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## New directory available

BY CHEETO BARRERA  
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University online phone directory received a major face-lift at the end of last semester that more than doubled the number of faculty, staff members and departments listed.

While there are still a few stylistic points to work out, Victor Van Leer, manager for university computing systems, said the new system is easier to operate.

The old database required people to enter phone and e-mail lists by hand, Van Leer said. Now, University Computing and Telecommunications, which operates the system, uses unclassified human resource information that allows the database to be more complete and accurate.

"The old phone directory was done by hand," Van Leer said. "The new system is based on the human resource database, which gives us the correct name, title, department, phone and email."

The new directory went online May 31 after nearly a year of planning and a month of testing to work out most of the bugs, Van Leer said.

The original directory web site, [www.sjsu.edu/directory](http://www.sjsu.edu/directory), is still online which provides a link to the old and new phone lists. Van Leer said the old list will be taken down sometime in October.

Van Leer said there were a few updates over the summer, but they were mostly "usability enhancements."

The old directory listed 195 departments and now 433 are listed, Van Leer said.

The number of staff members nearly doubled from 3,069 to 5,213.

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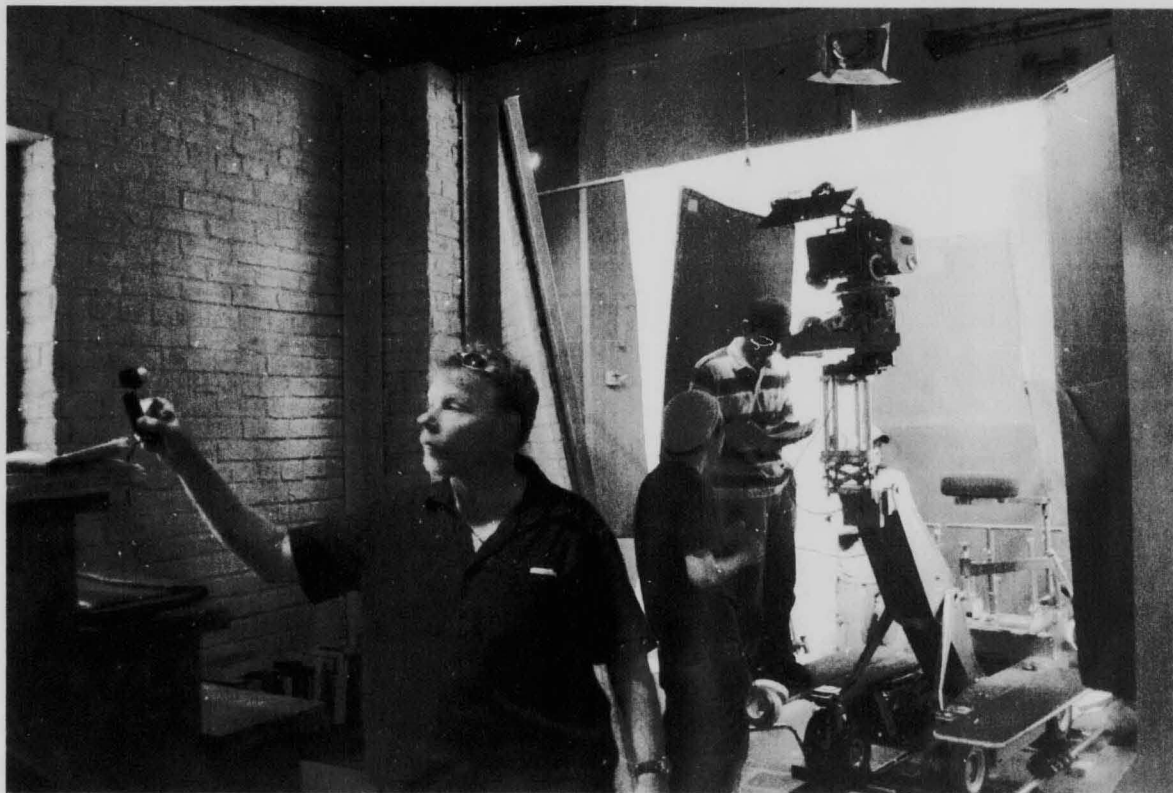


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Director of photography Jim Orr measures the light for exposure for a scene in the movie "Drifting Elegant." The film was primarily shot on and around the San Jose State University campus.

## SJSU in the spotlight

### Professor takes director's chair; alumni star in film

By Kevin Yuen  
Daily A&E Editor

A professor became a director, a play morphed into a film and a campus transformed into a movie set over the summer at San Jose State University.

The feature "Drifting Elegant" was shot in and around Hugh Gillis Hall, as well as on location in San Francisco, where the film is set. Locally, shooting

took place on three main areas at school as well as in local businesses, including Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge and Peanuts.

The film, directed by television, radio, film and theatre professor Amy Glazer, who also directed the play version, follows the breakup of a tumultuous marriage over five years. Stephen Belber, who wrote the play, also adapted it to the screen.

Producers and television, ra-

dio, film and theatre faculty members Nick Martinez and Brnaby Dallas were up for a challenge. This was not different than what they had done before — they have produced three other feature films and a number of music videos in the department — but they had never produced anything of this magnitude before. "Drifting Elegant" would wield a budget of \$125,000 and, for the first time, would use actors from the Screen

Actors' Guild.

Martinez and Dallas had help, however, in South Bay Film Studios, a production company they created last year with assistance from SJSU Provost Carmen Sigler. The studio is managed by the San Jose State University Foundation, a non profit organization that usually helps students run scientific and research

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## Professor offered extra help

### Memorial service to be held Saturday

BY JOHN MYERS  
Daily Executive Editor

Journalism Professor Serena Stanford would drop anything she was doing to help her students.

"I was ill and I missed a few classes," said Gail Evans, associate dean of undergraduate studies at San Jose State University. "I couldn't set up a time to meet with (Stanford), so she invited me to her home and spent several hours tutoring me. It was so above and beyond what any professor is required to do."

Stanford, who spent more than 30 years at SJSU and retired from her position as head of graduate studies and research in 1999, died June 5 at the age of 65. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Music building Concert Hall.

"From what I have heard from students who had her is that she was both extraordinarily competent and extremely gracious in dealing with student concerns," said Lela Noble, interim dean of the College of Social Work who said she has known Stanford for decades.

Evans, who was advised by Stanford while pursuing a minor in speech communication, said she will never forget her memories of Stanford's work.

"She was, without question, one of the most outstanding professors I have had in my lengthy educational career," Evans said.

Former SJSU President John Bunzel said he never thought twice about hiring Stanford as his special assistant in the 1970s.

"She was bright, energetic and honest," said Bunzel, who is now a fellow with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. "We developed an instant rapport, and I convinced her, against her intentions at the time, to join my staff. It was one of the best decisions I ever made."

Noble said Stanford was always a reliable colleague.

"My personal experience with her was that she simply could be counted on to be thoughtful in what she did and innovative in how she did things," Noble said.

Bunzel said he could give any assignment to Stanford and she would be on it immediately.

"She was a take-charge person," he said. "She was somebody who was able to deal with problems, reduce them to a manageable size and come up with solutions."

William Briggs, chair of the school of journalism and mass communications, said he knew of Stanford's reputation before arriving at SJSU.

"I had heard about this awesome professor at San Jose State," Briggs said. "When I joined the faculty, I was finishing my doctorate and she voluntarily helped me do all the data analysis for my dissertation — just out of the kindness of her heart."

Briggs said that even with Stanford's administration position, she never forgot her students in the school of journalism and mass communications.

"She taught in other departments on campus, but this was always her home," Briggs said. "She always took time to maintain her ties and help in any way she could."

## A.S. proposes action center plan, responds to survey

BY CHRISTINE GLARROW  
Daily Online Editor

Students may have access to more community based volunteer opportunities if plans for the creation of a campus action center, discussed at Wednesday's Associated Students meeting, materialize.

A.S. President Alberto Guterrez, along with A.S. Controller Alex Ramos, Director of Legislative Affairs Rebecca Balderas and Executive Director Alfonso De Alba, traveled to various California college campuses, including University of California Santa Barbara, California State University, Northridge, San Diego State and Cal Poly Pomona, over the summer in an effort to get "programming ideas" and ideas as to how to get their students involved. Ramos also took a trip to California State University, Chico, where he received information on a scheduler that the college offers to its students.

The trips purpose was to go to CSU Chico and learn about their Community Service Action Center, something that A.S. is looking to implement at SJSU. "It's geared toward service learning," Ramos said.

Ramos said that "once students go on Campus, they're encouraged to join (the action center)," as it is such a well-known and successful organization on their campus. "About 85 to 90 of (the) people who join (the action center) graduate," Ramos said.

A bulk of the meeting was occupied by a demonstration by Jon Stoll, external development coordinator for A.S. and Solara Foxie, internal

development coordinator for A.S. The purpose of the demonstration was to inform A.S., and eventually the rest of the students on campus, about the potential for a similar center or organization on SJSU's campus, called the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center.

The reason for the center is to give students opportunities to work with children and others in their community by providing outlets and information on programs that help others, Stoll said.

The center is "for students to be involved ... to be an active citizen," Stoll said.

At this point, the center has not moved out of the proposal stage and a location for the possible center has not been determined.

"Ideally, it would be right in the heart of where the students are, in the Student Union," Stoll said.

As of now, A.S. has allotted \$10,000 to get the plans for the center started, and Stoll said he plans to fundraise more next semester.

Stoll said he hopes half of the money needed to execute the center will come from A.S. and the remaining funds will need to be raised.

"The idea is that the action center would be a department of A.S.," Stoll said.

Guterrez also discussed his involvement with freshman orientation, as well as the first movie night, held on August 21. While the movie night had a good turnout, the event would have gone better had sprinklers not turned on during the film, Guterrez said.

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DANIEL SATO / DAILY STAFF

## SumoMania ...

Natalie Alizage, a junior health science major, puts on a Sumo suit with the assistance of Robert Griggs, a junior aviation major. The sumo wrestling was put together by the Greek Life committee.

JESTER ALONE

## "Gilligan's Island" is not what it was 30 years ago

After the weather started getting rough and the tiny ship was tossed, it was over for the fearless crew and its passengers. With Gilligan as first mate they never had a chance. This alludes to something that really needs to be out in the open. The silence has gone on too long. The island that Gilligan, the Skipper, the millionaire and his wife, the movie star, the Professor and Mary-Anne are "stranded" on is Hell.

But don't take my word for it. Thinkers far more distinguished and older than myself have come to the same conclusion, though by examining a different set of circumstances.

In his play "No Exit," Jean-Paul Sartre purports a theory that "other people are hell." The setting of the play is a single room where three people, recently deceased, are led into a small apartment where they are to spend eternity. At first, the situation doesn't seem so bad, but all too soon the unimaginable horror of being surrounded by the same individuals forever sets in.

Both "No Exit" and "Gilligan's Island" are existential tragedies. The characters are completely stripped of their free will. Every attempt at breaking free from their confines is met with failure though each group is

bound by a different set of shackles.

The characters of "No Exit" come face to face with the unexplained eternity of death and a bizarre yet horrific afterlife, whereas the seven castaways are confined to the whims of the strict 1960s television censorship board. In both cases, regardless of how annoying their neighbors get, murder isn't an option.

Some may wonder why the slightly amusing and buffoonish characters stuck on "Gilligan's Island" deserve this punishment. They're not that bad, even without the laugh track. The answer lies in their number. Each character represents a deadly sin — they breakdown accordingly.

- Ginger, with her slinky clothes, painted face and siren song is the embodiment of lust (or at least was to me when I was a little kid).

- Jealous of the attention Ginger receives from the bumbling male characters, Mary-Anne is guilty of having envy in her heart.

- Mr. Howell's sin is fairly obvious — with all of his avarice inspired scams and stinginess the guy is a comic rendition of Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge.

- Mrs. Howell, never lifts a finger around the island, drinks tea with her pinky sticking out and complains about the islands sub-par conditions all the while sitting on her lazy money. She's as slothful as we all wish we could be.

- The Professor represents pride. He convinces himself that his endless stream of crackpot ideas are going to work when he can't even patch a hole in the SS Minnow.

The final two sins allotted to Gilligan and The Skipper can be divided up in two different ways. The most obvious way would be to blame the always ready-to-sleep-and-eat Gilligan of gluttony, pissing off the Skipper, causing him to lose his temper and smack Gilligan with his hat out of the final deadly sin — anger.

However, nobody could argue the generously proportioned Skipper enjoys the coconut cream pies

Mary-Anne bakes every now and again a little too much, on top of letting his anger unleash on his "little buddy." This scenario would leave Gilligan without sin. But, anybody who's seen the show knows that the Gilligan is the least virtuous of the characters. The castaways plans to flee the island are always foiled by his stupidity — the reason the SS Minnow ended up on the island in the first place was probably his doing and he always wears red. This leaves us with one conclusion — Gilligan is Satan. After all, it is Gilligan's Island.

Unlike the characters of "No Exit" that are forever entombed to the stage, the castaways finally got some relief. The show was cancelled to make room for Gunsmoke. Oh yeah, they got to meet the Harlem Globetrotters, to



PETER CLARK

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### TODAY

English Department  
Three new sections of English 1B will be opened. Monday and Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

### SATURDAY

Lambda Theta Aloha  
A car wash will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Saint Pauls Methodist Church on 10th street and San Salvador. For more information, contact Maria Lopez at (408) 417-1978.

### SUNDAY

Catholic Campus Ministry  
Sunday Mass will be held at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. at SJSU Catholic Chapel Ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at (408) 938-1610.

### TUESDAY

Catholic Campus Ministry  
A screening of "Hitch" take place at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel on the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at (408) 938-1610.

### WEDNESDAY

The Career Center  
An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Marisa Stacker at (408) 924-6171.

Campus Reading Program  
"Nickel and Dime" book discussion will be held at 2 p.m. in Simpkins Center.

Undergraduate Studies  
Socrates Café will be held at 3 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. A dialogue in the Socratean style will be led on "What is community?"

### RANDOM WORDS

## Reading the newspaper is not always interesting

For the past hour I've been sitting here trying to think of a topic — maybe it's time to try something else. The newspaper should be a sturdy springboard, it's good enough for Regis.

Looks like Schwarzenegger's approval rating is down again — welcome to politics, "Last Action Hero."

Wowza, she's fine ... oh sorry.

Oh, here's an item.

"Marlins suspend batboy for milk-drinking dare." During an August 28 baseball game between the Dodgers and the Marlins, Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny bet a Marlins batboy \$500 to drink a gallon of milk within an hour. Of course, the kid went for it, but he didn't make it. He finished the milk but not in the hour. No \$500 bounty, but the Marlins did slap a six game suspension on him.

Kind of harsh if you ask me. If the message is betting is not condoned that's fine, but aren't they punishing the wrong guy? Not to mention, as Penny told the Miami Herald, "It's kind of ridiculous that you get a 10-game suspension for steroids and a six-game suspension for milk." You said it, but wait. There's something wrong with baseball when players have a ruler to measure steroid punishments.

Hey there she is again — maybe I should walk over ... oh sorry, again.

Flipping through the rest of the pages of the newspaper, I began to notice a trend. There are many pages of women's underwear. Why are they there? Do they really think someone out there is going to flip through the paper and say, "Hmm, bras why didn't I think of that?"

There sure are a lot of good writers in this paper. Coming from the photography side of the Spartan Daily many folks assume I don't write so good well. It is true that sometimes there is a tension

between the two sides. Egos get in the way and sometimes people take the wrong path. That's human nature I suppose. The writers I've known have been good people though.

Hey ... want to hear a joke? How do you tell the difference between a reporter and a photographer? Give them each a stick of gum and tell them to follow you. When you turn back around, ask the winner to take your picture. Ba-dam-bum!

Oh, there she is again — wait that's a man ... oh, sorry yet again.

Flipping the page ... look it's President Bush — the junior, not the senior, for our friends coming

out of comas ... dude you might want to sit down for this one, Journey didn't make it. Bush is living the American dream, taking what he wants and doing it his own way, and this time he's accomplished the unthinkable — a second degree of vacation. He stayed at Crawford, Texas, so long he forgot that hunting and fishing aren't work. The war on terrorism terrorism terrorists is still ongoing. There's no sign of Osama Bin Laden, gas prices are always a hot button (eat it non-Californians), Iraq is still putting the pieces together and let's not forget the Gaza Strip. Not laughing? It'd be funnier if he weren't the most powerful man in the world.

Speaking of not funny, religious nut (can't get enough of it) Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson apologized for putting a hit on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Robertson hosts "The 700 Club." If PAX had a news show, this would be it. Since when do peaceful men of religion send someone to sleep with the fishes? I guess the Ten Commandments aren't a corner stone.

Well that's my time — I'm out of newspaper.



SHAMINDER DULAI

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## Volleyball team readies for new challenges in 2005 season

**BY CHEETO BARRERA**  
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University's volleyball season is right around the corner with a young team and a revamped league.

### VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

The Spartans, with five freshmen on the squad, lost last year's powerhouses Carrie Nash and Dana Rudd, who played their last year of eligibility.

#### Learning the ropes

Head Coach Craig Choate said the freshmen are meeting expectations and should fill in the holes.

"The kids coming back are doing what I thought they would do," Choate said. "The freshmen are doing what I hoped they were capable of doing. I'm really excited. I have a great team."

While the team may be young, it doesn't lack enthusiasm, junior right side hitter Dyana Thompson said.

"I didn't know anything about them, but the first day of practice, they went hard," Thompson said. "They really gave it their all and got the older players pumped up."

Thompson, who finished the 2004 season with 60 blocks, added that the teammates have really grown close together and have "amazing chemistry" on the court.

#### Same conference, new foes

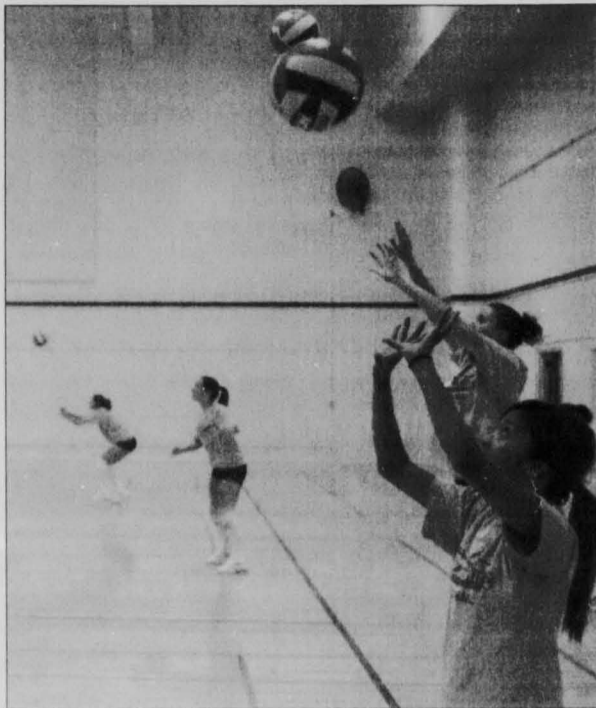
SJSU will also face three new opponents in the restructured Western Athletic Conference.

The University of Idaho, New Mexico State University and Utah State University replaced Rice University, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas-El Paso and the University of Tulsa, which all went to the newly formed Conference USA.

Choate said SJSU is in a strong conference, ranked seventh in the nation, and he expects Hawai'i, the WAC perennial powerhouse, to once again dominate.

"I hope we can face them three times, which means we make it to the championships of the WAC tournament," Choate said.

The Spartans will take on 10th-ranked Wisconsin, which beat the



KEVIN WHITE / DAILY STAFF

**From foreground, Justine Pingue, Kristina Conrad, Jessie Shull and Danielle Orong, members of San Jose State University's volleyball team, warm up for practice in Spartan Complex on Thursday.**

Rainbow Wahine in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament last year.

Choate is also looking forward to the matches against University of Nevada, which will return all its players from last season.

But Choate said the focus is now on the new teams.

"The real question mark is on the new schools," Choate said. "Idaho and New Mexico are both strong teams, Utah State has a good program, but they had several injuries."

"No one knows what to think of the three new schools," he said.

In an attempt to fill the holes, a few players were switched around, including sophomore Jennifer Senfleben who moved from a middle blocker to outside hitter.

"He just had me move over," said Senfleben, who recorded 351 kills in 2004, the second most on the team. "We lost Carrie Nash and we needed to fill her place."

First-year player Justine Pingue

said that while she is not a starter, she is really learning a lot.

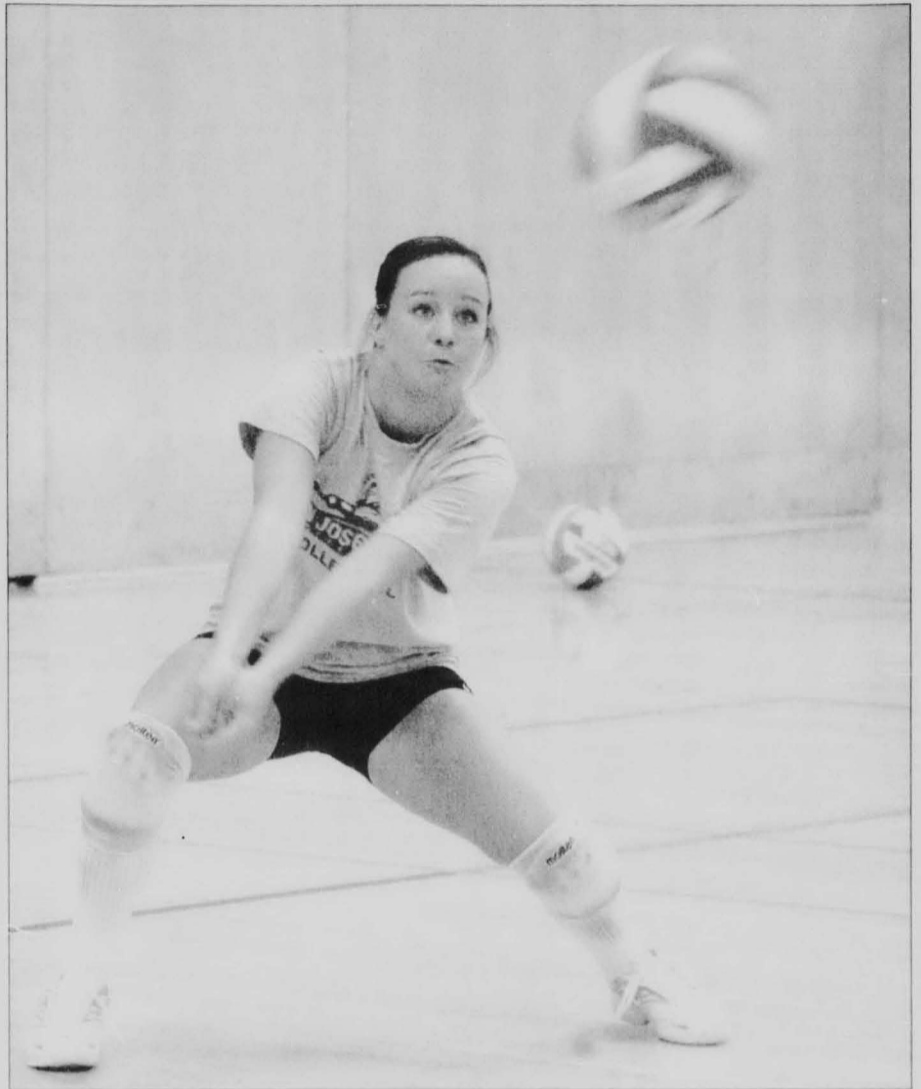
"Everybody wants to be here," Pingue said. "We have a really good coach; he's a great person. In high school, I didn't get better. But now, being here on this team really teaches you a lot."

The Spartan Gym, the Spartans' home court, is being renovated and has forced the team's Sept. 6 home opener against the University of San Francisco to be played on the road at the War Memorial Gym.

Choate said he was told the gym would be ready for their Sept. 22 game against Idaho, but he has scheduled the Event Center as a backup.

The Spartans started out strong with a 14-6 overall record but stumbled mid-way though the year, losing seven of their last eight games to finish 15-13 overall, 5-8 in WAC play.

The Spartans play their first game at 7 p.m. tonight on the road against UC Davis at the Pavilion.



KEVIN WHITE / DAILY STAFF

**Jessie Shull, a junior defensive specialist, digs a serve during practice Thursday in the Spartan Complex. The team plays 7 p.m. today at UC Davis.**

## SJSU inks new cable TV deal with Comcast

### Charges dropped against former men's basketball recruit

Daily Staff Report

#### Football

Comcast SportsNet West and San Jose State University have signed an agreement to provide regional cable television coverage of home football and basketball games for the first time in school history.

### SPARTAN ROUND UP

The Oct. 22 football game against the University of Hawai'i and the Nov. 26 game against the University of Idaho will be produced and aired by the cable network.

The agreement also includes "The Dick Tomey Show," a 30-minute weekly show with the SJSU football coach that begins the week of Sept. 5 and is available on all northern California cable and satellite TV systems that carry Comcast SportsNet.

A schedule of televised men's basketball games will be announced in the near future.

Subscribers to DirecTV and the Dish Network also receive Comcast SportsNet West programming.

In a separate deal, SJSU's football team will make its first appearance on ABC since 1996 when its

Oct. 1 game against the University of Nevada will be televised in the West Coast states of California, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii and parts of Oregon.

#### Men's basketball

The Winchendon (Mass.) District Court dropped statutory rape charges against former San Jose State University recruit Lorenzo Keeler at the request of the victim.

The Spartans learned of the charges after they offered Keeler a scholarship in May.

Head Coach George Nessman later withdrew the scholarship because he believed the pressing legal obligations in Massachusetts would prevent Keeler from performing his academic and athletic duties at SJSU, not because he and the SJSU administration believed Keeler was guilty.

Keeler was one of three Division-I recruits from The Winchendon School, a college-preparatory school in Massachusetts, who were charged with having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old girl at the school in October.

Keeler was contacted by the Spartans in April before accepting a basketball scholarship in May.

The Spartans learned of Keeler's legal situation after he had received a court summons to appear at the district court. Keeler was arraigned in mid-June.

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projects.

Some of the university's seed money, along with donations from Martinez and Dallas' connections, allowed them to acquire the rights to the script and hire experienced actors for South Bay Film Studio's first feature, such as SJSU alumnus Cobi Bell ("Third Watch"), Donnie Keshawarz ("24") and Josh Stamberg ("Over There").



MARTINEZ

All of Martinez and Dallas' previous efforts have been self-funded, with money coming straight from the pockets of their friends and families.

"Drifting Elegant"'s enlarged budget, however, did not change the process of filming, Dallas said. "The model is the same," Dallas said. "It's like instead of single-A baseball, we're playing triple-A baseball. We're still not doing multi-million dollar films — and we probably never will — but we want to make films with an educational spin on them."

A professional production crew was brought in to work on the shoot and a legion of about 40 students worked under them for class credit and internships.

"We're giving students the experience of being on a real movie set by creating it," said Mike Adams, chair of the television, radio, film and theatre department. "Most universities don't do that."

Aside from simply allowing students the opportunity to be surrounded by film professionals, "Drifting Elegant" also provides the university the chance to fund future endeavors, said Suzanne Murphy, director of enterprise and endowment programs of the San Jose State University Foundation. The profits of the film will be sequestered away and saved to jump-start other projects.



ADAMS

"It's been a wonderful convergence of opportunities," Murphy said. "We have many talented people on staff (at SJSU). In this particular department, you've got a world-class director in Amy. The pieces were really all there."

"What Barnaby and Nick were able to do is they saw these folks in place and were able to pull them into one project."

Dallas said he speculates a cut of the movie will be finished by the end of November, and that the film will be ready for festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, and the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City in the late winter to early spring of next year.

"Our track record indicates that it will at least be released direct-to-video, if not in theaters," Dallas said.

South Bay Film Studios will continue to fund endeavors in the future, but another feature film will not come into the horizon for a while.

"A movie of this scale takes about a year and a half," Martinez said. "In the meantime, this semester we're going to focus on a reality show and another film."

"Next summer we're getting ready for a student film — one written by a student — and then after that another feature film."

Martinez said he thinks the skills acquired on the set of "Drifting Elegant" can be used in future projects.

"Basically it teaches the next generation of filmmakers," he said. "'Drifting Elegant' had a lot of experienced people who learned a lot and so when the next feature comes around, they can possibly work as department heads or get their own feature shot."

Martinez said he would like a showing of the movie on campus sometime in the near future, after post-production is finished.

## A.S. - Board of Directors discusses wireless project, print shop hours extension

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The next movie night, a showing of "The Longest Yard," is scheduled for next Thursday and A.S. has already confirmed that the sprinklers will be off at the time of the presentation.

In addition, Guitierrez mentioned a two-week-long survey conducted by the Office of Advancement, which students and

teachers were interviewed from different departments.

The purpose of the survey, which took place earlier this month, was "to get a variety of perspectives on how people feel about the campus," Guitierrez said.

Questions, such as "What do you like and don't like about SJSU?" were asked.

"One of the most common responses (given by students) was

that they didn't feel connected with the University."

With these responses, the surveys showed that the student's perspective was different from the administration's perspective.

SJSU is also expected to have its wireless project running within the next month.

The project, which is meant to offer wireless internet to students from most buildings on campus, was supposed to be effective

Wednesday, said De Alba.

However, while "installation was successful," not all of the wireless access points are working, De Alba said.

He said the rest of the testing needed to completely implement the project will take three to four weeks, though some students who have already set up a wireless account may find that they can get online in certain buildings or at

access points on campus. "It's sporadic at this point," De Alba said.

De Alba also mentioned that the A.S. Print Shop has extended its hours this semester, closing at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Other than that, "enjoy the rest of your first week of classes," Guitierrez said.

## DIRECTORY - Computer updates allow instant data entry

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Because the database is updated through the human resources lists, Van Leer said phone and e-mail lists are updated daily. The previous list was updated two or three times per year, he said.

The new directory now offers PDF files of the phone lists for faculty and staff, campus adminis-

tration, emergency procedures and department offices.

Van Leer said the PDFs are updated monthly, but the department is working on having them updated on a weekly basis.

"It was very people intensive to update," Van Leer said. "We had scheduled updates four times a year but averaged two per year. Now we can update every day.

Updates were often major complaints of users."

Some faculty members said using the new directory is easy and they have experienced few problems.

"It is pretty much the same (as the old system), I would think," said Jim Freeman, chair of the electrical engineering department. "If the user can go online,

it's easy."

Chris Jochim, chair of the humanities department, said while the new directory is easy to use, he sees a few improvements that need to be made.

"In terms of ease of use, it is the same as its predecessor," Jochim said. "But there you still have an extra step before going to the new directory."

Jochim did say, however, that he liked the new system better.

"I use it frequently, and I found it to be a better phone book," Jochim said. "Because San Jose State was based on accounts on lotus servers, a lot of people were left out and are slowly being added. They need to get rid of the extra step... and make the data more complete."

## Finger case plea delayed

SAN JOSE (AP) — A plea in the Wendy's chili finger case was delayed Thursday after defense attorneys asked to discuss the case with the judge.

Anna Ayala and Jaime Plascencia face two felony charges: conspiracy to file a false charge and attempted grand theft with excessive damages.

Authorities allege the pair

sought to win a large settlement from the fast food giant by placing a portion of a human finger in a bowl of chili.

Deputy District Attorney Chuck Gillingham said prosecutors are not interested in reducing charges against the husband and wife.

Another hearing was scheduled for Friday.

## UC Berkeley to review ban on alcohol at Greek events

BERKELEY (AP) — Officials at the University of California, Berkeley, have reached an agreement that could result in easing the ban on serving alcohol at fraternity and sorority events.

The agreement will require the Greek community to be more accountable, including patrolling their events and reporting violations of campus policies, school officials said in announcing the plan Tuesday.

"I am very pleased with this agreement," Karen Kenney, dean of students, said in a news release. "Fraternity and sorority lead-

ers worked with us on this issue throughout the summer and came up with a plan that involves close monitoring by Greek leaders, serious sanctions and educational components. It's a great start."

Campus officials issued a moratorium on drinking at fraternities and sororities in May, citing concerns about problems including fighting, hazing and unruly parties. The ban covers events on and off campus and extends to fraternities or sororities that do not have a chapter house.

Under the new plan, if there are no significant violations of the

current ban by Sept. 1, the end of recruitment week, campus officials will lift the ban in stages, possibly ending the moratorium entirely by Oct. 21 if there are no problems.

Greek community leaders have agreed to strict sanctions against chapters that don't follow the agreement.

UC Berkeley has 70 fraternities and sororities with more than 2,500 members. Hard liquor is banned under long-standing policy. Beer and wine are allowed for students of legal drinking age, but cannot be served from kegs or other bulk containers.

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## Calif. politician visits Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez met Mexican President Vicente Fox on Thursday on a trip he said was meant to ease Mexican anger at Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's remarks about immigrants.

But Nunez also found himself explaining his own call for a state of emergency along the border, a declaration made by other states that has irritated Mexican leaders.

Not by coincidence, Nunez's meeting with Fox wasn't mentioned on the president's daily schedule of public events.

Heading into the meeting at the presidential residence of Los Pinos, the speaker said the emergency decree was a matter "between the states and the Bush administration" meant to seek resources to solve border region problems.

"In no way does it seek to attack or place blame on the back of Mexico," said Nunez, a Los Angeles Democrat.

The governors of Arizona and New Mexico recently made such declarations. Schwarzenegger has said there is no need for such action in California and that, in any case, state law does not grant him the authority to do so. On Thursday, four Republican lawmakers said they will introduce legislation allowing the governor to declare emergencies along the border.

Nunez's trip comes at a time of heightened political tensions in California and Mexico, the state's largest trading partner.

California Democrats and labor unions are opposing a November special election called by the Republican governor that seeks to reform key aspects of state government.

State Republican officials said Nunez's trip was orchestrated to

woo Hispanic voters ahead of the Nov. 8 election.

Mexico, meanwhile, is heading into its most wide-open presidential election year in many decades.

On arrival at Mexico City airport, Nunez, who lived in Mexico until age 7, said enforcement of immigration law "has to be done with respect and dignity." He said "California depends on Mexican labor" and endorsed the idea of legalizing many of those now working illegally.

He also said he would try to stimulate business, saying Mexican investment in the state has grown by 17 percent over the past five years, reaching \$30 billion.

If Mexico and immigration are hot issues throughout the Southwest, Mexican politicians often seek applause at home by denouncing U.S. treatment of migrants and U.S. meddling in Mexican affairs.

For the first time, Mexican migrants living abroad will be allowed to cast absentee ballots in 2006, giving them an unprecedented voice in who will replace Fox.

Fox is barred by law from seeking re-election.

Before leaving Sacramento, Nunez said he hoped to soothe what he said was unhappiness in Mexico over Schwarzenegger's statement of support for the Minuteman patrols. The volunteer group says its purpose is to help U.S. border agents arrest illegal immigrants streaming across the Mexican border. Schwarzenegger also has called upon the U.S. government to increase border security.

In Mexico, politicians are maneuvering for the July 2006 presidential and congressional elections.

Key issues include Mexican

alarm at the declarations of emergency in New Mexico and Arizona. Mexico sees the emergencies as exaggerated and anti-Mexican.

On Aug. 18, Nunez called on Schwarzenegger to declare an emergency in California, saying it would help pressure the federal government to stop drug-running and illegal immigration.

Schwarzenegger said there was no need for such a declaration. He also said state law allows him to declare emergencies only in case of war, natural disasters or epidemics.

In a letter he sent to Nunez on Wednesday, Schwarzenegger said the law was intended to protect health, safety, life and property in extreme circumstances.

"The current situation in California does not rise to this level," the governor wrote.

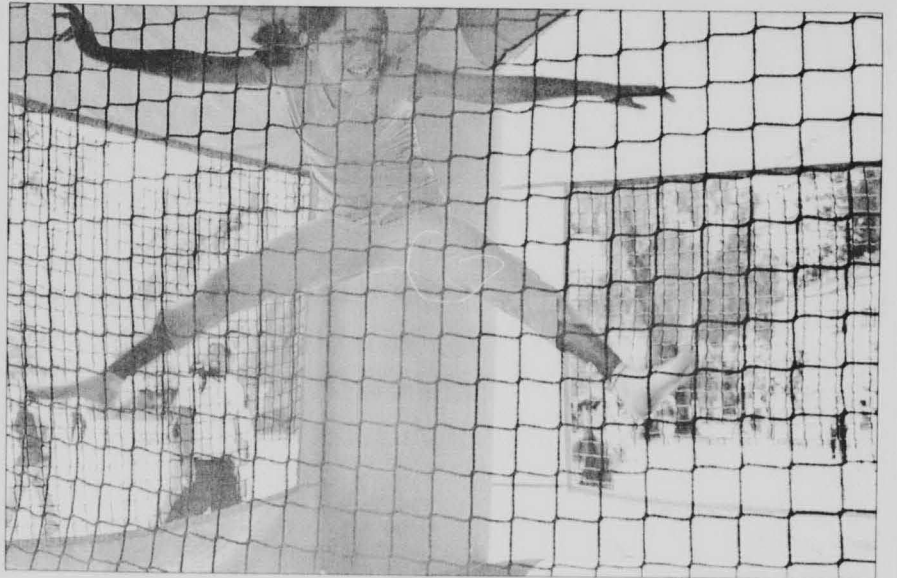
On Thursday, four Republican state lawmakers said they intended to introduce a bill that would amend state law, giving the governor authority to declare a state of emergency along the border. It was not immediately clear whether the bill would be supported by the governor's office.

In his letter to Nunez, Schwarzenegger said he has lobbied federal officials extensively for more federal aid and has met with other governors to address concerns related to the porous U.S.-Mexico border.

Those include drug smuggling, human trafficking and issues associated with illegal immigration such as car theft and environmental damage.

He said California has committed about \$30 million to combat those problems.

"I am committed to addressing this issue in a significant way and have always made my commitment in this regard clear," Schwarzenegger said in his letter.



DANIEL SATO / DAILY STAFF

### Leaps and bounds ...

Nine-year-old Geneva Quakenbush jumps around Thursday at San Jose State University. She came along with her aunt Gina Silva, a senior interior design major. The inflatable house was part of Greek Life activities.

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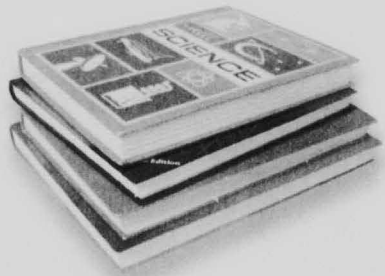
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# The Bulwer-Lytton elements of (bad) style

The Spartan Daily aims at getting students information in a clear and concise manner, something that is completely foreign to the winners of this year's Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

San Jose State University's annual bad writing contest includes participants from all over the world.

The winning entries were announced in July. Here are some of our favorites. They're so good at being bad.

## Overall winner

As he stared at her ample bosom, he daydreamed of the dual Stromberg carburetors in his vintage Triumph Spitfire, highly functional yet pleasingly formed, perched prominently on top of the intake manifold, aching for experienced hands, the small knurled caps of the oil dampers begging to be inspected and adjusted as described in chapter seven of the shop manual.

Dan McKay  
Fargo, N.D.

## Runner-up

When Detective Riggs was called to investigate the theft of a trainload of Native American fish broth concentrate bound for market, he solved the case almost immediately, being that the trail of clues led straight to the trainmaster, who had both the locomotive and the Hopi tuna tea.

Mitsy Rae  
Danbury, Neb.

## Grand Panjandrum's Special Award

India, which hangs like a wet washcloth from the towel rack of Asia, presented itself to Tex as he landed in Delhi (or was it Bombay?), as if it mattered because Tex finally had an idea to make his mark and fortune and that idea was a chain of steak houses to serve the millions and he wondered, as he deplaned down the steep, shiny, steel steps, why no one had thought of it before.

Ken Aclin  
Shreveport, La.

## Miscellaneous Dishonorable Mentions

She was independent and impetuous and win-

ning her heart would be like capturing lightning in a bottle, not the plastic kind that is prevalent everywhere today but the glass kind that I used to buy crème soda in at the service station, when they were actually SERVICE STATIONS, two blocks from my house back in the 50's and early 60's and I would return them for two cents deposit which was a quick source of income back then because my allowance was only ten cents a week.

Mario  
Martinez  
San Jose,  
Calif.

You could tell it was going to be a perfect beach day, maybe the best one all summer — when the air is the temperature of a gymnasium locker room and the sea sways over the dunes like a yoga instructor doing the downward facing dog.

Rita Kasperek  
Oakland, Calif.

## Winner: Adventure Category

Captain Burton stood at the bow of his massive sailing ship, his weathered face resembling improperly

“...Winning her heart would be like capturing lightning in a bottle, not the plastic kind that is prevalent everywhere today but the glass kind that I used to buy crème soda in. ...”

cured leather that wouldn't even be used to make a coat or something.

Bryan Semrow  
Oshkosh, Wis.

## Winner: Dark and Stormy Night

It was a dark and stormy night, although technically

it wasn't black or anything — more of a gravy color like the spine of the 1969 Scribner's Sons edition of “A Farewell to Arms,” and, truth be told, the storm didn't sound any more fierce than the opening to Leon Russell's 1975 classic, “Back to the Island.”

Kevin Hogg  
Cranbrook, BC  
Canada

## Winner: Detective

Patricia wrote out the phrase “It was a dark and

“...He began his journey to find the Holy Hammer of Taloria and the Sacred Nail of Ikthillia so Baldak could hang one of Zarthon's mediocre watercolors, which was an art critique Baldak kept to himself. ...”

stormy night' exactly seventy-two times, which was the same number of times she stabbed her now quickly-rotting husband, and the same number of pages she ripped out of “He's Just Not That Into You” by Greg Behrendt to scatter around the room — not because she was obsessive compulsive, or had any sentimental attachment to the number seventy-two, but because she'd always wanted to give those quacks at CSI a hard time.

Kari A.  
Stiller  
College  
Station, Texas

## Winner: Fantasy Fiction

“Why does every task in the Realm of Zithanor have to be a quest?” Baldak of Erthorn, handyman to the Great Wizard Zarthon, asked rhetorically as he began his journey to find the Holy Hammer of Taloria and the Sacred Nail of Ikthillia so Baldak could hang one of Zarthon's mediocre watercolors, which was an

art critique Baldak kept to himself unlike his predecessor, whom Zarthon turned into the Picture Frame of Torathank.

SSG Kevin Craver  
Fort Polk, La.

## Winner: Romance

Billy Bob gushed like a broken water main about his new love: “She's got long, beautiful, drain-clogging hair, more curves than an under-the-sink water trap, and she moves with the ease of a motorized toilet snake through a four-inch sewer line, but what she sees in me, a simple plumber, I'll never know.”

Glenn Lawrie  
Chung-buk, South Korea

## Winner: Science Fiction

Long, long ago in a galaxy far away, in General Hospital born I was, and quite happy were my parents, but when a youngling still I was, moved we did.

Mary Potts  
Oneco, Fla.

## Winner: Spy

The double agent looked up from his lunch of Mahi-Mahi and couscous and realized that he must escape from Walla Walla to Bora Bora to come face-to-face with his arch enemy by taking out his 30-30 and shooting off his nemesis' ear-to-ear grin so he

could wave bye-bye to this duplicitous life, but the chances of him pulling this off were only so-so, much less than 50-50.

Charles Jaworski  
North Pole, Ark.

## Winner: Vile Puns

Falcon was her name and she was quite the bird of prey, sashaying past her adolescent admirers from one anchor store to another, past the kiosks where earrings longed to lie upon her lobes and sun-

glasses hoped to nestle on her nose, seemingly the beginning of a beautiful friendship with whomsoever caught the eye of the mall tease, Falcon.

Jay Dardenne  
Baton Rouge, La.

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“...She's got long, beautiful, drain-clogging hair, more curves than an under-the-sink water trap, and she moves with the ease of a motorized toilet snake through a four-inch sewer line. ...”

## Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest

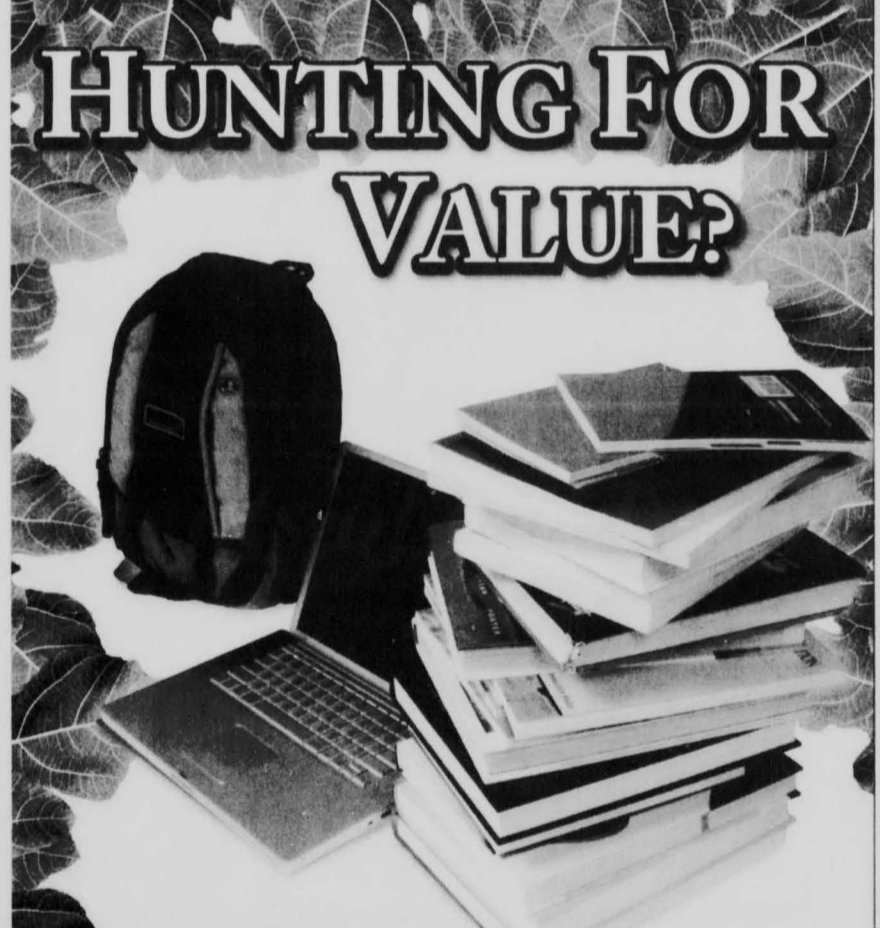
The contest's namesake: Victorian novelist Edward George Earl Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873), who gave birth to “It was a dark and stormy night. ...”

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Number of submissions received this year: thousands

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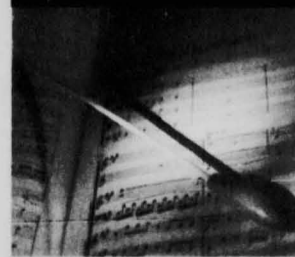
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## View from the top ...

Residents of the newly opened Campus Village take a break from moving in on Sunday to eat from the Subway that has opened in the Village Market.

## Broadband covers VMAs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — MTV's Video Music Awards are going broadband, expanding beyond television for a new take on the typically raucous ceremony along with "bonus" performances and other original online coverage, the channel said Thursday.

MTV, which is part of the media company Viacom Inc., said its new broadband video channel, MTV Overdrive, will include the dedicated "My VMAs" channel to allow fans the chance "to relive and remix" highlights from Sunday's show along with additional coverage of arrivals, parties and interviews.

"It's a way to give people a more complete experience," said Van Toffler, president of MTV Networks Music Group. "What we found with the VMAs is it creates a lot of watercooler talk about what you missed or saw ... whether it was Michael (Jackson) kissing Lisa Marie (Presley) or Madonna kissing Britney (Spears)."

Broadband users will be able to replay the ceremony and sample the bonus material at will, including performances from bands like the Killers. The "My VMAs" customization feature will be available after the show concludes.

Diddy will host the Video Music Awards, airing 8 p.m. EDT Sunday from Miami.

The broadband effort follows MTV's much criticized coverage of the international Live 8

charity concerts in July, which observers said suffered in comparison with the more comprehensive attention from America Online, the online service owned by Time Warner Inc.

Between commercials, interviews and reports from correspondents, MTV often showed only a song or two from several of the performances.

AOL visitors could choose from video feeds from London and other cities and performances were shown in their entirety.

Toffler said there was no connection between the VMA broadband coverage and fall-out from Live 8.

The "My VMAs" effort was in the planning stages for months for MTV Overdrive, which launched in April, he said.

"What Live 8 did show is that when there is a connection between the TV event and the choice of on-demand consumption after the event, everybody wins," Toffler said.

VMA coverage already is available on MTV Overdrive, including a look at the nominees with MTV's Damien Fahey and a profile of first-time nominee My Chemical Romance.

A live post-show segment will include reporting from MTV News' Kurt Loder, John Norris, Sway Calloway, SuChin Pak and Gideon Yago. All of the awards coverage will be available on MTV Overdrive for a month after the ceremony.

## 'Geek Squad' overhauled

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Agents of the computer fixing "Geek Squad" wear badges and uniforms and drive black and white cars — a look the California Highway Patrol fears too closely resembles actual police officers.

The Volkswagen Beetles, emblazoned with a "Geek Squad" logo and painted black-and-white, are driven by men and women in white shirts and snap-on ties whose mission, for a fee, is to bring help to customers' homes, repairing and installing computers and entertainment systems.

Best Buy Co. Inc. is now repainting its "Geek Squad" Beetles throughout California to comply with the highway patrol's request that the vehicles not look so much like their patrol cars, the company said Thursday.

"If a new driver or an older driver sees this black and white vehicle they might think it's the police — they've got uniforms on and they've got badges on and could be mistaken for an officer," CHP spokesman Mike Herman said Thursday.

The decision to repaint cars stemmed from a traffic stop in Walnut Creek, Calif., in June when a Geek Squad member was charged with breaking a California law that says, "No person shall own or operate a motor vehicle painted ... to resemble a motor vehicle used by a peace officer or traffic officer on duty."

Best Buy then worked with the highway patrol to eliminate similarities. Vehicle doors on "Geekmobiles" will now be painted be all black.

Police said they don't know of any law enforcement divisions that use Beetles but wanted to avoid any cases of mistaken identity.

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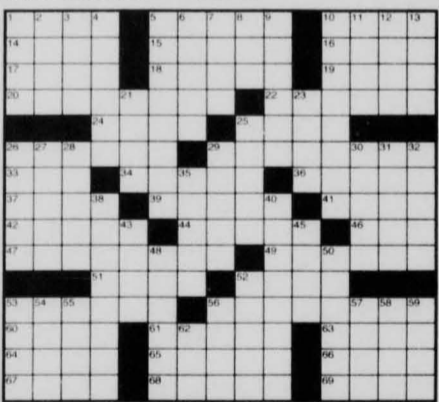
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Student Ambassador Ibiden Eguen answers students' questions and recommends paying with a credit card on the Internet or dropping off a check in the drop box outside. Eguen was stationed at the front door of the Bursar's Office on Monday to give students alternatives to waiting in line.

## Enrollment on campus up

BY JOHN MYERS  
Daily Executive Editor

Students walking across campus may notice less elbow room this year.

Marshall Rose, associate vice president of enrollment and academic services at San Jose State University, said the university received 5,000 more applications than last year.

"That's a pretty big jump," Rose said. "Usually it's 500, 600, up to a 1,000-application increase — not several thousand."

More than 34,000 students applied, Rose said, and about 25 to 30 percent of them are expected to show up to classes and enroll in the university.

"The trend is to keep going and manage the enrollment at 29,000 or 30,000 (total students), whatever is best for the university,"

Rose said.

Rose said the increase is due to a new recruitment plan the university has implemented. University recruiters spoke to each potential student depending on that student's interest in coming to SJSU.

"For the students with a higher level of interest in coming here, we communicate with them at a higher level," he said. "We continue to develop that communication until they say they're not interested, then we cut it down or stop."

Rose said his department has also trained and hired tour guides, who use a new visitor's center in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library as a gateway to showing potential students the rest of the university.

The enrollment services department has also helped develop the virtual adviser, a Web site that al-

lows students to type in keywords to find quick answers to questions about scheduling classes, scholarships, financial aid and other student services.

"When students can see what we have to offer, it builds our reputation up and that's supported with our staff and faculty," Rose said.

Next year, Rose expects even more marketing of the school's recruitment slogan, "Build tomorrow, start today."

"We'll continue with our current plan, but we'll go a step further," he said. "We want to put signs in our (city's) airport like other universities do, and we want to put ads on buses."

Rose said getting the word out about SJSU is his department's aim.

"We're keeping a good secret here and our goal is to change that," Rose said.

## Rolling blackouts hit Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — High temperatures and the loss of a key transmission line Thursday forced power officials in Southern California to impose rolling blackouts, leaving as many as half a million people without power for about half an hour, officials said.

The California Independent System Operator, which operates the electric grid in California, declared a transmission emergency at 3:57 p.m., said ISO spokeswoman Stephanie McCorkle.

About 30 minutes later, power was being restored to people subjected to the blackouts, she said.

It marked one of the most serious electricity shortages since the power crisis in 2000 and 2001.

The ISO ordered Edison to reduce demand throughout its region, prompting initial blackouts in areas of Fontana, La Puente, Cathedral City, Huntington Beach, Long Beach and Ontario, said Gil Alexander, a spokesman for SoCal Edison.

Few problems were reported in communities struck by the blackouts.

Long Beach police Officer Greg Schirmer said Edison notified the department in advance and there were no problems.

"We've had rolling blackouts in the past and we've been fortunate enough not to have any

issues," he said.

Rozanne Adanto, community services director in La Puente, said the city received an email notifying it of possible power outages at 4:10 p.m.

"I did notify staff to keep saving their documents on the computer," she said.

"Maybe we'll all get to go home early."

La Puente, with a population of about 41,000, is located in the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles.

The utility scatters the outages to lessen the impact. If the problem had persisted, the blackout would have been shifted to other areas.

Temperatures that hovered around 100 degrees in inland areas created increased demand of about 1,500 megawatts. A megawatt is enough power to serve about 750 homes.

The situation was exacerbated by the sudden loss of key transmission lines from the Pacific Northwest, Alexander said.

A transformer in Los Angeles' Sylmar section that converts power from the Pacific Northwest took itself offline automatically at 3:56 p.m. when an oil flow alarm went off, said Carol Tucker, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, which co-owns the trans-

mission line.

The converter station, which distributes 2,250 megawatts of power, was operating at half capacity Thursday evening and an inspection was under way to determine if the transformer can be fixed, Tucker said.

The emergency order from the ISO caused Edison to reduce demand by 800 megawatts throughout its territory.

The ISO asked San Diego to shed 100 megawatts. Northern California was not affected by the shutdowns.

Pasadena, which has its own power utility, was asked to increase production.

SoCal Edison serves about 13 million people in more than 400 Southern California cities and communities.

High demand, high wholesale energy costs, transmission glitches and a tight supply caused widespread power problems in California in 2000 and 2001.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric lost billions of dollars to high wholesale prices that the state's electricity deregulation law barred them from passing on to consumers.

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