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# SPARTAN DAILY

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## SJSU community reacts to O.J. verdict

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The verdict is out — not guilty. The trial is over, but tensions are still alive and on fire as people expressed their reactions to O.J. Simpson's acquittal of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Legal analysts expected deliberation to last days or weeks, but within four hours, the 12-person jury found Simpson not guilty of first degree murder. Their acquit-

tal ended 15 months of televised exposure to the justice system, debate of racial issues, questions about the conduct of the Los Angeles Police Department, and insight into the handling of blood and hair in laboratories.

At SJSU, discussions could be heard throughout campus concerning the outcome of the trial. Reactions ranged from feelings of relief the trial is over to disappointment at the not-guilty verdict. Most people, however, were not surprised the outcome sided

with the defense.

As networks aired live coverage of the trial, students, faculty, and staff stayed glued to the televisions at The Spartan Pub.

"It (the verdict) was just," said Don Minette, undeclared. "I never felt he (Simpson) was guilty. He had so much going for him. When the facts came down, there were too many inconsistencies, too many holes in the prosecution."

Dan Clay, an accounting major agreed, "Yeah, there's a lot of

holes in the prosecution, like the time inconsistencies. Who else could do it? Who else would have the motive? I expected to come out not guilty or hung jury."

Dawn Brady, an English major, was also at the Pub. Although she said she had been watching the trial since the beginning, she never formed an opinion on Simpson's innocence or guilt. She felt the verdict could have gone either way, but was glad to see the trial come to an end.

"It kind of feels strange for it (the trial) to be over," Brady said. "It's been going on for a year. It's just been a part of life. Now that it's over it's like, 'Now what?'"

Anthony Buenaflor, undeclared, felt justice was served when the verdict was announced.

"There was reasonable doubts that the LAPD is corrupt. I'm from Southern California and I know the police are corrupt. There's a lot of Furhmans down there."

Over at the Student Union,

Macie Milehan, an athletic training major, felt the verdict was "great."

"I never thought he was guilty," Milehan said.

At the Student Union, Robert Stark, a graduate student, said he is not surprised about the verdict's decision. He felt because of Simpson's celebrity status and image, the public had a difficult time picturing Simpson a mur-

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### ANALYSIS

## Racial ties to trial

Verdict seen  
as a blow to  
race relations

By Julie A. Galvan  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The trial is over, but some people claim the verdict in the "Trial of the Century" is another blow to race relations, which may be nearing a boiling point after months of stewing in heated, politicized debates over racism in the criminal justice system.

Chris Reed, executive editor of The Daily Sundry at Cal State Northridge, said after the verdict was read Tuesday, the predominantly white patrons of the university's pub sat in silence.

While the scene in the lounge, a racially diverse hang-

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Students crowded into the bottom floor of the Student Union Tuesday to hear the verdict in the O.J. Simpson murder case, and many stayed after the verdict was read to listen to commentary and interviews with Simpson's family.

## Nighttime vigil for victims

By Sarah Harvey  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

They stood in a circle, holding candles. They were silent at first, but then one person spoke, then another, and another.

In response to Tuesday's verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial, women and men gathered last night in Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose to show their support of victims of domestic violence and share their stories of outrage at a jury that many said forgot the victims.

"The purpose of this vigil is to remember Nicole and Ron, and remember all of the people who have lost their lives due to domestic violence," said Joyce Brent, executive director of Next Door, a domestic violence agency in downtown San Jose. "The verdict doesn't change the fact that women die every day because of domestic violence homicide."

Brent helped organize the candlelight vigil with Paula Gann, executive director of Discover Alternatives, an agency that manages a shelter

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## Inaugurations of the past

SJSU presidential induction ceremonies  
have a rich and colorful history

By Leslie Farmer  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The inauguration of SJSU's first female president, in 1979, was an extravaganza with an Elizabethan flavor. Costumed instrumentalists, acrobats, magicians, and singers enlivened Gail Fullerton's inauguration.

The academic procession was preceded by colorful banners carried by students from Tau Delta Phi fraternity, the theater arts department and the English department's Vicarious Elizabethan Company.

The largest inauguration on record was that of John T. Wahlquist in 1952. Gov. Goodwin Knight and Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States attended.

"They had alumni from all different parts of the world walking in the parade and representing their particular schools," said Robert Douglas of Special

Collections.

Professor Annette McDonald, who co-teaches Symbol, Ritual and Performance with James Freeman, said, "I think a sense of ritual is very important in people's lives. The inauguration ceremony is a wonderful example of that; students don't get to see this kind of thing often. I think that — particularly in a school like San Jose, where so many students commute — we need something like this that brings us together and makes us feel like a family."

McDonald is the choreographer for the pair of flamenco dancers who will accompany the Choraliers' performance in Friday's inauguration of Robert L. Caret, 23rd president of SJSU. While the choral group sings the love song, "El Vito," the dancers will provide a visual interpretation.

"I think that some people think that ceremonies are an important part of institutions," said criminal

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## Postcards from the edge

SJSU senior Sonia Tedsen's pictures  
represent passion for communication

By Kamilah A. Boone  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

(There is only one source in this story. You should talk to friends, professors, family-mt)

More than 150 postcards cover a wall in Sonia Tedsen's on-campus room. To the casual viewer, the postcards are merely pictures of far-away places.

But after listening to Tedsen explain where each postcard is from, one realizes she has such affinity for the places these postcards represent that they are more than just pretty pictures.

When one first meets Tedsen, a

24-year-old graduating senior, one is immediately struck by her willingness to talk. Fluent in three languages: English, Spanish and Italian, communication is central to her being. In fact, it's her passion.

It all started for her in high school. Tedsen began working in a Mexican restaurant to help pay for college, and gradually began to pick up Spanish from her fellow workers.

When she heard that a few of her friends were taking a 3-month trip to Mexico, she jumped at the wanted to learn about another culture.

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PHOTO BY JOHN STUBLER  
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Sonia Tedsen is a senior Spanish major with a minor in Italian, sits amidst the many postcards that she collected on a year-long journey through Spain, Italy, and Mexico. She opted to collect postcards throughout her travels because it was a cheap memento.

# SPARTAN SPEED READ

### Civilians allowed

A peace dividend is being realized in international education as a foreign language school previously reserved for military, is open to the public.

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### CityVote primary

Organizers say a nationwide presidential preference poll for voters in about 20 cities could point the way out of America's tangle of primaries.

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### Brinks guard killed

Police were looking early Tuesday for a bank robber who fatally shot an armored car guard and disappeared with a bag of money.

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### Domestic violence

After O.J. Simpson was found not guilty, women's groups in San Jose voiced concern over the effect the trial would have on victims of domestic violence.

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## Newsroom Voices

## 'The Trial' is over — now what?

Well, it was the best of times, it was the worst of times. But, alas, now it's over. It's the end of an era. I feel, so ... empty. I mean, what am I going to talk about? What am I going to watch on TV? How am I going to function in my day-to-day life?

Now it's not as if my best friend is moving away. Then again, maybe it is. What am I going to do without Johnny, Robert, F. Lee, Barry, Alan and Marcia? What is there on TV besides them? Do you honestly think that I can go back to regular programming now?

What will it be like to once again watch a program without being suddenly interrupted by some juicy tidbit from "The Trial"? My attention span is shot. I can't go for more than 20 minutes without a trial update. Now something new is going to have to fill that gaping hole in my soul.

Now, what can stand up to the high standards of taste coverage of "The Trial" set?

I guess I can start watching Hard Copy, and if that doesn't satisfy my smut quotient of the day, there's always the Richard Bey show. But nothing will compare to "The Trial."

True, for many days now I'll see a bunch of legal analysts talk about the far-reaching implications of "The Trial" — forget about that other meaningless trial about that terrorist guy. The real news is O. J.

And after the legal analysts are through, the group of "experts" will expand to anyone (or anything) even remotely connected to "The Trial." I heard that the TV tabloid Hard Copy once had a pet psychologist interview Nicole's

dog. Maybe I'll get to see a follow-up interview on how the dog felt about the verdict.

Or maybe a plant psychologist can interview one of the trees on the Brentwood property. Or some psychics can come in and say what really happened. The possibilities are endless.

I don't know why I should feel melancholy. There are many more court drama possibilities to come.

The Goldmans and the Browns may file a civil suit. And there is always the custody battle.

So why should I care what's at the core of this case? What difference should it make that two people were brutally stabbed? Who cares that there are two children with a dead mother and a father accused of her murder?

I should care because more than thumbs should set me apart from my dog. I should care because after all the hype, after all the revenue from the "Free O. J." shirts has been counted, the lives of all those directly involved with the case have been irrevocably changed.

But the case has further implications than that.

It addressed many social issues that society likes to sweep under the rug and pretend don't happen. This case forced people to address that

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spousal abuse does happen and that police can be racist and are perfectly capable of tampering with evidence to produce the desired outcome.

Of course, the case wasn't covered like that. Who really thinks of the case in these terms?

The case was reduced to a circus to provide amusement for the bored and the idle. People became desensitized to what really happened.

So turn on the interview with Nicole's dog. Go by O. J.'s house and gape. Forget about all of the aspects of the case that might actually provoke some intelligent thought.

Everyone else has.

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## Newsroom Voices

## Nothing to be angry about in O.J. decision

Orenthal James Simpson is innocent, or at least he's not guilty, and I'm trying my best to accept it.

It isn't easy. The natural inclination is to say "Ha ... look what money can do. Look how justice is bought and sold."

Simpson and his NBC and Hertz Rent-a-Car money bought a defense team of unparalleled reputation at unparalleled cost. It would be disappointing to conclude that you can buy your way out of murder.

But I just can't get angry. Stunned, yes. Surprised, yes. Mad, no.

On these counts, I find myself not angry.

Maybe it is frustrating that the Los Angeles Police Department bungled a case that seems so obvious. There was such overwhelming evidence that Simpson could have murdered his ex-wife and her friend that even U.P.D. could have put him away. Bloody socks, bloody Bronco, bloody hell. Who did they send out on this case, sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane?

I suppose if anyone deserves a little venom, it is the always-loved Los Angeles Police Department. The same fine fellows that brought you the Rodney King beating look like they have managed to carve another little niche in history for themselves. Gathering crime evidence has to be a science, now that DNA is more valuable than a smoking gun or a bloody knife. Unfortunately, the investigators in the Simpson case were bad scientists.

I can't even be angry with the prosecutors, though I really wish Marcia Clark would get some sleep — the cadaverous look is just not in this year. They didn't really blow the case. I'm sure they would have loved to keep grand wizard Mark Fuhrman from interfering with the prosecution but the defense needed that ace too bad. Even without the 200,000 instances when Fuhrman used the not so nifty nor nice "N" word, the LAPD was just too rotten to conceal. The evidence was just not strong enough.

That is where the mistakes were made, not in the jury's final decision. It is impossible for a jury to make a mistake in a fair trial. This was not a mistrial. Nothing legal established it as such. Therefore it was fair. In justice, there is one or the other. It is an absolute creature.

And it should be. The trial process and all of its frustrating minutiae were played out here to its fullest, sometimes stretched to warped dimensions by the intense public magnification.

The machine ... through its revolutions. The sides made ... cases. The jury made its choice. Justice was served.

If you don't believe this, you are ignoring the whole point of the legal system. No matter how painful the process of public trial is, there are hoops that must be jumped

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through, mazes of logic that must be transversed. The evidence against Simpson could not pass the ultimate test. It was too weak to finish the big race.

So it is certain that the people have been adequately represented. Everything proper has been done. There is nothing left to say.

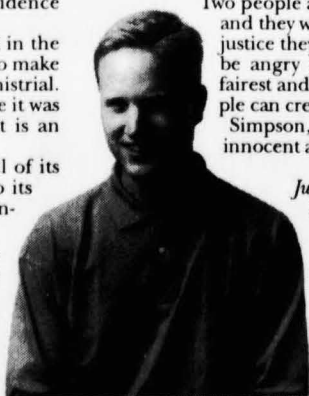
Simpson went home yesterday, ending one strange, sad journey, and more than likely, beginning an even stranger, and sadder one. He is a free man, God help him.

Outside the courthouse, there was an atmosphere of jubilation after the verdict was read. Those who made themselves heard, those who cared, were pleased. This, after all the machinations of the system, is all that can be asked of the legal process. If it satisfies the people, justice has been served.

Today, Los Angeles is smiling while the families of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman weep.

Two people are dead and gone forever, and they will most likely never get the justice they deserve. But it is wrong to be angry at a man who passed the fairest and most legal test we as a people can create.

Simpson, in the eyes of the law, is as innocent as you and me.



Justin Carder is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer

## Editorial

## Like it or not, the O.J. Simpson trial allowed us to address issues

Why has the Simpson trial drawn so much attention to itself is a question many people will debate as the "Trial of the Century" has come to a suspenseful end.

The Simpson trial embodied many issues that are on the forefront of America's social agenda today. Besides the race issue, other issues raised during the trial were domestic abuse, abuse of authority by the LAPD, flaws in the judicial system, economic classism, and the limits of media coverage.

The fateful 911 call and pictures of a battered Nicole Simpson that closed the trial was a painful reminder of the long history of domestic violence that ruined the Simpsons' marriage. The case centered around the stormy relationship and the many times police had to be called to Simpson's residence.

The question of whether having a history of domestic violence as a precursor to murder was key in the prosecution's argument. Despite it being disallowed in court, the closing statement by prosecuting attorney Marsha Clark tried to leave an impression in the jury's mind that this was the case.

More importantly, domestic violence became a hot issue in American society and many support groups for battered women proclaimed their plight. The trial caused Americans to take a look at domestic violence by showing the bloodied and bruised body of Nicole Simpson, and possibly shocking or even stopping some men or women from tolerating it longer.

The trial also brought to light abuse of power by the Los Angeles Police Department. The Mark Fuhrman tapes exposed an important segment of society, one that holds enough power burn down neighborhoods and one they wielded without conscience. The long-time suspicion of racial injustice against blacks and minorities by the LAPD was described in detail by the prosecution's star witness.

Although it wasn't as graphic as the Rodney King videotapes, Fuhrman's audio tapes gave a chilling look into a diabolical world of social oppression and racial cruelty.

The entire trial was likened to a circus. People were fed up by courtroom antics at the exorbitant cost to the taxpayer. People saw how slow and drawn out a court case can be. Through the media's day to day vigilance of coverage, American society became aware, to the chagrin of the judicial system, of how complex and confounding the system of justice in America has become.

The fact that Simpson was a millionaire also typified the degree of economical classism that occurs in American society. The tendency of the rich person who could afford the "Dream Team," to escape conviction was again demonstrated by the trial.

This gave American society the frightful look into the unfairness of economic classism, that the justice system seems to be at the mercy of economic power,

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and that a "average" person would have been convicted.

One final issue that the Simpson trial embodied was one of racism. Johnnie Cochran said, "Race plays a part in everything in America," in his post trial press conference.

It was evident in the many polls taken over the course of the trial where a majority of whites found Simpson guilty in comparison to a smaller percentage of blacks who found him guilty.

"It was clear to me and other members of the prosecution that this was an emotional trial and apparently their decision was based on emotion, that overcame the reason," said District Attorney Gil Garcetti after the trial. This showed that he did not have confidence in the reasoning abilities of the predominantly black jury. A long time stereo-type of blacks and minorities.

Despite all of the theatrics, surprises, complications, allegations and ethical problems the "Trial of the Century" posed to the American public, the OJ Simpson trial allowed us to focus on key issues of the time and discuss it with fellow students, co-workers and friends.

If anything at all, the OJ trial made the American public discuss these important issues. The media put them on the forefront of the American agenda and while the world was watching Americans were reflecting on how these issues affected them.

## Attention, Artists!

The Spartan Daily is actively recruiting San Jose State artists interested in drawing political cartoons.

Political artists should have good drawing skills, keep up with current events and have a strong position on issues.

If you are interested in becoming a Spartan Daily political cartoonist, submit your cartoons at the Spartan Daily

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The cartoons will be reviewed by Spartan Daily editors and artists will be notified by phone if their cartoons are to be published.

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# SPARTA GUIDE

SJSU's Weekly Calendar

## TODAY

### Aikido Club

Meeting 3p.m.-5 p.m.  
Spartan Complex West  
Rm. 202 Call 259-6816.

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers**  
General Meeting 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. Engineering Bldg. Rm. 333. Call 224-3482.

**Associated Students Program Board**  
Noon Concert 4-Banger  
Student Union Amphitheater  
Call 924-6260.

**Bulwer-Lytton English Society**  
Meeting 12:30 p.m.  
Faculty Offices, Rm. 104  
Call 436-7471.

**Career Center**  
Andersen Consulting  
Employer Presentation  
12:30-2 p.m. Student Union,  
Almaden Rm. Call 924-6033.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Discussion on The Bible  
7:30 p.m. 195 E. San Fernando  
St. Call 938-1610.

**Dept. of Recreation and Leisure Studies**  
College Daze 11a.m.-12noon  
The Art Quad. Call 725-2631.

**KSJS 90.5 FM**  
Public Affairs Programming  
Radio Drama Hour 12noon-1p.m., This and That 5p.m.-6p.m., Radio Aztlan Public Affairs 7p.m.-7:30p.m. Call 955-4831.

**Liberal Studies Society**  
Meeting with Dr. Sapient from the Credential Office 3p.m.-5p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe Rm. Call 297-8944.

## Library Donations & Sales Unit

Ongoing Book Sale-Donations  
Welcome 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wahlquist Library and Clark  
Library Lobby. Call 924-2705.

**Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate Club**  
Workout 1:30p.m.-3 p.m.  
Spartan Complex West, Rm. 202. Call 924-8977.

**Re-Entry Advisory Program**  
Brown Bag Lunch: Transitions  
and Careers Noon-1:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Pacheco Rm.  
Call 924-5950.

**SJSU University Theater**  
New Directors Showcase 1 p.m., What Are Tuesday's Like? Hugh Gillis Hall, Hal Todd Theater Call 924-4555.

**Sikh Student Association**  
General Meeting 12:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Montalvo Rm.  
Call 270-9331.

**School of Art & Design**  
Student Galleries Art Shows 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Art Bldg. & Industrial Studies Bldg.  
Call 924-4330

## THURSDAY

**Asian American Christian Fellowship**  
Worship by Gary Yamada 7:30 p.m. Student Union, Costanoan Rm. Call 286-6427.

**B.S.U.**  
Weekly Meeting 6 p.m.  
Business Classrooms, Rm. 115  
Call 924-6229.

**Campus Crusade for Christ**  
Weekly Meeting 8 p.m.  
Student Union, Almaden Rm.  
Call 924-7910.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Mass 12:05 p.m. 195 E. San Fernando St. John XXIII Center. Call 938-1610.

**Career Center**  
The Clorox Company  
Employer Presentation  
12:30-2 p.m. Student Union,  
Guadalupe Rm. Call 924-6033.

**Career Center**  
Co-op Orientation 5:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Almaden Rm.  
Call 924-6033.

**Career Center**  
On-Campus Interview  
Orientation 2:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Almaden Rm.  
Call 924-6033.

**Career Center**  
Teaching in London 3:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Costanoan  
Rm. Call 924-6033.

**Circle K International**  
Weekly Meeting 5:45 p.m.  
Student Union, 2nd floor  
Call 866-8077.

**College Republicans**  
Meeting 4 p.m. Student  
Union, Council Chambers  
Call 997-3980.

**GALA**  
Coffee Talk 3:30-5 p.m.  
Student Union, Guadalupe  
Rm. Call 261-9880.

**Golden Key National Honor Society**  
Information Tables 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In front of the Student Union Call 292-2779

**Korean Campus Crusade for Christ**  
Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m.  
Business Classrooms rm. 209  
Call 924-7933.

**Le Cercle Francais (The French Club)**  
Free Film, La Femme Nikita  
7 p.m. Sweeney Hall, Rm. 100.  
Call 283-0753.

**KSJS 90.5**  
Public Affairs Programming  
Radio Drama Hour Noon-1 p.m., This & That 5-6 p.m., Radio Aztlan Public Affairs 7-7:30 p.m. Call 955-4831.

**The Listening Hour**  
SJSU Concert Choir & Choraliers 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
Music Bldg., Concert Hall  
Call 924-4631.

**Meteorology Seminar Series**  
Estimating Global Monthly,  
Mean Vertical Cloud Amount:  
Method and Results  
12:30p.m.-1:30 p.m. Duncan  
Hall, Rm. 615 Call 924-5200.

**Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)**  
Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Dwight Bentel Hall, Rm. 213  
Call 226-2853.

**San Jose State University Interdisciplinary**  
Student Garden Project  
Harvest Festival 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Garden Project Area  
Call 297-0771.

**San Jose State Inter Faith Council**  
Inter Faith Information Fair  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Union  
Call 938-1610.

**San Jose State University Theater**  
Play, The Modern Ladies of Guanabacoa 1 p.m. Hugh Gillis Hall, Hal Todd Theatre  
Call 924-4555.

**Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)**  
Meeting 3:30 p.m. Industrial  
Studies Bldg. Rm. 123 Call  
(510) 471-3658.

**Spartan Christian Fellowship**  
Meeting, Noon Student  
Union, Almaden Rm.  
Call 354-7347.

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Deadline is 5pm two days before publication. Forms available at DBH 209. Entries may be edited to allow for space restrictions.

## Postcards

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"When I first got to Mexico, I thought I would be living in a hut with a dirt floor," she said with an embarrassed smile. "That was my ignorance. I mean, I'd never been there, so how could I know?"

She ended up living with a banker and four of his ten children. That experience made Tedsen realize how little she knew about other cultures and inside her grew a thirst for understanding about other parts of the world.

"It really inspired me," she said about her trip. "I learned a lot really quickly."

But in order to understand people in other countries, she first had to master their languages. In high school she had taken four years of French, and was frustrated at her inability to master it. Therefore, she was pleasantly surprised at how easy it was for her to conquer Spanish.

"From going to Mexico, I realized that to fully understand and speak a language, you really need to be surrounded by it."

This was part of the reason she decided to travel to Spain. She spent the 1994-1995 school year living in Madrid. However, instead of doing it like most other people would through an organized study abroad program, she went on her own.

"There was something really exciting about the idea of being on my own," Tedsen said. "It was kind of a claim to independence."

"I've always lived at home or in the dorms," she said. "The idea of not just being on my own, but (being) in a totally foreign country where I didn't know how the people thought (was exciting)."

"I like that sense of discovery, because when you're abroad you're constantly discovering something new about the people where you're living," she said.

Even in Italy, where Tedsen lived for three months before she went to Spain, there was the safety net of family. Tedsen, whose grandmother was a war bride from Italy,

met her Italian relatives. She spent three months with them prior to her trip to Spain.

"I was 21 when I first met my Italian relatives," she said. "I thought it was going to be a bunch of old distant relatives, but it was like we knew each other forever."

Because she had lived for three months in such a close family unit, it was difficult for Tedsen to adapt to living in Spain. Since she had chosen to go by herself rather than through a program, she was unprepared for certain aspects of Spanish culture, and suffered from culture shock.

"I was depressed for a long time," said Tedsen of her early living experience in Spain. "I kept saying 'I'm going to have a good attitude,' but little things would happen that would irritate me."

"But whether it was a good or bad day, no matter what, I was learning," she said. "You really do learn something every day, but when you're in a foreign country, you're learning 10 new things every day. And that's thrilling to me. I just love it."

When asked if she has changed at all since living in another country, Tedsen just shrugged and said not really. But her mother, Ethel, sees things differently.

"I think it was incredible," she said. "She's more confident now. She's not afraid to

make mistakes — and you have to be brave enough to make mistakes in order to learn."

"(Living abroad) released a lot of potential in Sonia. She was motivated, and one reason she stuck with it was because she had put so much of herself into it," she said.

But Sonia did change. She said she understands the people in the countries she lived in better than she did before.

"I can say right now that I understand how (people in) parts of Mexico think, and Italy and Spain as well. But I don't think I could ever, totally..." she said.

Then she smiled. "But it's still an exciting thing to understand them."

Sonia Tedsen  
World traveler

## CityVote could become the primary of the future

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What if they had a primary and nobody ran?

Organizers say a nationwide presidential preference poll for voters in about 20 cities could point the way out of America's perennial tangle of primaries. But first they need candidates.

CityVote, conceived by Irvine Mayor Larry Agran, will give urban voters a non-binding choice of some 20 declared or undeclared candidates. The ballot coincides with Nov. 7 local elections in cities from Pasadena, Calif., to Rochester, N.Y.

So far, however, the Rev. Jesse Jackson is the only one to endorse the concept and agree to take part in the planned television forums. And Jackson hasn't declared his candidacy.

Colin Powell's office said he was busy with his book tour and wouldn't take part. Sen. Bob Dole and other Republicans have also ruled it out.

"I wouldn't take this as the last word from Sen. Dole or any of the others," said Agran. He ran as a long-shot Democratic presidential contender in 1992, and won endorsement for a study of the

"I think if CityVote is successful, it will raise a new question of a national primary ... rather than in the haphazard method we have now."

Larry Agran  
Irvine mayor

CityVote idea from the National Conference of Mayors.

"I think if CityVote is successful, it will raise a new question of a national primary or a series of federally structured regional primaries, rather than the haphazard method we have now," Agran told the Los Angeles Times in an article Monday.

"It would lead to more likely a one-person, one-vote system, instead of the wildly disproportionate impact given Iowa and New Hampshire," he said.

Don Fowler, head of the Democratic National Committee, recently wrote mayors asking that President Clinton be taken off the CityVote ballot. Most cities declined to go along.

In St. Paul, for example, the City Council voted to go ahead with the original ballot concept, which includes just about every plausible Democrat, Republican and independent.

Boston and Newark face challenges from state election officials, the Times reported, and a similar dispute took Baltimore out of the contest.

Experts said CityVote was handicapped this year because the real primary contest is among Republicans, traditionally the weaker party in urban areas.

It will be easy to assess the impact of CityVote, said Dan McLagan, a spokesman for Lamar Alexander's campaign.

"If the press is there, and the candidates are all there, they will look around and say this is significant," McLagan said. "If it's you and Morry Taylor and an empty room, you will know it is not significant."

Taylor is a relatively unknown

businessman seeking the GOP nomination.

The \$500,000 CityVote budget is backed by several private foundations. Prospective cities include: Tucson, Ariz.; Pasadena, Calif.; Boulder, Colo.; Coeur d'Alene and Moscow, Ida.; Boston and Lowell, Mass.; Minneapolis and St. Paul; Fayette, Mo. and Newark.

## Armored guard killed in robbery

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — Police were looking early Tuesday for a bank robber who fatally shot an armored car guard and disappeared with a bag of money.

The Brinks guard, Larry Espinosa, 39, was loading money into the armored car at a

Westamerica Bank around 3:20 p.m. Monday when he was shot in the head, police Lt. Al Lehman said.

Officers who arrived a few seconds later found the guard lying alongside the truck. They said the money was gone.

## Military school allows civilians


MONTEREY (AP) — A peace dividend is being realized in international education as a foreign language school previously reserved for members of the armed forces begins opening seats to civilians.

The Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, which offers intensive courses in 24 languages, began accepting civilian applications on Monday. Civilians are to be admitted over two years on a trial basis.

The move was prompted by the end of the Cold War, said Democratic Rep. Sam Farr of Carmel.

"During the Cold War buildup, the infrastructure capacity was for 4,000 students," he said. Admissions dropped to half that number last year, paralleling a drop in demand for armed service members with foreign language skills, he said.

Farr, who authored the legislation allowing civilian enrollment, hopes that filling seats will help secure the jobs of instructors who might be needed in the event of a war.



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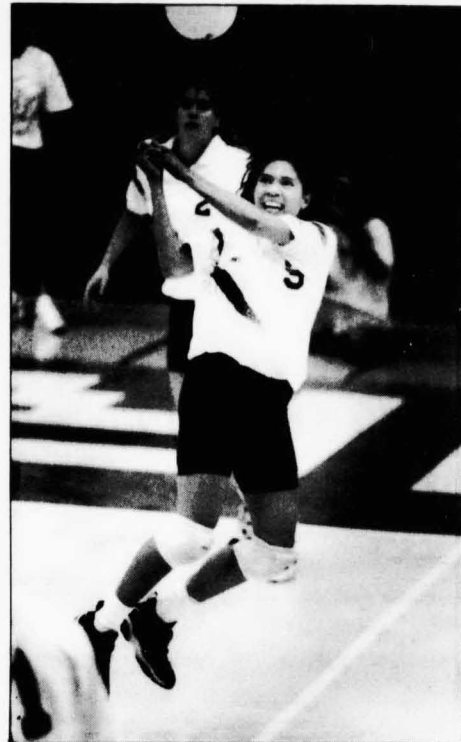




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LEFT: Setter Melizza Benitez is 188 assists away from breaking the SJSU all-time assists record of 2,692.

BELOW: Benitez returns the ball during the Nevada game Saturday.



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## Setting high standards

Melizza Benitez is closing in on the all-time assist record

By Kristina Allen  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

With her sights set on breaking a school record, senior Melizza Benitez stands out among a team of giants.

Benitez, setter for the SJSU women's volleyball team, may only be 5-foot-7 on a team with members measuring six foot and over, but that has not hindered her in approaching the university's all-time assist record in her final season on the team.

"(Breaking the record) was one of my goals at the beginning of the year but I haven't really thought about it since then," Benitez said. "I am pretty small but setters are usually the smallest on the team."

The record is currently held by Teri DeBusk, a 1985 SJSU All-American, with 2,692 assists.

After the game against Nevada Saturday, Benitez' career total assists are 2,504, only 188 away from tying the record.

Assists in volleyball are when the

setter sets the ball correctly for the hitter to make a winning shot.

Head coach Craig Choate feels that Benitez is a solid player who should have no trouble breaking the record.

"(Benitez) has improved immensely since I started coaching the team," Choate said. "I didn't think she'd have a future."

Benitez, 21, has been playing volleyball for eight years. Following in her older sister's footsteps, she joined her junior high school team in Orange County. In her high school career she lettered in three sports: volleyball, basketball and track.

This is Benitez' fourth season on the SJSU team and her second season as starting setter. Benitez attends SJSU on a full scholarship

for volleyball, her major area of study is in speech pathology and audiology with a business minor. When it comes to playing volleyball Benitez is business as usual.

"I've never associated volleyball with fun," Benitez said. "Fun for me is going out or spending time away from school and volleyball."

This may explain why her future plans do not include volleyball.

"I won't play anymore after I graduate from SJSU," Benitez said. "I would like to go to grad school and study more on my major."

Benitez has the support of her family and boyfriend of four years, Steve, in everything she attempts.

"My mom comes up from Southern California for every game she can," Benitez said. "She is very excited and into it this year, maybe because it is my last year."

For her entire volleyball career Benitez has been virtually injury free; her most serious injury has been a sprained ankle.

"The most important thing for a setter to know is how to set a hittable ball and to know which players on your team can put the ball away," Benitez said.

With 631 assists this season it is clear that Benitez knows her job.

The volleyball team has 18 regular season games left and will face second-ranked Hawaii today. This gives Benitez plenty of chances to match or surpass SJSU's record.

"If I beat the record at least they won't completely forget about me when I leave," Benitez said.

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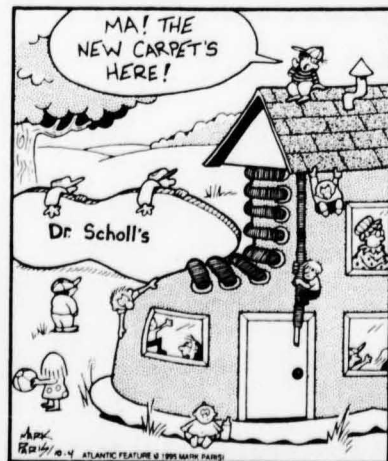
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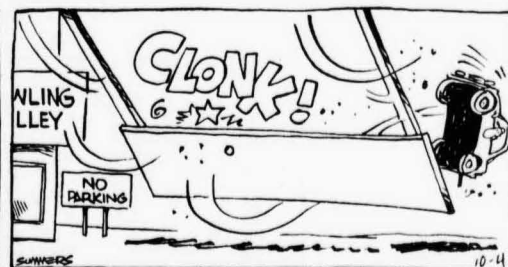
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Grant, 11, listens to his mother, Alicia, express her feelings about the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial and about domestic violence at Tuesday's candlelight vigil at Plaza de Caesar Chavez. Another woman who didn't want her name used, listens.

## Abuse

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for battered women and children called La Isla Pacifica (the peaceful island).

"We started receiving calls this afternoon," Brent said. "Others in the community called us and said, 'We have to do something.'"

"We feel it's important that we not let down our support of women in domestic violence situations," Gann said. "We want to let them know we are still here, and we support them."

The vigil was informal and unstructured, and meant to be that way, Brent said. It was designed to allow survivors of domestic violence, or anyone interested in showing support, the chance to join together and talk about the verdict.

Some women expressed disbelief and anger at the system.

"I was deeply saddened at the

verdict today," said one woman who wished to remain anonymous, but heard about the vigil on television. "It's deeply disturbing. I'm concerned the jury did not take their jobs seriously. I'm sure he's guilty. I think the system was abused."

"October is domestic violence awareness month," said Josephine DeLorenzo, a staff member at Next Door, "and this guy gets away with it?"

Other people said the verdict was a reminder that much more work has to be done to end domestic violence.

"I never saw so much coverage of domestic violence until the O.J. trial," said Billi Anderson, a survivor of domestic violence. Now, it's up to people like us to keep this going. The media will let the subject drop, but we will always be here to say, 'This has got to stop.'"

Frank Jewett, a member of the board of directors at Next Door, said the media play a role in the perpetuation of domestic violence.

"We're sending the wrong message," he said. "O.J. made \$5 million dollars last year sitting in jail. Isn't that sad?"

Jewett encouraged everyone at the vigil to boycott movies, television shows, and music that he said treated the subject of domestic violence indifferently.

"Show them how you feel," he said. "Hit them in their pocket-books."

"Violence is handed down through generations," said 18-year-old Nathaniel Pattee. "I was a victim of abuse, and I'm not happy at what happened today. It's got to stop. We have to teach kids that it's wrong."

As a clock downtown struck 8 p.m., Brent suggested each person

## Trial brings spousal abuse to light

By Leslie Farmer  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In the hours after O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of murder, women's groups around San Jose voiced a mixture of pessimism and hope about the effect the long-running trial would have on victims of domestic violence.

"I feel this case has made women in particular more aware of what domestic violence can do — in that respect it's been good," said Joanie Thissen, a coordinator for SJSU's Women's Center. "I suspect that more women are asking for help and coming to shelters."

"We have to realize that as a community we can't ignore violence — we have to go to the phone and report battery when we are aware that it's going on."

"If there's one thing the trial brought to public attention, it's that anyone can be a batterer — it's not a low-income phenomenon. Simpson may or may not have murdered his wife. He should have been thrown in jail for beating his wife," she said.

"I'm afraid that when women hear of this verdict some of them will be afraid that if they are bat-

tered and ask for help, no one will believe them, no one will help them," said center volunteer Corrie Cate.

"I think that some good may come out of the trial even so, because it brought up the issue of battery for discussion — it brought the topic out in the open. One of the things that upset me most, though, is that it took having a celebrity involved to get the issue discussed," she said.

Lui Gabriel of the Domestic Violence Project, an organization that deals with battering men, said, "When this case came to light, men in our program were very definitely affected by it, although each had his own opinion as to Simpson's guilt or innocence."

She explained what he heard while listening to a radio talk show, "one woman actually called and said that Nicole Simpson had 'asked for it' — I couldn't believe my ears," she said.

"My reaction was that I was completely shocked and taken aback at the time I heard the verdict; in fact, I cried," said Joyce Brent,

executive director of the local Child Abuse and Family Violence Program. "In the past couple of hours, however, I realized that (it) was not a verdict on domestic violence."

"I think that we must remember Nicole and remember Ron," she said. "We should remember all people who have suffered and died from domestic violence. As a community we have to recognize that domestic violence homicides happen every day," she said.

Brent said that reported cases of domestic violence have increased nationwide in the past few years. But the statistics do not show whether this is due to more violence or to more people recognizing the problem and reporting it.

"My biggest concern is that battered women not feel that no one will help them. They should know that there is a place for them," she said.

"As a society, we know that whether Simpson was a murderer or not, he was guilty of domestic violence."

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## History

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justice professor Jack Kuykendall. "People who value the ceremony should take time off to celebrate it."

"It's important every once in a while that we have some ceremony and ritual to mark important occasions in our lives," said Lois Helmbold, chair of the social science department. "I'd encourage people to go if their classes are dismissed."

The academic gowns that will be worn by more than 400 representatives of colleges and universities in the academic procession go back to medieval tradition. The

gowns themselves reveal the degree the wearer has earned; hoods indicate the institution by which the degree was awarded and in which subject.

A hood from SJSU, for instance, would have velvet in the color of the major field, and a lining of golden yellow with two white chevrons.

Some students, faced with the possibility of being let out of classes to attend the ceremony, had less than reverent ideas about it.

"If you're a poor, impoverished student, you want to get every day you pay for," said Rafael Madrigal.

His companion, Maria Mendoza

said, "I'm against it. I have a quiz Friday and I don't want it postponed until Monday."

"I didn't know they were having one," said Raul Diaz.

A student who gave his name only as "Tom" said, "It's crap. No, actually it's pretty good. Honestly, it's not good — the school has cut the number of classes already, and if a class is canceled, we may get behind. I think it's a waste of students' money."

Student Tiung Ho said, "If my class is canceled I'll stay home — I only have one and it's at 7:30 in the morning."

## Race

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out area in the Student Union, was one of joyous celebration.

"We're still healing, three years after the Rodney King incident," said Reed of the students at the university, located about 20 miles northwest of Los Angeles. "Racial tensions are running high, and a lot of people are still divided along racial lines."

Reed said the racially diverse campus population is a microcosm of the rest of the nation. "We've learned we still have quite a way to go," he said.

Bob Rucker, SJSU radio and television coordinator, who also teaches a minorities in the media course, wondered where were the white crowds shouting "No justice, no peace."

He said that after 300 years, the verdict might actually mark "day one" of "turning things around" in the favor of minorities who have never had the upper hand.

"I thought for sure they'd convict him," he said. "But the jurors were sending a message. African-American people feel they have been oppressed by police authority for so long, that they're taking this opportunity to fight back. They're telling police 'do it by the book, equally, across the board, or don't count on anything from us,'" he said.

"The irony is that Simpson was never an activist in the African-American community."

Rucker also said the verdict could inadvertently do more to hurt the affirmative action movement in California than people realize.

"Some people are sitting back and saying 'those minorities — they're just getting too much of an advantage.' It could actually cause a retaliation," he said.

Lou Holscher, an administration

of justice professor, said those who think O.J. Simpson will not be punished are wrong.

"He didn't just walk out of that courtroom," he said. "He'll be tainted by this for the rest of his life. A lot of people believe he committed this crime."

Rucker said, "We allowed so

many divisive, racial and emotional issues to cloud the fact that blood was shed. Race is something we should deal with, but not in this case. Police, society and racism were on trial, not O.J. Simpson."

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