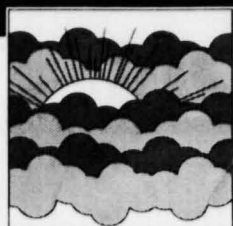




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Adulterers get
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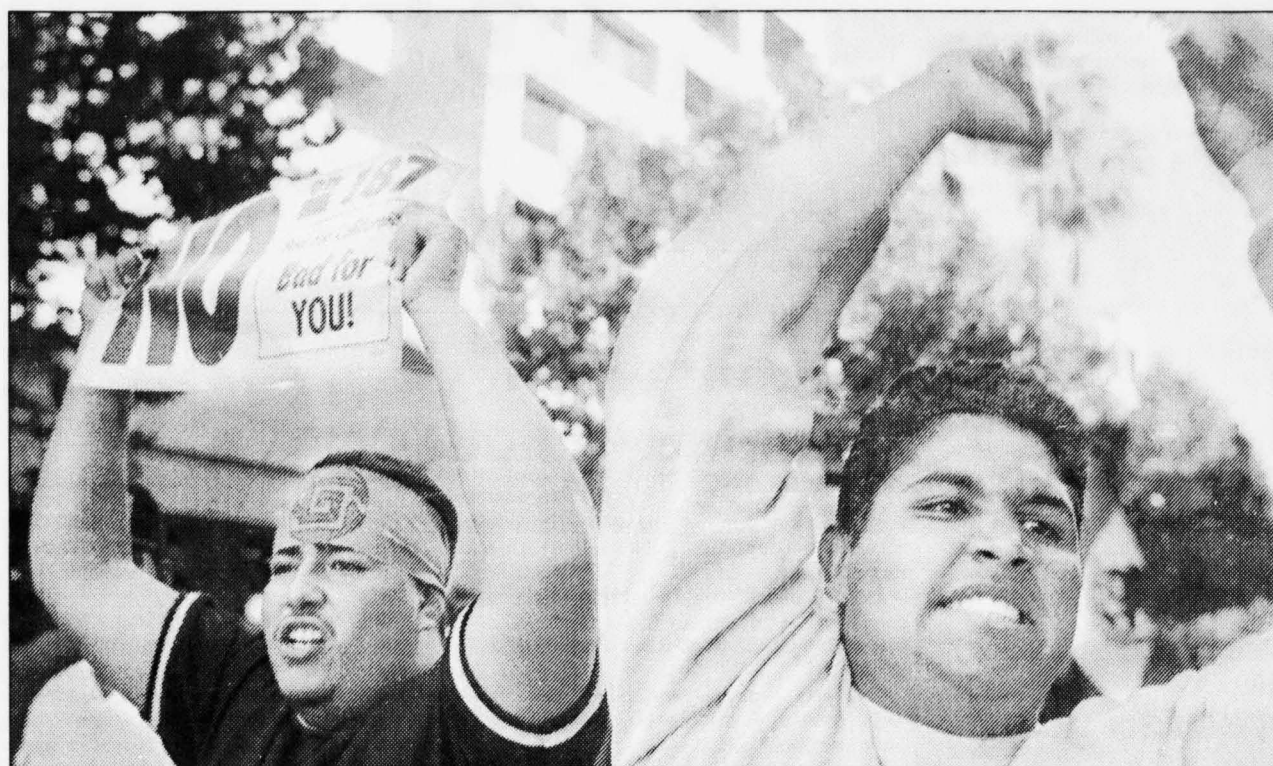


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A pair of protestors joined more than 200 people opposing Propositions 184 and 187, the anti-crime and "Save-our-State" initiatives.

Thursday afternoon. The group began their march at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez and ended in front of the Federal Building downtown.

Students lead 187 protest

Crowd marches through SJSU

By Andy Barron
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

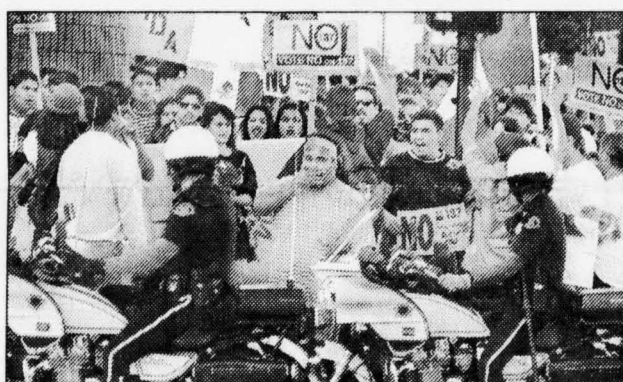
A crowd of more than 200 high school, community college and university students marched onto San Jose State University Thursday protesting Propositions 184 and 187.

The protest started at Plaza de Cesar Chavez and was organized by Conscious Youths in Action, which is a network of

Santa Clara Students. The group addresses different issues of concern to the campus.

SJSU student Alberto Verduzco, one of several student speakers, quickly motivated the already chanting crowd.

"We are the original people of the Americas," Verduzco said. "Democrats and Republicans are playing a political football game with our people."



Protesters stand at the corner of Fourth and San Fernando streets, on their way onto the SJSU campus.

After the speakers were finished, the crowd marched up Market Street then east onto Santa Clara Street.

As the crowd chanted "Down with the border!" "No on 187" and "sacaremos ese wey de

Sacramento" (we'll get that ass out of Sacramento), music from the Korean American Cultural Troupe "Sae Nu Ri" accompanied the protesters as they

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Councilman, SJSU at odds

University may not have say in San Carlos Street bike ban

By Makonnen Gebrehiwot
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The right to impose bicycle restrictions on San Carlos Street depends on whom you talk to.

San Jose City Councilman David Pandori said the decision should rest in the hands of the city, which holds easement rights, such as prohibiting building construction and allowing light rail to pass through the street.

But Alan Freeman, SJSU director of space management and facilities planning,

said the university took control of the street through a lease agreement with the city.

According to Freeman, the university has the final say on restriction measures that affect the campus.

The restriction of bicycle use on campus between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. has been in effect since 1990, but in April it was modified to include San Carlos Street.

Pandori said he is ready to meet and discuss the issue

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Crime spree hits parking garages

Car stereos main target in 30 thefts

By Stacey Hewitt
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Halloween is only three days away, but some students have already been spooked by thieves in the university's parking garages.

There have been 30 car burglaries and stereo thefts on San Jose State University's campus since Oct. 1, said Lt. Bruce Lowe of the University Police Department.

This brings the total number of burglaries on SJSU's campus to 85 for 1994.

The majority of burglaries were in the parking garages on campus. Fourteen have taken place in the 10th Street garage, eight in the Fourth Street garage and four in the Seventh Street garage. The remaining burglaries took place in parking lots and other areas of the campus.

The thieves have been targeting car stereos, but are also taking other valuable items they find in the vehicles, Lowe said.

Lowe said UPD has been doing some underground surveillance of the garages, but

have not apprehended any suspects.

"It appears that they're still out there, and so are we," Lowe said.

Lowe determines when officers are sent to monitor the garages by tracking the time of day that most crimes take place.

"We don't have resources to put unlimited numbers of people for an unlimited amount of time," he said.

Burglaries sometimes occur in waves, with periods of high-theft rates alternating with low ones, Lowe said.

"From time to time people target different items on campus," Lowe said. "There have been bikes targeted and vehicles for stereo theft."

Lowe said in the past, car stereo thieves have ranged from individuals to teams of two to entire gangs.

"We've found people living from one block away to some that came from San Francisco," he said.

Lowe said the thieves sometimes look for particular

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Used bookstore to increase library funds

By Matthew Tom
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Clark Library is opening a used bookstore on campus to help offset budget cuts and generate funds to purchase more books for the library.

"We're buying approximately 50 percent of the books we were buying three years ago,"

University Librarian James Schmidt said.

The library received \$5.2 million from the state in 1994, down from \$6.2 million in 1990, Schmidt said.

The library spent \$500,000 to acquire new books in 1994, down from \$725,000 in 1990 said Barbara Leonard, head of

collections and fiscal planning for Clark.

"The problem is that the inflation on the purchase of new books is higher than normal," Leonard said.

The inflation on the price of new books is 10 percent a year. The inflation on the price of periodicals ranges from 10 percent to

100 percent a year, depending on the publication, Leonard said.

The used bookstore is similar to the Friends of the Library program implemented at other California State University campuses to help offset budget cuts.

The Friends of the Library's

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Candidate speaks on civil rights

La Riva discusses Mexican revolutionaries, governor's race

By Matthew Tom
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

There is a California gubernatorial candidate who promises to rollback state college tuition to the level it was in 1989, double the minimum wage and appropriate \$8,500 per student in California's public school system.

No, it is not Democratic-challenger Kathleen Brown and it's not Gov. Pete Wilson. She is not on television or the radio, but she came to San Jose State University on Thursday morning as a guest lecturer.

Gloria La Riva, who is a candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, spoke to

Professor Maria Ortiz's Mexican-American studies class, and told students of her experiences with revolutionaries in the jungles of Mexico.

She did not come to campaign. She came to SJSU to teach and inform students about the fight for civil and social rights in Mexico.

Junior engineering major Marco Antonio Torres said it was good that she came to speak of her experiences in Mexico.

"Most people aren't aware of the problems in Mexico," said Torres, who is a legal resident of the United States and a Mexican citizen. "People should be informed, because it ties in to what is going on here."

Talking about the oppressed working class in Mexico and their fight for their land, La Riva spoke of American industry's hand in the plight of the Mexican working class.

"The largest mine in Latin America was sold to American Express," La Riva said. "Foreign corporations want to buy and monopolize the land."

La Riva said the monopolization of land and industry in Mexico is modeled after America, telling students American industries are to blame for Mexico's economic and social problems.

In an after-class interview, La Riva spoke of her political agenda if elected governor.

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Gubernatorial candidate Gloria La Riva, a member of the Peace and Freedom Party, spoke to a Mexican-American Studies class Thursday afternoon.

La Riva spoke about her recent visit to Chiapas, Mexico, where she visited with the Zapatista revolutionary group.

—Writer's Forum—

Shot heard 'round
the adulterous worldStacey Hewitt
staff reporter

Our legal system is starting to scare me.

Especially in Maryland, where a judge sentenced a man to only 18 months in prison with a possible work release after he shot his wife for committing adultery.

Even scarier was the prosecutor's reasoning: "He only used one shot."

Then there were further words of wisdom from the judge.

"I seriously wonder how many married men, married five, four years, would have the strength to walk away without inflicting some corporal punishment," Judge Cahill said.

What kind of punishment are we talking here, judge? I thought the punishment was called divorce, not murder.

I didn't think we were living in a world where murdering for adultery was treated with a slap on the wrist. I guess I always thought murder was murder.

Then I found out the man had been drinking for several hours before he grabbed his shotgun and blew a hole through his wife's head.

If this ruling sets a precedent, there will be many adulterers out there a bit worried, to say the least.

According to the results of a recently published survey, Sex in America: A Definitive Survey, 25 percent of men and 15 percent of women have cheated on their spouse.

Unfortunately, adultery seems to be a part of society. Most of us know at least one, if not

many, people who have cheated on their spouse. Heck, even Princess Di did it.

But does she deserve to be shot?

And with another survey published in Time, which indicated infidelity may be in our genes, I guess judges like Cahill will be in for a lot of cases.

Of course rulings like these always benefit someone. There will be the millionaire whose wife decides to divorce him for someone else. Instead of awarding her half his income, why not shoot her?

After all, 18 months in prison isn't that long, and he could invest his money in a good trial lawyer and maybe get off more quickly. Maybe if he planned it just right, he could get O.J.'s lawyer and be tried by Judge Cahill.

Maybe we should turn to the fictional world of "The Scarlet Letter" and brand all adulterers with a big "A." Then we could banish them from society.

I think I would prefer that to being murdered.

It would be wonderful if marriage was treated sacredly and spouses were always content with each other. But the divorce rates have proven this an idealistic fantasy for many.

There have been thousands of books on how to keep marriages together by people who consider themselves experts in the field.

But Judge Cahill, I don't think murder is the answer.



—Writer's Forum—

Look UP when
speaking to nudesJim Seimas
staff reporter

After a bit of arm twisting by my Etc. editor, I accepted the opportunity of a lifetime to do a feature on nudist colonies.

After all, people would want to read about why naked people pay money to get tan together for the same reasons people buy Playboy and The Enquirer.

This was a clear investigative piece, and I would have to go undercover (literally) and find out more about this.

After conducting a phone interview with the owner of the Lupin Naturist Club in Los Gatos, I decided to drive down on a Wednesday afternoon. The owner clearly indicated to me that this was not a bar or a pick-up scene, and all people were screened before becoming a member.

There were about five guys lying out on lounge chairs. I think three of their names were Tyrannosaurus, Diplodocus and Brontosaurus, or something like that.

The readers of my article, I felt, deserved a wider variety of sources besides wrinkled old men, so I returned on a Sunday, figuring there would be more people to choose from for interviewing.

I found several members swimming, playing tennis and volleyball, socializing, reading and tanning. I was incognito. English definition: I was clothed.

While waiting for a tennis court to open (I was invited to play), I interviewed my young tennis partner and her husband. Eye contact, the foundation of successful speech communication, is truly tested when listening to a naked person.

The simple fact is human attraction is inevitable, and when I look at a woman's beauty, I don't stop at the face.

Such was the case in my next interview. She was a young, voluptuous 22-year-old who was rather top-heavy. Eye contact couldn't have been more direct. But what can I say, I've got great peripheral vision.

Her bulging mammaries were not her fault, and I had to pretend I wasn't distracted. The battle to keep my eyes from roaming was not a winning one.

After she would say anything, I would sheepishly giggle and jump straight to my notepad. Her eyes to my notebook, eyes to notebook. Just bang that into my dazed brain and all would be swell.

A good rule of thumb in journalism is to tell the story as it is, and the truth was, I was kinda attracted to her.

"This is not a pick-up scene," I remembered the owner of the club informing me. Eyes to notebook, as I wrote down her poetic statements. Eyes to notebook, eyes to notebook...

My interview with the goddess was rudely interrupted when my tennis opponents beckoned me to the court: a racket, balls, shoes, socks and no clothes. I cheated and wore shorts.

During warm-ups, I was continually afraid to hit the ball right at them, so I lobbed the ball over their heads. Seeing a naked person jumping, outstretched to return a ball wasn't a good solution.

As the ball, untouched, hit the fence, my opponent turned around to go get it.

"I have one," I said as I hit a ball directly to her.

I looked up and she was still turned around walking to the first ball. This one, however, was heading right for the middle of her buttocks.

"Hey," I screamed.

Although we only played one set, my young partner and I went on to lose six to one. I played varsity tennis for three years, yet I lost to two elders who could give a detailed firsthand account of the Great Depression.

Depressed, I walked back to my car and returned to the Spartan Daily newsroom to begin my article. I was elated to overcome my skepticism and the true test of journalism.

But remember, I did it for my profession and for you.

—Letters to the Editor—

Bike 'sacrifice' for the greater good

Dear Editor:

I believe I should have the right to drive my car anywhere on campus at anytime and as fast as I want to. If I run over somebody, oh well, people get run over all the time.

If I crash into another car, both of us driving at 90 mph on the grass in front of Tower Hall, both of us exercising our rights, what's the big deal? Even walking people bump into each other from time to time.

To me, this argument makes as much sense as saying people have a right to ride their bikes on campus and that they do not pose a threat to pedestrians.

What makes bikers so special? Is it that when they run into people they will maybe hurt them instead of kill them? It is not like the university is saying you cannot ride to campus.

This is not a "no bikes on campus" rule, it is a no bike "riding" rule. Just as I cannot drive on campus, they can't ride on campus. This is the way it should be.

I have been at San Jose State since 1979, first as a student, now as an employee. I commuted on bike to SJSU for five years. Several times I have almost been hit by bikes, and I have seen others hit by bikes being ridden carelessly on campus.

Not only is it dangerous, it is unnecessary.

A bike being ridden sanely on campus is not that much faster than a bike being walked. The problem for UPD is that it is hard for them to define what exactly "riding in an unsafe manner" means.

If you agree that riding a bike insanely is a hazard, then how are you going to give the police an enforceable law? It is viable

for them to cite a rider if riding is prohibited, but it is not so easy for them to prosecute and prove what is unsafe.

Sometimes a portion of the public is inconvenienced for the health and safety of the public as a whole. That's the way it is here.

Just as smokers are inconvenienced by not being allowed to smoke in class, so too are bikers inconvenienced by not being allowed to bike on campus.

Reasonable people should not be so thin-skinned when they are asked to make reasonable sacrifices for the greater good. The 'no bike-riding on campus' rule is a good rule.

Steve Sloan
Staff
Journalism & Mass
Communications

Look to School of Music for gender bias

Dear Editor:

I found your report on Professor Jane Boyd's evaluation of gender bias at San Jose State most interesting. I assure you that gender bias is alive and well in the School of Music.

During my two years studying music theory, we did not study one woman composer.

When I mentioned to my professor that I was tired of studying music "written by dead white men" he first told me there weren't any women composers.

In a state of shock, I said that I was aware there were some but couldn't list any. He con-

ceded that he knew some "but who should I take out of the current curriculum so we have time to add women into it?"

In all fairness to this professor, I must state that it seems to me the same curriculum has been taught for the last 15 years. I would assume when he began teaching this class he was handed the curriculum and, not being the lead teacher, did not have the power to change it.

Also, the School of Music has created the Vision 2000 Committee to review, update and improve the curriculum. I can only hope they are actually planning to implement drasti-

cally needed changes and this is not just lip service.

Look around the School of Music for other signs of gender bias. One will find few women in full-time positions in comparison to the number of men.

My guess is women are more likely to go into "nice, safe positions like teaching" and that few pursue composing or conducting.

I would love to read some research on these and other aspects of our school. How about it, Professor Boyd?

Vivian A. Euzent
Credential Candidate
School of Music

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SJSU'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

today

Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday 12x12 Study Meeting,
Noon, ADM 269. Call Marlene,
(415) 961-7380.

Action for a Real Democracy in Mexico
Meeting, 7 p.m., San Jose Peace Center (7th St.). Call Alberto, 287-3347.

Animaniacs
"Ah! My Goddess 4, Patlabor 32-35, Tenchi Muyo 4.5," 2 p.m., ENG 189. Call Ronnie, 259-9134.

A.S. Campus Recreation
Indoor Soccer and Badminton Sign-Ups end. Call Mike Euglow, 924-5950.

Chinese Campus Fellowship
Drama Day, 2:30-5 p.m., SU Guadalupe Room. Call Joe, 286-9529.

Golden Key National Honor Society
Information Tables, Noon-2 p.m., front of SU. Call 924-3508.

GALFSA
Meeting, Noon-1:30 p.m., Markham Room of University Club. Call Mary Ann, 924-3116.

India Students Association
Meeting, 1 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers. Call 271-6934.

LDSSA
Friday Forum, Spaghetti Lunch & Guest Speaker, 12:30 p.m., LDS Institute Building.

Mountaineers of SJSU
Backpacking on Carson Pass in the Sierras (weekend trip). Call John, 275-0881.

Muslim Students Association
Juma-Prayer, 1:13-3 p.m., SU Costanoan Room. Call Nadeem, 985-7715.

SJSU Fencing Club
Meeting & Practice, 5:30-7 p.m., SPX 089. Call John, 280-6019.

San Jose State Folk Dance Club

International Folkdance Class (Beginners welcome, no partner needed), 8-10:30 p.m., SPX 089. Call Mildred, 293-1302 or Ed, 287-6369.

San Jose State Ice Hockey Team

SJSU vs. Cal State Long Beach, 8 p.m., Ice Centre of San Jose. Call Brent, 924-8928.

School of Art & Design

"Suit Yourself: A gallery show featuring a deck of cards by 54 artists," 6-8 p.m., Gallery 3, ART Building. Call Lisa, 279-5051.

Sikh Student Association

Meeting, 12:30-1:30 p.m., SU Pacheco Room. Call Parvinder, 924-8736.

saturday

Department of Music
World Music Program: Gordon Lee's Music Program, 8 p.m., MB Music Hall. Call 266-9375.

sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry
Sunday Mass, 6 p.m., Campus Interfaith Center and 8 p.m., St. Joseph's Cathedral. Call Fr. Mark, 298-0204.

Chi Omega
Fall Presents & Open House, 1-3 p.m., 435 S. 6th St. Call Julie, 279-9680.

Mountaineers of SJSU
Mountain Biking, 8 a.m., Los Gatos Creek Trail at S. Main St. in Los Gatos. Call John, 292-3478.

Tau Delta Phi
Clean-up around the perimeter of campus, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

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Books: Library sells books to increase revenue

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used book sales generate \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year said David Walch, Dean of Library Services at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"It's not a lot of money, but it's better than throwing out the books," Walch said. "We put the money to good use and the books will be in the hands of individuals who will put the books to good use."

The funds generated by the used bookstore will go toward purchasing new books for the

library's general collection.

The grand opening of the bookstore is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bookstore will be located in Wahlquist Library North room 408 and will be open every Wednesday. The regular hours for the bookstore are between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The 2,000 books, which include fiction, history, biographies and juvenile titles, have been donated primarily by fac-

ulty members and alumni, said Lucy Yonemura, associate librarian for acquisitions.

Some of the used books will consist of books in SJSU's current library system that are either outdated or "not appropriate to include into the library's general collection."

Books deemed inappropriate for the general collection include books covering a subject not taught at SJSU and popular fiction books, said Schmidt.

"We're hoping to attract

book dealers to buy the books," Yonemura said. "We also hope to attract students who will buy and donate books."

Theft

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circumstances before they strike.

"The thieves are looking for the easiest target," Lowe said. "They look for valuables that are in plain view. They look for stereos that can be easily pulled out."

SJSU student Dan Fernandez has been affected by car theft.

"My car was broken into two years ago, which prompted me to get an alarm. I always roll up my windows and check the

locks twice. I put valuables in my trunk," he said.

Fernandez said he felt parking his car in the garages was safer than parking on the street, where his vehicle was burglarized.

Lowe encourages students to help UPD prevent burglaries.

"If you see anyone suspicious, take the time to call in and report it. You might be able to prevent your own vehicle from being burglarized," he said.

Abortions may raise risk of breast cancer

Some experts consider study premature

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study concluding abortions may increase the risk of breast cancer is only preliminary and should not be a factor in any abortion decisions women make now, a co-author of the study says.

Dr. Noel S. Weiss, part of a team at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle that conducted the research, said Wednesday it would be "premature" for women to make any abortion decisions based on the belief that their risk of cancer would be increased.

A study by Weiss and his Hutchinson Center colleagues found that women who had induced abortions had at least a 50 percent increased risk of breast cancer. The study will be published next week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"They (women) should not give this study any weight in a making a decision now," said Weiss. "But the findings are provocative. If they are replicated (by other researchers), then the conclusions should

be considered by women."

The study is based on an analysis of interviews with 845 breast cancer patients and 961 healthy women of the same age group.

After comparing answers to questions about the women's reproductive histories, the researchers concluded that there was a statistical suggestion that those who had induced abortions were more likely to have breast cancer. "Highest risks were observed when the abortion was done at ages younger than 18 years — particularly if it took place after eight weeks gestation — or at 30 years of age or older," the study said.

Lynn Rosenberg, of the Boston University School of Medicine, said the results are "very preliminary and have not been confirmed." Also, the added risk would still be very small, she said.

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HOOP DREAMS

La Riva

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"We need to tax big business," La Riva said. "Banks, insurance companies, railroads and utilities are all exempt from paying local taxes. As governor, I would make them pay their share."

The revenue generated from the "exposure of corporations" would pay for La Riva's vision for the restructuring of California, calling for a "turnaround in the anti-worker environment."

As the only Socialist Party on the ballot, the Peace and Freedom Party, as outlined in their party platform, represents the working class: the employed and unemployed, the documented and undocumented.

"I would declare a state of emergency for health care and housing," La Riva said. "There is no reason housing and medical treatment shouldn't be avail-

able for everyone, documented or not."

Opposed to Proposition 187, the "Save Our State" initiative, La Riva called it a scapegoat for Gov. Wilson, and called for Wilson's resignation in a statement issued Wednesday and in a television appearance Thursday.

La Riva called Wilson's requirement for all Californians to carry a citizenship card an "apartheid measure."

"It's racial," junior nursing major Rosemarie Alvarez said. "Immigrants are not the problem. As a nurse, it goes against my oath to patrol the hospital looking for illegal immigrants."

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Going batty over bats

By Joanne Griffith Domingue
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Batman and Robin would be disappointed. There are no bats in the belfry at San Jose State University.

"They're lots of black widows, though," said Dan Buerger, executive assistant to the president at SJSU. Buerger led a recent search party up the narrow, winding stairs, through clusters of cobwebs, to the top of Tower Hall.

Since the entrance is through the president's office, tower treks must be organized by Buerger and not by buildings and grounds personnel.

Tendrils of ivy grow through spaces around the windows and trail inward upon the warped hardwood floor. Three state-of-the-art satellite dishes aim out the windows. Banks of electronic equipment hum and rattle.

The noise would probably drive bats, well, batty, if there were any there.

Those on the bat hunt poked gingerly behind boards that leaned against the walls. The only creature spotted was the stuffed, stretched, alley cat, tacked to a board, that belongs to Tau Delta Phi. No bats.

"I haven't actually seen any (bats) on campus," said Dennis Suit, grounds manager. "But I'm sure there are some."

Howard Shellhammer, professor of biology at SJSU, confirms that. "We have the proper roof

lines for bats... the bold roofs with tiles, the open ends of the tiles would allow roosting," he said.

"Bats are not my specialty. I don't know of any on-campus bat aficionados," he said. "Bat people tend to be intense about their subject."

No kidding.

"Let me tell you how wonderful bats are," gushes Heidi Hughes, a volunteer at the bat hot line in Rockville, Md. "I tell people with bats, 'You don't have a problem, you have a golden opportunity.'"

Unfortunately, SJSU seems to be missing out on golden bat opportunities because campus bats are hard to find. But Professor Shellhammer doesn't mind. Shellhammer is a specialist in rodents. He's a rat man, not a bat man.

But he still knows a lot about the brown, furry flying creatures because bats are right up there with rats. Rodents are the largest group of mammals in the world and bats are the second



Sorry, no bats in the belfry, but there's a lot of dust, spiderwebs and an occasional spot of graffiti.

Photo by Jeanette L. Hanna
Spartan Daily Staff Photographer

largest. And they probably do live in San Jose.

"There are enough older houses in downtown San Jose to support a bat population," Shellhammer said.

The campus offers a friendly bat habitat for roosting. But other factors work against bats calling SJSU home-sweet-home.

"Urbanization and pesticides caused a decline in downtown San Jose's bat population," Shellhammer said. Bats eat bugs. Pesticides kill bugs. Thus there's not enough food for the bats.

Bat fans who want to give the flying furies a boost might consider the new Night Fragrance Bat Garden seed collection from the Burpee Seed Company for only \$16.50.

If there were bats around campus, the two most likely seen would be "little brown bats" (*myotis lucifugus*) or a second kind called "pallid bats," Shellhammer said.

"The pallid bat is the Marilyn Monroe of the bat world," Hughes said, while chatting on the bat hot line.

"They're noisy, brassy, they eat lots of scorpions. They hang out and squawk and chatter at night. They let you know they're there," Hughes said.

Bats have a bad rap, Hughes suggests, because they have the misfortune of flying around at night.

Vampire bats do present a real health threat, Shellhammer said, but there are no vampire bats north of southern Texas. Vampire bats live in Mexico, Central and South America and drink blood from sleeping cattle, sheep and horses.

"Bats don't fly into your hair," Shellhammer said.

And bats don't fly like a bat out of hell. "Their flight is more like an aerial ballet," Hughes said. Their ability to navigate by sound waves is very accurate.

After an exhaustive search for bats on campus, one was finally located in a vice president's office.

"I'm a Batt," chuckles Dean Batt, vice president for student affairs at SJSU. "Halloween is the favorite holiday for my whole family. It celebrates my family heritage."

The Ghost of Halloween's past

By Nancie Gruber ♦ Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Today it's a time of witches and warlocks, pranks and pumpkins, costumes and candy.

Although Halloween has been a popular holiday in America only since the mid-1800s, its modern-day traditions were shaped by forces and events dating back more than two millennia.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, Halloween is rooted in the Celts' festival that honored Samhain, their lord of death. The Celts, who lived in what is now the United Kingdom, Ireland and Northern France, believed Samhain allowed the dead to return to their earthly haunts one night a year — on Oct. 31, the Celtic New Year's Eve.

Many myths and customs developed around the dead because of a deep belief there is something beyond life, said Richard Keady, professor of comparative religious studies. Keady teaches a course on death, dying and religions.

"People believed the spirits or forces of people in a tribe or in one's family continue after death and have some capacity to either do good or harm to those who survive," Keady said.

Festivals of the dead were also a way to celebrate the life of ancestors and the good they did, he said.

As part of the festival of Samhain, the Druids, who were the priests and teachers of the Celts, used oak branches — which they believed were sacred — to kindle a New Year's Eve bonfire. The blaze was intended to banish evil spirits and, at the same time, bring in the new year.

The Druids burned crops, live animals and some say even humans as sacrifices, according to the World Book.

The ghoulish traditions of the Celtic festival of Samhain

were merged with the rites of the Romans' early November harvest festival after the Romans conquered the Celts in the first century.

The Romans' harvest festival was devoted to Pomona, the goddess of orchards. Combining the two festivals set the stage for today's association of apples with Halloween.

During the Middle Ages, the Christian church tried to supplant the pagan customs of the festival of Samhain by establishing Nov. 1 as All Saints' Day (also called All Hallows' Day) to honor saints and martyrs who died for their faith. The evening of Oct. 31 then became All Hallows' Evening, or "All Hallow e'en," which was eventually contracted to its present-day name of Halloween.

The church's efforts to quash the paganism of the Celts' tribute to Samhain were futile, however. The Celts simply incorporated their old traditions into the Christian holy day. Throughout the British Isles, adults continued to light bonfires to ward off witches, while children toiled candlelit jack-o'-lanterns carved from turnips, potatoes and beets for protection against evil spirits.

The term "jack-o'-lantern" stems from an old Irish legend about a miserly man named Jack who was banned from heaven for his stinginess and from hell for playing a trick on Satan.

But just before the gates of hell closed behind him, Jack scooped up a live coal in a turnip half he'd been eating and created a makeshift lantern, which he uses to light his way as he roams the earth waiting for Judgment Day.

Using carved-out turnips as Halloween lanterns changed when large numbers of Irish and Scots immigrated to the United States and replaced the turnip with the bigger and rounder pumpkin. The pumpkin has become entrenched as a Halloween tradition, but trick-or-treating is the holiday's most popular activity.

Trick-or-treating may have originated with a Christian holy day

called "All Souls' Day," according to the World Book. In the 11th century, the church designated Nov. 2 as the day to say prayers for the souls of the dead. On this day, groups of children in masks and costumes went begging for money and gifts in exchange for a promise to pray for the dead.

No matter how we celebrate Halloween today, the ghost of Halloween's past remain fixed in our memories.

Christina Chaney, a senior business major at SJSU, recalls a particularly memorable Halloween when she was 9 years old. Chaney's parents took her and her 7-year-old brother trick-or-treating to the home of some friends of her grandparents. The friends had put cardboard decorations in their yard, such as tombstones and skeletons.

Chaney's brother was dressed as a clown and was wearing his father's shoes as part of the costume. As the family approached the house, a cardboard cutout from the yard popped up in front of her brother and began talking to him, Chaney said. He didn't realize the voice was coming from someone hiding behind the fence.

"He was so scared, he literally jumped out of his shoes," Chaney said.

Johnson R. Hipona Jr., who is also a senior business major at San Jose State University, remembers his first Halloween. He lived in Chicago then. Being only 5 years old at the time, Hipona did not fully understand how the holiday worked. For several days following Halloween, he waited until his parents went out, then took his bag and went trick-or-treating again.

"I guess I didn't get the concept that it was just one day," Hipona said.

Although the spirit of Halloween has been dampened in recent years by tainted candy, this tradition-packed holiday will probably be celebrated for another 2000 years.



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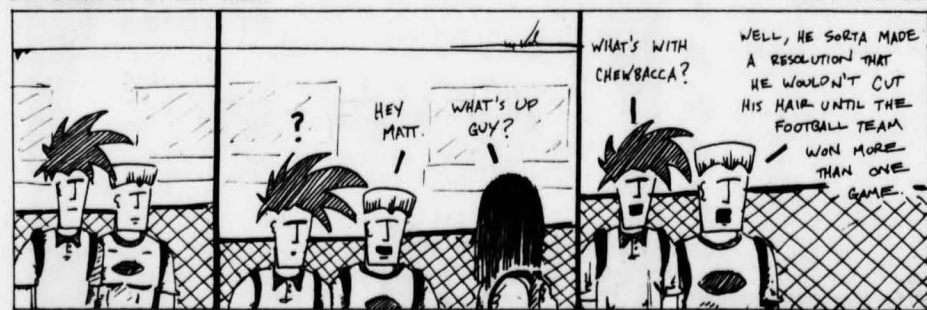
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Protest: Students march against Prop. 187

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turned south on 14th Street and entered the SJSU campus.

The San Jose Police Department escorted the crowd through the streets and made sure the protesters stayed on the sidewalks.

The protesters continued marching through the Spartan Complex, where the Mexican-American studies department offices are located, and out onto Fourth Street.

From there, they headed west on San Carlos Street toward the Federal Building. The Korean Troupe then played and danced around a large "No on 187" banner.

An SJSU student, Fernando Vargas, who identified himself as an activist, told the crowd on the lawn, "Pete Wilson, who is here to serve us, continually neglects our needs as students."

Vargas said if Proposition 187

passed, all Chicanos and Asians would be harassed in the process of enforcing the initiative.

"Prop. 187 is targeted at people of color," Vargas said.

SJSU student Roxanna Ravera, who works for Californians United Against Proposition 187, said, "This is what is going to be needed up until Election Day because we need that visual presence. A lot of people don't make their decision on how they're going to vote until the last two weeks. The more they see out there, the more strong it is."

Stanford alumna Kris Hayashi said, "What we did today is



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ABOVE: Protesters gather in front of the Federal Building at the end of the rally, which was attended by more than 200 people.

amazing. We came out and took the street. We sent a message to those in government that the youth are not going to take this.

We are not going to take racist anti-immigration propositions. As youths, we band together and we won't let them divide us."

Bikes: Most CSU schools have liberal policy

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with university officials to reach a solution that will satisfy all concerned parties.

Addressing the university's concern of liability and safety, Pandori, District 3 representative, said the potential for accidents has been significantly reduced by closing off the street to traffic.

"You restrict 20-pound bicycles but then allow a 20-ton mass transit system like light rail to go through where the potential for injuries is much greater. The decision does not make a lot of rational sense," Pandori said.

Freeman disagrees.

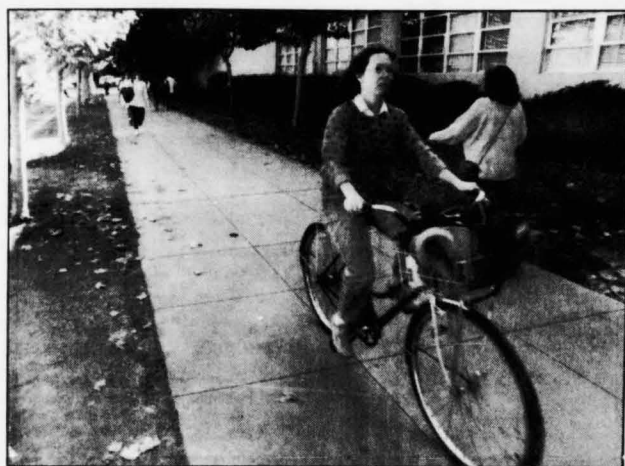
"There has been no incident of light rail hitting pedestrians on First or Second streets. We have had incidents of people being hit by bicycles," Freeman said. "I honestly think light rail will have fewer incidents than bicycles."

Lori Stahl, university public affairs spokesperson, said the agreement made between the university and the city requires the university to be responsible for the maintenance and safety aspect on the street.

"President Evans has not only the right, but the responsibility to make the right decision," Stahl said.

San Carlos Street was closed to traffic last June as part of a project to build a pedestrian mall. The project was studied and approved by a task force comprised of city and university officials, neighborhood residents and area business people.

The university had to meet certain obligations such as traffic mitigations requirements, demolition of Building A and the removal of temporary buildings on Ninth Street before the city gave its approval for the street closure. The task force has completed its job and has been dis-



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A student bikes across campus Thursday afternoon despite San Jose State University's presidential directive barring bicycle riding on campus between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

solved. Now the university is handling the landscaping work, which is being inspected by the city.

During the second phase, which is now under way, the university has leased the street from the city to implement the landscaping project. Upon completion of the project, the city will deed the land to the university, which has accepted the city's control over utilities and light rail easements.

Pandori and Freeman confirmed the bicycle restriction on San Carlos Street was never proposed during the task force meeting. Pandori reasoned that a bicycle restriction was not considered because nobody knew the intention of the university. It was also regarded at the time as a non-issue which might raise concern later on.

"If the university had proposed bicycle restriction on San Carlos, there is no doubt the neighborhood residents would obviously object to that," Pandori said. "The university never proposed that."

Freeman said all three subcommittees he served on dis-

Cal State Stanislaus, said there is no strict policy.

"We require students who use bicycles to get a license from the university for a \$3 fee and at night have a light," Esakoff said.

University of California, Davis, which has an enrollment of 22,000, is described by bicycle program coordinator David Takemoto-Weerts as a bicycle-friendly campus. Takemoto-Weerts said bicycle users outnumber pedestrians four to one.

Takemoto-Weerts said the survey conducted by the office of transportation and parking services two years ago showed 55 percent of the student body and 25 percent of the faculty and staff use a bicycle as their primary form of transportation.

Chico State University's policy is similar to SJSU's, where bicycle use on campus is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cathy Chase, a dispatcher in the campus police office, said a violation costs \$103.

Pandori said the bicycle restriction imposed by SJSU can actually be referred to as a ban.

"I don't think a lot of people would be riding bicycles before 7 a.m. or after 10 p.m.," he said.

Freeman said the university planning board is in the process of discussing the modification of the restrictive hours from 7 a.m. to possibly 3 p.m. He said the final recommendation will be submitted to SJSU President J. Handel Evans for approval.

"We had never felt we were restricting bicyclists. We have always supported bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation," Freeman said. "Once they are on campus, they should have the same duties as all those who take public transportation or drive automobiles, and that is to walk between buildings to their classrooms."

Television disqualifies jurors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prospective O.J. Simpson jurors who suffered or witnessed domestic violence or endured racial prejudice have escaped dismissal.

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