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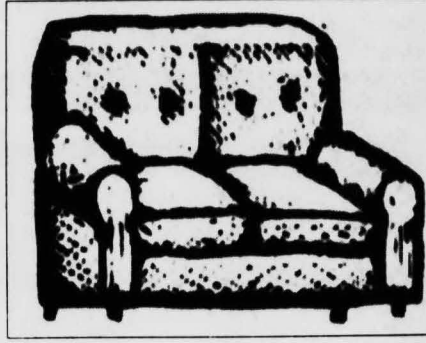
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The music festival kicks off its sixth year in downtown's South First area



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Degree count rises; SJSU ranks eighth

■ 'Higher Education' reports increased amount of minority baccalaureates

By Aaron Williams
Senior Staff Writer

The Spartan football team might never crack the top 25 in the polls, but when it comes to minority degrees San Jose State University is near the head of the class.

SJSU, along with the rest of the CSU system, placed very high in reports done by "Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education" and "Black Issues in Higher Education." The university ranked eighth behind only CSU Los Angeles in awarding minority baccalaureate degrees. San Francisco State University and CSU Long Beach were the other CSU schools in the top 10.

The reports found that 40.1 percent of all degrees earned were by minorities, a total of 1,693. This number was up from the 1,587 awarded during the 1995-96 school year. In awarding master's degrees to Hispanics, CSU campuses had seven schools in the top 50.

Steven Millner, a professor of African American Studies, sees these numbers as positive for

the university and the system as a whole.

"I think (the numbers) indicate a legacy of the progressive struggle from the late '60s," Millner said. "San Jose State was a positive center of black struggle and that struggle has finally borne fruit."

Millner said he sees sons and daughters of black and Hispanic activists now attending SJSU. He has students that have come to SJSU from Dorsey and Jordan high schools in Los Angeles.

"Students want to come here because of the progressive-minded thinking," he said.

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Another reason Millner felt was responsible for SJSU being in the top 10 in minority degrees was Prop. 209 and the anti-affirmative action stance of Gov. Pete Wilson, the UC system and UC regent Ward Connerly.

"The problems in the UC system are not lost on parents or students," he said. "It infuriates me as a UC Berkeley grad, to think that the trustees (regents) are involved (with Prop. 209 and the anti-affirmative action stance)."

He said SJSU is benefiting because of its "more open minded attitudes."

Other professors are quick to

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Let's get physical



Mitch Cartwright/Spartan Daily

Dr. Franklin Muirhead, Professor of Physics, demonstrates the theory of electromagnetic induction with a "Levitron." The device incorporates a spinning top which floats in mid-air aided by a magnetic field.

Jose Theatre still in limbo

By Lois Jenkins
Staff Writer

The debate over whether to save or raze the Jose Theatre and the Hong Kong Market, both located in the Downtown Historic Commercial District, is still not settled.

After more than two hours of arguments during San Jose's eighth "City Council in the Neighborhood" meeting Tuesday night, a decision on the issue was tabled. That decision was made in part because council member Charlotte Powers, District 2, had to leave to catch a plane.

Powers' desire to be in on the discussion and the introduction of an alternate proposal by the Preservation Action Council prompted Mayor Susan Hammer to postpone a final vote until Oct. 21.

"To balance competing public needs is something this council takes very seriously," Hammer said.

Balancing competing public needs is a complex issue. Terry Christensen, chair of SJSU's political science department, is well versed on both sides of the debate over downtown redevelopment.

Speaking as a citizen, Christensen said, redevelopment is destroying everything of historical significance and

sterilizing downtown.

"Urban texture" is what makes the city enjoyable and the streets pleasurable to walk. By that, I mean things to look at such as interesting buildings with varied functions," he said. "I think you need to preserve old buildings in the downtown area to do that."

But as a political scientist, he also understands the pressure on city government to maximize the economic uses of a piece of property.

"Properties produce taxes, jobs and happy business people," Christensen said. "Not to maximize property use can ultimately cost the city money."

But money wasn't the issue for most of the people at Tuesday's meeting; preserving a piece of the past was. Dozens of them addressed the council in support of saving the Jose Theatre, known as "the Jose," compared to a handful who supported the developer's proposal.

Theresa Schmidt, the San Jose historic landmarks commissioner, said she would be very disappointed if the Jose is torn down.

"The San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission did everything it could legally do

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Charles Slay/Spartan Daily

Architect Bruce Judd outlines the benefits of replacing the existing Jose Theater with a modern building.

Brennan quits; going to Philly

By Mike Traphagen
Sports Editor

SJSU Athletics Director Tom Brennan accepted a similar position at La Salle University Thursday, leaving a vacancy in the Spartans' athletic program for school officials to fill.

Brennan said the move to La Salle, which is a university in the Atlantic 10 conference located in Philadelphia, PA., will strengthen his ties to the East Coast.

"I'm a Brooklyn kid," Brennan said. "My wife said having New York two hours away was perfect. I also didn't ever want to have to look at my kids and tell them they never got to know their grandparents."

La Salle's athletic program is most widely known for its men's basketball team, which made four appearances in the NCAA Basketball Tournament in the late '80s and last qualified during the 1991-92 season.

Brennan is filling a vacancy at La Salle left by Bob Mullen, who retired in May.

"This is a professional and a personal fit for me," Brennan said. "I wanted to come back and be closer to home and La Salle is an outstanding academ-

ic university. It's a smaller school with an solid athletic program."

Brennan is leaving a government-funded SJSU campus of nearly 26,000 students for a privately funded, 24-sport Jesuit institution with an enrollment of only 5,800.

"(La Salle) used a professional firm to do its hiring and I had spoken with the guy who ran the search," Brennan said. "He thought I was a strong person for the job. It all happened in the last couple of weeks."

Prior to his arrival at SJSU, Brennan was a the director of athletics for Loyola College in Maryland after holding titles of assistant and associate director of athletics for six years at the University of New Mexico.

Under the 45-year-old's direction, SJSU's athletic program has increased its financial support for the student scholar-

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Tom Brennan

Increasing difficulty of driving tests will benefit society

Dumb people should not be allowed to drive.

I'm tired of riding my bike in downtown San Jose and worrying that I'm going to get run over because people don't know how to drive. Not only are the problems of bad drivers numerous, but the causes of too many drivers are great also.

Many of you probably saw the traffic during the recent BART strike. It was almost impossible to drive on the freeways. It's about time that we as

a nation do something about our traffic problems, other than just building more roads.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, California currently has about 20 million people with driver's licenses, and 700,000 new drivers get their licenses every year.

Let's make it harder to get driver's licenses. It should ease the traffic problems, and it will get dumb people off the road.

The age for getting your license should be raised from 16 to 18 years of age. I understand

this will cause a lot of commotion.

Turning 16 and getting your license is seen as a right of passage in many American families. However, by raising the age limit you will get many of the young immature drivers off the road, killing two birds with one stone.

The driving tests should be much more difficult. We need to get the dumb people off the



ADAM BILLINGTON

road. According to the DMV only 25 percent to 33 percent of people that take the DMV tests fail. I think this number should approach something more in the range of 50 percent to 60 percent.

The process of getting a license should also be much longer. There should be multiple behind-the-wheel and written examinations. This

would ensure that some of the slower people wouldn't just get lucky and pass the test on their one try.

Things are looking up on this horizon, or so it seems. California is working on making the license tests harder. In Southern California, the new test has already been implemented and should be in the Bay Area within the next two years.

The new difficulty lies in the road test. Instead of being tested on residential roads, drivers

will now be tested in business districts and on the freeways.

With the creation of more rules and by making it more difficult to get a license, it will be safer to drive, as well as walk down the street. With better drivers, accidents will decrease and there will be fewer cars on the road. The benefits range from improving the environment to fewer road fatalities.

Adam Billington is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Editorial

A 'degree' of success

We were pleased to discover that San Jose State University ranked eighth in the nation in awarding degrees to minority students, according to polls conducted by "Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education" and "Black Issues in Higher Education."

We were pleased also to hear that seven California State University schools ranked in the top 50 of these same polls in awarding master's degrees to Hispanics.

We were pleased most of all to hear that the CSU system is trying NOT to follow in the footsteps of the University of California system and preserve the idea that the CSU is a university system for all Californians, not just the white ones.

SJSU is a leader in preserving this ideal, awarding 1,693 degrees to minorities in the 1996-97 school year. This amount was 40.1 percent of the total degrees awarded in this year. We are happy about this reality.

However, we were not pleased to discover that the amount of minority faculty members hired on a permanent basis at SJSU comes nowhere close to the amount of minority students who are enrolled at this university.

Minorities make up 52.8 percent of our student body, while only 23 percent of the faculty are minorities and 34 percent are female.

Talk about ethnic and gender gaps...

Randall Jimenez, a Mexican American Studies professor, thinks that students are more likely to stay at a university where they can identify with professors who look like they do and are similar to them.

We couldn't agree more. We're convinced that SJSU could award even more degrees to minorities and women if they hired more permanent faculty members of minority status. Students need to know that they are not only welcome on our campus, but that they are represented by the faculty on this campus.

SJSU could be higher than No. 8 on those top 50 lists next year if it increased the number of minority faculty on this campus.

We would be pleased about that.

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Diana, not princess of all hearts

I must admit the appeal of Princess Diana remains as much an enigma in death as it was in life.

I have watched the events of her death unfold: its announcement, the avalanche of flowers, the outpouring of affection, the eulogies that appeared in every newspaper, with the eye of someone on the outside looking in.

For many, it seemed her death was an event of cosmic proportions like some celestial fireball burning brightly, if briefly, across the English sky. The press has acted as if this fallen star left the world blanketed in darkness.

However, I viewed her passing like the dying light of some distant star.

I am not opposed to stargazing; it's just that I, and I daresay many black people, live in a universe with a different set of stars — a different constellation of celebrities. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, died earlier this year and the world took only passing notice.

Many people have spoken glowingly of Diana's charity work, which I had always



Reflecting black
Devin Fehely

Many people have spoken glowingly of Diana's charity work which I had always chalked up to noblesse oblige.

I'm sure that many people would do great and high-minded things if they didn't have to deal with the messiness of day-to-day living.

How much get-your-hands-dirty work do you think she ever did? How many bedpans or bedsores do you think her porcelain-princess hands ever touched? Not many, even by the most generous estimates.

Instead, she lent star power and a 10,000-watt smile to fundraising events.

Yes, I believe her compassion was heartfelt and genuine. But is she a saint simply because she had the good sense not to treat the poor and people living with AIDS like pariahs?

Diana will not be remembered as the princess of my heart.

Sadly, she was bounded even in her final moments by the paparazzi. I will always remember her as a sad starlet smiling from her gilded cage.

Devin Fehely is an Entertainment Editor of the Spartan Daily. His column appears every other Friday.



Lack of war threat cause of timidity in Generation X

The last generation of this century is suffering from a serious lack of hardship. Every 20 to 30 years since the Civil War

there has been an armed conflict involving the United States against recognized enemies overseas.

Our great grandparents had World War I, our grandparents had World War II and our parents had Vietnam.

Our generation experienced the video game known as the Gulf War which lasted less than two months. More soldiers suffered mysterious illnesses after the war than the number of casualties during the war.

The generation I am a part of has not experienced rationing or nuclear bomb drills. There has been no real threat of major war breaking out which would force this country to reintroduce the draft. The complete lack of these problems has made young adults complacent and introverted.

Fortunately, the need to find conflict has caused a lot of Generation Xers to rehash some causes from the 1960s such as civil rights and environmental activism. These concerns, as well as many others, can be keyed on by our generation without the threat of a war starting and diverting the nation's attention.

Be thankful in recent years there's been no threat of walking down the street and seeing a bright flash signifying a nuclear bomb explosion and the start of another world war.

Just 30 years ago, males right out of high school had to worry about the draft and whether or not to dodge it. Instead, at the age of 20, the topic I think about most is whether to purchase a truck or a sport utility vehicle.

At my age, my dad was in south Vietnam after being drafted into the U.S. Army a couple of months out of high school. Thoughts about material things do not take precedence when you are trying to dodge artillery.

No, I'm a masochist who's rooting for huge war so we can suffer the misfortune of watching our family members giving up their lives. Let's hope there's no reason this country has to get involved in another war. I just want our generation to look what we have and feel extremely lucky.

Parking may be hard to find, classes may be harder to add, but at least you don't have to worry about going to a foreign country to fight against your will.

I have come to one conclusion — I am going to buy a sport utility vehicle.

Anthony Perez is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



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Ignorance of old remedied by political correctness

It's the first day of class and the professor tells a blonde joke — a blonde joke aimed at women. Instead of laughing along with this subtle form of misogyny, like the rest of the class, you turn to your neighbor and mumble "That's offensive." Your neighbor turns to you and says, "Don't be so PC."

If you are even partially progressive, then this should be more than a familiar occurrence.

Many people feel that our society has become overrun with "feel good" euphemisms for people, their conditions, and their distinctions. Almost all attempts at showing understanding for peoples' inherent differences are quickly labeled PC and discarded jokingly.

The negative use of the term "politically correct" has thwarted honest attempts to fight the ignorance and stereotypes that are pervasive in our society.

Granted, there are some who have taken advantage of the idea that our soci-

ety is now more sensitive and tolerant of different cultures, lifestyles, and life circumstances.

But it is unfortunate that ignorant individuals feel they have license to offend, irritate, and subject people to their personally chosen ignorance, by discounting someone's protests as "politically correct."

Likely the negative PC label has developed because our world is changing quicker than many people's world views.

People who once had to suffer the categorization of "other" by being called "colored" are recognized as African-Americans. They are proud of their African heritage, and this is an accurate description. It's far more appropriate than the one forced on them by oppressors who gain from designating them as different.

Those who suffer from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome are no longer perceived as carrying the "gay

man's disease." It's widely known that AIDS affects heterosexuals and women, and can be transmitted through blood transfusions. So referring to the disease by a clinical name is more correct.

The terms that have been replaced by "politically correct" designations have always been offensive. They have served only to demean and disrespect certain groups of people. But it's only recently that these groups have been granted the respect they deserve, and they have been referred to in a manner that they approve.

By labeling people and movements PC, in the negative sense, conservative individuals can slow the change of a dynamic society and maintain or revert back to the ignorance of old.

This editorial was written by the staff of the Florida Flambeau, school newspaper of Florida State University. It was provided to the Spartan Daily by U-Wire.

Coastal cleanup not just for environmentalists

By Travis Peterson
Staff Writer

On Saturday the creeks, beaches and estuaries of the South Bay will receive a cleaning by volunteers during the 13th annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

Coastal Cleanup Day is a nationwide effort to clean and protect America's beaches, creeks, and estuaries.

According to Cam Wolff of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, garbage must be removed to protect the wildlife and the environment.

"Every time you flush your toilet it flows into the bay," Wolff said. "And there are many who feel that these areas are a place to dump their garbage."

Christie Adams of Santa Clara's Creek Connections Action Group, explains that the role of "volunteer" is not limited to hard-core environmentalists.

"Everybody has a role to play," Adams said. "I did a site last year where the age ranged from a one-year-old tooling around in the mud to a 70-year-old man doing his part."

Last year, the number of volunteers nationally reached over 151,000, with Santa Clara County accounting for 16,000 volunteers.

"It's a bigger deal than most people think," Becky Steckler of the California Coastal Commission said. "It's just a lot of people don't know about it."

After all the garbage is weighed and documented, a "dirty dozen" list is compiled of the 12 most common forms of litter.

According to Judi Shils, mar-

"Every time you flush your toilet it flows into the bay. And there are many who feel that these areas are a place to dump their garbage."

— Cam Wolff
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center

keting consultant for the California Coastal Commission, the number one item found in California creeks and beaches is cigarette butts. Foam, paper and plastic are among the top five. Some of the more unusual items found are cell phones and lap-top computers.

"We've even found the better half of a car," Adams said.

Shils also lists a dead elk, a dead dog including leash, 720 syringes and a bag of coconuts found statewide.

The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center has turned Coastal Cleanup Day into a week long event called Coast Weeks.

"We get schools, 4-H clubs and high school community service leaders to come out," Wolff said. "We get a huge mixture of people."

The Hayward programs are free of charge and include

Fishing in the San Francisco Bay, Birds of the San Francisco Estuary, The Estuary Murals, and a Marshlands Overnight program.

"The overnight program includes 15 people," Wolff said. "We'll be taking a walk and cooling off, looking at the nocturnal life, and we'll be fishing."

San Jose sites include Coyote Creek, Upper Penitencia Creek, Saratoga Creek and Baylands. There are no lists to sign up on if you wish to participate.

Adams encourages people to find a location and "just show up ready to work."

The Santa Cruz chapter of the Surfrider Foundation plans a full day of activities for Coastal Cleanup Day. Activities include beach cleanup, a surfer "paddle out" and participation at the Monterey Bay Sanctuary and Shark Festival taking place at the wharf in Santa Cruz.

According to Christine Helm, president of Santa Cruz's Surfrider Foundation, the foundation and Ecology Action have teamed up to clean the Santa Cruz area.

"The O'Neils Beach area will be one of the big gatherings," Helm said. "I'll be at the end of my street organizing and helping clean."

The Hayward and San Jose sites will provide gloves, cleanup materials, and cold drinks, but participants must bring their own lunch.

Any SJSU students wanting to participate should call Dana Mahaffey in the Environmental Resource Center at 924-5467. The Surfrider Foundation can be contacted at 476-7667.

Sharp shooter



Robert Serna/ Spartan Daily

SJSU junior Thao Lee enjoys a game of billiards between classes at the Student Union Thursday. Prices for pool are \$4 an hour for students. Bowling, table tennis, video games and pinball are also offered at the Student Union. Hours of operation are from noon to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays and 6 p.m. to midnight Sundays.

SJ police seek female officers

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

Women seeking a career in law enforcement with the city of San Jose will have the opportunity to meet with female officers already on the force, ask questions and test their physical merit. The San Jose Police Department is holding its second Women's Career Exploration Fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Evergreen Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center. The center is located at 3095 Yerba Buena Road in San Jose.

The San Jose Police Department is currently accepting applications for police officers.

"Women officers from all different departments will be

available to answer any questions anybody has," Officer Valerie Cary said. Cary, who's in charge of the fair, is expecting this year's turnout to double that of last year's 40 people.

"You don't need to call," Cary said. "Just throw on shorts and tennis shoes and show up."

The discussion group portion of the fair will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. A physical agility testing process will be set up before and after the discussion panel.

Part of the physical agility drills include climbing a 6-foot wall, a dummy drag through a slalom obstacle course, another obstacle course with hurdles and a group of tires to step through, said San Jose Police Officer William Mason.

To apply to the department, candidates must meet certain

criteria. Mason said the beginning requirements are completion of 40 college units, a good driving record, no felony convictions and passing a written test with a minimum score of 70 percent score.

Once recruits have successfully completed that phase, they would take part in an oral board test. The oral board consists of a panel of three people — one officer, one city official and one city resident volunteer — posing a series of situational questions to the recruit.

Moore said the questions do not necessarily pertain to police procedures, but tend to be "more common sense."

Recruits need to score over 90 percent on their oral boards. The final step to becoming a

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Pounded like a spike



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SJSU middle blocker **Melissa Myers** practices spiking drills during a team practice Thursday afternoon. The SJSU women's volleyball team, after winning the University of Portland tournament, will play three matches in two days. On Saturday, the Spartans will travel to Moraga to play Boise State in the Gael Spalding Invitational at 1 p.m., then drive back to SJSU to host Gonzaga in the home opener. "The travel is going to be tiring," Coach Craig Choate said. At the Portland tournament, the Spartans lost the opening match to Portland in four sets. SJSU then defeated Nevada in three sets and the University of Alabama-Birmingham in four sets. They will host their first home game at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Event Center.

Giants drop Dodgers, 6-5

■ **Baseball: Giants clinch series sweep with homer in extra innings to top L.A.**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Brian Johnson hit a leadoff home run in the 12th inning that set off a wild celebration and the San Francisco Giants, boosted by another homer from Barry Bonds, defeated Los Angeles 6-5 Thursday to sweep a two-game showdown and tie the Dodgers atop the NL West.

Both teams have nine games left. They are not scheduled to play again in the regular season.

Johnson connected for his 10th home run on the first pitch from Mark Guthrie (1-4), the Dodgers' seventh pitcher of the game.

Johnson pumped both fists in the air as he rounded first base while Bonds hoisted manager Dusty Baker in the air. Johnson was lifted up by teammates after touching home plate to the cheers of the sellout crowd of 52,140.

Rod Beck (6-4) pitched three innings, his longest stint since 1992. He escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the 10th.

Johnson's hit was the only one after the seventh inning for the Giants, who left 14 runners on base.

The Dodgers threatened in the 10th, loading the bases with no outs on three straight singles off Beck. But Beck struck out Todd Zeile and got pinch-hitter Eddie Murray to hit into a double play.

The Giants led 5-1 after Bonds' 35th homer of the season in the fifth. Bonds also homered Wednesday night in a 2-1 win over the Dodgers.

Los Angeles scored twice in the sixth on Eric Karros' RBI single and Zeile's RBI double, and Mike Piazza tied the game with a two-run single in the seventh.

The two RBIs gave Piazza a career-high 113. Piazza, who went 3-for-6, is hitting .397 with 17 RBIs in 14 September games.

Bonds' seventh homer this season against the Dodgers came off Tom Candiotti. Bonds also tripled and scored in the first on Glenallen Hill's single.

J.T. Snow added his 26th homer leading off the fourth for the Giants.

Otis Nixon homered in the first, his only homer since joining the Dodgers in an Aug. 13 trade from Toronto.

Giants starter Terry Mulholland allowed three runs on eight hits in six innings, and still has not won any of his eight starts since July 4.

Candiotti allowed five runs on 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Notes: Bonds had 13 RBIs in 12 games against the Dodgers this season. ... Candiotti struck out three, leaving him six short of 1,600 career strikeouts. ... Hill, who went 1-for-2 with a walk, has a .414 batting average with four homers and nine RBIs in 29 career at-bats against Candiotti. ... The Dodgers and Giants split the 12-game season series. ... Snow's homer ended a 1-for-27 slump.

SJSU braced for rebuilding era

■ **Men's golf: Team lacks experience after losing two players in the Top 50**

By Vic Ribeiro
Staff Writer

The SJSU men's golf team is gearing up for what coach Art Williams calls a "transitional year."

"The team will only be returning three players from last year's squad," Williams said. "It's definitely going to be a transitional year. We lost two key players who were amongst the top 50 players in the country."

Aaron Oberholser, who finished first in the 1997 NCAA West Regionals, has completed his college eligibility. Last year's number two player, Justin Russo has graduated.

Four of the nine players on the Spartan team are freshmen. Williams feels it will take those players a couple of tournaments to adjust to playing at the college level.

"In high school they only play nine-hole matches and against one team," Williams said. "At the college level they have to get used to playing 18 holes and compete against 18 other teams

in one tournament."

The three players returning to the squad are Steven Grier, Chad McGowan and Ted Bakelis. All three players helped the men's golf team finish in the top 25 last year. Grier and McGowan helped the squad finish 18th out of 30 teams in the NCAA Championship golf tournament last April.

The team has been practicing since the day after Labor Day. According to the top player on the squad, Steven Grier, the younger team has shown him that they will be competitive this year.

"I am really confident about our team," Grier said. "Golf is different than many other sports because you can easily have the worst player beat a top player on any day."

Williams is hoping that Grier continues to bring this leadership attitude to the rest of this year's squad. He said it will take him a couple of tournaments to find out if the Spartans will be able to make the NCAA tournament this year.

The Spartans begin their quest Monday when they and 17 other teams, including UCLA, attend the University of Pacific Tournament.

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Sparta Guide

TODAY

Nutrition consultation

The Student Health Center offers individual nutrition consultation at no charge to regularly enrolled students. For appointments, call 924-6122.

Intramural sign-ups

The intramural sign-up deadline is 4:30 p.m. at the A.S. Business Office. Call Jeff Stinson at 924-6266 for more information.

Chinese Fellowship

The Chinese Campus Fellowship is showing a video from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Almaden Room. For more information, call Vincent Lau at 954-9728.

Jum'ha Prayer

The Muslim Students' Association is having Jum'ha Prayer from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Almaden Room. For more information, call Wali Rahmani at 305-2080.

Meeting with Caret

Sign-ups continue for students interested in meeting with President Robert Caret. Call 924-1106 to place your name on the RSVP list.

MONDAY

Student Gallery

The School of Art and Design is having Gallery Shows from Sept. 22 through 26 in the Art building. For more information, call Brendan Liston at 924-4330.

Concert Choir

The SJSU Concert Choir needs male tenors and basses to sing in the choir. For more information, call Leanne Weatherly at 924-4332.

Support group

The Re-Entry Advisory Program is having a support group from noon to 1 p.m. in the Administration Building Room 201. For more information, call Lynne at 924-5950.

Measure your body fat

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science will measure your percentage of body fat from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building Room 103. For more information, call Kim Roth at 924-3110.

Marketing Club

The SJSU Marketing Club is having a fall kick-off BBQ from noon to 3 p.m. at the Central BBQ Pits.

SATURDAY

First aid course

Peer Health Education is sponsoring a First Aid Course from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Health Building Room 208. The cost is \$20. For more information, call Ron Waters at 924-6203.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff. The deadline for entries is noon, three days before desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Items will not be accepted over the phone.

Theatre: Alternative plan to be heard

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to protect the Jose, so it will be very disturbing if it goes," she said. Schmidt also said the demolition of the Jose could put the historic district in peril of losing its National Register status.

Tom Simon, a member of the Preservation Action Council, agreed with Schmidt. He said each building in the historic district represents a period of San Jose's development.

"The theme of the district is the development of American cities. Districts like this help the local economy and are what tourists are interested in," he said. "I think it would be extremely unfortunate if they approve the project as proposed. To remove those buildings is like knocking a tooth out of a smile. Everybody recommends saving them."

Well, not everybody, especially the private developers, the property owners and the Redevelopment Agency of San Jose. They propose removing the Hong Kong Market and all but the facade of the Jose to

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make way for an upscale housing complex with an open courtyard.

Developer Jim Fox told the council he is concerned about the opposition to his plan.

"I'm a little dumbfounded why this isn't worked out," Fox said. "It's the nicest project I've ever been involved with. The design is excellent." He also said keeping the Jose would mean losing 30 to 50 percent of the project.

Fox said he wondered if the planning commission and the landmarks commission had a chance to view the models of the Century Center Housing Project. The models were on display in front of the council members.

Barry Swenson, developer and co-owner of the Jose with Fox, told the council he has a love of historic buildings, but in his opinion the renovation of the Jose wasn't feasible.

"I've borrowed and spent approximately \$25 million to rehabilitate about 15 to 20 buildings. This building needs a complete roof and foundation," Swenson said. He also said that because there are no inside walls, there is no way to strengthen the theater to meet the earthquake safety standards.

But city planning director

James Derryberry told the council that the planning commission recommends retaining and rebuilding the Jose and the Hong Kong Market to the extent that it's possible and still have the ability to add housing units.

"Redevelopment of this property does not have to come at the expense of the Jose Theatre or the Hong Kong Market," Derryberry said. "The project as proposed would create a significant impact to the landmarks and the historic district."

Derryberry also claimed the Redevelopment Agency did not ask for a review of the supplemental environmental impact report before filing the application for the project.

"Impact and design issues are not resolved," Derryberry said.

Perhaps the majority's feeling was summed up best by John DeVincenzi, SJSU art professor emeritus, when he said, "We helped save the San Jose library, which is now the San Jose Museum of Art. What if all (the developers) had saved was the facade?"

Degrees: Gutierrez looks beyond stats

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point out however, that numbers and statistics aren't a true measuring stick of what is really going on.

"The real question would have to be 'Is SJSU doing a good job in retaining students of color?'" Henry Gutierrez said. "I don't know if that is the case."

Gutierrez, a professor in the Social Science Department, raised other questions in concern to the statistics. He said that if SJSU truly is a leader it needs to go beyond the numbers.

"If the reality is that we are leaders, then we need to ask ourselves, 'What should we be

doing to lead the 'New Majority?'" What can we give (to students) to lead in the future?" he said.

He added that while the numbers might be accurate, SJSU faculty and administration need to look at the content of the curriculum and devise plans that can make it even better for students.

Randall Jimenez, professor of Mexican American Studies, sees even less promise in the statistics. Jimenez said the numbers are based on a lump sum of all minorities degrees. He said that because of the large percentage of minority students at SJSU, compared to that of a university

in some other part of the country, the numbers per capita might actually be lower.

"(The number of minority degrees) is not because the campus works at it," Jimenez said. "It's because of affirmative action that put students onto campus."

"You have to remember that the largest number of students are minorities," he said. "If we weren't at the top something would be really wrong."

Jimenez said a way to raise the number of minority degrees higher would be to employ, retain and tenure more minority faculty members, not just hire them on a temporary basis.

"If you want to retain minority students and lower the drop-out rate then you need to hire more minority faculty," he said. "There is a direct correlation. You need to hire teachers who best relate to their students."

Minority population of SJSU is 52.8 percent, compared with a faculty that is 77 percent white and 66 male.

He said students are more likely to stick with school when they know that there are teachers who, "look like us and are like us." He said that can sometimes be the carrot in front of the horse in keeping students in school working for their degrees.

Muni's safety criticized

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal report has sharply criticized the safety of the city's Municipal Railway and urged Gov. Pete Wilson to support a thorough review of the system's operations.

The National Transportation Safety Board's report, issued Tuesday, comes after 10 Muni accidents in the last eight months. The crashes injured 10 people and caused \$3.6 million in equipment damage, including two new rail cars.

Of the 10 accidents, four were attributed to unspecified operator error and three to stop-sign violations. The rest were blamed on inadequate supervision or poor track and equipment maintenance.

NTSB chairman Jim Hall said the accidents showed "a broad range of unsafe practices and operational deficiencies."

The report also criticized the board for not moving faster to improve safety conditions. In addition, the board knocked the state Public Utilities Commission, which oversees state transit operations, for apparently minimizing the accidents.

FBI finds armored heist stash

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Searching a storage facility in a tiny mountain community, the FBI recovered as much as \$18 million Thursday that was stolen six months ago in the nation's largest armored car heist.

A paper trail that began in a trash bin in Asheville and led agents to Mexico City ended at a small rental storage unit in Mountain Home, where former armored car driver Philip Noel Johnson allegedly stashed millions from the March 29 heist.

More than \$18.8 million was taken in the robbery in Jacksonville, Fla., authorities said.

FBI agents declined to specify the amount of money recovered in the early morning search of the storage facility 15 miles south of Asheville.

But when asked to describe the facility, William Perry, agent in charge of the FBI's Charlotte office, said, "Eighteen million dollars takes up a significant spacial area."

Johnson, 33, a former driver for Loomis, Fargo and Co. armored car company, was arrested Aug. 30 as he crossed

into the United States from Mexico on a bus headed for Houston.

At a hearing Thursday in Brownsville, Texas, a magistrate ordered Johnson back to Florida to face charges of kidnapping, money laundering and robbery. He is in the custody of U.S. marshals.

Authorities said Johnson held two co-workers at gunpoint as he filled a van from floor to ceiling with bags of cash. One co-worker was later found handcuffed inside a closet at Johnson's Jacksonville home. The other was shackled to a tree in Asheville, where the abandoned van was found.

According to an affidavit filed in federal court Wednesday, the FBI was tipped off to the location of the money when someone discovered an envelope bearing Johnson's address and one of his MasterCard account statements in the Asheville trash bin in April.

Documents bearing the name Michael Lee Gray, an alias used by Johnson, also were found in the trash bin, according to the affidavit. And

a copy of a money order receipt from M. Gray payable to Mountain Home Storage was found in a room Johnson rented in Mexico City, the affidavit said.

A Mike Gray registered at the Blue Ridge Motor Lodge in Asheville on March 30, the affidavit said. Later, a search of records of storage units in the area showed that a Michael Gray had rented a unit in the Mountain Home Mini Storage facility, the document said.

Records provided by the owners showed that Michael Gray entered the facility three times on March 30, using a special access code.

The previous record armored car heist was the \$10.8 million taken in June 1990 in a robbery on an Armored Motor Service of America car in Rochester, N.Y. A spokesman for Loomis, Fargo praised the FBI.

"A substantial amount of it has been recovered," Pat Flaherty said. "It is still in the process of being processed, part of which would be counting. It looks good."

Women: Six-month process

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candidate is passing a "background test, written psyche test and a psyche interview," Mason said.

Women comprise about 9 per-

cent of the sworn officers of the San Jose Police Department, Mason said. He added that, of the 95 to 100 recruits presented to the hiring board, about 15 will be women.

Of the 1,000 candidates who

take the written test, 164 made it to the background check phase of the process. After that, about 40 to 50 recruits are accepted into the fall academy. Mason said the entire process takes about six months.

Brennan: Good-bye

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ship program from \$400,000 in 1991 to \$1.4 million in 1996 and entered the Western Athletic Conference, which is the country's largest NCAA Division I-A football conference with 16 members.

He is also credited for advancing SJSU's gender equity plan and for helping to bring the 1997 NCAA Basketball Tournament to the San Jose Arena. But Brennan said he is most proud of feeling like he made a difference in the university's athletic program.

"My biggest achievement is leaving San Jose State a better university with an athletic program positioned well for the future," Brennan said. "I'm both happy and sad because I am leaving a program of which I invested a lot of time and energy. (SJSU) will have great leadership from President Robert Caret; Dave Baldwin will do a good job with football...I'm proud to be able to hand (my position) off to someone else."

Brennan would not speculate on who would take his place and said he would be "highly surprised" if he would be asked for his input.

Caret said, through a statement from the SJSU Public Affairs Office, that he will form a committee to search for a new

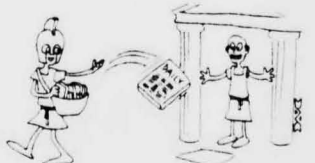
athletics director. Brennan will remain on campus through October, which is when Caret plans on naming a interim director.

SJSU men's basketball coach Stan Morrison, who served as athletics director at UC-Santa Barbara for four years before accepting his current position, said a new director in the athletics department could cause changes within the program.

"You could get the full spectrum of reactions from a new A.D.," Morrison said. "Some will come in and want to regroom, while others will inherit (the program's) existing staff and work with it. We'll just have to wait and see."

Morrison added that it won't be hard to find applicants for the vacant position, but wouldn't comment on whether he would seek the position for himself.

"I think phones will be ringing off the hook for this job," Morrison said. "The upgraded facilities, new conference and what's happening with community support make the job very attractive."



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