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Former SJSU employee arrested

By Kira Ratmanský
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A former SJSU employee was arrested Wednesday on a charge of embezzlement and fraudulent possession of checks from UC Santa Cruz.

According to UCSC Police Chief Jan Tepper, Mary H. Nicholls, 53, is suspected of misappropriating at least \$293,900 from UCSC, where she worked as an administrative assistant for the stu-

dent services department.

Nicholls made up fictitious student activities and made out checks for keynote speakers at these activities.

She then deposited the expense checks into her personal account at Pacific Western Bank, investigators said.

Some of the activities Nicholls fabricated were Sexual Harassment and Racial Harassment Training, Gay Issues on Campus and Solving Interracial Dif-

ferences.

She illegally requested, authorized and deposited at least 68 fraudulent university checks from January 1992 to September 1993, investigators said.

Nicholls wrote approximately two \$20,000 checks per month during that time period.

There is also a possibility Nicholls could have deposited other checks since she started working at UCSC in

1987, investigators said.

Tepper said that the full amount of the embezzlement and the period of time in which it occurred will remain unknown until the investigation is complete.

The investigation started after a Pacific Western Bank official called UCSC and asked if it was normal for an employee to deposit large checks into a personal account.

UCSC officials checked their records and were unable to find written transaction of Nicholls' activity.

Geraldine Gail, manager of UCSC's Office of Internal Audit, said Nicholls did not follow the accepted business practices for check request, authorization and ledger reconciliation.

Nicholls was arrested outside of her Waterloo, Ontario, home.

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Grad runs for council

By Ed Stacy
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU students who live in Sunnyvale will see a familiar name on their ballots when they vote on Nov. 2.

SJSU grad Daniel McIntosh is running for city council seat number one in Sunnyvale.

McIntosh, who graduated from SJSU in 1988 with a business management degree, is seeking his first public office.

He has previously been involved in school politics and community service.

McIntosh was involved in the Academic Senate during the 1986-87 school year and served as A.S. director of academic affairs the following year. He was the vice chair of the A.S. board in 1988.

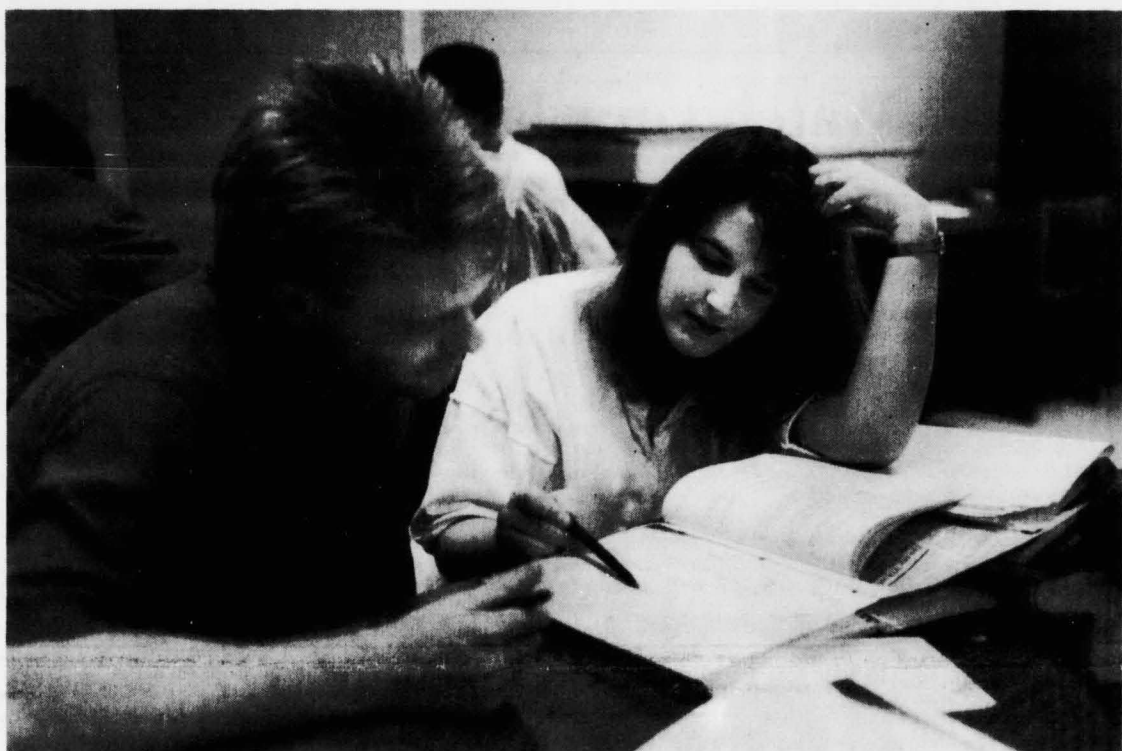
McIntosh was also a resident adviser in the dorms from 1986-88. It was through this job that he met his wife, SJSU grad Camella McIntosh.

An interest in local issues led McIntosh to become interested in the council seat.

While he supports the new SMART recycling station in Sunnyvale, he would like to see it receive more publicity. He also supports the mobile home rent control initiative on the ballot.

McIntosh said he would like to see Sunnyvale continue the innovative city management that has propelled it into the national spotlight, culminating with President Clinton's visit last

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ANDY BARRON—SPARTAN DAILY

Eileen Dressler, right, a tutor for the ASPIRE program, helps Mike Neill with his linguistics in Royce Hall on Thursday

afternoon. This is Dressler's first semester tutoring for the ASPIRE program.

Students learn to survive

By Daphne Dick
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

College life can be difficult, but the ASPIRE program guides students through the academic maze they may encounter. They can learn skills for survival at SJSU.

Academic Support Program for Increased Retention and Education (ASPIRE) is life counseling,

Program helps SJSU students achieve academic success

said Eric Mendelsohn, student adviser.

"Our goal is to get students to stay in school and graduate," he said.

The program counsels eligible students through the difficulties of campus life. "We provide all sorts of sup-

port for students," Mendelsohn said. "Everything from academic tutoring to personal counseling." The 15-year-old campus program is free to eligible students.

To be eligible for ASPIRE, participants must be a U.S. citizen or apply for

permanent residency and be physically disabled, have low income, or be a first-generation college student.

Students are considered first-generation college students if neither parent has a bachelor's degree.

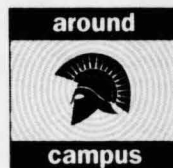
Students not eligible for ASPIRE are referred to their academic advisers.

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Offering high tech assistance

By Kira Ratmanský
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Students with disabilities can receive assistance on their own time with help from the High Tech Center, located in Clark Library.



The High Tech Center offers basic word processing programs and software to help the students overcome their disabilities.

Julie Wydeven, who works part time at the center, said the "cognition" software helps students develop strategies to make them more efficient learners.

Cognitive thinking and psychology are ways of understanding material, Wydeven said.

"In a lecture, it could be really difficult for students with learning disabilities and brain injuries to process information," she said. "With the programs we have, students can work out a way of coping so they can improve."

Wydeven came up with the idea of the tours because students often had difficulties coming to train on the software during her work hours.

Students who are busy or have full-time jobs can call DSS at 924-6000 and reserve a space on the tour. During the tour, they will be briefed on the program specifics so they can use the software by themselves.

Wydeven conducts the tours Mondays at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

"There is no credit or grade given for this (the tour)," Wydeven said. "It's just training."

The center is open during Clark Library hours, from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 1-5 p.m.

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CSSA committed to student rights

By Clara S. Chien
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Eating from her box lunch and wearing casual clothes, Andrea Wagner looks like a typical student. Wagner is doing more than going to school, though. As SJSU's new California State Student Association representative she is committed to leading SJSU's student government in the right direction.

Wagner's desk in the A.S. Business Office is filled with printed materials and textbooks indicating a loaded agenda for the rest of the term.

"CSSA is like a lobby group, a special interest group for the students," Wagner said. "We lobby for, say, financial aid, fee increases and other different issues that relate to higher education."

A junior majoring in political science, Wagner pointed out that last semester she was "just a student" before running for the director of California State

Affairs position. Being a director means she has to deal with a variety of university issues, such as responding to questions students have about assembly bills and ordinances not necessarily relating to higher education.

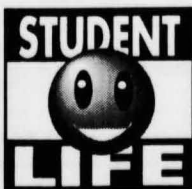
CSSA has recently set its main goals for the school year.

Wagner said that one goal relates to campus fees. She said individual CSU schools are generally not supposed add fees to tuition, yet students are being charged with many fees under the given name "university fees."

Wagner said the CSSA is looking in to this.

Another issue the CSSA is tapping into is called the Master Plan of Higher Education. With this plan, CSSA representatives keep tabs on each other to insure that all programs are followed properly.

The CSSA also wants to help students with their deferred payments with a goal called the fee



LEZLEE A. MCFADDEN—SPARTAN DAILY

Andrea Wagner is SJSU's new representative for the California State Students Association.

policy. This will give more students the opportunity to apply for deferred payment billings on tuition, financial aid and registration with a variety of loan programs.

The final goal is the most important to Wagner. It deals with financial aid, under the title Assembly Bill 2227.

Wagner explained that the new bill is more sensitive to a student's need for financial aid.

"Suppose there are 2,000 people with a 3.5 GPA (looking for financial aid). The financial aid money goes out to people starting at the top of the list. And this

money usually goes out to private schools instead of CSU schools.

"Instead of pinpointing who needs the money the most, money is handed over to whoever is next on a list. The bill (2227) by Willie Brown will change the system so that students will receive money on the basis of need — not a list — though you still need a decent GPA."

Most of the CSU schools have a CSSA representative. Conferences are held monthly at vari-

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Sorority makes splash to help local charity

By Kristin Lomax
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

It's anchors away! SJSU fraternities are anxiously practicing their water ballet moves and butterfly strokes in eager preparation for Delta Gamma sorority's annual Anchor Splash at the aquatic center on Sunday.

Delta Gamma hosts the charity event to raise money for Sight Conservation and Aids of the Blind. Last year the event raised about \$800, and according to Kathryn Palmieri, Anchor Splash coordinator, they expect to raise more money this year.

The event will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and features swimming relays, raft races, and a synchronized swimming competition. The fraternities compete against each other with the help of a Delta Gamma captain on each team.

After the 'Splash,' there will be a barbecue featuring one-man band Frank Joseph at Quirk's Meadow.

Though many fraternity

members participate in the event for fun, some take winning seriously.

"Sigma Chi has pretty much dominated Anchor Splash in the past," said Chris Rowland, a Sigma Chi member. "This year is looking a little shaky, though, because we haven't had too much time to prepare."

Greg Barr, Theta Chi fraternity president, has high hopes for his team. "We have practiced a lot and expect to do very well this year," he said. "We tied for first last year. This year we want the title solo."

Each team has a theme to incorporate into its acts. For example, "The Little Mermaid" and "Top Gun," were winning slogans in the past. This year Kappa Sigma fraternity hopes their "Gilligan's Island" concept will be better than the "Sleep in and don't go" theme it used over the past two years.

Anchor Splash and the barbecue are open to everyone.

There is no admittance fee, but a donation box will be at the door for those interested.

Editorial

Replace 100W requirement with ethnic studies class

Our campus is rich in culture and diversity. The multicultural committee of the Associated Students is debating whether or not ethnic studies should be a requirement to graduate.

SJSU is a diverse campus with students from around the world. Ethnic studies would educate students about different cultures. They most likely will interact with these cultures in the professional world or everyday life. However, students are concerned with how this change for an extra class might affect them.

Several issues arise along with this proposal. The first one is of monetary burden. SJSU is a four-year institution but the average student, with a part-time job and a full schedule, is graduating in a minimum of five years. Having ethnic studies as a requirement would cost the students more money and take more time.

If one of the required classes were to be eliminated from the general education curriculum, then requirements, not cost, would be an issue. The various university administrations would have to decide which G.E. class to replace with ethnic studies.

One of the options is the 100W requirement, which is only taught at SJSU and CSU Hayward. These classes are supposed to help achieve English proficiency in a desired field of study.

However, language proficiency should be a given when completing English 1B. The material taught in the 100W classes, respective to the majors, should be introduced during regular classes in the major.

How would we matriculate ethnic studies into the curriculum? San Francisco State University began requiring ethnic studies for incoming freshmen and transfer students two years ago.

At such a diverse university as ours, ethnic studies should be a given part of the curriculum. However, the university should be aware of the repercussions of the added units if the requirement is not handled in an efficient manner. Students are paying fees that constantly rise. Another class could set students back another semester.

We should replace the 100W requirement with an ethnic study one, doing so gradually, following SFSU's example.

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The SPARTAN DAILY provides a daily Forum to promote a "marketplace of ideas." Contributions are encouraged from students, staff, faculty and others who are interested in the university at large.

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MARTIN GEE — SPARTAN DAILY

Watch your language

Language. We use it everyday. We can't live without it.

I couldn't be more surprised about the nature of language a few weeks ago when a Mexican woman and her daughter pulled up in front me on the opposite side of a gas station's parking lot.

The first thing the mother did, after stopping the ignition and opening the hood had caught me by surprise: when I turned my head — just for one second — she unscrewed her radiator cap.

"D'oh!" I said like Homer Simpson, trying to screw the cap back on, as boiling water and antifreeze spewed out like Old Faithful, leaving a smarmy trail as it oozed into the sewer drain.

"You don't want to do that, ya know. You have to wait for the car to cool off," I said after the car's orgasm had subsided.

The woman gave me a blank look, as though I had just spoken a foreign language.

Well, to her I had.

The story could have ended there. But luckily for me, I took four years of Spanish in high school.

"¿Cuántos años vive usted en Los Estados Unidos?"

(How long have you been living in the United States?)

"Trenta y tres años" she said, which to you and me is 33 years.

Thirty-three years and she doesn't know a lick of English?

My little experience at the Chevron Station left me thinking about Gov. Pete Wilson's agenda to stifle illegal immigrants. Is his plan really valid? But the issue I want to discuss, naturally, is the nature of English language and all immigrants.

Carolina Moroder's article on English as a Second Language (ESL) students (Oct. 5, "Living Between Two Worlds"), sheds a good light on this subject.

I'm glad universities and community colleges are taking a

stand to teach foreign-born and/or first-generation students the English language, one of the hardest languages to learn if you're not a U.S. citizen. If you don't believe me, read Bill Bryson's insightful "The Mother Tongue: English and How it Got That Way."

At San Jose City and Evergreen Valley Colleges, ESL consists of 7.5 percent of the course offerings.

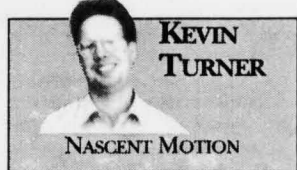
SJSU's Language Development Center has ESL tutors teaching people who are unfamiliar with English.

But even more overwhelming, Michelle Guido from the Mercury News reported that in public schools throughout California, one of three kindergartners are not fluent in English.

'Though I respect other people's languages, we need our national language, English, to remain dominant before the other languages explode... leaking communication problems across the United States.'

A teacher at Berryessa's Vinci Park School, Anne Furuya, has a load on her hands. Of 32 students, 25 speak languages other than English, including Tagalog, Mandarin, Punjabi, Arabic, Vietnamese, Cantonese and my favorite, Spanish. Whew!

On the plus side, the school does offer language aides for most of the above-mentioned



languages. Yet somehow, I feel the quality of education is lost if Furuya can't directly talk with the foreign-speaking kindergartners.

What's the use of communication if we can't understand each other?

Though I respect other people's languages, we need our national language, English, to remain dominant before the other languages explode like the water in that radiator, leaking communication problems across the United States.

"Our classrooms are bursting," Gov. Pete Wilson said Monday. "And we're spending, conservatively, \$1 billion in state taxpayers' money to educate illegal immigrants."

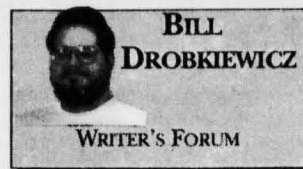
I wonder how much it costs to teach legal immigrants, like the ones Furuya teaches?

For those readers who feel I'm making a jump in logic, you're right. Think about these questions when you can't sleep at night:

- Can California improve the quality of education for U.S. citizens (and even improve the economy for that matter) at the same time when good 'ol Uncle Sam helps out first-born immigrants with English?
- Can America and California afford to be an educator of immigrants?
- Where do we draw the line?

Kevin Turner is the Daily's chief copy editor and a staff columnist. His column appears every other Friday.

First Amendment and other subjects



One of my most favorite writers happens to be an ornery Texan feminist, Molly Ivins. She is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Texas.

She called Ross Perot a "vertically challenged billionaire" and Perot is one of her favorite fellow Texans. She admitted in her first book from two years ago ("Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?") that a "Texan feminist" seems like an oxymoron.

Her second collection of past columns, "Nothin' but Good Times Ahead," just came out. This is not a book review. I am writing about the woman with "a wonderful space between her eyes."

A health spa employee told her that after the employee gave Ivins' face a long, long look, Ivins began to wonder if her face was a "no-hoper." You can find more about Ivins' wonderful space between her eyes in the first collection, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?"

Enough about Ivins, I want her out of the way now. The reason I even mentioned her is she wrote about the First Amendment in her second book.

Ivins wrote, "... even First Amendment absolutists sometimes daydream about how nice it would be to have government-as-nanny just outlaw all this affluent."

I agree with Ivins because I am getting tired of people screaming at one another over issues. The people have the gall to twist, deform, change, make up, scrape, peel off, generalize and lie through their teeth. The examples abound but the best one happens to be about abortion.

The pro-life zealots do not want to consider that these women need abortion because the women got raped, high on drugs, scared, forced into incest, or forced into prostitution. I always ask these bible-thumping pro-lifers to adopt these unwanted babies to insure best possible quality of life.

Sometimes I think too many of them would rather have these women be barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen.

The other problem are the people opposing pornography and erotica. Some of them are feminists, too. These anti-pornography people do not remember our history.

Pornography was with us since our ancestors first created religion and art. The early humans could not afford to have a low birthrate enjoyed today. The early humans lived in a time where multiple natural enemies roamed the world and natural disasters devastated everything that ever existed.

They had to create gods and goddesses of fertility with heavily sexual overtones. Religion became the first answer to things that the early humans could not know. They did not have the luxury of our scientists and scholars. If the early humans practiced zero-population growth, we would not have the SPARTAN DAILY.

Pornography is one of these pesky things nobody will ever get rid of. Besides, the thrill of the forbidden will always insure that the "French postcards" will remain in circulation.

In fact, if you want your children to see what you need them to see, make it forbidden. They will see it and learn something. If you do not want your rug rats to learn anything, leave everything in plain sight.

Unfortunately, the anti-pornography people are teaching other people about wonderfully dirty things, that sex is supposed to be messy and exciting.

The anti-pornography groups have a very strange alliance: the religious fundamentalists and progressive feminists are in the same boat and they hate one other.

Violence is a very ugly thing, especially for foreign tourists in Miami. Putting violence in pornography is like putting fire out with gasoline.

These two are genuinely incompatible because pornography is supposed to keep the human race busy and excited. Violence keeps the human race busy and cruel.

I cannot present a solution other than change the social fiber that encourages violence as an answer to everything.

On other subjects not worthy of a column, I still wish for a bazooka and other weapons against cretinous drivers. I am getting tired of doing 55 in a 55-mph zone and have these semi-evolved morons give me their evil looks and gestures just because I happen to obey the law.

Also, the parking at SJSU sucks so much that I am "stealing" employee spaces to park (but don't tell UPD — I've got enough tickets as is.)

That is it for today.

Bill Drobkiewicz is a Daily staff writer.

Controversy Corner

Statement: Ross Perot says the NAFTA agreement will not bring jobs to the United States.
Agree?
Disagree?
Tell us about it. Write a letter to the editor. You might even get published.

Rolanda Farrington Pollard 1993 Homecoming Chairperson senior, business administration

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The San José State calendar

TODAY

AKBAYAN CLUB: Lumpia Wrap 2p.m.-8p.m. Collonades. Call Rich & Eileen 534-1140.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS LEISURE SERVICES: Intramural indoor mini-soccer league sign-ups through Oct. 29. Call Toby Wilson 924-5950.

CHINESE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP: Regular meeting 2:30p.m. Guadalupe SU. Call wingfield Liu 252-6876

DIRECT ACTION ALLIANCE: general body meeting 7p.m. at 48 S. seventh st. San Fernando. Call Juan Haro 236-3765.

GALFSA: meeting 12-1:30p.m. (12-12:30p.m. socializing, 12:30-1:30 acutal meeting) Alumni Room. Call Jill Steinburg PhD. 924-5918

IEEE CLUB: Insights into floplid disk drive technology, 12:30p.m. Engineering Building Rm 339. Call Craig in room E370.

JEWISH CAMPUS OUTREACH: Shabbas Candle Lighting Time, 6:23p.m. location TBA. Call Ester Riva

JEWISH STUDENT UNION: Friday Shabbat dinner at 6:30p.m. at Keren Goldberg's house. Call 971-1254 to RSVP.

JOE WEST HALL 2ND HOUSE PRESENTS: "Pajama Jam '93" 9p.m. Joe West Hall 7th floor. Call Lynne Gable 924-8931.

LDSSA LATTER DAY STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Friday Forum-Camille's trip to Israel. 12:30p.m. at LDSSA Clubhouse. Call 286-3313.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: "Juma'a Prayer." Every Friday

until the end of semester. 1:20-1:45p.m., Student Union, Costanoan Rm.

SJSU CYCLING TEAM: Club ride Sunday Oct. 10 8a.m. at Event Center Steps. Call Mike Spitz 295-1355.

SJSU THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT: "Under a Mantle of Stars" by Manuel Puig. Showcase Theater, HGH 226. 12:30p.m. and 8p.m. Call 924-4554. Free.

SWE & ASME: volleyball match between SWE & ASME 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. at lawn next to Joe West Hall.

SATURDAY

SJSU THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT: "Under a Mantle of Stars" by Manuel Puig. Showcase Theater, HGH 226. 8p.m. Call 924-4554. Free.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE: first aid and adult CPR class 9a.m.-6p.m. at HB room 208. Call Oscar Battle, Jr. 924-6117.

SUNDAY

CAMBODIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: 1st general meeting 5p.m. at Cambodian Buddhist Church. Call 279-3092.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY/ THE NEWMAN COMMUNITY: Sunday mass 6p.m. at Campus Ministry Center / San Carlos and 10th st. And 8:00p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral at San Fernando and Market. Call Fr. Mark 298-0204.

DELTA GAMMA: Anchor Splash 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Aquatic Center, SJSU. And BBQ & Frank Joseph 12:30-1:30p.m. Quirk's Meadow. Call 947-8412.

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Wagner

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ous campuses throughout the state. SJSU will hold the meeting Nov. 5, 6 and 7 in the Conference Chambers from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"CSSA is very vital," Wagner said. "There are about 18 of us. And I look at us as being the only chance the governor and chancellor have given the CSU students. If schools start dropping out and we don't have enough people, they (the governor and chancellor) would say 'You blew it, that was your chance, so forget about any representation for you.'"

With a minor in dance, Wagner tags herself "well-rounded." She plans to attend law school after graduation, and sets her sight on being a criminal law attorney.

Her duty as the CSSA representative takes up a lot of her time.

"I have three jobs because I pay for school myself. And I'm also a residence adviser on campus. But being on the CSSA is very important to me."

CSSA representatives from other state universities admire Wagner, including representative Will Moton from CSU Bakersfield.

"San Jose State has a good history of having outstanding representatives," Moton said. "Andrea Wagner came in like

Rambo, I mean, she knew her material and everything. She comes prepared and on time to every meeting, and that's sometimes hard on a Saturday morning. There's nothing more you can ask from a person trying her best to represent student government for a university."

Wagner is trying to expand student participation with CSSA by encouraging anyone who has ideas to approach her.

She hopes to have a legislative committee, passed through Associated Students, to help her organize press conferences and testify in Sacramento on behalf of the students.

"Testify in Sacramento means, if the legislature is discussing a certain issue, I go in and testify for students on the basis of why I feel they (the legislature) should approve that certain issue," she said. "It's important to get as many students as we can to go."

A.S. President Blair Whitney praises Wagner's performance.

"Andrea has assumed the responsibilities for one of the most difficult positions on the student government. She's met the challenge, though it's an enormous amount of work. We all respect and appreciate what she's taken on."

McIntosh



Daniel McIntosh

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month.

McIntosh is back at SJSU this semester working on a master's degree in public administration — he already has an MBA from San Diego State University.

One organization McIntosh started is SJSU's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE).

He was the founding father in 1985 and is still involved, recently completing a term as alumni adviser.

"He helps us a lot, he donates a lot of time and effort," TKE vice president Mark Molner said.

By running for this office, McIntosh continues to fulfill the political aspirations he has had since becoming school president in the sixth grade.

He is realistic about his first foray into city politics.

"I see this as a learning opportunity; if I don't win I'll use this to set myself up in 1995," McIntosh said.

Assistance

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Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday.

"Time is a really important factor for students," Wydeven said. "The center is open nights and weekends. That's a really big plus."

The center is open to students with all kinds of disabilities. In order to use the software, however, students need to be referred by DSS.

Students with learning disabilities and brain injuries also need to take the Woodcock-Johnson Test, which determines the students' disability.

It is accepted by all CSU and UC schools and community colleges as a way to determine student eligibility and transfer of DSS services.

Peggy Gorman, a senior psychology major, uses the center's Mindreader program. With the software, the user only needs to type the first few letters of a word and the computer figures out the rest.

"The program has been very helpful to me," said Gorman, who has injured both her hands. "It saves me keystrokes."

Soda syringe report that triggered nationwide scare 'unresolved'

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The FDA says it's just about given up trying to solve a elderly couple's needle-in-a-can report that triggered a nationwide Pepsi tampering scare.

Mary and Tex Triplett of Fircrest, just outside Tacoma, reported finding a syringe in a can of Diet Pepsi on June 9. Their story circulated in the national media, and was followed by a rash of Pepsi tampering reports across the country.

Food and Drug Administration investigators have quit actively searching for an explanation in the Triplett case, a spokeswoman said.

They also haven't solved the case of a Federal Way woman who reported finding a needle and syringe in a can of Diet Pepsi on June 11. A third case, in which a Tumwater boy said he found a straight pin in a soda can in August, also is unexplained.

"They're unresolved, and they'll probably stay unresolved," said Sue Hutchcroft, spokeswoman for the FDA's Seattle office, said Wednesday.

ASPIRE: Counseling for Students

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According to third semester ASPIRE student Eric Calo, 24, the best part of this program is the individual attention students receive.

"It is a real comfort to know that I have this kind of support," he said.

Participants in the program are required to attend tutoring sessions once a week in at least one of their classes.

Tutors are available in more than 100 different courses within the schools of math, science, business, humanities, social sci-

ence or engineering.

There are 200 students in the program this semester, but ASPIRE's goal is to acquire 280. Some students stay in the program for only one semester, but many continue counseling throughout their academic career, Mendelsohn said.

ASPIRE offers workshops on study techniques, time management, notetaking and test preparation.

Advisers help students clarify goals and find solutions to personal concerns.

"ASPIRE has really helped me a lot, especially with the

stress of school," Calo said.

Students are also counseled on course selection, financial aid and other resources available at SJSU.

Most of the tutors work part time and earn about \$6 an hour. They are upper division and graduate students who have been recommended by instructors on campus.

All are trained in tutoring techniques.

Although all CSU campuses have some form of an ASPIRE program, this comprehensive counseling program is not available to all students.

Fraud

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sonville apartment Wednesday at 5:25 p.m.

She was released on bail that evening and is now on a paid leave of absence from her job, investigators said.

Santa Clara County Police arrested Nicholls then later released her on bail for an unrelated charge of stolen checks last Friday.

Authorities at the Sheriff's office declined to answer questions about the Oct. 1 incident. An office clerk said that after someone is released on bail, all information pertaining to their arrest becomes confidential.

Mary Nicholls worked as a clerical assistant for SJSU from November 1984 until June 1987 in the facilities development and

operations department.

She resigned her post, according to Marilyn Rassmussen, payroll supervisor at human resources.

Wendy True, who heads the personnel department at facilities development and operations, declined to comment on Nicholls. She said other employees in the department would be unwilling to discuss the issue as well.

Barbara Green, director of SJSU fiscal services, gets to see all the checks that pass through the system.

"The chances of that (embezzlement) happening at SJSU is zero to nil," she said. "We break up the duties so much that no one person has control over the checks."

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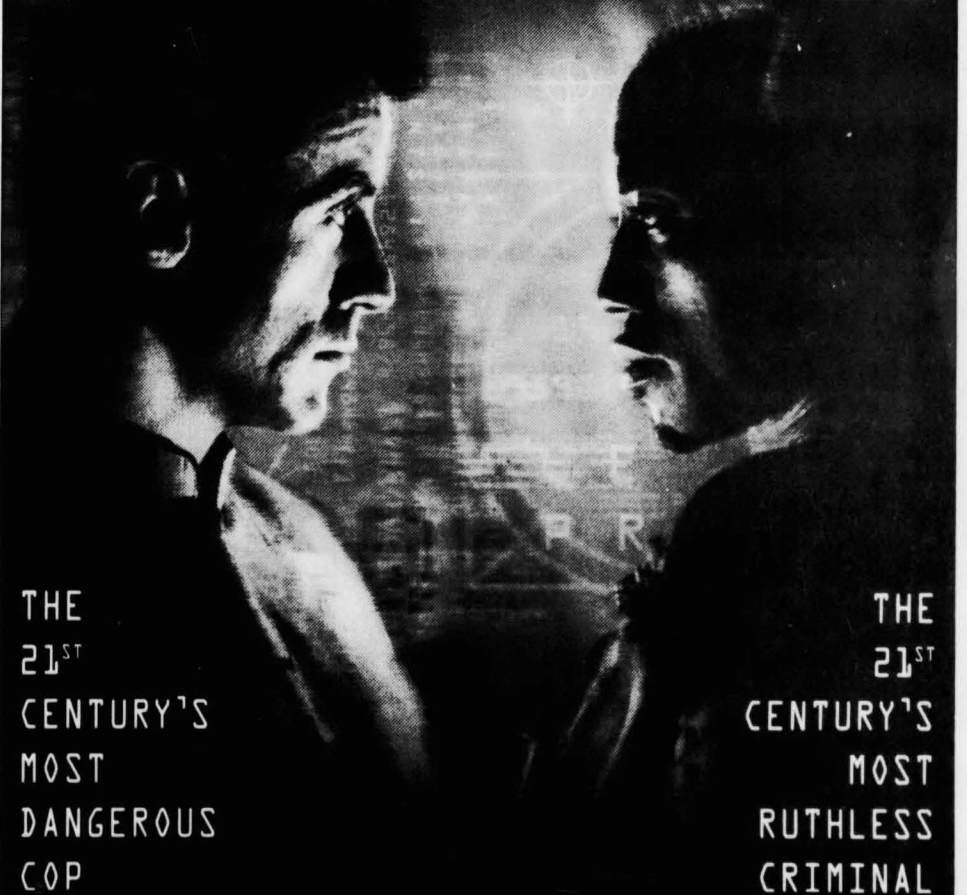
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'Conductors get to lead long lives.'



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Barbara Day Turner, left, conductor of San Jose State Symphony, answers a question from Sara Gonzales. The symphony rehearses on

Mondays and Thursdays for two-and-a-half hours. Turner is also the resident conductor for Opera San Jose.

More work than you can wave a wand at

By Carolina Moroder
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Barbara Day Turner doesn't even blink when she mentions that her week consists of 80 hours of work.

Her time is divided into four major jobs. Among them, she lectures at the SJSU music department and is conductor and music director for the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

But the job with the Opera San Jose is the closest one to full time. She is the resident conductor and artistic administrator for the two productions the opera performs every year.

In addition, Turner is also the conductor and music director for the San Jose Chamber Orchestra.

When she was 12, she told her parents that she wanted to take piano lessons. Nobody took her seriously then, not even herself.

Turner went to college as a pre-med and music major. Once she realized she had to choose between these two demanding careers, she vowed that if more than 90 days passed without her finding a job in music, she would go back to medicine.

"The longest I was without a job was 89 days," she said. That was 21 years ago.

She then came to SJSU to get her master's degree in music with an emphasis in harpsichord performance.

Turner started playing piano at 16 and conducted musicals at 20. At 26 she was already conducting opera.

The opera has been "a tremendous place for me to work in my skills as a conductor," she said.

Turner says that one problem with conducting is that the only real way to learn to do it, is doing it.

With her sharp sense of humor she adds: "There's a lot of preparation you can do, but the actual conducting is not something you can practice because you can't take a whole orchestra home with you every night."

Turner explains to her conducting class that conducting is like having a 64-track tape recorder in your mind.

"You have to be aware of what everybody is supposed to play," she said. At the same time, "be aware of what everybody is playing, and in an opera, what the singers are doing and what the stage movements are."

This is something that concert master (first violin) Angela Schillace knows first hand.

"With Barbara I learned to play in an orchestra, to blend with a group, to know how your part fits in," she said.

Schillace, who plays with the San Jose State Symphony and San Jose Chamber Orchestra, comments on Turner's conducting.

"She is very clear and expressive. I like her way of conducting," she said.

In their four years working together, Schillace says her teacher has encouraged her and given her good suggestions for her personal growth as a musician.

Turner's latest accomplishment was the assembly of 14 string players to create the San Jose Chamber Orchestra, which she founded two years ago.

The orchestra will start its season Jan. 9

with guest conductor H. Teri Murai, who teaches conducting at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

Besides bringing a guest conductor every year, the orchestra tries to include 33 percent of 20th century and non-mainstream composers in its repertoire.

Elisa Goti, one of the board members, explains that for this reason, they have a fund-raising each year to cover the costs of copyrighting and performances. This year, their fund-raising will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday at Yanks restaurant.

"One of the purposes of the San Jose Chamber Orchestra is to promote contemporary musicians," Goti said. "We also commission original compositions for the orchestra."

Being so close to the 21st century, Turner said it is frightening that people still want to hear classical music.

"For some reason when we talk about classical music we're bound by this museum mentality," she said. "If you go to the



Turner conducts the San Jose State Symphony in the concert hall of the music building on Monday night.

symphony, you want to hear Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert, over and over again."

According to Turner, people

don't understand that many of the same composers they revere so much today, were rejected in their own time.

"They broke the rules, they were different," she said.

The main difference is that they had a chance to play in public.

This is not happening to contemporary composers. For this reason, the San Jose Chamber Orchestra is trying to give them a chance.

The orchestra performs at Le Petit Trianon Hall which they

usually sell out fast.

"Our audience in San Jose has been excellent," said Turner. Age ranges from college age

(students frequently) to about 90 years old.

With these physically intense jobs, it is incredible to see Turner so full of energy.

"You learn to become more efficient," she said.

"Conductors get to lead long

lives." In addition, Turner said she has a high tolerance for stress, but most of all, she greatly enjoys what she's doing.

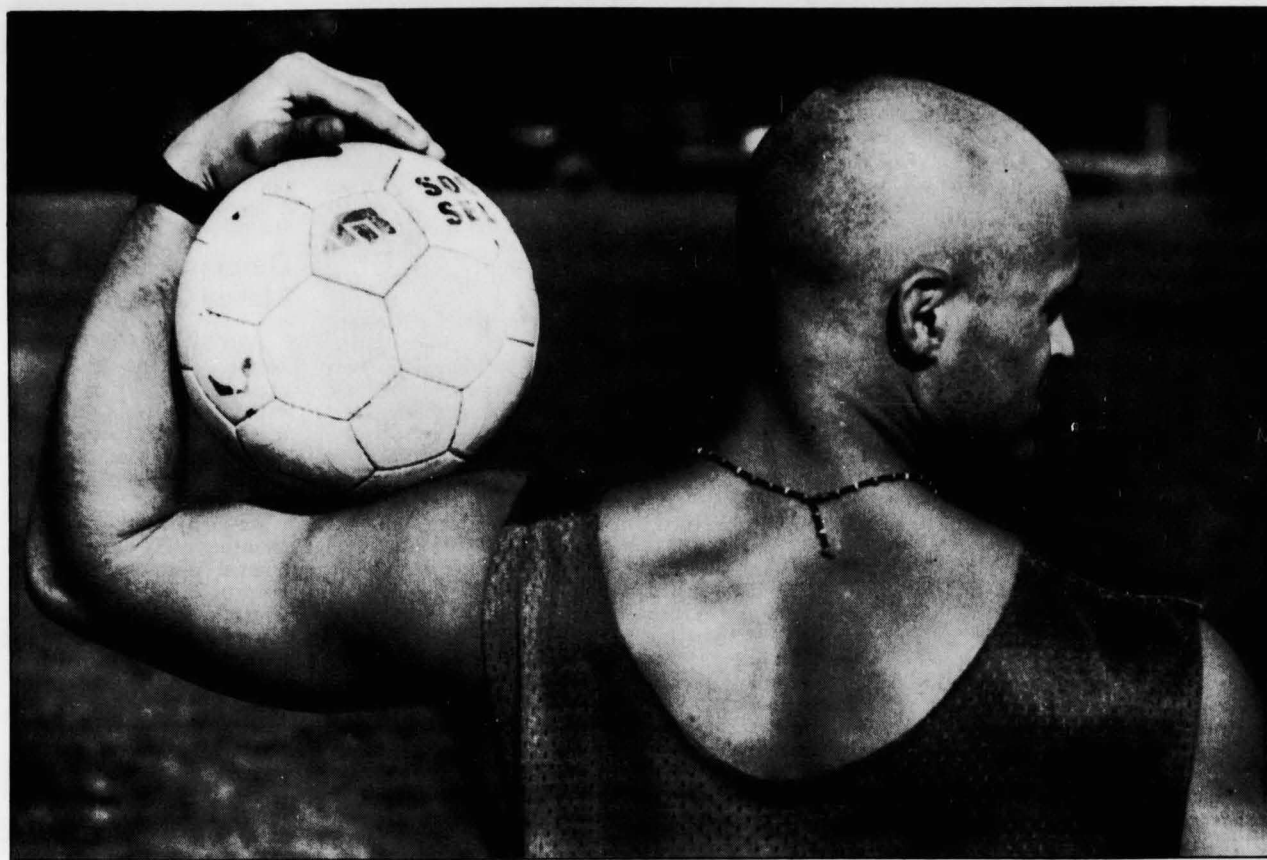
"Yes, it's hard work," she said. "But when you're doing something you enjoy, you don't feel sorry for yourself."

'With Barbara I learned to play in an orchestra, to blend with a group, to know how your part fits in.'

Angela Schillace
SJSU music student

'Challenge is what makes soccer fun'

—Spencer Belideau



MONIQUE SCHOENFELD—SPARTAN DAILY

Spencer shine

By Clara S. Chien
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Spencer Belideau's cool and sharp-edged performance on the field gives the SJSU soccer team a warranty for wrecking oppositions. But off the field, he's also got it in gear.

Step for step, he's the all-American boy next door who wants people to know how he's in the college spotlight more for the ride than the long haul.

Belideau, 20, was born in Encino, Calif. and grew up in Simi Valley. He started playing soccer when he was 5 years old "simply because it was fun."

Belideau's soccer position at SJSU is midfielder. His modesty draws off answering questions regarding Most Valuable Player status. And when talking to him, you gather the impression he doesn't have a clue about himself being part of the hammering force behind the SJSU soccer team.

"It's important to have fun when playing these soccer games," Belideau says, "but at the same time, the challenge of these games is also important. Challenge is what makes soccer fun."

"I think intimidation is also part of the game. A big part of all sports is confidence. If you don't have confidence you're not going to succeed. And intimidation could be anything from

spoken words to looking good, like a team that's in line with their sweet looking uniforms — if they appear to be a good team, that's intimidating."

Belideau has five points for the team this season. In soccer, a player receives two points for each goal they score and one point for an assist. He has two goals and one assist.

Belideau won Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 6 after helping the Spartans finish third at the University of Las Vegas at Nevada Tournament. He scored two goals in SJSU's 4-3 win against UNLV in that tournament.

He is presently content with playing soccer, but does not predict himself committed to professional sports.

"I'll play soccer recreationally after college, but starting a business is what I really want to do. I want to open my own gym."

Belideau also sees SJSU soccer continuing to improve in the future.

"Our coach, Gary St. Clair, when he took over in 1990, had very little to work with," he says. "This year we've made substantial improvements, and it'll only get better. I mean, next year we'll only lose about three or four players, and we'll have players coming out of high school who'll see our records and how

well we've been developing. Our coach has a direction of where he wants us to go, as long as he's here I know he'll take us there."

"I get along great with all the players. It's like our own soccer fraternity out there. But sometimes it's a little tough with the coaches because of all the disagreements, and that's to be expected on the field. Off the field we're pals."

St. Clair, SJSU's head soccer coach, admires Belideau as both pupil and friend.

"Spencer has been a very big part of our success this year," he says. "He's made quite a big contribution to us. Off the field, he's a very intelligent person. He's the type to succeed in whatever he does after graduation. He's got a good future regardless of continuing soccer or not."

Growing up and playing sports, Belideau's own adolescent aspirations rested almost completely on Santa Clara University's soccer team. Its school's soccer seasons were something Belideau and other childhood friends regarded as legendary and followed closely while attending high school in Simi Valley. SCU soccer team's record since the mid '80s is 102-40.

"But this year," Belideau says, "we have a really good chance to beat them. And that's really exciting for me."

"A game has to be pretty close

in scores for me to keep my adrenaline up, for me to want to actually be out there playing. If we're killing a team, I'll just sit on the bench and watch everyone else play. For me, the challenge aspect has to meet my motivation."

Starting every soccer game for SJSU doesn't put a loaded pressure on Belideau.

"I'm a relaxed guy. I just want to have a good time. I'm not into statistics, nothing at all like that."

And with that statement, he leans back to his chair, satisfied of having been clearly understood.

"Spencer's a good guy," says Brian Weaver, Belideau's teammate, roommate and good friend.

"We've been friends for about seven years now. We went to high school together down in Simi Valley. He's always been there for you, listens to what you have to say and never turns away. You can't ask for anything more."

Off the soccer field and onto the subject of any young man's list of priorities, Belideau reveals some insights that are sure to guarantee longevity for himself as a good person.

"I owe a lot to my parents," he says, "a lot of what I am today. They gave me a good Christian upbringing and molded me into

the right direction."

Belideau, a junior business major, enjoys listening to reggae music and has a passion for working out. Incidentally, his favorite movie is "Pumping Iron," which stars his idol, Arnold Schwarzenegger. And favorite book?

"There's a book out called 'Arnold Schwarzenegger: A Portrait.' That's an excellent book,"

he says with a laugh.

Just when you think Spencer Belideau can't get any more honest, he surprises you by confessing to having worked as a delivery man for a florist just this summer.

"I want to get out of school as soon as possible," he says in amusement. "I want to get into the real world, get on with my life and into the future."

Football team recovers with weekend off



Whew, it's over! After five weeks, four top-20 teams and five tough losses the SJSU football team finally has a week off.

This week, known as bye week, could not have come at a better time. After five physically and mentally draining games, the Spartans have a free week to allow bruises to fade, bumps to go down, egos to rebound and sprains to strengthen.

Now with the weekend on them, the Spartans find themselves in an unusual position — no game.

No Saturday night clash with

300-pound linemen who have eaten way too much red meat. No long bus or plane ride to a foreign stadium with thousands of fans screaming for the head of Jeff Garcia.

This weekend gives the players a chance to be something they haven't been in awhile, college students. They get a chance to catch up — either on homework, sleep or with family and friends.

Freshman cornerback R.B. Bonner is using this weekend to see family and friends in his hometown of Compton, Ca. Bonner is flying down on Friday with plans of watching his old high school football team. Bonner was the quarterback for Washington High School in Los Angeles last season.

Another Spartan who is going home this weekend is junior Chris Kirtley. A Mendocino

Junior College walk-on, Kirtley will be going up to Ukiah to visit family.

Some Spartans are going to use this weekend to prepare mentally for next week's game against New Mexico State.

"I'm going to focus on my positive imagery and preparation for the real season," kicker Joe Nedney said.

Freshman offensive guard Phil Chou was more blunt on his preparation for NMSU.

"I'm going to work my ass off to get ready for New Mexico," Chou said.

There are also a lot of players who can not get enough of football. These gluttons are either going to watch it on television or drive up to Berkeley to watch the Cal-Washington game.

One part of the team that does not get the weekend off is the coaching staff.

Spartan Head Coach John Ralston will be in Las Cruces, New Mexico scouting the Aggies of New Mexico State.

The other coaches will be watching high school football hoping to find some standouts that could be wearing the Blue and Yellow of SJSU next year.

Whether they are watching college or high school football, visiting family and friends or just sitting around and relaxing this weekend, the Spartans will be back on the gridiron next Saturday with their first league game.

Ed Stacy is a Daily staff writer.

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