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Flu shot shortage hits SJSU

Vaccine on order was contaminated

By Janet Pak
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Chances of 600 doses of flu vaccine being distributed to San Jose State University community members are slim to none, university officials said.

Normally the school of nursing administers 400 doses of the vaccine, said Liz Dietz, a professor in the school of nursing. But Chiron, the school's supplier, will not deliver the vaccine because some of the vaccine was found contaminated with bacteria, she said.

The Student Health Center doesn't know if and when they will receive the 200 doses they ordered from a different manufacturer, Aventis Pasteur, said Roger Elrod, associate director of the center.

SJSU lecturer Albert Elboudwarej said he is willing to pay three times the regular price for the flu vaccine.

Elboudwarej said he had the flu for four months last year and doesn't want to take the risk again.

"I'll get it by all means," said Elboudwarej, who teaches in the industrial and systems engineering department at SJSU. "I'm annoyed with it because we had supply issues last year."

Influenza, or the flu, is a specific respiratory illness, said Marty Fensterheib, health officer for Santa Clara County. He said symptoms include high fever, coughing and extreme fatigue. It's different than a cold because the symptoms last longer and are more severe.

Dietz said "everybody is a loser this year." Nursing students don't get to practice giving the injections, the school doesn't get to earn extra money and at least 400 people aren't going to get the vaccine, she said.

"No one is going to win on this one," Dietz said. "This is not a good situation. If it's a bad season for the flu, we're going to have a lot of people sick ... it could be nightmare depending on season and different viruses."

She said a sneeze can travel up to 20 feet.

The shortage also has some concerned about how the elderly are going to cope.

Nancy Hikoyeda, director of the gerontology program, said she's concerned about how the shortage is going to affect the older generation.

"It's very crucial, especially for people who are frail or with respiratory failure such as asthma," Hikoyeda said. "Those people are very vulnerable to the flu and other illnesses particularly in the winter. And there are a lot of people with dis-

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Construction continues on campus



Photos by Catherine Burmeister / Daily Staff

On Sunday afternoon outside Joe West Hall, sophomore computer engineering major Uchenna Anyanwu leans on the staircase rail next to the Campus Village construction site.



Heavy construction equipment sits outside the Event Center on Sunday afternoon while a bicyclist rides by the construction sites on Paseo de San Carlos.

End in sight for Phase 1; Phase 2 scheduled to start soon

By Leah Nakasaki
Daily Staff Writer

Bright orange plastic fences and plywood barricades continue to shelter construction projects on campus.

The main construction found on campus was started in the beginning of summer. It is part of a California State University system-wide effort to bring all campuses up to a minimum baseline of telecommunications infrastructure, according to the Facilities Development and Operations Web site.

Carol Beebe, project manager for Faci-

ilities Development and Operations at San Jose State University, said this project is currently on schedule.

"The area of San Carlos between Fourth Street and Seventh Street (in front of Sweeney and MacQuarrie Halls) will have the orange fences down before Homecoming," Beebe said.

Although Beebe said the orange fences would be taken down before Homecoming, there is a possibility that students will see them again soon.

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Global Technology Initiative takes engineering students abroad

By Anna Molin
Daily Staff Writer

A crowd of students, faculty and engineers gathered in the auditorium in the Engineering building on Thursday to listen to an hour-long presentation of 10 engineering scholars who partook in the first \$1 million Global Technology Initiative orchestrated by the College of Engi-

neering.

The initiative, which is funded by an endowment from 10 Silicon Valley families with close ties to the Asia-Pacific region, sent 25 of San Jose State University's top engineering students on a two-week, all-expenses-paid study tour to China and Taiwan from May 30 through June 13.

Jacob Tsao, an associate professor in industrial and systems engineering and

the project's faculty lead, said the College of Engineering will organize another trip for 25 selected engineering students in the next year.

"The tentative schedule is May 29 through June 12," Tsao said, adding that students who are interested need to write a 500-word essay and fill out and submit an application to the College of Engineering before the Jan. 28, 2005, application deadline.

College of Engineering Dean Belle Wei, who led the first delegation, which also included three department chairs and professor Tsao, said the aim of the initiative is to motivate students to broaden their understanding of high-tech and cultural issues as they relate to globalization.

"The result is actually beyond my ex-

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Carlos and Smith visit King Library, discuss SJSU athletics, '68 Olympics



Adam Heyman / Daily Staff

Tommie Smith, left, and Fitz Hill, right, listen to John Carlos, middle, speak at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Friday afternoon. Smith and Carlos spoke about their experiences at SJSU during the 1960s.

By Kevin Yuen
Daily Staff Writer

"No matter how subtle they want to make it seem, we paved the way for this building to be here," said John Carlos about the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library while speaking to people inside of it. "When we come back here, we are very proud. People see us smiling and they don't even know why."

About 90 students and faculty in a packed lecture room on the second floor of the King Library were fixated on the words of Olympic-medal-winners Tommie Smith and Carlos when they spoke on Friday afternoon.

The San Jose State University alumni, who raised fists clad in black gloves on the medal stand during the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, shared their experiences of social change and talked about the future and how students fit into the picture.

The discussion, moderated by Spartan football head coach Fitz Hill, kicked off with Smith and Carlos describing life on campus in 1968.

"It was all white," said Smith, half-jokingly.

The dialogue moved to Smith and Carlos speaking about their backgrounds and how they came to San Jose,

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A.S. to provide shuttles for Homecoming game

By Yasuyo Nagata
Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students board of directors discussed ideas about how the Spartan Pride campaign can improve campus life for San Jose State University students at their meeting last Wednesday.

During the meeting, directors discussed concerns about the campaign and a lack of SJSU students' attendance during Homecoming football games, even on the weekend.

To improve the attendance, the board decided to run the shuttles on the weekend from campus to Spartan Stadium, said Pearl Yuan, the director of community affairs.

Yuan said the choice to run shuttles on the weekend is based on her idea because currently there are no shuttles running on the weekends.

Yuan said she lives near campus and doesn't have a car, therefore, every time there is a game at the stadium, she has to ask for a ride.

Yuan said she sees that other students, especially those who live on campus, have simi-

lar problems with a lack of transportation.

The stadium isn't walking distance from the campus, and it can be difficult to go see the game for campus residents, Yuan said.

Yuan said she thought if the shuttles run when there were games on the weekends, more students would be able to attend.

Nonstudents would also be able to take the shuttle from SJSU's campus, Yuan said, and it would be a good idea to take free shuttles compared to paying money at parking lots near the stadium.

Yuan said she is trying to get the shuttle to run during the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 30.

She said the weekend shuttle plan is in its final process and needs some fine-tuning, such as figuring out the time schedule.

A.S. will begin the weekend shuttles service soon, but will run only weekends when there are home football games, Yuan said.

Also during the meeting, A.S. members and Patricia Breivik, dean of university library administration, discussed how to improve the

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BRUTALLY HONEST

Last chance to register and make your voice heard

... Time's up! Today marks the final day to register to vote for the Nov. 2 presidential election.

going to have a profound impact in each one of our lives. We've had the opportunity to hear what these men have to say, and hopefully now most of us know where they stand on the issues.

time to look into things ourselves. Once we've gathered all of this information, we must take it, do our best to comprehend it, and from there try to make educated decisions about who we vote for.

years. I'll repeat it again. We need to take it upon ourselves — not let what our friends think or what some ass hat celebrity says.



KEN LOTICH

Ken Lotich is the Spartan Daily managing editor. "Brutally Honest" appears every Monday.

Letter: Presentation of 'Fahrenheit 9/11' irresponsible

Dear editor, As the chair of the San Jose State College Republicans and San Jose State Students for Bush, my members and I are appalled to see that Associated Students, an organization that is supposed to represent the entire student body, showed "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Thursday night.

enhype 9/11." Also, it is my understanding that the Associated Students' tax status is 501(c)(3). If so, there is a blatant disregard for the federal tax code through the showing of "Fahrenheit 9/11."

disrespectful to a portion of your student body and in direct violation of the tax code. I hope this letter will convey that by showing "Fahrenheit 9/11," Associated Students have offended me, as well as hundreds of other students.

Megan Brill, Chair, College Republicans

ANOTHER SHADE OF GRAY

Democracy should be practiced past November

In this election, I know many people who, for various reasons, feel they can't in good conscience vote for either President George W. Bush or Sen. John Kerry and have decided to back a third-party candidate.

tions and concerns are common, and long in need of redress — but why is it that they are only brought to the forefront at the last minute?

Letter: Don't bother complaining to A.S. about showing of film

Dear editor, As a loyal supporter of Sen. John Kerry, I appreciate any discussion about the record of President George W. Bush, and I support any organization willing to show Michael Moore's movie, though I disagree with some of the content.

ing about the showing of "Fahrenheit 9/11." De Alba's record shows that he never follows up on complaints or concerns anyway, so don't bother calling him if you are upset about the film, even the press has a hard time getting facts out of him.

the fact that the A.S. leadership is oblivious to events in the real political world, gets in the way of trying to serve students. Oh, well, it is not like the A.S. management does care about the calls for the film, or for genuine reform. They just delete the messages.

James Rowen, Graduate Student, Urban Planning



CARLY RODEN

Obviously, with respect to the two-party system, dramatic, large-scale changes such as a move toward proportional representation in the legislature or the institution of runoff in the absence of a majority, will not occur overnight.

Letter: President unfairly paints Kerry as a flip-flopper

Dear editor, I fully agree with Erik Lacayo's column that ran on Wednesday. It is typical of President George W. Bush's campaign to pick on a few derogatory slogans, and to use them incessantly against the opponent.

good and some bad, and must be measured by what he says about the issue, not the fact of the vote. The other issue that Erik quite correctly brings up is "what's wrong with changing your mind?"

your Wednesday column. One of the best commentaries I've seen in the Spartan Daily in the last two years. "America, like a giant greenhouse" and "... why the Iraqi war is more of a reality show and an economic necessity." Great lines.

W.A. Barrett, Lecturer, Computer Engineering

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.

TODAY

- Women's Resource Center: Voter registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Today is the final day to register for the Nov. 2 presidential election.

- and Spring Symposium will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Art building, room 329. For more information, call (831) 469-0332.
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library: A documentary film entitled "Promises" will be shown free of charge from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the King Library.

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Calendar

Music

Good Charlotte will perform with Sum 41, Hazen Street and Lola Ray at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the Event Center at SJSU. Tickets are \$28.50 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

The Cramps will perform with Eagles of Death Metal, Davie Allan and the Arrows and the Gore Gore Girls at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31 at The Warfield in San Francisco. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

Le Tigre will perform with Lesbians on Extasy and Robosapien at 9 p.m. on Nov. 19 at The Fillmore in San Francisco. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 998-TIXS.

Performing Arts

Heretics, Harlots and Heroes will be performed by the Magical Acts Ritual Theater on Friday and Saturday at Belladonna in Berkeley. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$26. For more information, call (510) 540-9150.

The King of San Francisco, a rock opera, will run from Oct. 28 to Nov. 14 at the Langton Arts Theatre in San Francisco. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission and are available at the door.

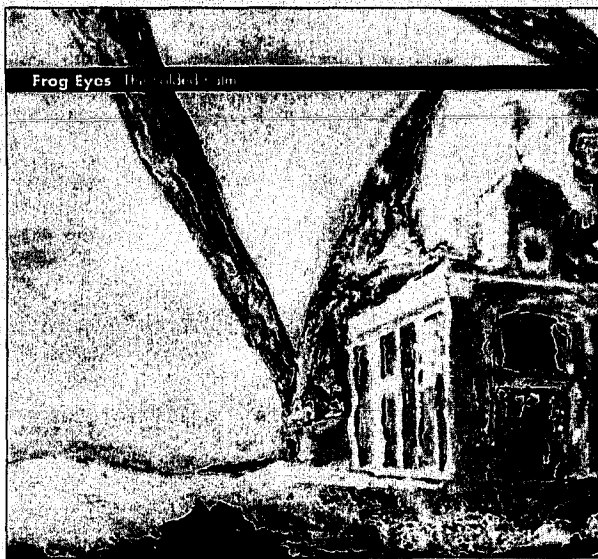
Art

Art of Zines '04 will continue its run until Oct. 31 at the San Jose Museum of Art. Admission is free. For more information, call 271-6840.

Women on the Verge: The Culture of Neurasthenia in 19th-Century America will begin Wednesday and run until Feb. 6, 2005, at Stanford University. Admission is free. For more information, call (650) 723-4177.

Film

The San Jose Jewish Film Festival will continue its run until Nov. 21 at Camera 12 Cinemas. For more information, call 874-5907.



Frog Eyes earns a good look

By John Myers
Daily A&E Editor

The band Frog Eyes can be best described as a cocktail of Tom Waits, David Bowie and a heavy drenching of dementia.

REVIEW

Fronted by guitarist and singer Carey Mercer, the Canadian band has released "The Folded Palm" as its third full-length record, following close on the heels of a limited-release acoustic album. With the blend of Mercer's guitar, drummer Melanie Campbell's staccato beats, bassist Michael Rak's throbs and keyboardist Grayson Walker's piano rolls, the band's tunes sound like creepy carnival chants.

The band possibly arrived at its name because of Mercer's slightly bugged-out eyes, but any guess is as good as the next.

Mercer's lyrics in the band's first two albums spun fantastic tales in songs with aching long titles, such as "The Mayor Laments the Failures of His Many Townfolk" and "One in Six Children Will Flee in Boats." Animals that talk, desperate adventurers and noble bureaucracy are all embedded in Mercer's subject matter. "The Folded Palm" still contains much of that storytelling, but the songs are shorter and tighter.

"Important Signals Will Break the Darkness (this I hope)," the ninth song on the album, seems to have more words in its title than in the entire song. The third song, "I Like Dot Dot Dot," is not much better in lyrical

abundance, though neither song is any less powerful than songs that surge through three minutes without Mercer even taking a breath.

As a whole album, the songs on "The Folded Palm" smear from one to the other in a much smoother way than on Frog Eyes' other albums. This is not just because the mastering of the compact disc has eliminated most of the dead space between tracks, but also because of the band's arrangement of the songs. The band slides from a more pop-like song to a spacey, droning one with perfect ease.

Even with the few glitches of abridged lyrics in some songs, Mercer's poetry continues to be strong throughout the entire album. On the album's stand-out track, "The Oscillator's Hum," Mercer sings "Well I keep running out / the papacy is running out / the pharmacy is running out / the heretics are calling out / the snipers by the falls / will be delivering their calls / Hey George look what I found." These are typical Mercer croons — amphetamine wails that tell stories.

Clocking in at just under 35 minutes, the "full-length" is a little on the short side, but not at all disappointing to listeners, both veteran fans and new discoverers.

But if anyone is still craving more, Frog Eyes will be rocking Slim's in San Francisco on Nov. 5.

"The Folded Palm"

Artist: Frog Eyes
Label: Absolutely Kosher Records
Running Time: 34 min., 21 sec.

McKee has no 'trouble' showing adult emotions on debut disc

By Ling-Mei Wong
Daily Staff Writer

Bonnie McKee could be the redheaded version of Britney Spears, except she's not quite as coy as the pop princess.

REVIEW

With catchy pop tunes on her debut album, "Trouble," McKee is frank about her sexuality.

There's none of Spears' "Who, me?" mock-innocence on McKee's album.

Her lyrics are direct, leaving little open to interpretation.

The 19-year-old Seattle native wrote all the songs on the disc before she was 16. She's upfront about being below the legal age of consent on "January," when she sings, "You say although your love for me is strong / that a lover under 17 is wrong."

What's the reason for a month being the title of the song?

McKee explains, "January is just around the corner / I know that you'll be back by then / I'm counting down the days on my calendar / till loving me won't be a sin."

McKee is in your face with her knowledge of love at her tender age.

On "Honey," she croons, "I still smell you inside of my clothes."

Despite her youth, McKee's commentary on intimacy sounds believable.

Her soulful voice infuses her lyrics with strong emotion that doesn't come across as insincere.

When she sings, "You said I could never hurt like this" in "Sensitive Subject Matter," her agony resonates palpably.

The song that betrays her age, though, is "Trouble," on which she sings, "It was a far from sober night."

If she had been a 16-year-old when she wrote "Trouble," what would she know about drinking?

McKee's origins include having been a choir girl, which is evident in her song "Open Your Eyes."

She uses lines from the hymn "Amazing Grace" in the song, singing, "I once was lost, but now I'm found / with my Adidas on the ground / Once I was blind, now I can see."

McKee nods to her pianist roots with a jazz-flavored piano accompaniment on the song "Green Grass."

However, the song that has gotten airplay is "Somebody," and for good reason.

McKee uses her voice to express the loneliness she feels, whispering, "I sit alone / Dark theater watchin' the people go by / Hand in hand / Everybody but me."

It's a very juvenile observation that is universal in its "why me?" agony.



She doesn't end up wallowing in self-pity though, reminding herself, "But I know I won't cry / 'cause there's somebody waiting for me."

McKee's album doesn't dwell on heavy topics all the time.

On "Confessions of a Teenage Girl," McKee is tongue-in-cheek with "That's why I love being a teenage girl" because "If ever I'm caught / doing what I should not / they'll assume / I'm an innocent girl."

She is saucy, with a head-bobbing rhythm that will make this song stick in your head.

McKee sings about being an independent woman on "A Voice That Carries," with lines such as "I don't need anybody to lead the way" and "I don't need anybody to break my fall."

It's good to know that female pop stars don't have to be fragile.

For a mostly strong collection of 12 songs, McKee tries too hard on a few.

On "When It All Comes Down," McKee attempts at parallel structure come across as corny. She sings, "I knew she knew / We both knew." A song doesn't need to sound like a pronoun lesson.

Still, McKee has a lot going for her on a solid first album. She's got a promising career if she continues to be her honest, brash self.

"It's good to know that female pop stars don't have to be fragile."

"Trouble"

Artist: Bonnie McKee
Label: Reprise Records
Running Time: 50 min., 30 sec.



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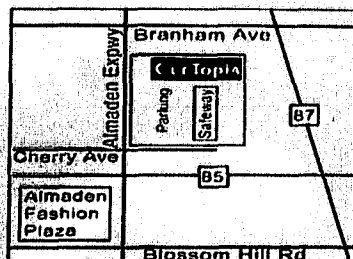
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abilities who won't be able to get flu shots. So it's very unfortunate."

"It's just amazing to me this crisis could have happened — that so many people are deprived of flu shots because we're so reliant on one company," Hikoyeda said. "We need to examine the way the public health system is working."

There are still precautions people can take to prevent getting the flu, Dietz said.

She said people should wash their hands with soap and water.

"It's one of the greatest inventions in modern math," she said. "If we just washed our hands, we saved ourselves untold illnesses."

Disposable Kleenex should be used, not the ones found on the ground, on the floor of the car and not at the bottom of the briefcase or backpack, she said.

Fentersheib, health officer with Santa Clara County, agrees that people need to wash their hands. He said alcohol-based gel or hand sanitizers are unnecessary.

"As simple as it sounds, all you need is water and soap," Fentersheib said. As long as people do that, they can help contain the spread of the virus, he said.

Michelle de la Cruz, a sixth-semester nursing student, said the shortage doesn't make sense and there should be no reason it's happening in Silicon Valley.

She said there are too many pharmaceutical companies and too many people in need of a supply of the vaccine.

Elrod, associate director of the Student Health Center, said the university is not normally the main provider for flu vaccines because its supply is small. However, Santa Clara County, he said, issued an order that any organization with supplies not used for those in the high-risk category would be called upon.

If the center has remaining supply after they've distributed it to those who need it, they would hand over the vaccine to the county.

The county has issued guidelines for who should receive the vaccine based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rules, Fentersheib said.

He said children aged 6 to 23 months, older adults who are 65 and older, individuals aged 2 to 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions, nursing home and long-term care facility residents.

Elrod said calls have been made to Aventis but that he hasn't heard from them yet.

Even in bad situations, there is good news, Elrod said. There are still 50 million doses being distributed nationwide and people most at risk are going to get the vaccine, he said.

Cecilia Manibo, a staff physician at the Student Health Center, said when the vaccine is delivered, it will be distributed to those based on the priority list outlined by the Centers for Disease Control.

Manibo said students and staff with chronic illnesses such as asthma or diabetes would have first priority. She said they'd have to make appointments before they can get vaccinated, and a nurse would review their files to make sure they are eligible.

Ruth Kibler, a professor in the biology department who specializes in virology, said people usually get the flu through human-to-human contact.

Kibler said the influenza virus is completely different than the common cold, which is caused by many different viruses.

Influenza can become epidemic, she said, and more severe. Our bodies don't have immunity because the influenza virus changes, Kibler said.

Fentersheib said people should not panic because only those in the high-risk category really need the vaccine.

Other faculty members are also relinquishing their opportunity to get vaccinated so others in need can receive shots.

Douglas Greer, a professor in the economics department, said he's not close to 65 and he'll allow someone else to get the vaccine.

Hikoyeda, director of the gerontology program, said she's a little worried because she has year-round allergies and is susceptible to chronic colds and the flu.

She said she'd like to see the vaccine be made available to as many people that want it and need it, but that it's not going to happen this year.

Elboudwarej, a professor who teaches packaging, said he doesn't want to be left without the vaccine.

"I'd like to get it because I'm uncomfortable going through the peak (flu) season," Elboudwarej said.

He said he's also concerned that it would affect his productivity and lifestyle "adversely."

Chantra Chao, a graduate student studying engineering management, said she received the vaccine free because she works at a hospital.

Though Chao was able to get the vaccine, she is concerned that her father, who's older and is frail, won't receive a flu shot.

"I think there are a lot of politics and shady business deals (involved) ... drug companies have a lot less to do with health insurance and more to do with fiscal profit," said Kalia Napoleon, a sixth-semester nursing student.

Napoleon said she worries her 2- and 3-year-olds and her grandma are going to get sick.

Everyone's going to get the vaccine when there's a shortage even when they don't need it and it's unfair, she said.

"It's just amazing to me this crisis could have happened ..."

Nancy Hikoyeda,
director,
gerontology program

Fight, for your right, to...



Tomomi Tsuda / Daily Staff

Robin Connelly of Campbell rests while protesting against the war in Iraq on Wednesday afternoon at Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose.

A.S. | Library dean visits board

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library services.

Breivik joined the meeting to hear feedback from the board about library services.

"If you have some thoughts about things you wish the library (could) do ... I would like to hear from you," Breivik said.

A.S. members voiced several suggestions and concerns about library services as Breivik took notes.

John Lombardo, the director of programming affairs, said if there are more resources about faculty members'

course materials on the library Web site, the additional information would aid students in studying.

"Personally, it helps me out with if (faculty members) have older exams or even lecture materials online," Lombardo said.

Breivik didn't comment what she would do with Lombardo's suggestion, but she jotted his comments on her notepad.

In addition to library services, a library facility problem was brought up by Ambra Kelly, the director of campus advising affairs.

Kelly pointed out that some outlets in the library aren't activated.

Breivik responded to Kelly's concerns and said the reason some of the outlets aren't activated is to keep the library's utilities at a low cost.

However, Breivik said there are more than 3,000 outlets in the library, and the reason for having so many outlets is because librarians want students to have flexibility in using their laptops.

"If there is an area that you really want (outlets) to be activated, let me know," Breivik said.

After Breivik got enough feedback from the board, she said, "I'll take my shopping list and take a look at what I can do."

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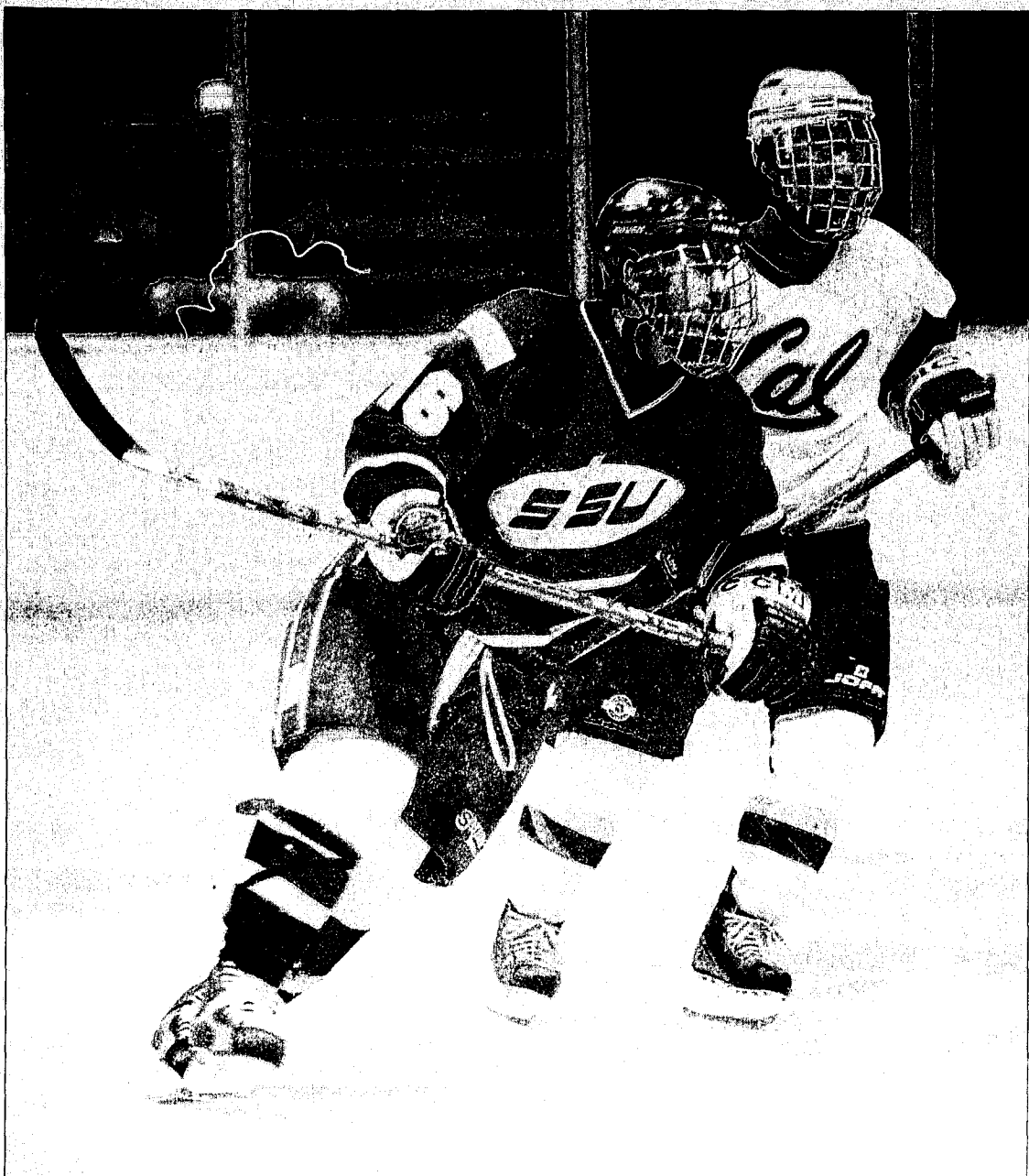
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COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: San Jose State University senior forward Lonny Lovins (16) skates past a Cal Berkeley defender Thursday night in the Spartans' 5-3 victory.

Senior forward Ray Kellam (left) gives sophomore goalie Ryan Lowe a pep talk before starting the third period on Thursday.

San Jose State University freshman defenseman Paul Fuller rests after the Spartans' 8-1 win over University of Washington on Sunday at Logitech Ice. The Spartans are now 5-0 on the season.

John Kellam, father of San Jose State University hockey captain Ray Kellam, watches the action up close as the Spartans defeated the University of Washington 8-1 on Sunday afternoon.

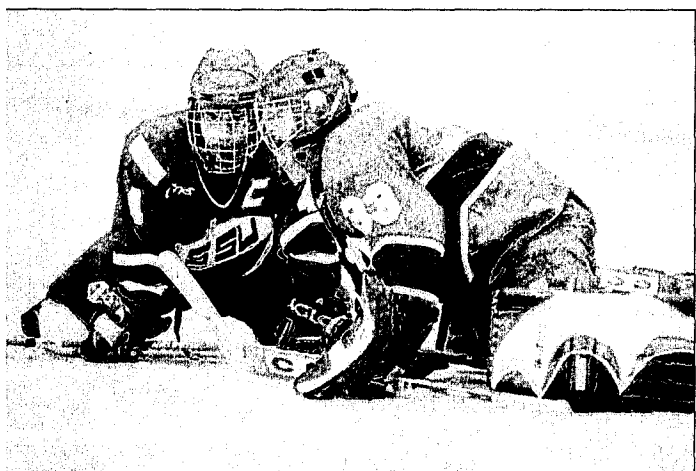
Members of the San Jose State University hockey team celebrate after defeating Cal.

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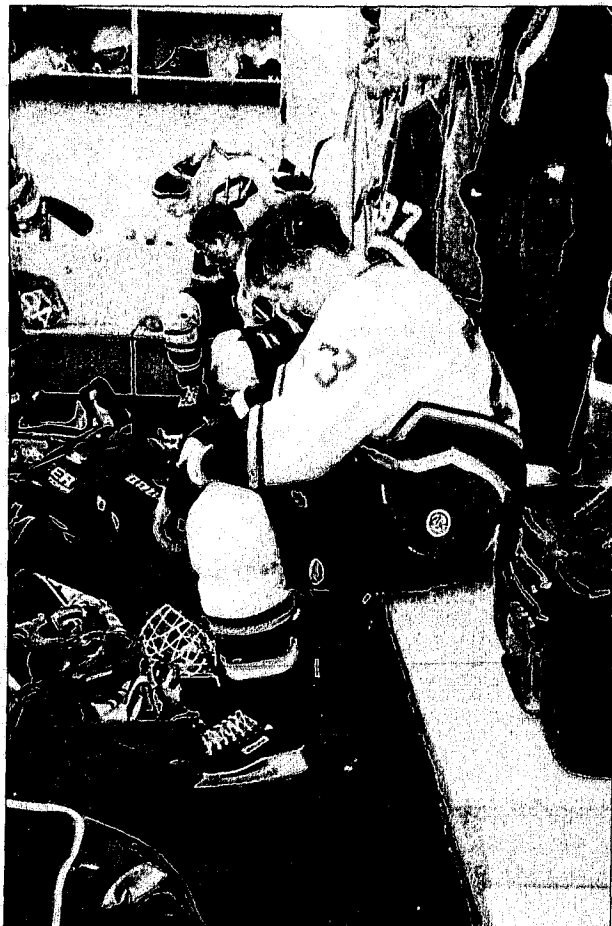
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Think the NHL lockout has left San Jose without hockey? Guess again — and we're not talking about junior leagues either.

San Jose State University is home to one of the top club hockey teams in the country and its season is in full swing.

The Spartans play their home games at Logitech Ice. Logitech is the practice facility for the San Jose Sharks, but they don't seem to need it much lately.

Spartan hockey was created in 1991 when Steve Stitch, a student at SJSU at the time, approached Ron Glasgow, who has been the head coach since the team's inception, about getting the club started.

"We have a trophy named after Steve," Glasgow said. "He even scored the very first goal for the team. He wasn't really a very good player, but it is fitting that he scored the first goal. It set the tone for the team from that point onward."

"There are no plans at this time to make the team a varsity sport," Glasgow said. "In order to do that, there would need to be at least eight to 10 teams on the West Coast. Right now there are no (varsity) teams west of the Rockies — except for the Alaska schools."

Each player must pay \$2,500 in order to join the team. On top of that, the club collects money from gate receipts and from sponsors. Even some of the player's fee is derived from sponsorship to help offset the cost. These fees fund

all the team expenses, including uniforms and travel.

The Spartans are off to a 5-0 start with two wins over Cal, and one each over UC Davis, Cal State Long Beach and the University of Washington.

They will travel to Utah for a three-game stint against Utah State University on Oct. 28, Brigham Young University on Oct. 29 and Weber State University on Oct. 30. They will also travel to Colorado in January, and the American Collegiate Hockey Association Nationals (ACHA) will be held in Detroit, Mich., in March.

Almost a third of the players on the team are from the Bay Area.

"Eight of our current players are from California junior leagues," Glasgow said. "There are three or four players who will be coming up next year from the local leagues. We are really trying to focus on local kids."

Team captain Ray Kellam, one of the native Californians on the team, has been playing hockey for 14 years, the last five with the Spartans. Kellam, who's majoring in photography at SJSU, started playing hockey at the age of 10.

"I spent two years in Utah playing junior 'B' hockey and decided to come home and play at State. I heard they had a pretty good program," Kellam said.

This year's team is the best version yet, Kellam said.

"Speed," he said. "We have so much team speed combined with a lot of size and we have four lines that could score. Every line could

be the first line."

With the fast start, Kellam said it was his job as captain to keep things in perspective.

"We haven't really been challenged yet, so we're trying to stay down to earth," he said. "It's easy to get sky high when you're undefeated."

Another native Californian, Martin Moody, does double-duty as the No. 3 goalie and assistant coach responsible for defensemen.

"Basically I tell the defensive players when to go out on the ice, which means I have to keep an eye on what the other team is doing and who they have on the ice," Moody said. "I like coaching, but I would rather be playing. I was hoping the coaching thing would wait until I was a little older."

The team has been improving from the beginning.

"The level of play comes up every year both here and for our competition," Glasgow said. "Club sports have taken over for freshmen and junior varsity teams at Division (I-A) schools, they can't afford to have those teams so they turn to club hockey for development."

Glasgow said that no SJSU players have moved on to Division (I-A) schools, but the Spartan program holds its own.

"Club hockey has surpassed Division (I-A) in the number of teams playing," he said.

"There are now over 160 club teams in the country and we are in the top 20."

The Spartans made the ACHA Division II national tournament their first year in the league. In all, they have been to five national tournaments in their 14-year history.

With the NHL lockout, fan interest in Spartan hockey has risen, and the stands have been full to near capacity.

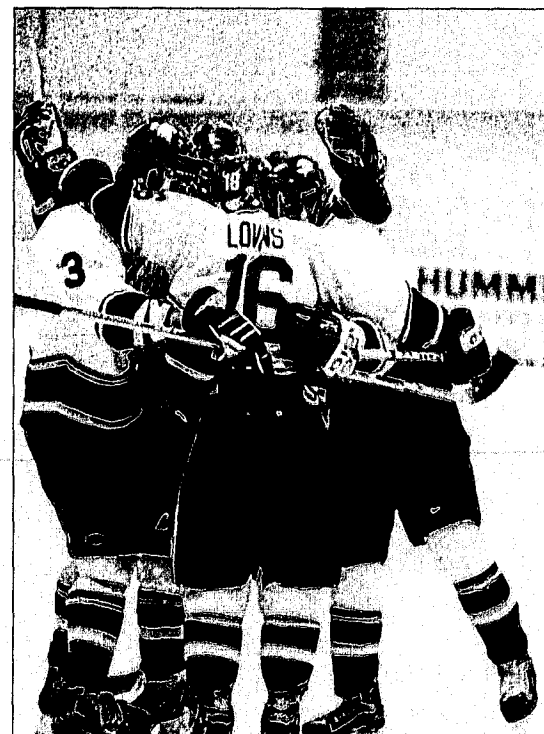
Kellam attributes some of the interest to the lockout, but also a push by the team and supporters to get the word out that SJSU does indeed have a hockey team.

"We handed out fliers and other information about the team," Kellam said.

"We've really been working hard to get people here. Our first night we had over 800 people in the stands and had to turn people away because it was so crowded."



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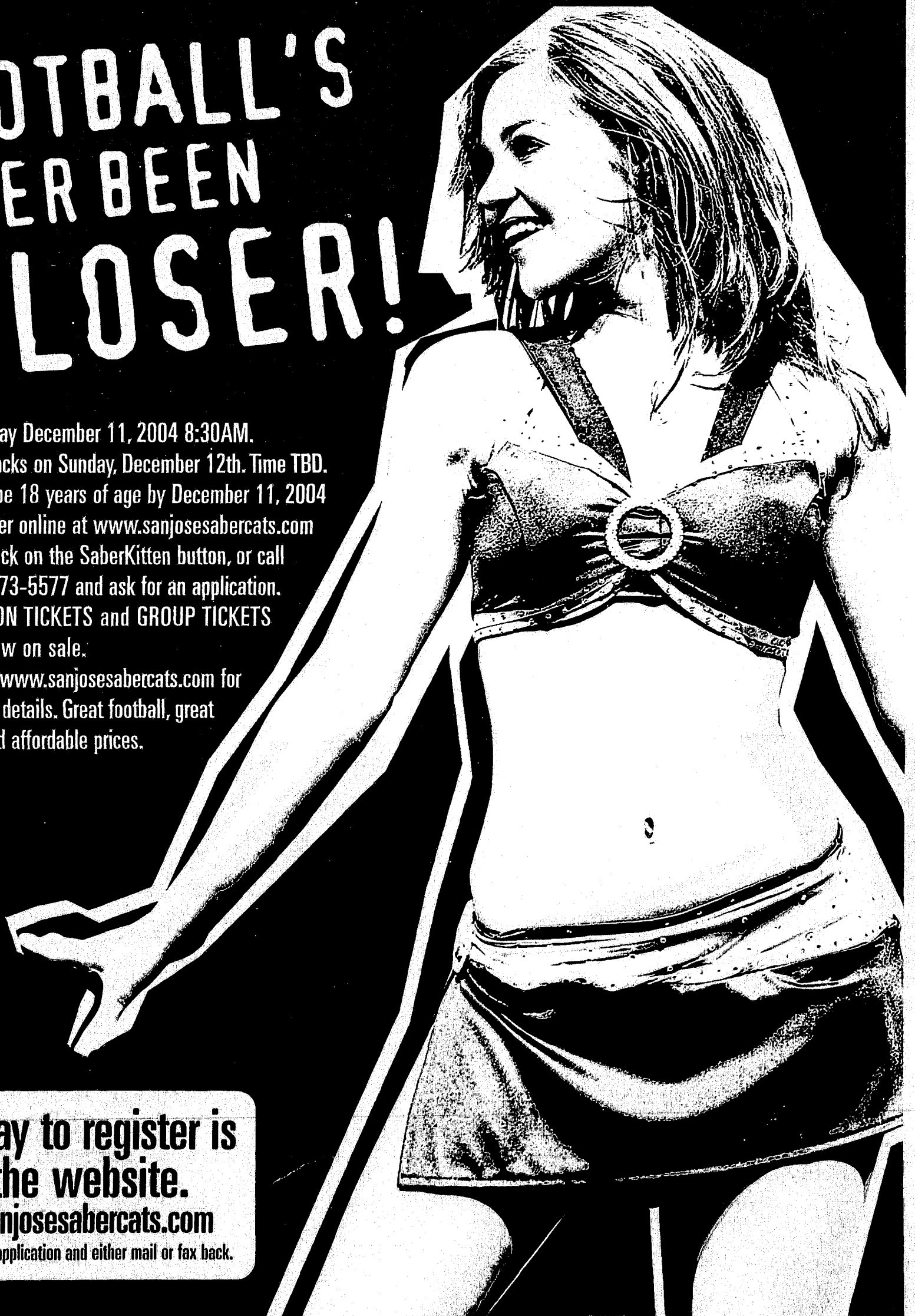
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