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## Wilson's new bill cuts fees

■ Tuition, tax break in store for college students following governor's approval

By Scott Shuey  
Staff Writer

San Jose State University students and parents of future students will find it a little easier to afford college thanks to bills signed by Gov. Pete Wilson.

On Friday, Wilson signed bills giving state college students a break on fees next fall and parents a tax break on money saved for future college students.

The fee bill by Assemblywoman Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego, will cut tuition at all state colleges beginning next fall. The cuts will be five percent for University of California and California State University students and a \$1 credit for community college students.

For California residents attending SJSU, tuition will be lowered from \$1,584 to \$1,505, a difference of \$79.

Joni Finney of the Higher Education Policy Institute based in San Jose said the bill is only a short-term solution to financing the state's colleges.

"This can only be described as a crazy way to finance higher education," Finney said. "The state needs a long-term solution to paying for education, instead of the state's current

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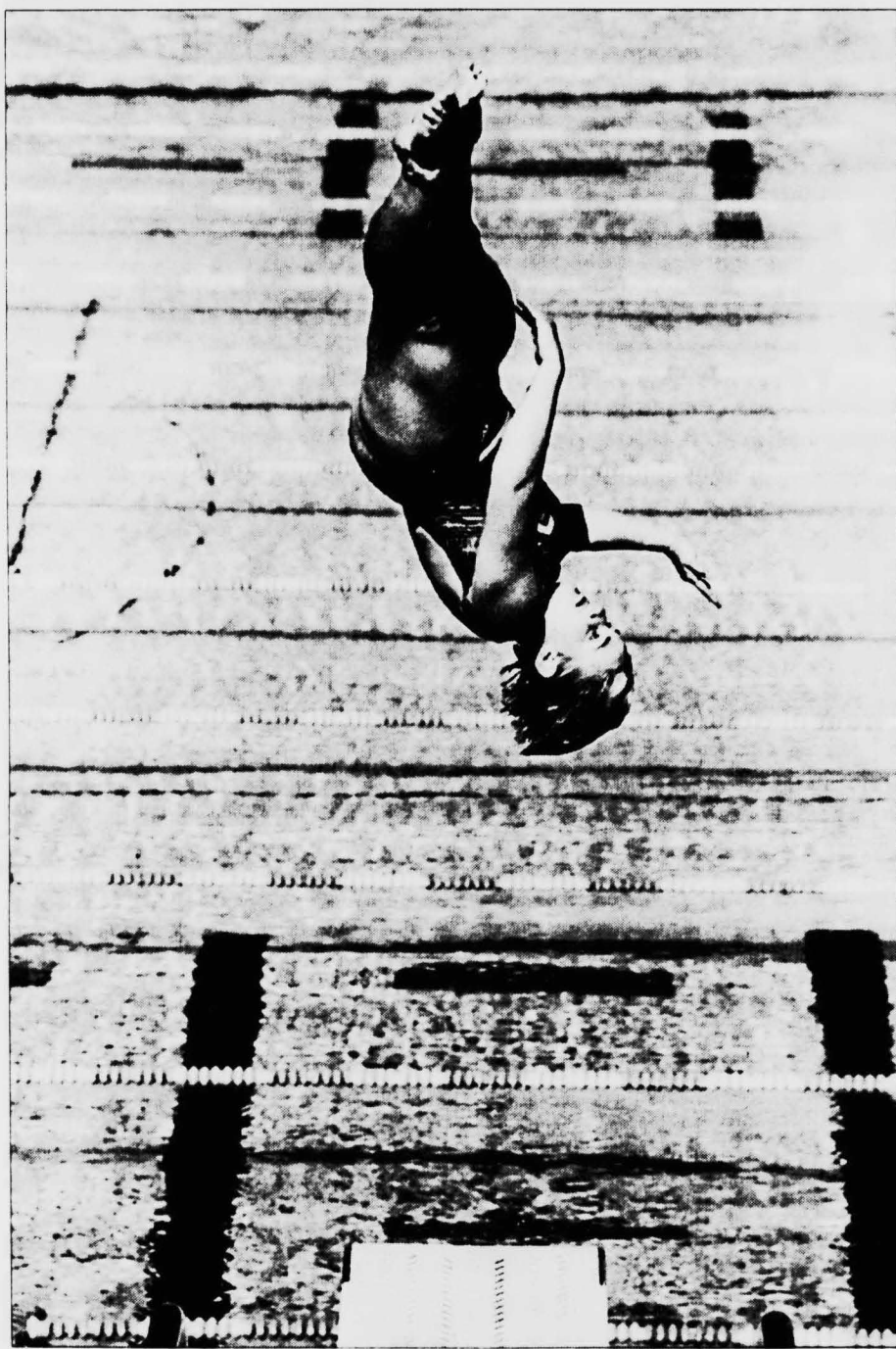


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## Live and let dive



Mitch Cartwright/Spartan Daily

Human performance major, Leila Aldridge, works on her back one-and-a-half with a twist. The SJSU women's swim team held an intersquad meet Saturday morning at the Aquatic Center. The team also competed against alumnae.

## CSUs looked to for tech advice

By Catherine Spencer  
Senior Staff Writer

With the explosion of information and technology, more students and faculty members are turning to the university for help in accessing and utilizing tools such as the Internet, e-mail and computers.

"To remain competitive in today's society, it is imperative to gain a working knowledge of computers and information technology," said English literature major Teresa Pascali.

The California State University System first recognized the need to improve information and computer literacy in 1993, said Maurice Mitchell, vice president of Information and Research Services.

"Two years ago, universities systemwide began implementing programs in all freshman orientation courses and English classes to increase literacy," Mitchell said.

Computer and information literacy was defined by the CSU as "the ability to find, evalu-

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## Professor joins NASA's Saturn probe mission

By John Meyer  
Staff Writer

Essam Marouf is boldly going where no San Jose State University professor has gone before.

Marouf, a professor in SJSU's Electrical Engineering Department, is getting ready to explore Saturn as a member of the Cassini/Huygens Mission.

The Cassini/Huygens Mission is a space exploration project that will launch NASA's biggest-ever interplanetary probe to explore Saturn's environment from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The launch was postponed from Monday to Wednesday due to strong winds.

Marouf was one of 134 investigators selected from 36 academic and research facilities by NASA to do research and design radio instruments in the spacecraft for the Cassini/Huygens mission back in 1990, according to Marouf.

The spacecraft that will go to Saturn is named Cassini. It will release a probe called Huygens onto Titan, one of Saturn's 18 moons, Marouf said.

Marouf said the purpose of the mission is to study specific questions about Saturn, along with answering scientific questions concerning the creation of the solar system and life on Earth.

He said the mission is an international partnership between NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

He said that for every mis-

sion to a new planet, NASA competitively selects a new group of researchers.

"I submitted a proposal, and fortunately I was selected," Marouf said.

It isn't easy to get selected, said Dr. Hank Pernicka, an SJSU aerospace engineering professor who worked for NASA in the summers of 1991 and 1992.

"The NASA review is a very selective process," Pernicka said. "It is a great honor for him to be chosen in that regard."

Ray Chen, SJSU's dean of the Electrical Engineering Department, said it is an honor for someone from SJSU to be a part of the mission because of all the competition from researchers from well-known academic institutes such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

"It is prestigious to be listed with that group (Stanford and MIT)," Chen said. "This proves SJSU faculty is as good as the other prestigious schools."

Before becoming a professor at SJSU in 1990, Marouf earned his doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford in 1975 and became a professor there from 1975 to 1990.

The Cassini/Huygens

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## Hispanic university, SJSU forge alliance

By Lois Jenkins  
Staff Writer

President Robert Caret of San Jose State University and President B. Roberto Cruz of the National Hispanic University signed a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions on Oct. 2.

NHU is a small, private university established by Cruz in 1981. Yearly enrollment at the college located in east San Jose is about 300.

According to information in

the Memorandum of Understanding provided by SJSU's Department of Undergraduate Studies, the agreement established the SJSU/NHU Higher Education Partnership Program. The partnership was designed with two major objectives in mind:

- To increase the number of Hispanics attending and graduating from SJSU and NHU.

- To strengthen the abilities of both institutions to meet the educational needs of the

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## Presidential accessibility a plus; Caret not a household name

(Editor's Note: The following story is part of a series titled "Promises, Promises: What he Said Vs. What he's Done" appearing in today's paper. For more stories, see page 7.)

By Lois Jenkins  
Staff Writer

It's not as difficult as you might think to get through to the man in Tower Hall, Room 206, but if you don't know who he is or how to find him, you might be out of luck.

"I don't know who Robert Caret is," said Veronica Corona, a business administration major. "Is he a movie star or something?"

Donna Becerra, a psychology major, said she doesn't know exactly who he is either, but she knows where to find him.

"I know he's in the offices in Tower Hall. I was there the other day to look for a professor, but obviously I was in the wrong place."

Becerra said she'd probably just knock on Caret's door and ask to see him if she thought she had a reason to.

That would probably not result in a meeting with the San Jose State's President Robert Caret, however.

According to Caret, individual meetings with him may be rare, but he's still accessible to the campus community in a number of ways.

"There are not enough hours in the day for one-on-one meetings with students," he said. "With 27,000 students on campus the practicality for that just doesn't exist."

The president said students often stop him when he's walking on campus and he welcomes their conversations if time permits, but there are more efficient ways to contact him besides trying to find him on campus or at an event.

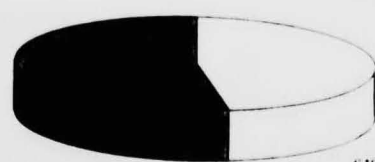
Caret said students who have concerns they wish to raise with him in person can attend Student Study Breaks or Key Luncheons.

Student Study Breaks are held about six times a year in Tower Hall, Room 110. Each study break allows 20 students the opportunity to meet and talk with Caret in an informal atmosphere. Any student who wishes to participate in a study break should call the president's RSVP line at 924-1106 and leave

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## Who?

Has SJSU's president made himself accessible to the average student? One hundred San Jose State University students were asked the following question: "Who is Robert Caret?"



Genoa Barrow/Spartan Daily



## Aging student laments about reasoning for finishing college trek

Most students leave college with a new appreciation for knowledge, endless opportunities and vast understanding of what the world of ours has to offer.

I'll be lucky to keep my hair. Including junior college, I have spent eight long years in this cesspool we call education, all while working towards a degree in print journalism.

In those years I have noticed a disgusting deformation transforming my body.

I'm getting old. I often splash my face with cold water to rinse away the tired look that follows a day at San Jose State University.

Last week during this daily routine I saw some things that scared the life out of me.

I had bags under my eyes so big that Hefty and Glad would be jealous. I saw aging in my skin I had never seen before. I saw wrinkles in some places I didn't know could wrinkle. To top it off I saw the one thing that

every man on this planet dreads — a receding hairline.

When I began college, "Happy Days" and "Laverne and Shirley" were still hot television shows. I bought a brand new top-of-the-line computer my first semester. It is now so far outdated that calling it a dinosaur would be generous. I have also been through six jobs,



DOUG BURKHARDT

four different girlfriends and three vehicles. The only consistency during this journey has been my education.

I am not saying that eight or nine years in college is a wash. A lot of people go to school for this long — but they are called doctors and lawyers.

The topper to this aging tale only gets worse.

My niece, who is five years younger than myself, just obtained her bachelor's degree and graduated from a four-year private college. It seemed like she enrolled just a few months ago.

Unfortunately, those friends of mine who were lucky enough to beat the college blues and graduate from their respective schools aren't exactly guiding lights of motivation. One friend who earned a degree in public relations is now a waiter at a

dive in Santa Cruz and another, a liberal arts major, still lives with his mom.

Most students go to college to get an education and find their paths to an inviting future. Yet, the main reason I find myself continuing to age while pushing onward in this lingering disease we call SJSU is because this may be the first thing I started that I actually finish.

Doug Burkhardt is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

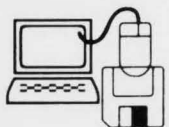
### Editorial

#### Does President Caret make the grade?

Several stories in today's issue of the Spartan Daily look at a few of President Robert Caret's main priorities. Has Caret lived up to the promises he made when he took the job almost two years ago? Is he leading SJSU in the right direction? The following is a Report Card on his progress.



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## The true joke sport: boxing

The "sport" of boxing is a complete joke. The crooked and corrupt promoters, the "athletes" who step into the ring and the suckers who shell out upwards of \$50 per fight have all ruined what used to be a noble, albeit barbaric, sport.

Now it has about as much credibility, or realism, as the World Wrestling Federation.

The latest in a series of debacles happened two Saturdays ago when Andrew "Low Blow" Golota took a dive 84 seconds into the first round of his fight with Lennox Lewis. Golota ate canvas and added yet another chapter to "The Demise of Boxing."

Golota, the "Foul Pole," claims that he was having an anxiety attack during the "bout." He had to be rushed to the hospital after passing out, for a second time, in his dressing room.

I guess I'd have a bit of anxiety wondering if my acting skills were going to fool anyone as I threw the fight.

The last five heavyweight fights have been slaps in the "face" of the public. Before the Golota-Lewis bout there was the now infamous fight that left Mike Tyson chomping at the ear... I mean bit.

There was also the fight in which Oliver McCall quit in the middle of the fight and started sobbing in the center of the squared circle. He probably had an attack of conscience, realizing that he was cheating people out of their hard-earned money.

Prior to McCall's bawling there were the two Golota-Riddick Bowe fights. These two bouts really showed boxing in all of its glory.

In the first match, Golota seemingly had the bout won but repeated blows to Bowe's crotch, no pun intended, forced the referee to disqualify

Golota. After the decision, a melee of the fighter's gangster-filled posse, I mean entourage, got into an all-out brawl in the middle of the ring. Cops were punched, chairs were smashed over people's heads... all-in-all it was generally a good time.

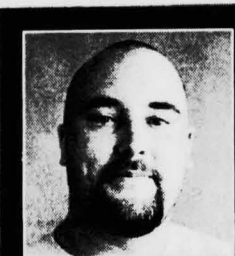
What is even more incredible is that Bowe was willing to fight "Low Blow" again. Maybe Bowe is a masochist and likes repeated whacks, again no pun intended, to his manhood. Maybe he needed some more money to support his family while bouncing in and out of the Marine Corps.

Whatever the reason, the two stepped back into the ring, and surprise, Golota was disqualified for hitting Bowe in the "nads" once again. The really sick thing is that Golota was ahead on points and would have won the fight had he fought cleanly.

Maybe Golota took a dive against Lewis because the Crotch Hitters Anonymous meetings just weren't working for him. He knew he would "rack" up another opponent and wanted to hide his shameful addiction. (Andrew, admitting you have a problem is the first step to recovery.)

For myself, I will never pay for, or even watch another heavyweight championship fight again. My boxing heroes — Muhammad Ali, Smokin' Joe Frazier, George Foreman (when he was young and relatively thin) and toothless Leon Spinks are how I want to remember boxing. If I want to see people crying, getting hit in the nuts and biting one another, I'll go to a local grade school and watch the third graders getting it on.

Aaron Williams is a Senior Staff Writer for the Spartan Daily. His column appears every Tuesday.



Mr. Bad Example

Aaron Williams

## Sick students must consider the health of fellow classmates

Last week a woman was walking around campus with a surgeon's mask covering her face.

I wondered why she was wearing something more commonly seen on George Clooney in "ER" rather than on a student at San Jose State University. She could have recently had plastic surgery or been making a horrible



JOHN MEYER

fashion statement but most likely she was sick.

Maybe she was fighting a highly contagious disease such as tuberculosis. If she was ill, she deserves respect because she had enough courtesy to acknowledge and protect the health of fellow students.

Common courtesy is what you need practice towards your fellow students when ill. If you're sick, the best thing for you to do is stay home and rest. This will allow you to recover your health and keep other students from having to go through what you went through.

However, that's an ideal situation. Most people can't afford to miss class. And, by going to class, sick students have nothing to lose. They either stay home and feel bad or go to class and feel bad.

It is impossible to stop sick people from attending their classes. Therefore, sick students need to find a way to attend class without spreading their sicknesses to healthy students.

The girl wearing the surgeon's mask had the right idea: protect other students from her illness. Surgeon's masks might be extreme, but at least it's a step in the right direction.

We have to do whatever it takes to keep healthy students from getting sick. Almost every illness is preventable by taking the precautions you need to stay healthy.

Do simple things like wash your hands, get enough sleep and eat healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables.

I also think extreme precautions need to be taken in the classroom to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses.

One precaution that needs to be taken now is better classroom sanitization. How often do the desks at SJSU get thoroughly cleaned? My guess is once a semester. Any sick person can transform a desk into a bacterial culture waiting to infect the next person who sits there.

With the right adjustments both personally and in the classrooms, more people will be healthy and won't succumb to the illnesses of the winter season.

John Meyer is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

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## Gun control legislation is not an amendment violation

Hurray for Kevin Hechtman and his "Morning in America" crowd (Gun Control, Spartan Daily Oct. 2).

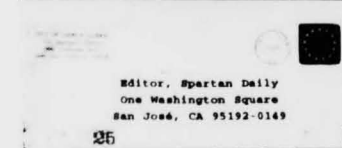
To believe them, we all as Wild West, gun-slinging citizens (with permits to carry concealed weapons) would support freedom by our possession of AK-47s.

We need gun control. Through all of the foam at their mouths they fail to see through their own induced state of rhetorical madness.

Control does not equate ban. Regulation of gun ownership will not ban gun ownership.

Indeed, NRA Vice President Charlton Heston is to be commended. He, and those of the NRA are

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some of the most versed among us in firearm safety.

And, as some gun control programs require, if all gun owners took classes, maybe we wouldn't have as many of the 45 percent of cases of murder committed by a relative or acquaintance as reported in the Oct. 1 edition of the San Jose Mercury News.

There has to be some order and form in our society. This is something even those who "value freedom" should appreciate.

The Brady Bill was a result of one of our freedoms: abiding by the will of the people.

Gun control is a moderate step to assure freedom continues.

Maximum freedom is anarchy. The Second Amendment does not prohibit regulation of arms. It allows us to have them. The alternative is armed anarchy.

Shelly Pike  
Social Science



## Flu shots offer relief for less

By Yasko Agawa  
Staff Writer

As winter arrives, so does influenza.

Help to the rescue: the University Health Center and the School of Nursing are offering relief in the form of flu shots.

The flu clinic opens at the health center today from 10 a.m. to noon and continues until Oct. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 208. Three hundred shots are available to students for \$5 and to faculty and staff for \$8, said Janice Uyeda, nursing director.

This is the fourth year the center has offered the service. They had about 280 people come in last year, Uyeda said.

Elizabeth Dietz of the School of Nursing said the school offers shots for \$10 as a fundraiser for four days: Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 167; Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Health Building, Room 401; Oct. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 167 and Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Health Building, Room 401.

This is the third year that the school has tried to serve the community while at the same time providing a good opportunity for nursing students to gain skills from administering the shots, Dietz said.

Flu, short for influenza, is caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract. It often causes more severe illnesses, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

It is said that many of the illnesses and deaths caused by influenza can be prevented by annual influenza vaccination.

Uyeda said three groups of people can benefit from a flu shot: people 65 years of age or older, people of any age with chronic health problems and people who are involved with sick people.

Although flu shots may not be absolutely necessary for healthy college students, anyone who thinks he or she may benefit should come and get a shot, said Shirley Woods, health center nurse practitioner.

One example of a group that might need to be careful are dormitory residents. People in the dorms are exposed to many things, Woods said referring to flu viruses.

Studies of healthy young adults have shown the influenza vaccine to be 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The center also said October through November is the best time to get flu shots.

**"It takes two weeks or so to get effective. If they try to get flu shots, they should come in October or November before the flu season, which usually comes in January."**

— Janice Uyeda,  
nursing director

"It takes two weeks or so to get effective," Uyeda said. "If they try to get flu shots, they should come in October or November before the flu season, which usually comes in January."

Some people are not vaccinated because they believe the vaccine causes unpleasant side effects or that it may even cause the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Flu shots are very safe, Uyeda said. Influenza vaccines are not live viruses and there are few side effects.

The most serious side effect is an allergic reaction in people who have a severe allergy to eggs. This is because the viruses used in the vaccine are grown in hens' eggs. For this reason, those who are allergic to eggs should not receive the influenza vaccine, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Influenza viruses are continually changing. That is one of the reasons a vaccine must be taken every year. Another reason is that the antibody produced by the host in response to the vaccine declines over time, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Typical symptoms of influenza are fever, headache, muscle aches and respiratory symptoms, such as a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, the center said.

The center reported that most people who get the flu recover completely in one or two weeks, but some people develop serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications. In an average year, influenza is associated with about 20,000 deaths nationwide and many more hospitalizations.

## Steady hand



Alise O'Leary/Spartan Daily

Luong Nguyen, graphic design major, works on a project for the Studio Art for Young People class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Art Building. The class is part of the Art Education curriculum.

## Symphony Orchestra to perform 'Schubert'

By Shayda Fathipour  
Staff Writer

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Franz Schubert's birth, the San Jose State University Symphony Orchestra is performing his music tonight.

"We're performing Schubert's early symphony he wrote when he was 19 years old," Assistant

Conductor Christopher Baum said. "He was one of the greatest composers that ever lived."

The orchestra is scheduled to play their fall concert in the SJSU Concert Hall for the School of Music and Dance at 7:30 p.m.

The 50-member orchestra will perform four pieces: the first one will be "Academic Festival Overture" by Johannes

Brahms; the second will be "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius, which will be conducted by Baum. That was a factor in selecting one of his works to play, Baum said, while the Sibelius piece was chosen to compliment the other songs.

Along with the anniversary of Schubert's birth, it is the 100th anniversary of Brahms' death.

After intermission, two pieces will be performed both written by Schubert: "Symphony NO. 4" and "Rosamunde Overture."

"We've been practicing for a while now," said Jun Nakabayashi conductor for the SJSU symphony. "I know what their weaknesses are and they should be fine."

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# A 'splash' of fun: swimming season starts



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Above: Jessyca Nabozny, top, and teammate Stacy Smith, foreground, enjoy a laugh during a preseason intersquad meet.

Left: Clockwise from left, Stacy Smith and Gretchen Cook shout encouragement as teammate Katie Kascht swims the 200 yd. individual medley. The meet was the first of the season and prepared the team for the fall season. The women's swim team will hit the road to compete against the University of the Pacific on Oct. 17.

## Technology: Teachings designed to inform, lend support

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ate, use, and communicate information in all of its various formats."

At San Jose State University, Instructor Judy Reynolds said she teaches faculty and students how to use library catalogs, academic indexes, and the Internet to find scholarly material for class assignments and term papers.

"Our goal is to make people independent researchers in whatever major they choose," Reynolds said. "When students are introduced to technology, they lose their fears about using it."

While class demonstrations are useful to students, Reynolds said it would be better if the class could be conducted in labs where students actually practiced searching databases.

"Students retain search techniques longer if they get hands-on training,"

Reynolds said. "Right now there isn't enough money to fund this type of lab."

Karen Powell, a fine arts major, said she learned to use the indexes, online catalogs and CD-ROMs by herself.

"Librarians are usually too busy to help you search so I find things through trial and error," Powell said. "I get most information for my term papers in books or magazines because I'm not familiar with the Internet."

Jerry Brito, a human performance major, said he isn't good with computers and the instruction he received from the library wasn't enough.

"They should really offer students a tutorial or class that teaches basic typing, Internet searches and accessing e-mail," Brito said. "Also, students should be given a tour of the library so we know exactly what material the library has and where it is located."

Although some are not happy with library demonstrations, student

Lourdes Biagtan said she is quite satisfied with the assistance she has received.

"The university provides the tools to research, it is up to the student to employ them," Biagtan said. "If a student doesn't know how to look for a topic, it is up to them to ask for help."

Students are not the only ones becoming literate in technology, professors are being educated as well.

The Instruction and Research Services delivers a variety of workshops in desktop publishing, creating Web pages and mastering computer applications so instructors can discover how technology enhances courses.

"Basically we train and assist instructors in producing courseware, which includes handouts, worksheets, power point slides, syllabuses, interactive CD-ROMs, Web pages and exams," said Morning Shu, manager of the Alquist Center.

The Institute For Teaching and Learning also gives faculty members technology support. The Institute sponsors programs that focus on using technology in classes and releases grants to faculty members who want to strengthen their technology skills.

"Technology holds out the hope of doing things we couldn't do otherwise, and doing things we could do better or faster," English Professor David Mesher said.

Mesher recently created an interactive, web-based tutorial for English 7, which students will be able to enroll in next semester. Except for four exams, the class is taught exclusively on the Web and can be completed at anytime and in any place with Internet access.

"Instructional technologies such as Web-only courses may be able to convey information to students in a better manner and more conveniently," Mesher said. "The question is whether

such courses will really be as cost-effective as some people believe."

For Professor Stephen Kwan, who teaches management information systems, there is no doubt that the Internet is an economical tool. Kwan uses his Web page to post class announcements, lecture notes, course syllabuses and pertinent questions.

"Web pages can be easily updated, saves the university paper, increases my productivity and makes material more accessible," Kwan said.

Employing technology in courses is nothing new for Professor Bill Nance, he began using the Internet and e-mail several years ago to coordinate team projects in his Business 93 and Business 111 classes.

"There is no question that it is important to integrate technology into the curriculum, but it isn't appropriate to use technology just for the sake of using technology," Nance said.

## Fees: Cut is 'long-term risk'

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trend on lowering and raising tuition based on economic conditions."

"While it's good news in the short term, in the long term we're still very much at risk," she said. "Tuition ought to be based on some standard such as cost of living."

Ken Reed, who studies Recreation and Leisure at SJSU, wasn't impressed by the decrease either.

"I don't think \$79 is going to make much of a difference," he said.

Adrena Johnson, a biological psychology student, said she didn't think the fees should

have gone up as much as they did to start with. College fees rose by 103 percent at CSU, 134 percent within the UC system and 290 percent at community colleges during the recession in the early 1990s, but have been at those levels for three years.

Johnson, who is paying out-of-state fees, said Californians are lucky to be paying the fees they are.

"I'm from Texas, and people there are still under the impression that people here are getting a free education."

Reed, who is also from outside California, agreed.

"In Colorado, I'd be paying almost twice as much," he said.

Not everyone disapproved of

the decrease. Business major Aaron Patterson said the lowered tuition would help.

"It sounds good," said Patterson, a California resident. "To those students who have to pay on their own, \$79 is \$79."

The tax break bill by Assemblyman Ted Lempert, D-San Carlos, sets up the Golden State Scholarshare Trust. It allows California parents to take advantage of federal law changes that defer taxes on the interest generated by contributions to a state-sponsored college savings plan. Taxes become due when the student withdraws the funds to go to college.

The Associated Press wire services contributed to this report.

## Cassini: 18 years invested

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Mission is not the first space exploration mission that Marouf has worked on.

"I have been involved in planet science for 28 years," Marouf said.

He worked for NASA on the Voyager satellite from 1975 to 1989.

"It is important for mankind to study our own corner of the universe," Marouf said. "I find it marvelous to use my electrical engineering tools elsewhere."

Marouf has been working with the Radio Science Team of the Cassini/Huygens mission since 1991. His team is composed of 11 people (eight Americans and three Europeans). The team was responsible for the designing three transistors aboard the spacecraft, one for communica-

tion and the other two for conducting research. The transistors will allow the Radio Science Team to study Saturn through radio signals from earth to Cassini, Marouf said.

Prior to the launch, the team would meet three times a year, once in Europe and twice in the United States, to discuss the instrumentation of the probe, Marouf said.

With only three meetings a year, Marouf used alternative forms of communication to reach team members.

"We interacted by e-mail and teleconferencing," Marouf said.

The team meetings would be held in conjunction with the entire group of all 12 teams of 11 people meeting together. These meetings were held in regard to issues of the launch, Marouf said.

Once the probe reaches Saturn, his team will specifical-

ly analyze Saturn's rings (both particle sizes and physical properties), temperature, mass, magnetic fields and atmosphere, along with Titan's atmosphere, Marouf said.

The spacecraft will take seven years to reach Saturn, Marouf estimates. Once it gets there, the goal of the probe is to spend four years (2004-2008) studying the Saturnian system, Marouf said.

"I will continue to work on it until (the mission) is completed," Marouf said.

If Marouf stays with the project until its completion, he will have been involved with it for 18 years.

"Eighteen years is half a lifetime of a productive person, so (the project) means a lot to me. It is close to my heart," Marouf said. "When you work on something you like it becomes a child to you."

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SJSU's Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week is over but the debate continues... Is homosexuality a DNA-determined lifestyle or is it set by the environment in which a person is raised? Do gays and lesbians have a choice of being gay or straight? Two Spartan Daily staff members, Terri K. Milner and Adam Billington, battle over whether human sexual orientation is learned or genetic.

## Are people born gay?

### Homosexuality isn't a genetically-influenced lifestyle; environmental factors dominate

Were homosexuals born homosexual or not? That is the question that has been set before me.

Actually I don't think homosexuals were born homosexual. For that matter, I don't believe that heterosexuals were born heterosexual. I think we were all born A-sexual.

However Dr. Dean Hamer would have you believe the opposite.

He would tell you that there was a genetic answer for homosexuality. His research indicated there was. However, Hamer's research has come under fire with accusations by one of his own research collaborators, that Hamer left some data out of his findings to strengthen his hypothesis.

Hamer's research is now currently under investigation by the Office of Research Integrity.

Some researchers have found his findings to be sound; however, no one has been able to duplicate his work. You see, some believe that his work maybe truthful, just done on too tiny of a scale to be thought of as correct. Hamer studied only 40 gay men and their brothers.

When we were born we didn't have any knowledge or experience. We didn't know anything. We didn't begin to breathe until we were prompted to do so.

A human being learns more in its first two years of existence than at any other period in their lifetime. This is because when someone is born they don't know anything; everything they see adds to their knowledge. If a newborn infant doesn't know anything, how can they have a sexual orientation that will be developed into either heterosexuality or homosexuality?

People aren't born with these preferences, certain stimuli create these likes and dislikes. For this same reason, some people find larger people attractive rather than skinny people. For this same reason, some people prefer blond hair over dark hair.

Choices that we make through our lives lead us down certain paths. I, for example, like to read, and I don't enjoy math. My brother, however, is the opposite. I acquired my likes from stimuli I received at certain points in my life.

The issue can boil down into the good ol' psychological debate of nurture vs.

nature. That is the debate that we are born with all of our preferences and then, as we age and mature, discover those preferences versus the argument that preferences we have are a result of the decisions and the choices we've made in the past. Are our paths chosen for us by our genetic make-up or do we get to choose the beginnings of our paths and then follow that path throughout the course of our lifetime?

I suppose the question will be resolved one day, with all of the genetic technology we are acquiring. Some say they have found genetic links to homosexuality; others disagree with the findings.

I'm not sure how happy I could be if all of my decisions were made for me, if all the answers were there before I even asked the questions. How can we live our lives without free will?

I'm not saying that homosexuals choose their orientation. That would be saying they could change if they desired to do so. I'm saying that a path was taken at a period in their lives that led these individuals to feel the way that they do.



Adam Billington  
Staff Writer



### Genetics determine homosexuality; people would not choose to be shunned by society

X marks the spot.

In 1993, Dean Hamer, a molecular geneticist, announced he had found a link between sexual orientation and the X chromosome, which is transmitted by a heterosexual mother to her sons.

Hamer's study discovered an identical genetic marker on a tip of the X chromosome—now called GAY-1—that was shared by 33 of 40 pairs of brothers in which both siblings were gay. His findings were backed up in 1995 when he announced he had concluded a second study that confirmed his original findings—this time with 33 pairs of homosexual brothers that produced a 100 percent accuracy rate.

This study illustrated what many homosexuals knew long ago.

"I was born gay," they'll say. And they should know.

I've known many gays and lesbians over my lifetime—some flamboyant, some "straight-acting"—but a common thread runs throughout all of their stories: they "knew" they were gay, felt it wholeheartedly, many of them even before they knew what sexual intercourse was. They said they felt "different," pulled toward members of the same sex.

It's not that X-linkage is absolute. I find it hard to believe that any "test" of homosexuals could be.

Hamer himself believes that, although genes assuredly play a part, sexual orientation is also "swayed by personal history, society and culture."

It would be ludicrous to think social environment has no effect on homosexuality. In the same vein, it is undeniable that a biological link does exist.

"Homosexual behavior" (such as dressing in the mother's clothes) has been shown to appear as early as age 2 in boys and is said to be predictive of adult sexual orientation, strongly suggesting biological predisposition to homosexuality.

Behavior among animals provides strong evidence that there is a biological cause-and-effect relationship.

One of the studies at the forefront is by

William Byrne of Mount Sinai School of Medicine who demonstrated that male rats subjected to female hormones in the womb automatically assume a female mating position when approached by other males. A second study, conducted by biologists Ward Odenwald and Shang-Ding Zhang,

transplanted a gene into male fruit flies. They maintained the gene caused the display of homosexual behavior. Lo and behold, the male flies were having a virtual orgy while the female flies cowered at the tops and bottoms of the jars.

Further genetic evidence has not been forthcoming regarding both gays and lesbians partially because homosexuals themselves are not altogether in support of the X-linked theory.

Genetic theories stir mixed emotions in the gay community. On the one hand, the studies confirm what many homosexuals have long felt: that homosexuality is an innate characteristic. On the other hand, many gays feel the genetic hypothesis could promote the conservative moralist contention that gayness is a "defect" that needs "fixing."

In truth, as Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington D.C., said, "We know from polls that when people understand that sexual orientation is not chosen, they are more inclined to support basic civil rights for lesbian and gay people."

The homosexuals I have known have often been pained by being "different," stung by society's reactions to their "choice."

I find it hard to believe people would make the conscious decision to enter a world where they are shunned and not uniformly accepted, where laws discriminate against them and they are labeled "sick" and "perverse."

Free will and social environment can never be totally disregarded in any genetics debate. They are not mutually exclusive.

But the biological links to homosexuality are real.

The X-planations to homosexuality exist. They must be X-plored and X-amined.



Terri K. Milner  
Managing Editor

### Campus Comment

### Are people born gay?



"I believe people are born like that. It's not a choice and it's not their fault."

Veronica Rodriguez,  
Political Science



"No, I think it's an environmental thing that people are exposed to."

Matt Hamilton,  
Administration of  
Justice



"Yeah. There have been some studies that show it has to do with brain and chemical balances."

Sarah Baum,  
Liberal Studies



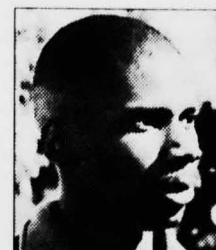
"I guess they are. They say they are."

Teresa Anaya,  
Business Finance



"I don't think it's predetermined at birth because I think it's a choice."

Naomi Beck,  
Child Development



"Some people possibly. For some people it's not something that they are exposed to."

Ron Cook,  
Computer Science



"I think it's genes. I don't think people choose to be gay and be outcasts of society."

Melissa Rodriguez,  
Nursing

Asked by Anthony Perez/ Photos by Steve Logan



# Caret raises level of on-campus technology

By Catherine Spencer  
Senior Staff Writer

When President Robert Caret was hired by San Jose State University in 1995, he promised to raise the level of technology on campus.

Two years later, significant improvements can be seen in the Washington Square Hall open computer lab and the university's mainframe computer, and work is continuing on the university's infrastructure project.

By the year 2000, Caret said the administration expects to complete the \$8.8 million, infrastructure project that will produce additional computer and Internet connections in a

majority of buildings on campus. Caret also said the university intends to begin offering a more advanced e-mail system, Lotus Notes by IBM.

While noticeable upgrades have been made to the open resources on campus, there is still a wide spectrum of computers in

departmental labs. Some departments have cannibalized IBMs and others have the latest Macintosh computers.

"From where we started, we have come a long ways in terms of available computer technology," said Rich Sol, interim associate vice president of information systems and computing. "A couple of years ago San Jose State ranked near the bottom of the California State University System, but now the campus is in the top five or six."

Sol said the university spent approximately \$400,000 for state-of-the-art Pentium computers and high-end Macintosh computers this August to improve the

Washington Square Hall open lab. In addition, the lab was renovated with completely new workstations and rewired to provide Internet access at every computer.

"From a technology standpoint, we are moving toward the bleeding edge," Sol said,

referring to better cutting edge technology.

With the infusion of the modern, up-to-date computers and workstations, the lab has attracted more students and is better able to handle the heightened demand for services, said Morgan Kaye, a lab assistant.

"The facilities in the open computer lab are great," said English literature major Teresa Pascali. "Even when the lab is full, I can usually find a station open. Having the lab on campus helps me because I have free, unlimited access to computers and knowledgeable personnel."

Despite the university's attempt to bolster the level of technology in the open labs, the total number of computers in the labs remains unchanged. There is still about one computer available for every 200 students in a campus where enrollment averages 27,000.

"The labs do not have enough computers," said Maurice Mitchell, associate vice president of instruction and research services. "We would like to expand public access in open labs, but there is not enough money to do so at this time."

In the realm of telecom-

munications, SJSU continues to offer students cheaper Pacific

Bell Internet services, free e-mail, and complimentary UNIX accounts.

SJSU recently overhauled the entire computer system that supports telecommunication because the system began to fail, Sol said. Some of the repair included increasing the system's disk space and memory, creating a database and replacing the system's software and hardware, he added.

"A couple of years ago, we stopped giving out UNIX accounts because the system could not support the demands from faculty and staff," Sol said. "However, with new equipment, this is now possible."

Sol said upgrades have helped to elevate the speed of the system as well as expand students' and faculty's access to the Internet.

"The university can now maintain 24-hour service because our new voice response unit checks the status of the system and notifies a technician when any part of the system goes down," Sol said.

"Before it took hours to respond to a system failure because we had to depend on students to contact us and let us know when the system was not running properly."

A big change in telecommuting came this semester when all students enrolled automatically received e-mail addresses through the mail.

"This new e-mail is a lot more convenient because you don't have to sign up and wait weeks for a password to log in," said Dina Wong, a biology major and frequent user of e-mail.

"The only thing I don't like is the system goes down more frequently because more students have access to e-mail."

Sol said the lapses in e-mail service are only momentary set back and will decrease once adjustments have been made to current system.

Another obstacle San Jose State University faces is the unequal distribution of computer resources.

"It is apparent that at the university there are the haves and have nots," Mitchell said. "Around campus there is a smattering of

everything from the latest Pentium to the most ancient microprocessor. In many cases, the situation is pretty desperate."

Mitchell said the university is exploring ways to address the inequity and has for asked for additional funding from the CSU system to combat the problem.

One possible remedy may come as a result of a systemwide internal partnership within the CSU system. The CSU system has joined forces with GTE to develop a baseline technology infrastructure at each of the 22 campuses in the system.

"This systemwide project could help or hinder technologies that exist in the different

departments at San Jose State," Mitchell said.

"No one knows exactly how this program will affect us yet."

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## President nears enrollment goal

By Terri K. Milner  
Managing Editor

Nearly three years ago, when Robert Caret began his run as San Jose State University president, he had high hopes for the future of SJSU.

He still has them. In Caret's annual President's Report, one of his specific objectives was to increase SJSU's graduation rate to 50 percent over the next seven years.

According to the Office of Institutional Research, from the 1995-1996 to the 1996-1997 academic years, total baccalaureate degrees awarded rose from 3,816 to 4,090, totaling a 7.2 percent increase.

"If we don't meet it, we'll come so darn close it will still be impressive," said Leon Washington, associate vice president of enrollment services, referring to Caret's goal.

Fifty percent...possibly. Close...probably.

If enrollment was to stay the same and Caret was able to continue at his current 7.2 percent graduation rate increase for the next six years, he will fall slightly short from his projected 50 percent increase, upping conferred baccalaureate degrees by 43.2 percent.

Last year, however, slightly over one-sixth of the students donned a cap and gown, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

With enrollment on the upward swing and predicted to soar by shortly after the millennium due to what is being dubbed as "Tidal Wave II," the goal seems less attainable, but Washington is optimistic.

"By about the year 2005 there is going to be a large college population increase," Washington said. "These are the second baby boomers, if you will. San Jose State has implemented new processes that will have everything working in a quick and efficient fashion by then."

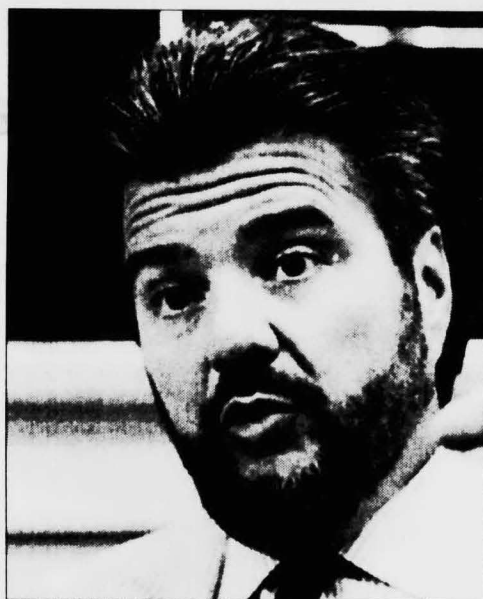
Two of the new processes to which Washington referred are the Student Resource Center, created ten months ago, and the Student Learning Center, still in the works.

The Student Resource Center, which opened its doors in January of 1997, is still only 85 percent complete at this point, though it has already made great strides regarding student accessibility. Its purpose is to be a "one-stop center for students," where they can

get all of the information

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### ★★★MEET THE PRESIDENT★★★



**Name:** Robert L. Caret  
**Age:** 50  
**Occupation:** SJSU president  
**Start of position:** February 6, 1995  
**Previous work experience:** Provost and Executive Vice President, Townson University, Baltimore Maryland. Chairman of the Townson State University Capital Campaign which raised more than \$10 million for the university.  
**Academic background:** University of New Hampshire; Ph.D in organic chemistry, 1974  
**Etc:** Caret is a member of the Joint Venture/ Silicon Valley Leadership Council and Economic Development Team, the San Jose Repertory Theatre Board of Directors and the San Jose Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

## Faculty doesn't reflect students

By Genoa Barrow  
Executive Editor

The average SJSU professor is a 49-year-old white male. The average student is 26 and belongs to a minority group.

For three hours and 45 minutes a week — the average time a student spends in one class, the two must get past these differences and reach a common goal: understanding.

SJSU student Dayton Williams said it isn't as easy as it sounds.

"The teachers here don't know how to relate to me and I don't know how to relate to them," Williams said.

Peter Lee, associate vice president of Faculty Affairs, said the age difference between a professor and his or her students doesn't hamper that professor's performance in the classroom.

"Age shouldn't be a factor," Lee said. "Effectiveness should be based strictly on the person's training and interpersonal skills."

Williams disagrees. He said older teachers tend to be out of touch and inflexible.

"If half the people in your class are falling asleep, that

should tell you it's time to try something new," he said. "But it doesn't. They're like the Energizer Bunny. They keep going and going regardless of whether or not they're reaching their students."

Williams said younger teachers are better at recognizing student disinterest and changing their lesson plans.

Lee said the university's lack of diversity has more effect on the quality of education than the differences in age.

"We need a diverse staff to be able to relate to the changing student population," he said.

About a fifth of all teachers have been at SJSU for longer than most students have been alive — 21 to 30 years, according to the 1995 Statistical Abstract. Lee said this isn't a concern. He said teachers have ways of keeping abreast of their fields even though they've been in the classroom for so many years.

They keep their curriculum up-to-date by joining professional associations, serving as consultants on committees, producing publications or taking classes at SJSU. Part-time instructors, Lee said, hold jobs

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### FEED

SJSU President Robert Caret is up for his first two-year review.

Students are being asked to mail in responses. Suggested topics include Caret's overall leadership, his administrative effectiveness and his ability to represent the university within the community.

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## Accessibility: Students voice their concerns

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the information requested by the recording.

Rizwana Mahmood, a graduate student majoring in administration of justice, attended the study break held Oct. 8. Mahmood is also a coordinator for the Women's Resource Center.

She said she went to her first study break with the intention of learning more about SJSU.

"I'm from Canada, and I wanted to know how the president works with the campus," Mahmood said. "He listens carefully and he takes pride in this university."

Richard Boyd, a mechanical engineering major, went to the study break for the same reason

as Mahmood.

"It was a way for me to see behind the scenes at San Jose State. I wanted to see how things are run and who was running the show," Boyd said. "I liked that Caret knows his plans and where he wants to take the university."

Both students said they thought the study breaks were a good idea.

Similar to study breaks but centered around an issue of concern to students are the president's Key Luncheons. Generally Caret's student interns decide if a Key Luncheon should be scheduled based on comments they hear from other students at campus club meetings or events.

**"I liked that Caret knows his plans and where he wants to take the university."**

— Richard Boyd,  
mechanical  
engineering major

Occasionally, Caret will schedule a luncheon when he becomes aware of an issue that needs a forum for discussion with students. Again, 20 students are invited to attend each luncheon and interested students can contact the president's interns at 924-2981 for more

information.

Lee Ann Thompson, coordinator of student interns to the president, said one of their responsibilities is to facilitate contact between students and Caret.

"We're hired to function as ambassadors for President Caret," Thompson said. "He wants to have more meaningful contact with students, and we try to make that happen." Thompson said if there was enough student interest, more study breaks and luncheons would be scheduled.

Caret also said students can call his interns with questions or e-mail their inquiries directly to him at [sjsupres@vm1.sjsu.edu](mailto:sjsupres@vm1.sjsu.edu) and someone will get back to them.

"We have a staff member who goes through the e-mail everyday and routes the messages to one of the vice presidents, or me if it's something I need to see personally," Caret said. "Students will get an answer one way or another."

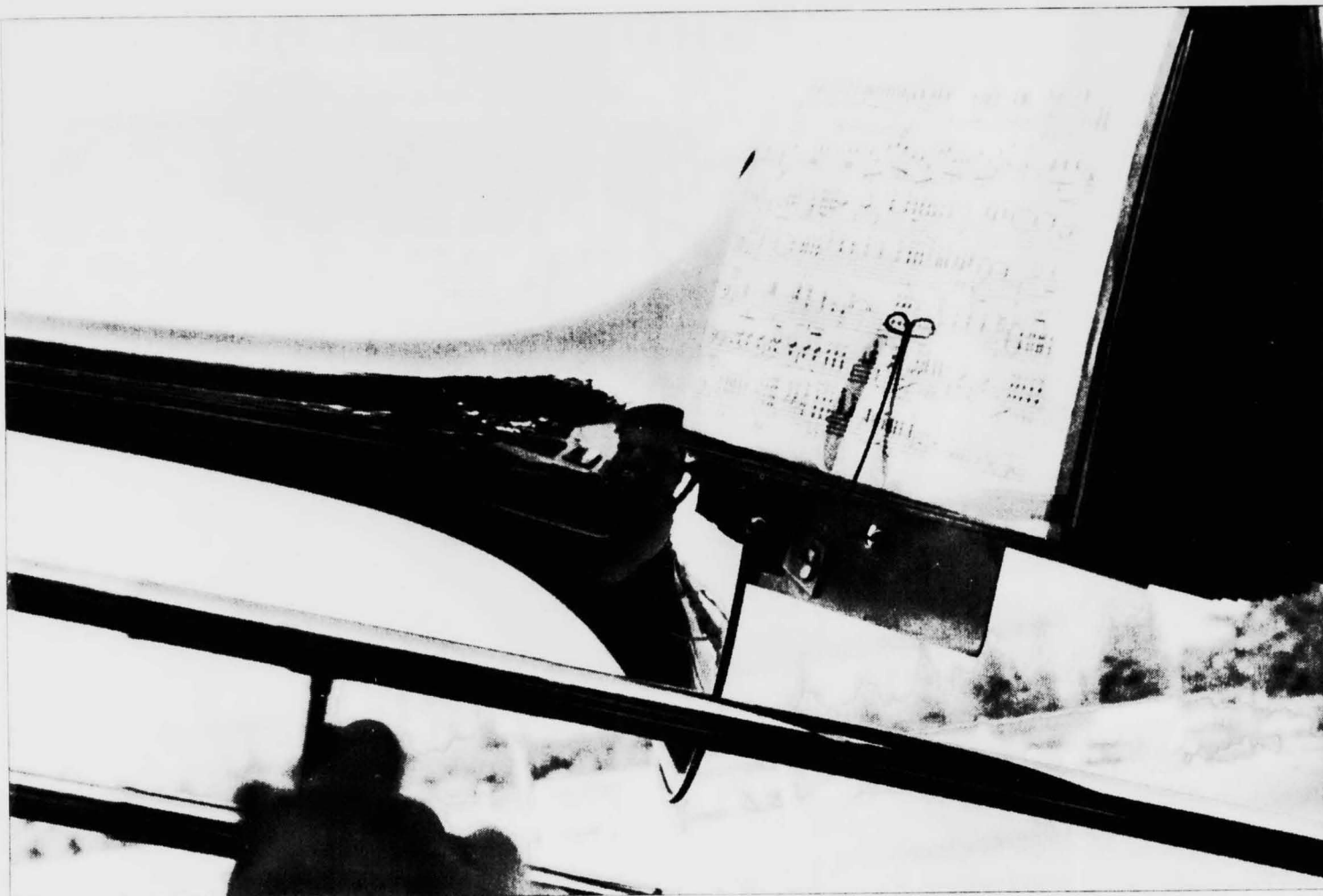
Caret has five student interns this semester, and Thompson said there is still one position open for student intern to the president.

"We're hear to listen to important issues and interests of all students," she said. "We try to respond to all inquiries within 24 hours."

If students would like to contact Caret's interns via e-mail, the address is:

[stdintms@sjsuvm1.sjsu.edu](mailto:stdintms@sjsuvm1.sjsu.edu)





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**Above:** Drum major Robert Nieves leads the band during the halftime show at Saturday's game.

**Left:** Sliding around on the trombone is not freshman music major Matt Davis' first priority in the SJSU marching band. His normal rou-



**Right:** The SJSU Marching Band gets a little "horny" at a Spartan football home game.

Robert Serna/ Spartan Daily

## Come follow the band

By Yasko Agawa  
Staff Writer

For Joe Kelly, being a member of the SJSU Marching Band is more than playing French horn at the football field.

"It's a big family thing," said Kelly, a music major senior, who has been in the band for five years. "We are tight. I can trust anyone in the band. We hang around and we get along."

The marching band looks like a club organization, but it is a class offered by the School of Music and open to any student in the university. This semester the band has 92 members.

The basic activity of the band is to play at football games, and it makes one trip per season to an away game. This year it plans to go to San Diego on Nov. 8.

Students in the band devote a lot of time to its activities. In order to keep in top performing shape, they practice two and half hours, three times a week. On game Saturdays they also rehearse three and half hours before the game.

"The amount of time students give doesn't balance out with the credits they receive," said Scott Pierson, band director. "Students in the band are really great, and they are really proud of what they do."

Ryan Schlieper, a band member for six years, enjoys being a part of the program.

"It's such a big part of my life," Schlieper said.

He said he has many good memories of the

band and doesn't know what he'd do without them.

One very special concert was added to the memories of band members this semester.

The SJSU Marching Band went to the house of Alan Simpkins, the great supporter of the band, on Sept. 7, three days before he died.

"It was very emotional," Kelly said. "A friend of the band was dying and there was nothing we could do for him other than playing."

Simpkins revived the band in 1978 after five-year shut down. He also footed the bill for the entire band to travel Hawaii in 1988 and 1996 so the band could play at the Spartans' away games. He also helped the band with whatever additional financial support it needed.

But according to Pierson, money was not the reason why Simpkins' association with the band was treasured.

"If you add up the joy of all the 20 years he contributed to us, it seems like there was nothing to provide," Pierson said. "The bottom line is he was a great guy. He loved to see students in the band happy."

"The budget is so poor that we are unable to do everything at the top flight level, and Simpkins understood that."

Pierson said the band has suffered with financial problems for years. In order to operate the band and maintain equipment for about 100 members, he has requested \$82,000.

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— Scott Pierson,  
marching band director



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**Above:** Senior Jen Pozniak twirls a Spartan Color Guard flag along with various dance combinations during practice. Pozniak is an Occupational Therapy major who is in her fourth year with the color guard.



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**Right:** The 92-member SJSU Marching Band performs once a week indoors in addition to their strenuous five-hour outdoor rehearsals.

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from the budget committee for the past eight to ten years. The total amount of money he received this semester was \$35,500, and the band program was also recommended for elimination in the academic redesign program last semester.

"The people we have are great but we definitely need more support," Schlieper said.

While the band is short of financial support, it has received a lot of positive reactions, Pierson said.

The SJSU Marching Band is relatively small but it is the loudest band, Schlieper said. It is also different in its marching choreography.

"There is probably more movement than any college band," Pierson said. "They are moving almost all the time."

Gayle Kludt, a former president of the Alumni Association and a member of two area chapters of other organizations helping the university community, attended this season's first two football games, one against Stanford University and the other against University of Wisconsin.

She found that people from other schools loved the SJSU Marching Band.

"People at Stanford are jealous that we have such a classic marching band," Kludt said. "One of people from Wisconsin came to me and said, 'If the team was as good as the marching band, (they) were in trouble.'"

For SJSU alumni, the marching band reminds them of the good old days in school.

"The band is fun," Kludt said. "We like the band because we can pretend like being in school and being 21 years old again."

# 'Most Wanted' no joking matter

Keenen Ivory Wayans has trouble making transition from comedian to action hero

By Doug Burkhardt  
Staff Writer

Every action hero has a calling card. Stallone has the voice. Schwarzenegger has the muscle. Segal has the moves. Keenen Ivory Wayans has...er, the jokes.

Best known for the Emmy Award-winning comedy series "In Living Color," Wayans has trouble making the transition from comedian to action hero in his new movie "Most Wanted."

With "Most Wanted," Wayans follows the formulas of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Steven Segal as the elite soldier who is framed by his superior, escapes prison, saves the girl, avoids the explosions and kills the bad guys.

Wayans, who plays marine sharpshooter Sgt. James Dunn, opens the film in prison for the murder of his superior officer during the Gulf War.

Enter Lt. Col. Grant Casey (Jon Voight) who presents Dunn the proverbial offer that can't be refused. Dunn is recruited to assassinate reclusive industrialist Donald Brickhart (Robert Culp) in exchange for his freedom.

However, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony where the assassination is supposed to occur, Dunn quickly finds himself in trouble; the First Lady is shot and killed instead of the industrialist. Taken for a patsy, the murder is pinned on Dunn.

Brickhart places a \$10 million bounty on Dunn's head and the manhunt is on. Dunn turns to Dr. Victoria

Constanini (Jill Hennessey) whose amateur videotape may exonerate him.

Perhaps, Wayans' best move was spicing up the cast with such seasoned actors as Jon Voight and Paul Sorvino. Their age and experience become the movie's greatest asset. Voight and Sorvino bring a maturity and depth to their roles and the otherwise paper-thin plot.

Sorvino plays CIA deputy director Kenny Rackmill. Rackmill senses the set-up

but can do little without proof. Sorvino's charisma and patience make this character an interesting one to follow.

The film was enthusiastic and action-packed but without these two it's a bomb.

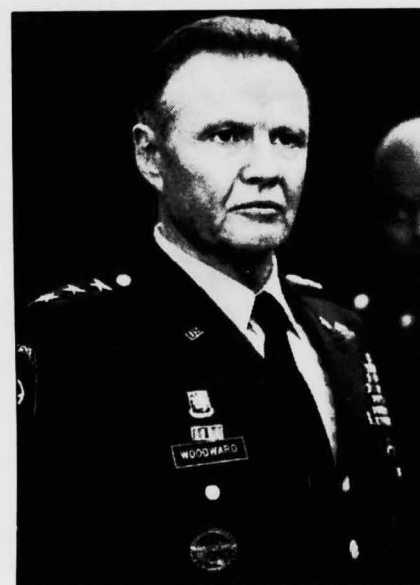
Wayans has a difficult time leaving comedy behind, blurring out one-liners throughout the movie.

An exchange between Dunn and Dr. Constanini illustrates Wayans' penchant for comedy. The camera zooms in on her chest. "Damn that looks good. I haven't had a piece in five years," Dunn remarks. In fear, Constanini pulls her sweater to hide herself only to find Dunn reaching past her for a piece of cold pizza.

In another scene, Wayans combines his comic sensibility with over-the-top action sequences. Walking down a busy street in downtown Los Angeles, Dunn is spotted by a few citizens aware of the huge reward. The scene snowballs as Dunn is chased down the freeway by what appears to be half of L.A. Dunn scurries across the road to safety although his pursuers are not



Keenen Ivory Wayans (above) plays Sgt. James Dunn, a marine sharpshooter framed for the murder of the First Lady.



Veteran actor Jon Voight (left) plays Lt. Col. Grant Casey who masterminds the assassination and set-up.

Photos courtesy of New Line Cinema

## MOVIE REVIEW

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as fortunate.

Wayans who wrote, produced and starred in the film does everything but sell moviegoers popcorn and usher them to their seats. Wayans makes a hilarious but hardly believable action hero. His soft-spoken voice combats his rugged role.

The movie may have kept my attention but it did not earn it. Wayans is about as effective as an action hero as Schwarzenegger is a comedian.

## MOST WANTED

DIRECTOR: David Glenn Hogan

CAST: Keenen Ivory Wayans, Jon Voight, Paul Sorvino, Robert Culp, Jill Hennessey

RATING: R

RUNNING TIME: 99 minutes

# Two plays by student author receive world premiere

By Lois Jenkins  
Staff Writer

San Jose State University students have the opportunity to see the world premiere productions of two one-act plays during the New Play Festival.

The festival runs from Oct. 17 to 25 at the Hal Todd Studio Theatre in Hugh Gillis Hall.

The plays, titled "Miss Buttercup's Etiquette for Romance" and "The Box," were written by former SJSU the-

ater arts student Andy Doub. His plays were finalists in the 1997 Crain/Phelan Literary Awards competition which is sponsored jointly by SJSU's English and Theatre Arts Departments.

The plays are being produced by the University Theatre, which is part of the SJSU Theatre Arts Department.

"Miss Buttercup's Etiquette for Romance" is a satirical comedy about young love, dating

and marriage," said David Kahn, SJSU's director of theatre arts. "Andy used an interesting framing device for this play. It starts with a woman giving a lecture about how to find love, and the audience witnesses the playing out of her advice and where it goes right or wrong for the characters."

Kristan Tweten, a drama major who graduated in May from SJSU, directs the play. Kahn said Tweten was chosen top student director by the

Theatre Arts Department last year. Tweten also directed "An Actor's Nightmare" last spring, which was written by Christopher Durang. Kahn is the director for "The Box."

"The Box" is about a boy who has gone into a box and won't come out no matter how much his mother, the only other player, coaxes him. Through the course of the play the audience finds out why. Doub said the play mirrors his own feelings at the loss of his father when he

was 13 years old.

"The Box" goes a long way in 10 minutes in dealing with the death of a loved one and what is left behind," Kahn said. Both plays, including an intermission, last about one hour and 15 minutes and represent some of the best student work in terms of writing, directing and producing, he said.

Doub has been involved with both productions of his plays, sitting in on casting decisions and rehearsals and giving his responses to the process. He said he'll be there for opening night.

"It's pretty exciting to see my work being produced," Doub said. "Both plays mean a lot to me, especially 'The Box.' It was a self-discovery play for me."

Doub resides in San Diego where he is working and playing music with a rock-and-roll band. He said he hated to leave SJSU, but the "now-or-never" aspect of the band was an experience he didn't want to pass up.

"I came to San Jose State because I read David Kahn's book, 'ScriptWork: A Director's Approach to New Play Development,' and I liked his ideas," Doub said. "I made a lot of friends and got to know a lot of faculty there, so it was sad to leave. But anything I experience will help me as a writer."

Doub had some advice for other new writers.

"Find something you really love and don't be afraid to show it to people," he said. "Take a chance, even if it's rough. It's exciting and scary, but you never know what might happen. Look at me."

The performances are Friday and Saturday, and Oct. 23, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m., and Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. Tickets for the shows are \$6 for students and seniors, and \$10 for general admission. For more info call (408) 924-4555.

# Smooth sailing for San Francisco Fleet Week

By Kevin W. Hecteman  
Staff Writer

San Francisco could not have asked for a prettier day.

After several days of clouds and rain, the sun came out and not a cloud could be seen in the sky Saturday, as the city and the Navy kicked off Fleet Week 1997.

The annual celebration on San Francisco's waterfront featured a parade of U.S. Navy,

Chilean Navy and U.S. Coast Guard ships, an airshow, and ground entertainment centered around Pier 39.

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who had vowed last year that there will be a Fleet Week as long as he is mayor, estimated that the event brings 300,000 to 500,000 people to San Francisco over both days. Brown said the event is especially entertaining and educational for children.

The event's biggest draw was the airshow featuring the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration team. Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, Aquatic Park and Municipal Pier were crowded with spectators Saturday afternoon.

Navy Lt. Doug Verissimo, the Blue Angels' advance pilot and narrator, said Fleet Week is good for the team's morale because it affords them an opportunity to spend a week-end in San Francisco.

Another benefit, Verissimo said, is the airshow setting, over San Francisco Bay.

"It's a beautiful venue," he said.

The airshow featured many civilian performers as well. Wayne Handley, pilot of a custom-built single-seat aerobatic plane known as the Raven, was only one of many to entertain the crowd.

Perhaps the most popular, in terms of crowd reaction, was Bill Reesman, pilot of a red Russian-made MiG-17 fighter jet.

In days past, the sight of a MiG over San Francisco Bay

would have spelled World War III. Now, it's another

According to the Fleet Week event guide, Reesman is a former U.S. Air Force pilot and a veteran of the Vietnam War. Among the North Vietnamese Air Force planes he now flies at airshows around the country.

In addition to the viewers on the piers and in Aquatic Park, scores of sailboats, ferry boats and motor boats crowded San Francisco Bay.

The Blues' 45-minute show left the crowd gasping, applauding and in many cases holding their hands over their ears.

After the Blues finished, the pier emptied. Many people left to join what airshow announcer Gordon Bowman-Jones only half-jokingly told the crowd was "the longest traffic jam in San Francisco," while others lingered, taking in the sights of San Francisco or shopping among the various vendor booths.



The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's aerobatic team, performs over San Francisco Bay during San Francisco's annual Fleet Week celebration.

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# Club ice hockey team destroys Bears, 13-1

■ Five goals, three assists from Joel Jenkins allows SJSU to continue streak

By Vic Ribeiro  
Staff Writer

The SJSU club hockey team stretched their unbeaten streak to 18 after it slaughtered the Cal-Berkeley Bears 13-1 Saturday night at the Ice Centre.

Defenseman Joel Jenkins looked like Bobby Orr as he led SJSU in the scoring column with five goals and two assists.

"I was having a lot of fun out there tonight," Jenkins said. "Playing club hockey is something I enjoy doing. I've played for SJSU in the past, but I expect this team to be even better than the two teams who made the nationals a couple of years ago."

Jenkins began the scoring for the Spartans early in the first period when he wristed the puck over the fallen Bears' goaltender Gary Witt. Tom Pellegrino and Jenkins each

scored a goal for SJSU and gave the Spartans a 3-0 lead after a period of play.

Spartan goalie Erick Lahrs was very steady in the nets as he stopped all 11 shots he faced in the first period. Lahrs would later be taken off the ice after the Spartans went up 6-0 half way through the second period. Coach Glasow decided it was a good time to put in backup goalie Scott Sweezy.

After Lee Gann put SJSU ahead 7-0, Ryan Berry continued the massacre by scoring two goals within a minute of each other to give the Spartans a 9-0 lead after two periods. At the end of the second period, SJSU had outset the Bears 30-15 despite spending about half of the first period in the penalty box.

Coach Glasow continued to be impressed with his defense and weaker players.

"The better players are making the weaker guys on the team step up in their performance," Glasow said. "We are playing with a lot of confidence this year and it's because of our depth on defense and the sur-

prising play of our third and fourth line."

Cal avoided the shutout early in the third period when Victor Quintan scored a power-play goal on Scott Sweezy.

Joel Jenkins then took control for the rest of the game. He scored the last three of the Spartans' last four goals, including one in which he broke away from all the Bears' players and put the puck easily between the Cal goaltender's legs.

On Friday night, SJSU skated past the Bears 7-3 in Berkeley. After this weekend's sweep over Cal, the Spartans are 3-0 for the season. SJSU travels to Utah this upcoming weekend. The Spartans will be facing two of the best teams in the West. On Friday night they will take on Weber State and then face Utah State on Saturday. Both teams crushed the Spartans last year.

"If we win these next two games, we will be ranked No. 1 in the West," said team captain Danny Thebeau.

The Spartans will have to win the games without one of their top offensive players



Charles Slay/Spartan Daily

Right wing Kyle Benner assists center Danny Thebeau as he races towards the Berkeley goal during SJSU's 13-1 victory Saturday at the Ice Centre.

because Dean Wilson is still on the injured list. He sustained a concussion during the Spartans' home opener against Palmer College.

Despite Wilson wanting to

play against the Utah teams, Glasow doesn't want to risk having him sustain another blow to the head.

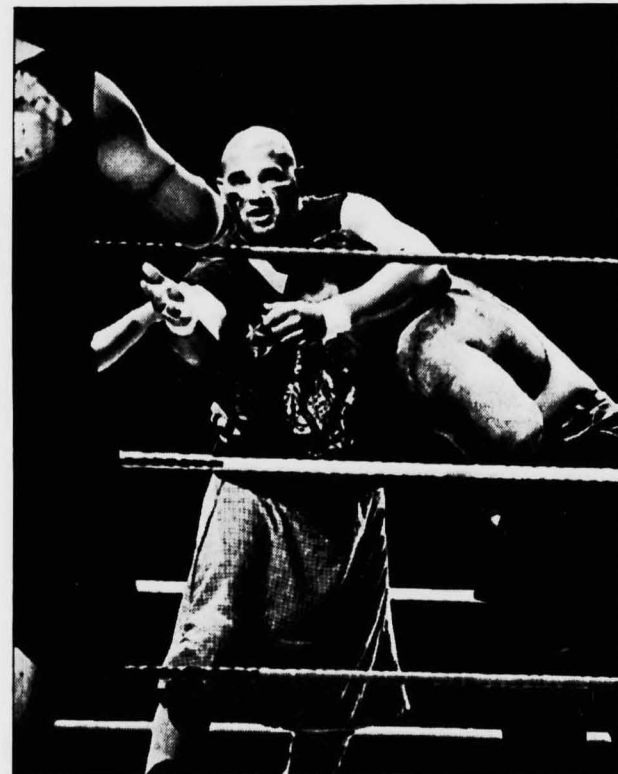
"I know Dean is eager to make the trip, but I will not

allow him to play unless he has a doctor's clearance," Glasow said.

The Spartans' "B-team" plays at 7:45 on both Friday and Saturday at the Ice Centre.



Rocky Maivia, left, keeps Animal of the "Legion of Doom" from tagging his partner Hawk. In another match, one member of "The Headbangers," right, reaches for a tag while holding Miguel Perez of "Los



Max Becherer/Spartan Daily

Boricuas" in a head lock. The World Wrestling Federation presented six matches Sunday night at the San Jose Arena, which will host a WWF pay-per-view event on Jan. 18, 1998.

## Soaps, slams, SaberCats: all the same

■ Columnist claims wrestling fans are everywhere, need to come out of closet

"WHAT'CHA GONNA DO?" ... when you're offered a press pass that grants you free admission into a professional wrestling event?

Do you go to the matches with thousands of other folks who are stranger than the buffoons they're cheering for or do you give up a chance to escape from your place of employment early for one night?

The World Wrestling Federation was at the San Jose Arena on Sunday and I opted to hang out with the humanoid, I'll do anything to leave the Spartan Daily early on a given night.

### SJSU soccer teams endure road losses

Staff Writer

The Spartan soccer teams started WAC play last weekend in identical fashion.

Both teams lost 3-1 on the road.

The women were dogged by Fresno State Friday night in Fresno. Colby Morgan scored the lone SJSU goal in the 61st minute unassisted to tie the game at 1-1 before two Bulldog goals sealed the Spartans' fate.

Actually, going to the event allowed me to keep a promise I made to myself last semester.

After attending a San Jose SaberCats game for free last Spring, I vowed I'd sooner return to the San Jose Arena for a WWF matches before I'd endure another Arena Football game.

Both events are practically the same.

Arena Football is an absolute tease for fans awaiting the NFL's season-opening kickoff. It's not even real football. It may as well be fake.

Speaking of not being real ... the WWF made news earlier in the year by admitting to the New Jersey State Athletic



MIKE TRAPHAGEN

Commission that it's a form of "entertainment," not a sport.

Even so, the fans don't seem to care.

Grown men showed up at Sunday's event sporting their "Stone Cold" Steve Austin T-shirts with their faces painted like the tag-team members from the "Legion of Doom."

Is that strange? Maybe, but at least they're honest about their enthusiasm for a "form of entertainment" that most of us grew out of by the age of 12.

I can see how people get wrapped up in it.

I was right there with those fanatics when I was a kid. I never went to a live event, but I'd be glued to the TV on Saturdays to watch Jimmy "the

Superfly" Snuka, George the Animal" Steele and the rest of Vince McMahon's WWF wrestlers battle in the squared circle.

I used to get caught up in all of the story lines about the wrestlers' and their allies and enemies. That's probably where I learned to get sucked into soap operas.

Great, now I don't have any secrets.

I spent this whole summer getting reacquainted with the daytime soaps. Who says unemployment isn't a beautiful thing?

Now that I'm out of the "Daytime closet," I think it's time the closet wrestling fans take off their masks and admit they indulge themselves by viewing a body slam every once in a while.

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because everyone I told about my WWF press pass began hurling names of wrestlers at me as if they were wrestling's answer to Cliff Clavin.

I even recognized a few familiar faces from SJSU at Sunday's event.

More people are starting to root for Monday Night Football to end early so that they won't miss "Melrose Place." But at the same time, people are rushing home from the bars to see the opening credits of the wrestling program of their choice.

Nobody admits to the latter, but somebody is giving the USA network and Ted Turner's TNT a crazy amount of TV ratings for their 9 p.m. wrestling shows.

Is there really a difference between soap operas and

wrestling shows?

Most people tune in to one or the other just to see what depths their story lines have sunk to.

What's the difference between a wrestler with a deranged split personality and a soap opera character who becomes possessed by the devil and turns into a demon on the screen?

These are the days of our lives?

I don't think so. After Dr. Marlena Evans' transformation into Satan and Sunday's WWF event, I can now say I've seen everything.

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### Daily Mass

The Catholic Campus Ministry is having Daily Mass from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m. in the John XXIII Center. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1610.

### Book sale

The Library Donations and Sales Unit is having an ongoing book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Donations and Sales Unit of Wahlquist Library North, Room 408 and Clark Library lobby.

### Black Alliance meeting

The Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers is having its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Engineering Building, Room 358.

### 'Hangin' with the Jews'

Hillel the Jewish Student Union is "Hangin' with the Jews" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, call Aaron Forkash at 358-3636 ext. 60.

### School of Art and Design

The School of Art and Design is having the following: Student galleries "Art Shows" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Art and Industrial Studies Buildings. Lino Tagliapietra, a Venetian master glass blower, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Nov. 7 in the Thompson Gallery in the Art Building. For more information, call Brendan at 924-4330.

### 'Tuesday Night Lecture Series'

The School of Art and Design is having the "Tuesday Night Lecture Series" with Andrew Bigler and Elizabeth Teague from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Art Building, Room 133, followed by a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings.

### Bake sale

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is having a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Student Union. For more information, call Tracy at 924-3643.

## WEDNESDAY

### 'Brown Bag Lunch'

The Re-Entry Advisory Program is having a "Brown Bag Lunch: Mid-term Check In" from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, call Jane at 924-5950.

## THURSDAY

### 'Day of Atonement'

The Nation of Islam Student Association is having "Day of Atonement" at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Loma Prieta Room. For more information, call Freddie Muhammad at (510) 330-5369.

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## NHU/ SJSU: Preparing students to work

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Hispanic community of the greater San Jose region.

According to statistics provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics are the fastest growing population in the country and they will eventually make up 33 percent of the future workforce. But according to the American Council on Education, 40 percent drop out before completing high school, and of those who do graduate from high school, most do not meet the admissions requirements for a University of California or California State University campus.

Roberto Redondo, director of development at NHU, said preparing Hispanic students to meet the demands of the workforce is NHU's mission.

"The census bureau says that by 2005, Hispanics will be the largest minority population in the United States," Redondo said. "Clearly the workforce is changing, and if it's not ready to take the jobs, we're all in big trouble."

Randall Jimenez, associate professor and graduate coordinator for SJSU's Mexican American Studies Department, agrees with Redondo that preparing Hispanic students to enter the workforce is important. But their opinions differ in the area of who should be doing the preparing, he said.

"I don't think this is something a four-year college should be doing," Jimenez said. "It's the job of the California State University system to retain and maintain the students that are already here."

Jimenez said high school districts should be preparing Hispanic students to succeed in college, and if they're not doing their jobs, somebody ought to be taking them to task.

"We do a lot of window dressing on minority recruitment, but we still end up with a 53 percent (annual) dropout rate for college-level Hispanic students," he said. "That's the issue we need to address on this campus."

Jimenez said students and instructors are working in an environment of limited resources, and any time those resources are distributed to one group, somebody else is going to lose.

"I know high schools are not being funded adequately, but that doesn't mean we should be fixing that here with our own limited funding," Jimenez said. "Our resources are severely taxed and underfunded already."

He said enrichment programs are wonderful tools for encouraging students to go to college who would be going anyway, but they don't address the educational prob-

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— Roberto Redondo, NHU director of development

lems of students who aren't prepared to do college level work.

Redondo said NHU can't address all the educational problems of Hispanics in San Jose, but he thinks the partnership will open doors for NHU and SJSU students that didn't exist before.

One way in which NHU would be useful to SJSU students, he said, is in the area of bilingual education.

"The state of California needs 20,000 bilingual teachers," Redondo said. "We can offer San Jose State students opportunities in that area."

With work place readiness in mind and cooperative degree programs between the two schools, Redondo sees the new program as instrumental in solving the problem of an unprepared workforce.

"The partnership with San Jose State is a beginning. The only way to affect changes in the Hispanic community is through institutional change," Redondo said. "We want to help all our students have the basic math and science skills so they can transfer anywhere they choose, whether that is San Jose State or any other college."

Donald Kirk, dean of the College of Engineering, voiced concern about transfer students from NHU.

"The community colleges we articulate with have math and science courses all set up so that transfer students are prepared to enter this university's programs," Kirk said. "Not knowing what they (NHU) have, but assuming they don't have math and science majors, then they'd have to make them available to their students."

Raymond Lou, SJSU associate vice president for undergraduate studies, said

the partnership is designed to address that issue.

"We're not ready to implement the program yet. The intent is to get students to the place where they can transfer to our university," Lou said. "His (Kirk's) concerns are very well justified. We'll be helping them (NHU) boost their math and science offerings. It will be at least a couple of years before students can transfer into engineering."

Lou said NHU's Liberal Studies Program is already established and students majoring in that area can transfer quite easily.

"We want to give Hispanics the best opportunity for education that we can," Lou said. "They can establish their education in core areas at NHU, then transfer to San Jose State to specialize."

Both Lou and Redondo see this program as a continuum from kindergarten to a college degree. Redondo said NHU wants to track 1,000 ninth-graders from the Eastside Union High School District and follow them through high school.

"We'd do counseling, work with them in math and science programs to develop their skills, encourage them to explore educational opportunities in those fields," Redondo said. "They could earn bachelor's degrees from our university and then transfer to San Jose State."

NHU offers bachelor's degrees in business administration, computer science, liberal studies and bilingual education.

The program will be implemented through pre-college intervention among middle school students, cross registration for SJSU and NHU students and joint academic degrees in selected disciplines.

Lou said these types of partnerships between public and private universities have been developed before.

"The model for this program comes from back east, where it's been used successfully with historically black colleges and universities," he said. "President Caret established the vision for this partnership. He's the force behind the idea of San Jose State being a metropolitan university representing the population of our city."

Redondo, who graduated from SJSU in 1977 with a master's in public administration, agrees with Caret's assessment.

"It's a bold move for a small university with an enrollment of just 300. If it's developed properly, the program will have a great impact in local high schools and colleges in preparing students to enter the college mainstream," Redondo said. "It's up to us to develop the meat of the program. We've taken the first step, we just need to keep going."

## Concert: Good vibes

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Baum said this is Nakabayashi's first concert with the orchestra and he thinks the show is going to go great because he is a phenomenal conductor.

Many members of the orchestra feel confident that their concert will go well because of Nakabayashi.

"Jun rehearses us well," said April Marsinkavage a violinist for the orchestra. "He knows

how to practice us going over the stuff that is difficult until we get it."

Marsinkavage said the show will have music people have heard before and will want to hear again. She said it will be loud and exciting music to listen to. It is nothing that will put the audience to sleep she said.

The next scheduled concert for the SJSU Symphony Orchestra is Dec. 5 and 6 at the St. Joseph Cathedral, which will include the SJSU Choir.

## Goal: Enrollment up

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get all of the information they need and not have to run all over campus," Washington said.

"Normally there are lines that wind around several buildings," Washington said. "It's only been one semester and they weren't there this time."

He said the goal of the Student Resource Center is to solve all of a student's problems within the confines of the center's walls or with only one referral.

"This is simple for students or those newly applying at San Jose State. The center has all of the parts needed all together under the same umbrella, on the same timeline, speaking the same language," Washington said.

The Student Learning Center is still under discussion but is slated to debut by the year 1999. It differs from the Student Resource Center in that its services include advising and tutorials, while the latter is designed to be the campus' chief source of information.

"When he (Caret) first came here he did a lot of listening," said Sylvia Hutchinson, public affairs officer for university advancement. "One of his goals to improve was student success and that included graduation rates and retention rates by increasing the number of students who stay and get a degree."

Caret, who is on the Cal State University Committee for Strategic Planning for Enrollment, which strives to enhance enrollment within the CSU system, said at his annual address at the beginning of the semester that SJSU was two years ahead of the projected enrollment figures.

Agreeing with Caret that enrollment should remain solid, Washington said that the five-year enrollment plan is, indeed, ahead of schedule.

"This is the third year of the enrollment plan and the decline is back up to a level that is steady," Washington said, referring to the early '90s when enrollment dropped dramatically. "We thought it would take five years to correct the decline but we're headed in the right direction. This year was a banner enrollment year."

Enrollment, which was at an average of 25,414 for the 1996-1997 academic year, is up about 1,000 students, Washington said.

This is a welcome change following the rude awakening that the decreases in enrollment brought at the early part of the decade.

"There was a time when we didn't really have recruit, students just came to us," Washington said. "But after the decline, we began actively recruiting. We began recruiting in areas that we traditionally had not, such as the southern part of California, the Sacramento area and the far northern tier of the state."

The promised Tidal Wave II seems destined to continue to increase enrollment, though the future of retention and graduation rates appears to hinge on the success of SJSU's current programs to meet Caret's 50 percent graduation goal six years from now.

"It's do-able," Washington said. "The recruitment program is farther along than the retention program, but that will change with the Student Learning Center. I really think that once retention services get up to speed with enrollment services, the graduation goal is certainly possible."

## Faculty: Evaluation paves road to tenure

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within their discipline.

Professors do get evaluated at SJSU before they become tenured, which means they have taught six years and receive permanent status. Probationary, tenure-track faculty go through evaluation during their second, fourth and sixth year of employment, although there are exceptions. Fifth-year reviews may also be done, Lee said, if there are serious questions about a teacher's achievement.

Promotion to a tenure position does not make professors exempt from evaluation. Lee said knowledge of these post-tenure evaluations is enough to force teachers to keep their course work up-to-date.

While teachers do get evaluated, Lee said little can be done to tenured teachers who are ineffective in the classroom. He said such teachers are usually advised to attend the on-campus Teaching/Learning Institute to attend workshops on improving teaching methods.

Teachers are evaluated on the basis of three criteria, teaching effectiveness, scholarly activities and service or contributions to students and the university.

Student opinions are a part of every evaluation. At the end of every semester, students are asked 14 to 15 objective questions

about an individual course. These questionnaires are called Student Opinions of Teaching Effectiveness. After the results are tabulated, deans or department chairs go over the results with instructors.

Lee said students who have complaints about a professor's effectiveness in the classroom should speak up.

"The fees you pay guarantee you a quality education," he said.

Lee said while it's important, SJSU students haven't suffered unduly because of the lack of diversity. He said it hasn't stopped students from learning, graduating and landing jobs in their chosen fields.

In 1995-96, SJSU awarded 5,096 bachelor's and master's degrees. In 1994/95 SJSU ranked second along with CSU Long Beach in the number of degrees awarded in the CSU system. Top honors went to San Diego State University.

Seventy-eight percent of the SJSU teaching staff is white. Asians make up 12 percent, 6 percent are Hispanic and 4 percent are African American.

In the mid '80s, fewer than 10 percent of new faculty appointments were identified as ethnic minorities. In the 1995-96, 4 the 16 new tenure-track faculty were from ethnic minority groups. During that time eight women were appointed.

President Robert Caret said the faculty

should reflect the student body within reason. The numbers, he said, will never be truly reflective because the composition of the faculty doesn't change as fast as the student body.

Caret said the university has an aggressive outreach effort and advertises in non-traditional publications to attract a wider pool of applicants. He said many positions will be open in the next 10 years because many veteran professors are due to retire.

Lee said the university, specifically the Office of the Provost, has made diversifying its faculty a priority. He said it's important for the teaching staff to reflect the student community. That doesn't mean, Lee said, teachers have to be of the same racial group as their students in order to be understood. He said white teachers are capable of teaching minority students.

Economics Department Chairman James Willis agreed. A teacher's ability to deliver information to students isn't contingent upon that teacher being of the same ethnicity; however, the difference in backgrounds, Willis said, does effect a faculty member's ability to understand and empathize with students' experiences. Willis said it is that aspect that makes diversity important.

## British car barely makes 'Mach 1'

GERLACH, Nev. (AP) — The British Thrust SSC is not only the fastest car on earth, it also apparently is the first to break the sound barrier.

The jet-powered car streaked across the Black Rock Desert north of Reno on Monday at an unofficial speed of 1.007 percent of Mach 1.

Since the speed of sound varies with the temperature on the desert 125 miles north of Reno, Thrust Project Manager Richard Noble wants to exceed the speed of sound by 10 percent before heading back to England.

A run earlier Monday fell just short of Mach 1 at 0.997 percent of the speed of sound.

Driver Andy Green set a new land speed record on Sept. 25 with an average of 714.144 mph.

While Monday's dash apparently exceeded the sound barrier, it will not go into the record books until Green completes two runs within one hour and again surpasses Mach 1.

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And Redondo see this program as a continuum from kindergarten to a college. Redondo said NHU wants to enroll 100 ninth-graders from the Union High School District and continue through high school.

And counseling, work with them in science programs to develop programs, encourage them to explore all opportunities in those fields," he said. "They could earn bachelor's degrees from our university and then transfer to San Jose State."

And offers bachelor's degrees in business administration, computer science, liberal arts and bilingual education.

The program will be implemented as a pre-college intervention among high school students, cross registration with NHU students and joint academics in selected disciplines.

And these types of partnerships between public and private universities have not been developed before.

The model for this program comes from where it's been used successfully at historically black colleges and universities," he said. "President Caret established this partnership. He's behind the idea of San Jose State Metropolitan university representation of our city."

And who graduated from SJSU in a master's in public administration with Caret's assessment.

And would move for a small university enrollment of just 300. If it's developed properly, the program will have a direct impact in local high schools and college-preparing students to enter the workforce," Redondo said. "It's up to us to develop the meat of the program. And the first step, we just need to get it started."

## to tenure

lect the student body within reasonable numbers, he said, will never be effective because the composition of the student body doesn't change as fast as the faculty.

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