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Examining art ...



Jennifer Seigal / Daily Staff

Jennifer Woo, a senior majoring in spatial arts, looks at some artwork that is being sold by the Artists Guild in front of the Student Union on Tuesday. Woo considers two pieces of art to buy, one of which is made by her friend.

Teachers publish writing

By Joe Shreve
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University faculty members gathered in the Spartan Bookstore on Wednesday to mingle and talk about the books that their colleagues had published in 2004.

About 30 people attended the event, which lasted two hours and featured the works of more than 20 faculty

authors. The displayed books were available for purchase and the authors were on hand to answer questions. As further enticement, wine and other refreshments were served.

"This is an annual event in which we try to recognize all the faculty authors who have written a book in the last year or so, from 2004 to the most recent we know about," said Tony Sanjume, associate director of the Spartan Bookstore, who organized the event.

Rudy Rucker, a professor of computer science, was there to showcase his science-fiction book, "Frek and the Elixir." Rucker, a two-time winner of the Phillip K. Dick Award, gave a brief synopsis of his book. Set in the year 3003, the earth has become completely controlled by biological technology with nature completely conquered and reduced to a few dozen species by a huge mega corpora-

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Bay Area fails annual air test

By Shannon Barry
Daily Staff Writer

The Bay Area is ranked in the top 25 of the most particle-polluted areas in the United States and more than 152 million Americans, or 52 percent of the U.S. population, live in counties that received an "F" for either ozone or particle pollution, according to the American Lung Association State of the Air's 2005 report, which was released April 28.

Particle pollution is measured in two different ways. Short-term particle pollution measures 24-hour spikes in toxic air pollution, opposed to chronic, pervasive pollution, which is measured by averaging the 24-hour measurements over an entire year.

The report states that particle pollution is a much deadlier form of air pollution that comes from wood burning and exhaust fumes from diesel trucks and buses, along with dust.

Since 2000, the American Lung Association has published this annual report, which analyzes and grades pollution levels. Despite the widespread impact of air pollution, the Bush administration has proposed legislation to weaken and delay the enforcement of the Clean Air Act.

"Air pollution can cause heart attacks, trigger asthma and has also been linked to lung cancer," said David Lowe, a public relations agent at the American Lung Association of Santa Clara-San Benito counties. "As one of the top 25 most particle-polluted areas in the United States,

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Spartan Village to close Campus Village to fill demand

By Traci Newell
Daily Staff Writer

Beginning next fall, the apartments of Spartan Village will not be used for campus housing anymore.

Diana Tran, the community relations coordinator for University Housing Services, said San Jose State University is not using the land for housing because the newly developed Campus Village, which opens in fall, will provide sufficient campus housing.

"If you add Spartan Village and Esplanade, there are 500 living spaces," Tran said. "Campus Village has 1,400 living spaces, almost triple the amount."

Campus Village, which began construction in 2003, is scheduled to open in the fall. The project consists of a building to house freshmen, apartments to house upper-division students and an apartment building for faculty members, staff and guests.

Tony Valenzuela, the associate vice president for Facilities Development and Operations at SJSU, said the university is currently looking at different stakeholders to see what the best use of the space will be.

He said that while they are still deciding on what to do with the space, the school may use the apartments as an overflow parking lot in the case of large events at Spartan Stadium.

"When there are big events, we will use it to keep cars off the grass," he said. "It will decompress the use of other fields."

Valenzuela said that some interested departments are athletics and Associated Students.

Another option the university is looking into is making Spartan Village an additional field for athletics or possibly making additional student parking.

Valenzuela added there isn't a large pressure to knock down Spartan Village right away, but he expects it to occur sometime in September. He said a final decision on what to do with the land will be reached at the end of the summer or early in the Fall semester.

He said the Facilities Development and Operations department is busy finishing up construction on Campus Village.

Tran said the university is using Spartan Village to provide free housing over the summer for current apartment students who will be moving into Campus Village in the fall. They are receiving this break because Campus Village will not be ready until the fall and they have to move out at the end of the Spring semester, causing them to have to move twice.

"We are trying to help them with moving expenses," Tran said.

Tran said that once the summer tenants are moved into Campus Village the Spartan Village land will no longer be used for Campus housing.

"The demands for apartment living will be met through Campus Village," she said.

Professor's humor remembered

By Ashley Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

Peter C. Unsinger, 69, professor of justice studies, father and grandfather died Tuesday surrounded by his family.

Mr. Unsinger lived what he taught, and taught what he loved. He came to San Jose State University in 1971 and taught courses on organized crime, terrorism, intelligence, white collar crime and police management.

"He was an instructor students remembered," said Inger Sagatun-Edwards, chair of the justice studies department.

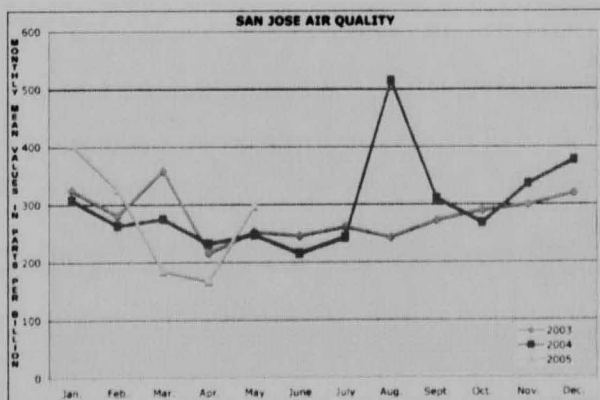
Mr. Unsinger was a larger-than-life figure who would fill up a room with his jokes and his persona, she said.

His specialty was piracy on the high seas, especially in the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia, Sagatun-Edwards said.

Mr. Unsinger was also an expert in terrorism, police management, intelligence and organized crime, and was highly sought after by police agencies.

He was a consultant for the Australian Federal Police and law enforcement agencies in Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Taiwan.

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Graphic by Elizabeth Nguyen / Daily Staff

Average amount of hydrocarbons in the air of San Jose by month.
Source: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

HOW SWEDE IT IS

Female representation needed in the U.S.

In one single election, the people of Iraq elected twice the number of women for its National Assembly than there are women currently serving in the U.S. Congress. And, after filling 89 of the 275 seats in the Iraq National Assembly, Iraqi women want more representation and power.

As Leila Abdul Latif, the new minister of labour and social affairs, put it in an interview with Agency France-Presse, "31 percent doesn't satisfy us when you consider that Iraqi women make up more than 50 percent of the population."

That's the kind of attitude American women need to adopt or they will continue to remain underrepresented in politics. Progress for women in politics has come at an excruciatingly slow pace, and presently conservative and religious movements, spurred by the second inauguration of President Bush, threaten to undermine important milestones in women's history, including Roe vs. Wade, the Equal Rights Amendment, the Family and Medical Leave Act and the separation between church and state.

With only 15 percent of women in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, the United States lags far behind other developed nations in terms of female-to-male political representation.

Inequality doesn't only exist in the public sphere, but in the private as well. American women who work full time earn on average 80 percent less than American men who work full time. This disparity increases with age. The average woman 35 years or older earns only 73 percent of the salary the average man 35 years or older takes home, according to the U.S. Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics 2004.

The United States' inability to deliver gender equality for its citizens sends a poor message to the world, especially as the Bush administration touts American morality as the model for global transformation.

Though some fierce women leaders support im-

perialistic expansion, in general, men tend to support military spending more than women. Women, on the other hand, tend to focus on issues such as education, poverty, racial equality, abortion rights, environmental protection and quality child-care. This is not to say that women are always better candidates for public office, but rather that they have different priorities, many of which are more likely to benefit women, children, minorities and the poverty-stricken.

A recent survey by the Global Campaign for Education, an international coalition of about 50 education advocacy groups, placed the United States last among 22 of the world's richest countries for contributing the least amount of its gross domestic product (0.15 percent) to foreign aid. The survey claimed that another \$5.5 billion annually from the world in foreign aid would bridge the gap in elementary education between rich and poor nations.

That's only 1.3 percent of the proposed U.S. military budget for 2005 (\$420.7 billion).

Unfortunately, under Bush's leadership, religious conservatives have stifled progressive voices in Congress as well as in local governments. The world needs more women leaders in U.S. government today as White House aspirations for an American empire seem to have spun out of control and crippled the U.S. domestic agenda.

Women need to make this change happen, and they can only do so by running for public office or voting other women into office. As long as men dominate decision-making bodies, issues important to women will be pushed aside or ignored. They have shown this by, among other things, failing to modify the U.S. Constitution to include the Equal Rights Amendment, 82 years after it was originally introduced to Congress.

Anna Molin is the Spartan Daily managing editor. "How Swede It Is" appears every Monday.



ANNA MOLIN

Correction: In the caption for the photo of "Taco stand told by city to close up shop" (May 5), Fred Threatt was named the owner of the University Club on San Salvador and Eighth streets. This is incorrect. The University Club is owned by faculty and staff members, and Threatt is a contracted caterer hired to provide food service. The Daily regrets the error. — J.M.

GUEST COLUMN

Having 'substance' about taking responsibility for choices

"... Not much substance there ... You're fired." That was the bottom line and verdict. It was difficult to watch the latest episode of "The Apprentice." I can only imagine how the young man felt. Out of the millions of applicants, he made it as one of the top three finalists for his so-called "dream job of a lifetime." With the nation watching, he blew it.

The executives who interviewed him, all top New York powerhouses, were unanimous in their assessment. "We really wanted him to succeed, but there just wasn't much to that young man," one said. Donald Trump wasted precious few moments after hearing that from people he trusted. The young husband and father, an accomplished businessman in his own right, was bounced out of the competition. He walked away saying he felt proud he made it that far, but it was clear to us watching at home that he knew he simply wasn't fully prepared.

Despite my personal dislike for most reality TV shows there is something to be learned from watching NBC's "The Apprentice." Sure, it's a carefully crafted production with crazy assignments designed to capture ratings. Look deeper, however, and you get unique insight, free of charge, about the business world. As my first boss in TV news once told me quite bluntly, "The only people who care that you were born are the family and friends who love you. In business, it's 'What have you done for us lately?'"

Contrast those messages with the one in the column printed here late last week about coasting by with clever excuses and you really learn the value of the education offered here at San Jose State. That column was a remarkable celebration of ignorance.

Sure, I understand the intent was to be funny and light, and certainly not to undermine anyone's educational mission. But the writer's use of his access to this paper's mass readership to celebrate his ingenuity at being disrespectful seemed utterly appalling and unworthy of his talents. To take any amount of pride in directing others to deceive rather than achieve was absolutely disgusting and totally inappropriate.

Freedom of the press protects all points of view, even stupid ones. As hard as that is to swallow at times, it's the truth we must accept in a free society. The writer of that column is protected, even if his words were not admired. It would be wrong to "censor" his or anyone else's views. But there is nothing wrong with readers, TV viewers and all audiences waking up and engaging their constitutional rights to speak up and speak out. This "lay low, be quiet, don't

get noticed" mentality that far too many students embrace implies, if falsely, that there's not much substance there either.

Having "substance" means being curious, thinking critically, going beyond the easy and taking advantage of every opportunity you have, especially here in college. With so many of us taking pride in being the first in our families to have this chance, why dishonor that by making silly excuses? When jobs are hard to come by, and competition in the real world is fierce where's the common sense in purposely missing out on the education that helps provide a competitive edge? How smart is it to complain about the high cost of living here and then blow off classes which cost many hard-earned, precious dollars? Even in the ghetto community of Chicago I grew up in, none of that makes any sense.

The many talented and wonderful professional faculty on this campus are here because we truly want to help make your dreams come true. It's growing more and more difficult to do that job with those students whose body language, poor homework habits, and general lack of interest in class all suggest "don't bother."

I don't believe the majority of our students embrace this limited thinking. Unfortunately, however, most of our focused students rarely complain when their peers do things which help derail student goals and/or distract from what's most important. This generation of stu-

dents have the power to keep that in check by saying something, and not just once in a while.

Make no mistake about it. When you work to create and use any excuse, or try to side step your responsibilities in college, you are indeed setting the stage for your future. "Nobody ever told me," won't cut it then. Millions of people may not be watching you sweat it out during your interview for that dream job. But if the verdict on you is "no substance there," you'll eventually get the point, the hard way, and a bit too late.

Sometimes you can be far too clever for your own good.



BOB RUCKER

Bob Rucker is an associate professor in the school of journalism and mass communications. Guest columns appear periodically.

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SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

School of Art and Design

An art exhibit featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

College Democrats

A town hall meeting will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Amphitheater. Social Security will be discussed with Rep. Zoe Lofgren. For more information, call Ahmed Chapman at (510) 754-9648.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

Counseling Services

An emotion management group meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call 924-5910.

TUESDAY

Career Center

An employment table will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Career Center.

Check Point Software Technologies, Gamestop, UPS and Vector Marketing will be hiring. For more information, call Laurie Morgan at 924-6017.

Counseling Services

A social skills group meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call 924-5910.

Phi Alpha Theta

A meeting will take place at 3 p.m. in room 135 of Dudley Moorhead Hall.

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

A meeting will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, call Courtney Chalupa at (831) 869-0715.

SJSpirit

A meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

Victory Campus Ministries

"The Source" will take place at 8:30 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. Learn about the amazing destiny God has for your life. For more information, call Marla at (510) 368-8239.

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Light rail unveils South Bay transportation alternatives

By Jean Blomo
Daily Staff Writer

Several new services to light rail systems will soon provide South Bay commuters with alternatives to existing transportation options.

The Associated Students Transportation Solutions is co-sponsoring an event that will discuss and present the new projects to students and the public from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday in room 225 of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

"The purpose of this forum is to get everybody informed of the options available," said Chris Lepe, South Bay coordinator of the Transportation and Land Use Coalition, another sponsor of the event.

"On Track: The Present and Future of Regional Rail in the South Bay" will focus on several changes to the existing systems that have come as a result of increased interest in public transportation by Bay Area residents.

"There has been a huge demand over the past several years (for more public transportation options)," Lepe said. "Bay Area residents have ranked transportation as one of the top priorities for improvement."

"This talk can help students understand what is happening now to fix the transportation problem,"

said John McLemore, one of the panelists who will attend the event and the vice chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. "This can only happen when all nine Bay Area counties work together to prioritize the problems where we will improve the quality of our lives."

Andy Chow, commute specialist of the A.S. Transportation Solutions, said the sponsors of the event want to "connect the (SJSU) students and the commu-

going on."

Lepe said the event, which will also include Cindy Chavez, vice mayor of the City of San Jose, will give participants the chance to hear plans for all of the projects.

"Many times people might only know about one project," Lepe said.

"There's a lot of public debate on the options being presented, and the event gives them the ability to talk with some of the planners," Chow said.

One of the projects is an increase in the number of

"Baby Bullet" trains running between San Francisco and San Jose on the Caltrain system.

The trains make fewer stops than normal trains running between the two major Bay Area cities, so it cuts the commute time from one and a half hours to one hour, Chow said.

"The pipeline to get money and equipment takes several years from concept to actually having rolling stock on the tracks," McLemore said.

McLemore added it can take just as long to secure finances to upgrade the services.

Lepe said another important project is the result of additional funding

from the toll booth increases.

The new Dumbarton Rail Corridor will run between Fremont and Union City to the Peninsula and the South Bay, after renovations to the Dumbarton Bridge are completed.

The project is being worked on by three counties — Santa Clara, Alameda and San Mateo, McLemore said.

"There's a lot of public debate on the options being presented. ..."

**Andy Chow,
commute specialist**

UNSINGER - Named honorary New Orleans police captain, awarded medals

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Mr. Unsinger received the police medal grade two from the Republic of China and received a resolution from the California peace officers association, said Elias Abundis Castillo, president of the Council for Current Events Analysis.

He was an honorary police captain for the New Orleans Police Department and received the Outstanding Service Award from the Air Force reserve training corps at SJSU.

When the State Department advised against traveling to certain places, he would travel. He was an old-time explorer and would bring back souvenirs and stories,

Sagatun-Edwards said.

"I can't think of a continent he hasn't been to," said his son Harry Unsinger.

"It's very hard to believe that he's gone because he was such a vibrant professor," Sagatun-Edwards said.

His greatest contribution to SJSU was his wit, his humor and his daredevil approach to the world, she said.

"He was quite the prankster — great sense of humor," Harry Unsinger said. "My father was a very funny man."

Not only was Mr. Unsinger a world traveler, but he was also an avid reader. He could finish a book in one day and loved reading books

on historical facts, military history, intelligence and espionage, Harry Unsinger said.

The Washington Post and the Economist were two of his favorite reads but he also loved watching politics and would keep updated on current world events, he said.

SJSU students can learn from his life by continuing the search for knowledge.

"He's a lifelong learner. He never stopped learning history facts, reading opinions," Harry Unsinger said. "He was constantly in search of the truth."

Mr. Unsinger has written more than 200 book reviews and five books. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959 and re-

ceived an award for excellence in professional growth from SJSU.

He received his bachelor's degree in history from Heidelberg University in Ohio and his master's degree, also in history, from McGill University in Montreal. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Idaho.

Mr. Unsinger is survived by four children, seven grandchildren and one sister.

"The world of law enforcement has lost a great expert and a wonderful compassionate and intellectual man," Castillo said. "His gregarious personality and wonderful smile will be terribly missed by all those who knew him, including myself."

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tion. It is left to Frek, a young boy, to find an elixir that promises to restore nature to Earth.

"Teaching has always been my day job and my other career is being a science-fiction writer," Rucker said.

E. Bruce Reynolds, a professor of history, had two books on display about World War II. "Thailand's Secret War" is Reynolds' second book about Thailand during World War II. It describes the actions of the pro-allied Free Thai organizations that fought to free Thailand from its alliance with Imperial Japan and join the allied forces, as well as the reactions the British and American

intelligence communities took to them.

"Once it became obvious that Japan was going to lose the war, it became very imperative for the Thais to figure out a way to get over to the right side," Reynolds said.

"Japan in the Fascist Era," a book that was edited by Reynolds, describes the parallels between Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan to prove that the concept of fascism was not simply a "European phenomenon."

"We decided that we didn't want to do any kind of a formal thing. We decided it should be a laid-back reception so that everybody could mingle with colleagues and the campus community," Sanjume said.

AIR - Asthma, bronchitis, cancer some of the problems of poor outside air

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the Bay Area contains air pollution which can pose an immediate public health threat."

According to the report, in the nine Bay Area counties, there are 439,457 adults with asthma, 136,446 children with asthma, 209,351 people suffering from chronic bronchitis, 74,179 individuals with emphysema, 1,706,435 local residents with cardiovascular disease and 337,779 people diagnosed with diabetes.

Terry Trumbull, environmental lawyer and board director for the American Lung Association of Santa Clara and San Benito counties, said outside air quality is set to protect human health if you are a 25-year-old healthy adult. The standards do not protect those who are young (infants through 14), people 55 and older or who have asthma or breathing difficulties.

While the Clean Air Act aims to protect certain individuals, this does not safeguard protection from indoor air.

"There are no standards for what we breathe indoors, but (Environmental Protection Agency) estimates that indoor air quality is five to ten times worse than outdoor air," he said. "Of course, our outdoor air got us

'F' ratings. There is no regulation on indoor air quality, except for workers."

Trumbull said air quality affects everyone and we should all take our part in protecting the environment.

"We must continue to fight any effort to weaken the Clean Air Act or roll back current air pollution standards," Trumbull stated in the report. "Improved air quality is crucial to public health, and everybody — schools, businesses, industry and individual residents — must do their part to reduce air pollution."

Trumbull added that he and

one of his environmental studies students, Julie Callahan, take many precautions throughout their day-to-day schedules to enforce healthy air quality.

While carpooling to San Jose State University, driving a hybrid and minimizing the use of heating may seem like simple endeavors, there are other precautions Trumbull takes, including buying green power through his electricity utility, removing all carpeting and installing a hepa-filter system in his home.

Trumbull takes these precautions year-round, but with the re-

lease of the State of the Air report, May began the American Lung Association's Clean Air Month. In the Bay Area, the association will hold an annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon, which will be held Thursday at the World Trade Club in San Francisco to honor local Bay Area businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the community who have made significant contributions to fight-

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Maroon 5 shows true colors

By Erin Caballero
Daily Staff Writer

The overwhelming aroma of fruity perfume, fries and sweat permeated the air at the Maroon 5 concert at the HP Pavilion. Thursday, Maroon 5 played to 1,200 screaming, mostly female fans. It was a treat for the ears and the eyes, as well as a bargain for your money. With tickets costing about \$35 it wasn't too bad,

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except the seating that would make supermodel Kate Moss feel like a sardine in a tin.

Opening for Maroon 5 were the two "you-nonconformists-are-all-alike" bands Simon Dawes and The Thrills. The music of the two opening bands was nothing to rave about — their lyrics, energy and performance were more akin to a Big Mac than a steakhouse burger. Simon Dawes, the first to perform, disappointed with slurred, incomprehensible lyrics and bad instrument-playing. It sounded like they turned on the sound equipment all the way and started dropping their musical instruments on the floor.

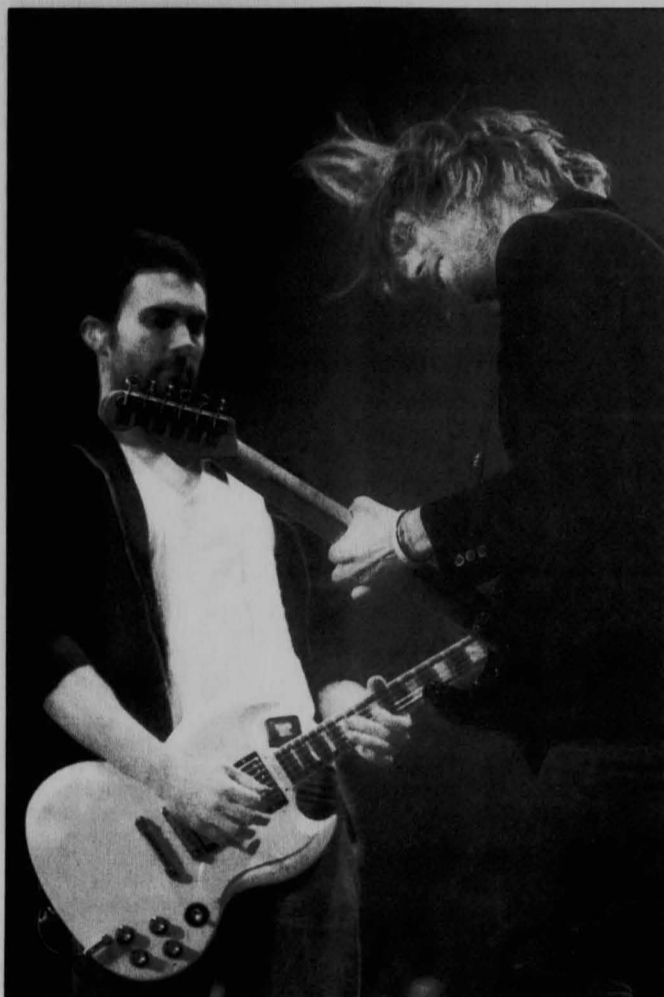
The Thrills fared a little better. Even their handsome, Irish, eye-candy looks and musical talent couldn't save this band from the eternal hell of being "opening-band-only" quality. They sang and played extremely well, but the lyrics themselves were agonizing to listen to.

It was obvious that the glammed-up women and their male companions were squirming with boredom in their seats, yawning with the ennui of being a denizen of the Bay Area. Then, out from behind the curtain, they came.

Maroon 5, the steakhouse burger of all-male bands, started playing in front of a backdrop that looked like what the Grateful Dead might see while tripping on acid. The members brought the heat and weren't afraid to express their masculinity in both music and action, something lacking in many male ensembles today.

Besides playing their heart-thumping, electric hits "Not Coming Home" and "Harder to Breathe," the guitarists of Maroon 5 played several guitar solos both intertwined with the songs and solos. The solos were something out of this world, and when the Jumbo-Tron focused on the handsome guitarists' sweating faces and skilled fingers, it was easy to see that they knew their calling in life from the cradle.

In a touching moment that only gave him more street credit to the many Bay Area citizens feeling politically disrespected by the rest of the country, lead singer Adam Levine told the entire audience, "California is the best f-----g state in the country!" Amen, Brother Levine, amen.



Zach Beecher / Daily Staff

Adam Levine sings and plays guitar alongside guitarist James Valentine, both members of Maroon 5, at the HP Pavilion during the San Jose stop of the Honda Civic Tour on Thursday.

Team Sleep still slumbers

By Banks Albach
Daily Staff Writer

An hour after Strike Him Centurion finished its set, the only sign of Chino Moreno's new band Team Sleep was a couple of roadies exchanging words and smiles on the stage.

The Thursday night show at Slim's in San Francisco sold

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out and was filled with excited fans of Moreno and his heavily charged four-piece band, the Deftones. Most of the audience didn't know what to expect with Team Sleep, however. The self-titled debut album was set for release on Tuesday.

Some people might have downloaded a 2001 demo off of the Internet, while others had become familiar with the song "Ever (Foreign Flag)," which has been available for streaming on Team Sleep's Myspace.com Web site for about a month.

Just as the conversation among the sardine-packed crowd shifted from eager anticipation to foot-shifting edginess, the lights went down and the cheesy, early-nineties dance music finally stopped — after 75 minutes.

Everyone in the house rocked when the team busted into "Ever (Foreign Flag)," the one full-length song that is floating around in cyber space. And the crowd received a nice taster of vintage Moreno as a mic-wielding front man during "King Diamond," a blend of drumming, programming and wailing vocals.

Right off the bat, however, the sound was suffering, which is by no means the fault of the band,

and it was only their third show with the current lineup.

But for the jaded listener, it was a disappointment after listening to an advance copy of the band's album for the last two weeks, which is excellent music in almost every regard. Studio work and playing live are different monsters to conquer for musicians and Team Sleep deserves a mountain of credit for making a great album.

On the live side, however, DJ Crook's programming was too loud and the guitars of Moreno and Todd Wilkinson were so distorted, the only way to tell a chord change was by watching. They were also loud enough to stifle Rick Verett's bass lines.

Anyone who follows the Deftones knows that Moreno masks his vocals with effects in the studio and live. But his struggles were obvious Thursday, especially when trying to fill in for the absence of Rob Crow of Pinback, who sings on almost half of Team Sleep's new album. Unfortunately, Crow is not touring with Team Sleep.

Judging from the chat room on Team Sleep's Myspace.com site, the fans who saw Team Sleep on Saturday at the Roxy Theatre in Los Angeles think the band is doing just great. This might indicate that believing what you read in a review probably isn't the wisest of ideas.

The majority of fans who posted feedback are planning on buying the album Tuesday, which is an excellent decision on their part.

Then again, the Myspace.com member ZM Radio probably had something other than music on her mind when she said, "Oh wow, and I loved when Chino came up to sing and was right in front of me. His crotch was in my face! Hahah. I'm such a lucky girl!"

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Better Than Ezra manages both comedy and musicianship

Sarah Holcomb
Daily Staff Writer

At the Better Than Ezra concert on Friday night, the audience was faced with a tough choice — who to watch?

If they looked to the left of the

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stage they saw lead singer Kevin Griffin playing the guitar with his head tilted up, singing into the mic with a clear view of the veins in his strained neck and arms.

To the right was bassist Tom Drummond with his guitar slung low and a mischievous smile on his face as his dark eyes looked down into the audience.

In the center, toward the back, Travis McNabb sat behind his pearly white drum set with his mohawk and neck tie, pounding relentlessly on the drums in perfect rhythm.

Lastly, the honorary member of the band, Jim Payne, took care of the keyboards and an extra guitar and backup vocals in his cowboy hat.

Each member looked like he was enjoying every bit of the show. Each played with fervor and the skill of a seasoned musician. And the audience couldn't get enough.

The band opened with "Burned" which is the first track of its upcoming album. "Before the Robots" and followed up with their first single from 1994, "Good."

All of the bases were covered by the end of the night as the band played its famous singles, "Desperately Wanting" and "At

the Stars," while also introducing the crowd to some songs from the new album.

The radio single from the new album, "Lifetime," was played superbly with more of a rock sound in concert than on the recorded version. Other songs from the new album were "Special" and "Daylight."

Griffin said the band went back to its Louisiana roots to write "Southern Thang" for the new album. The band took it upon itself to introduce the San Jose audience to its version of Southern rock with this song, which Griffin said puts "Sweet Home Alabama" by Lynard Skynard to shame. And he was right.

The band also played audience favorites such as "Sincerely, Me" and "Extra Ordinary," which, as Griffin warned the audience, had some awesome fretwork on his part. And he was also right that time. The encore included another song from the new album, "Breathless," which was a beautiful ballad, but Griffin got the club rocking again by spontaneously adding "Pull" to the set list, which probably surprised his bandmates as much as the audience.

"Pull" is a guitar-driven song with Griffin thrashing on the electric guitar and Drummond as the driving force for the hard rock sound. McNabb barely had time to breathe behind his drums as Griffin sang the lyrics with perfect attitude.

Concertgoers were left with a nostalgic feeling after the last song of the night, "In the Blood," which is the first track off their album "Deluxe."

Those in the audience who had never been to a Better Than Ezra show were probably pleasantly surprised by the humorous banter between Griffin and Drummond throughout the show. Both showcased their different comedic sides, Griffin more overtly funny while Drummond had sly one-liners.

At one point early in the show, Griffin had the audience singing Biz Markie's famous lyrics ("Baby you, got what I need, but you say he's just a friend, you say he's just a friend") back to him. Later he integrated popular hip-hop lyrics from Outkast's "Ms. Jackson" and Nelly's "Ride Wit Me" into breaks in the songs.

So for those who are ever stuck with the decision to go to a comedy club or a Better Than Ezra concert, go to the concert and you'll get the best of both worlds. And probably a guitar pick from Drummond, since he seems to enjoy throwing them into an unsuspecting audience.

Opening for Better Than Ezra was another Southern band called Ingram Hill. The group played a good set, but the audience took a while to get loosened up.

Ingram Hill had a few songs that show a lot of promise. Two in particular were "Never Be the Same" which had some great drumming moments, and "Almost Perfect," which is the essential poppy song about a cute girl. Ingram Hill is opening for Better Than Ezra for the entire tour.

Better Than Ezra's new album, "Before the Robots," comes out May 31 — go out and buy it.

And eat it, too



Lorry Thomas / Daily Staff

John McCrea, left, and Xan McCurdy, of the band Cake, perform Friday at the Event Center during their set while on the Virgin College Mega Tour.

Sacramento rock band Cake plays San Jose with opening acts in tow

By Peter Clark
Daily Staff Writer

It was Friday night at the Virgin College Mega Tour when rock 'n' roll died again.

It felt like a moment in the 1980s, or at least how VHI

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chooses to remember moments in the '80s in those remember the '80s programs.

It occurred at the San Jose Event Center when Robbers on High Street, one of the bands that opened up for Cake, epitomized the end of the post-punk-low-fi bands whose names always start with "the" trend.

The decline is analogous to that of glam rock. Let's take a look.

During the '70s and '80s Queen, New York Dolls, Iggy Pop and David Bowie all approached art and music differently from their predecessors.

Their popularity paved the way for acts like Guns N' Roses, Motley Crue and Poison, as well as other androgynous groups, which in turn opened up the flood

gates for the deluge of C-list bands like Slaughter, Bullet Boys and Cinderella that began to pour their generic sound onto the radio.

The '00s have the same thing in store. Get ready for dozens of talented but marketable bands that pattern themselves after The

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Strokes, The Killers and Interpol. Even though Robbers on High Street doesn't have the word "the" in its title, on Friday, the band tried to sound as if it did. The repetitive beat that bled through every song, the singer's monotone voice, the guy wearing a suit — the band had all the staple cliches. Fortunately, their set ended and the band

Gomez took the stage.

Gomez was supposed to be the next big thing in England a few years ago. Though not for lack of talent, they never took off outside of the British Isles. Their biggest break this side of the Atlantic came when Apple used their cover of the Beatles' "Getting Better" in a commercial.

The six-member band had four guitar players, three singers, two drummers, a keyboardist and a handful of musical styles. Each song sounded so different that when I got up to wait in a 10-minute line for a \$6 beer during their set, I got confused and thought a new band had started playing. Then Gomez's set ended and a new band took the stage.

Cake's performance was strong, but the band didn't sound like it does on the radio. Instead of the tired and bored voice I reluctantly tap my fingers to in the car when a Cake song comes through the speakers, the singer was trying to be charismatic. Hands held up, he invoked participation from a willing audience.

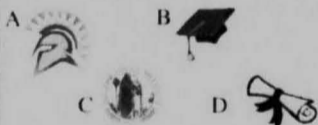
The highlight of the Virgin College Mega Tour came when the singer of Cake announced with relief that the band had finally got out of their major-label contract and would probably disappear into obscurity unless we, the audience, signed up on the groups mailing list.

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2:06 p.m. **TRAFFIC**
Location: Seventh Street garage
Summary: A report was taken for a noninjury hit and run automobile accident.

3:43 p.m. **THEFT**
Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library
Summary: A report was taken for stolen compact discs.

TUESDAY

12:35 p.m. **INCIDENT**
Location: Delta Upsilon Fraternity
Summary: An incident report was taken regarding power and phone lines knocked down by passing vehicles.

2:26 p.m. **DISTURBANCE**
Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library
Summary: A bicycle was impounded for being illegally parked on campus.

10:22 p.m. **WARRANT**
Location: Third and San Carlos streets
Summary: Haywood, Gary, DOB 8/31/78, was arrested on outstanding felony warrants.

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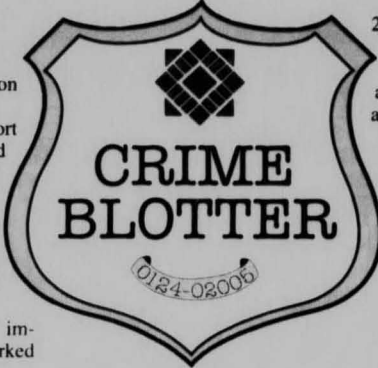
8:34 a.m. **GRAND THEFT**
Location: Art building
Summary: A report was taken for grand theft of a computer laptop.

10:14 a.m. **FRAUD**
Location: 10th Street garage
Summary: A report was taken regarding a forged San Jose State University parking permit.

1:25 p.m. **BICYCLE**
Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library
Summary: A report was taken for a

bicycle improperly parked on campus.
2:50 p.m. **WARRANT**
Location: Student Union
Summary: Duran, Jose Guadalupe, DOB 3/15/84, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant.

9:44 p.m. **FIREARM**
Location: Royce Hall
Summary: Gainer, Darryl, DOB 1/23/86, was arrested for allegedly possessing a firearm on campus.



THURSDAY

4:45 a.m. **ACCIDENT**
Location: Lot Three
Summary: A report was taken for a noninjury accident at the Student Union loading dock.

12:53 p.m. **INCIDENT**
Location: Seventh and San Salvador streets
Summary: An informational report was taken for a possible harassment.

12:53 p.m. **BICYCLE**
Location: Joe West Hall
Summary: A bicycle found on campus was taken by UPD for safekeeping.

2:30 p.m. **INCIDENT**
Location: Royce Hall
Summary: A report was taken

for possession of a replica firearm.

FRIDAY

12:14 a.m. **ALCOHOL**
Location: Hugh Gillis Hall
Summary: Underwood, Nicky, DOB 12/4/85, was cited and released for minor in possession of alcohol.

12:51 a.m. **WEAPON**
Location: ATMs
Summary: Lopez, Nefi J., DOB 2/27/85, was cited and released on suspicion of possession of a switchblade knife, possession of an open alcohol container and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

2:52 a.m. **WARRANT**
Location: Sigma Nu Fraternity
Summary: Haro, Guillermo, DOB 10/17/85, was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

11:54 a.m. **TRAFFIC**
Location: Park and Ride
Summary: A report was taken for a hit and run accident.

SATURDAY

1:56 a.m. **ALCOHOL**
Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library
Summary: Dominguez, Daniel, DOB 9/26/81, was arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public.

10:58 a.m. **BURGLARY**
Location: Delta Upsilon Fraternity
Summary: A report was taken for the burglary of a vehicle.

SUNDAY

12:00 a.m. **DRUNK DRIVING**
Location: Tenth and San Carlos Streets
Summary: Duong, Thong, DOB 8/4/84, was arrested for driving while under the influence.

San Salvador closed for week

By Traci Newell
Daily Staff Writer

Beginning today, San Salvador Street between Eighth and 10th streets will be closed because of continued construction on Campus Village.

and Operations at San Jose State University, said the construction should last about a week.

Valenzuela said part of the original construction contract with the city included fixing the streets around the Campus Village project. He said the work should include fixing pavement to make sure it aligns with the street.

"It is one of the last elements of

site work," Valenzuela said. "We clean up the street side and tie up all the loose ends."

He said the city will approve the work, but ultimately it is the university's responsibility because of what was stated in the contract.

An alternate route for students who exit Interstate 280 at 10th and 11th streets is exiting at Seventh Street.

Alleged gay-bashing at Marin high school a hoax, police say

MILL VALLEY (AP) — A 17-year-old top wrestler at an area high school here faked a series of gay-bashing incidents that prompted a police investigation, authorities said.

The rash of gay-bashing incidents at Tamalpais High School was the work of a student gay leader who claimed she was the victim of hate crimes, according to Mill Valley Police Capt. James Wickham.

The teen, who heads the school's Gay-Straight Alliance, admitted to authorities that she was the perpetrator of the incidents, which included vandalizing her own car with derogatory graffiti, police said.

Other incidents involved teachers who received threatening telephone messages.

"It has been determined that all the incidents have been com-

mitted by a single individual," Wickham said.

The student was not identified by police.

The girl has been suspended and could face expulsion, said Bob Ferguson, district school superintendent.

"She confessed to everything," Ferguson said. "She did admit to police that it was basically for attention."

The student was not arrested, but police said the case would be referred to the Marin County District Attorney's Office for review.

In a series of incidents dating back to November, the student claimed she was the target of hateful language, with anti-gay epithets scrawled on her car and on her school locker. She told police she was pelted with eggs outside her home by an unknown assailant.

Tam High students "kept wondering how this could happen at their school, but unfortunately they were let down by one of their classmates," Ferguson said.

Ferguson added that girl's recent title as the high school's athlete of the year was withdrawn by the district late last week.

High school principal Chris Holleran said students will have the opportunity to receive counseling about the matter.

Paula Pilecki, executive director of San Anselmo's Spectrum, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy group, said she was surprised that police released a statement about the girl's admission.

"The next few weeks will no doubt be difficult for everyone involved, and I hope the community reacts with compassion," she said.

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Baseball team swept by Fresno

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The Spartan baseball team was swept by Fresno State University in a three-game series this weekend...

Bulldog pinch-hitter Brian Lapin completed Fresno State's rally in Sunday's game, hitting a double in the seventh inning...

San Jose State University attempted to rally in the final two innings.

The Spartans loaded the bases in the eighth inning, but designated hitter Chris Williammee grounded into a double play...

Jared Birrenkott grounded out with Travis Becktel on second to end the game.

Fresno State took an early 3-2 lead after the second inning.

SJSU responded and went up 6-3 after four innings, with three runs coming in the third inning and one more in the fourth.

Shortstop Anthony Contreras recorded his 200th career hit in Saturday's game.

Contreras also extended his hitting streak to 22 games and matched the school record, which was set by Robert Berns in the 1996 and 1997 seasons.

Nate Corrick also posted his 200th career hit, an RBI single in the third inning.

SJSU will return to play a home nonconference game against Cal Berkeley at 7 p.m. at Municipal Field.

Chess players duke it out in tournament

By Joe Shreve Daily Staff Writer

A storm gathered Friday in room 505 of Duncan Hall as the power of eight minds met for a battle of wits, deception and strategy.

The pressure was on. This was no ordinary engagement.

This was the First Annual Chess Championship, put on by San Jose State University's Chemistry Club.

This showdown of chess skill was scheduled to begin at high noon. For the cost of \$1 entry fee, participating players were given the chance to prove their chess skills in three rounds of single elimination play.

After the three rounds, the victor would receive a 2-foot tall trophy.

Anyone was welcome to compete in the tournament. Ali Mojaddiji was one of those that came to play. Mojaddiji, a senior majoring in management information systems, said that he came to the tournament for the fun of it.

"I used to play a lot, now I just play every now and then with my little brothers. I'm just here for fun," Mojaddiji said.

Scott Tarkul, an engineering major, was one of the organizers of the tournament and planned the tournament for several months.

"It started out as a kind of fun thing where we'd play against each other," Tarkul said. "We thought



Zach Beecher / Daily Staff

Rick Deiningner, a junior majoring in English, ponders a chess move at the first annual Chemistry Club Chess Tournament on Friday at Duncan Hall room 505. Deiningner swept the tournament out of three games.

it would be nice to get the whole campus involved to recruit more chess people."

Tarkul said that he hopes the tournament will help spread the word about chess on campus and that he

would like to see an actual chess club on campus.

After three rounds and several hours of play, the chess champion of SJSU turned out to be Rick Deiningner, a junior majoring in English.

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Philip Gee, center, who is part of Entertainment Arts' university relations team, speaks to guests attending the opening of the computer lab designed for animation and illustration students in the school of art and design on Friday.

Art and design students get new animation computer lab

By Jean Blomo
Daily Staff Writer

Six years ago, Brad Maihack, Hewlett-Packard's San Jose State University campus recruiting manager, noticed the art and design department had opened a new computer lab with the help of HP's competitors.

"I thought, 'I know our technology is better — what can we do about this?'" Maihack said.

More than \$100,000 later, HP, along with Dreamworks Feature Animation and Electronic Arts, opened an up-to-date lab specifically designed for use by animation and illustration students Friday in the Art building.

"When I came to visit the (old lab), I was disgusted," said Marilyn Friedman, head of outreach at Dreamworks.

The overhead projector screen was torn and students had to use their own laptops to support animation and rendering programs, such as Maya.

Professors of art and design, Courtney Granner and Alice Carter approached the three companies late last summer, asking for financial resources to help make the art and design department better.

In the past eight years, Carter said, art and design students and graduates have worked on 15 major motion pictures.

"It was amazing to see the talent from these students despite the fact they didn't have equipment," Friedman said.

The 15 computer stations HP provided, along with seven additional HP computers bought through an Electronic Arts grant, will give students a competitive edge in the booming industry of animation, Granner said.

"We are able to see a phenomenal blending with technology and art," Maihack said. "(Technology) unleashes more creativity."

Dreamworks storyboard designer Rob Koo, animation head Tim Cheung and production designer Guillaume Aretos, each taught three-week workshops to art and design students, lending their knowledge of the industry to aspiring students.

"Their instruction is so valuable — you can't put a price on it," Carter said.

The animators found they learned from teaching as well.

"With students, you just never know what to expect," Cheung said.

Koo, who took time away from his vacation to teach the workshop, said he had to learn how to structure a class and found students to be very sincere and enthusiastic.

"Usually the questions you get (as an instructor) are questions you've never asked yourself," Aretos said.

Cynthia Haugh, senior director

of global talent hiring and resourcing, said Electronic Arts donated \$75,000 to the lab.

The money, Haugh said, is more of an investment in the future.

"I was very impressed with the high quality of the students' talents," Haugh said. "I wonder — how many of these students are going to be our employees?"

Students were awestruck with the idea that they will be able to use the new lab to unleash their abilities.

"This is unbelievable," said Konstantin Abadjiev, a senior majoring in animation and illustration. "It's a huge deal finally being able to work on our projects."

Programs, such as Maya, Abadjiev said, require constantly updated technology, and students aren't able to keep up with their laptops.

"(The new lab) will give our students the same chance as private art schools," Carter said. "These are kids with dreams that can't afford \$300,000 for school — but they're just as bright and ambitious."

There was a point, Friedman said, where she wasn't sure the lab would be possible, so Friday's opening was especially exciting for her.

"We've been working on it for a while, so to see it is just great," Friedman said.

Alumna to be keynote speaker at commencement ceremony

Berkeley professor graduated from SJSU in 1969

By Traci Newell
Daily Staff Writer

Lily Wong Fillmore, an international authority on literacy and second-language learning, will speak at San Jose State University's 148th commencement ceremony on May 28 at Spartan Stadium.

Throughout her 30-year career, Wong Fillmore studied the education of minority students and the socialization of children for learning across cultures. She was a professor in the department of language and literacy, society and culture in the graduate school of education at the University of California, Berkeley.

Gerry Selter, executive assistant to the president at SJSU, said the president of the university and Irene Miura, Selter's predecessor, chose Wong Fillmore to speak at the commencement. Miura was originally from the College of Education at SJSU.

"I was told that students wanted someone who had been involved in civil rights issues and someone who was from San Jose State," Wong Fillmore said.

Wong Fillmore earned a bachelor's degree in English and linguistics in 1969 from SJSU. She eventually went on to Stanford University to earn a Ph.D. in linguistics.

Wong Fillmore said the time she was at SJSU was a very active time for the fight of civil rights.

"The world has changed but the fight for civil rights still goes on," she said.

She said she wanted to give students a sense of things that remain to be done. She wants to establish civil rights as a battleground for democracy and justice.

"I count the time at San Jose State as one of the most valuable experiences I have had in my life," Wong Fillmore said.

Wong Fillmore, a strong proponent of bilingual

education, said she is currently working on researching the language issue in classrooms. She is a volunteer in a fifth grade class and she said the experience manifested the pressures teachers feel because of new policies set by the government.

"A truly great free public education system is the cornerstone of democracy," she said.

She said she wants graduates to keep the true ideals of a democratic society, especially when they are making decisions in the voting booth.

Brian Chapman, a graduating senior majoring in political science, said he believes Wong Fillmore can give students a better understanding of the world because she studies different languages.

"If people are able to better understand what everyone is saying, then it could bring people together instead of splitting them apart," Chapman said.

In addition to Wong Fillmore speaking at the commencement, two additional civil rights activists will receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from SJSU, according to an SJSU press release.

Tommie Smith and John Carlos, both alumni and Olympic medalists, achieved international attention at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics when they raised their gloved fists on the victory stand as symbols of black power and unity in America.

According to the press release, their action was widely unpopular and caused the pair to be banned from the national track team and asked to leave the Olympic Village.

Eventually their silent protest became one of the most memorable moments in the American civil rights movement.

Both men won Olympic medals and have broken collegiate, national and world records in track and field.

Smith is currently a faculty member and coach at Santa Monica College. Carlos is the track and field coach and school suspension supervisor for Palm Springs High School, the press release stated.

An audience of about 25,000 students, faculty members, family members and friends are expected to attend this year's commencement.



WONG FILLMORE

Australian cleric pleads for hostage's life

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's top Muslim cleric offered on Sunday to travel to Baghdad to negotiate the release of an Australian engineer held hostage, a day after he made a plea on Arabic television for the kidnappers to spare the man's life.

The appeal by Sheik Taj El Din Al Hilaly, Australia's mufti since 1989, was broadcast across the Middle East Saturday and came a day after militants holding 63-year-old Douglas Wood issued a 72-hour deadline for Australia to start pulling troops out of Iraq.

The ultimatum — which did not say what would happen to Wood if it wasn't met — was contained in new footage broadcast by Arabic television network al-Jazeera Friday that showed Wood, an Australian resident of the United States, with his head shaven and rifles pointed at his head.

The message followed an ear-

lier video tape that announced his abduction that was released May 1.

Hilaly, with Woods' brothers Malcolm and Vernon seated beside him at a mosque in Sydney, filmed an appeal in Arabic which was beamed by satellite Saturday to Qatar-based al-Jazeera, family spokesman Neil Smail said Sunday.

"I regard him as our brother, a fellow Australian, an innocent man," Hilaly said in Arabic. "He should not suffer because of politics whether they be right or wrong."

Hilaly's spokesman Keysar Trad said Sunday the mufti would fly to Iraq if the ultimatum deadline was extended.

"He's just waiting for a signal or any indication that an extension of the deadline has been given and then he'll fly out," Trad said.

The Egyptian-born cleric would be accompanied by Pakistani-born Amir Ali, president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, and an unnamed Australian guide with tribal contacts, Trad said.

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