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Scientists to examine global warming

BY FARIDEH DADA
Daily Staff Writer

Human involvement in nature intensifies hurricanes, said Stephen Schneider, a Stanford professor in the department of biological sciences who will deliver a lecture on global warming at 3 p.m. Monday in Morris Dailey Auditorium. There are strong studies dur-

ing the last 30 years that show a significant increase in Category 4 and 5 hurricanes, three of which occurred in the last eight weeks, Schneider said.

"More severe hurricanes are becoming more frequent as global warming proceeds," said Robert Bornstein, a professor in the SJSU meteorology department. "We should be in for more tragedies

like New Orleans."

"We didn't make hurricanes but we probably made them a little bit — three to five percent — stronger," Schneider said.

Global warming is a cyclical and natural phenomenon "but something that human beings have exacerbated," said Michael Conniff, the SJSU director of global studies.

"Seas will rise, we are losing ice caps and glaciers and the hole in the ozone layer is going to expand making the people living in the Southern Hemisphere vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation," Conniff said.

Schneider said fluctuation in temperature is something natural, but in the 20th century the temperature went up higher than usual

and it didn't go down again.

Modifying the land, cutting down forests, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and burning oil and gas are factors leading to global warming, Schneider said.

"CO₂'s gone up about 32 percent since the industrial revolution," Schneider said. "We have also entered 150 percent more

messing and natural gas, and that is from animal agriculture, land fields, and leaks of our gas system — these are so-called greenhouse gases and they trap heat inside the earth and make the surface warmer."

He said that it is about 1 or 1.2 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than

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ABOVE: From right, J.R. Burgos, Nathan Childress and Mona Gonzaludo, all seniors majoring in hospitality management, create posters for Tuesday's upcoming event, "The Price is Right: Spartan Style." From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dining Commons, residents living on campus are welcomed to be contestants in this mock game show and win prizes like a free night at Hotel De Anza.



LEFT: Burgos paints glitter on to the poster advertising Tuesday's event.

'The Price is Right: Spartan Style'

Photos by Diana Pirov / Daily Staff

SJSU professor named educator of the year by community group

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University African-American studies professor Steven Millner received the Educator of the Year award last week at the 11th annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.



MILLNER

The awards ceremony was put on by an organization called 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley.

"Millner was recognized for his respected role as an educator, his service to youth and his active involvement in leadership roles in the community," according to the SJSU office of

communications and public affairs.

Millner has been an instructor at SJSU since 1978. The distinguished award was given to him partly for his contribution throughout the community.

"I've done many things over the years in the community but most of my service has been to students on this campus," Millner said.

Having taught at SJSU for about 27 years, he has mentored several thousand students in his curriculum, Millner said.

Although Millner was recognized by the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., he is not a member of that establishment.

"I am not a member of their organization and was quite surprised to receive the honor," Millner said.

The 100 Black Men, otherwise known as "100," started in 1963 in New York by a group of men who wanted to expand and better the conditions of their community.

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PHIL BEDROSSIAN / DAILY STAFF

A la cart ...

Chef Alan Finkelstein walks through campus after teaching a course on culinary concepts. He has been a chef for 25 years and currently cooks at the Fairmont Hotel.

Cafe puts price on studying

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

Students may be asked to leave the Market Cafe if they don't purchase items from the cafe's menu before taking their seats, said James Whinery, assistant director of retail operations for Spartan Dining.

Management information systems professor Stephen Kwan said he approached a supervisor at the Market Cafe about the policy last week when he saw a worker ask three students to give up their table.

"I said, 'This is a university. Usually this is where people study. Why are you asking people to leave?'" Kwan said. "This is unusual for a university to do

this, and I've been to many universities."

Whinery said students will often come in, sit alone and take up an entire table with their laptops and books.

"I don't mind if they come in here to study, except when it's the busy time," Whinery said. "This is a dining facility meant for dining, not a study hall. The Student Union has areas designated for that. The King Library has areas designated for that."

Tony Cacace, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, said he has no problem with the study policy.

"If people start coming in and I'm not buying anything I would leave because I'd feel bad, or I'd have to go buy something,"

Cacace said. "But they should also realize that they placed themselves on a campus, and they should expect people to study."

Kwan said the policy would be appropriate for a business such as Starbucks, but not for the Market Cafe, which is a facility of Spartan Shops and auxiliary organization of San Jose State University.

Whinery said when he enforces the policy, some students are "cool with it," some buy something from the cafe in order to keep their seat and others get upset.

"Some people do get a little irked," Whinery said. "But then

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CSU campus officials to meet with black leaders

Daily Staff Report

San Jose State University President Don Kassing will meet with other California State University presidents and African-American leaders to discuss efforts to increase the numbers of black students in the CSU system.

According to a CSU press release, the university leaders will meet from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland.

KTVU news anchor Dennis Richmond will moderate the discussion between eight CSU presidents.

The CSU system graduates nearly 4,000 black students, according to the press release.

"This number is not high enough," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed in the press release. "America's educational system is losing most of its black males between 6th grade and 12th grade. We want to build partnerships with the community to increase the number of high school graduates who are eligible for college and earn college degrees."

According to the CSU Web site, 6.9 percent of CSU students in fall 2004 were black.

According to the SJSU Web site, 4 percent of SJSU students in fall 2003 were black.

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— James Whinery, retail operations assistant director

GUEST COLUMN

Demand for hybrid cars increasing, similar to price of oil

This letter is in response to Emmanuel "The Hundred-Dollar Man" Lopez, Spartan Daily sports editor's, "Hybrid cars lack the looks needed to appeal to public" article, which ran in the Spartan Daily on Monday, Oct. 17, 2005.

Mr. Lopez is obviously confused as to the form and function of hybrid cars, as well as what the facts are on this issue. His article only spreads the misinformation that surrounds these cars. He states, "Millions of Americans seem willing to shell out an arm and a leg every time they step up to the gas pump." In fact, many Americans are fed up with spending ever-increasing amounts of their income on gasoline. Mr. Lopez states, "The number of gas-guzzling SUVs roaming the roads seems to increase every day." This statement is exactly the opposite of what auto dealerships have been reporting month after month. Some dealerships have seen sales of their largest SUVs fall by as much as 50 percent as gasoline prices skyrocketed. Only a complete nincompoop or one with a vested interest in the petroleum industry would choose the largest SUVs.

While it is true that Toyota and Honda are leading

the pack as far as hybrid car technology is concerned, every other car manufacturer with any foresight has recognized the increasing importance of fuel efficiency in car buyers' minds. This has translated to increased demand for fuel-efficient cars, especially Toyota's Prius, and Honda's Insight and Civic hybrid models.

Hybrids are a good choice for all Americans, especially those who realize the external costs of our ever-increasing dependence on foreign oil, including the loss of national security and American soldiers lives.

Mr. Lopez asks the question, "Why aren't manufacturers selling these things by the boatload?" The answer to this question is quite simple: They are selling as fast as they can make them. In fact, hybrids are selling faster than they can be made. Most Toyota and Honda dealerships in the Bay Area report waiting lists of up to three months for the chance to purchase a hybrid at full sticker price. This is a sharp contrast to SUV dealers, who have been hard pressed to clear out last seasons SUVs despite hefty "employee discount" promotions.

Mr. Lopez states, "Of 17 million cars sold annu-

ally in this country, only 300,000 are hybrids." This is a relatively small percentage of the U.S. automobile market, but it's not due to lack of demand. It is due to a lack of manufacturing operations. Car manufacturers cannot retool their manufacturing operations overnight; it takes time. As facilities are re-configured to manufacture hybrids, their numbers will swell. Increased demand is due to raising gas prices as well as government tax breaks for hybrid purchasers and the recently enacted law that allows singly occupied hybrid vehicles with EPA fuel economy ratings of 45 MPG or greater in carpool lanes (with the requisite DMV decals).

The only difference between the wildly popular Honda Civic and its higher efficiency twin is its hybrid drive train. Mr. Lopez describes the Toyota Prius as "ugly" and not capable of turning heads. This again is not true. While it is true that the Prius has a unique "curvy" body style, this is precisely how it achieves increases in MPG and interior space. Its unique shape increases its aerodynamics. Perhaps Mr. Lopez prefers the "square" shape of the Hummer.

Another mistake that Mr. Lopez promotes is that

"even the best electric-powered car can't outrun a bicycle on its best day." This is just plain incorrect. Even at Lance Armstrong's speed, an electric car could easily overtake a bicyclist.

While Mr. Lopez is correct that affluent baby boomers are now reaching retirement age, he is incorrect to assume they will purchase gas-guzzlers that drain their savings and pollute the air their families breathe. Must I remind him these are the baby boomers that grew up during the '60s and were the founders of the green movement?

Perhaps Mr. Lopez will be happy driving "high-performance gas guzzlers," but he will soon find that he needs to change his name from "The Hundred-Dollar Man" to "The Empty-Pocket Man."

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TODAY

Vietnamese Student Association

A meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at 938-1610.

School of Art and Design

There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

Career Center

Resume Critique Drop-in will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

Italian American Student Organization

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Andrea Neiman at (510) 552-4191.

Socrates Cafe

There will be a discussion on what society's duties are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3508.

Student Life and Leadership

Applications are being accepted to learn how to train students to address issues of diversity. You can pick up an application in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. For more information, contact Nam Ngyuen at 924-5963.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Daniel Chen at 497-7290.

SJSU American Society of Civil Engineering

There will be an internship fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Room. For more information, contact Theresa Lawhead at 924-2692.

THURSDAY

School of Art and Design

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SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold

a meeting at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

There will be a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Diane Kim at 499-7153.

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Counseling Services

There will be a general process group from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Rachel Kitazono at 924-5910.

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There will be an Asian American and Pacific Islander discussion series from noon to 1:20 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Lynda Yoshikawa at 924-5910.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575.

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Listening Hour Concert Series

There will be music and dance from the Taylor 2 Dance Company from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Educated Persons Dialogue

There will be a discussion of liberal education in curricular integration from noon to 1 p.m. in room 101 of the Instructional Resources Center. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3608.

Society of Latino Engineers

There will be a meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Ricardo Barajas at 924-3830.

GUEST COLUMN

Halloween explains why cultures celebrate the dead

It seems from the earliest times, humans have had a fascination with death. This may stem from the fact no one has ever figured out what really happens when we die. Organized religions have contributed their share of dogma, but not everyone subscribes to the same philosophy. In fact, early man may have had a better understanding of the cycle of life than we currently have. In the absence of technology, they were more connected to Mother Earth. Maybe they saw life through the changing seasons where spring represented joy, summer eternal youth, fall maturity and winter death. That could explain why in many places around the world the change of season from fall to winter was celebrated as a time for celebrating mortality.

In Ireland, the Celts and their Druid priests combined harvest festivals and changing seasons to celebrate the dead on "Samhain," also known as "All Hallows." They believed that on Oct. 31, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead relaxed. They celebrated this night by dancing around huge bonfires and offering sacrifices to the returning dead. From this origin of Halloween, the Catholic Church came up with All Saints Day and All Souls day. Both these are now celebrated in many parts of the Christian world.

In ancient Egypt the afterlife was also an important part of society and departed souls were honored during the great festival of Osiris. He was the legendary ruler of pre-dynastic Egypt and known as the king of the underworld.

When the Spanish came to Mexico they saw elaborate celebrations honoring death, the fall harvest and the New Year. The Aztecs celebrated their harvest with various rituals using fire, incense, images of their dead and offerings of flowers and foods. They also paid homage to Mictecacihuatl, the queen of the underworld. This celebration never really went away but fused with the Catholic traditions to form "El Dia de los Muertos," a fervent tradition celebrated in Mexico today.

For some people, death may be viewed as a morbid topic while for others, it is a fascinating subject to ponder and celebrate. Either way, there is no running from it as it is part of the cycle of life. So, if you are in the mood to celebrate death, make sure you do it this Hallowed eve, before winter approaches.

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Volleyball team aims to scale WAC ladder

Will face conference foes Fresno State on Thursday, Utah State on Saturday

BY CHEETO BARRERA
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University volleyball team will renew a rivalry and a chance for a little revenge this weekend.

VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Overall record **WAC record**
9-11 4-4
Next home game:
Saturday vs. Utah State

Thursday, the Spartans, 9-11 overall and 4-4 in the Western Athletic Conference, will travel to Fresno to face conference rival Fresno State University, 4-15 overall and 2-7 in WAC. The team will return home Saturday for a match against Utah State University, which beat SJSU Oct. 8 in four games in Utah.

Facing the Bulldogs

On Thursday, the Spartans will take on a Fresno State team that handed second place University of Nevada its third WAC loss of the season for the Bulldogs' second conference win.

In the win, the Bulldogs forced two games into "overtime" where they went beyond the required points to win to satisfy the win-by-two-points rule.

They won the second game 32-30 and the fifth game 18-16.

Two days later, Fresno State lost in three against Utah State.

Craig Choate, head coach of the Spartans, said he was glad to see the Bulldogs lose since traditionally rivalry matches are tough.

But Choate also said his team

is improving, especially after the upset over Nevada and a close game against the University of Hawai'i.

"The girls are playing with more confidence. I think, than they have in a while," Choate said. They have grown up a bit."

The Spartans in Honolulu lost in three, but kept things close, Choate said.

"We played well in each of the three games," Choate said. "We would play with them, than they would go on an eight point run. To ask a team to play fabulous ball the entire time is hard to do unless you are a good team."

Spartan outside hitter Jennifer Senfleben said the Fresno State game will be an opportunity to avenge last year's two losses to the Bulldogs, though in the WAC, no team can be taken lightly.

"I'm excited to play Fresno because we lost to them twice last year," Senfleben said. "The teams are more equal in the WAC. You never know who is on that night."

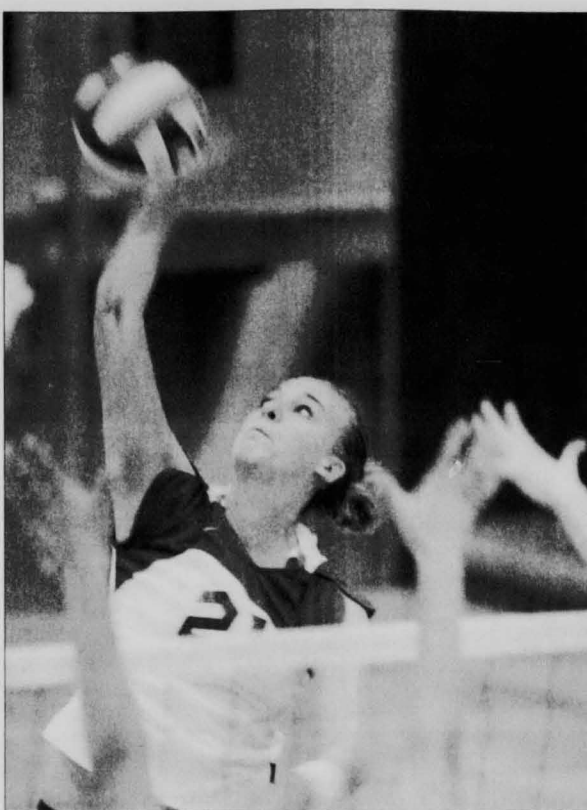
On Saturday, the Spartans will return home for a rematch against Utah State, which is now tied for third in the conference.

Monday, the Aggies beat Fresno State in three straight, but Choate said his team has improved since the last time he faced them.

"It is a tossup with New Mexico State for which was our worst match," Choate said. "(In game three) we were up 27-22 and they outscored us 8-1."

Senfleben, however, said she thought they were better than Utah State, in spite of the loss.

"I felt like we did good (in Utah)," said Senfleben, who recorded 10 kills in the game



KEVIN WHITE / DAILY STAFF

Jennifer Senfleben, San Jose State University outside hitter, spikes the ball during a match against New Mexico State University in Spartan Gym on Oct. 15. The Spartans will play Fresno State University on Thursday and Utah State University on Saturday.

against Hawai'i. "It didn't feel like a loss."

After the Utah game, the team has steadily improved, said freshman setter Brittany Collet.

"We know we can play well, but we are still going to have to play hard," Collet said.

But in the WAC, Choate said, the teams are all strong and a match can swing at any point.

"We can beat teams like Nevada and Utah State," Choate said.

"(However), for any team but Hawai'i, if you blink you lose."

Spartans to battle Air Force, Denver in rematches

BY KELLEY LUGEA
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan men's soccer team will gear up to go on the road this weekend and once again battle it out against the Air Force Academy and the University of Denver.

MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Last Friday, the Spartans lost to Air Force 3-2 and they will attempt to prove the outcome was simply a fluke, said goalkeeper Brent Douglas.

"We want to go back and kick their butts," he said. "We are going to be out for revenge. There is no reason we shouldn't play well against Air Force."

With the victory on Friday, the Falcons snatched away the first place position in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, formerly held by the Spartans. However, Air Force did not hold onto the top spot for long after losing to Sacramento State University 3-1 on Sunday.

"I don't really think it was the Air Force team that beat us on Friday," said midfielder Dan Oka. "I think it was our lack of confidence."

Spartan head coach Gary St. Clair is confident the team is prepared to dominate the Falcons come this Friday.

"I feel we are a better team than Air Force," St. Clair said. "We need to play well and be tighter defensively against them."

SJSU proved their superiority on Sunday after beating University of Denver 3-1 and regaining their first-place standing in the conference. They hope to continue their success over the Pioneers this Sunday, said co-captain Johnny

Gonzalez.

"We beat the number two team (University of New Mexico), and that tells us we can win anywhere regardless if it's home or away," he said. "If we can beat them at their home field, we can beat anyone."

Gonzalez admits both Colorado teams aren't easy to overcome but still feels confident the Spartans can get the job done.

While the Spartans held the lead for the entire game, defender Liam Girard scored the lone opposing goal in the final 10 minutes off a penalty kick, ultimately resulting in Denver's fourth consecutive loss.

Even with the victory over the Pioneers, the Spartans will still be training hard this week, St. Clair said. They will make the most out of the short practice week with only Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare before flying to Colorado on Thursday.

With the return matchup against Air Force and Denver, the Spartans are planning on maintaining their lead in the conference.

"We know we should have won against Air Force on Friday," Oka said. "It was a tough loss but we should definitely end up with two wins after next weekend."

Both forward Nelson Diaz and midfielder Marvin Sorto, who were given red cards during the game against Air Force, will be eligible to play this Friday. The red cards, awarded for fighting, resulted in both players being suspended from playing in Sunday's game against Denver. Prior to the ejection, Diaz had scored at least one goal in the last three consecutive games.

The Spartans will play Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., at 5 p.m. Friday in Colorado Springs, Colo., and then take on University of Denver at 1 p.m. Sunday in Denver.

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— Craig Choate, Spartan head coach

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The college's Chinatown-North Beach campus now serves 6,500 students. A new facility will accommodate as many as 7,500 students and offer expanded vocational training and more classrooms.

"Mao Zedong's Long March did not take as long to get to its destination," Lawrence Wong, a college trustee, joked Monday.

A new Chinatown campus has been in the works since the 1970s but was delayed by lawsuits and other problems. The college finally bought two adjoining lots for \$8.7 million this summer and fall.

Construction is scheduled to begin within two years.

WALNUT CREEK (AP) — The city has agreed to pay roughly \$1 million to settle a claim with six former employees of an art center who said they were harassed by a manager.

Five employees at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts alleged that the manager made work unbearable after they blew the whistle on possible mismanagement. The sixth plaintiff said

the manager harassed him after he stood up for the others.

"These things are expensive and the cost of trial was going to be enormous. It was a business decision," assistant city attorney Margaret Kotzebue said of Monday's agreement.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court last year. "The plaintiffs all feel extremely vindicated," said attorney Stan Casper.

Four of the employees resigned before the settlement was reached and the other two resigned the day both sides struck a deal.

OAKLAND (AP) — Five relatives who pooled their money to buy a home were held captive, beaten and robbed of more than \$3,000 in a brazen morning attack, police said.

Police said four victims were hit with guns or blunt objects; the other victim was kicked. Two victims received serious head injuries and were taken to the hospital after Monday's attack.

Police said an unknown armed man came to the family's door and forced his way inside; four other attackers quickly showed up.

The house was owned by an uncle, cousins and brothers. Police are investigating.



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Rockin' the airwaves ...

Steve Lai, left, Joey Ghiragashi and Alfred Urbina, members of Arigma, a band from Rowland Heights, Calif., perform live Thursday on 90.5 KSJS, San Jose State University's radio station.

Fired radio employees sue station

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two radio station employees who were fired over racially tinged remarks made about San Francisco Giants players sued their former employer, claiming they were

used as scapegoats in the flap.

Talk-show host Larry Krueger and producer Tony Rhein accused the Giants' flagship station, KNBR-AM, of firing them to appease the team so it wouldn't pull its broadcast contract with the station. Cancellation of the contract could have jeopardized owner Susquehanna Radio's pending sale of KNBR and 33 other stations, they alleged. KNBR owns approximately 1.5 percent of the team.

The flap began when Krueger

after their Aug. 3 loss to the Colorado Rockies. He complained about too many "brain-dead Caribbean hitters hacking at slop nightly" and said manager Felipe Alou's "mind has turned to Cream of Wheat."

Krueger apologized and was suspended for a week without pay.

Tony Salvatore, KNBR's vice president and general manager, later announced the firings of Krueger, Rhein and program manager Bob Agnew.

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MILLNER - Professor commended for work with students

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"The mission of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is to improve the quality of life within our communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African-Americans," according to the organization's mission statement.

Millner was honored for his outstanding achievements and incredible outreach to students within the Silicon Valley, but he considered himself lucky to have had the opportunity to work with students at SJSU.

"It is really an award to simply be able to be a professor at San Jose State University. We have hardworking students who have dreams, and I try to play a small part in reaching their goals," Millner said.

"100" has organizations all around the globe that hold the same high ideals and community establishment.

Although "100" has various chapters around the world, the 100 Black Men of the Silicon Valley has a mission statement all its own.

"To improve the quality of life of our citizens and enhance educational opportunities for all African Americans and Minorities, through its chapters, in all communities—with a particular emphasis on young African American Males," according to the 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley's Web site.

One of the main objectives of 100 Black Men of America in 2005 is to "communicate messages to civic, health and youth-focused organizations, community leaders, key influencers and 100 chapters

around the globe urging leaders to take action, get involved and to convey information in their communities, which will positively impact people," Chairman of the Board Al Dotson said in a press release.

The organization has four primitive aspects of growth in which the group focuses on achieving, which it refers to as "Four For The Future Programs." The programs include education, mentoring, health, and economic development, according to the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Web site.

The awards gala was held at the Fairmont Hotel's Imperial Ballroom on Oct. 15.

The ceremony's theme was, "Mobilizing Leaders to Action," according to 100 Black Men in the Silicon Valley.

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Depeche Mode is Andy Fletcher, Dave Gahan and Martin Gore. 'Playing the Angel' is the band's 18th album.

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Band retreads signature sound

BY RACHEL HILL
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Depeche Mode's "Playing the Angel" opens with a barrage of screechy synthesized noise that quickly culminates into the band's

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familiar rhythmic formula of high-tempo electronic beats and dark, somber vocals. Most of the material on Depeche Mode's new album is reminiscent of the unique sound they've coined and successfully explored since the band's inception more than two decades ago.

The techno-inspired beats work well on "Playing the Angel," yet the new album neglects to offer listeners anything new or creative. Instead, "Angel" keeps in line with what we've already heard and expect from the legendary '80s band.

"Playing the Angel" does not possess the power or substance of the band's former studio productions. However, it does showcase more mature and slower-paced songs than previous Depeche Mode material.

The electronic pulses change tempo throughout the album giving it an even balance of slow and

upbeat mixes combined with the band's typical dark ballads. The slower-paced songs are far more enjoyable, offering listeners a smooth, even tempo that complements the melancholy vocals of lead singer David Gahan.

"Precious" and "Lilian" are the best tracks off the compilation with the first track being featured in the season premiere of the WB's "Smallville."

At times some of the songs are long and drawn out. The band unsuccessfully tries to dress up its material by adding new studio tricks, resulting in weird, obscure electronic sounds that seem to be purposeless. The ear-wrenching finale to "Sinner in Me," which finishes with a combo of wailing guitar chords and slow electronic beats is a good example of one of the band's new tricks that just don't fly. The ending makes it hard to listen to, and it is undoubtedly the worst song on the album.

The band members seem to lose themselves in synthesized oblivion in some of the songs, ending where they go off in electronic musical tangents with no true artistic direction or point.

With this album, Gahan contributed to three tracks on the disc, co-writing songs for the first time

with the Depeche Mode. The singer's lyrical contributions do not necessarily complement the album, and instead proves to be repetitive and overly simplistic, causing the songs to stand out among the other tracks for the wrong reasons. The remainder of the album was written by band member Martin Gore, who typically pens the lyrics to the group's music.

While "Playing the Angel" may whet the appetites of devout Depeche Mode fans, the album fails to measure up to the band's former glory and can't be classified as a stellar addition to their repertoire. Admirers of Depeche Mode's sound will probably think "Playing the Angel" is worth their hourly wage, but if you're not already a fan, then save your money.

'Playing the Angel'

Tracks: 12
Available now on Sire Records
Depeche Mode: Andy Fletcher, Dave Gahan and Martin Gore
Show: Depeche Mode is scheduled to perform at the HP Pavilion Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

JOE QUESTION



WILLIAM HUNG



VS.

Oh, William Hung. What an enigma. Is he the definitive, derogatory representation of Asian males in the media? Does he function as an indicator of the cynical and declining state of reality television? Or does his innocent spirit and determined attitude transcend all criticism, and what we see in Hung, we see in all of us? It really doesn't matter, because either way, he's popular enough for San Jose State University to ask him to come to our campus.

He was at SJSU last week to host Spartan Idol, the Homecoming karaoke competition. We got to talk to him about "American Idol," his new album, his football picks and if he has plans to release a rap album. Keep going, Will. Let's see if we can stretch those 15 minutes into half an hour.

Spartan Daily: How do you like your visit to San Jose State so far?

William Hung: I'm really excited. It's the first time I get to visit this campus in particular. I mean, I've been to San Jose many times, but getting to see the San Jose State University, it was great.

SD: How do you feel about your new album, "Miracle: Happy Summer from William Hung"?

WH: I like it, I personally like it. I believe that I have chosen pretty much most of the songs that I'm actually very comfortable with and very happy with.

SD: I guess in terms of branching out, have you ever considered recording a country or rap album, maybe?

WH: (laughs) I haven't decided to branch out yet. Partially because I believe my target audience is a variety of different kinds of audience. So that's why I put out this new album particularly, "Miracle: Happy Summer." I did many varieties of songs like country, pop, maybe ballads, etc.

SD: What is your favorite movie?

WH: Favorite movie? (laughs) "Lord of the Rings."

SD: When was the last time you talked to Randy Jackson, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul of "American Idol"?

WH: Randy Jackson, I get to meet him the most. Or other words, I get to talk to him the most. So most recently, it was the "American Idol" finale this sea-

son. So, I saw Randy and the winner of this season, Carrie Underwood.

SD: Have you ever met Ricky Martin?

WH: Not yet. (laughs)

SD: Has he said anything about your version of the song "She Bangs"?

WH: Not yet, but the songwriters are pleased with it.

SD: What inspired you to sing the song?

WH: It's just a very unique song. It's nice. It's hard to explain it all. It's a song you don't ordinarily hear on the radio everyday.

SD: What music do you listen to right now?

WH: Huge variety of music — anywhere from pop, anywhere from country to world music to orchestral music.

SD: Since you went to UC Berkeley, were you a Cal football fan?

WH: Yes, big time. (laughs)

SD: Since they're playing this weekend, what you prediction on the game against Washington State?

WH: (laughs) I don't know, it's a hard prediction. (laughs) I really think Cal can pull it off, but then Cal has to play their best game because that loss last week to Oregon State was very disappointing (ed. note: Cal beat Washington State 42-38).

SD: Have you ever considered doing the half-time show for the Super Bowl?

WH: Any halftime show is fine because I've been doing a lot of halftime shows for the basketball teams. I did once for (Detroit) Pistons, Golden State Warriors, any of those are fine.

SD: Do you still live in the Bay Area at all?

WH: I actually live in Los Angeles. I just came up here to study.

SD: What do you want people to remember you as?

WH: Just an inspirational icon, because no matter what my dream is, I don't give up. I always give my best out there and I succeeded. So I just encourage people out there, no matter what their dream is. It doesn't have to be entertainment. It could be their very own graduation or very own career goal. You could succeed, too, by just putting your heart out there.

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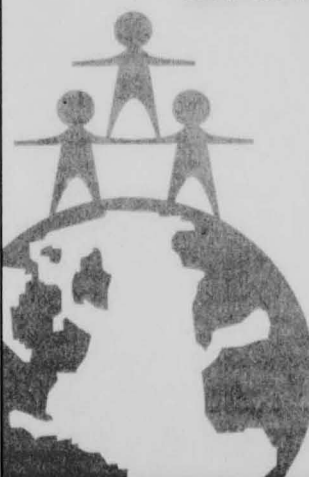
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