



# Balgooyen dismissal reversed

*No malicious intent*

By Tony Marek  
Daily staff writer

Thomas Balgooyen stays. The university tried to fire him on Jan. 1, after he was convicted on two federal misdemeanor counts of violating wildlife protection laws during a 1986 school sponsored field trip.

Balgooyen's dismissal was overturned by an independent arbitrator in a decision announced Wednesday.

He was placed on administrative leave after the notice was served, with full pay pending the arbitration decision. The pay range for a tenured associate professor at SJSU is \$39,984 to \$55,488 per year.

He was found guilty by a jury in November 1990 of one federal misdemeanor count of collecting a protected species — the Oregon Slender Salamander — and one count of overcollection of four species as defined by a state permit.

A third guilty verdict on a count of interstate transportation of wildlife taken in violation of state law was overturned by the judge.

After the dismissal was appealed by Balgooyen through the California Faculty Association, the CFA and the university agreed to submit the case to independent, binding arbitration.

Both parties agreed in advance to abide by the decision of the arbitrator, Kathy Kelly, after presenting their cases in a hearing held in June.

Arbitrator Kelly returned a decision stating:

► Cause for disciplinary action against Balgooyen did exist.

► "The pending sanction of dismissal should be modified. The appropriate sanction is a 60-day suspension without pay."

► The university did comply with the section of the Disciplinary Action Procedure specifying the requirements for delivering the Notice of Pending Disciplinary Action to Balgooyen.

► Arbitrator Kelly will maintain jurisdiction for the purpose of resolving any disputes over implementation of the decision.

"It was a tremendous victory, not only for me, but for the CFA. They deserve a lot of the credit," Balgooyen said in an interview.

Balgooyen stressed that the question of the intent of his actions was the key element in the arbitrator's findings.

The biologist's intentions in committing the crimes was the recurring theme throughout Kelly's 22 page opinion prefacing her decision.

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Thomas Balgooyen

## KILLER KICKS



Lynn Benson — Daily staff photographer

A.J. Bolino, a sophomore art major, holds a padded shield while self-defense instructor Jack Wada demonstrates the

proper form used in kicking an assailant in Wada's self-defense class Wednesday in the Spartan Complex.

# Shortened library hours anger students

By Deborah Kerr  
Daily staff writer

In yet another chapter of the budget cut saga, campus libraries cut their schedule by 15 hours this semester to reduce operating costs.

That doesn't sit well with students who have come to rely upon library resources for late night or early morning study.

"If someone works during the day, which a lot of us do, and they have night classes, when are they going to use the library?" asked Chris Carpita, president of the SJSU Interfraternity Council.

Clark Library, formerly open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, is now open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Instead of opening at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, Clark now opens at 1 p.m.

Wahlquist Library, which does not have the vast resources Clark Library does, will close at 9 p.m. instead of last semester's 10 p.m. closing, and its reserve book room, instead of closing at midnight, now closes at 11 p.m. Like Clark, Wahlquist also opens at 1 p.m. on Saturdays instead of its former opening time of 10 a.m.

These new hours trim Clark Library

research and study time by an hour in the morning and two hours at night — a total of 15 library study hours a week between the two libraries, according to Rosemary Thorne, associate library director for user services.

Students who go directly from work to night class and then to the library now have no reference materials available to them after 9 p.m. — a time when most night classes are getting out.

Because of complaints among IFC and sorority members from the Panhellenic Council (an SJSU intersorority council), the two organizations have joined forces to rein-

state last semester's library hours.

"The complaints we were getting from brothers and sisters; they came back saying they had no place to study," Carpita said. "All the resources are (at the library)."

The IFC and Panhellenic Council thus passed a resolution Monday which requests that the libraries change the "current hours of operation to hours more readily accessible to all students."

The request comes from a significant number of people. Panhellenic represents nearly 400 SJSU students, according to its president Paige Martz, and IFC represents over 1,200

students.

"Students that are in the Greek system, I think it can be said for them that they do use the library at night," Martz said. "I think we represent the students that live in apartments in the area, too."

Thorne said the library had to make some tough decisions to reduce their budget by approximately 11 percent this year.

Although she had not yet seen the resolution by IFC and Panhellenic, Thorne said she has been expecting complaints from student

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## Blood drive sucking the very life(blood) out of students

By Darcie D. Johnson  
Daily staff writer

They're out for blood. And they want it from SJSU students.

Arnold Air Society is sponsoring a blood drive with help from Angel Flight Auxiliary and Beta Alpha Psi Fraternity.

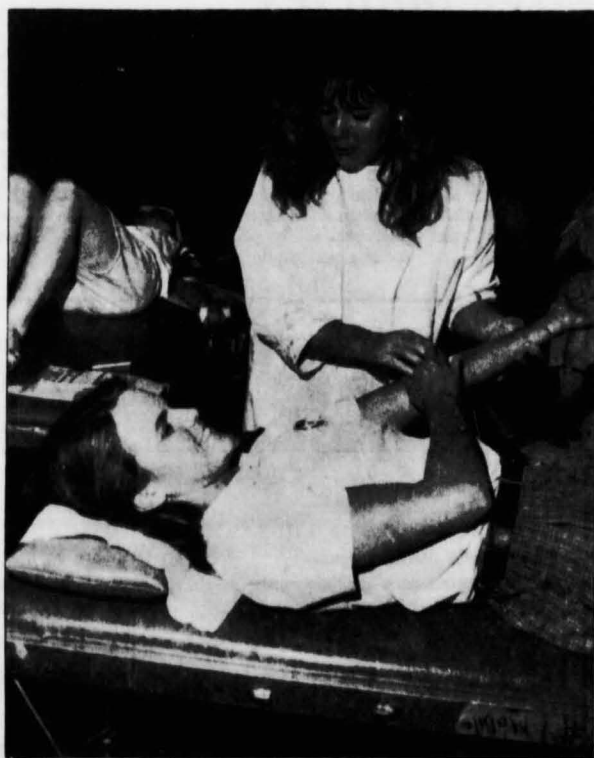
The drive started Monday and will continue through Thursday. Students can donate blood in the Student Union Loma Prieta Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We are hoping for a great turnout," air society member Al Miller said. According to the American Red Cross, 400 pints of blood are expected to be donated this week.

Before actually giving blood, volunteers must first answer questions concerning infectious diseases and have their blood tested for iron content.

An attending nurse pricks the volunteer's finger then drops the sample in a vial. If the sample sinks the blood has sufficient iron, if the blood floats another test is done to determine if the blood is OK to donate.

If the volunteer's blood is deemed suitable for donation, the actual blood withdrawal then takes place. A Red Cross nurse starts the process by taking the volunteer's blood pressure and then finding a



Lynn Benson — Daily staff photographer

Kelley Goodyear, a senior English major, listens to instructions from nurse Maria Grassadonia after giving blood.

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## Bill could overhaul student financial aid process; make loan repayment simpler

By Emma Burgess  
Daily staff writer

Students who depend on financial aid are in for a change in student loan availability that would make repayment a less painful process.

The Income-Dependent Education Assistance Act, introduced into the state Senate by Senator Dave Durenberger, will redefine loan repayments as income taxes. The intention

is to eliminate defaults, which are projected at \$3.6 billion for this year.

Under IDEA, any evasion of payment would be tax evasion, punishable by the Internal Revenue Service.

George Conant, legislative assistant to Representative Tom Petri in Washington, D.C., said that the proposed legislation would supply direct student loans that are repaid at rates and intervals based on income after school.

The legislation would draw money directly from government funds for loans, instead of through banks.

IDEA would make up to \$70,000 of the loans available for most college and graduate-level students and up to \$143,000 for medical students.

IDEA would phase out supplemental loans to students, but would not phase out the Stafford loan.

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## Greeks benefit charities with series of 'a-thons'

*Philanthropy a yearly SJSU tradition*

By Traci Deguchi  
Daily staff writer

Philanthropy can fill a person's needs and promote a good feeling among those who participate in helping out those in need.

Many Greek houses in the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council have begun doing their part to help out others in events such as a basketball-a-thon to a teeter totter-a-thon.

Currently, Alpha Phi sorority is holding their annual teeter totter-a-thon, which has been an annual event since 1948. The event raises money for an Alpha Phi foundation, then divided into grants given to various heart research projects, according to Alpha Phi promotions chair Lauren Purkey.

Since 5 p.m. on Monday, Greeks have been coming by the

sorority house on S.10th St. to hang out and will teeter until today at 5 p.m. Fraternities are given a certain time slot to teeter on the front lawn with the company of a television and food.

"It's been great. All the fraternities have been coming over and helping," Purkey said. "It's been wonderful and from what I hear, the guys love it."

Not only do fraternities participate in the teeter totter-a-thon, but fellow sororities and also attend. Those new to the event have enjoyed participating.

"We're having fun and it's a really good cause where everyone gets involved," said Marcy Wahl, 20-year-old fine arts major and Alpha Phi pledge.

Purkey said that this year, SJSU's Beta Psi chapter plans to

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## EDITORIAL

## Lawsuit against gun shop won't buy back lives

Parents sue owners in connection with shooting death of son

On the surface, it seems like another clear example of the American tradition of lawsuit abuse. And it is.

But more than simple greed, there are misguided motives behind the suit being brought by the parents of a UC-Berkeley student murdered in 1990.

John Sheehy, 22, was shot to death by Mehrdad Dashti on Sept. 26, 1990, after he opened fire in a Berkeley pub crowded with students.

John and Kathryn Sheehy filed suit exactly one year later against the owners of two Bay Area gun shops who sold Dashti the handgun used in the shooting.

The parents are understandably grieved at the senseless loss of their son. But they are seeking a monetary remedy for an irreversible tragedy.

And they are seeking remedy in the wrong place.

The fact that gun stores will do business in any manner the law allows is inevitable. What the law allows is the issue.

While it's unrealistic to expect gun sellers to determine the psychological well-being of their customers, we have a right to have guns sold under a system that functions in the public interest.

In a state with one of the most comprehensive gun purchase screening processes in the country, we have to

wonder how someone like Dashti slipped through the cracks.

But some of those cracks have grown smaller since the Berkeley tragedy, according to Nancy Gannon, spokeswoman for Handgun Control Inc., a California gun control lobby.

Since the Berkeley shooting, the 15-day waiting period on handgun purchases was expanded to include all firearms. And there are now at least four more categories of criminals and mentally ill who are prohibited from buying weapons.

The laws are now in place in California to begin to put rational restrictions on gun access. And the number of criminals and mentally unstable individuals like Dashti that have been stopped from buying guns has increased four times, according to Gannon.

The Sheehys face a question of whether to pursue short-term retribution against the middle-man, or to work toward a long-term solution to the problem of controlling access to guns.

That long-term solution is tough enforcement of California's gun code and national laws that enact mandatory buyer screening programs beyond the state level.

With a powerful lobby like the National Rifle Association hard at work to guarantee anyone and everyone easy access to firearms, a national gun-control system does seem like a distant goal.

But as the death toll rises, Americans are beginning to realize the right to bear arms must have limitations.

Victims, like the Sheehys, may get financial solace for the deaths of their children, but the real fight is for change in the laws that put the guns in the hands of their children's killers.



Raúl Dominguez — Spartan Daily

## AND ANOTHER THING ...

Ted R. Comerford

## Don't stand for legal discrimination

This has proven to be a historical week, to say the least.

The elected leader of the California Republic has decided on playing his own political tune to the national Republican audience in his projected run for President of the United States in 1998, rather than doing his job here in California.

On Sunday evening, Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed Assembly Bill 101, the "gay-rights" bill. Anyone with a television, radio or newspaper saw the result: rage.

According to a gay Capitol insider, most of Gov. Wilson's predominately gay staff — including his chief-of-staff — were very worried that groups like ACT/UP and Queer Nation would "out" them in the media as a result of their boss's veto of the bill. Gov. Wilson's reason for vetoing the bill was that it would increase the number of discrimination lawsuits filed in the courts.

A study of states like Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Hawaii, and municipalities like Seattle (which have lesbian/gay civil rights laws on the books) showed that there was a drop in court cases as a direct result of the legislation. Businesses were put on notice that discrimination would not be tolerated and they abided by the law.

Whether or not Californians who do not live the "correct" lifestyle, when it comes to picking a significant other, deserve protection from housing and job discrimination may seem a far away issue here at SJSU. I assure you that it is not.

While I was at the protest, march and riot in San Francisco on Monday evening, I bumped into many SJSU students. Some of them were in tears; some were

screaming "Impeach Wilson;" others were just marching quietly, too shocked to utter a word. Pete Wilson had lied to the lesbian and gay community when he promised to sign the bill when it crossed his desk.

Gov. Wilson lied to the Log Cabin Republican Clubs (gay and lesbian Republicans) when he promised them that he would sign the bill. He lied to the lesbian, gay and bisexual students, faculty and staff here at SJSU and around California when he stated publicly during his campaign that he would sign the legislation.

Policy makers across California (including university presidents, etc.) often take their lead from the Governor's office; that's a given. The message that Gov. Wilson sent to the middle and upper-level management people in both the public and private sectors is that gay, lesbian and bisexual workers are not worth protecting.

So what does this have to do with you? It has lots to do with you. The bigoted employers and landlords of this state can LEGALLY deny anyone employment and housing, simply by invoking the fact that gay men, lesbians and bisexuals have no rights. You still are asking, "So what's your point?"

My point is that you do not have to be gay or lesbian or bisexual for employers and landlords to discriminate against you. Given how most "straight" men dress today, it is very difficult to tell them apart from the gay men. If your sideburns are too long or you have an earring, you can be denied employment and housing whether you are gay or not.

Whether you are Asian, African-

American, Native American, Latino or European-American, you have no defense against this discrimination. Those with disabilities, non-Christian religious beliefs and unpopular political beliefs are in danger of being discriminated against by the Religious Right and their bedfellows, now that the governor gave them his stamp of approval. No one is safe.

The burden of proof is on you — not on the bigot — if you are discriminated against. We are ALL in danger now (except for the white Anglo-Saxon, seemingly-straight, Protestant males).

What I am telling you is that this issue is not solely a gay or lesbian person's issue. This is not a woman's issue or a man's issue, or a parent's issue or a racial issue. This vital piece of legislation would have ensured the civil rights of everyone who is working or looking for work in California.

As long as it is legal to discriminate against lesbians and gay men, it will be legal to discriminate against anyone and everyone. This is your issue! This is your issue because after they come and take the gays and lesbians away in trucks to be gassed, they will come for you.

The good old US of A does not look as kind and gentle as when I was growing up in the suburbs. It is looking a lot more like pre-World War II, Nazi Germany. Open your eyes; stay awake; be aware; question authority; stay free.

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## WRITER'S FORUM

Deborah Kerr



## Every parent's nightmare

I survived my worst nightmare. It was a freak accident. Just a slip on the tile and pow! I became a disabled parent of three pre-schoolers.

My oldest had just returned from preschool. Good mother that I am, I had his graham crackers and milk waiting for him on the table. My toddler was already munching on her graham crackers. And my infant slept in her bassinet.

Alex dashed ahead of me to join his sister in the feast.

As I followed, my shoe lost its grip on the slick tile in our entry. My left ankle twisted, and I knew from the familiar shock of pain that, once again, it was sprained. On the way down, I flung my arm out to break my fall. It dislocated at the elbow.

I lay on the floor contemplating my situation. Injured. Immobilized. And, when I looked at the funny way my arm bent, almost unconscious.

I was alone with the kids, their sole care-provider. Who would keep them safe if I fainted? I managed to hobble to the phone without blacking out. I called my neighbor, who rushed to the house and hailed an ambulance for me.

Four hours later, I was home. A disabled parent.

To make matters worse, not more than two weeks before the accident, my husband had surgery on a severed tendon in — you guessed it — his right hand (we're both right handed).

So there we were, the two of us — nothing but casts and splints, caring for three children under the age of five with only two left hands between us.

Imagine the difficulty in lifting a baby from the crib.

As I teetered on my only good foot, with just one arm, I sounded something like, "OK, I can do this. One. Two. Three ... Unnngh!"

Imagine changing a diaper, or bathing or feeding!

On our first dinner after my accident, a friend (bless her soul) brought pot roast with potatoes and carrots. She was kind enough to slice the roast before she delivered it, steaming, to our table.

But when she left, we were still at a loss.

To prepare our children's plates, my husband had to hold the meat down with a fork, while I sort of cut-tore it into pieces with a steak knife. This, we gave to our tot and 4-year-old.

While they dined with forks and spoons, we returned to our cave-dweller roots, picking up the thin slabs of meat with our left paws and yanking it with our teeth. Talk about role reversal.

That experience taught me something. As a mother of three, and a busy one at that, I had always worried about not being able to care for my kids. I think it's every parent's nightmare.

Thoughts swirl in your mind like, "Who will feed them or give them their bottle? What if they are stuck in a dirty diaper all day? What if they get into something and hurt themselves?"

For those of you planning to have a family someday, remember: you will survive and maybe even laugh about it later.

I had my turn and now it's over. Things like this never happen twice.

Deborah Kerr is a Daily staff writer.

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## TODAY

**B.A.S.E.:** Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers' general meeting, 6 p.m., ENG 358, call 924-8791.

**DISABLED STUDENTS ASSOC.:** Annual fall BBQ, 11:30 a.m., BBQ pit next to CCB, call 924-6000.

**PHYSICS SEMINAR:** Speaker: K.M. Krishnan on "Spatially Resolved Energy-Loss Spectroscopy," 1:30 p.m., SCI 251, call 924-5245.

**ECONOMIC STUDENT ASSOC.:** Career day report, resumés and other items, 3 p.m., S.U. Montalvo Room, call 358-1053.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Bible study, noon, S.U. Montalvo Room, call 2948-0204.

**CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT:** Employer presentation: Northern Telecom, 12:30 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room; Co-op orientation, 2 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room; On-campus interview orientation, 4:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden

Room, call 924-6033.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Night life, 8 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 275-6518.

**ARTISTS IN MINORITY:** "SJSU's Night at the Apollo," 8 p.m., MUS Hall, call 496-1678.

**ART DEPT.:** "Articulated Disparities: Renegotiating masculinity," exhibit curated by Barbara DeGenevieve, Gallery hours M-Tr 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art Dept. Gallery One, call 924-4328.

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE:** CPR class begins next week, sign-ups through Friday, 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., HB 210, call 924-6117.

**GALA:** Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance meeting: "The Dating Game" game show, 4:30 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, call 236-2002.

## FRIDAY

**CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT:** "Constructing your

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**UNIVERSITY THEATER:** "Noises Off," through Oct. 12, 8 p.m., University Theater @ HGH — Oct. 9 performance @ 2 p.m., call 924-4555.

**MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOC.:** Friday prayer, meeting, 1 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, call 281-9248.

**JEWISH STUDENT UNION:** Miniature golf, 8 p.m., Golfland @ El Camino Real & Wolfe Rd. in

Sunnyvale, call 725-8269.

**CSNA:** Calif. Student Nurses Assoc. & Peace Center present: An Evening with Helen Caldicott, 8 p.m., MD, call 297-2299.

**SJSU PRE-MED:** Club bowl-a-thon, 2 p.m., Sugland @ S.U., call 251-6177.

**LDSSA:** Latter Day Saints' Student Assoc. luncheon & speaker: Sgt. Robert Browning, S.J.P.D. on "Putting on the armor of God," 12:30 p.m., LDSSA Student Center, 66 S. 7th St., call 286-3313.

## Fraternities, sororities benefit charitable causes with events

### TEETER: Greeks help others

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raise over \$3,500, and this chapter usually has the biggest turnout in all of the Alpha Phi chapters in the area. Donations have even come from people passing by the house.

#### Benefits Children's hospital

Continuing the events into this weekend, Sunday is sorority Chi Omega's seventh annual volleyball-a-thon.

This year's fund will go to benefit the Children's Hospital Foundation and in last year's volleyball-a-thon, Chi Omega raised approximately \$2,000 for the Children's Hospital in Oakland, according to Nikole Neugebauer, member of Chi Omega's philanthropy committee. Neugebauer also said that the event will be held from 9 a.m. Sunday to 9 p.m.

At the volleyball court in the back of the Chi Omega house on S. 6th St.,

fraternities are given a square to paint, and play with members of other Greek houses for time slots of an hour. Chi Omegas are required to raise \$24 a member, but the project itself is worth it.

"It's great fun. It's good that the pledges get involved," said Jennifer Dunigan, advertising major and Chi Omega member. "It's a great way to help the community."

"Everyone has a good time and we help people too," Dunigan said.

#### \$3,000 to \$4,000 raised

The Theta Chi fraternity has also taken their part by raising \$3,000 to \$4,000 in this past weekend's fourth annual basketball-a-thon, according to Shannon Roberts, president of Theta Chi.

"It went great," Roberts said, "I'm very pleased with the support of Panhellenic."

Roberts also said that the event

which went from 6 p.m. last Friday night until 6 p.m. Saturday night was a successful event which brought in funds to benefit the central YMCA to help send unfortunate kids to camp.

#### Members required to sponsor

Theta Chi members were required to sponsor \$50 each, and proceeds from T-shirt sales, sponsors and other fraternity house donations also contributed to the final number. Philanthropy chair for Theta Chi, Aaron Arasato was pleased.

"Everything went really good and the brothers participated a lot," Arasato said, "We had a good turnout."

Arasato and Roberts said that another event is planned for December, and hopes to raise even more money will be their focus in planning the event. "We're going big on philanthropies," Roberts said.



Barry Gutierrez — Daily staff photographer

Christine Montemurro (left), and Scott Higgins take part in the Alpha Phi's teeter-totter-a-thon

## IBM, Apple disclose details about historic co-op agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple and IBM disclosed details Wednesday of their historic technology-sharing alliance, designed to create a new standard for desktop computers and let software be interchanged between the two leading brands.

The accord startled the computer industry when first announced three months ago, because Apple Computer Inc. and International Business Machines Corp. have competed bitter-

ly in the increasingly cutthroat personal computer industry.

But on Wednesday, executives of the two companies patted each other's backs and joked at a San Francisco news conference, broadcast to New York and other cities via satellite.

Under the agreements signed Wednesday, the two largest personal computer makers will cooperate in five areas of computer technology.

The agreements are aimed at letting

Apple's popular Macintosh computers be more easily connected to IBM models, and providing computer chips and software for next-generation desktop computers.

The agreements "will launch a renaissance in technical innovation," said John Sculley, Apple's chairman

and chief executive officer.

"The (personal computer) heydays of the early 1980s will seem tame by comparison."

"With this alliance we believe we have the elements of truly a new era," said IBM President Jack Kuehler.

## BLOOD

#### From Front Page

suitable vein to insert the needle-like tube. It takes approximately 6 to 10 minutes for a pint of blood to fill the plastic bag, according to the Red Cross.

"It's easy and painless," said Kelly Bishop, a senior chemistry major. She said she donates blood "because not many people do."

There is a big push between now and Thanksgiving to get blood because of demand created by holiday accidents, said Red Cross nurse Dolly Halden.

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# Nursing student vaults to success

By Faye Wells  
Daily staff writer

For SJSU's Jeanette Boxall, horse vaulting is not just a circus act, it's a world-class sport.

Boxall, a pre-nursing student at SJSU, is the current individual World Champion. She won the title in 1990 and retains it for two years.

A realistic shot at the world title for Boxall meant leaving school two years ago and moving to Europe where horse vaulting takes place at international meets, often with other equestrian events.

"I was in Germany most of the time," she said. "That's where I did most of my training. Then, every two weeks, I'd travel to a different country to compete."

The gymnast on horseback went to six of the seven world class meets. She won twice in Austria, once in San Francisco and took home a silver and a bronze medal.

She performed demonstrations and clinics, and the American team trained a horse for the British and Czechoslovakian teams.

Horse vaulters balance and jump, with the use of handgrips, on the broad back of "warmbloods," crossbreds between riding and draft horses, Boxall said. She won the championship on Rim, a Polish crossbred she said was slimmer than Victor, the horse she uses here. Boxall said errors are more serious on a slender horse because the vaulter is more likely to slip off.

"You need a horse with a consistent, even canter," she said.

Horses also react to conditions in the arena, she said. At a meet in Stockholm, Rim began to move faster when he heard the joint click of several cameras near his performance area.

"My timing went off and it was more difficult to stay on," she said.

The Americans competed at Stockholm where the International Equestrian Federation held its World Championships in other equestrian sports.

Such international exposure is important to Boxall and to sponsors of the American team.

"We'd like vaulting to become an Olympic event," she said.

Classification of horse vaulting as

an Olympic event would bring in more funding. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation currently sponsors the American team. The foundation also provides the Hearst Trophy that Boxall collected as world champion.

Boxall considers vaulting a low-risk sport, but swinging onto the horse and performing handstands puts wear and tear on her left shoulder.

In March, she underwent surgery on her left shoulder and was not sure she would compete again. But after recuperating, she won the British Columbia championship in September.

"I wasn't sure my shoulder would hold up, but it did," she said.

When their competitive careers are over, vaulters often remain in the equestrian sports.

"Four of the top-level Germans went into jumping and other equestrian sports, or went into coaching," she said.

Although school keeps her "so busy she has no time for training," Boxall said, she finds time to coach professionally. She coaches up-and-coming vaulters and teaches the handicapped to ride at the Sundance Ranch in Woodside. Among the riders are children with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and autism.

Hippotherapy has yielded results, she said. "I'd recommend it to anybody."

Although the year away from school may delay her entry into the SJSU nursing program, she was in Germany when the Communist bloc was crumbling.

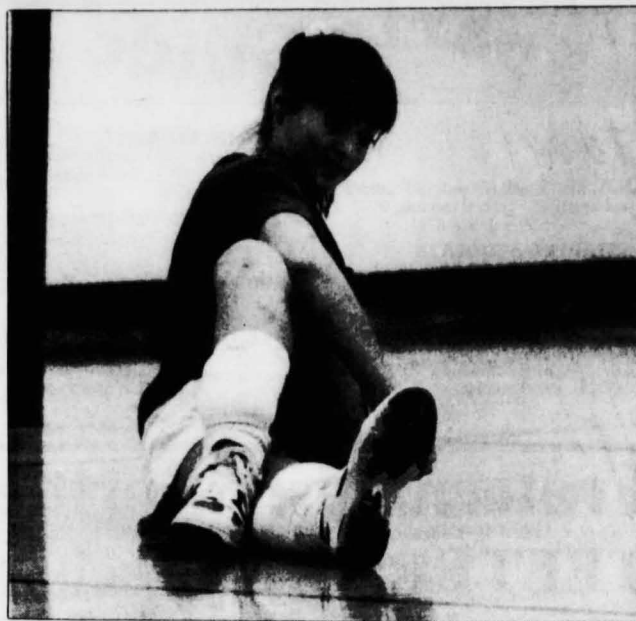
"We just got to see it all happen," she said. "It was great. We drove into East Berlin, got some money and tore off pieces of the Berlin Wall for presents."

"We were one of the last cars to pass through Checkpoint Charlie."

The youngest of six children, Boxall started vaulting at eight. Her mother encouraged her, and made long drives to and from coaches and vaulting facilities.

She now helps warm up the horses before the students ride.

"The most important thing to me is that this was a child who was not born with a silver spoon in her mouth," Dorothy Boxall said. "We were poor, and she broke the odds and did what normally only rich people do."



Leslie Salzmann — Daily staff photographer

Junior setter Jennifer Liston is adjusting to Division I volleyball

## Transfer sets up Spartans' attack

By Darcie D. Johnson  
Daily staff writer

One of the latest additions to SJSU's volleyball team is perhaps the most valuable. She is 20-year-old Jennifer Liston, a junior advertising major and transfer from Cabrillo College in Aptos, and she's the team's only setter this season.

"The way she goes is the way the team is going to go," SJSU head volleyball coach John Corbelli said.

Liston earned Most Valuable Player honors on her high school volleyball team, and All-State honors twice at Harbor High School in Santa Cruz and once at Cabrillo. But she still has "a lot of room to grow in the game," according to Corbelli.

Corbelli "has taught me a lot already," Liston said. "He is patient and keeps going over things."

She is "making an adjustment from junior college to Division I Big West volleyball, always playing against big competition," Corbelli said.

Despite the fact that the squad hasn't played together very long, only since mid-August, Liston has high hopes for the team.

"We're young and going through rough spots," she said, "but we can be unstoppable when we're playing well together."

Liston said she thinks the team has a good chance of making it to the

play-offs this season.

Liston considered attending San Francisco State to play volleyball, but she said San Francisco "can't offer scholarships because they're Division II."

Liston is attending SJSU on a full athletic scholarship.

Her sister, Jessica, also attends SJSU so that helped in her decision.

"San Jose is perfect for me," she said.

Liston is the youngest of four girls (Jill, Julie, Jessica and Jennifer) with huge, sparkling brown eyes and a warm personality that makes you feel like you're an old friend.

In her rare free time she goes home to Santa Cruz to "let my mom do my laundry and cook me dinner," she said.

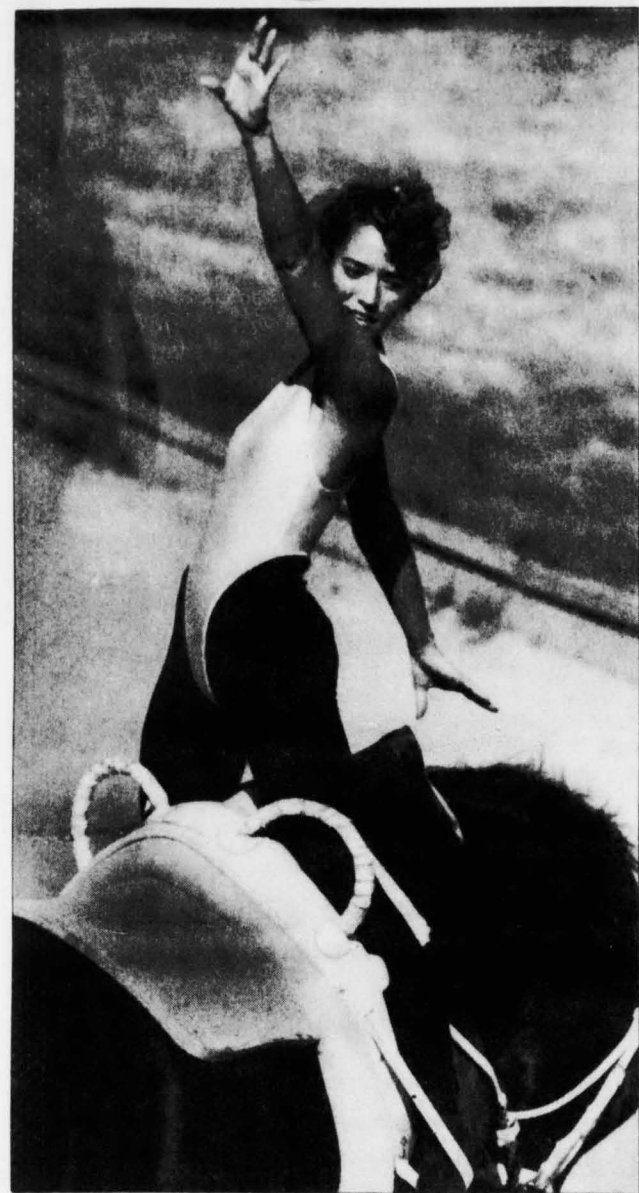
"She is a great personality to be around," Corbelli said.

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SJSU nursing student Jeanette Boxall practices a move on Cosmo. Boxall won the world vaulting championship in 1990.

## Bay Area enjoys first pro soccer title

**Corey Tresidder**  
Daily assistant news editor

Nearly 25 years ago, the North American Soccer League beheld the San Francisco area for the first time with the Oakland Clippers. Since then, the Bay Area has had a team in every national soccer league but still no champion. Until now ...

Saturday night the Bay Area got a winner. The San Francisco Bay Blackhawks ended the soccer trophy drought by beating the Albany Capitals at Spartan Stadium.

The atmosphere at the game was reminiscent of Earthquake games of the past. While the Earthquakes never won the championship, their legacy at Spartan Stadium rubbed off on the Blackhawks.

The 12,000-plus fans stomped their feet on the stadium floorboards and created a rumble when the Blackhawks nearly scored or had a good opportunity. Crazy George,

who got his start drumming up Earthquake fans, returned to Spartan Stadium and led the crowd in "the Wave," a phenomenon George claims to have invented.

Old-hat cheers like "EARTH-QUAKES" became "BLACK-HAWKS." The players

kicked free soccer balls into the stands after being introduced. The Blackhawks had Earthquake star Laurie Calloway on their side as well.

Not only did the Blackhawks

have the crowd, the stadium stands and tradition on their side, the field lent its part to the Blackhawks cause. The Earthquakes used the narrow wings at Spartan to open up fast breaks, and the clinching goal for the Blackhawks was scored off a cross from the left side. The play had opened up from an overlapping run on the wing.

Nearly every facet of the game brought back visions of the Earthquakes grandeur. Except for one thing...

The Blackhawks are the APSL champions.

## Enriquez eighth at Tucker Invitational

Daily staff report

SJSU junior Sal Enriquez shot a 70 in the third, and final, round of the Tucker Invitational men's golf tournament in New Mexico to finish eighth individually overall.

The Spartans' team captain finished with a three-round score of 214 on the University of New Mexico's home course.

The SJSU team didn't fare as well, coming in 16th in the 20-team tourney by scoring a five-player total of 902.

Arizona took first in the team competition with a total of 849.

South Carolina's David Seawell

finished first in the individual competition with a three-day total of 210, two strokes ahead of a three-player second place tie. Highly touted Phil Mickelson, of Arizona State, was one of the three players tied for second.

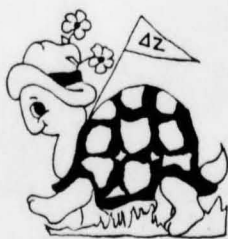
Other finishers for SJSU were Jeff Arneson, 230, Brian Tucker, 233, and Jeff Gilchrist, 236. Bob Jacobsen played the first two rounds but was disqualified in the third round of play for the Spartans.

The Invitational was the first competition of the year for SJSU men's golf team. The team just missed qualifying for the NCAA playoffs last year.

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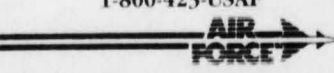
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## BALGOOYEN: decision overturned

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Kelly stated that despite the fact that none of the convictions were for willful intention to violate the law, the general attitude in SJSU's dismissal proceedings was that Balgooyen had purposely planned to violate wildlife collection laws.

Her report distinguished between the SJSU's "conspiracy" contention and the fact that the conviction was for violating laws "he should have understood in the exercise of due care."

"It is quite apparent that the misdemeanor convictions of Dr. Balgooyen have not been understood to have had these limited consequences by all persons in the past," Kelly said in the opinion.

"... Some decision-makers in this case who reviewed the indictment presumed that conviction meant that the jury found Dr. Balgooyen had participated in a plan or plot to do things which he knew violated wildlife laws in the state of Oregon."

Both convictions were for violation of laws that do not specify intent, according to Kelly.

The opinion also says SJSU's decision was made without regard to the definition of the classification of the

species Balgooyen collected.

The professor was convicted on one count of collecting a protected species.

The decision cites testimony received at the arbitration hearing differentiating between endangered, threatened and protected species.

There is no generally accepted definition for protected species, according to Lloyd Kiff, director of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology and curator of Ornithology.

Kiff testified that the term "protected" clearly connotes less concern for the welfare of a species than either the "endangered" or "threatened" labels do.

In discussing the appropriateness of Balgooyen's termination, the opinion clearly states Balgooyen was guilty of negligent behavior.

"The record leaves no doubt that Dr. Balgooyen was responsible for unprofessional conduct to some degree," the arbitrator said.

In citing that the California Education Code does not provide for termination in all instances of unprofessional conduct, Kelly said her decision to reinstate Balgooyen centered on the question of his ability to continue as a teacher.

Kelly said since there was no basis

to find that he knowingly ignored wildlife laws, his lack of credibility as a teacher had not been proved.

Though Balgooyen has not yet been contacted by the university, he is looking forward to returning to SJSU.

"I haven't been teaching for two years now," Balgooyen said. "I truly want to get back to the student body."

Wayne Savage, chair of the department of biological sciences, said he could make no comment on the case and that he had been instructed to refer all questions to the president's office.

University officials made a single statement on the decision.

"We expect that Professor Balgooyen will be reassigned to the classroom for spring semester," said Lori Stahl, public information officer for SJSU.

Referring to the history of controversy in the biology department surrounding the case, Manuel Fimbres, of the CFA said he hoped that peace could be made in the department.

"They were misled about just what his conviction meant," he said, "especially in reference to a conspiracy."

Balgooyen's federal court conviction is currently waiting for a trial date at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, according to his attorney, John L. Williams.

## Chronology of Balgooyen's 17 years as a SJSU professor

1974

Field biologist Balgooyen begins teaching at SJSU.

1986

Spring semester — An eight-person SJSU field trip to the Oregon coast during which animals were collected. Jeffery Boundy, a graduate student at SJSU, and assistant curator for SJSU herpetology museum, takes the trip.

1989

August — Boundy indicted on 11 charges of smuggling protected animals from Mexico field trips in the mid-1980s.

1990

Jan. 25 — Boundy sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for smuggling more than 400 animals protected under the Endangered Species Act.

March — Indictment filed against Balgooyen for collecting protected animals and over collecting other animals during a 1986 field trip.

Balgooyen removed from teaching duties.

April 4 — Balgooyen indicted by federal grand jury on two counts of filing false tax returns.

April 19 — Balgooyen pleads not guilty to two counts of filing false tax returns.

June — Balgooyen found guilty of conspiring with a former student to collect protected Oregon slender salamander, and of capturing twice as many salamanders as his federal permit allowed.

November — Balgooyen sentenced to five years probation, fined \$5,000 and ordered to perform 2,000 hours of community service, for smuggling the animals.

November — Memo sent from university to Balgooyen: "Your conviction establishes that you have failed to deport yourself in a manner which merits respect for you and your profession, and is a violation of the SJSU's statement of professional ethics."

December — University gives Balgooyen notice of dismissal but he immediately seeks appeal through an arbitration process with union.

1991

February — Several professors resign from faculty union to protest union's decision to defend Balgooyen.

April 1991 — False tax return charges against Balgooyen are dismissed.

June — Union's hearing completed on Balgooyen case. Arbitrator begins making her decision.

Oct. 2 — Arbitrator announces decision: Decision to dismiss Balgooyen overturned, suspends him for 60 days without pay.

## LIBRARIES

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users.

"We dreaded the start of school knowing that we were cutting back our hours," she said. "Because all of us in administration do work in the public, taking turns at the reference desk and so on, we're really quite aware of the problems students experience."

Through attrition and hiring reductions, Thorne continued, the libraries were able to cut the equivalent of 7.1 positions to help accommodate budget cuts.

Because the libraries have cut back in other areas, such as purchasing fewer materials, books and periodicals, Thorne said she really didn't see any way library officials could reinstate the old hours without more funding.

Information like that is of no comfort to Martz who said the shorter library hours affected her ability to do research at Clark recently.

"I walked in last week with my boyfriend at 8:45 (p.m.) and the lights were out," she said. "I had research

due for an ad management class."

Many students outside the Greek system are also affected by the cut in study time. One of those students is Ria Klackle, a senior computer science major who uses Clark Library mostly in the afternoons.

"The nine o'clock hour is still fine. However, a few weeks before finals I would appreciate it if they make the hours longer," Klackle said. "On Saturdays, it would be better if it opened earlier."

Roland Feldmeier, a computer science junior who attends classes from 1 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. described the new library hours as "a pain in the butt."

"By the time my class ends, I'd like to do some studying. I rely on the late hours. It's a tough struggle."

Up until a week ago, Tahina Leal, a junior majoring in business, didn't even get off work until 9 p.m. With last semester's later library hours, she said, working until 9 p.m. wasn't a problem. Now she studies over at Walquist Library's reserve book room.

While Wahlquist provides students with a quiet place to study, it lacks research materials, technology and study resources.

## LOANS

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This legislation is co-sponsored by 60 members of the House from 27 states; 29 are Democrats and 31 are Republicans.

The legislation is "giving students another option for funding their education," and will help a lot of students

who don't currently qualify for loans, Conant said.

Everyone who takes a loan will be able to pay it back, Conant added. Those with high incomes after leaving school would be expected to repay quickly at higher interest rates, subsidizing those with low incomes after school.

"Those who expect to make high incomes would still be attracted to the program by its still-reasonable terms, and by its flexibility," Petri said in a

press release Sept. 20.

In cases where loans cannot be paid on schedule, like job-loss, sickness or child-rearing, the loan is automatically rescheduled.

IDEA would also create a new Stafford loan for students studying in health-care professions. If they should borrow from Stafford and later default, IDEA would come in and set up a plan in which payments are spread out over a longer period of time.

The Stafford already has a similar system of spreading out payments and having loan recipients repay through taxes, said John Bradbury, associate director at the SJSU financial aid department.

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## Drown your blues at JJ's

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## Hot spot of the week

# Whole lot of shakin' at JJ's Blues

By Monica Campbell  
Daily staff writer

Finally, downtown San Jose has been blessed with an authentic blues bar.

Being the third addition to the JJ's Blues family, JJ's Blues Downtown opened on Sept. 6, bringing the tradition of true down-home rhythm and blues atmosphere that JJ's is famous for.

Conveniently located at 14 S. Second St., JJ's Blues Downtown is a full-time blues oasis featuring nationally recognized acts such as The Otis Clay Band along with local Bay Area products like Taj Mahal and the Redevelopment Blues Band.

JJ's features an extensive blues menu including Louisiana and Chicago blues and Dixieland is featured on Sunday afternoon.

So far, the new JJ's has been hard to find with only a small banner strewn across the front. Fortunately, a large neon sign in the works and should be brightly announcing its presence within a week.

From the outside, the new JJ's doesn't look like anything special but go inside and you will realize that you have just entered a truly authentic, premiere blues bar.

Brick walls, steel-piping and high ceilings, create a warehouse atmosphere. Fortunately, the high ceilings make for a well ventilated area. The thick, smoky air found in most bars is instead spread evenly throughout JJ's mak-

ing breathing more enjoyable.

Compared to the two other JJ's off of Stevens Creek and El Camino Real, the JJ's downtown is much bigger.

The stage is also set high enough so that the band can be seen from all areas of the club. You won't be straining to see, which is a nice change.

Like most blues bars, the lighting is very dim, but not so dark that you can't see the person across from you.

Being there on a Sunday night was not indicative of JJ's reputation to swing on Fridays and Saturdays.

What is special about this club is that even on a relatively slow night the small crowd seemed to get into the ever-present enthusiasm evident at JJ's downtown. Cheering and clapping was heard throughout the night.

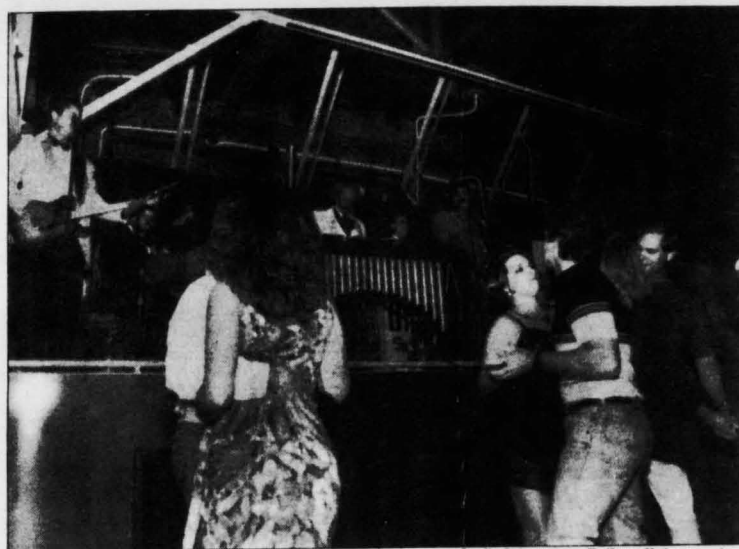
Dancing can be expected, but it is not required.

JJ's seems to attract a very mixed crowd. There was the middle-aged group, blues bar devotees and students placed sporadically.

"It's nice to see a young crowd enjoying the blues," manager Max Stanley said.

This place is non-pretentious and not at all intimidating. JJ's is impartial to style so come as you are. The music creates the atmosphere not the structure or the people.

The sound system at the downtown JJ's is excellent. One may expect that the high ceilings would result in a drowned-out sound, but



Leslie Salzmann — Daily staff photographer

### Couples slow dance to the Johnny Otis Show at JJ's Blues Downtown

JJ's realized this and installed a system that more than compensates for it.

Obviously, if you want to physically feel the beat and have extremely limited conversation, sit in the front.

If you're looking for easy conversation with the blues still being audible in the background, go upstairs in the rear.

JJ's serves American style food with the expected barbecue sandwiches offered as well as specialties such as Cajun catfish. With prices ranging from \$3.95 to \$7.95, there is a wide variety of steak and chicken dishes available. Because of the surprisingly reasonable prices, the portions are not huge, but they are adequate.

Happy hour is all day with a draft beer going for \$2.00. All drink prices go up \$1.00 when the bands start playing.

Open every day at 11 a.m. and closing at 2 a.m., going to JJ's Downtown for lunch or dinner would be a good idea due to the taste-

ness of the food, the affordable prices and the relaxed atmosphere.

There are various parking lots immediately surrounding JJ's, and there is no charge to park after 6 p.m.

If you are already into the blues, then you will thoroughly appreciate this new addition to the downtown club scene.

If you're a novice to the blues scene, try JJ's Downtown, you may end up having a blast.

Little Mike and the Tornados are playing tonight at JJ's Blues Downtown. Cover is \$5 and the band will be playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The band plays blues with a twist of rock 'n' roll. They will be playing selections from their first album "Heart Attack."



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A view from outside of JJ's Blues Downtown located at 14 S. 2nd Street

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# Graphic designer goes from censored to 'Self-Exposed'



Leslie Salzmann — Daily staff photographer

Susan Phelps, senior art major, views Nelson Santos' "Self-Exposed" exhibit in Gallery Four of SJSU's Art Building.

By Sandy Heynen  
Daily staff writer

The once-censored, full-size, male nude self-portrait has finally found a place to be displayed. "Self Exposed," by Nelson San-

tos, graphic design major, was the center of controversy last year when the picture appeared as an exhibit in Duncan Hall's fourth floor photo display area. The piece is now being shown at SJSU's Gallery Four.

The work began as a photo assignment, Santos said. It was supposed to be something along the lines of a self-portrait, and he did this full-size nude of himself. Santos not only received an A as a grade, but Barbara DeGenevieve, lecturer and gallery curator, pulled him among others to show in the photo hall display.

It was unique in that it was full size, and it was on the wall rather than in a case, Santos said. One custodian found it offensive and her supervisor took it down and left it in the check out office of the department, which started a few days of feuding between the art department and offended custodians.

A few incidents occurred in which the custodian would either take it down or cover the loins with a towel.

"I always thought it was kind of strange that they took down that piece because it was a male nude," Santos said. It was the same type of censorship that (photographer Robert) Mapplethorpe had to deal with, he said.

The piece originally stemmed from Santos' displeasure with his life at the time and he used it to express his personal problems and problems with society.

"To try to find your own individuality and masculinity as a male is kind of a dilemma right now," Santos said. "You're not allowed to be sensitive — those are all female qualities." He believes that by baring himself in front of everyone he

can break through that barrier.

"Men can finally go, 'Hey, we can talk about our emotions openly too,'" Santos said.

In fact, the exhibit in the main gallery is centered around men and titled "Redefining Masculinity." In a paper DeGenevieve wrote, "Articulated Disparities: Renegotiating Masculinity," she refers to the

exhibit, and the overall acceptance of male nudes as "the demystification of masculinity."

Santos' exhibit will run through Friday. There is an artist's statement, but he says he encourages everyone to look at it and interpret as they like, and try to relate to it in some way.

## STEPPIN' OUT

### On Campus

- ✓ University Theatre — "Noises Off," performances are at 8 p.m. Oct. 4-5, 10-12 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 9. Admission is \$9; \$6 students/seniors.
- ✓ Recital — Laurel Brettell, piano, faculty recital, Sunday Oct 6, 2 p.m., \$5, students \$3.
- ✓ Gallery Four — "Self-Exposed," exhibit ends tonight.

### Off Campus

- ✓ San Jose Stage Company — "Brighton Beach Memoirs," 490 S. First St., Neil Simon's autobiographical play. Oct. 4-27. Show starts at 8 p.m., tickets are \$9 to \$15.
- ✓ Oktoberfest at Hochburg von Germania, 261 N. Second St. Over 50 German beers to sample.

### Movies

- ✓ "Hangin' with the Homeboys"
  - ✓ "Livin' Large"
  - ✓ "The Super"
- Opening at theaters everywhere Friday.

## No focus in latest Timbuk 3 release



By Nicholas D. Smith  
Daily staff writer

Timbuk 3 is back and it's updated its sound, but it could still use more help.

On the latest release, "Big Shot in the Dark," the band experiments with electronic sampling and heavier keyboards than in the past, but still can't seem to focus their music.

However, as usual, the strength of the group is the lyrics built into each track.

On "God Made an Angel," the group captures the futility of a young girl searching for meaning in the world. "Now daddy's little girl don't say a word! She just sits there on the sofa! Lately she's been hanging out with that! Cross-dressin' counter-culture guru Casanova."

Overall, the album lacks the bite to stay interesting very long. The group tries to be punchy with plunky bass guitar working with reggae-like percussion, but mostly it's a forgettable experience.

Nearly every music style known to man is tried on the album — even something of a rap during

"Two Medicines." Usually the attempts sound not confident and artificial.

There are only two reasons to buy this album. The first is "Sunshine," one of the best songs to be released in months. The second is the instrumental version of "Sunshine."

The album is good, not great. Perhaps because of their lack of musical focus, the group has yet to earn a large following. However, if Timbuk 3 follows up on the wonderfully pleasant sound of the title track and "Sunshine," they have the potential to at least attract the listeners they need.

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# Comedy Sportz keeps 'em laughing



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Referee John Politoski asks for audience help in team judging

By Sandy Heynen

Daily staff writer

It's not an Olympic sport, it's a stage sport.

There are two teams, a referee, an audience and a playing field, but everything else about this sport is untraditional.

Comedy Sportz is a form of improvisational comedy combining the wit of the team-members and the help of the audience. Each person is given a list of games and rules of the match as well as the Comedy Sportz version — theme song — of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game."

Audience members are asked to sing the theme song as well as stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. You feel like you are about to watch a mini-baseball game on a stage in the middle of a club, but you're not. What you are in for is a fast paced night of comedy.

Each team has five players and they compete for points with comedy games based on suggestions the referee coaxes from the audience. Some games involve playing something similar to charades, and others take a stand-up approach, which the teams have to use the words and

phrases from the audiences in a comedy sketch.

The referee also serves as an announcer, beginning every game with a brief explanation and set of parameters. Of course the rules are flexible and the referee can make them up as the games go on.

Some audience judgement rules also apply. If the "athletes" story gets to dull a yellow flag will go into the air and a "waffling foul" will be called. A "groaner foul" is called when too loud of a groan is heard from audience after a bad joke. Since this is a family sport, a "Brown Bag" may be placed over any player's head during the game for the use of verbal or physical obscenities.

Knowing what is going on in this show is important because you, as an audience member, are encouraged to join in the fun. The comedians talk in double speed most of the time because they are being watched by the hands of the referees stop watch. If you listen twice as fast you can catch most of what they are saying. Regardless if you understand what they are talking about or not, the teams are very animated on stage.

Comedy Sportz was dreamed up

seven years ago by Jeff Kramer in Milwaukee. In 1987 he brought the show to San Jose. Comedy Sportz does regular weekend shows in San Jose, at Hochburg von Germania and Brandon's.

The club also holds matches for private organizations and charities.

Comedy Sportz will lend a hand in fund-raising for SJSU's National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association. On Oct. 17, this group will be competing in the old science building, room 142. Money raised will go toward the centers diagnostic department of

communication disorders and sciences.

For more information, call 725-1356. For information on the upcoming benefit show at SJSU, call 739-0681.

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