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Folklorico dancers don native costumes as they perform dances that reflect Mexican heritage. The dancers were part of the Cinco de Mayo parade that swept through downtown San Jose on Sunday. The parade traveled east on Santa Clara Street from 9 until 11 a.m.

Bienvenido Cinco de Mayo

Downtown SJ festival not just about Mexican culture

By Nicholas Boer
Staff Writer

A crowd of 250,000 to 300,000 poured into downtown San Jose Sunday to celebrate the Cinco de Mayo holiday.

While the holiday's origins are in honor of Mexico's defeat of the French army more than 100 years ago, most of the festival's participants seemed focused more on the here and now.

"Drink a few beers and look at all the women, that's why we came," Robert Zarazua said.

Zarazua, who drove for an hour from Salinas with a friend, said he was hopeful they would have dates by the end of the day.

"We'll go down swinging if we don't," Zarazua said.

The event started with a *See Cinco de Mayo, page 10*

parade and included a group of Mexican dancers in body paint, colorful costumes and huge feather head dresses.

One of the dancers, who calls himself Mitalpilli, said dance and song have been an integral part of Mexican culture for thousands of years. He pointed to the red and turquoise elements in his costume as ancient symbols.

"They're symbols of fire and water," Mitalpilli said. "Masculine and feminine energy. When the two get together, something happens."

Most of the men were just enjoying the music, food and view, but a few were more aggressive and tried to stick "booty" stickers on the behinds of the females.

Laura Rosiles was propositioned by a group of four men



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

San Jose Police officers arrest three males on North Seventh Street who would not leave the area when told to by police crowd control officers.

Post-party ruckus nothing new

By Nicholas Boer
Staff Writer

Nine arrests were made shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday night in the same area where riots occurred after last year's Cinco de Mayo festival.

According to Derek Edwards, spokesman and administrative sergeant for the San Jose Police Department, officers responded to

"gang posturing" near Fourth and Santa Clara streets.

"We were able to disperse it rapidly," Edwards said. "No one was hurt."

Joshua Govea was at the scene when the police arrived and said he and the crowd were chased for blocks by officers on horseback.

"What they were trying to do is corral us into a corner," Govea said. "A horse was on my ass. You couldn't go anywhere."

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Lucky taken to task

Downtown grocery store targeted by community over drugs, sale of alcohol, security and cleanliness

By Yvette Anna Trejo
Staff Writer

In response to years of frustration with the Lucky store at 272 E. Santa Clara St., several members of the community gathered last week and met with the store's corporate management.

Residents and community members said they have been concerned about security, cleanliness, drunks, drug dealing, graffiti and poor service, among other things. Since Tuesday's meeting when residents were able to state their grievances, some said they have seen changes and are optimistic.

In recent weeks arrests had been made by the San Jose Police Department in and around the Lucky store. About one month ago several units within the San Jose Police Department worked together on an operation to curb the presence of drugs in the area.

According to Officer Alex Keller of the San Jose Police Department, the operation came about due to a culmination of various things including obvious open drug dealing and concern from residents and business owners.

"It was an ongoing problem and we decided to hit it head on," said Keller.

Keller said the police averaged about 12 arrests per night during a weeklong crackdown in front of the store last week. He said arrests were made for drug possession, possession for sale, possession of a deadly weapon, sale of a narcotic and being under the influence. The drugs involved were cocaine and rock cocaine.

Keller said that as far he knew San Jose Police Department is continuing to monitor the situation.

Tom Hall, assistant manager at Lucky, said several concessions were made concerning alcohol. After Tuesday's meeting the store removed all malt liquor from the sales floor, now refuses to sell alcohol between 7 a.m. and noon and refuses to sell alcohol to intoxicated persons.

Sue Cam, president of the Horace Mann Neighborhood Association, which played a major role in pushing for change at Lucky, said the store made changes immediately after the meeting.

"They're working at it," Cam said. "They went back that night and pulled 40-ounce containers off the shelves."

Cam said she felt Lucky had a responsibility to get involved with the community.

"Just like residents and other businesses, they have to help with these problems," Cam said. "And, specifically, don't make it worse by selling to these drunks."

The Horace Mann Neighborhood Association covers an area extending from Julian and San Fernando streets to Fourth and 10th streets.

Patti Phillips, a San Jose State University alumna, is a member of the association and has lived on South Sixth Street, a short distance from Lucky, almost her whole life. She said she often

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Rock



'Golden age' of SJS catches big band 'bug'

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

Editor's note: Today is the first day of a five-part series, titled "Rock of Ages." The series will delve into the evolving music scene at what was first San Jose State College and later San Jose State University. During the week, "Rock of Ages" will chronicle the changes in culture and society that led to the acts that swung on a star, bopped till they dropped, moved with the groove and rapped the light fantastic over the years in San Jose. Welcome to the '40s ...

Marty Brittan likes to remember life at San Jose State College from 1940-45 as the "golden age" of col-

lege. Most of the students were Santa Clara Valley residents, many of whom, like Brittan and fellow alum Rex Gardiner, came from San Jose High School.

There were about 3,000 students attending SJS in the fall of 1940, Brittan and Gardiner's first quarter, and it was a place where if you spent enough time there, you could get to know everybody's name.

Socializing and music — school dances especially — were a big part of student life. The music of that era, swing and jazz, was most popular among SJS students. The big band sounds of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw and Guy Lombardo were heard on the radio-record players and if the SJS com-

munity was lucky enough, in town for a live performance.

The center of campus consisted of classrooms around Tower Hall and the quad area. Brittan remembers that the athletic department was separated from the campus. Students would gather between and after classes on the lawn area near Tower Hall.

Campus life was very different then. Clubs and social organizations held a prominent place in many students' lives — dancing being the popular thing.

"Dancing then was person-to-person, cheek-to-cheek," Brittan said. "People didn't dance apart. That arose finally with jitterbugging, where you would dance with a girl and fling her out. The wilder

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The wilder types would fling a girl up in the air. That was not very popular at first, but after the war, a lot of the people jitterbugged.

— Marty Brittan
class of 1946

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types would fling a girl up in the air. That was not very popular at first, but after the war, a lot of the people jitterbugged.”

There were often two dances held simultaneously — one in the men's gym at the corner of Fourth

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Taking advantage of public transit not valley priority



Susan Shaw
STAFF WRITER

I had the opportunity to go to Germany last month on a business trip where, like every other German worker, I had to use the train system to get around.

I am always impressed by the efficiency and accessibility of public transportation (even in very small villages) in Europe, and with how many people use the systems.

Then I return to California and I realize it would never work here.

Californians will never part with their cars in large enough numbers to make public transportation really work. Cars are less transportation than they are reflections of our personality. They are a permanent fixture in our culture.

Ask the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, which represents local businesses, and any local government official what is their number one issue (behind affordable housing) and the answer will be traffic and transportation.

The Texas Transportation Institute determined in 1993 that Silicon Valley had the fourth highest total traffic delays of the 11 regions surveyed. The problem is likely twice as bad today.

The problem and the solution represents the classic chicken and egg phenomenon: more people say they'd use public transportation if it was more accessible, while governments say they'd have more public transportation available if more people would use it.

I think there's a credibility problem at work here, and you need look no further than our own campus to figure that out.

More than just decorative, those little stickers on our SJSU enrollment cards allow SJSU students to ride the area's buses and light rail for free. How many people out of the 26,000 or so on this campus take advantage of this free service? 10,000? 20,000?

Only 3,836 students use the service, according to A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba, although the number has doubled since the program started three years ago.

I used the card a couple of years ago myself and found out I could walk two blocks from my house and take a single bus to campus. I'm sorry to say I don't take advantage of this program more often. Pretty soon I'm going to have even fewer excuses.

The Valley Transportation Authority recently announced it was adding more buses, and it is also beefing up the light rail system, including extending service to Mountain View.

The Transportation Authority also offers Eco Pass, a program that allows employers to purchase annual transit passes for their employees at discounted rates. On April 1, the agency announced it would spend more than \$88 million on transportation in the Bay Area during the next 20 years.

The question is, will people finally wake up and take advantage of public transportation?

Susan Shaw is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Empty nest not quite what she expected

When my oldest sons were teenagers, I used to think of them as mutant viruses, nasty bugs that would eventually go away on their own regardless of any self-medication I'd perform.

I could take a couple of aspirin for my aches and fever, some Pepto Bismol for my nausea, huddle under the covers for warmth and curse under my breath, but my only real choice was to wait them out.

With enough patience and moaning on my part, they'd eventually mature and move out in their own sweet time, and I'd be left in peace to enjoy my old age, just me and my dogs.

No more arguments about curfews.
No more late-night, last-minute science projects.
No more typing term papers at 5 a.m.
No more dishes under the bed, moldy and dusty and completely unrecognizable.
No more wet towels on the bathroom floor.
No more empty milk cartons in the refrigerator.
No more arguments about whose turn it is to take out the trash or mow the lawn.
No more noseprints on the front door window.
No more anxious nights waiting to hear a key in the front door, whispered "shushes" and soft footfalls sneaking down the hallway.

I told myself that peace was right around the corner, just hang in there.
At least, that's what I used to think.
It's true, they are getting older, but peace is elusive.
One son has already moved out and is getting married in June — the one who swore as a child he was never leaving home.

Another is also engaged and is earnestly looking for new digs with his intended — the son who hated asking for help and the one I thought would be the first to move out.

The youngest one is getting his driver's license this month — my baby — and after that I probably won't see hide nor hair of him again unless he needs money.

Apparently this particular virus is mutating faster than his brothers because at almost 17, he's not giving me nearly as much discomfort as his siblings at that age, just an occasional ache now and then.
Then again, maybe it's me. Maybe my immunities are in full swing and he's not affecting me as much.
At any rate, I'm not finding the peace I thought would be waiting with my rest and recovery from their germ warfare.
I love my dogs, but they're a little short in the conversation department.
I'm finding that the closer my sons get to autonomous adulthood, the more human they're becoming and the more I enjoy their company.
In one of life's little ironies, they've become what I've always wanted them to be: people I can live with and not want to strangle.
They've even begun to take into account the fact that their mother is a person in her own right, not just the woman who has raised them.
For a while now they've been scolding me for not letting them know where I am, or for coming home late from school, or for not taking proper care of my car. It's kind of nice, having someone worry about me for a change.
And now they're leaving. What's that all about?
It must be one of God's little jokes on parents. Kind of like the one he plays on us when our skins begin to shrink and wrinkle on the outside just as our minds are expanding on the inside.
I went to a bridal shower last week for my son's fiancée and couldn't help feeling like I wasn't really me.
How could I be the mother of someone getting married? I'm not old enough yet. I haven't even finished going to school yet. Sometimes I don't feel any more mature inside than I did at 20.
Other times I feel ancient, especially when I think about my children having children.
Maybe that's it. I'm no longer just a mother host. I'm mutating, too.



Lois Jenkins
OH, REALLY?

Lois Jenkins is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. Her column appears every Monday.

Use of deadly force escalating: actions cannot be ignored

Their job is to protect and to serve. Every day police officers put themselves in harm's way in their efforts to keep us safe. But is this always the case?

Easter Sunday I was spending a nice afternoon with my family, sharing laughs and having fun, while just a few blocks away another family's worst nightmare was playing out before its eyes. It could have been avoided.

Just a five-minute walk from the house I grew up in, an 18-year-old male was in a face-to-face confrontation with the police. The teen had allegedly fled a hit-and-run accident but he did not escape the San Jose Police Department. He shouldn't have run.

In their attempt to subdue him, the police used deadly force. The teen was armed with only a rock, but apparently it was seen as life-threatening to the police. He should have given up.

In front of family and neighbors, the teen was shot and critically injured. He was a young kid in a bad situation and he found out the hard way that not everything has a happy ending. He now faces a life he never expected.

In just a matter of minutes, a teenager went from riding in his truck to being on the receiving end of life-threatening gunfire. For days his life was hanging by a thread. He survived, but he will surely never forget.

This teen should've and could've done things differently but he didn't. The same goes for the police that were involved — they didn't have to shoot him, but they did. It's easy in hindsight to say things should've been done differently, but the tragedy remains the same.

I know this is only one case that I am referring to, but a young life is enough reason to be outraged. Teens are seeing violent acts committed in a number of places, including their schools, homes and neighborhoods. Teens don't need to be afraid of the police as well.

This is not to say all police officers are bad, because they aren't. However, some may not be best suited for the job. Amnesty International recently released information about ill-treatment and excessive force demonstrated by the New York Police Department. In the investigation evidence suggested that a large majority of the victims are racial minorities, mainly African-Americans and people of Asian or Latin American descent.

Some of the allegations in Amnesty International's investigation included deaths in custody from alleged excessive force and shootings in violation of the NYPD's own strict guidelines for the use of deadly force.

This information may not necessarily pertain to the SJPD, but it goes to show that excessive force is occurring within police departments and it shouldn't be ignored.

The bottom line is a teen doesn't deserve to face a bullet for having a rock in his hand. The rock wouldn't have killed anyone, but the bullets from the police could have and they almost did.

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Parental involvement with children step in right direction

As Americans we have both over- and suffered the kinds of social ills that affect future generations. Of the most threatening we currently face, lack of accountability may be the most far reaching.

Lack of accountability in government, to ourselves and to each other is damaging to our society enough.

But it is the lack of accountability to our children that dims our future.

Fortunately, organizations such as the Ms. Foundation, a women's advocacy group, are taking measures which may better our children's future.

The foundation's "Take Our Daughter To Work Day" and other parental bonding programs are the types of measures we need.

San Jose State University's April 23 participation in "Take Our Daughter to Work Day" is a positive step in the right direction toward parental accountability.

Those parents who participated in the day's events strike a blow, however small, for accountability in our children's lives.

Events such as these not only show that we are accountable to our children beyond feeding them, but it teaches our children what it is to be an accountable adult.

Simply one day on the job with a parent gives a child a glimpse of his or her parent as a person.

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In terms of teaching accountability, a child at work with a parent witnesses mom or dad upholding responsibility to:

- His or her boss
- Fellow employees
- Those he or she manages
- The family

By setting the example these parents show their children that accountability is a virtue to strive for, something positive. Parents taking these simple actions on an average work day, once a year, are ultimately taking steps in making our future brighter.

Beyond the accountability factor

which affects us all, parental mentoring days help give children a clearer vision of a future for themselves.

We are living in a world where gangs, drugs and other destructive factors are leading children to early graves and less than productive lives.

By participating in their parents' lives outside the home, children get a taste of what it is like to have a career or aspire to do better than their parents.

Without a notion of the future, children will settle for less than they are capable of achieving.

No one benefits from the lost potential of children.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daily must be responsible 'voice on campus'

This is in regard to the article by Andrew Hussey on April 17, "Hussey highlights: beer drinker's haven." I find this article inappropriate for a university paper, especially within the San Jose State University campus.

A university school paper that deliberately encourages the irresponsible use of any drugs, in this situation alcohol, is flaunting the president's directive for creating a university campus that has an "obligation to its students to create an environment conducive to healthy and responsible decisions."

In the article, Hussey is telling students it's time to "forget about those unimportant scholastic pursuits and time to concentrate on what really takes center stage," which is drinking.

Hussey is not supporting responsible drinking in the privacy and safe haven of your home, but is actively encouraging a public abuse of alcohol while on this campus. Hussey actually recommended "polishing off beers" and playing Frisbee golf on campuses like SJSU.

Even more idiotic is his recommendation of "polishing off a 12-pack" while in the vicinity of a body of water and away from prying eyes.

God forbid if you fall into that body of water while under the influence of 12 cans of beer, which is equivalent to a blood alcohol content of 0.3 to 0.4, if you've been binge drinking for the last hour or two.

Reality check! A blood alcohol content of 0.08 is the legal limit in California. If your blood alcohol level is above 0.08, you can be classified as legally drunk in California, while a blood alcohol level of 0.3 to 0.4 can knock you unconscious.

I'm sure it's going to be really fun finding yourself head down in the lake.

As a university paper, the Spartan Daily should recognize its duty to its scholastic community to release articles that are relevant to a university campus and not be a walking, talking ad for beer companies like Milwaukee.

A campus paper editor glorifying irresponsible drinking behavior in conjunction with playing a team sport like "sloshball" and engaging in a danger-

ous activity like camping in the wilderness is not an example of a writer exercising his freedom of speech. It's a dangerous example of the epitome of stupidity while under the influence of the pen.

I believe Hussey has the right to waste his best years in college with dreams of "fuzzy bloodshot summers," but to use a university paper to righteously condone and actively encourage irresponsible drinking habits is a waste of my tuition.

This article had no scholastic and no entertaining relevancy. The Spartan Daily should be more responsible for its action and position of power as a strong voice on campus and a representation of the campus community.

I, for one, do not want the public thinking that SJSU is a school of drunkards with irresponsible lifestyles.

Most importantly, Hussey, maybe it's an ignorant question on my part, but what was the purpose of this article?

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Government should stay out of bedrooms

The letter you published April 28 by our director of counseling services, who reacted to a student's response to a recent article about the Boy Scouts of America, was absolutely frightening.

Sivertsen's belief that the U.S. court system should decide what families and family-oriented organizations can and cannot do threatens the foundation of the American society.

Sivertsen said, "If the Boy Scouts had decided to deny any and every group based on their status, the courts would not have ruled in its favor."

This same point of view has been held by Lenin, Stalin and Castro — let the state decide what families can and cannot do with their children.

Perhaps America's greatest achievement was its government. The courts used to let families raise their children, and the government allowed its citizens the freedom to make their own decisions.

Now Sivertsen wants a communistic society, one in which

the government controls the behavior of its citizens. This point of view condemns the freedom of the common man.

Right or wrong, families need to be given the freedom to make the rules for organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.

If they can't, we should prepare a fond farewell for democracy, and a hardy hello for a state-run, socialist society.

Sivertsen also believes people should be granted certain political and social privileges because they like to have sex with their own gender, and that they "will continue to fight for that right."

Sexual behavior — of any type — belongs in the bedroom, not in the Boy Scouts.

Unfortunately, gays think they are allowed political rights because they like to act a certain way "between the sheets."

What's next? The Slave and Domination Organization? The Bestiality Association?

What people do in their bedrooms is their business and

nobody else's — until they try to force their behavior on others.

When homosexuals politically threaten families, families have the right to defend themselves. Heterosexuals, who create families in the first place, should decide what families do.

Homosexuals have chosen a lifestyle that is inherently family-less. Why do they want to impose their views on families now?

I strongly support the Boy Scouts' parents, who have the right to decide with whom their children associate.

I am ashamed of SJSU's director of counseling services, who wishes to suppress the rights of our nation's families.

These poor people just want their sons to learn how to build a warm fire and tie a knot, not explore same-sex relationships and homosexual politics.

Dave Stornetta
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Misuse of alcohol has negative consequences

This is a response to the article which appeared on April 17, "Hussey highlights: beer drinker's havens."

I must admit at first, I thought the article was a joke. I could not believe that Hussey would actually advise me, the reader, to abandon my "unimportant scholastic pursuits and concentrate on what really takes center stage throughout the summer: outdoor drinking."

OK, Mr. Words of Wisdom, since you are promoting the idea of getting hammered throughout the summer, or as you put it "bloodshot," why don't you list for us, the readers, the consequences which might arise from being wasted?

Why don't you mention that if we get popped for open containers, the fine is approximately \$200 and possible community service? It doesn't matter if the alcohol is camouflaged in a sports bottle or not, it is still considered an open container.

Why don't you also mention that if we, the readers of your

column, get cited for a DUI, the fines can add up to \$2,500 or more? In addition, we could get a 30-day suspension of our driver's license and another 60-day restriction as well as community service and possible jail time of 48 hours to six months for first-time offenders.

Also, by polishing off a 12-pack of beer, as suggested, if a person's body weight was 180 pounds, his or her blood alcohol level would be at 0.25 — and this is at 40-minute intervals of spaced time — which definitely indicates intoxication and three times over the legal limit of drinking, which is at 0.08.

And not only is one above the legal limit, but as this state of hindrance, one becomes heavily sedated, incoherent and possibly may black out, not knowing what they may be headed into. Just imagine if the person weighed less — the end result could be devastating.

Hussey promotes the idea of alcohol use during various activities. This poses a threat to

a person's well being, not to mention the second-hand effects of alcohol abuse, such as alcohol-related auto accidents — one of the leading causes of death for young adults.

Alcohol-related accidents account for 650,000 persons injured each year, 500 people killed each week and 70 people killed every day.

It's one thing to go out and have a good time, but know your limits, man. Not everything you do should involve alcohol, and to try to map out everything to avoid getting popped from the abuse of alcohol sounds like a personal problem rather than advice.

Nothing personal, I just feel that if there is a promotion for a partying type of lifestyle one should also be aware of the negative side effects that go along with this type of lifestyle.

Robert A. Hernandez
sociology

Student input needed on computer lab fees

In rebuttal to the April 30 editorial "Spoiled students discover true cost of paying for paper," I want to illuminate the computer lab's printing policy, which seriously gouges users by unfairly charging them 15 cents a page, and I want to enlighten those who may think otherwise.

First, 15 cents per printout quickly adds up, especially for students concerned about turning in their best work.

Second, some students, like myself, don't have access to computers and printers; thus, we are constrained by the lab's policies.

Third, many students who have access to computers and

printers don't care what the computer lab charges.

Now, SJSU's lab is not a Kinko's, a business concerned with profit; instead SJSU's lab is part of a nonprofit public educational institution concerned with the welfare of its students, rich and poor.

Therefore, I am criticizing the 15-cents-a-page fee, but no one has argued there should not be a fee. At 5 cents a page, the quality of work from fewer students will be affected. UC Berkeley's computer printing policy allows a student 750 free copies a year, after which there is a 10-cents-a-page fee.

Let's resolve this fairly, justly

and quickly by letting students and others participate, contributing their ideas and sentiments democratically.

Otherwise, those who most need and use the lab will be left out to dry.

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Immigrants not to blame for environment

This is a letter written in reply to the editorial by Lois Jenkins on April 27.

Scapegoating has become a popular sport lately. This article chided the Sierra Club members for voting against an anti-immigrant resolution. It appears that the editorialist believes that the degradation of the environment is the fault of immigrants.

But who are the ones driving the gas-guzzling SUVs? Immigrants? I don't think so.

Who are the owners of the large farms that receive subsidized water and see no reason to conserve? Immigrants? I don't think so.

Who are the ones building those large luxury homes with banisters and floors made from the rare woods of the rain forest? Immigrants? I don't think so.

Who are the ones building the golf courses, one of the greatest destroyers of the environment and natural habitats with their unquenchable thirsts? Immigrants? I don't think so.

Are the immigrants playing on those links? I don't think so.

Are they members of those country clubs? I don't think so.

Are the immigrants using energy resources to heat their hot tubs? I don't think so.

Have you checked out the freeways lately, glutted with vehicles with single passengers? Immigrants? I don't think so.

Let's face the facts. The people who fit the profile are middle class Americans who see little compelling reason to conserve. They are the people who have acquired a taste for waste, but would prefer to place the

blame elsewhere.

This kind of irresponsible behavior that blames others inspires and legitimizes hate. It is no surprise that the backers of the Sierra Club resolution, conservative anti-immigrant extremists, supported it with \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. Bad behavior spawns bad behavior. Last month all Hispanic faculty at L.A. State University were sent death threats by e-mail, simply because those teachers were Hispanic.

From where I sit, I cannot help but see the position of the editorialist and that of the bigoted writer of those threats as different sides of the same coin — they legitimize each other.

Dr. L. Valdes
mathematics/computer
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Sparta Guide

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Daily Mass from 12:10 - 12:35 p.m. at the corner of 10th and San Carlos streets (across from the dorms.) For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
Free film: "Orientation" at 7:30 p.m. today through Friday at 80 E. Rosemary St. For more information, call Ilene at (408) 441-6661.

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General meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Business Tower, Room 450. For more information, call Marina at (408) 924-5570.

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Grading essays easy as A,B,C

Computer program to aid in 'reading' of long-format exams

By Leah Bower
Staff Writer

Professors who have not given essay exams in the past because of the lengthy grading process may find they now have the time thanks to a computer program, called Intelligent Essay Assessor, that can grade the tests instead.

The new program mathematically analyzes essays to determine how well students understand the material they are taught.

San Jose State University English professor Scott Rice said while he thinks essay tests are a better assessment of what a student learns, he has reservations about grading them with a computer.

"I am extraordinarily skeptical," Rice said. "A computer is not a human being, and a computer is not teaching the class."

Thomas Landauer, a psychology professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder who spent 10 years developing the technology, said the program will help professors grade objectively.

"When I'm grading essay exams, my criterion slips as I go from the first to the last," Landauer said. "This will benefit the student by grading the same every time."

SJSU library and information science major Gus Lane said he would feel uncomfortable having an essay exam graded by a computer program.

"It boils down to a basic distrust of machines," Lane said. "I think it is coming, though."

Peter W. Foltz, an assistant psychology professor at New Mexico State University who helped develop the software, said he tested the program last fall when he gave students in one of his classes the choice of having their essays graded by a human or computer.

"They all chose to have the computer do the grading," Foltz said.

SJSU freshman Janet Rosales, an international business major, said she was open to the idea of having an essay test graded by a computer program because it would be objective.

"I wouldn't mind having a computer grade it," Rosales said. "Sometimes teachers are in a bad mood or don't like the student."

Police injured during Washington State party

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Police using tear gas and water hoses confronted rock-throwing party-goers early Sunday near the Washington State University campus. Three people were arrested and 23 police officers were injured.

The disturbance started when police went to investigate a car-pedestrian accident and encountered as many as 200 people at a rental house in the neighborhood.

Authorities were unsure what prompted the violence, in which beer cans and rocks were thrown at the officers.

"It was a spontaneous event at a party house," city Police Chief Ted Weatherly said.

Pieces of furniture were set afire in the street. Damage included broken store windows and car windshields.

Most of the injured officers

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— Scott Rice
English professor

Darrell Laham, a Colorado University at Boulder doctoral student who worked on the software with Foltz, said the program requires about 20 times the memory of an ordinary personal computer.

Laham said the program is superior to older methods of automatic essay scoring which counted words and analyzed mechanics and grammar.

Intelligent Essay Assessor "understands" the essays through a new type of artificial intelligence, according to Laham.

First, the program is fed information about a topic through on-line textbooks or other sources. It then takes the text material and determines mathematically what words should appear in the essay.

The software does allow students to use different words with the same meaning, like doctor and physician.

Then the professor grades enough essays to provide a good statistical sample and feeds those results to the computer, according to Laham.

Students type their essay answers into a computer and receive the same grade as the human-graded essays to which they are most closely matched.

"The program has perfect consistency in grading, an attribute that human graders almost never have," Laham said. "The system does not get bored, rushed, sleepy, impatient or forgetful."

Rice said while he could tell if a student was bluffing on an essay exam, he doubted a computer program could.

"The makers (of the program) must have extremely low standards," Rice said. "I don't see how anyone could even test the program."

were treated for minor cuts and bruises and released, university spokeswoman Barbara Petura said. One officer suffered a broken ankle.

Four students were treated for minor injuries and released. Weatherly said more arrests were possible after police reviewed photographs and videotapes of the disturbance.

On Saturday, police in East Lansing, Mich., fired tear gas into a crowd of 3,000 Michigan State University students who lit a bonfire in the city's downtown to protest a ban on drinking at a favorite party spot.

And police in New Hampshire were pelted with bottles, beer cans and rocks when they tried to disperse more than 500 partying Plymouth State College students and visitors early Saturday.



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

President Clinton arrived on Air Force One at Moffett Field to attend a business round table discussion, two fund-raisers for Democratic congressional candidates and to spend the weekend with his daughter, Chelsea.

Clinton makes Bay Area stop

PALO ALTO (AP) — President Clinton and his wife Hillary closed out a private weekend with their daughter Chelsea on Sunday with church services and lunch on the campus of Stanford University, where Chelsea is a freshman.

The president was flying to Los Angeles later to attend two fund-raisers for Democratic congressional candidates, including Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif. The reception and dinner were expected

to raise a combined \$1 million.

The Clintons spent most of the weekend secluded with Chelsea at the home of computer industry executive Steve Jobs in nearby Woodside, a wealthy enclave.

On Sunday morning the Clintons attended services at Stanford Memorial Church on the campus' Main Quad. An unidentified young man sat with the Clintons in the first pew beside Chelsea.

Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Marsha Berry, told reporters she had no information about the young man, who also joined the Clintons for lunch at the MacArthur Park restaurant on campus.

As they emerged from church, the president shook hands with several dozen people who had gathered outside in the sunshine. Clinton did not speak with reporters who were accompanying him.

Democrat Harman last in polls

Candidate for governor feels 'best' for job; half of voters are women

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Campaigning to become California's next governor, U.S. Rep. Jane Harman is fond of saying she's not just the women's candidate, she's the best candidate.

Still, her gender is arguably her greatest strength in a state where more than half of registered voters are women, both its U.S. senators are women and so-called "women's issues" such as education typically dominate campaign discourse.

Yet should she win the June 2 open primary, Harman also would have to surmount a daunting fact in recent California election history — female Democrats have lost the last two gubernatorial races.

But she has worse trouble. A recent poll shows she has dropped to last among the three Democratic candidates.

Harman nimbly works both sides of the gender issue. Last week, she expressed frustration with the news media's constant focus on her gender. Moments later, when asked what voters should know about her, Harman's response sounded tailored to woo women.

"That I'm a pro-choice mother of four, that I struggle with the same things in my day that most mothers struggle with, but I do it on a bicoastal basis," she said. "I call in if I'm not home with my kids at night and try to help them with homework."

In the mostly female crowd Harman addressed Friday, support was self-evident. Wherever she trained her crystal-blue eyes,

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— Elmy Bermejo
Los Angeles resident

women responded with smiles. A few embraced her and kissed her on the cheek.

Among them at the reception for gay and lesbian leaders was Elmy Bermejo, 43, who owns a home in Harman's Los Angeles-area congressional district. Bermejo was thrilled simply to shake Harman's hand and she said Harman does more than just talk about women's issues.

"She lives it — the issues of women in the workforce," Ms. Bermejo said. "She has kids, and women have it two and three times harder than men. I just admire her energy and tenacity."

Harman can appear somewhat stiff in TV ads, but her energetic, engaging speaking style whipped up the friendly crowd in San Francisco's Mission District.

Standing on a table serving as a makeshift stage, she was a commanding presence in a conservative gray suit, her gray-blond hair swept back, her eyes locking in on individual listeners in the crowd.

Her four-minute address opened with a theme the crowd devoured — support for needle-exchange programs for drug

addicts — but lacked specifics.

It was the kind of speech opponents and reporters have begun to criticize as lacking substance. But underlying it was the kind of cooperative leadership style Harman says she is emphasizing in lieu of specifics, something that might be a welcome change in a state capital that occasionally grinds to a halt amid fierce partisan squabbling.

Harman pledged to:

- "Work together with a lot of other folks to unify our state, to make the Legislature and the governor work as a unit."
- "Overcome this horrible atmosphere we've been dealing with for five years, with all these divisive (ballot) initiative measures."
- Institute "government that recognizes everyone and treats everyone equally, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation."

Harman has used her motherhood as a shield against an attack from Democratic rival Al Checchi, who has blasted her for missing 63 percent of the votes in the House this year. Harman's response is that she's a congresswoman and a candidate AND a mom.

The votes Harman has cast during her three terms and her stands on such issues as abortion and expanded education funding have earned her sterling endorsements from many women's groups.

The National Women's Political Caucus backs her for the Democratic nomination. The American Association of University Women says Harman voted "correctly" on all its issues four years running. The National Abortion Rights Action Leagues gave her a perfect score three out of four years.

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Director of UCLA Labor Center Kent Wong speaks Friday night to Proposition 226 protesters at the San Jose Federal Court Building in downtown San Jose. Prop. 226 is a proposal to end paying political contributions by using union funds in California.

Lucky: Addresses neighborhood concerns

Continued from page 1

sees more interesting things outside her front window than she does on television shows. Phillips said she had just seen a drug deal take place right near her home only minutes before.

"For an old lady I've really gotten to know what goes on," Phillips said.

Phillips said she thinks the commitments made by Lucky to help the neighborhood will have a lasting effect.

"I think their response was so positive that I don't think it will ever deteriorate again," Phillips said.

Hall said he's had some customers mention that it looks like the store is going through remodeling.

"All the response I've received has been positive. The interior and exterior of the store is looking well," Hall said.

Hall went through the list of commitments that Lucky made to the neighborhood on Tuesday, which included the concessions on alcohol, increased security, increased lighting and plans to keep the store looking clean, and noted most have been completed. As of Friday he noted that only a few commitments on the list were pending and left to be completed.

Tom Saggau, community coordinator for Project Crackdown-Campus Community, said Lucky will either attract — or not attract — a certain element depending on how it looks. He said the association shouldn't have to continuously struggle to keep out the bad elements.

Project Crackdown is a city program that targets neighborhoods that have drug dealing, blight and gang activity. The program helps the neighborhood organize and form an association and teaches residents how to access social services.

"It's been our top priority to make sure kids have a clean, safe path toward school. In the past few weeks, instead of going to their classes, they had to be walking across people, through panhandling, almost being accosted. These kinds of things in San Jose we can't allow."

— Tom Saggau
Project Crackdown-Campus Community coordinator

The program stays in the neighborhood until it feels residents are able to handle things on their own. The program works together with the San Jose Police Department and code inspectors as well. Cam said Project Crackdown stayed in the Horace Mann neighborhood until the end of 1996.

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almost being accosted. These kinds of things in San Jose we can't allow."

Adam Escoto, principal of Horace Mann Academy located across the street from Lucky, had been concerned about the dangerous environment his students were facing every day.

Escoto said in the last several weeks there were three separate incidents where children arrived at school frightened and hysterical. He said they each told a similar story of how on their way to school they encountered a drunk person in their pathway and they would be too scared to walk past. Escoto said the children would wait until the person would stagger away before con-

tinuing on.

Escoto said he notified the police and they immediately responded and investigated the situation. He said members of the neighborhood were alerted and they felt the problem was escalating.

He said about once a week he walks around his school grounds with a bucket and rubber gloves and he looks for spoons, syringes and crack bags. He said he usually finds something.

Escoto said a real concern came from parents who had noticed and complained about drug dealing and people being drunk in public. He said because of the meeting he feels some positive things are going to result.

"My optimism is based on the fact that I think we have a new partner who's going to be participating in the struggle we had taking the neighborhood back from the drug dealers," Escoto said, "and that partner is Lucky."

Cynthia Rivera has two children who attend Horace Mann Academy, and she said she did have concerns about people hanging around the bus stop and she felt once she left her children at school she didn't know what was going on. She said she feels safer now that changes are taking place because people aren't just standing there.

"I agree with all the changes. I think it's good," said Rivera. "I go shopping there, too."

Taking it all in stride

Can more than 70 million Americans be wrong? Walking is the No. 1 exercise among active Americans, according to the latest National Sporting Goods Association (NSPGA) chart of sports participation. Jogging has lost more than 5.7 million of us in the last 10 years.



Why the change of pace?

One of the reasons, according to Bernie Finch, a chiropractor specializing in kinesiology, is that people are trying to avoid the magnified impact force created by running. In short, they are trying to protect their knees and lower backs — prime target areas for stress due to the pounding and impact of running. In addition, walking helps strengthen the heart and tone the body.

Walking isn't just the leisurely stroll-around-the-block anymore. It's power walking, striding, fast walking and race walking. Race walking can take as much energy as jogging if a quick pace is maintained.

In fact, the Coopers Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas found that speed walkers — those who walked a 12-minute-mile — saw fitness gains similar to those of joggers.

Walk This Way...

Although walking has come natural to us since we've taken our first step, a good walking technique is a fitness must.

- Don't overstride. Fitness walkers like to increase their speed and intensity by increasing their stride, or increasing the length between the leading leg and trailing leg. Overstriding uses less muscle and oxygen than walking at a quicker pace, and can cause lower back pain and shin-splints.

- Do it smooth. Focus on an increased number of steps and keep your arms moving. By integrating your arms, your legs are forced to keep up.

- Don't allow your arms to hang.

- Do bend your arms to 90 degrees (pretend you are trying to punch something in front of you) and swing your elbow back (just past your hips) and

push your hand forward (reaching chest level, but not crossing over).

- Don't land your foot with a thud.

- Do land on your heel and roll through to the ball of your foot. This helps you move faster and allows you to use your muscles to push off.

A good rule of thumb to remember is any walk that looks silly, probably is. Exaggerated knee bending or arm swinging can cause injury and doesn't enhance your workout.

Get a good pair of walking shoes — light and flexible, with a thin but durable midsole (where your arch rests) and plenty of forefoot (ball of foot, toes) cushioning.

In the beginning, power walk (4-5 mph) daily for 15 minutes (for beginners), 25 minutes (for intermediate exercisers) or 30 minutes (for advanced exercisers). Add on five minutes each week. For a challenge, try power walking uphill.

*Note—always check with your doctor before starting an exercise program, especially if you have pre-existing medical conditions.

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Sharks' Cup dreams dead in water

By Asa Bevell
Staff Writer

Less than four minutes into overtime, the playoffs were suddenly over for the San Jose Sharks.

Mike Keane scored the decisive 3-2 goal for the Dallas Stars, his second goal of the game, making sure Dallas advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

The Sharks played great playoff hockey Saturday against the Dallas Stars at the San Jose Arena — they stayed disciplined throughout the game, receiving only two penalties; they scored on their first power-play opportunity, taking the lead in the first period 1-0 and goalie Mike Vernon made one outstanding save after another, turning away 25 shots on goal by the Stars.

None of it was enough. "The best team won," Sharks head coach Darryl Sutter said after the game. "I think (Mike) Modano was a dominant player when he had to be and I think their defense in the end was very good."

The Sharks took the lead at 16:25 into the first period, with a power-play goal by Joe Murphy.

The puck bounced off one of Murphy's skates and passed Dallas goalie Ed Belfour.

To determine whether Murphy intentionally kicked the puck, the video goal judge reviewed the goal, but decided it was legal.

It was the first time in the series the video goal judge was consulted — something the Sharks claimed should have happened in Game 5, which Dallas won 3-2.

The game-winning goal for the Stars in that game caused a lot of controversy when it was allowed without being reviewed on video.

A Dallas player illegally had a foot in the crease, the blue semi-circle in front of the goal, as the Stars scored the decisive goal.

About eight minutes into the second period of Saturday's game, Sharks center Mike Ricci scored his first goal of the series.

Ricci took the Sharks to a 2-0 lead as he picked up the puck on a rebound off a Stars player on a shot from John MacLean.

He spun around in front of the net, making Belfour go the opposite way, and

put the puck into a virtually open goal. But the Stars were far from done.

As the game progressed, Dallas slowly but surely took over.

Stars defenseman Richard Matvichuk reduced San Jose's lead to 2-1, halfway through the second period, putting the puck past Vernon on an

assist from Brian Skrudland.

The turning point in the game came during a Sharks power play at the end of the second period.

Dallas Star Mike Modano snatched the puck and fed it to Mike Keane, who scored a short-handed goal on a two-on-one play against the defenseless Vernon.

Though there were no goals or penalties in the third period, the Stars dominated and out-shot the Sharks 11-5 in shots on goal.

The third-period thriller looked like a Stars power play, as the sellout crowd of 17,483 fans at the Arena held its collective breath when a Dallas player sent off the puck, hitting the goal post next to Vernon with a loud clunk.

At the end of regulation, the game was still tied 2-2, with the Sharks heading for their doom in overtime.

Keane's second and game-winning goal came at 3:43 into overtime, as Darryl Sydor and Greg Adams set up the play.

Following the game, Stars head coach Ken Hitchcock said he thought his players showed tremendous character, considering two of the team's top three for-

wards were missing.

"I was really proud of our team in this series," he said. "We overcame a tremendous amount of physical and emotional adversity, and our team rallied around a number of issues."

There was an atmosphere of disappointment and exhaustion in the Sharks locker room after the game.

"When we're on the power play and they score a goal, that's disheartening," defenseman Bill Houlder said.

Vernon was disappointed but admitted the Stars had a good game.

"They're a good team. That's probably the best I have seen them play the whole series," he said. "Even in the first (period) they got a lot of shots in the slot area."

Sharks right wing Owen Nolan, who scored two goals in the playoff series and had a great scoring opportunity in Saturday's game, said he thought his team allowed the first two games of the series get away.

"Today we were up two (goals) and they shouldn't have come back," he said, but added "Overall we're pretty proud of each other. We thought we gave them a great run."

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— Owen Nolan
San Jose Sharks right wing

Pamus stymies Fresno State with national best, 13th win

Only 417 show for dizzy bat race, other fun at student night

By Kevin W. Hecteman
Senior Staff Writer

For the second time this week, Javier Pamus tossed a complete game victory.

The win over the Fresno State University Bulldogs makes Pamus the nation's leader in wins with 13. It is also an SJSU single-season record.

The Spartan righty scattered six hits while striking out 10 to set another Spartan record with 203 for the season.

Senior center fielder Scott Lewis was 2-for-4 on Senior Day at Municipal Stadium. Joe Chutuk was 2-for-5 with four RBIs and Tony James blasted his fourth home run of the season.

That was all the offense the Spartan hurler would need. In a very un-Pamushlike performance, he gave up five runs, but was never in jeopardy of losing the game.

Sunday's win meant a series win over the much hated Bulldogs Saturday the Spartans won 3-1. The only game SJSU lost was Friday's student night at Municipal Stadium.

Friday the Spartan hitters tried to light up Fresno State University pitcher Jeff Weaver for their customary big inning.

Problem was, Weaver was throwing smoke — San Jose State University catcher Mike Wright estimated his fastball to be in the 89-92 MPH range.

SJSU's baseball team was never able to generate a big offensive inning, falling to the division rival Bulldogs 6-4 at San Jose Municipal Stadium on Friday night.

Weaver went the distance, surrendering eight well-scattered hits and only two walks while fanning 10 SJSU hitters. Jon Lauderdale and Mike Wright were the only Spartans to get more than one hit (each had two) with Lauderdale accounting for half of SJSU's four RBIs.

"We battled," Wright said. "I think we did a pretty good job. It just didn't pan out for us tonight."

Fresno State skipper Bob Bennett saw it the same way.

"San Jose's hitters battled him (Weaver), and did a good job making do with the few runners they got on base," he said. "The thing about Jeff is that he's got good stuff and he's a competitor and was able to bounce back."

The key defensive play for the Bulldogs came in the bottom of the sixth. With the score tied 2-2, the Spartans ignited a rally with a walk to Rob Douglass and a Casey Cheshier single. Lauderdale then reached base on a fielder's choice double play (which retired Douglass and Cheshier). With two out and a man on first, Wright struck out looking to end the threat.

Spartan starter Brian Greene was seeing red after the first inning, in which he was bombed for four hits, including a mammoth two-run blast over the right field fence off the bat of Fresno State's Simon Tafoya. Greene got the hook after 2 1/3 innings after allowing seven hits and four runs, and suffered his sixth loss of the year.

"We were in an uphill battle," SJSU coach Sam Piraro said. "Part of our game plan was not to let them jump out on us. They put a two-spot up there in the first inning, which when you're on their side of the fence, that's exactly what you're trying to do. Then they made it 4-0, and that

really made our job tough."

The loss spoiled Student Night for the 417 in attendance. The night featured a pregame meet and greet with the San Jose Clash professional soccer team, and music and giveaways courtesy of radio station Wild 94.9. The event also featured several in-game contests, including the Dizzy Bat Race, and Three-Legged Race and the Take Me Out to the Ball Game singing contest.

In the Dizzy Bat Race, contestants were to place their foreheads on the knob of a baseball bat placed perpendicular to the ground, spin around 10 times, then run — wobble, actually — to the next base. The race went to a young kid from third base, who steamed home before SJSU graduate student Mary Olks had finished circling the bat.

"There goes our free eats," Olks said, referring to the Pizz'a Chicago gift certificate that went to the winner.

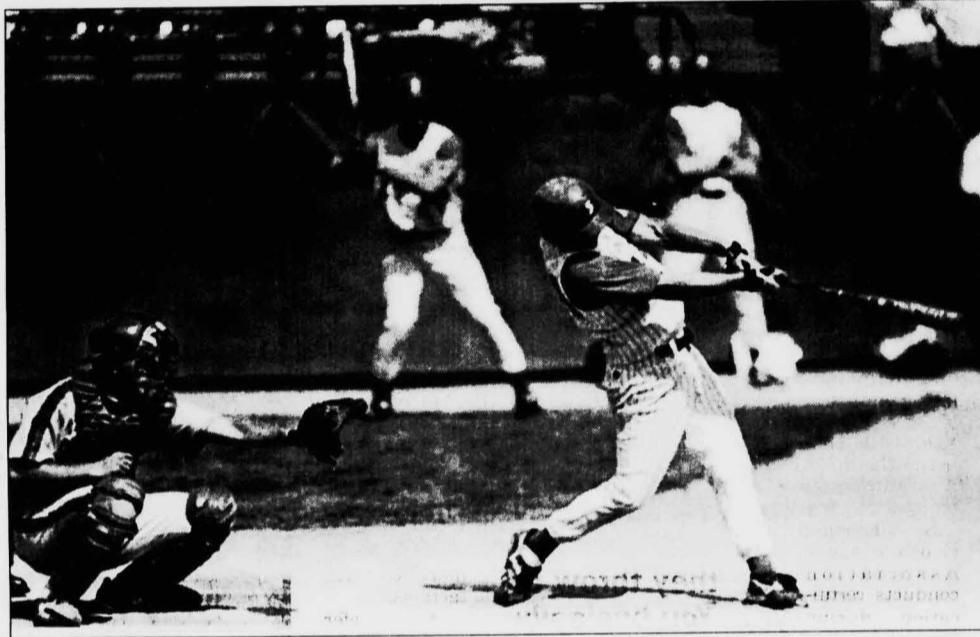
"It was youth against age," said fellow grad student Sandra Surina. "Age lost."

The three-legged race, in which four pairs of contestants raced with one's right leg tied to the other's left, went to a father-son duo, Dave and Kevin Buhs, who live mere blocks from campus.

"We're out for a little father-and-son baseball," Dave Buhs said. "He led all the way," he added, referring to his 12-year-old son.

The seventh-inning stretch featured a sing-along contest to a taped Harry Caray rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The prize was a freshly cooked pizza to be delivered to the fan section the SJSU cheerleaders deemed the loudest.

SJSU cheerleader Kari Cosentino, the primary architect of Student Night, said volunteers



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San Jose State University outfielder Jon Lauderdale tries to hit the ball in the bottom of the eighth inning against Fresno State University. The Spartans beat the Fresno Bulldogs 10-5 Sunday and took two-out-of-three games over the weekend. SJSU won 3-1 Saturday and lost 6-4 on Friday.

for the first on-field contest were short, but after that interest picked up.

"There were people outside practicing for the three-legged race," she said. "It was pretty funny."

The Delta Upsilon fraternity made its regular appearance at the game.

The frat brothers usually station themselves behind home plate, shaded toward the visiting team's dugout, and spend much

of their time launching verbal barbs at opposing players and the umpires.

"It's good brotherhood to come out here and have a good time," said DU member Rich Taylor, who described himself as a big baseball fan.

One reason for the low turnout, besides the drizzly weather, may have been a lack of advertising, said SJSU student Alison Rizzo.

"I don't think too many people

knew about it," she said.

Fellow student Rosanna Madera was struck by the lack of students in the on-field contests.

"Not many students participated in this game tonight," she said.

Despite the underwhelming attendance and SJSU's downfall, the two said they still had a good time.

"We're not knocking it," Madera said. "(San Jose) State's awesome."

Jazz down Rockets 84-70; Spurs triple towers next

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz were missing something in their opening-round series against the Houston Rockets.

Who knew it was Greg Ostertag?

Karl Malone had 31 points and 15 rebounds as the Jazz defeated the Rockets 84-70 and advanced to the second round of the playoffs. Ostertag made it possible with seven blocked shots, five rebounds and a tenacious fourth-quarter defensive performance.

Ostertag blocked five shots in the fourth quarter alone and helped hold Hakeem Olajuwon to 1-for-5 shooting and Kevin Willis to two points in the fourth quarter.

The Rockets played without Charles Barkley, out with a

torn triceps muscle.

Utah, which holds home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, avoided becoming just the second No. 1 seed to lose an opening-round playoff series.

The Jazz will meet the San Antonio Spurs in the conference semifinals starting Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

The Jazz never trailed in the game, but the Rockets never let Utah take a large lead, either.

The Rockets closed to 65-62 on Eddie Johnson's jumper with 8:21 to play.

But the Jazz made a 13-4 run to close it out.

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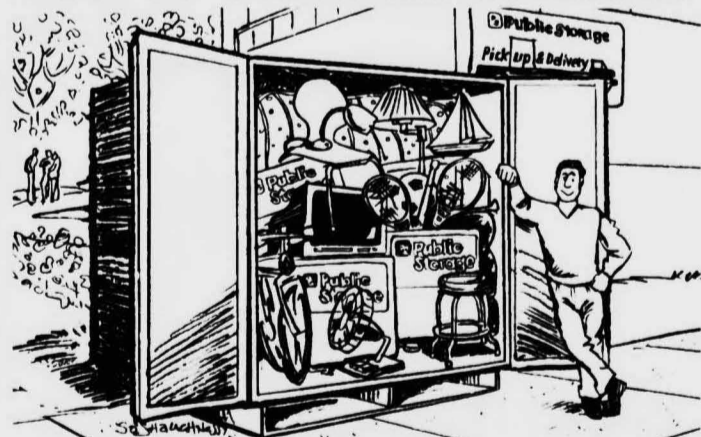
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SJSU fencing: well respected, tough to finish

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

Four hours of strenuous questioning and performance critique followed months of study and preparation.

At the end of it all, it would be determined Saturday if the 53 certificates awarded for fencing at San Jose State University would be increased by two.

The hard work, as it turned out, paid off for Daniel West, an SJSU political science major, who passed his examination Saturday to become a fencing master, the highest certification. Paul Scherman, an SJSU kinesiology major, also passed the Instructor at Arms examination.

Scherman will be expected to continue his study, while West is considered finished with his fencing education, according to William Gaugler, SJSU fencing program director.

Gaugler said both men can now go on to teach fencing, but West can work as a fencing master anywhere in the world.

SJSU's fencing program is little known on campus, but has an international reputation, according to Gaugler, who started the program in 1979.

It is the only program in the country based on the Italian military masters program requiring a minimum of three years of study. By contrast, the masters program offered by the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association conducts certification during two-week sessions held once every summer, he said.

SJSU's fencing program has three levels of certification. The first level is Instructor at Arms and requires the candidate to have at least one year of study in fencing theory and practice. The second level, Provost at Arms, requires two years of study. The final level of certification — Master at Arms — requires three years and a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university. In West's case, he will not be awarded the certificate until he graduates in August.

The master's certification requires a written examination, which must be taken by those seeking all levels of certification, and a written thesis. This is followed by the one-day oral and practical examination, the final step to complete certification.

Not a sure thing
As Saturday afternoon wore on, it was by no means certain that West and Scherman had passed their oral and practical examinations. The examiners' criticisms seemed frequent and often pointed out basic errors.

One of the examiners was Bob Catzoff, who received his certification from SJSU in 1986 and today choreographs sword fights for Hollywood motion pictures. Among his credits are the movie "Hook" with Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams.

"I came here (SJSU) specifically for the program," he said. "In my opinion, it teaches a superior system of fencing compared with other programs available in this country." He said the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association recommended the SJSU program.

West said he was originally drawn to fencing because he'd never been good at team sports. "With fencing, you rely more on yourself and your own ability."

As an amateur actor, Scherman said he appreciated the theatrical elements of the sport, but that he also appreciated the way it allows you to use your brain.

"Fencing is chess at a thou-

sand miles an hour," he said. Gaugler said because of the amount of work and study involved, "It's highly unusual for someone to come all the way through to the masters." He added that only five masters certificates have been awarded at SJSU.

Photographic memory required
Study and commitment is also necessary even at the Instructor level, according to Scherman.

"It requires constant study because you have to be prepared for any question they throw at you," he said before the exam. "You basically have to know the entire text."

West said he needed to know the material, but the emphasis in his case would be on practical application.

"We'll be expected to put the theory we've studied into practice," West said. "At my level, it's crucial to be able to apply theory."

In the oral part of the examination, Scherman and West relied on their knowledge of fencing terms and theory as they were questioned separately by the examiners, which included three fencing masters, graduates from the SJSU program. In addition to Catzoff, the other examiners were Frank Lurz and Ralph Sahm.

Consistent with his rank, West was questioned about more complex "actions." Actions refer to different moves and positions, and they range from the simple "on guard" and forward lunge with the sword, through more complex moves involving a series of

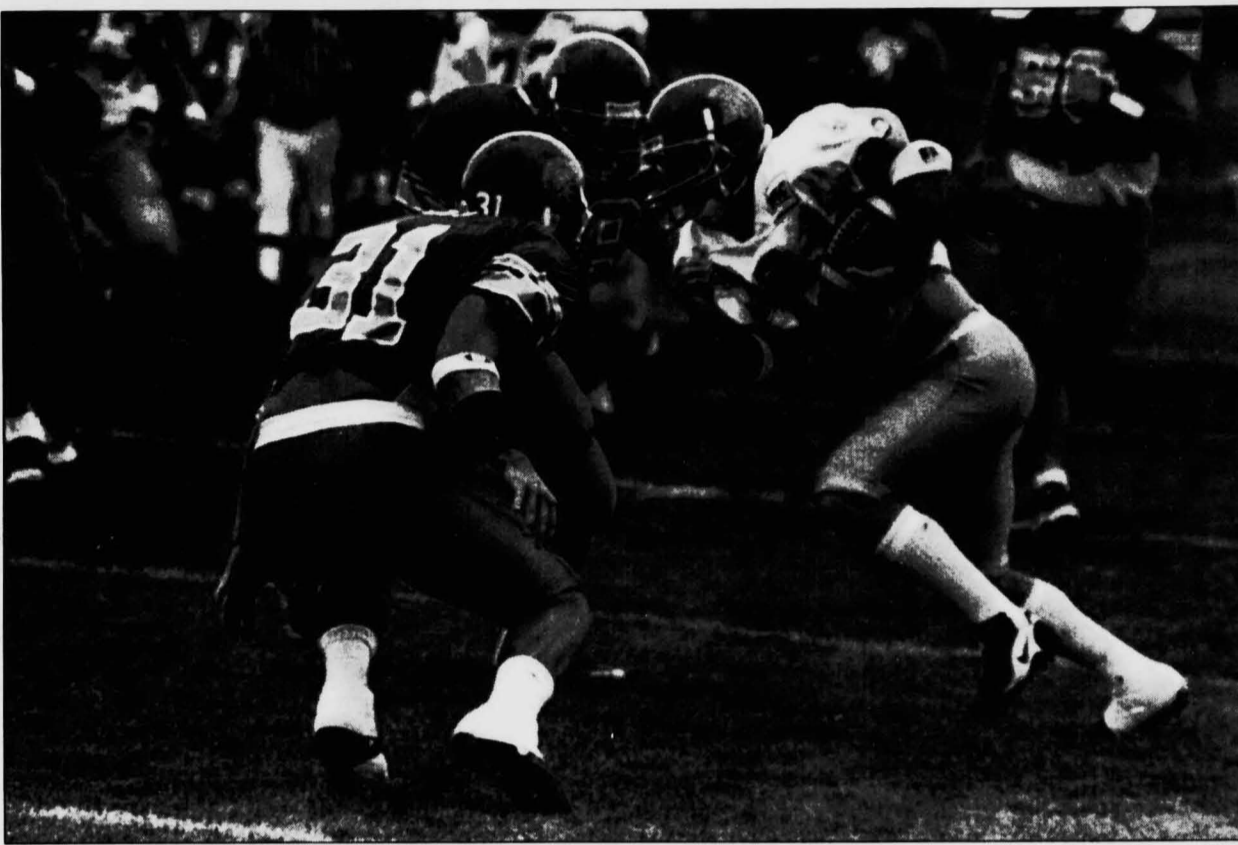
lunge and attack maneuvers. The second part was a practical examination. For Scherman, this meant testing on one weapon, a foil — a small light sword with a red ball at the tip and a straight handle. The examiners asked the candidate to execute an action with the weapon, after which the candidate stood before the examiners' table and was grilled on theory and critiqued. In addition to a correct answer, the examiners were looking at how graciously the candidate accepted the critique, Gaugler said.

A gentlemanly sport
Gaugler said behavior is very important. "There is a code of behavior passed on for centuries that we adhere to," he said. "This is why European aristocrats sent their sons to learn fencing. It was not only so they could function in a duel, but so they could acquire the behaviors and discipline expected of a gentlemen." West was tested on three weapons: the foil, a sabre, which has the curved handle associated with swashbucklers in the movies; and epee (pronounced, e-pay), what Gaugler called the "traditional dueling sword."

Each weapon is used in a different way. West was expected to recount the differences in each weapon's use, in addition to the correct foot and arm positions for each action and each weapon. In fencing, appearance and form are as important as using the weapon effectively, according to Gaugler. "Form follows function," he said. "Aesthetics follow logically if the movements are efficient. There are a lot of wasted movements by fencers who don't know their business."

Other past graduates of SJSU's program include Gregory Massialas and Peter Shifrin who competed for the United States in the 1984 Olympics.

'I should've made a left ...'



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San Jose State University receiver Gabe Payne tries to get past Spartan safety Lyle West during the spring game on Saturday.

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Pre-silicon swing: alumni reminisce

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and San Carlos streets, and one across an open field at the women's gym at San Carlos and Seventh streets.

"In the men's gym, there was usually 'sweet music,' as they called it," Brittan said. "Sweet ballads, romantic music, that was very popular among couples going steady. The women's gym would have swing bands. As the war progressed, the swing music sort of evolved into jitterbugging. Those two types went almost simultaneously."

There were groups of local players that students on campus would hire to play. Gardiner was active in hiring the bands and in tune with the who's who of play-

ers in the valley.

Gardiner recalled a specific instance, a junior prom, when he and other student organizers opted to hire a big name to play. After raising the money, they finally settled on Artie Shaw, who showed up late.

"The band was composed of the people we normally would have," Gardiner said. "It was a pickup band. He showed up late and I didn't think this was right, so I refused to pay it. I got into a battle with the local musicians union, and they put the college on a blacklist and wouldn't let any of their members play."

Eventually, Gardiner caved and paid the band.

Two or three times a year, a big name band would play in

San Jose. The main off-campus venue at that time was the newly completed San Jose Civic Auditorium. However, if students really wanted to see Shaw or Dorsey, they would travel to San Francisco or Oakland, which Gardiner said was a big deal.

"I distinctly remember Jan Garber coming," Brittan said. "Sammy Kaye came one year. Tommy Dorsey came."

Students depended on a few local radio stations and record players to hear the popular bands on a nightly basis.

"There was only radio then, and almost every night, on some station, there would be Glenn Miller or a real biggie," Brittan said.

Gardiner said before doing his homework at night, he would pile a stack of records, all big bands, and listen as he studied.

"My dad couldn't understand how I could do my homework at night with the record player on," Gardiner said. "Now, I can't understand how my kids do their homework at night with the TV on."

Swing music was the popular music of that era because of the dance factor, said Dan Sabanovich, a lecturer at SJSU's improvised music studies program.

"People wanted to be entertained," Sabanovich said. "Everybody went out and bought records and danced to it. It was a very appealing style of music."

During that time, Santa Clara Valley was surrounded by orchards, and called the Valley of Heart's Delight.

The big industry was canning and fruit drying. Like many students, Brittan held a part-time job stacking cans over summer break.

"The valley was all orchards," Gardiner said. "It was a very small town, and a small downtown and miles and miles of orchards. We'd take our bikes and ride through the orchards to Los Gatos or Saratoga. It'd be

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San Jose State's Japanese Club of 1941 posing for yearbook photo.

There were lots of clubs of all kinds, even a Japanese club. Of course, when the war started, the Japanese kids were sent off to the camps.

— Marty Brittan
class of 1946

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hot in the summer, and you'd dip your head into the water coming out of the grand that was used to water the orchards."

Brittan offered a better idea of just how undeveloped the area was.

"I worked at Winchester Mystery House as a guide, and that was way out in the boondocks, way out in the orchards," Brittan said.

The campus in 1940 was adjacent to San Jose's only high school, San Jose High at San Fernando and Seventh streets, as well as the city's only library, at the corner of San Fernando and Fourth streets.

Past yearbooks, as well as the Spartan Daily, chronicle the number of activities and the high attendance of students, giving a real sense of campus unity among the students.

"There was a good campus social life," Brittan said. "There were lots of clubs of all kinds, even a Japanese club. Of course, when the war started, the Japanese kids were sent off to

the camps."

Once the United States entered World War II, campus life changed. Brittan, Gardiner and about 160 others who had enlisted as reserves were called to duty in April of 1943. The graduating class of 1944, what would have been Brittan and Gardiner's class, was about 95 percent women.

Dances on campus in 1943-45 were geared to troops throughout the valley, and often announcements were placed in the SJS newspaper, the Spartan Daily, reminding the SJS young women on campus of upcoming mixers.

Gardiner headed the campus' defense committee, with the duties of selling war bonds, making sure people closed their blinds at night so the enemy couldn't see light and organizing acts for troops in the valley.

The yearbook for 1946 stated that 4,000 men and women of SJS served in the war, and 140 lost their lives in the war.



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in a red Galaxy convertible while walking to the festival and then bothered by a man armed with a sticker.

"They're like pigs," Rosales said. "They want to slap girls' butts."

Raphael Barba, who was holding a Mexican flag while watching one of the live music shows, explained his reasons for showing up.

"I'm proud to be a Mexican," Barba said. "I came for unity and to check out the girls."

Leo Libros, a Latino activist, said the festival should be about Mexico's struggle against imperialism.

"Corporate America wants to turn it (the festival) into a big beer party," Libros said. "Get drunk, be merry, but let's not think about history or what the situation is."

The situation, according to Libros, is a Mexico that is dominated by American business interests through the hard labor and suffering of the Mexican people.

"Mexicans live in the wing of U.S. imperialism," Libros said.

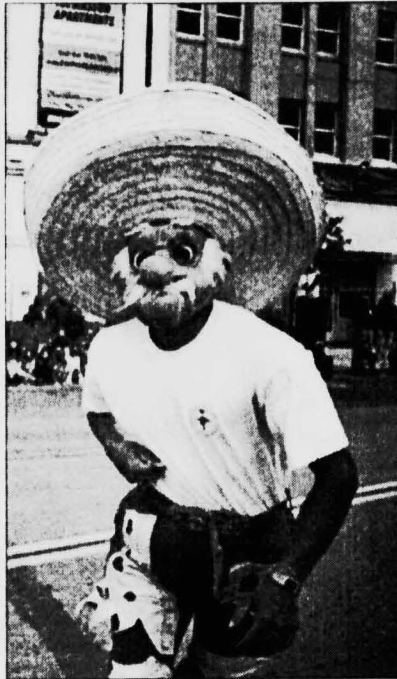
Sal Magallon was a Mexican attending the festival who looked up to the United States.

"The U.S. is better in all ways," Magallon said. "Hopefully one day we can be like the U.S."

Rance Bobo manned a booth to encourage people to vote no on Proposition 227, a bill that would eliminate bilingual educa-

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— Raphael Barba
festivities participant



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A man dressed in a mask and sombrero runs frantically through dancers as the parade flows down East Santa Clara Street. Red, white and green flags waved as the floats and parade participants went by.

"I think the rain was good," he said. "The party's over. Very automatic crowd control."

Arrests: Altercations

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Govea said he and about 10 others ducked into an apartment complex, but the mounted police stayed on their tail.

"We had to go through a barbed wire fence," he said.

Govea, who had a visible cut on his left arm, said the police started the confrontation when they told another man to drop his soda bottle.

"They made him drop what he had, and they started hitting him," Govea said. "After all that happened the crowd started getting rowdy. They threw a couple of bottles."

Romo Calderon, who said he was chased by the police, agreed the altercation is what led to the arrests.

"They started messing with him. Then he got beat up and everyone started fighting," Calderon said.

Sgt. Phan Ngo, who responded to the altercation, said if any injuries occurred, they weren't caused by the officers.

"I don't know about beating on people," Ngo said. "There's a tendency for people to trip and fall. Things happen. We were just trying to keep the peace."

Keith Stahl was a spectator who said he witnessed an officer start pushing a man with a billy club after the man wouldn't move onto the sidewalk.

"If you ask me, the cop started it with the attitude," Stahl said.

Edwards, who said most of the arrests were for fighting and

alcohol possession, said there was no attempt to corral the crowd or use undue force.

"That's their opinion," Edwards said. "We disbursed the crowd. If someone wants to make a complaint, they can."

There were 23 arrests on the day due to the festival, according to Edwards. Last year 31 people were arrested for looting and vandalism between 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. Edwards said there was no damage to businesses this year.



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Students Evonne Wilson (right) and Aracelis Velasquez-Rivera (Center) are shown here working with their mentor Arglenda Friday (left) of the Library. In reflecting on what value having a mentor has been for her, Evonne says, "She's always there for me. It makes me feel like I'm not tossed out there in the system. When I feel like I can't stand it, I go talk to her." Aracelis said that her mentor is someone who is interested in her. "She's been helping me to get involved and connected. She keeps pushing me and helping me to feel comfortable at SISU so I don't feel so alone."



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