflage trucker hat with the logo of a red rhino above the bill situated on top of her long black hair. Another young woman exits the Student Union, adjusting her hat. The trucker hat is composed of brown mesh and a brown bill, with a smiling ice cream cone on the front crying, "Lick Me!"

After she has slanted the bill of the hat at just the right angle over her ear, she lowers her hands and continues on her way. It can be argued that certain ways of wearing trucker hats look better than others — turned to the side, backward or pulled the bill pointed upward over the forehead instead of hauled snugly over the forehead — but it is difficult to argue that there has been a more popular fashion accessory worn by students in recent years.

"I like the way they fit," said Luke Wiget, a junior English major. "You can get really unique (trucker) hats," Wiget said, explaining that he has not seen many people wearing any of the half-dozen trucker hats he owns.

"I just love the designer," said Angela Forte, a senior journalism major, referring to the Patricia Field of New York trucker hat she wears. The hat has a black bill with black mesh and a white front with the designer's name written in cursive below the silhouette of a naked woman.

Dalbir Atwal, a senior finance major, wears the hats as well but for a very different reason.

"They're the only type of hat that fit my head," he said.

Although the exact origins of the trucker hat are not clear, they have been worn mainly by truckers over the past few decades, said Cynthia Nellis, a fashion guide for about.com, explaining that the hats were originally collected by truck drivers from various stops along their routes.

Their popularity among young people is a relatively new phenomenon.

The hats, which are comparable to traditional baseball caps on some levels, are still anatomically quite different.

Whereas baseball caps are often made out of cotton or wool, trucker hats consist of a foam front and bill with a plastic mesh backing. Instead of being fitted, trucker hats have a one-size-fits-all snap backing.

Trucker hats are also usually stiffer and have a higher crown than baseball caps.

Von Dutch Originals, a brand name now synonymous with trucker hats, saw its stock soar after Grammy night in 2003 when pop star Justin Timberlake was seen sporting the hat at several after-parties.

An Oct. 7, 2003, article in Rolling Stone magazine stated that, "Justin (Timberlake) just made trucker hats even more ridiculous, which made more people think it was cute to wear them."

Also around this time, Ashton Kutcher, host of the practical-joke show "Punk'd," began wearing the hats incessantly, helping to spark a ubiquitous fashion phenomenon around the country.

Now, nearly all major brands that target young people, from Billabong to American Eagle to Puma, have designed their own trucker hats in an attempt to ring in their share of profits in the trucker hat craze.

"I started seeing (trucker hats) being worn about three years ago in San Francisco by mostly indie and punk rockers," journalism major Forte said.

"We got our first set of trucker hats about last summer," said Robin Fain, general manager of the Lucky Brand Jeans stores in San Jose, Burlingame and San Francisco.

Zumiez, a local skate and snowboarding attire boutique,

drastically increased its volume of trucker hats.

"We had to transfer a lot of the truckers to the front," said Dave Lindahn, an assistant manager at the Zumiez located at the Great Mall in Milpitas.

Small quantities of the hats had always been kept in the rear of the shop, but rising demand last fall forced them to increase their volume and display the caps in the front of the store, he said.

Wendy Clark, buyer for Quiksilver, said she also noticed the hats' popularity increase last fall.

One thing that sets most trucker hats apart from other caps is their price.

"They're not as expensive as other hats," English major Wiget said.

Lindahn of Zumiez agreed, stating that most of the trucker hats in his store are priced around \$17.

Also, many of the hats feature unusual designs and colors.

"eBay is the way to go for trucker hats," Wiget said. "You can find anything on there."

A search for "trucker hats" on the famous auction Web site returns more than 2,000 matches, with prices ranging from under \$5 to as much as \$152.50. Various styles are up for bidding, including ones for movies such as "Top Gun" and "Ghostbusters."

"It depends on the color," Fain said in regard to which hats sell well. She noticed that many of the pastel-colored hats such as pink, brown and yellow have sold more quickly than the plain navy blue or black hats.

The selection of hats at Zumiez is even more diverse than at Lucky Brand stores, with trucker hats from John Deere, Nor Cal, Dickies, Element, a variety of beer companies and more designers.

The trucker hat is a "fashionable accessory" and yet "edgy without being too trendy," Clark of Quiksilver said.

"Truckers are the No. 1 selling hat in the market — 60 percent of the business," Clark said.

Trucker hats have evolved, she noted, but the demand for them has remained steady. They've changed "from the basic with a simple logo screen to large logos with contrasting fabrics such as twill, corduroy, or denim."

"The shape of truckers have also lowered from a big trucker to a smaller cap size," Clark said.

"Every hat we've gotten in has been in the trucker-hat style," Fain said, pointing to a long row of hats dangling from a pole above the cash registers of her San Jose store.

"Men buy more multiples than women," but women are often looking for a very specific style and/or

color(s) where men are less picky, explained Fain.

"I think guys buy more of the hats in general, but with the Von Dutch, it's even," Lindahn said.

Although the hats are enormously popular, there are still many people who don't wear them.

"I just don't think they look good," Lindahn said. Although this fashion trend has been around campus since at least Fall 2003, some professors are oblivious.

"I haven't noticed any, but I wasn't looking for them," said Elizabeth Harris, assistant lab director for communication studies.

Mitch Berman, director of the Center for Literary Arts, is not aware of the fashions his students adopt.

"Though they do sound scrumptious," the English and comparative literature professor said, "(I) haven't noticed these hats around campus — and it sounds like I should add 'thank God.'"

Meteorology instructor Jeff Gawrych, however, has noticed the trend, though he doesn't find the hats very attractive.

"They're totally goofy," Gawrych said, explaining that the cheapness and design of some of the hats make them "a little tacky."

A truck driver for Precision Truck Lines, who goes by "Hardrunner" on the citizens band radio, said he has noticed people in their "late teens" wearing the hats.

He still wears the hats "from time to time" and thinks that the majority of young people who wear trucker hats do so "just to be in fashion."

Noting that the hats are practical if one is in the sun often, the veteran trucker stated that besides being fashionable, the hats also "keep you from getting a stroke."

Although no one knows how long the hats would remain popular, the response to them has surprised many.

Now people are wondering what will become of this fashion trend in the future.

"I think they're going to be around, people have been wearing these hats a long time," Forte said.

"I think it's just a phase, but you never know," Lindahn of Zumiez offered.

Fain believes the hats will remain popular "as long as the stars are wearing them."

"I'll always wear them, even if they don't remain as popular," Wiget said, curly brown locks hanging out from his trucker hat.

"The air in the back is nice," Wiget said, laughing, waving his hands over the "ventilation" provided by his mesh hat.

With such benefits, who could let this hat fall out of popular fashion?



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Pictured are various trucker hats at Circle-A clothing store, located at 108 Paseo de San Antonio in San Jose.

Calendar

Music

Thalia will perform at 8 p.m. May 16 at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts. Ticket prices range from \$45 to \$75 and are available through Ticketmaster.

Kid Rock will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the HP Pavilion in San Jose. Call (408) 287-9200. Tickets are \$35.

The Philosophers, a San Jose band, will perform at 8 p.m. on May 24 at the Dining Commons at SJSU. For more information, go to www.thephilosophers.net.

Comedy

Jim Witherspoon, who has performed on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," will show off his comedic talent on Thursday through Saturday at the San Jose Improv Theatre. Shows start between 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Call (408) 280-7475.

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Mother Jones editor to headline event

By John Myers
Daily Staff Writer

Magazine honor society Mu Alpha Gamma will be hosting its 18th Annual Magazine Day April 22 in the Student Union.

Roger Cohn, editor-in-chief of the alternative news magazine Mother Jones, will be the keynote speaker at the San Jose State University club's event.

"Basically, we wanted to find someone interesting to everybody as far as publication and position within their company," said Kriselle Punla, president of Mu Alpha Gamma.

The club originally had three or four candidates, Punla said, and the members of the club decided on Cohn after a small debate.

"I always think it's important to talk to young journalists about our profession and what works and what needs to be fixed," Cohn said.

Cohn said his speech will be on "The Lost Art of Magazine Reporting."

"I am going to talk about the fact that if you go to a newsstand and look around, you will see so many magazines focused on celebrities or a specialized niche involving style and very little that involves real reporting, field reporting," Cohn said. "Magazines that do that make important contributions."

Cohn said he has spoken on other campuses, most recently at Columbia University in New York in February.

Magazine Day will feature four panel discussions, as well as a luncheon during which Cohn will speak, according to Mu Alpha Gamma. The four discussions are titled "Internships," "Freelancing for Magazines," "First Job, Next Job" — which will discuss strategies for job progression — and "Specialized Writing."

Panelists for the discussions will include professionals from Sunset magazine, the San Francisco Chronicle, hpNOW online magazine and Silicon Valley Community Newspapers.

"There was a lot of interest in the internship panel and the 'First Job, Next Job,'" Punla said.

Punla said some journalism and magazine classes assigned students to come up with questions to ask the panelists, and

Punla hopes this will be a starting-off point for audience members to participate by asking questions of their own.

The panels will be paired up for the morning, with two at 9 a.m. and two at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at noon and keynote speaker Cohn's speech at 1 p.m.

Mu Alpha Gamma adviser and SJSU magazine professor Harvey Gotliffe said the number of participants who registered for the luncheon is the largest turnout the event has ever had. Some sponsorship for the event came in the way of outside individuals purchasing luncheon tickets for students.

"Some emeritus faculty members bought 18 tickets to go to the luncheon," Gotliffe said.

Mu Alpha Gamma also received a large contribution from Hewlett-Packard Co., Gotliffe said.

Gotliffe said the whole point of Magazine Day is to provide students with contacts.

"During the luncheon, I make sure the professionals (from the discussion panels) sit with the students," Gotliffe said. "I tell the students to find someone they would want to work for and sit next to them."

Mu Alpha Gamma president Punla agreed with Gotliffe.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get to know people in the industry," Punla said.

Punla said Magazine Day is not the only event Mu Alpha Gamma hosts during the school year.

"We have brown bag lunches, where we ask a professional to come have lunch with us," she said. "We also have barbecues and other social activities."

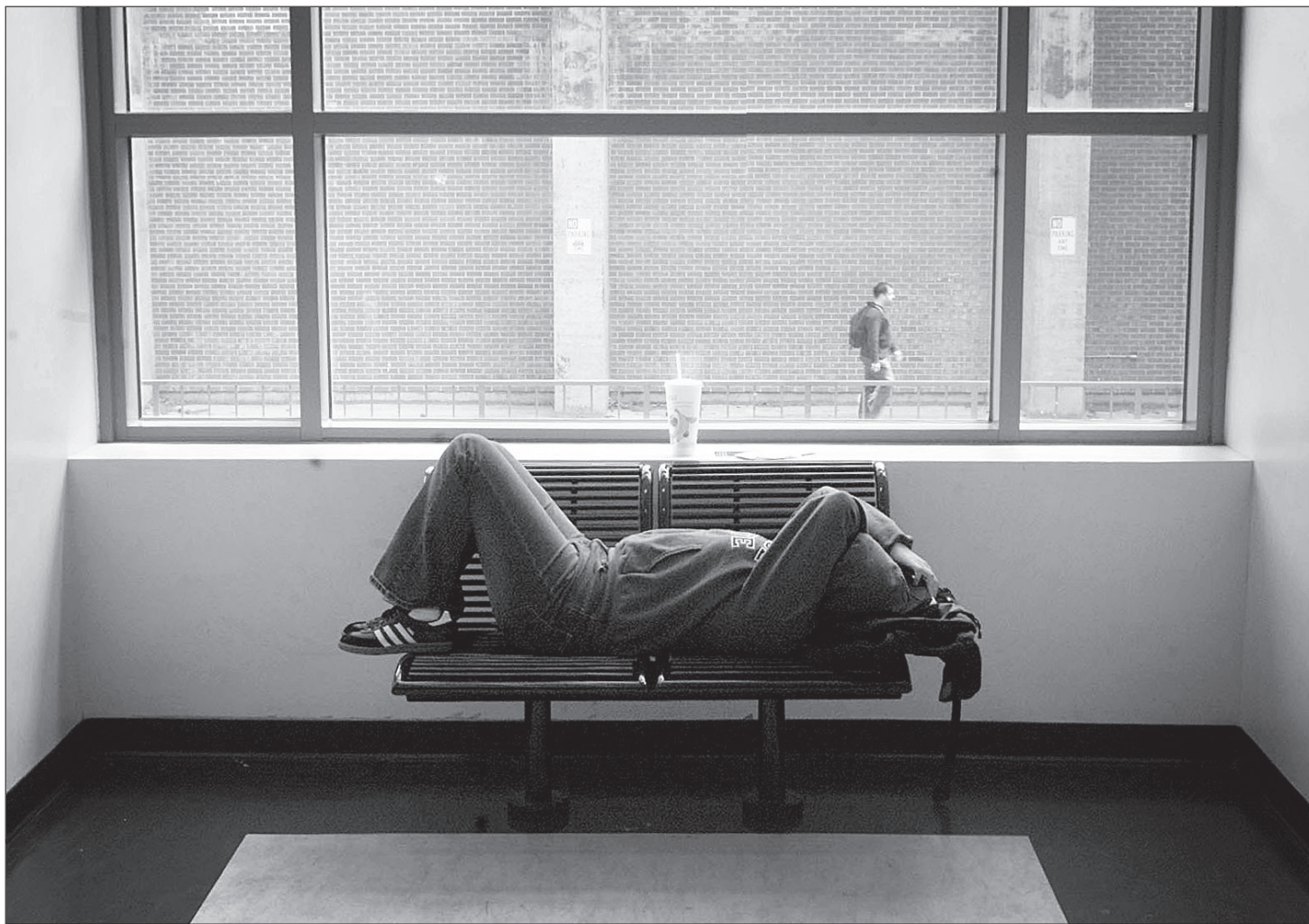
The club also goes on tours of magazine offices, Punla said. Last fall, Mu Alpha Gamma visited Sunset magazine in Menlo Park, and this semester, the club went to the San Jose offices of Metro.

All of these activities stress networking, just like Magazine Day, Punla said.

Mu Alpha Gamma adviser Gotliffe said what is good for the students is good for the university.

"It helps publicize the journalism department," he said. "It gives the professionals recognition, and it gives us recognition. It's a good day for all."

Between classes ...



Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

Mariana Orozco, a junior nursing major, rests on a bench in the Boccardo Business Complex on Tuesday afternoon. "I just finished class and have 20 minutes before my 'Legacy of Asia' class starts. This is part of the anthropology studies," she said. "I saw the bench and thought I would rest a little," Orozco explained.

COETZEE | Only author to win 'prestigious' Booker Prize twice

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"I think students should listen to him because (apartheid) is foreign to us, and to have someone who is sensitive and articulate and who has recorded what's happened there, it would be an open-your-mind experience that would be good for all San Jose State students," she said.

Referring to Coetzee's novel "Waiting for the Barbarians," a violent fable that deals with imperialism and paranoia, Collins said Coetzee's writing was topical and instructive.

"I think politically what he has to say does apply to us," she said. "We're the last superpower left, and I think what he has to say could teach us something."

After graduating from college in South Africa in 1961 with a degree in mathematics, Coetzee moved to Britain, where he worked for IBM as a computer programmer. Four years later, he moved to the United States to enroll in the graduate English program at the University of Texas at Austin.

From there, he traveled north, accepting a teaching job in 1968 at

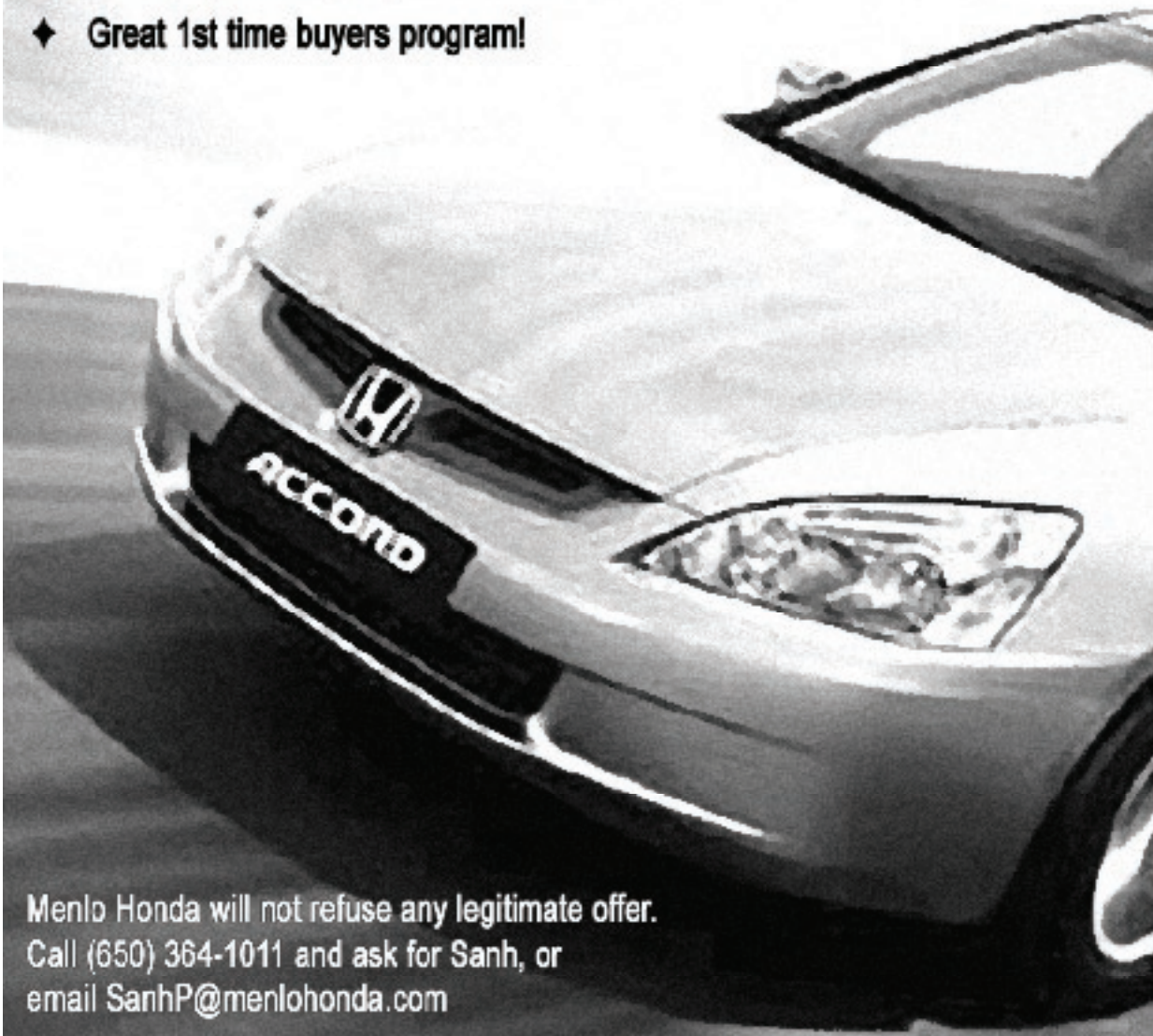
the State University of New York at Buffalo. He returned to South Africa in 1983 to become a professor of English literature at the University of Cape Town. In 2002, he moved to Australia, where he is an honorary research fellow at the University of Adelaide.

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Yu has also served as the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Butler University, a private school in Indianapolis. At Central Michigan University, he was the associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the philosophy department.

He said he planned to consult with outgoing interim President Joseph Crowley, whom he describes as doing a "spectacular" job, about issues SJSU faces.

While Yu was on campus last week, he said he had a breakfast meeting with Crowley.

"He was able to tell me about 10 years' worth of information in about an hour of breakfast," Yu said.

Lauren D'Avolio, editor in chief of The Stylus, the weekly student newspaper of Brockport, said Yu is an intellectually gifted man.

"He had a five-year plan that he instituted when he got here. We were known as a party school. ... We were known as a school you would attend if you didn't want

to study or go to class," D'Avolio said. "He's really turned that around," she said. "This is a school that people want to go to. This is a school of choice. Without his vision, it wouldn't have had a chance."

Chris Florence, the director of marketing communications at Brockport, said SJSU was lucky Yu will be its next campus president.

"He has just been a fabulous president here. We're sorry to see him leave, although we are very excited for his opportunity and wish him only the best," she said.

Yu made a positive impression on some members of the campus community when he visited SJSU on April 13, Hauck said.

"The feedback from the visits that Richard Jarvis and Paul made to the campus was very good and the conclusion ... from the constituencies on campus was that either one was qualified to do that job. I think we believed that as well, but we can't have two presidents," Hauck said.

During Yu's campus visit, he was asked about his management style.

"I keep my eye on the big picture. I empower senior administrators to do their job," Yu said. "We set clear goals, and we

check on the progress on those goals in terms of accountability at the end of the year, and we do make course corrections wherever appropriate."

Nellen, the senate chair, said she liked what she saw on the Brockport Web site about how the campus under Yu's leadership approached strategic planning.

Nellen, who was a member of the campus advisory committee for the selection of the president, said she thinks the SJSU senate has the right composition of faculty, administrators and students to help create strategic plans and give input about budgetary issues.

While at SJSU last week, Yu said having a strategic plan in place allowed him and his administrative colleagues at Brockport to set clear priorities.

"But that's why you need strategic planning," he said. "Because the most important thing for you to do is identify the vision of the institution. What is it that's most important? If you only try to balance the constituencies without identifying the core values and priorities of the institution, it's not a possible job. What could possibly determine which one gets answered and which one doesn't?"

TRIPPI | Hailed for reinventing campaigning

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"(Joe) lived and breathed politics," said Wright, now the deputy managing editor of the San Jose Mercury News.

"He wanted to make sure students weren't just an afterthought," he said. "To him, the campus was more like a small city and should be treated as such."

During the next several months of that semester, Trippi and Wright worked closely together dealing with student issues and requesting that Bunzel take action or leave office. Through a remarkable student and faculty effort, Bunzel resigned from SJSU the next year.

Another one of Trippi's endeavors was creating a campus spoof publication, titled The Spartan Lampoon. The paper poked fun at certain issues occurring on and off university grounds.

When he was not dealing with campus issues, Trippi spent some time studying under political science professor Terry Christensen.

"He was fun to work (with) and very excited (about the subject)," Christensen said. "It was clear this guy was going to do politics."

Christensen joked that Trippi was often distracted with student government and campus affairs and was sometimes more interested in making changes than studying.

When his controversial college years drew to a close, Trippi moved on to work with several different political campaigns, including those of Gary Hart, Walter Mondale and Richard Gephardt.

Christensen noted that Trippi's emergence to the forefront of campaigning has been an interesting climb.

"He came up in fairly traditional campaigning," he said, "working with politicians like Gary Hart and Ted Kennedy."

He said that Trippi moved his efforts toward electronic methods, including the Internet. Trippi understood the basic aspects of traditional campaigning but also had a flare for innovation. This proved to be a promising concoction.

"For 10 years, (political scientists) have been trying to figure out how the Internet applies to campaigns," Christensen said. "Joe and Dean connected people. ... They broke records in fund raising and getting people to events."

Much of this campaigning was done via the Internet, which is a relatively new technique in the business. While his labors may have seemed experimental to some, Trippi's campaign strategy yielded unprecedented success.

Nevertheless, Trippi has seen his fair share of ups and downs in the last year.

According to an article from the Rutland Herald, Trippi had been part of a political consulting firm that had been involved in all five of Howard Dean's gubernatorial campaigns.

This eventually led to a spot on Dean's presidential campaign team.

On March 4, 2003, Trippi was moved to head of the campaign.

Dean's popularity was blooming at that point, and Trippi told the Herald that even he was surprised at the amount of success they were having.

Nevertheless, Dean's popularity did not gain him enough votes to maintain his stance as the Democratic frontrunner.

On Jan. 29, shortly after the New Hampshire primary, Dean replaced Trippi with another campaign manager. Dean went on to drop out of the running relatively soon afterward.

Regardless of Dean's turnout in the election, Trippi's efforts are thought to have cracked the shell on the fledgling technological world of Internet campaigning.

His accomplishments have been hailed as remarkable, and the New Republic has referred to him as the man who "reinvented campaigning."

Although his candidate didn't win, Trippi's work has made him a household name on the turf of campaign strategists.

Trippi will discuss his political views and the future of political campaigning at 7 p.m. today in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

As for staying at the forefront of politics, one-time co-board-member and old friend Steve Wright said he probably will.

"I knew Trippi would do something big in politics," he said. "He just had it in his blood."

"He wanted to make sure students weren't just an afterthought. To him, the campus was more like a small city and should be treated as such."

- Steve Wright, former A.S. president and current deputy managing editor at San Jose Mercury News

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resources, such as counseling centers and hotlines, are available.

"(Victims) know that they have somewhere to go," she said.

Peloquin said getting things off their chests is the most important thing victims of sexual violence need to do.

"The most crucial thing that people need to do in healing is to talk about it with someone who is safe," Peloquin said.

She said the YWCA offers free counseling, advocacy and accompaniment services, as well as a 24-hour hotline.

The organization also educates the community — from kindergartens to senior centers — on how to prevent sexual assault.

Martin said while the Women's Resource Center at SJSU doesn't offer professional counseling services, they do have a listing of support services in the

Bay Area.

"We can always point them in the right direction," she said.

While this is San Jose State University's first year to participate in "Wear Your Jeans to Work Day," the YWCA has been getting the word out to local businesses and organizations for the past few years.

Some of this year's participants, Peloquin said, are Catholic Charities, the community services department of Los Gatos, and San Jose City Hall.

According to city of San Jose councilwoman Cindy Chavez, most city employees will wear jeans for today's event — and have been doing so since 1999.

Jackson said the movement is gaining momentum.

"It's symbolic (because) it doesn't matter what we wear (when it comes to sexual violence)," she said.

According to Jackson, another activity scheduled today for Sexual Assault Aware-

ness Month is a panel on "Myth versus reality of sexual assault," hosted by the YWCA at 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Ohlone room.

The YWCA will also have an informational desk outside the Student Union.

In addition, the Women's Resource Center, the Peer Health Education Program, the Health and Wellness Promotion Department and the Health Center are sponsoring the Clothesline Project.

In the project, victims of sexual violence — ranging from child abuse, incest, sexual assault and domestic violence to violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons — have expressed their feelings on T-shirts hung on a clothesline.

According to Jackson, the shirts are coded by size, to symbolize at what age someone was assaulted, and by color — white stands for survivors while black T-shirts are in honor of people who have died.

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Students offered information on launching startups

By Theresa Smith Daily Staff Writer

Knowing how to start one's own business could prove essential. Tonight, the Entrepreneurial Society is sharing this knowledge with students, faculty members and staff at San Jose State University.

The society, a student club, is co-hosting the "Forecasting Financial Statements in Startups" workshop at 6 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, room 225B.

Christopher Surdi, a junior majoring in marketing and president of the Entrepreneurial Society, said one of the main purposes of the society is to bring like-minded students together from all disciplines on campus.

The Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship and the Silicon Valley Association of Startup Entrepreneurs are two of the top organizations sponsoring the event. The MBA Association, an organization geared to helping students network, is assisting the society with the on-campus marketing of the event.

"Our club handles the marketing of on-campus events for the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship," Surdi said. "This is our fourth semester at SJSU, and memberships to our club are open to everyone."

According to the society's Web site, the purpose of the club is to shape "today's students into tomorrow's entrepreneurs."

"With San Jose State University

being in the center of Silicon Valley, our organization helps teach students about entrepreneurship," Surdi said.

There will be two guest speakers: Michael Solt, professor of accounting and finance, and Rob Fernandez, vice president of technology and life sciences at Comerica Bank.

"This event is the first of three workshops, and it is to prepare students for the Silicon Valley Business Plan competition," Surdi said.

The business plan competition aims to encourage students to write their own business plans, so they can take the first step in starting a business. It also allows students the opportunity to get feedback from professionals in Silicon Valley.

"It's a way to get students to start thinking about starting their own business," Surdi said.

Once business plans are submitted by participants, Surdi said, they make their way up in the ranks from round one to possibly the nationals. The competition also raises recognition of the university's contribution to entrepreneurship, according to the Web site.

Surdi said there are three essential steps in starting a business. The first is writing a business plan, getting financing in order, putting a team and product together and creating a marketing strategy. The second big step is acquiring financing, and the final step is starting the operation.

"Our school doesn't have a degree program for entrepreneurship just

yet," Surdi said.

"However, the College of Business does offer several courses in entrepreneurship."

Patricia Renovato, a senior majoring in international business and former president of the society, said the club plays an important role.

"We (students) had no classes (in this subject) until this semester," Renovato said. "(The purpose of) our club is to help spread the awareness of entrepreneurship."

Anu Basu, an assistant professor in entrepreneurship in the College of Business, said the program is in the process of extending its curriculum.

"At the moment, we have some courses in entrepreneurship," Basu said. "We have one new course, 'International Entrepreneurship,' that will start next semester."

Basu, who is also the director of the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship, said the significance of the workshop is to encourage students to consider possibilities of starting and writing their own business plans.

"The first place prize (for the business plan competition) is \$2,000, and the second place prize is \$1,000, which is donated by SJSU alumna Wanda Ginner," Surdi said. "Last year's winners made it to the national semifinals in Washington D.C."

Surdi said, "Our association with the event is to be the student support for the center of entrepreneurship."



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Francesco Sciortino, the consul general of Italy in San Francisco since 2001, drew a large crowd during his lecture in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library Tuesday night.

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government.

After his talk, Sciortino answered questions from the audience, including one about the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

"The European Union states are much more in unison on this issue than on Iraq," Sciortino said. "We have been very close with Muslims and the Arab world on one side, and ... Israelis arrived from Europe, so we feel we know and understand the problem reasonably well. We feel a

certain need for compromising from both sides."

Sciortino said the United States' population leans more toward Israel, while European countries are more sensitive to the Arab side because of larger numbers of Arabs immigrating to Europe.

Political Science Associate Professor Cobie Harris said SJSU was fortunate to have Sciortino speak.

"He is the representative of the whole Western region of the United States for the Italian government," Harris said. "He is very knowledgeable

about the world."

Some students attending the speech thought it would be an interesting event to attend.

"It's a rare opportunity to see an Italian ambassador speak," senior political science major Reena Sekhon said. "You won't get this on the news."

After his talk, Sciortino was given an SJSU sweatshirt as a thank-you gift from the event sponsors, and audience members were invited to have a less-formal conversation with the ambassador at downtown San Jose restaurant Palermo Ristorante Italiano.

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Spartans aim for season sweep of UTEP

By Diego Abeloos
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University softball team continues its Western Athletic Conference road trip this coming Saturday at 2 p.m., as the Spartans get ready to face the University of Texas-El Paso.

SPARTAN SOFTBALL THE WINDUP NOTEBOOK

The trip will extend the Spartans' streak of road games to six, but SJSU right fielder Jana Arde said the traveling does not have a negative effect on the team.

"We look at it, going into it, as inning by inning, out by out," Arde said. "So, it doesn't matter who we play or where we are."

The Miners concluded a winless doubleheader on April 17 against the University of Nevada-Reno with a 7-37 overall record and a 0-14 record in the WAC.

The Miners are currently on a 23-game losing streak, losing 12 straight WAC games during the streak. The 2004 season is UTEP's inaugural year with a WAC softball program.

SJSU assistant softball coach Kim Schuette said despite the Miners' long losing streak, the Spartans are not looking past them.

"They're definitely scrappy, and they take advantage of any mistakes you may make," Schuette said. "We just have to do the same things to them on offense."

The Spartans (10-28 overall, 4-6 WAC) kicked off their WAC schedule earlier this season with a doubleheader sweep of UTEP on March 21 at SJSU Field. SJSU came through with a 5-4 win in game one and a 4-0 win in game two, as Spartan first baseman Lindsey Allen contributed a pinch hit two-run home run in the second game.

"We're just expecting to play two good games and show (UTEP) that the last time we played them, winning (both games of the March 21 doubleheader) was not a fluke," Allen said.

As a team, the Miners are batting .210 and are led offensively by junior outfielder Sierra Hannum, who is hitting .230 on the year, with two home runs and 17 runs batted in.

In the pitcher's circle, the Miners sport a team earned run average of 4.84. Freshman pitcher Renee DiPuccio leads the team with a 4.23 ERA and has an overall record of 6-20 in 168-and-two-thirds innings pitched. DiPuccio's six wins also lead the Miners' pitching staff.

The Spartans come into the Saturday doubleheader against UTEP on the heels of two one-run losses on April 17 against host Fresno State University.

"The two games against Fresno are the best games



Daniel A. Miranda / Daily File Photo

Fresno State University utility player Daisy Gaynor slides safely into second base as San Jose State University shortstop Carlie Hill anticipates the ball during game two of a doubleheader Saturday in Fresno. The Spartans will play at 2 p.m. Saturday at the University of Texas-El Paso.

that we've played since the beginning of the year," Schuette said.

The losses came just two days after the Spartans swept a WAC doubleheader on the road against the University of Nevada-Reno by scores of 11-6 in game one and 3-1 in game two on April 15.

Bulldog pitcher Jamie Southern, who earned two victories against SJSU on Saturday, including a two-hit shutout in the first game, was named WAC Pitcher of the Week on Tuesday.

In terms of the SJSU lineup, several players have seen increased playing time over the last few weeks.

Danielle Eakins has seen significant playing time at second base in nine out of the last 10 games. Schuette said Eakins brings solid defense to the field, among other things.

"Danielle makes the tough plays look easy," Schuette said. "She has the best hands on the team, and when she has confidence, we know she's a stable player at second base."

For her part, Eakins said she is happy to get a chance to contribute to the team, but she's not taking anything for granted.

"I always know that there's someone right on my tail and that's what makes us a better defense, knowing that our bench is so deep," Eakins said. "At any

given point, there's someone right behind you about to take your spot."

Similarly, Lindsey Allen and designated player/first baseman Jessica Guillen have seen plenty of playing time over the last few weeks.

"Lindsey and Jessica are both good hitters, and Lindsey happens to be the better defensive player at first base," Schuette said.

Allen is currently leading the Spartans with 14 runs batted in, and Guillen leads the team with three home runs.

"It's pretty relaxing to be able to play my own game," Allen said of her increased role on the team. "I started out pretty rough and it took me a while to get started, but I feel like I'm actually playing my own game now and showing what I can really do on the field."

In addition, Carlie Hill continues to see time at shortstop and first base because of her bat, Schuette said.

"Carlie has been able to do it with her bat, that's why she's stayed in the lineup the whole time," Schuette said. "Her bat is just one we can't keep out of the lineup."

For the season, Hill is batting .279 with two home runs and 10 runs batted in.

Women's golf maintains slim lead in WAC championships

Daily Staff Report

High winds played havoc with the second day of the three-day Western Athletic Conference women's golf championships in El Paso, Texas, as none of the seven teams involved shot lower than a 307.

SPARTAN ROUNDUP

San Jose State University shot a 309 on Tuesday, down from the 291 they shot as a team on Monday. The Spartans remained in first place, however, with a two-day score of 600.

The University of Tulsa lurks in second place, just one stroke behind SJSU at 601. The University of Nevada-Reno is a distant third with a score of 618.

Spartan Ashley Gomes moved into first place individually, shooting a one-over par 73 on Tuesday for a two-day score of 141.

Gomes overcame a double bogey on the first hole to be recovered by knocking in four birdies on the later holes.

Tulsa's Julie Tvede is ranked second after two days with a score of 144. Laura Cross of Southern Methodist University and Erin Long of Nevada are tied for third with scores of 147.

Spartan golfer Carmina Calle is tied for fifth with a score of 151, while Spartan Tai Kinney is tied for seventh with a score of 152.

Spartans Lindsey Marino and Johanna Lundberg are both ranked in the top 20 in the 35-player field.

SMU is currently in fourth place, followed by the University of Hawai'i, Boise State University.

The host team, University of

Texas-El Paso, remained in seventh place heading into the final 18 holes.

The championships wrap up today and SJSU will try to secure their first women's golf WAC title in seven years.

Women's basketball adds two new signees

Two new players signed national letters of intent to play for the SJSU women's basketball team for the 2004-05 season.

Amber Jackson, a 6-foot-2-inch center from Oxnard, and Allania Reynolds, a 6-foot-1-inch forward from Salem, Ore., became the newest Spartans, joining Alisha Hicks, a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Sacramento who signed in the fall.

All three are graduating high school seniors.

The signings give SJSU a trio of high-scoring freshmen who may be called on to help fill the void left by a trio of high-scoring seniors — point guard Cricket Williams, forward Tiana Taylor and center Teoma Taylor — who have departed.

Jackson was named the 2003-04 Pacific View League Player of the Year, averaging 20 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Reynolds averaged 25 points and 16 rebounds during her senior year in Salem.

Hicks posted averages of 20.7 points, 9.2 rebounds, 5.6 steals and 4.2 assists per game.

Hicks was named as a four-time All-Metro Conference first team selection and was named most valuable player twice.

She leaves Kennedy High School in Sacramento as the school's all-time leader in rebounds, steals and assists, and she ranked second in scoring.

Editor's note: The photographer who shot the baseball photo that ran in the Tuesday, April 20 issue of the Spartan Daily was misidentified as Yvonne Pingue. The photo was taken by Stacey Ruesch.

The Spartan Daily regrets the error.

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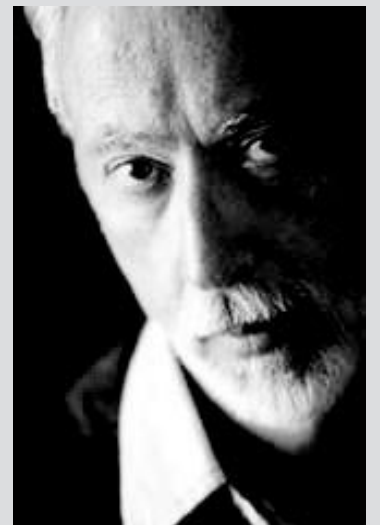
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