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## Football coach to retire after season

By Matt Romig  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Spartan football Coach John Ralston announced Monday that he will retire after the 1996 season, ending a coaching career that has spanned five decades, four universities and two professional leagues.

Ralston, the only active member of the College Football Hall of Fame, will coach his final game Nov. 23 when SJSU hosts Nevada-Las Vegas.

"The highs are so high and the lows are so low," Ralston said. "It gets to the point where you can't take the lows any

more."

Ralston said that retirement has been something he has contemplated every year since his 65th birthday. The decision was made after Saturday's loss to Colorado State and was timed to allow SJSU to find a replacement without disrupting the critical recruiting process.

Director of Athletics Thomas Brennan introduced Ralston at the Simpkins Center press conference, and thanked the coach for bringing stability to a program that had gone through three coaches in a four-year span prior to 1993.

Brennan highlighted Ralston's accomplishments at SJSU, which included gaining membership into the Western Athletic Conference, upgrading the home football schedule and improving student-athlete graduation rates.

"John has been an outstanding ambassador for the program," Brennan said. "He inherited a difficult situation and has done a fine job. John is a winner in every sense of the word."

Ralston, who turns 70 years old in April, will remain with the university as a special assistant to the athletics director.

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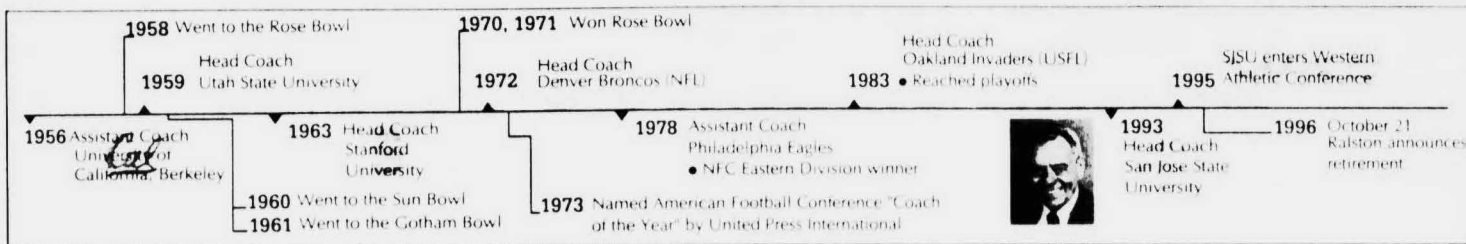
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SJSU football coach

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PHOTO BY AARON SUOZZI — SPARTAN DAILY  
During a press conference Monday in the Simpkins Center, John Ralston announced that he would be retiring from coaching the Spartans football team.



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## Night dive

Scuba club  
sheds light on  
undersea life

By Ed Oberweiser  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

It was a clear, blustery Sunday that greeted the seven SJSU Scuba Club divers who slipped beneath the choppy, slate blue waters of the Monterey Bay to explore the sea life near the Breakwater at one of Monterey County's most popular diving spots.

Dave Lang, club president, said the Breakwater gets overcrowded during the day, but that later during night dives, the diving population thins out.

Lang was the dive master for the first dive. He had the responsibility of making sure all the divers were accounted for at the end of the 4 p.m. dive.

Flocks of pelicans flew overhead, locked in almost military precision, as they circled the foreboding-looking ocean searching for schools of fish to scoop up. The

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As evening falls, Javier Cardoza and Ramon Ynzuza emerge from the depths of the Pacific Ocean. The they spent almost half an hour in the water, off the coast of Monterey Bay.

## Students to analyze nutrition survey

By Jacquie McCrossin  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Members of SJSU's Nutrition and Food Science Club will soon have the opportunity to peek at the dietary habits of some of the San Jose Mercury News' designated eaters.

Oct. 17 was the deadline for Mercury readers to enter their diets, by letting Kathleen Donnelly, Mercury News Health & Fitness writer, know just what they have eaten for three days this month, even the bag of chocolate chips they may have scoffed up last night, Donnelly said.

"The thing that surprised me last year is how poorly you can eat and still fulfill your (recommended daily allowance)," said Donnelly, who initiated the project.

A Stanford dietician helped with the study last year, Donnelly said. This year, Kathryn Sucher, a professor in the department of nutrition and food science at SJSU, was recruited. It was Sucher's idea to involve SJSU students, Donnelly said.

"We're really excited about it," said Marty Wilson, president of the Nutrition and Food Science Club. Wilson said a team of diet therapy students will be formed to analyze the selected diets under Sucher's supervision. Students will use the "Nutritionist IV" computer program for the dietary evaluations, Wilson said.

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## Alcohol awareness week teaches realities

By Ed Oberweiser  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week began Monday at the Seventh Street Plaza; games and movies are geared to test participants' knowledge of the effects of alcohol.

This event is in its seventh year at SJSU, according to Harriet Pila, director of SJSU's Prevention Education Program that is organizing the week's events.

The idea behind the event is to heighten the campus' awareness of alcohol-related problems, for everyone to look at their own drinking behaviors and their environment, Pila said.

"The event's focus also includes making students think, if they choose to drink, about making responsible decisions before they drink," Pila said.

Monday's games included a wheel-of-fortune where participants won prizes by answering questions.

Eric Calo, a psychology major who was manning the wheel-of-fortune table, said the questions were an effort to raise the awareness of the effects of alcohol on individuals and society.

An obstacle course was used to simulate the effects of alcohol on driving abilities.

Participants were spun around and then turned loose on scooters.

One of many fact posters tied to a palm tree with a red ribbon stated, "Two-thirds of college women with unplanned pregnancies were intoxicated at the time of conception, and one out of three suicides is caused by an alcohol overdose."

The facts will be up all week. One reason for their presence is just to make people think, Pila said.

The week's activities were organized by student educators from the PEP Center, a program out of the Dean of Student Service's office, Pila said.

The student educators give presentations on campus and in the fraternities and sororities, said Chrissy Chang, one of the educators.

"I love it. It's something really different," Chang said. The student educators are going to give a presentation in Markham Hall next week, she said.

Pila said there are 12 student educators in the PEP. Some of them are paid and others are volunteers. They also do community outreach as well as their own campus activities, Pila said.

Pila said alcohol problems can be costly, as well as dangerous physically. She said the average driving-under-the-influence infraction costs the offender \$7,000 in fines.

According to figures from Allstate Insurance company, 25 cents out of every dollar of insurance money goes to cover alcohol-related auto accident costs.

Students need to look at the environment and be aware of the messages of alcohol-related advertisements and counteract them with responsible decisions, Pila said.

### Today's Events

Movie day in the Almaden Room in the Student Union from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the movies resume at 4 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

The event is free.

The movies scheduled are "Clean and Sober," "Less Than Zero," and "Rush," "When a Man Loves a Woman," "The Doors," and "Leaving Las Vegas."



### Ruminations of a Masculine Milquetoast

## Wisdom comes in life's maxims, so carpe diem ... or like, whatever

"It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims," Aristotle said.

As a member of the 20-esque demographic who is allowed to take up this space in a weekly attempt to provide some sort of wisdom readers can actually use to better themselves, that remark kinda throws the Play-Doh in the gears of the motorized Erector set of my ego.

Why would Aristotle want to ruin every young guy's fun who wanted to wax poetic and corner his own little market in the poignancy industry? Did he want to monopolize great thoughts? Did he see young men as a threat to his pursuit of the true prize that formulating great thoughts brings: classy women.

And what about young women? Why do they get to exclaim the profound, but young men should lay low and clam up?

Does he think we will not know what we are talking about? That we all suffer from attention deficit disorder and can't operate the ol' cerebral hemispheres properly?

Because of this centuries-old slam, I may never know the satisfaction of having a reader tell me they once clipped one of my columns and fastened it to their fridge. Or, simply just to have passersby stop and say, "Omigod! Why, it's you! You're ... you're the Masculine Milquetoast! I just have to say your column gives me the



WILLIAM  
JESKE

hope I need to carry on."

Fortunately, my pride is not as easily damaged. I know that the sun will come out tomorrow and that the darkest hour is just before dawn.

The sky is the limit and I have high hopes to reach the unreachable star.

And, I will reach it with arms outstretched and palms exposed because the fist starves the hand. But, keep note that the bird in the hand is better than Mr. Bluebird on your shoulder.

So get that chip off your shoulder and cash 'em in because you gotta carpe diem, dam it!

Just remember that the journey of a thousand miles in another man's shoes begins with putting your best foot forward so by the time that you realize that no matter where you go, there you are, you've come along way, baby.

But, do not take any wooden nickels. Greed only uses expectation to arrive at despair. When in doubt, prayer is a path where there is none. Be sure to take the road less-traveled. It will make all the

difference.

Through all of this, keep a stiff upper lip and a keen sense of self-confidence. There is no such thing as too much cooth. But, when in doubt, keep your mouth shut. An open mouth gathers no foot because good breeding consists of concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.

Be sure to share your experiences rather than keep them to yourself. The only difference between a house and a coffin is a door.

Do not spend too much time in the planning stages. After all is said and done, much is said and little is done.

And it can be done. You can get everything you want in life if you will help enough other people get what they want.

If anyone tries to stop you, turn the other cheek. If not, then remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor bastard die for his country. So when you put your hand in a bunch of goo that a moment ago was your best friend's face, you will know what to do.

Do the right thing. Do or do not, there is no "try," so try, try again. Success is getting up one more time.

Just use what you have got. If you have a college degree, you can be absolutely sure of one thing in

the grand scheme of your life ... that you have a college degree.

Through it all, know this: The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few (or the one). The Force will be with you always, so live long and prosper.

After all, tomorrow is another day, and this looks like the beginning of a beautiful friendship ... or something. Whatever.

*William Jeske is the Spartan Daily Assignment Editor. He lives his life to the fullest, as long as he never makes two wrongs that do not make a right, or is that a left, or is he to be or to not be, and does he ask what he can do for his country because he knows it is better to give than to receive since all evil needs to triumph is for good men to do nothing because they do not understand that life is like a box of chocolates? (Sorry, this is all very confusing — Shane, Opinion Editor and Dark Jedi.) His column appears every Tuesday.*

## Race is issue in relationships Interracial love faces prejudice

By Christine Ann Bacas

In today's society, one of the most serious things a person can be accused of is betraying his or her race. Some people are labeled "white-washed" when they do not conform to the stereotypical image of their ethnicity, while others are berated because they are not familiar with their cultural traditions or language.

People who are involved in interracial relationships are accused of both. Interracial couples must constantly dispel the belief that, by seeking partners outside their ethnicity, they are abandoning their cultural values and betraying their race.

From 1970 to 1991, the number of mixed-race married couples increased from 310,000 to 994,000, according to Futurist magazine. Though the rate of interracial relationships is increasing, there is still a stigma attached. Is it not possible that a person can date someone of a different ethnicity simply because he or she is genuinely in love? Must it always be a case of self-loathing or "jungle fever?"

As an Asian-American woman, it is frustrating dating outside my ethnicity. It is not the occasional stares or whispers from strangers that are annoying. It is the constant nagging and judgmental lectures of ethnic pride from family and friends.

The concept of "stepping-up" the racial ladder is particularly disturbing. To say a person is dating someone of another ethnicity simply to improve social status, automatically implies it is universally accepted that one ethnicity is better than another. For example, when an Asian-American woman is seen holding hands with a white man, it is common to hear snickers. "Oh, she's just trying to be better than everyone else."

Why would dating a white man be trying to be better than anyone else? The person making the statement is making the assumption that a white man is better than everyone else, which says more about the person making the statement than the interracial couple itself.

It is amusing when people who are opposed to interracial marriages claim they are not racist. Why then is it so frustrating for them to see people of different ethnicities together? There are many excuses for not getting

involved in interracial relationships. The most common and incessant are societal acceptance and the eventual creation of biracial children.

Biracial children are a racist's greatest fear. How can they be judged when they are a combination of two cultures and ethnicities? Without labels and stereotypes, racists lose the ammunition to spread bigotry and ignorance.

Perhaps the best defense interracial couples may use for peace of mind against prejudice from society is to revel in their love and happiness. Ignoring constant disapproval from close friends and family gets tiring at times, however,

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the increase of interracial relationships will eventually lead to understanding and acceptance. According to the Census Bureau, one in 50 U.S. marriages are interracial.

With all the stigma attached to interracial relationships, it is easy to choose not to get involved in them or advise others against them. However, the joining of two ethnic cultures and beliefs creates an intense bond which shows love truly sees no color.

*Christine Ann Bacas is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.*

### Letter to the Editor

#### Women's basketball is a big step forward

This past Friday, Oct. 18, I attended the historic first game of the new women's professional basketball league, played at the Spartan Event Center. And what a thrill it was, too! The inaugural game was a sellout, the atmosphere festive, the crowd delighted.

The game was up tempo — Sheri Sam racked up 35 points, Jennifer Azzi stole the ball time and again, and Anita Kaplan grabbed rebound and scored on putbacks. After a late run by the Atlanta Glory, the San Jose Lasers hung on to win 78-70. Afterward, the women hugged their opponents, and team captain Jennifer Azzi thanked the crowd for coming to the game.

I was pleased to see hordes of young girls in the crowd, including a dozen or so wearing T-shirts that read, "Little Girls Dream, Too." As someone who played basketball in the era when we could only bounce the ball three times before passing, and guards and forwards were confined to one-half of the court, I feel very excited for these girls and their possibilities.

Several writers following the American Basketball League have called it a legacy of Title IX, the 1970s law that mandated equal opportunities for women in school sports. Unfortunately, I graduated

from college before Title IX began to have an effect.

For four years, I swam on the William and Mary swim team, and I remember that the NCAA sanctioned a rival school for giving a scholarship to one of their female swimmers. Heaven forbid that women should be paid to swim, rather, we were supposed to perform purely for the glory of our old school. The men's team, of course, were nearly all on scholarship.

I recently realized that Richard Nixon was the president when Title IX was passed by Congress. Richard Nixon was a graceless, awkward man, someone I cannot imagine at any age pinpointing a no-look pass or gliding in for a layup. But, Richard Nixon had daughters. I wonder if he thought of them when he signed Title IX into law.

It's odd to think of Nixon playing a role in the development of women athletes. But thanks, Tricky Dick — and go Lasers!

Bettie Owen  
graduate student,  
mass communications

## One of greatest football coaches ends career on sad note Ralston fell into traps of college sports

By Marcus Walton

When coach John Ralston announced his retirement yesterday, there was little I could do but sadly shake my head. The career of one of college football's greatest coaches was ending on a down note.

Ralston is 9-32 in his four years as the Spartans coach. This season he is 1-7. SJSU is the only place where coach Ralston never had a winning season. He won as an assistant at Cal, he turned around a Utah State University team in the early 1960s, he made Stanford a national power in the early 1970s and he took the Oakland Invaders to the playoffs in 1984.

But, for some reason, his magic touch never elevated the Spartans to that same level.

Why not? Is it that Ralston is too old to effectively coach at the Division I level now? Is it that the game has passed him by?

I hope not. Ralston taught some of the best football coaches of today, including Bill Walsh.

So why has his success not been bestowed on SJSU?

Plain and simple, the greed and prestige-seekers on this campus. SJSU had been pretty good before Ralston got here, posting winning seasons seven out of the previous nine years. But, for some reason that was not enough. There was pressure to become a "football powerhouse."

Now why would SJSU need to go out and

start playing the University of Washington or USC? There is no reason. All that SJSU has to do is to be the predominant football school in the Bay Area is to beat Stanford and Cal, which is a possibility every five years or so.

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**Unfortunately, Coach Ralston fell into the pit that has destroyed so many coaches at so many programs. He wanted to build that big-time program.**

He has Stanford and Cal scheduled every year, which can be great upset opportunities like they were this year, and has added other Pac-10 schools like Washington and USC every

so often, which brings high attendance and television exposure, but what about getting some of the winning spirit?

Why not schedule a couple of teams like the University of Nevada at Reno or Northern Illinois as non-conference games? What is wrong with playing a few teams in your talent range?

Hopefully, Ralston will pass some of this sage advice on to his replacement. Grab some wins, get some top-notch recruits from high schools and junior colleges, build the program. Then start thinking about upsetting top-ranked programs.

Now it is too late to go back and change the fact that Ralston will not get his 100th collegiate coaching victory. But, what Ralston can do in his new position as an assistant to the athletic director is give the next generation of Spartan football players some chance at winning and talk the new coach into scheduling less guaranteed losses and get more games the Spartans have a realistic chance of winning.

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# SPARTA GUIDE

SJSU's Weekly Calendar

## TODAY

### SJSU Counseling Services

Asian student discussion group; 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Administration building, room 201

### School of Art & Design

•Student galleries art exhibits reception; 6-8 p.m.; Art and Industrial Studies buildings; call Sarah 924-4330  
•Tuesday night lecture series: Robert Brady; his own work; 5-6 p.m.; Art building, room 133; call Andy 924-4328

### Career Center

•Stryker Endoscopy Employer Presentation; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Costanoan room, Student Union; call Career Resource Center 924-6033  
•Careers in Finance & Accounting; 3:30 p.m.; Unumhuron room, Student Union; call Career Resource Center 924-6033  
•Creating Your Career in Art; 1:30 p.m.; Almaden Room, Student Union; call Career Resource Center 924-6033

### Catholic Campus Ministry

•Daily mass; 12:05-12:30 p.m.; Pizza & faith discussion; 7-9 p.m.  
•John XIII Center, across from the SJSU theater; call Ginny 938-1610

### Library Donations & Sales Unit

Ongoing book sale — donations welcome; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wahlquist Library North, room 408 & Clark Library lobby; call Acquisitions Dept. 924-2705

### Department of Nutrition & Food Science

Body fat testing; 1-3 p.m.; Central Classroom building, room 103; call Kim 924-3110

### 90.5 KSJS Radio

•General meeting; 5:30 p.m.; Hugh Gillis Hall small theater; call 924-4549  
•Fundraising 'Investing in Diversity'; call in 924-4545

### M.E.C.H.A.

Taco sale; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; BBQ pit across from the Events Center; call Maria 983-5115

### Delta Sigma Pi

Pledge Class; IBM Human Resources; 8 p.m.; Guadalupe room, Student Union; call Chris 295-5013

### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Miss Black and Gold Pageant; Deadline for Contest is 10/25; call Kyrin 294-7810 or Sherida 287-3509

### Striving Black Brothers and Sisters

•Special presentation of the Web Dubois scholarship program; 6 p.m.; Student Union; General Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; Student Union; call Felicia 275-1203

### Chicano Resource Center

Open House Committee; Brown Bag Social #2; noon-1 p.m.; Chicano Resource Center; call Yolanda 924-2707

## WEDNESDAY

### Library Donations & Sales Unit

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### Chicano Resource Center Open House Committee

Brown-Bag Social #3; noon-1 p.m.; Chicano Resource Center; call Yolanda 924-2707

### SJSU Dept. of Philosophy Colloquium Series

"Nishida Enigma: Japanese Philosophy and Imperialism in the 1940s"; 3:30 p.m.; Guadalupe room, Student Union; call 924-1317

### KSJS Radio

Fund-raiser - "Investing in Diversity"; 24-Hr.; 90.5 fm; call in 924-4545

### SJSU Fantasy & Strategy Club

Weekly Meeting; White Wolf - Open Gaming; 5-10 p.m.; Costanoan room, Student Union; call 924-7097

### Phi Alpha Theta - History Honors Society

Weekly Meeting; 2:30 p.m.; Dudley Moorhead Hall, room 134; call Ethan 297-5760

### Associated Students Program Board

•Ballroom Showing of Gloria Rolando's Films - Afro-Cuban filmmaker; all-day event; Student Union ballroom  
•Screening: Gloria Rolando's films and discussion of her life's work; 7 p.m.; Loma Prieta Ballroom, Student Union, 3rd floor; call 924-6261

### Foreign Languages Department

Presentation: Gloria Rolando, "Dimensions of the African Heritage in the Caribbean," followed by question-and-answer session; 5:30 p.m.; Duncan Hall, room 250; call Jean-Luc DeSalvo 924-4611 or Barbara Perlman 924-4605

### Associated Students Campus Recreation

•Intramural Floor Hockey Deadline; 4:30 p.m.; A.S. business office; call Mike Englow 924-6266  
•Intramural Whiffleball Captains Meeting; 1 p.m.; Council Chambers, Student Union; call Mike Englow 924-6266

### Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass; 12:05-12:30 p.m.; John XIII Center, across from SJSU Theater; call Ginny 938-1610

### Department of Nutrition & Food Science

Body Fat Testing; 3-4:30 p.m.; Central Classroom Building, room 103; call Kim Roth 924-3110

### Asian American Christian Fellowship

Personal Evangelism and Missions with Roy Shimizu; 7:30 p.m.; Guadalupe room, Student Union; call Peter 365-9361

### Pre-Law Club

Meeting; 5:30 p.m.; Hugh Gillis Hall, room 215; call Chris 985-9713

### M.E.Ch.A.

Meeting; 3 p.m.; Wahlquist Library, CRC, 3rd floor; call 295-8129 or 297-7740

### Re-Entry Advisory Program - REAP

•Brown-Bag Lunch - Test-Taking Techniques, Mary Moore, Counseling; Noon-1:30 p.m.; Pacheco room, Student Union  
•Evening Advising - Drop in and by appointment; 5-6:30 p.m.; Assessment Center, WLC; call Jane 924-5950

### Student California Teachers Association

School District panel speaks on job openings within their districts; Noon-1 p.m.; Sweeney Hall, room 335; call Lizza 369-1370

### Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science Honor Society

Elections Forum; noon-1 p.m.; Engineering Auditorium, room 189; call Ken 924-5346

### Human Resource Management Association - HRMA

Meeting; Compensation & HRIS - Speaker Tom Oyshioka; 4:30-6 p.m.; Almaden room, Student Union; call Roxanne 297-1565

### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc

Miss Black and Gold Pageant - Contestant Deadline (10/25); call Kyrin 294-7810 or Sherida 287-3509

### Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

Guest Speaker: Eileen Goodwin, executive director of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority; Noon-1 p.m.; Engineering Building, room 329; call David (510)656-7091

### Prevention Education Program Center

Health and Resource Fair; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Student Union; call Harriett Pila 924-5945

### Golden Key Honor Society

New Membership Deadline is 10/25 for Mailings; call Alethea 761-9592

### Career Center

•Co-Op Orientation; 12:30 p.m.; Almaden room, Student Union  
•Recruiting Services Orientation; 2:30 p.m.; Almaden room, Student Union; call 924-6033

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# PEOPLE

## All the gossip that's fit to print

### Animation stars lost & found

NEW YORK (AP) — The Oscar winners are no longer missing in New York.

Wallace and Gromit, the 9-inch toothy plasticine man and his sidekick pooch from the British animated film "The Wrong Trousers," were returned to creator Nick Park Monday after an unscripted ride in a taxi.

"I was resigned to not seeing them again," Park said. "I thought, 'It'll be a miracle if they do turn up.'"

Park had stashed the models and their red motorcycle and sidecar in a box that was put in the trunk of the cab. But the cab driver mistakenly drove off with the miniatures after dropping Park off at a Manhattan hotel Saturday.

"He must have thought this was a tool box," Park said. "I chased him for a block in the pouring rain. I was pretty upset."

The cabbie learned of his stowaways through media reports and took them back.

"He wouldn't take any money," said Arthur Sheriff, Park's publicist. "I had set aside \$500, ... but he just wouldn't hear of it at all."

Sheriff said the cab driver asked to remain anonymous.

In "The Wrong Trousers," which won an Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film of 1993, the clumsy Wallace and his technologically savvy canine pal bring a sinister penguin to justice in a dizzy chase scene aboard a toy train.

Wallace and Gromit are a national sensation in Britain, where they appear on T-shirts, greeting cards and in books.

The British media took the pair's temporary disappearance very seriously. The mass-selling Sun tabloid ran the story today on Page 1 under the headline "Lost in N.Y."

### Candidates get humor points

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Whatever the voters might think of President Clinton and Bob Dole, comedian Mark Russell is giving both of them points for humor.

"Clinton is a master at humor. Kennedy, Reagan and Clinton. He's in that class, no doubt about it," said Russell, who has been making jokes at the expense of politicians in Washington since the Kennedy administration.

Russell said Dole's wit is well known in Washington, although it doesn't serve him well on the campaign trail.

"It's a sardonic wit. It's lost on the masses. A little too subtle," he said. "It's very deadpan, and the bigger the audience, the less impact he has."

And Hillary Rodham Clinton is a good source of material, Russell told the Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg. "Hillary talking to Eleanor Roosevelt — that was a blockbuster."

### Jackson wins concert OK

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Michael Jackson's popularity won him government permission Monday for a second concert in a nation where one state wouldn't let him on stage at all.

Jackson's application to perform Oct. 27 in a 65,000-seat stadium in Selangor state was rejected by local officials who objected to his possible "effect on the young."

Islam is the state religion in the nation of 19 million people. Jackson's dances, with his hip gyrations and pelvic thrusts, could be considered immodest by local standards.

The federal government then said Jackson could appear in Kuala Lumpur instead. But its biggest arena seats only 40,000.

On Monday, the government approved an additional show on Oct. 29 because of the "overwhelming response," said Arts Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

However, promoters won't actually decide whether to hold a second concert until they see the demand for tickets, which will go on sale Wednesday, said David Ling, a spokesman for the company.

### Grand Ole Opry goes on

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After 71 years, the Grand Ole Opry radio show is going strong because of the devotion of country music's younger generation of stars, says its outgoing president.

"Ricky Skaggs and Vince Gill and Marty Stuart and some of these younger acts ... have had that respect and feel for the Grand Ole Opry that you need if you're going to contribute to the show and be an asset to the show and make it help you in your career," Hal Durham said. "The culture of the Opry is going to continue because of these people who come on and feel about the Opry the way they do."

Durham is retiring at the end of the month as president of the Grand Ole Opry Group of Gaylord Entertainment.

### Dance fest planned

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Works by dance pioneer Twyla Tharp and composer Benjamin Britten will be among the highlights of next year's Spoleto Festival U.S.A. The festival will present "Wozzeck," Alban Berg's 1920 opera, as well as Britten's "Curlew River," a 1964 chamber opera rarely staged in the United States, general manager Nigel Redden said over the weekend. The festival dance program includes performances by the San Francisco Ballet and by Tharp's company, known as "Tharp."

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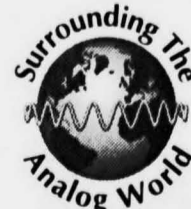
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## Sports at a glance

### Schedule

#### Football

◆ The Spartans have a week off before Homecoming on Nov. 2 against San Diego State.

#### Volleyball

◆ The volleyball team travels to San Diego to take on the Aztecs Friday.

#### Men's soccer

◆ The men's team goes on the travels to Fort Worth, Texas to play TCU Friday. They then go to Dallas on Sunday to play SMU.

#### Women's soccer

◆ SJSU hosts Fresno State 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Spartan Stadium. Sunday, Gonzaga comes to Spartan Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

#### Women's cross country

◆ The team has the week off before traveling to Dallas for the WAC Championship on Nov. 2.

#### Spartan Hockey

◆ The hockey club hosts Northern Arizona University Friday and Saturday at 7:45 p.m. in the Ice Centre.

#### Women's swimming

◆ SJSU hosts Washington State and Oregon State, 12 p.m. Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

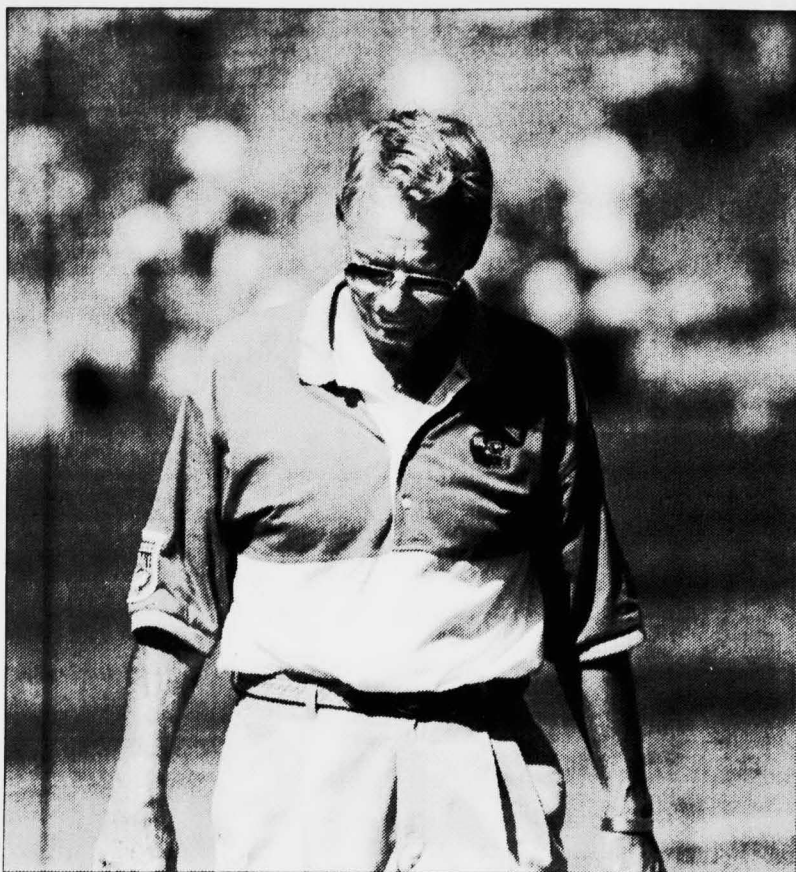
#### Women's golf

◆ The Spartans look to continue their hot streak in a tournament in Palm Springs this weekend.

#### Men's golf

◆ The team takes part in the Fresno Lexus Classic this weekend in Fresno.

## Down and out



SPARTAN DAILY FILE PHOTO

John Ralston announced his retirement from SJSU on Monday. His final game will be at home against UNLV, 1:30 p.m. Nov. 23.

## SJSU says goodbye

By Marcus Walton  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When SJSU football coach John Ralston announced his retirement on Monday morning, his football team wasn't so much surprised, after all Ralston is 69, as disappointed that the only active member of the College Football Hall of Fame is leaving with a losing season.

Ralston, 9-32 at SJSU, never had a winning season with the Spartans. That, to his coaches and player, is something a coach with Ralston's credentials should have had to live through.

"I think the guys feel a sense of guilt like maybe we didn't do everything we could for him," punter Joe Furlow said. "There are so many things besides his win-loss record. He improved the graduation rates and stopped recruiting from junior colleges."

While there were off the field advances in graduation rates, sponsorships and strength of opponents, the wins just didn't come as easily as they should have.

"He's a good guy to work for. Not everything worked out the way we wanted, but that's sports," defensive coordinator Mike Church said. "(I was surprised) that it came at this moment. I knew at some point he'd have to walk away. You know he'd eventually leave, but I just didn't know it was at

this moment."

"... I'm disappointed for him. When I got here I wanted to improve his 2-9 first season record and one of my goals was to have a winning season, but we never did that."

Carl Dean  
SJSU quarterback

Mitchell said. "To me it is important for us to win some games for him."

Those that listened carefully to his speech after Saturday's 36-13 loss to Colorado State heard something that made them think his retirement might be possible.

"He alluded to the fact he might retire in the post game speech after the game," redshirt freshman Jason Mitchell said.

But forewarned or not, SJSU football people were still shocked Monday afternoon with the news that Ralston will retire at the end of the season.

Starting quarterback Carl Dean said he was more disappointed than anything else.

"I'm disappointed he has to go out on such bad terms," Dean said. "I'm disappointed for him. When I got here I wanted to improve his 2-9 first season record and one of my goals was to have a winning season, but we never did that."

The only thing left is for the team to give Ralston some wins before he leaves. Even if the Spartans manage to win all of their remaining games, it won't be enough to give Ralston a winning season.

SJSU is 1-7 and has four games remaining.

"Coach Ralston is a winner and will always be a winner," Mitchell said. "To me it is important for us to win some games for him."

## Holmgren trashed list

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A key piece of evidence is missing from the case of the purloined play sheet, the mysterious mix-up that has the NFL abuzz.

The San Francisco play list that ended up in the Packers' possession before the team's Monday-night showdown last week didn't exactly get shoved through a shredder, Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said in his first comment on the case Monday.

But it did end up in the trash, he said. "It's much ado about nothing is what it is, because we did not have the sheets," Holmgren said. "The sheets were thrown away before we even played the game."

Packer fan Kerri Mallien of Green Bay said she and co-worker Al Paul delivered the play list and a sheet full of play diagrams to the Packers headquarters after she unwittingly obtained them from 49ers consultant and former coach Bill Walsh.

She said she was attending a conference the night before the game at a Green Bay hotel when she spotted Walsh and asked him for an autograph.

Walsh took the napkin she offered, then reached in his pocket for something else to write on against a brick wall, signed the autograph and handed it back to her, she said.

When Mallien walked away, she noticed two folded pieces of paper were with the napkin, and one had some writing on it referring to the Packers.

When she showed it to Paul, he recognized it as a list of plays the 49ers planned to run in the Monday night game.

Paul took copies to Packers offices Monday and said someone should show them to Holmgren and defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur.

In Monday night's game, Green Bay held the 49ers scoreless in the opening quarter. By halftime, the 49ers led 17-6, but the Packers went on to win 23-20 in overtime.

## Offensive coordinator considered

By Marcus Walton  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The rumor mill has started spilling names almost before SJSU football coach John Ralston finished announcing his retirement.

Offensive coordinator Roger Theder has been mentioned as a possible replacement for Ralston.

Theder, 57, came to SJSU in 1993 when Ralston took over.

Theder is the only assistant with Division I head coaching experience. He coached Cal from 1978 to 1981. Theder also served on Ralston's coaching staff at Stanford from 1968 through 1971.

While there has been no guarantees that the position would go to a current member of the coaching staff, Ralston did say that it was possible.

"We have one individual on our staff, maybe two or three, who could take over," Ralston said.

While Athletic Director Thomas Brennan said he will form a search committee to identify and screen prospective candidates, defensive coordinator Mike Church said he believes Theder would be one of the front runners.

"It's probably coach Theder," Church said. "I don't know anyone else who thinks they're ready or wants to (be head coach) right now."

## Tennis team opens season

By Mike Traphagen  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Rather than wait until the week before Valentine's Day to start shouting "love," the women's tennis team began its season Sunday with a 7-2 victory over the Gonzaga Bulldogs at Spartan Courts.

The Spartans won't play their next dual match until the spring semester, Feb. 6, when they usually start their season. Spartan Coach Anh-Dao Nguyen said this is the first time her team has played dual matches in the fall during her five-year tenure.

"(The Bulldogs) have been down here every year in March and those matches have been rained out probably four out of the last five years," Nguyen said. "Playing here now allows them to get some games in."

As snow fell in the Bulldogs' home of Spokane, Wash., Gonzaga tennis players were sun-bathing after their matches on the courts while waiting for the No. 1 singles match to end.

In the battle of No. 1 players, it took the Spartans' Mary Tourlotte three sets to defeat Gonzaga's Antje Frychel 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

"Mary did a good job of adjusting to a style of play that she's not used to," Nguyen said. "To pull that off was a real mental plus for her."

Tourlotte said that her opponent was n't hitting the ball very hard, which made her get over-anxious.

"I need to be more patient," Tourlotte said. "I'm used to the players on my team who kill the ball when I play them. They put a lot of pace on the ball, but (Frychel) didn't put hardly any pace on it."

"One of the hardest things to do in tennis is generate your own pace. I tried to do it and I just got frustrated, but being able to come back was a good mental breakthrough for me."

Other Spartan winners in single matches were No. 2 Michelle Matro, No. 4 Amy Bankston, No. 5 Den Wong and No. 6 Heather Klein.

Gonzaga's No. 3 player Melissa Juels beat Staci Holmes 6-1, 6-2 to give the Bulldogs their only singles victory. Gonzaga also mustered a doubles victory when its No. 3 team of Theresa Madson and Kristen Horrobin beat Wong and Stephanie Sarte in three sets.

Wong and Sarte were behind 0-3 in the first but rallied back to take the set 6-3. Madson and Horrobin then made a comeback of their own to win the next two sets 6-2, 6-4.

The top two Spartan doubles teams dominated their competition by winning in straight sets.

The No. 1 team of Tourlotte and Bankston beat their opponents 6-1, 6-1, while Matro and Holmes won 6-1, 6-0 in the battle of the No. 2 teams.

"I think our team did well today," Nguyen said. "We didn't come out here and step all over them. Our team had to fight hard to win."

Nguyen added that the swapping doubles partners before the match helped her team. Last year, Tourlotte and Holmes were the No. 1 team as Matro and Bankston comprised the No. 2 team.

"The doubles changes seemed to work well today," Nguyen said. "They clicked really well because there's a lot of friendship between the girls."

## Spartoons

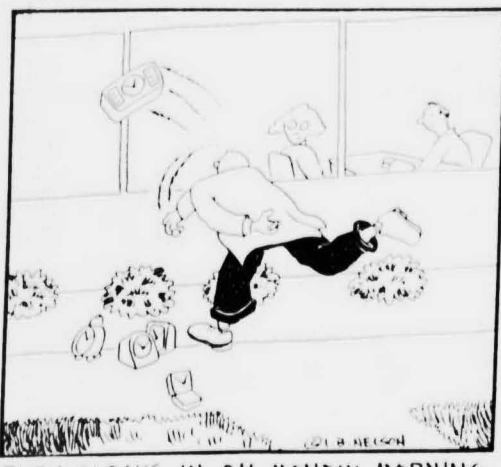
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## Yankees blanked by Braves, Maddux

NEW YORK (AP) — The way Greg Maddux was pitching, one run would have been plenty.

The Atlanta Braves didn't need to go on another rampage, relying instead on Maddux's eight shutout innings to beat the New York Yankees 4-0 Monday night for a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Fred McGriff drove in three runs as the Braves won their fifth straight game in the postseason, a span in which they've outscored opponents 48-2. A night after a 12-1 romp, Maddux put the focus right back on Atlanta's awesome starters.

"He's something. He really is," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He has his way with you. He was a master tonight."

"You don't see pitching like this every day. Unfortunately, we are seeing it every day."

The win moved the defending champions halfway toward another title, and sent the Series to Atlanta for the next three games — if all three are necessary. Of the 43 previous teams to take 2-0 leads, 33 have won it.

Because of an earlier rainout, there will be no travel day. Instead, Game 3 will be Tuesday night, with 1995 World Series MVP Tom Glavine starting for the Braves against David Cone.

Maddux made it look easy, allowing six hits, permitting only two runners past first base and walking none. The lone time the Yankees put two runners on base in an inning, the four-time Cy Young winner induced Wade Boggs to bounce into a double play and got Bernie Williams to ground out to end the sixth.

"That was a typical Maddux game," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He was on top of his game. He was quick, sneaky, and the ball had a tremendous amount of life to it."

Mark Wohlers struck out the side in the ninth for the Braves, allowing a two-out single to Cecil Fielder.

With nothing to cheer for, frustrated Yankees fans took to running on the field in the later innings. In fact, five of them touched second base, more people than the Yankees' offense put there. The game ended with a small section of Braves family members and friends chanting and chopping behind home plate.

It was the kind of neat, efficient performance that prompted the Yankees to court Maddux when he became a free agent after the 1992 season.

Maddux took a tour of New York, seeing Yankee Stadium and taking in the show "Miss Saigon" on Broadway, and got a \$34 million, five-year offer. Shortly thereafter, he accepted \$28 million from the Braves for the same five years, saying he thought they had a better chance to win the World Series.

The most action Maddux had on the mound came while showing off his seventh straight Gold Glove. He fielded five grounders, and also twice covered first base for putouts.

Maddux struck out two in

improving to 7-4 lifetime in the postseason, including a 3-1 mark this year. He also inflicted a bit of damage on the Yankees, hitting Derek Jeter on the left wrist with a pitch — the mishap caused a bruise that forced Jeter to wear an icepack between innings.

The shutout lowered the Braves' staff ERA to 1.43 in 12 games this postseason. It also made Atlanta just the 12th team in 92 World Series to win the first two games on the road.

Maddux and the Braves also sent the Yankees to their sixth straight loss in the Series. New York lost its last four in 1981 to Los Angeles, and fell in the opener against Atlanta.

The Yankees will be at a deficit in Atlanta, too, when they lose the designated hitter.

Yankees starter Jimmy Key, who beat Atlanta twice while with Toronto in the 1992 Series, never settled into a rhythm. He did not retire three straight batters until the fifth.

McGriff hit RBI singles in the first and third innings and had a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Added to his two RBIs on Sunday night, he set a record with 15 RBIs in a postseason. McGriff broke the mark of 14 set by Reggie Jackson in 1978, although he had only the AL playoffs and the World Series to do it for the Yankees.

"Coming into the game, I wasn't thinking about RBIs. I was thinking about getting us another win and another ring," McGriff said.

Mark Lemke doubled with one out in the first and McGriff singled with two outs. A leadoff double by Marquis Grissom in the third set up another single by McGriff for a 2-0 lead.

Lemke singled for his fourth hit of the Series in the fifth. Chipper Jones doubled and McGriff hit a sacrifice fly. Atlanta made it 4-0 in the sixth on a double that popped out of Jeter's injured glove hand — ending Terry Pendleton's 9-for-24 slump — and a single by Grissom.

Andrew Jones, who homered twice and drove in five runs in the opener, was 0-for-3 and hit by a pitch. The 19-year-old rookie made one nice play, safely diving around first baseman Tim Lincecum after apparently being picked off by catcher Joe Girardi in the second.

Notes: Another sign of how things are going the Braves' way — both Glavine and Cone tried to travel to Atlanta on Monday so they'd be rested for Game 3, but only Glavine made it. Cone's plane was stuck on the runway because of a computer problem, so he returned to Yankee Stadium. Darryl Strawberry, still bothered by a broken right toe, did not start for New York. Tim Lincecum took his place in left field. Strawberry has three homers in 37 career at-bats against Maddux. Pendleton finished the regular season in a 9-for-15 slump, and was hitless in nine postseason at-bats before his gift double.



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Fresno State walked into the Event Center and walked all over Michelle Sarkees and the rest of the Spartans Saturday night. The Spartans lost three-straight games to the Bulldogs, 15-8, 15-9 and 15-8.

## Spartans get dogged, again

By Matt Romig  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Spartan volleyball Coach Craig Choate has said all season long that his team has the physical skills to be competitive in the Western Athletic Conference.

But after SJSU's 3-0 loss to Fresno State at the Event Center Saturday, the coach was left struggling to find a way to revive his team, now 6-13 overall and 2-6 in the WAC.

Choate said the source of his frustration is the young team's inability to sustain a consistent level of competition throughout an entire match.

"There is no coach in the world that knows how to push that button," Choate said. "The problem is, we don't have anyone competing right now, so there is no role model for the players to learn from."

The Spartans went down qu-

etly Saturday, winning no more than nine points in any game as the Bulldogs improved to 16-4 overall and 5-2 in the WAC.

Junior outside hitter Diana Nalbandian led FSU's attack with 19 kills and 14 digs. Tricia Tuley added 10 kills and Diann Auldermaur had a game-high 40 assists.

"They're smart," Choate said of the Bulldogs. "They just serve it in and keep balls in play. If you give us enough opportunities right now, we'll mess it up all by ourselves."

The loss dropped the Spartans to 0-3 in The Event Center this season. SJSU will play the remainder of its home schedule in Spartan Gym.

Choate's latest attempt to spark his team involved moving sophomore Angie Sylvas from her left outside hitter position and replacing her with a rotation

that included freshman Darcy Walker and junior Holly Froloff.

Walker and Froloff combined Saturday for just nine kills and a .000 hitting percentage on 44 attempts. Melissa Myers led the Spartans with 12 kills and a .500 hitting percentage.

"Everyone has been everywhere," Choate said. "They've gone the circuit and nobody has stepped up and taken over. I don't know where else to go."

Where he hopes to go is the WAC Tournament, scheduled for Nov. 26-30 in Las Vegas. Choate said his team needs to win at least two more matches to secure an at-large berth.

Sylvas said the team must win at Nevada-Las Vegas and Air Force in early November to secure a trip to the tournament. SJSU defeated both teams at Spartan Gym.

Players and coaches agree that

the Spartans must improve their play to make any kind of impact at the conference championships.

"It seems like everyone lets down at the same time," Sylvas said, "and it's really frustrating because you have to keep fighting until you hit 15 points."

"People need to get pissed off and play."

Choate said he is unsure how his lineup will look when the Spartans return to action Friday at San Diego State.

"I think Angie is a natural right side player, but nobody is hitting the ball on the left side for us and you can't win that way."

After a road match against the Aztecs and a non-conference meeting with Saint Mary's, the Spartans return home for a key series against Colorado State and Wyoming on Nov. 1-2.

## Raiders appear to be back on track

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Big plays, big hits and big penalties. The Oakland Raiders, it appears, are back to normal.

The Raiders knocked out San Diego quarterback Stan Humphries in the first quarter, then beat the Chargers 23-14 in a wild game Monday night, their third straight victory that evened their record at 4-4.

Cole Ford kicked three field goals for Oakland, which won three straight last November, just before going on an 9-6 nose dive that left it 8-8 and out of the playoffs.

Jeff Hostetler once again was precise, completing 20 of 33 passes for 191 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Oakland converted 53 percent of its third downs and also committed 11 penalties for 97 yards.

It wasn't a good night for the

Chargers (4-3), who saw Humphries sustain a minor dislocation of his left (non-throwing) shoulder with 3:49 left in the first quarter. The injury is similar to the one Humphries sustained in the last game of 1992. He was able to play the following week in a 17-0 wild card playoff win over Kansas City.

The game was halted briefly when a fan ran onto the field as San Diego's Sean Salisbury dropped back to pass with 1:59 left.

Midway through the third quarter, Chargers linebackers Junior Seau and Kurt Gouveia collided helmet-to-helmet, and Seau lay on the ground for several minutes. Both later returned, but the Chargers had a rookie and a second-year pro in their places as Derrick Fenner caught a short pass from Hostetler and worked his way

through traffic for a 17-yard touchdown and a 17-7 lead with 8:02 left in the quarter.

Salisbury played well in Humphries' stead, throwing two TD passes to Tony Martin and finishing 22-of-35 for 252 yards with an interception. But he was also victimized by a big play that killed a Chargers' scoring opportunity.

After Fenner's touchdown, Andre Coleman returned the kick 39 yards, and a low block by a Raider added 15 yards to the Oakland 41. Salisbury hit Martin for a 17-yard gain to the 24. But tackle Chester McGlockton came racing through on the next play and hit Salisbury as he prepared to hand off to Leonard Russell, jarring the ball loose. Pat Swilling picked it up and ran 49 yards to the Chargers' 17. IV replays appeared to show that McGlockton was offside.

A holding penalty on Steve Wisniewski and a sack by San Diego's Marco Coleman helped negate a marching the passer call against Chris Mims, forcing the Raiders to settle for Ford's 32-yard field goal for a 20-7 lead.

Salisbury directed a 12-play, 79-yard capped by a questionable 12-yard TD pass to Martin on third-and-goal that came one play after Salisbury was sacked for 11 yards. Martin didn't appear to get into the end zone, and was pulled away from the goal line by cornerback Larry Brown. But an official made a delayed call that it was a score.

Humphries was hurt as he slid at the end of a 5-yard run. McGlockton stuck his helmet into the quarterback's back, and Rob Fredrickson also hit him.

Humphries cradled his left arm as he walked to the bench, and mouthed "I'm out."

## SJSU hockey team begins home season badly

By Mark Kregel  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The first home game for the Spartans ended in bitter defeat as the Utah State Aggies pummeled them with a 13-3 defeat on Friday.

The stands were packed with Spartan fans, but gradually emp-

ted as the team lost its battle with Utah State.

This was the third loss in a series of four games. Utah State won with 10-3 in the first and 14-2 in the second.

"We totally shut down," said Spartan Captain Danny Thebeau.

"We're a better team than that."

Thebeau attributed the team's losses as weaknesses in the defense zone. He said the Spartans played hard in the first period and then fell apart in the other two periods.

The Spartans were also playing without two of their goalies.

Aggies were quick to pull ahead with Kurt Amidon, scoring in the first two minutes on the clock.

In the first period, David Galvon, center, scored the only Spartan goal of the period. The period ended with the Aggies ahead by two.

In the second period, the Aggies racked up eight points, ending with a lead of 10 points.

The Spartans didn't score again until the third period when wing Ryan Berry scored with an assist from Thebeau and Andrew Parker, right wing. Defense Alex Hidas scored the final Spartan goal of the evening without assist.

Aggie domination continued, and scored three more goals. Also in the third period, left wing James Marthart was struck in the neck

with a stick and had to sit out for about 10 minutes.

Temper flared during the game with a fight between Thebeau and Aggie center Alan Babicky in the first period. Thebeau got into it again in the third period with Amidon.

"When we played these guys in Utah, we had a lot of fights," said wing Kyle Benner.

Although Spartans' first three games of the season have been tough, Dave Galvon said it wasn't without purpose.

"The coach (Ron Glasow) put this schedule together against tough teams for a reason," said Galvon. "Then we could play up to caliber of those teams. Utah State is very good."

The sound system at the Ice Centre was out, so much of the crowd was unable to discern who scored goals.

On Saturday, the Spartans also lost their final game against Utah State, with a final score of 6-3.

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# In trials, women opt for pill abortion

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — She is recently divorced, has a 6-year-old son at home, is immersed in graduate studies and will soon be looking for a job.

Three to four weeks ago, she got pregnant.

Instead of waiting a few extra weeks to undergo surgery, the 33-year-old woman opted for an early abortion. On Wednesday, she swallowed three RU-486 pills that detach the embryo from the wall of the uterus.

"In my situation, there is no question of having a child at this point," she said Friday after an ultrasound confirmed she is no longer pregnant.

"It's a very private decision, very difficult for any woman," she added softly, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She was to have taken a second drug at home Friday that causes strong uterine contractions, but the process of expelling

the embryo had occurred naturally.

In trials at six clinics and medical centers around the country, 150 women have induced abortions with RU-486, a drug that has been used by 200,000 European women since 1988. It could become available at hospital clinics or even doctors' offices across America beginning next summer.

"Abortion has essentially become a spectator sport in the United States," said Dr. Eric Schaff, an associate professor of family medicine and pediatrics at the University of Rochester who is in charge of the largest trial.

"This new technology should make abortion the private matter it should have always been between the health-care provider and the woman," Schaff said.

A month ago, after years of controversy, the federal Food and Drug Administration all but approved the pill's use by deeming

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Dr. Eric Schaff  
Associate professor of medicine

it safe and effective when used under a doctor's close supervision.

The nation's emotionally charged abortion battle has long delayed U.S. approval

of RU-486. Opponents consider the pill a step backward in their effort to make abortions more difficult to obtain.

About 2,000 women are being enrolled in the trials — 700 in Rochester and the others in San Francisco, Seattle, New York City, Bellevue, Neb., and Kalispell, Mont.

RU-486 is suitable for women who are up to eight weeks pregnant, whereas most surgical abortions occur between eight and 12 weeks, Schaff said.

Women routinely do not undergo surgery until they are six or seven weeks along "because a very early surgical procedure may miss the pregnancy," he said.

"With medical abortion, the whole paradigm has to change," Schaff added. "Women have to get those home pregnancy tests — they are very accurate. The earlier you present, the more effective these medicines are."

Just four out of 125 women who have

taken RU-486 in Rochester needed a second dose of the follow-up drug, misoprostol, before passing the embryo, Schaff said. If anyone is still pregnant 15 days after taking RU-486, they are offered a surgical abortion. So far, that hasn't occurred, he said.

His latest patient said she believed the pill will send women seeking an abortion back to the care of family doctors familiar with their health.

"This kind of medicine allows you to go through an abortion at an earlier stage, when it is much easier, has less complications and is less painful," she said.

In time, she said, abortion may become less of a public controversy.

"It's my belief that a woman has the right to make the choice. I definitely object to it being a matter of politics."

# Whitewater guides oppose random drug tests

MOAB, Utah (AP) — Several rivers in the West are now drug-free workplaces despite objections from some guides who view the new U.S. Park Service policy as unnecessary.

Periodic drug testing began this past season for outfitters licensed in Grand Canyon National Park. River companies bidding for multi-year contracts in Utah's Canyonlands National Park and Dinosaur National Monument also are being asked if they will conduct pre-employment and random drug-screening, and how they will eliminate substance abuse.

The directive was made to ensure safety in whitewater sports.

"Whether boatmen like it or not, their job is a public safety position that is no different from being

a bus driver or Amtrak engineer," said Canyonlands National Park Superintendent Walt Dabney. "It's just common sense. You wouldn't want someone who is impaired by drugs running a boatload of people through Cataract (Canyon)."

But guides say there have been few if any documented cases of commercial rafting accidents due to drugs.

"No one argues the river should not be a drug-free workplace," said 25-year Colorado River veteran Tom Moody, former president of the Grand Canyon River Guides Association in Flagstaff, Ariz. "But there is no indication this is even a problem. The safety record of commercial river-running in the canyon is exemplary."

Despite its image as an extreme

sport, river guides say whitewater rafting is surprisingly safe. They point to a 1993 study that compared the injury frequency of commercial Grand Canyon river-running to 17 other sports.

Football was the most injury prone, billiards the least; taking a commercial whitewater trip came in third safest, between bowling and archery.

"We've created a monster because we go 'Yippee-ki-yay' down the river," Moody said. "But because of the modern equipment and professional training of the guides, it's very safe."

Four unidentified guides write in the new issue of Boatmen's Quarterly that they have hired a lawyer to bring a lawsuit challenging the new drug-testing policy.

"Our case merely requests that the National Park Service require drug testing only in cases where reasonable suspicion exists," they state.

In the same issue, Grand Canyon Superintendent Rob Arnberger responds: "To make a case that drug testing for boat operators is unreasonable flies in the face of logic. To make claims that there is no drug use going on, or inappropriate use of alcohol, is not reflective of reality."

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 requires federal contractors to adopt and maintain policies prohibiting possession or use of controlled substances. Because the law went into effect in 1989, it was too late to be included in the recently expired whitewater tour

concession contracts in the three national parks.

The new contracts leave anti-drug policies up to river companies, although Grand Canyon's concession agreements specifically state: "Employees in safety sensitive positions will be required to participate in periodic drug testing."

The Park Service, which tests its own employees for drugs, will not conduct drug screening of river runners. But it does require outfitters to file detailed reports of their own substance-abuse monitoring program.

"We don't have any interest in running their business or making this any more onerous than it has to be," said Raymond Gunn, con-

cessions specialist at Grand Canyon. "It's up to them to implement a program that meets the spirit of the law and provides the level of protection and liability coverage they think they need."

But some boatmen still threaten to quit in protest.

"We have two experienced guides who are as clean-cut as they come, don't drink, don't smoke, and they are considering changing professions because they feel this is an infringement of their rights," said Moab outfitter Sheri Griffith. "They say if we are not doing our job, that's one thing, but it's our right to do what we want on our own time."

# Logging protesters target state forestry offices

FORTUNA, Calif. (AP) — About 150 protesters trying to block salvage logging in virgin redwood groves rallied Monday at state forestry offices they stormed and occupied in a similar demonstration 15 months ago.

The California Department of Forestry offices were closed by authorities who got advance word of the demonstration. The offices, which were surrounded by a police barricade, are used by state employees who monitor commercial logging, including Pacific Lumber Co.'s ongoing salvage operation in the Headwaters Forest area.

"We're here because we feel the California Department of Forestry is a lackey of the timber industry. They see themselves as a government agency under siege, afraid of public scrutiny," said Daryl Cherney, a leader of the Earth First! environmental group.

CDF inspectors are present at salvage logging sites to make sure regulations are obeyed, but protesters contend they aren't doing their job.

About 30 police officers and sheriff's deputies, many in riot gear, guarded the CDF office complex as demonstrators chanted, beat drums, danced and sang outside a yellow tape police line. The gathering was peaceful and there were no arrests, although numerous profanities were hurled at the demonstrators by passing motorists.

CDF spokesman John Marshall

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said Pacific Lumber has finished logging the 286-acre Bell-Lawrence grove in the Headwaters Forest region about 280 miles north of San Francisco, "and has moved on to other parts of its ownership."

"We are enforcing the forest practices rules for Pacific Lumber, just like we would for anyone," Marshall added.

The Bell-Lawrence logging has been the focus of environmentalists' protests.

Environmentalists say the salvage logging, in which dead or dying trees are dragged across the forest floor, damages wildlife habitats. They're seeking a federal court order to keep Pacific

Lumber from continuing.

A hearing is scheduled Tuesday in San Francisco before U.S. District Judge Louis Bechtle to consider the environmentalists' request for a temporary restraining order against Pacific Lumber.

Environmentalists said they have photographs of Pacific Lumber crews taking live trees in violation of salvage regulations, and that the photos will be presented at the court hearing.

Bechtle refused an earlier similar request. But the new hearing was ordered after Pacific Lumber was cited two weeks ago by CDF for violating salvage regulations in the Bell-Lawrence grove and damaging live timber.

None of Pacific Lumber's salvage logging is occurring in the 7,500-acre zone in the Headwaters that is set aside for protection under a Sept. 28 agreement between timber interests and the government.

But environmentalists contend the continued logging violates the spirit of the \$380 million agreement, and that CDF hasn't sufficient personnel to make sure the company doesn't break rules and take healthy live timber.

In July 1995, about 30 activists were arrested after they stormed the CDF offices and a nearby logging site during a five-hour protest.

The protesters chained themselves to desks, unfurled banners

from the roof and blew whistles and horns to disrupt operations.

Since Sept. 15, when more than 1,000 environmentalists were

arrested in a civil disobedience protest at Pacific Lumber's Carlotta mill, more than 200 demonstrators have been arrested

at scattered protests in the North Coast. Most have been held for trespassing and resisting arrest.

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Erin Mahoney (left) and Jill Salak freeze during an afternoon stroll on campus Monday afternoon. The colorfully costumed mimes sat down at a bench near Morris Dailey and ate a picnic lunch from Salak's

wicker basket. The silent performance was an assignment for Sam Richardson's Art 172 "Color in Space" class.

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## Elephant injures worker at LA zoo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 5-ton female elephant knocked down a worker at the Los Angeles Zoo, breaking three of the man's ribs and a collarbone, as visitors watched.

"It looked like the elephant took his head, then knocked him down and tried to trample him," said Charles Sherman, a visitor who saw the incident Saturday. "It was all over in a few seconds. It went very, very fast."

Sherman said the worker had approached the elephant, and the animal appeared startled. He said that was when the elephant knocked the man to the ground.

But Susie Kasielke, the zoo's principal animal keeper, on Sunday described the incident as less of a rampage than what Sherman said he saw.

"Anytime you're working with an animal that large, they are potentially dangerous," Kasielke said. "Elephants are intelligent animals. They're not normally aggressive or violent, but they can be. We're not sure that's what happened in this situation. We really think she lost her balance."

She said zoo officials suspect that Calle, a 30-year-old Asian elephant, may have stumbled because of painful arthritis in her forelegs.

The incident occurred Saturday afternoon as Calle was being put through a normal training routine.

Ronald Rotter, 27, of Huntington Beach, an animal keeper training to be an elephant handler, entered the yard to give something to Calle's handler.

"As he was turning around to leave the yard, the elephant apparently slipped in a wet spot in the yard, lost her footing a little bit and as she stumbled, she and Ron collided," Kasielke said. "We're not exactly sure what happened — whether he became startled and that startled her as well. In any event, it happened very quickly. It was over in a second or two."

She said that the handler immediately pulled Calle away from Rotter and someone else helped Rotter to his feet.

Calle remained calm during the entire incident, Kasielke said.

"Apparently, the visitors were quite shaken up," Kasielke said.

## Palestinians end talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Deepening a sense of crisis in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, Palestinian negotiators unexpectedly walked out of talks in Jerusalem Monday night.

The walkout came hours after U.S. mediator Dennis Ross announced that he was returning to Washington. Israelis and Palestinians blamed each other for an impasse after two weeks of talks.

It was not clear when the Palestinians, who said they left to consult with Yasser Arafat, intended to return to the negotiating table. A U.S. official said the talks would resume, but didn't say when.

Moshe Fogel, a spokesman for Israel's government, told The Associated Press that "in principle" the negotiations would continue Tuesday. He said the Palestinians seemed angry, "but we believe these are delaying tactics."

A separate committee working on civilian aspects of the new Hebron arrangement was still meeting, he said.

The latest round of talks began in response to a plea from President Clinton following a week of violence in which Palestinian police and Israeli soldiers opened fire on one another, killing 79 people.

At a summit in Washington, Clinton persuaded the two sides to negotiate non-stop until they reached agreement.

Since then, the Palestinian negotiators have walked out of talks several times to consult with Arafat, each time returning to the table. The U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Monday night that the latest walkout was not a major crisis in the peace process.

Ross said there had been progress in the latest round — just not enough. Israel, on the other hand, claimed that only details remained unresolved and accused Palestinians of stalling. The Palestinians said both were overestimating the progress.

The talks continued after Ross announced his departure. But Palestinian negotiators "got up and walked out from a session discussing security in the West Bank town of Hebron after Israeli troops pull out," Fogel said.

A Palestinian official said on condition of anonymity that the chief Palestinian negotiator, Sach Erekat, went to nearby Bethlehem to report to Arafat on the new disagreements.

Fogel said the Palestinians walked out after the Israelis

refused to renegotiate aspects of the agreement that had already been worked out.

The differences appear to extend to the very goal of the talks: while Israel seems almost eager for agreement on the pullout, the Palestinians appear to be angling for a further reaching agreement that includes other unresolved issues.

The main thrust of the talks is the much-delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron, the last West Bank town it occupies. In addition to the security issues, the two sides have been stuck on civilian questions such as whether to give building permits to Jewish settlers in Hebron.

The U.S. official said the two sides made significant progress Monday on the civilian issues, agreeing on authority over building permits.

Ross, who was sent to get the talks back on track after last month's riots, denied reports that he had given an ultimatum to both sides to make significant progress or see him return to Washington.

"This is not a step to put pressure," said Ross, who added he would return to the region when the "time was appropriate" and that an accord could be reached "relatively soon."

"We made progress this week," he said. "I think there were hopes that we could finalize in some areas. That didn't materialize. It doesn't mean we can't press ahead and reach agreement as soon as

possible."

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Ross would return to the Middle East within a week, and that the United States would continue to assist in the negotiations in his absence.

Erekat had suggested that Ross' assessment of progress was overly optimistic.

"Mr. Ross has been talking about progress since the first day he got here," he said. "Maybe in his way Mr. Ross sees progress, but in our way we do not see any progress."

Under accords signed by the previous Israeli administration, Israel was scheduled to pull out of Hebron in March. But then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres delayed the pullout after a series of bombings by Islamic militants in Israel.

Hardliner Benjamin Netanyahu, who won Israel's general elections in May, postponed the withdrawal again, demanding better security for the 450 Jewish settlers who live in the city of 94,000 Arabs.

The sides seemed to be hung up on non-security questions. Israelis claim that Arafat is stalling until after the U.S. election next month because he believes Clinton would take a tougher stand against Israel if re-elected.

Speaking on Israeli radio in Arabic, Arafat denied the allegations.

"This is not true at all," Arafat said.

## Nicaragua elections

Conservative claims election victory; Sandinista cries fraud

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Piling up so many votes that he might avoid a second round, conservative Arnoldo Aleman claimed a triumph Monday over Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua's presidential election.

But in what may be a preview of antagonism between the Sandinistas and an Aleman administration, Ortega rejected the official results — at least temporarily — claiming anomalies and discrepancies between official figures and his own party's count.

There was fraud in several instances. There were alterations in the telegrams from the (states) that lead us to believe the telegrams did not give the exact number of votes the (Sandinistas) got," he said.

Few had expected any candidate to get the 45 percent of the vote needed to win Sunday's election outright and avoid a runoff. But with 54 percent of the vote counted Monday, Aleman had 49 percent to Ortega's 39 percent. Twenty-one other candidates shared the rest.

A former mayor of Managua, the 59-year-old Aleman had campaigned on fears that Ortega would return Nicaragua to the economic hardships and political conflicts of the 1980s, after the leftist Sandinistas took power in a revolution.

"I ask God for the wisdom to understand the enormous responsibility I have acquired," a jubilant Aleman said when the first results were announced before dawn. "There are no conquerors or conquered. Only the people have won."

Dressed in a bright red shirt, the color of his party's flag, the lawyer and businessman called on all parties to unite behind him.

Sunday's vote marked the first time in Nicaragua that a civilian government chosen in an open election was to transfer power to another. President Violeta

Chamorro, who by law could not run again Sunday, leaves office Jan. 10.

Aleman's Liberal Alliance party held a shimmer lead in races for the powerful National Assembly and the Central American Parliament.

Ortega, 50, led the Sandinista National Liberation Front that governed Nicaragua throughout the 1980s. He was elected president in 1984 but was upset in 1990 by Chamorro.

The United States waged an undeclared war against Ortega and the Sandinistas in the 1980s by backing the Contra rebels.

Sunday's results, however, reaffirm the Sandinistas as a powerful force in Nicaragua.

Ortega said a parallel count of 300,000 ballots from select precincts showed that 60,000 were missing from the official tallies. He demanded to see the actual voting tabulations from each of the nearly 9,000 precincts before deciding whether to accept the election results. That could take weeks.

The campaign was more of a referendum on the country's troubled past than on its future. Each candidate tried to paint the other as a throwback to past dictatorships and hard times.

Ortega was jailed and tortured by the rightist Somoza dictatorship for seven years in the 1970s. Aleman was jailed and had his property confiscated by the Sandinistas in the 1980s.

The winner faces a formidable task of pulling Nicaragua out of decades of turmoil and poverty and instilling the fairly new concept of modern democracy here.

There were numerous foul-ups in Sunday's voting, with poll workers and ballots often arriving hours late. Election officials kept the polls open hours past the scheduled closing time to allow everyone to vote.

Voting in a few isolated areas reportedly continued into Monday morning. Some voters waited in line for up to 12 hours, enduring both blazing sun and drenching tropical rains.

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### CORRECTION

In Monday's story titled, "Money Gone" it should have stated that Police Chief Ric Abeyta said he thought a \$428 deposit was lost because of a bank error. Also SJSU vice president Don Kassing said he thought the \$428 may have been lodged in a wall.

# Study: Kids of smokers need extra oxygen

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Children whose parents smoke need extra oxygen after surgery much more often than other youngsters, researchers reported Monday.

Researchers at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City checked the oxygen levels of 72 children after surgery and later asked their parents whether they smoked. Out of 17 youngsters who needed extra oxygen, 15 lived with secondhand smoke.

"That's remarkable," said Dr. Daniel I. Sessler, an anesthesiologist at the University of California at San Francisco. "I would not

have expected much of a difference."

The study was to be presented at a meeting in New Orleans of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

The children, ages 1 to 10, were in the hospital for routine procedures such as circumcision, hernias or hydroceles — accumulation of fluid in a body cavity. They were checked with a pulse oximeter, a device that does not need to puncture the skin to measure the amount of oxygen in the blood.

Forty-one of the children came from non-smoking families; 31 had at least one parent

who smoked. Fifteen children whose parents smoke needed oxygen therapy, compared with two out of the 41 whose parents are nonsmokers.

Dr. Bimal Massand, lead researcher for the study and a pediatrician and director of pediatric anesthesia at Maimonides Medical, said: "I expected a difference, but I didn't think it would be this striking."

A number of studies have linked secondhand smoke to cancer, heart disease and other problems. Secondhand smoke has

been estimated to cause 3,000 lung cancer deaths a year among nonsmoking Americans and 150,000 to 300,000 cases of respiratory infection among children.

Since studies have linked secondhand smoke to cancer and impaired lung development, Massand said, children exposed to it are likely to have limited reserves of oxygen in their lungs and bodies. That, in turn, is probably why they need supplemental oxygen more often after surgery, he said.

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## Ralston: College Hall of Famer to retire from head coaching job

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Brennan said Ralston's new responsibilities will include fund raising, corporate affairs and public relations.

"This is a difficult time," Ralston said, "but I'm retiring from the sidelines, not from actively working toward the benefit of the football program and its players."

"Other than the winning, we have everything else in place."

### Tenure at SJSU

Winning is something that has eluded Ralston in his three-plus years at SJSU, as the Spartans have lost 32 of 41 games, including seven of eight this season.

But while losses mounted on the field, Ralston was a key influence in strengthening other aspects of the program. Stanford and Cal visited Spartan Stadium due in large part to his presence, and SJSU is scheduled to host the University of Southern California in 2000.

Academics also improved under Ralston, a 1951 graduate of the

University of California. Thirty-six former Spartan football players graduated from SJSU in the past two years, which is a significant improvement from previous years when graduation totals were in single digits.

"I can't say enough about what Coach Ralston has done for the program," said Jacob Malae, linebacker and team co-captain. "He taught me there is more to life than just football. How he carries himself and the example he sets for us has been an inspiration."

"For me, I'm a better person for playing under him."

Ralston said he will miss the competitive juices that flow during game days and the relationships that he has developed with his players. He said he has never adjusted to losing.

"The fun comes with seeing fine men like Jake (Malae) and Joe (Furlow) every day," Ralston said, referring to the two players on hand for the announcement. "The losses are the other part, and that

takes its toll."

"Only coaches know how you feel when you lose."

### The early years

Losing was not common for Ralston early in his career, as he guided Utah State to a 9-2 record and a trip to the Sun Bowl in 1960, just his second year as a collegiate head coach. In four years with the Aggies, Ralston was 31-11-1 with two bowl appearances.

Stanford University called next, and Ralston enjoyed an unparalleled run of success on "The Farm" from 1963-'71. In 1965, he led Stanford to its first winning season in eight years.

Beginning in 1970, he led the Cardinal to back-to-back Pac-8 championships and Rose Bowl victories over Ohio State and Michigan. Stanford has not returned to the Rose Bowl since Ralston departed after the 1971 season.

Ralston was inducted into the Stanford University Athletic Hall

of Fame and was recognized in 1991 as the school's football "Coach of the Century."

### Professional experience

The Oakland native coached professionally for the Denver Broncos from 1972-'76 and from 1983-'84 with the Oakland Invaders of the United States Football League.

While with Denver, he helped build a struggling franchise into a Super Bowl contender and was recognized by United Press International in 1973 as American Football Conference "Coach of the Year."

Several current or former NFL head coaches have coached under Ralston, including Mike White, Jim Mora, three-time Super Bowl winner Bill Walsh, Dick Vermeil, Rod Rust and the late Jack Christensen.

Ironically, Mora retired Monday as coach of the New Orleans Saints.

"There is nothing like the build-up to competition," Ralston said.

"It's going to be difficult from that standpoint."

### New position

One of his primary goals as an administrative assistant will be improving attendance at Spartan Stadium, something he was unable to do as coach.

"One failure we've had is not filling this stadium," Ralston said. "I can't believe a community this size can't fill the stadium."

Before the 1996 season, SJSU's first in the WAC, Ralston talked about conference championships, bowl berths and national rankings. His focus will not change with his new position.

"When I say competing for a national championship, I say it very sincerely," Ralston said. "We have that kind of potential here."

While Ralston plans for the future of Spartan football, Malae said the team will strive to help the coach improve on his 95-79-4 career record.

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Jacob Malae  
SJSU linebacker

"He's a class guy," Malae said, "and we should try to send him out on a good note."

## Dive

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airborne predators maintained their distance from each other without any noticeable variation.

The divers were swimming to explore the matridium fields (a forest of white palm tree-like sea anemones) just off the sea wall, at a depth of approximately 40 feet.

The hill overlooking the dive site blocked the sun's warming rays of from having any positive effects on the divers who emerged from the cold water. The divers staggered out of the bay under what felt like many pounds of extra weight after floating under the water for more than half an hour.

"It feels like about 200 pounds," said Sonya Wodopianov, club treasurer. She said the wet suits do gain some weight because they absorb a considerable amount of water during a dive.

They looked like alien creatures from the deep with their dark wet suits and all the gear hanging from their bodies.

The SCUBA, Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus was invented by Jacques Cousteau in 1943.

A seal came to the surface at the same time as some divers from another group who had

run out of air or energy. The seal floated comfortably on its back and swam less than three feet from one surprised diver.

A.J. Spotswood, one of the more experienced divers, said, "Seals can be kind of a nuisance. They'll come up close to you and blow bubbles on your mask." He pointed at the far end of the breakwater, where numerous seals had taken up residence and were barking at the winds.

Spotswood said he saw several types of crab, sea anemone, sea cucumbers, rock shrimp and a big school of blue rock fish during the early dive.

Javier Cardoza, SJSU sociology graduate, said, "I used up a lot of air because I was excited about the dive and I've got a big pair of lungs."

The divers huddled together in the Breakwater parking lot after the first dive, dipping into the huge bag of tortilla chips supplied by the club, while they swapped stories of the dusk dive and tips for the coming night dive.

Lang's return minutes later with three hot, steaming pizzas was welcomed by the hungry divers, who immediately began devouring the pizzas displayed on the tailgate of Lang's pick-

up.

Sunday's second dive was a different experience for the divers because it was night and they had to use flashlights and their gauges were harder to see, Spotswood said.

Cardoza said he saw crabs and a giant squid, and even more fish were visible during the second dive. "The water was rougher, and the current was kind of strong at the bottom," Cardoza said. "We came back out earlier because I was getting disoriented, and I didn't want to get lost."

The night life in the ocean was quite different, according to Spotswood. He said there were many more invertebrates to be seen.

"I don't know enough taxonomy to tell what all the animals were," Spotswood said. "All the crabs come out of their hiding spots at night."

The divers had to watch their diving partners more carefully at night and had to be careful to make sure their hand signs were done in the light so their partners could see them, according to Spotswood.

Wodopianov took her turn as dive master for the night dive and made sure everyone made it out of the water safely.

## Eaters

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Sucher said the study is more involved than it appears. "Everyone just assumes a dietitian (only) looks at what a person eats, but they have to look at the whole person," Sucher said. This would include going into the participants' family and medical histories, she said.

Once the dietary evaluations are completed, the designated eaters will meet with Sucher at SJSU. Dietary changes will be recommended to the eaters if necessary.

Changes are a pretty safe bet for the diets, according to a recent study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The study found 59 percent of all men and 49 percent of all women in the U.S. to be overweight.

The designated eaters' group will be selected from more than 150 men and women, including

some SJSU students, who responded to the Mercury's request earlier this month. Applicants ranged in age from nine to 96, Donnelly said.

"It (the project) does point out how interested people are in what they eat and how confused they are about what they eat," Donnelly said.

Sucher said the eaters selected will be a group having varied diets. Recommendations for dietary changes will be made before the holidays, she said.

Sucher is pleased SJSU was involved in the project. "I think it's a real nice hands-on opportunity for the students," she said.

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An advertising graduate's epic movie

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# Q-balls break up

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Through the clutter of the thrift store, a box of fluffy blond Afro wigs caught his eye. Drawn to their glow, Adam Barker bought the wigs, even though he didn't really know what to do with them. But that night he ended up in an all black jazz club, wearing a 1970s polyester leisure suit and one of those Afros on his head.

That night, Barker and a friend decided to wear the Afros out to bars in San Diego. They held character despite taunts of people saying, "it's not Halloween."

"We walk in there and all these brothers are just trippin' on us. It's not often that they got honkys comin' in with wigs, polyester, struttin', wearing sunglasses inside. But the whole night ended up flowin'," Barker says.

and Lieutenant Daddy Rich) send Duckett and C-Monkey to SJSU as part of a witness protection program. Finding the party scene weak, Duckett and C-Monkey show San Jose how to party like rock stars and teach people some style.

The plot contains subtle references to the movie "Footloose," featuring Kevin Bacon. In "Footloose," a city boy comes to a strict, religious country town that forbids rock 'n' roll music and dancing, but he eventually gets the residents to let their hair down.

"I honestly put my sense of humor on the line. I thought the stuff was funny, but you start having doubts that maybe none of this is funny," Barker says.

He found out that it was funny at "Q-Balls" premiere, before 350 people. "Q-balls" was



**Dryin' the 'fros.** photo by del Rosario

Once the confused patrons saw Barker dancing, he won them over. He says he got everyone doing the "Funky Chicken."

"That night, I was like, 'This could be a movie.'"

Barker's night in a blond Afro in December of 1994 inspired him to write a script. A year and a half later, the advertising major turned it into a low budget, hour-and-a-half film, "Q-Balls: a Bitch-slap of Soul."

"Q-balls" is about Duckett and C-Monkey, two guys from the hip, fictional city Q-town. They wear leisure suits and blond Afros and know how to party. The police (Agent Fuzz

premiered just before finals on May 16 in the Engineering auditorium. Even with the late date and little advertising, word of mouth gathered a sold out crowd.

"It went over big," says Greg Sowers, environmental studies major who played C-Monkey. "We had standing room only. They cheered every line. People liked the music. They were dancing in the aisles."

"It's got an interesting story, people we know and crazy things going on. It has all the quirky things of a movie like 'The Naked Gun,' but it's low budget," says Carolyn Gerstman, art major.

"It's quite well made, the work of a gifted student. It shows great visual images and

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use of resources," says Karl Toepfer, graduate coordinator for the department of theater arts. Barker worked for Toepfer as a student assistant, midway through the movie's editing.

Since the premiere, the movie gained a cult following on and off campus as copies of the video began circulating. Barker says he has sold hundreds of tapes and receives letters of requests from schools in Chico and Santa Barbara.

A long time had passed to reach this success. Barker found the wigs in December of '94 and wrote the screen play during January and February of '95. From March through May, he filmed all the scenes. However, Barker didn't start working again on the film until this year. He edited from February until May using equipment from the Instructional Resource Center. "I was editing up until 10 minutes before the premiere," he says.

Barker started his nearly two-year-long movie-making odyssey by buy-

When he finished writing the screenplay, he followed the book's advice and sent the script to several Hollywood production companies, including the RTVF and drama departments, in an attempt to get people involved. He was shut out on all counts.

Frustrated, Barker pawned his home stereo for a used Super VHS video camera. He went on to cast, direct, produce and edit the entire project himself, with almost no budget, help or formal training.

It was an ambitious project for an undergraduate or even a graduate RTVF student, Toepfer says. "Q-Balls" wasn't done for school credit and "that's what makes it more remarkable. This is something he just wanted to do," he says.

Unfortunately, finding the actors wasn't as easy as writing the script.

Although many of the actors were friends, Barker approached complete strangers who he thought were perfect for parts.

"Zuberi had a perfectly manicured Afro. I knew he would be perfect for the part of Agent Fuzz. I was definitely nervous," Barker

says about contacting him.

To convince the actor, Barker showed him a scene that was done. He also persuaded a guy he barely knew to wear a dress and be a girl in the movie.

Having the actors he wanted, Barker became a prisoner to their schedules. Filming was off and on, totaling three months.

No cue cards were used and there were no rehearsals. Barker would feed actors the line then suggest improvements such as, "Say it again, pissed."

"It wasn't that hard. We did a couple sentences at a time. Then he'd say 'Be a little sexier. Love the camera,'" says Shamina Hussein, computer engineering major who played a "dorm babe."

Lines were kept short enough to remember easily. Actors were edited together later, due to their conflicting schedules.

Finding locations to film was also difficult. Scenes were done on campus and at nearby locales such as a bar, a beauty salon and a tattoo parlor.

Most businesses required permission to film, so Barker learned to don a respectable, collared shirt, and he prepared a speech saying that the movie was part of a thesis project (a blatant lie). Most did not expect Barker to return to return to begin filming wearing an Afro wig.

After such antics, Barker was happy to finish "Q-Balls," and he is ready for new projects.

"It has its moments but it's painful for me to watch. Now I can do so much better," Barker says.

Barker says this is partially due to gaining professional experience making videos for Fox Racing of Morgan Hill. He got the job because a copy of "Q-balls" filtered its way to the company. "Q-Balls" so impressed Fox, they offered him a job.

In addition to filming motorcross races for Fox, Barker also helped Toepfer produce the pilot of a 10-show series for European television on body expressivity.

Currently, Barker is finishing writing a new script. Using "Q-balls" as an example of his work, he intends to shop around for a production company. He is also considering applying to UCLA for film school.

"I'm sure I'll have to put up with a bunch of cappuccino-swilling, Marion-Brando worshipers, but I'd hook up the phat connections," Barker says.

"I think the [chances] are actually quite good. He has the will and ambition to succeed," Toepfer says.

"Making that movie definitely changed what I want to do," Barker says.

He prefers a job writing, filming or directing, and has doubts about working in an entry-level advertising job.

Although Barker admitted that he'd be happy making low-budget, video taped movies for the rest of his life, he hopes to do films backed by production companies. He has one certain aspiration.

"My life's goal is to make the next 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High,'" Barker says. "I've got to make a movie like that."

To get your hands on a copy of **Q-balls** go to: Smack @ 325 S First Street, San Jose or write to: P.O. Box 720537, San Jose CA 95172



ing a screenplay writing how-to book. Writing became an obsession.

Scenes came to Barker in random order, but were made to fit the script.

"I'd be drunk at a party and more lines would start coming to me. I would run to the bathroom and write on the toilet paper," he says. "If it was still funny in the morning, it was put into the computer."

The script was influenced by black exploitation films such as "Shaft" and "Super Fly." Barker loved the imagery of macho pimps in leisure suits and sexy ladies with their struts. "Q-balls" featured similar wardrobes.

"I wanted 'Q-balls' to have the feel of a blaxploitation movie, but obviously being a honky, it's hard to cap on 'the man' when you are 'the man.' So I guess I had a white-exploitation movie," Barker says.

He had characters drop slang like "honky," "cracker" and "whitey." The film rips on grunge music while praising old-school funk.

The jests are in good humor Barker says. Many racial groups and social cliques are represented in the film. In the movie, all the stereotyped groups get along and party together.



Scenes from Q-balls

# The Paradox of Athletes with asthma

text by Leslie Asbury photos by Drew Nielsen and Christian del Rosario

Plug your nose and put a cocktail-sized straw in your mouth. Now start to run while breathing only through the straw. See how long you can last with this minimal amount of air passing through to your lungs.

Imagine dealing with this on a daily basis. It is a problem that approximately 15 million Americans with asthma must live with. Athletes have a larger chore ahead of them because the disease conflicts with the entire ideal behind any type of physical exertion.

Some athletes on campus, including myself, must overcome the obstacle of getting enough air while trying to do what they love. Just three years ago I joined the first cross country team at SJSU and immediately got hooked. I felt nothing could get in the way of my goals

and a long future in this sport.

I started noticing in the summer of 1994 that I was constantly out of breath and that my chest hurt. It took a frightening trip to the emergency room one evening for me to discover my ailment was more than a cold. With all the symptoms and the history of my family, the doctors deduced that I have asthma.

I was given a prescription for Proventil, an inhaler, and was sent on my way. What the doctors neglected to tell me was how my running and my life would be affected. Having asthma was and still is quite scary to me. How would you feel if your airways were blocked off and you could not open them to save your life?

SJSU swimmer Jessyca Nabozny says, "It feels like you are dying because you can't get air. It's like a 500 pound guy is sitting on you and he is eating."

For myself, this season, the panicky feeling of death was overcome by the feeling of frustration. Every day I was faced with yet another asthma attack that left my energy and emotions drained. With the help of an asthma specialist and a few more inhalers, I now have more control over my asthma, but there are still those days when nothing will help.

"I've been given a challenge," says SJSU cross country runner Christin Frederick. "You have more to gain, to confront the challenge and set goals despite it."

Frederick, who has had asthma since she was five years old, feels that it has made her more determined in her sport.

"It makes it more exciting," she says.

SJSU men's basketball player, Luther Waters, says sports have helped him battle his asthma. He says that asthma has faded through the years of his participation in basketball, football and baseball.

"I am so determined to accomplish my goals that I don't let anything stop me," Waters says. "It's never been a real issue."

Many would like to believe asthma is a problem existing only in the heads of those who suffer from it. However, asthma is a real issue that has put thousands of people in the hospital each year.

When I went to see the asthma specialist, he had me blow as much air as I could in a contraption called a peak flow meter. It measures how many liters of air per minute your lungs can excrete. He demonstrated by measuring 700 to 750 liters.

Both Frederick and I could not measure anything above 450 liters, no matter how hard we blew into the meter. Fortunately, with the new inhalers he prescribed for me, I have improved it to 550 to 600 liters, but that is still approximately 100 liters less air I am getting in my lungs compared with the average person. Breathing is more than an unconscious gift for asthmatics, it's a task.

Within your lungs are a bunch of intertwining airways, bringing oxygen everywhere possibly imagined. In asthmatics, these little airways are easily irritated. Anything from the tiniest dust particle to thick smog can block these passageways to constrict. Constriction prevents the lungs from getting the amount of oxygen they need to function and causes the feeling of suffocation.

"My chest is so tight, it scares me," says cross country runner Allison Kegley. "It's more the feeling of panic than the pain."

Attacks are often made worse because the person suffering from them may start to panic or get embarrassed. It is an embarrassing thing when you start to wheeze during a practice competition. The frustration of having yet another attack is sometimes overwhelming.

"I don't let it get to me, it's not my fault," says Kwell. "I move forward for the SJSU men's basketball team."

Baker says that he did not tell his coach, Stan Morrison, or his teammates about his asthma because he does not want to be any different from everyone else.

"I don't want to be looked at as a charity case," Baker says.

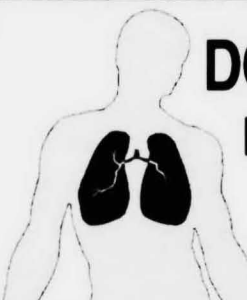
Asthma can be a serious problem, but for us with asthma it is just another obstacle for us to overcome. At times it is very frustrating, especially when you cannot go to practice without having some sort of attack. But for the most part, it is an inconvenience.

"I don't focus my life around my asthma," Nabozny says. "I love this sport so much that I am not letting it [asthma] rule me."

Nabozny was diagnosed when he was a junior in high school. Initially, he says it was "a real chore," but he is able to go through a normal life without really thinking about it.

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**LEFT:** Despite having asthma since she was five-years-old, Christin Fredrick runs on the SJSU cross country team. "You have more to gain to confront the challenge and set goals despite it," Fredrick says. photo by Nielsen

**BELOW:** Luther Waters, SJSU point guard, says that sports have helped him battle his asthma. He says that it has faded through the years of his participation in basketball, football and baseball.

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# SPARTANS HIT THE ICE

text by Larry Hernandez photos by Andrew Nielsen

The Spartan hockey club will crush Cal and Stanford this year. Am I crazy? I think not. I'm not guaranteeing anything of course, but I predict big wins for the Spartans against our biggest Bay area rivals. Why not? The Spartans have competed in the national tournament the past two years and were ranked No. 1 in their division three years in a row. Yes folks, we do have a hockey team and yes, they do kick butt.

The hockey club was founded in 1991 in order to give SJSU hockey players a chance to compete at the collegiate level. The Spartans belong to the Pacific Division of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Of the 150 division one and two teams in the ACHA, the Spartans play in division one.

The Spartan hockey club has been coached since day one by Ron Glasow, a former professional hockey player for the Fresno Falcons of the Pacific South West Hockey League. During his tenure Glasow has guided the Spartans to two appearances in the ACHA nationals where they made it to the second round last year.

This season looks to be just as promising for Glasow's club. New faces, as well as veteran players, should bring a combination of experience and energy to the ice.

Glasow says this year's club is not as talented individually. However, he says the quality of the players this year extends beyond the starters.

"Our talent depth is much better this year," Glasow says. "Our fourth line players are much better hockey players than we've had in the past."

Club president and fourth-year veteran Dave Galyon sees much potential in this year's squad.

"We lost a lot of guys from last year due to graduation and other commitments. But, we have a group of freshmen that will support us for the future," Galyon says.

Galyon feels that ACHA talent has improved in his four years with the team, and SJSU hockey has improved along with it. The Spartan's schedule this year reflects their improvement.

Captain Danny Thebeau feels that the tougher schedule will get the Spartans ready for post-season play.

"The schedule has improved. We are not facing any weak colleges this year. We've cut teams such as UCLA and University of California, Davis out of our schedule," Thebeau says. "The superb quality of our schedule should gear us up to do well in the nationals."

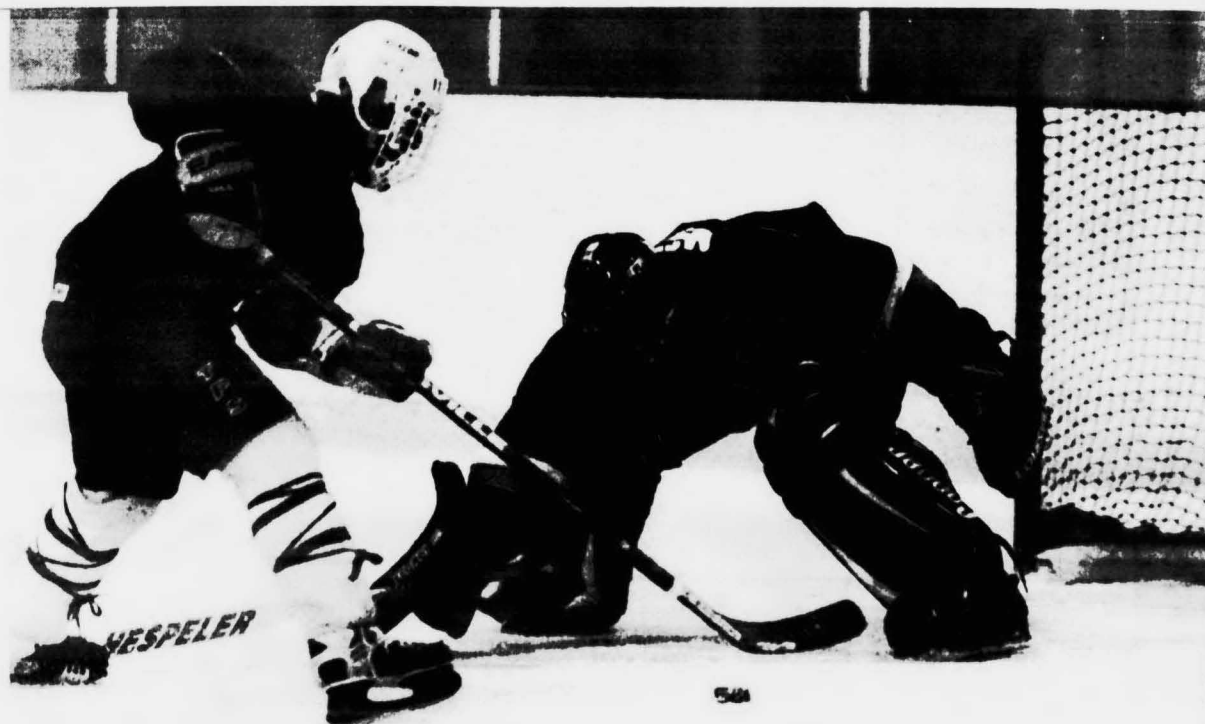
The Spartan's schedule includes two games each with Utah State University and Weber State University (both teams went to the nationals last year) as well

as a match up with Orange Coast College, of southern California, who took the No. 1 ranking from the Spartans last year. According to Thebeau, the match-up against Cal should provide some fireworks.

"The Cal game will be interesting. Last year we got into a full fledged brawl down here [San Jose]," he says.

"There's a lot of built up animosity between the two teams. They have a superiority complex because they're Berkeley."

Another highlight on the schedule is the debut of the Gold Rush Tournament. The idea behind the tournament is to raise awareness of the Bay area college hockey programs.



Freshman wing Ryan Berry maneuvers past the awaiting glove of goal-keeper Peter McHugh during practice at the Ice Center.

Left wing James Marihart (background) checks center David Galyon to get control of the puck.



The format will be based on the Bean Pot Tournament held annually in Boston.

The Bean Pot Tournament pits the top four teams in the Boston area against each other. The Gold Rush Tournament will pit four of the top local teams against each other, Cal, University of Pacific, Palmer and SJSU. Instead of a bean pot, teams will compete for a gold miner's pan.

As the hockey program at SJSU has grown so have expectations. Playing hockey at SJSU takes a great deal of commitment, both athletic and financial.

Each member of the team pays \$1,000 to participate. Most of the money goes toward ice time, a cost of \$200 an hour covered by the hosting team. Games, which usually last three hours, can run the team between \$600 and \$700.

SJSU's hockey club is a club-level sport, which means they receive no funds from men's athletics. A majority of their funding comes from gate receipts as well as fund-raising.

In order to encourage more support the club has put together some fund raisers for this season's home games. One fund raiser involves a season-long auction in which fans can bid on items such as an autographed Mario Lemieux jersey and a hockey stick autographed by the entire Shark team.

Playing hockey at SJSU isn't easy, but both Galyon and Thebeau said the program and the experience are invaluable. Thebeau, who is a sports management major, says he is gaining great experience as the club's vice

president. His duties include putting together the club's program, as well as gaining corporate sponsorships. Both responsibilities should help him in the future, especially since he wants to work in the hockey field.

For Thebeau SJSU and hockey are a perfect marriage. "I really wanted to play college hockey, and the sports management program [at SJSU] is one of the best in the country, so it's worked out well for me. I love this school and the program."

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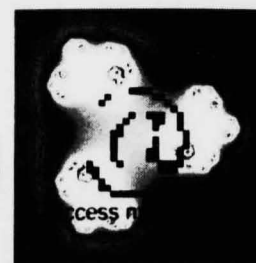
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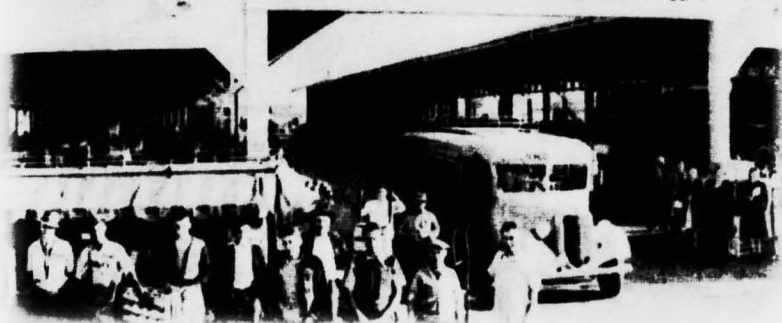
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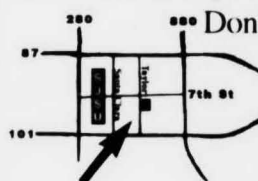
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