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## Lyrical



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### Choraliers set stage for Listening Hour

By Charmain Smith  
Daily staff writer

The melodious voices that drifted from the School of Music Concert Hall Thursday afternoon attracted a crowd of about 300 people to the Listening Hour.

The San Jose State University Concert Choir and Choraliers serenaded the lunchtime crowd with 20 pieces, from traditional hymns to George Gershwin's "I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise."

"I got teary-eyed during the spiritual solo," said senior Jennifer Powers, a child development major. "I came last semester and really enjoyed the performances. I actually look forward to Thursdays because of it."

The Concert Choir, directed by Elena Sharkova, performed five separate pieces. The Choraliers, a chamber choir directed by Charlene Archibeque, performed 10 pieces in addition to five combined pieces.

"We've been working on some of the

music since the beginning of the semester," concert choir performer Laura-Jean Anderson said. "Other pieces we've only had three or four weeks to learn."

According to the program, the Concert Choir was the first state-supported college choir in California, and maintains an average membership of 55 auditioned singers.

The Choraliers represented the United States at the fifth triennial World Choral Symposium in Rotterdam, Netherlands, this year and was awarded

"Choir of the World" in the 1991 International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales.

"Dr. Charlene Archibeque is one of the five best choral conductors in America," said Sharkova. "There can be no bigger honor for me than to work with her."

Students who missed the Thursday performance can hear both the Concert Choir and Choraliers perform their debut concert tonight. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Campbell at 8 p.m.

The Concert Choir and Choraliers are only two of many performers scheduled to perform at the Listening Hour this semester. Other performances include a flute recital, a contemporary dance performance, a percussion ensemble and a Latin jazz ensemble.

The Listening Hour is free and is open to the public every Thursday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. The performances take place in the Concert Hall of the Music Building and are sponsored by the School of Music and Dance.



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Above, Elena Sharkova conducts while soloist Trineice performs the traditional hymn "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" with the San Jose State University Concert Choir. The choir's debut concert will be Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Campbell.

Left, Assistant Conductor Aron Andrew leads the San Jose State University Choraliers during a performance Thursday in the School of Music Concert Hall. The concert was part of the Listening Hour, a series of music and dance related performances.

## Author does time at SJSU

By Lance Analla  
Daily staff writer

Eighty-two death row inmates have been wrongfully executed since 1976. Since 1984, only one university has been built in California in contrast to 21 new prisons. Bell Gale Chevigny, the editor of the book "Doing Time at Century's End," provided these statistics and let San Jose State University students know they are not the only ones who deserve an education.

Chevigny, who was promoting her book "Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing," read excerpts from it and also spoke on education in prison on Thursday in Washington Square Hall Room 109.

The novel contains various stories and poems from prisoners across the country. Chevigny, who received a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1963, taught college courses in a Queens prison in New York in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

According to Chevigny, the United States ranks first in the world in prison population with two million inmates. The state of California alone would qualify for the sixth biggest prison popula-

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— Harvey Brenbaum  
SJSU English instructor

tion in the world with 160,000 inmates, just behind India, which is three times as large as the United States' general population.

Sarah Klakoff, a senior majoring in sociology Chevigny's speech, said she thought the author was credible.

"I minor in criminal justice, so I've been exposed to Chevigny's facts. She is very accurate and knows exactly what she is talking about," Klakoff said.

Chevigny also claims California treats its prisoners

worse than any other state. It is the only state, she said, in which guards carry live ammunition to break up prison fights.

Kelly Knowles, a junior majoring in English, said she had an awakening of sorts after hearing Chevigny speak about prison life.

"I really felt a human connection to the inmates Chevigny spoke about. I also thought the statistics she gave were horrifying," Knowles said.

Chevigny and her friend of 40 years, Harvey Brenbaum, both believe anyone can change with a good education.

"We have a hard time convincing our students that writing can transform their lives," Brenbaum said, who teaches English at SJSU.

"These kids (at SJSU) don't take advantage of the abundant resources they have in comparison to the meager prison libraries."

After hearing Chevigny speak, Elizabeth Alvarez, a junior English major, said the American judicial system needs an overhaul.

"People are not being convicted for the right reasons and the innocent are paying with their lives," Alvarez said.

## Bay Area at risk for large quake

OAKLAND (AP) — There is a 70 percent chance that a large earthquake will shake the San Francisco Bay area in the next 30 years, according to a report released today.

The study, by the U.S. Geological Survey, defines "large" as an earthquake at or above magnitude 6.7, the strength of the 1994 Northridge quake which killed 57 people and caused \$20 billion in dam-

age in Southern California.

The study's sobering conclusion: There are a number of faults slicing through heavily developed areas around San Francisco, more chances they will rupture and more people who will be affected when they do.

"We're at ground zero. We've had large earthquakes. We will have large earthquakes in the future and the only question is

where, when, and how large," USGS geologist David Schwartz said as he announced the new findings at an earthquake conference today.

The new estimate, which comes with an uncertainty factor of plus or minus 10 percent, is more dire than earlier predictions because it spreads the earthquake hazard over a much

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## Statue of limitations



David Heller / Spartan Daily

While taking a break between classes, San Jose State University student Tot Nugyen glanced at a sculpture in the quad in front of the Student Union. "I think it's funny," Nugyen said about the sculpture.

## Spartans, greek system help out

Volunteering for local community cleanup is rubbing off

By Cindy Arora  
Daily senior staff writer

Good deeds are not out of fashion — they are alive and will be on display Saturday Oct. 16 when the St. James / St. Julian neighborhood association initiates its cleanup day.

The cleanup crew, which includes volunteers from fraterni-

ties and sororities, will spend the morning picking up trash, leaves, debris and removing graffiti from the neighborhood, located about three blocks north of campus.

Lindsey Vaughn, assistant coordinator for the Spartans Offering Center, said the cleanup crew will scrub graffiti off the walls. She said what doesn't come out will be painted. In addition,

volunteers will help with light gardening, picking up trash and removing leaves from sewers.

The center, located in the old Cafeteria building, helps campus organizations by coordinating events for the organizations.

Lindsey Martin, who does public relations for SJSU Panhellenic Sororities, said this is the first

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## Religion ousts science in Kansas school curriculum



Daniel Severin  
STAFF WRITER

**R**eligious fundamentalists have long tried to control what is taught in our schools.

The Kansas Board of Education made national headlines when it voted on Aug. 11 to remove the theory of evolution from the state's education curriculum.

What was not widely reported about the board's decision was the removal of the big-bang theory of the universe's formation from the state's curriculum.

The decision was prompted by a handful of scientists whose literal interpretations of the Bible persuaded the board that the Earth is only a few thousand years old. According to their Web sites, God created the heavens and the earth in seven days and the universe has existed for only a few thousand years.

This group of religious scientists has persuaded the Kansas Board of Education to erase the cornerstone theory of the formation of the universe — which is substantiated by decades of research — and embrace a new, unproven notion about the Earth's existence.

The big-bang theory, which states that the universe originated in a massive explosion of matter nearly 15 billion years ago and has been expanding ever since, is the central concept of astronomy and physics.

The board's actions sends a dangerous message that if someone is able to present a religion-based alternative to accepted scientific theories, and disguise it in a seemingly factual or proven context, they may be able to replace those theories with one of their own design.

"Young Earth creationists," as these dissenting scientists are now known, have managed to integrate the classic theories of Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking into their manifestos about how the Earth has existed for only a few thousand years.

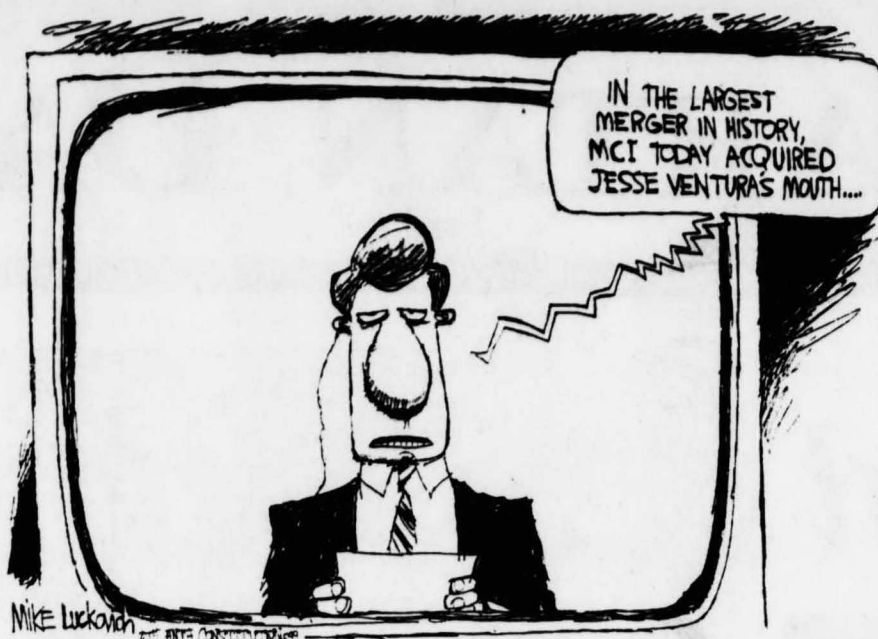
Their pamphlets and Web sites make their case, and more and more people are jumping on their bandwagon, rejecting decades of scientific research.

The board's recommendations are so radical that the board has been forbidden from publishing them for the public to review. The standards quote extensively from the education standards of the National Research Council, which has rejected the Kansas board's curriculum shift, according to an Oct. 11 article in the San Jose Mercury News.

This situation is similar to what happened to 16th century astronomer Galileo. His theories, which contradicted the teachings of the Catholic Church, were banned from public consumption. He was forced to recant his ideas, which were later proven to be correct. It took until 1992 for the Vatican to forgive Galileo and admit the church had been wrong.

The situation in Kansas sets a dangerous precedent: Any group that is able to dress up its theories in the clothes of scientific fact can influence the educational system to get long-standing theories thrown out of classrooms.

Daniel Severin is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Mike Lickovich

## Lifestyle choices shouldn't result in death

**L**eaving a movie theater earlier this week, I caught a glimpse of two men hugging each other.

My reaction was not one of disgust. I just laughed. It's ironic that such a sight would happen in a week celebrating gay and lesbian lifestyles and awareness. Let me state my position: I'm not gay. I don't see the charms of other men. Hell, I barely see the charms of people. Hatred is a much easier thing to learn than love, of course.

So what I saw is considered an acceptable norm for this part of the country. But in some parts of the country — and in most parts of the world — that's something forbidden. Being gay is a crime punishable by some form of humiliation — or death.

For proof, ask Matthew Shepard. He can't reply, though — he's been dead for one year as of Tuesday. He was mugged, beaten, and left for dead on a fence in Wyoming, where he was going to college.

Ask a Hollywood man whose name I have forgotten. He helped me out in a pinch. Since I was so occupied with my troubles (and a bit turned off by his arrogance), I can't recall if I thanked him. If I want to, I'll have to find his grave. He brought home a man who beat him to death and robbed his house.

After learning of his death, I talked with a cop who knew him. "The risk of that kind of lifestyle," he said.

The risk of that lifestyle. A lifestyle usually starts out — from what I've gathered — with confusion. A crisis of identity, of self-acceptance. Along with that, the possibility of being disowned by family, looked down on by friends, employers, religion.

That's quite a lot to cope with. It must be somewhat rewarding to the spirit for someone to successfully navigate such a trial. Too bad most of society can't see it. Hate slogans, alienation, crimes and the occasional bludgeoned corpse shows just how some people react to gays, lesbians and bisexuals. How painful it must be to live in fear. Fear because of who and how you love.

If you need proof, check out Web sites such as Godhatesfags.com. It's a "charming" set of pages that contain mad drivel, a set of floating, colorful balloons proclaiming damnation and a count of Shepard's days in Hell — complete with a picture of his face bobbing in flames. At an earlier time, a reverend associated with the page wrote he'd perform a victory dance on Shepard's grave. Even the dead get no rest.



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UNDER A  
BAD SIGN  
D.S. Perez

Other anti-homosexuality Web pages state that being gay or lesbian is a curable disease, a filthy and/or sinful lifestyle.

Ironically that certain people, whose religions are based on hope, love, salvation and accepting all humans, twist the words of the Bible into knives pointed at whomever they see unfit.

I must admit, I make a fair amount of gay jokes and call some individuals "fags" and "dykes." I don't want to see gay love scenes in movies. But I can watch what I want to watch. I give respect to whoever earns it; I could care less who they screw in their bedrooms.

Also, harassing and killing people for being homosexual is an uneasy thought for me.

I also know homosexuals have contributed to society in positive ways. Who can argue with Liberace or Alan Turing, who in World War II broke the Nazis' complex radio-code system, saving thousands of soldiers' lives?

I recall a conversation about this subject with an African friend of mine, who was arguing about the death penalty in the United States. He was against it. An openly gay couple then passed by.

"That is just wrong," he said. "In my country, those people would be dead."

I laughed. I asked if he felt that was right in his mind. I questioned his sudden change of heart. That a vicious criminal should be spared from death, but two odd-looking blokes holding hands deserved to die.

"But that's not right," he replied.

What a double standard. Two people can find some satisfaction in this world, not break any laws, not add to the overall general population, not ever consider an abortion and yet be guilty of a crime.

How ironic. How so illogical.

In a world of weapons of mass destruction, racism, hunger, disease, crime, social unrest and other horrors, the greatest threat some perceive is a man loving another man or a woman loving another woman.

Amazing set of priorities, isn't it? And what's the price, the risk of such thinking?

This week, there were 100 teddy bears hanging on a fence in Wyoming, and some grieving family members and friends nearby. That comes to mind.

But hatred is, of course, a much easier feeling to learn than acceptance. Or love.

D.S. Perez is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. "Born Under A Bad Sign" appears Fridays.

## Renaissance Faire provides getaway from 20th century

Scott Shuey  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY



**A** growing number of people are trying to escape the 20th century.

They dress in strange clothes and wear funny-looking hats. Their English is a little odd, they drink ale by the yard and they sing some very bawdy songs.

No, it's not the crowd preparing for this New Year's Eve. This crowd is looking back 550 years to the end of the Middle Ages, and for one last weekend, they'll be reveling at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire located in Vacaville. The fair is basically the re-creation of an English village in the Elizabethan age.

The fairs aren't a hangout for those who never got through their Dungeons and Dragons phase. Although there are always a few who come to the fairs dressed like Conan the Barbarian, the majority look as if they've come straight off the set of "Shakespeare in Love."

The fairs' popularity are also growing. Last year's attendees spent an estimated \$100 million at Renaissance fairs across the country.

Why the increased interest? Maybe it's because the modern era isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Fairgoers learn what it was like to have a good day without the benefit of cyberspace, cell phones or even electricity. For anyone sick of the usual violence on television, the entertainment is also a throwback to simpler times. MoonIE the Magnificent, one of the performers at the faire this year, puts on a juggling show — without ever saying a word — that has the crowds rolling.

Sporting events, such as jousting, could be watched without having the participants act like spoiled children or complain about their contracts. Two men wearing full suits of armor trying to knock each other off horses never had time to worry about "free agency."

Senseless, multiple killings were also less of an issue. There were still lots of murders, continuous warfare and lots of weapons, but medieval society didn't have problems with psychopaths going into marketplaces and mowing down 20 innocent people with crossbows. No one worried about nuclear war, nuclear meltdowns or the breakdown of the nuclear family, either.

Now, I'm not trying to say the Middle Ages were a perfect time or that the Renaissance Faire accurately re-creates the past. As one person at the fair said, this is how the Renaissance should have been. There are no invading armies, the plague won't kill off a third of the attendees, and if you get sick, you won't have to go see the barber to get a few strategically placed leeches.

No, the Middle Ages weren't pretty, but neither is the 20th century. The plague may have killed a third of the world, but Stalin and Hitler re-created that feat only 50 years ago. While today we've found many interesting ways to improve our lives, we've also found new ways to be hideous to one other.

If you're sick of the 20th century and all the incivility, hatred and pollution that comes with it, there are a lot worse places to cure what ails you than the fair. For one day you can slip back in time. Just make sure you turn your beepers and cell phones off at the door.

Scott Shuey is a former Spartan Daily executive editor.

### Today

#### Muslim Student Association

Friday prayers, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Costanoan room, Student Union. For more information, call Emal Numan at 971-8347.

#### Career Center

Employer-hosted practice interviews, all majors welcome, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

#### Student Life Center

Leadership development workshop series: Cross-cultural communication, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the

Almaden room, Student Union. Free admission, all students welcome. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

#### New Student Advising and Orientation

Pick up applications for orientation leader recruitment from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center. For more information, call Tony, Myra or Crystal at 924-5950.

#### L.D.S. Students Association

Opportunity to improve your spiritual health. President Scott Hepworth will be speaking about priorities, what's important, 12:30 p.m. at the San Jose Institute, 66 S.

Seventh St. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call 286-3313.

### Saturday

#### SJSU Women's Rugby Club

Game versus Surf City Sirens, 11 a.m. at South Campus field. For more information, call coach Karl Laucher at 267-7117.

#### SJSU Budo Taijutsu Club

Martial arts seminar, day one, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Uchida Hall, Room

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202. For more information, call Garth at 297-7646.

### Sunday

#### SJSU Budo Taijutsu Club

Martial arts seminar, day two, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Uchida Hall, Room 202. For more information, call Garth at 297-7646.

### Monday

#### Nurses Christian Fellowship

Caring for those in spiritual

warfare, 11 a.m. in the Montalvo room, Student Union. For more information, call Diane Stegmeier at 279-6385.

#### School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the art and industrial studies buildings. For more information, call John or Jenny at 924-4330.

#### Nutrition and Food Science Department

Body composition analysis, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 221. For more information, call James Burke at 924-3377.

#### Spartan Dining

Monday Night Football, 6 p.m. in the Market Café. For more information, call Vickie at 924-1882.

#### SJSU Budo Taijutsu Club

Martial arts training, 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in Uchida Hall, Room 202. For more information, call Garth at 297-7646.

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### REALITY CHECK ®



by Dave Whamond



# NEWS

San Jose State University

## Gorgeous glass



Ali Shahrali wears protective clothing and gloves to place a plate made by spatial arts major John Hunt in a special oven that slowly cools the hot glass so it does not crack. Hunt has been

working on a variety of plates recently in addition to several glass pumpkins, which will be sold in front of the Student Union the week before Halloween.

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year the Greek organizations were helping the neighborhood association. She is a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

Martin said the number of volunteers from the Greek system has been high.

"In Panhellenic fraternities and sororities, we're required to volunteer, but we go beyond the call of duty," Martin said.

Vaughn said the response from the Greek sororities and fraternities has been so great they don't need any more volunteers.

Between 30 to 40 volunteers from four houses have volunteered. They are Sigma Pi, a fraternity; Beta Pi, a fraternity and sorority; Alpha Phi sorority and Delta Zeta sorority.

Jerome Bernstein, coordinator for the campus Community Outreach Partnership Center, said this is not the first time the Greek organizations had lent a helping hand to clean up the downtown area. Bernstein said Greeks worked on a South Campus cleanup last year.

The outreach center, also located in the old Cafeteria building, helps coordinate volunteer

## Earthquake

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broader region, from the Pacific Ocean to the Sacramento Delta about 40 miles inland.

"There's really no escape," Schwartz said.

Much of that area has seen rapid development since 1989, when the Loma Prieta earthquake, centered near Santa Cruz, shook the area with a 6.9 magnitude quake just as a World Series game in San Francisco was about to start.

In 1990, the USGS determined there was a 67 percent chance that a magnitude 7 or greater quake would strike the region before 2020.

However, Schwartz said that can't really be compared with the new forecast, because the latest figures include factors that weren't looked at in 1990. Those include slip on faults in the absence of earthquakes and the effect of the 1906 earthquake in reducing activity throughout the region.

The new study focused on quakes of 6.7 or greater because of the havoc caused by the Northridge quake of that strength. It also analyzed five

additional faults.

The new probability figures were derived by balancing two processes, the motions of the plates that make up the Earth's outer shell and the slip of faults, which occurs primarily during earthquakes.

On the Hayward fault, which cuts through the heavily populated East Bay area, movement on faults is slowly offsetting street curbs even without a major earthquake. That fault is considered the most dangerous because it has not had a major temblor for many years.

The southern section of the fault last ruptured in 1868. The northern section has not ruptured since between 1640 and 1776, making it overdue for a major shakeup. In addition, scientists have found evidence the two halves of the fault, as well as the nearby Rodgers Creek fault, may work together, two at a time or possibly all three together, creating a much more dangerous quake.

The Hayward-Rodgers Creek fault has the highest odds of a major earthquake in the next 30 years — 32 percent.

"American Beauty" will quickly find its place in the category of unique masterpieces such as 'The Graduate,' 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest' and 'Ordinary People.'

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# SPORTS

San Jose State University



Molly Greenblatt, a member of the San Jose State University women's golf team, swings out of the sand trap Tuesday at the Vista Oaks Golf Center on Capitol Expressway. The women's golf team is competing Friday in the University of Tennessee's Lady Vol Classic.

Glenn Fuentes / Spartan Daily

## A long dive back

Divers return swimming, diving team to full force

By Ryan McCrossin  
Daily staff writer

Staring up at daunting deficits to start each match should be a thing of the past for the San Jose State University swimming and diving team.

"With the re-establishment of diving competition we'll be a lot stronger dual-meet wise," said Pablo Morales, head coach of swimming.

Last season, the team was left standing at the diving board as it had no divers to compete.

Just before the start of the season, one diver became ineligible and another was injured, Morales said.

The team was put at a disadvantage last season when it faced schools who had divers because it started matches down 30 points.

Not having divers accounted for three of last season's losses, Morales said.

"It was really tough. We all had to really pull together and really focus because we know we had to come in at 1 and 2 (first and second places) to make up that deficit," said Jaclyn Castellano, a returning swimmer.

The diving portion of the team, coached by Bill Boos, is poised on the board for competition with freshman recruit Mollie Ferrie and senior diver Kelley Lasich.

Aerial acrobatics can be expected from Ferrie, who is a converted gymnast.

"Her gymnast background has helped her make the transition to diving really well," Morales said.

Although the team is now complete with the addition of the divers, it has lost some strength between the lanes.

Six starters from last year

used up their eligibility.

Elin Carlsson was the strongest of those swimmers, Morales said.

Carlsson, who was sporting sunglasses and staying dry as she overlooked practice Thursday, is offering the team moral support this year.

Over the course of Carlsson's career, she set Spartan records in the 200-, 500-, 1000- and 1650-meter freestyles, and 100-meter breaststroke.

"She was a great competitor and she did a lot for this team," Castellano said.

"She's definitely going to be missed and it's going to show in some of our races, but we're going to have to step up as a team," she said.

Morales said he is confident his new team, with its added talent and 14 returning swimmers, will do more than stay afloat in Western Athletic Conference competition this year.

"We're looking to improve in the WAC and with the increased depth we have this year, we can," Morales said.

Charlotte Pierce heads the list of five recruits.

Pierce qualified in the 100- and 200-meter fly of the 2000 Olympic trials in Sydney.

Pierce said she was really excited about competing in the Olympic trials, but she was unwilling to make any predictions about how she would perform.

"We'll see when I get there how good the competition is, and where I am," Pierce said.

The category in which the team needed to improve the most over last year is the breaststroke, Morales said.

Freshman breaststroke swimmers Kiley Reinke, Michelle Stewart and Emily Hutson were brought in for that purpose.

Among the returners are senior Gretchen Cook, who will give them strength and experience in the fly and individual medley races, Morales said.

## Women on a mission

Tournament win, experience drive women's golf team

By Mike Osegueda  
Daily staff writer

A mission a year in the making will manifest itself today as the women's golf team tees off to not only prove itself against some of the NCAA's strongest teams, but to climb in the national rankings.

After placing first in the Heather Farr Memorial Tournament, the Spartans solidified themselves as a top 20 team.

Coach Nancy Lewis said the national rankings are not out yet, but some rumors have the team as high as No. 16.

This weekend's University of Tennessee Lady Vol Classic in Knoxville will pit the Spartans against the country's top teams and put them in position to chip away at the teams ranked above them.

"This tournament has a very good field of competitive teams," Lewis said.

The Spartans' No. 1 ranked player Georgina Simpson said she likes the team's chances against top teams such as Duke University, Auburn University and the University of Florida.

"I think now we have five strong players," Simpson said. "We can definitely finish in the top five. If we all play well, we can win it."

Five of the seven players on the

team will be making the trip, but Lewis said they are only as strong as their fifth player.

The second-year coach also pointed out the Spartans don't have much disparity within their rankings, giving them a better chance to place high in the team standings.

Tournament rules make it so the worst score of the five players will be dropped for the overall team competition.

Out of the five that made the trip Wednesday, four — Simpson, Jessica Krantz, Rebecca Heinert and Marcela Leon — made the same journey last year.

Freshman Caroline Cole will round out the quintet and play in her first tournament of the season.

The experience of the Spartan squad will be a vital factor, according to Lewis. She said the team is looking to improve upon last season's showing in the Lady Vol Classic.

"We played in it last year," Lewis said. "We're looking to improve."

Krantz sees the tournament not only as a chance for the team to showcase its improvement, but also as a chance to place ahead of other top 25 teams.

"Hopefully we'll beat some teams ranked ahead of us so we'll move up," Krantz said.

The one barrier Krantz said the Spartans will face is the tough course they will encounter in Knoxville.

She said the hilly course will be physically tough for the team and

will also call for better accuracy.

"It's not about hitting the ball far. It's about placing," Krantz said. "We have to be mentally prepared for what is going on."

Leon said despite the challenges, the team must be confident.

"We have a really good team this year," the sophomore said. "We can do a really good job in this tournament."

The winning mentality came to the Spartans after they took first place in the Heather Farr Tournament in Louisville, Colo.

"As a team we just played OK. That's a great incentive," Simpson said. "If we play good, we'll win even more."

Simpson and her Spartan teammates don't have much room for improvement from their showing at the Sept. 27 match.

Aside from the team's top finish, Simpson took second place overall and Krantz finished third.

Simpson saw her consecutive rounds of 71 and second place finish not only as motivation for her to play better individually, but also gave the team a positive piece of mind.

"It was a boost of confidence," Simpson said. "It let us believe that we can win."

Heinert agreed, citing the tournament as a learning experience as well.

"I think we learned a lot from the last tournament we won," she said. "Now we know how good we can do and build upon it."

The team's first tournament of the year, the NCAA Fall Preview,

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— Georgina Simpson  
SJSU golfer

also proved to be a valuable experience, Lewis said.

Finishing No. 13 may not sound spectacular, but Lewis said it was a strong showing among the top NCAA teams.

"We are really excited about the Fall Preview," Lewis said. "That was as strong as the field is ever going to be."

Facing much of the same opposition, the Spartans feel confident the success in the Sept. 13 Fall Preview will transfer to this weekend's Lady Vol Classic.

"We anticipate to win," Leon said. "We can't think of anything else but to do our best and win."

Editor's note: Look for a feature on Georgina Simpson in the upcoming week — JP.

## SMU beats Bulldogs 24-14

DALLAS (AP) — Josh McCown threw for two first-half touchdowns and Rodrick Phillips rushed for a touchdown as Southern Methodist won its first game of the season 24-14 over Fresno State in the Western Athletic Conference Thursday night.

SMU (1-5 overall, 1-2 WAC) avoided its worst start since opening with six consecutive losses in 1960 when the Mustangs finished 0-9-1.

Fresno State (4-3, 1-1) finished with 364 yards, but was 0-for-2 on fourth down, lost two fumbles and had an interception.

SMU finished with 351 yards, but had just one turnover and had a 16 1/2-minute advantage in possession time.

Fresno State tried to catch SMU off guard from its 27 when Vernon Fox ran out of punt formation, but he was stopped a yard short. The Mustangs scored four plays later on McCown's 12-yard pass to Diamond Blueitt with 3:09 left in the quarter.

SMU scored again five minutes later on Phillips' 1-yard sweep nine plays after Fresno State's Charles Smith lost a fumble at the Bulldogs 37. Phillips finished with 119 yards on 26 carries.

## Men golfers place 11th at tournament

Daily staff report

After a strong showing in the first day of the Pepperdine Invitational, the men's golf team failed to continue the same success and finished 11th Wednesday.

A combined score of 296 put the Spartans in fifth place Monday, but over the next two rounds at Saticoy Country Club the team was unable to score below 300.

A final score of 917 left the Spartans 33 strokes behind even-

tual winner Texas A & M. Oregon State and UC Santa Barbara shared second place after finishing three shots behind the Aggies at 887.

The top-placing Spartan in the 62-player field was Nate Whitson, who shot a 228 for the tournament.

Whitson's 32nd-place finish was highlighted by a one-under par, 71-stroke performance Monday.

After a lackluster 10-over par Tuesday, Whitson rebounded to shoot a 75 on the tournament's

final day.

Brandon Kearney was the second-highest-placing Spartan with a three-round total of 229.

Jim Beste shot a 231 and John Witherall and Max Wallick each shot 235.

San Diego State University's Scott Piercy capitalized on a four-under par second round to win the tournament.

Sean Gilliland of Texas A & M finished second.

The Spartan golfers will be back on the fairways in this weekend's Fresno Classic.

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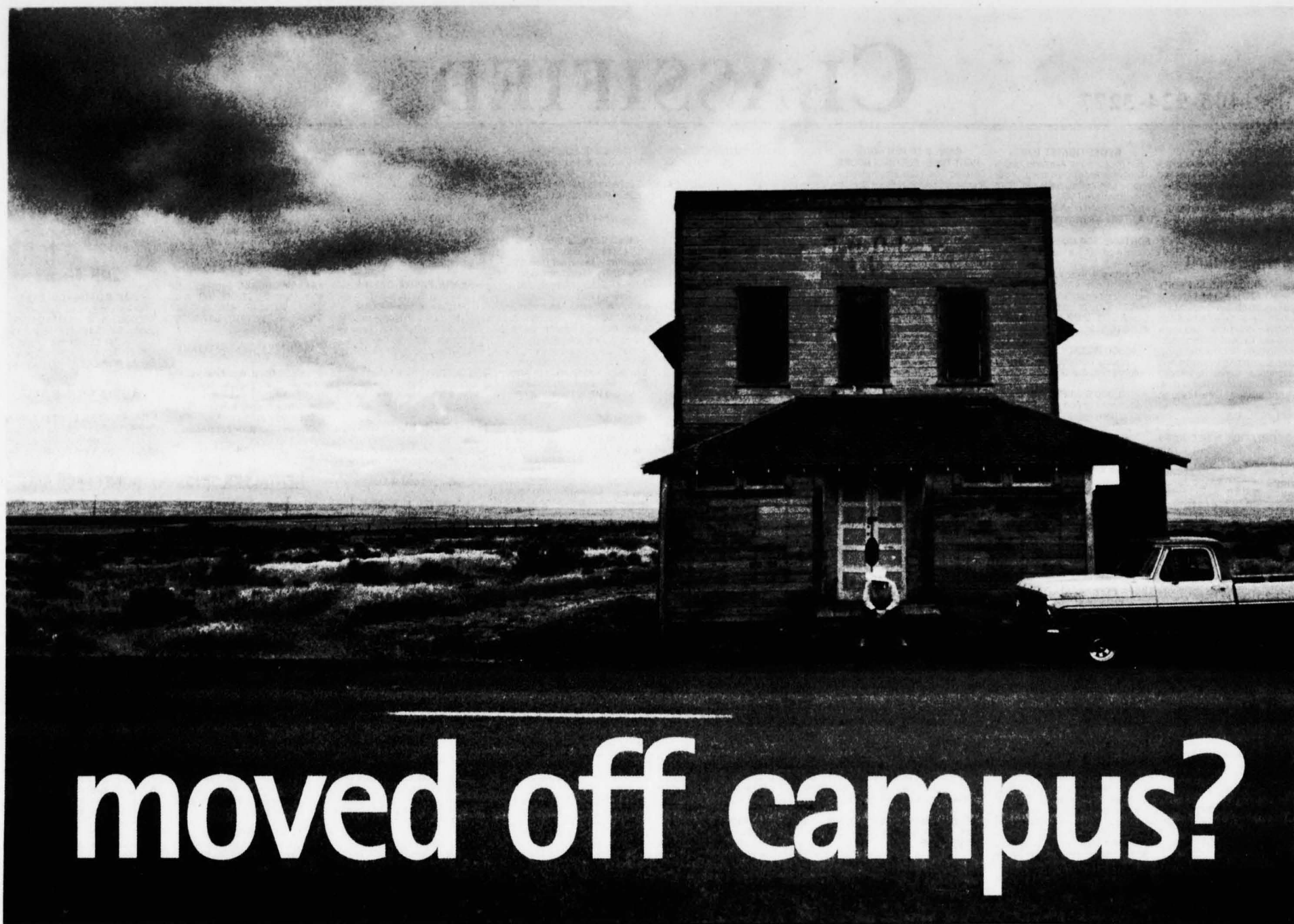
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