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## Candidate Jarvis visits campus

*CSU hopes to name new  
SJSU president next week*

**By Dan King**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

The second of two candidates for San Jose State University president was on campus Thursday. He answered questions while touring the campus, talking to various university groups and appearing at an open forum in the auditorium of the Engineering building.

Richard Jarvis, 55, continually emphasized, both in the open forum and in a media session later in the day, that he is a proponent of change and would be an agent for changes he thinks SJSU needs to make in the future.

"If we look at life in terms of 'we need to restore where we were,' I don't think that is going to happen. I think we

would be dooming ourselves to disappointment," he said.

Jarvis is currently the chancellor of the Oregon University System, a job he plans to leave this year whether or not he is hired to be SJSU president.

He's also been chancellor of the University and Community College System of Nevada and before that was vice chancellor for academic affairs for the State University of New York system.

He was also the chancellor of the United States Open University, a now-defunct online not-for-profit university, from 1999 to 2002.

"I've dealt with institutions all over the spectrum," he said. "I believe those represented in the Cal State system are those I feel myself most interested in and most comfortable with, because of the role they play in helping to shape and change their community, their region and their state."

Jarvis said he has been an on-campus type of chancellor, meeting with various faculty senates and associated student bodies within the Oregon system at least twice a year.

When he was asked why he is interested in being the

president of a university after being at the chancellor level, he said he'd like the sense of belonging, being closer to the university community, and he is looking to be "shamelessly selfish" in moving closer to the educational experience of the students.

He said since "crossing over to the dark side in 1985" to administration, he has continued to teach a class every term. He said this experience has allowed him to remain up-to-date with issues that concern students.

Jarvis mentioned two things he learned in the classroom he probably wouldn't have learned as an administrator.

"I was surprised by the extraordinary mobility students now exercise in solving their academic problems," he said. "They are going out and finding the courses they need and the credits they need and the contacts they need, regardless of the institution."

The second lesson he said he learned is that teaching has drastically changed in the last 10 or 15 years, thanks to the Internet.

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## Spartans test mettle against Team USA



Daniel A. Miranda / Daily Staff

San Jose State University 2-Meter attacker Laura Scott prepares to score the Spartans second goal in the fourth quarter while U.S. Olympic team center Heather Moody attempts to defend during an exhibition game Thursday at the Aquatic Center. The Spartans lost the game 11-2.

*Exhibition part of Olympic Team's  
13-game tour of college campuses  
in preparation for Athens*

**By Colin Kutch**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

Down by 11 goals with only two minutes remaining, the Spartan water polo team came alive against the world champion Team USA.

Surrounded by two Olympians, sophomore Katie Morgan took a pass and outmuscled them to get a quick shot on goal. The ball banked off the crossbar and floated past the goal line.

Morgan pumped her fist in the air in triumph as the Spartans scored their first point of the game. The San Jose State University squad managed to score one more time before the final buzzer in an 11-2 loss.

"It was exciting," Morgan said. "It's not every day you get to score against an Olympic team."

The goal brought the crowd to its feet for the second time of the game — the first time was for the National Anthem. The bleachers were filled, and more than 20 fans had to either sit on the concrete floor of the Aquatic Center or remain standing.

Junior Laura Scott gunned in the other Spartan goal with six seconds left to play.

"I knew the shot clock was running down," Scott said, putting ice on her shoulder after the game. "I got a good pass, so I took a shot and I prayed and it went in."

The exhibition was part of a 13-game tour for Team USA, in preparation for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

The Olympic squad took an early lead, scoring two goals in the first two minutes of play. At halftime, the Spartans were down by five goals. Brenda Villa, an attacker for Team USA, scored four goals, and attacker Margaret Dingeldein added three of her own.

Team USA's 11 points were the second fewest they have

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Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

Richard Jarvis, right, is a candidate for the position of president at San Jose State University. He answered questions from the audience during an open forum in the Engineering building on Thursday.

## Award surprises department chair

**By John Myers**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

The news came on the same day that the San Jose State University anthropology department chair received a good review for her latest book.

Anthropology Department Chair Jan English-Lueck said she did a "happy dance" when she found out she will be awarded the SJSU Outstanding Professor Award for 2003-04 by interim President Joseph Crowley.

"I was touched, and I cried," English-Lueck said. "I didn't think I had a prayer."

Crowley will officially present English-Lueck with the award at the Fifth Annual Faculty Service Recognition and Awards Luncheon on April 28 in the Student Union, according to a March 29 memo.

"All the candidates who came to my attention were outstanding," Crowley said last week in a press conference. "It was very difficult to choose between the candidates, because they were all good. I finally concluded that she had the edge, but I could have chosen any of them."

Some of English-Lueck's students agreed she deserved the award.

"(English-Lueck) pushes a lot of innovative ideas," said Elsie Olmos, a senior double majoring in behavioral sciences and sociology. "She uses more

variety in her teaching than just making us take a multiple-choice test."

Other students also commended English-Lueck for helping students outside of class.

"She can put together teaching and the administrative side," junior cultural anthropology major Melissa Jankowski said. "She's very passionate and gives everyone a lot of insight."

Kiyoe Conger, a junior majoring in general anthropology, said she sees English-Lueck's attitude as one of the professor's greatest qualities.

"It's refreshing to have a professor with a fresh perspective," Conger said. "(English-Lueck) is not burnt out. I think that's proof she enjoys what she's doing, and as students see this, it gets them more excited about the class."

English-Lueck said she has been an instructor at SJSU since 1991, and she previously taught at Fresno State University, the University of Puget Sound and the University of Hong Kong.

"In China, I won the teacher award — second class," English-Lueck said.

"Foreign teachers can only get the second class. First class is reserved for Chinese teachers."

English-Lueck has done fieldwork in several countries, including China, Ireland and Suriname, she said.

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## Sorority gets pied for good cause

**By Carly Roden**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

In grammar school, chucking food at a fellow student would have warranted at least detention, if not a trip to the principal's office — but one San Jose State University sorority is getting away with it in broad daylight.

Shrieks of laughter were heard along Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Thursday afternoon as the women of Alpha Omicron Pi hosted their annual "A O Pie-In-Your-Face," a fund-raiser to benefit juvenile arthritis research.

For \$1, students could shove a paper plate full of whipped cream in the face of the sorority member of their choice.

"The most disgusting part is when it gets in your ears, because you can't get it out," said Evelyn Perez, a junior majoring in advertising. "And the pies that are made from the end of each (whipped cream) can are all melted and runny."

Juvenile arthritis research has been the main humanitarian effort of Alpha Omicron Pi since it was founded more than a hundred years ago, according to Andrea Roberts, the chapter's philanthropy chair. While the group promoted the event to its alumnae, as well as students and faculty members, she said the most support came from fellow Greeks, especially fraternities.

"We're pretty good friends with everyone, so every girl has a couple of guys gunning for her," said Jennifer Kuehneisen, a senior majoring in public relations. "When we went to the (fraternity) houses, a lot of them warned us that since the pies were only a dollar, they were going to buy 15 or 20."

Jacquelyn Harlow, who was a member of the sorority for four years, said that now as an alumna, she enjoyed being on the throwing end of the pies.

"I've had my share of pies and figured it was time to get back at them," Harlow said.

Roberts said that pie victims often become the attackers as group members ambush one other.

"By the end of the day, a lot of the money comes from us getting each other," Roberts said. "It's that sisterly bond."

Freshman Alex Hennessy said he could not resist the temptation to throw a pie at one of the sorority members who lives in his dorm building.

"It's a good cause," Hennessy said. "Plus it just makes me feel good inside when I get to throw pies at people."

Some of the pie throwers carefully planned and executed their moves.

"Depending on who it is, you've got to have a strategy," said Joe Lombardo, a senior majoring in finance.

"I go for the upward motion, to make sure it gets up their nose," said Frankie Figeac, a junior in liberal studies.

Three hours and 40 cans of whipped cream later, Roberts said the group had raised roughly \$200.

"It was a lot of fun," Roberts said. "Our friends that came out and showed support were awesome."



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Beth Smith received a pie to the face during an Alpha Omicron Pi sorority fund-raiser Thursday afternoon by the Seventh Street barbecue area. The sorority was raising money for juvenile arthritis research. Smith is a senior majoring in recreation and leisure.



RELOADING

# Waiting adds a special dimension for fans' enjoyment

What a week!  
Baseball fans — No. 661 is in the record books.  
Reality show fans — Donald Trump hired Bill.  
Action movie fans — “Kill Bill, Vol. 2” delivers your next Tarantino fix today.  
After waiting so long, isn't it great to see these things play out and to finally get answers to at least some of your questions?  
And yet, as you waited, wasn't there a certain charge in watching and wondering — guessing when or who or how?  
Wasn't that anticipation all part of the fun?  
Fear not, however. With the various entertainment venues available, there are plenty of other events still unfolding.  
In the wide world of sports, the San Jose Sharks have their eyes set on the Stanley Cup.  
In prime time, the clock is ticking for Jack Bauer on “24,” and the next American Idol is still in tryouts.  
At the movies this summer, Spider-Man will wrangle with Dr. Octopus (what's with the eight-legged creature motif?), while Harry Potter will take on Sirius matters.  
And in politics, the presidential campaigns are sifting out which issues will be played big and who Kerry's running mate will be.  
Fans have a love-hate relationship with cliffhangers. On the one hand, we can't stand the not knowing. With television, cliffhangers drive us crazy from one

week to the next or from one season to the next. Sometimes, questions remain unanswered throughout the entire run of the series — and beyond — as with “The X Files.”  
On the other hand, until something is settled, we fans love the suspense. We rehash the events thus far, we have our hopes and hates, and we try to predict the outcome.  
There is a fun in having to wait that latecomers don't get.  
In 1980, after Darth Vader spoke the immortal words “I am your father” to Luke Skywalker, movie fans had to wait three years before finding out if he was lying. Fans debated endlessly what surprises the third “Star Wars” movie would hold.  
Right now, people are combing J.K. Rowling's books for hints about Harry's ultimate fate. After the final two books are published, fans will no longer do so.  
That cliffhanger dynamic evaporates once a series ends.  
With the “Matrix” trilogy complete, no one has to be patient waiting for the next chapter.  
The movies will still find fans, but those people won't be forced to wait months or years to re-enter the Matrix or to find out how many times the Architect has reloaded the world.  
All they have to do now is drop in the DVDs.  
Oh, sure, people discovering all these worlds can still



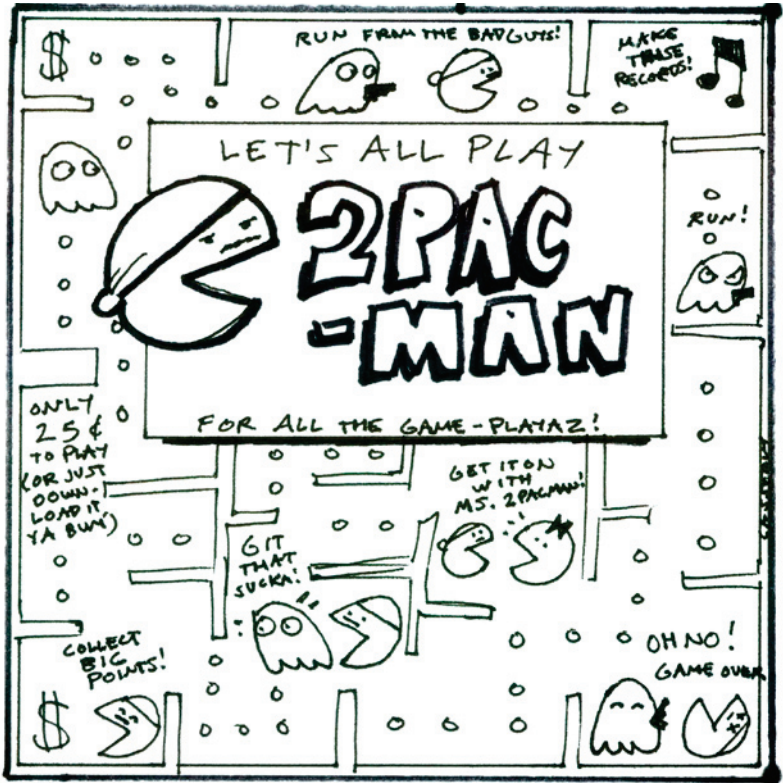
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experience the wait individually, for as long as it takes to read the books or find time to view the next film. But at the community level — discovering and bonding with others who share your enthusiasm, when none of you can be sure how it will all work out — that opportunity is gone.  
Whereas tales such as “The Lord of the Rings” have scripted outcomes, sports (and the so-called “reality” shows) are different in that the fans are not at the mercy of a creator's muse.  
Every twist and turn, especially coaches' decisions and referees' calls, will be overanalyzed and “Monday morning quarterbacked.” Additionally, besides enjoying or bemoaning the season as it progresses, sports fans will celebrate or commiserate over the end results.  
Sports are also different from TV, book or movies series, because, even though there is a final outcome for one season, another will begin in a matter of months.  
Every sports fan — no matter which team they root for — has probably covered one season's disappointment by saying, “Just wait till next year.” It's a mantra among Chicago and Boston baseball fans.  
Even when your team has a championship season, there is no guarantee that the next will be as sweet. As Chris Berman says, “That's why they play the game.”

And so hope is born anew every season...  
... or with each election.  
Every four years, the major parties puff themselves up while competing for the White House. News services trip all over each other trying to get some unique angle. And the “fans” are treated to the bizarre show that is American politics.  
As ridiculous as any given election may be, political junkies got two special treats in the past four years.  
For a month after Election Day in November 2000, the nation was on the edge of its seat waiting to learn if Bush or Gore would be president. It was a glorious, surreal experience.  
A year ago, I would have said nothing could equal it.  
Then along came the California recall election.  
Who could ever have predicted a gubernatorial election involving a prostitute, Gary Coleman and Mr. Maria Shriver? No one. But what a ride it was.  
So whether you're a fan of SmackDown! or soaps, Star Trek or Survivor, the Saints or the Spartans, when you're frustrated by the delay until the next installment or the final outcome, be sure to savor “the thrill of the wait.”

Ron Pangrac is the Spartan Daily copy editor. “Reloading” appears every Friday.

## STUPID PILLS | AIDAN CASSERLY



## Letter: Many months notice is required for degree in English

Dear editor:

I had an appointment with my adviser this past Monday and was quite shocked to discover that San Jose State University requires a minimum 9 months notice in order to grant a student a bachelor's degree in English for a December graduation and 11 months of notice in order to grant a student a bachelor's degree in English for a May graduation.

It is very unclear why this should be, in this age of computerization, but alas, as unbelievable as it may seem, this is indeed the policy of the SJSU Office of Records and Registration.

As it turns out, I can complete my Bachelor of Arts in English degree requirements in time for December 2004 (8 months from now), but the Office of Records and Registration deadline for December 2004 graduation was March 1, 2004, and I missed it, so I am not able to get my degree until May 2005.

Why?

Annette Shussett  
Senior  
English

## FLOWER CHILD

# New crime report makes city of San Jose look good

Rape statistics in San Jose show an improvement in a comparison numbers for 2002 and 2003.  
Sometimes numbers do count when talking about the reports about rape.  
Today, I think it is important to let the students at San Jose State University know that something is being done about the high crime rates that have been a great concern to me recently.  
The 26.4 percent decrease in rape in San Jose that was reported by the California Attorney General's statement on crime Tuesday is indeed a better showing. In his accompanying press release, Attorney General Bill Lockyer attributes the improvements to local law enforcement.  
But today, I strongly believe that the California attorney general's report on crime says something important is going on in San Jose. This should merit a note that what the department is doing in the community is beneficial to the public.  
I hope that he makes his policy known to the public and continues to keep others informed with what he is doing to make his policy work on the street.  
An official at the San Jose Police Department's crime analysis unit said that they “follow the Department of Justice guidelines in reporting a crime,” without any further comment.  
Perhaps a discussion about what is being done differently could be described and posted on the San Jose Police Department's Web site.  
This is important to us because San Jose has improved at a greater rate than the numbers statewide.  
The statewide report says that reported forcible rape has decreased by 2.4 percent when compared to 2002.  
Forcible rape is defined as “the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included.”  
Without a doubt, rape is an act of violence.  
Taking into account that violent crime has been in the headlines in San Jose more often than not, the public needs to know what works and what does not.  
Other areas of the report show a pattern of change in the crime rate.  
In addition, San Jose's numbers compare well with a 3.1 percent statewide decrease in violent crime.  
San Jose has even better numbers overall.  
Let's take a look.  
The total number in the violent crime category in San Jose shows a decrease by 18.3 percent.  
Let's compare San Jose with the other statewide numbers.  
Aggravated assault in San Jose has decreased by 22.3 percent.  
Aggravated assault has decreased by 3.3 percent statewide.  
This brings a question to mind as to how policy is developed and implemented.  
Because we don't have any indication as to why we have such an impressive change about the improvements,



JANINE STANHOPE

we might not be able to know why another set of numbers show a decline.  
Credit for an improvement might not be attributed to anything in particular when another number in a different area shows up as a problem. Although I would like to say that one departmental area might be able to report that something does work in the system and apply that same effort to where the numbers show a problem.  
The problem is that motor theft in San Jose has gone up 9.8 percent and 6.7 percent statewide.  
This makes me even more curious what the difference is in police activity in the community and throughout the state.  
The questions lead to more interest in knowing about what is working in the area of aggravated assault and violent crime and what is it that is not working when it comes to motor theft.  
Why would some categories improve and motor theft increase?  
I thought it would be a good question to ask when I called the crime analysis unit, but the characteristics of any statewide analysis of the study have yet to be made available to the public.  
Sgt. Steve Dixon, who is the press information spokesman for the San Jose Police Department, said that he is very pleased to see that crime is down.  
He added that one of reasons is the “Three Strikes” law.  
“Violent offenders are creating most of the acts,” he said. “Once we get them in custody, the offenders are now going to prison.”  
He also explained that domestic violence became an epidemic.  
“We have tough enforcement and a zero tolerance policy,” he said. “We mandate counseling classes, higher bail and a tough approach.”  
He said they also make it a part of the process to “document all acts and threats of violence and help bring numbers way down.”  
As for the car theft concerns, Dixon said the recent car thefts have been happening when people leave their cars outside to warm up before they go to work.  
“They warm up their car and leave it in the driveway,” he said. “One guy went back into the house and took a shower, and someone drove away with it.”  
The data are available for your review at the following URL:  
<http://ag.ca.gov/cjsc/publications/preliminarys/jd03/2003Prelim12Month.pdf>

“Because we don't have any indication as to why we have such an impressive change about the improvements, we might not be able to know why another set of numbers show a decline.”

Janine Stanhope is the Spartan Daily online editor. “Flower Child” appears every other Friday.

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University Police Department  
Campus emergency response team training will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the UPD building, located on the first floor of the Seventh Street garage. For more information, call Lt. Coker at 924-2173.

SJSpirit  
“The Listening Post” will take place in front of the Student Union entrance. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

School of Art and Design  
Student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry  
Daily Mass takes place from 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel located at the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Sigma Pi  
Sigma Pi is looking for bands to perform at “Sigma Pi Looza” on April 30. For more information, call Roger Pries at 839-1485.

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Sunday Mass will be held at noon and 5 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

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School of Art and Design  
Art exhibitions featuring student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call 924-4330.

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# Drink of the Week

By Claudia Plascencia  
Daily Staff Writer

A tropical mix of flavors that blend together just right is the perfect recipe for an original drink created by one local bartender.

John Russell, a bartender at Agenda Restaurant and Lounge in downtown San Jose, said he created this drink in January, but he has yet to find a name for it.

"I'm as sure as I can be that I made that drink up," Russell said.

The "No Name Drink" (\$7) is a mix of banana liqueur, coconut rum, a splash of Bacardi 151 and grenadine, pineapple and orange juice.

It is shaken up together, served in a tall glass with ice and topped with an orange wedge and a cherry.

The first sip makes the drink seem like just another "Sex On the Beach," but it soon takes a different turn.

This sunset-colored drink is refreshing enough on its own that it will quench your thirst and give you a buzz at the same time.

The flavors of banana and coconut swirl together and almost trick the taste buds into thinking they are on some tropical beach in the Caribbean.

Then the Bacardi 151 and grena-

dine make themselves known with a subtle yet significant presence that will take effect when least expected.

The banana liqueur is a great addition to this drink, because it is not too sugary or syrupy.

Other liqueurs such as peach

schnapps are sometimes so sweet that water is needed after having the drink.

With the "No Name Drink," there is no need to spend an extra dollar on a bottled water to get rid of the syrupy feeling in the throat.

The pineapple juice is also a much better alternative to cranberry juice, because it is not as tart and has a more mellow flavor.

Russell, the bartender who created the drink, said after the millionth time of making a "Sex On the Beach," he decided to have patrons try something different.

He said several patrons now request the drink.

My suggestion, "Chiquita Banana Gone Wild."

Anyone with a suggestion for the name of this drink can send them to spartandaily@casasjsu.edu, Attn: A&E editor. The winning name will be chosen by John Russell, and will get a free "No Name Drink" at Agenda Restaurant and Lounge.



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

The "No Name Drink" consists of banana liqueur, coconut rum, splashes of Bacardi 151 and grenadine, pineapple juice and orange juice. John Russell, a bartender at Agenda Restaurant and Lounge (400 S. First St.), concocted the drink in January and has yet to name it.

# Debut album a treat for patient listeners

By Zakk Jones  
Daily Staff Writer

Some singers belt, while others wail. Petravovich, who in her time off goes by her real name, Jessica Peters, would much rather coo, and she thankfully plays to her strengths on

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her debut album, "Blue Cotton Skin."

Essentially a trip-hop album injected here and there with splashes of Peters' folk music roots, "Skin" floats through its nine tracks as though riding a cloud, with Peters' breathy, childlike voice leading the way.

The leadoff track, "Nighttime," begins with a spacy, Minimoog-ish keyboard intro that might fit just as well in an '80s new wave chart-topper.

Peters' cascading vocal melody sets the pace for the song a moment later, followed by Andrew Giacomakis' strolling and almost jazzy drum work.

With a dreamlike quality that is helped in no small part by Peters' fanciful and fantastical wordplay — "Journey to the moon/On the back of a big firefly/Take me up, up, up" — "Nighttime" more or less characterizes the rest of the album, which would likely go well with some choice reading material (preferably something along the lines of Dr. Seuss or Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are"), or perhaps some kind of over-the-counter-medicine-induced stupor.

Through it all, Peters deftly avoids self-indulgence, maintaining the effectiveness of her vocal style with as few embellishments as possible.

Indeed, her melodies are often as much a part of the background as the tapestry of pianos, atmospheric keyboards, electronic drumbats and even the occasional distorted electric guitar that accompany her soft, pillowy voice.

# Sharks skate past Blues

By Erik Lacayo  
Daily Staff Writer

It was fitting that Mike Ricci, one the most popular players in San Jose Sharks history, hammered in the last nail of the St. Louis Blues' coffin Thursday night.

With their 3-1 victory in game five, the Sharks were the first team in the National Hockey League to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

With a little less than four minutes remaining in the game, Ricci tipped in a shot by defenseman Scott Hannan, putting San Jose up by two goals.

"It was a classic Mike Ricci goal," San Jose head coach Ron Wilson said. "If Reech is on the ice he's going to get something on it."

The Sharks came out of the gate looking to make quick work of the Blues. Within the first two minutes of the first period, San Jose center Vincent Damphousse passed the puck right in front of St. Louis goaltender Chris Osgood to Sharks defenseman Brad Stuart who put it in for the score.

About midway through the period, Sharks forward Niko Dimitrakos stole the puck in the Blues' zone and thought he put the Sharks up 2-0. The puck actually hit the post and the goal was called off.

About a minute after Dimitrakos' near goal, St. Louis forward Brian Savage tied the game at 1-1.

In the second period, the Blues ran into penalty trouble, which has plagued them the whole series. Sharks defenseman Kyle McLaren was tripped in the Blues' zone by center Mike Danton. Seconds later, with Sharks forward Dimitrakos on a break away, St. Louis defenseman Murray Baron tripped him before he could get a shot off.

With a five-on-three advantage, the Sharks had several scoring opportunities but Osgood was solid in the St. Louis net.

About a minute later, with St. Louis back to full strength, the Sharks stole the puck and generated a two-on-three



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

San Jose Sharks defenseman Scott Hannan left, battles for the puck with St. Louis Blues center Steve Martins as sharks center Patrick Marleau pursues the play during a playoff game on Thursday at the HP Pavilion. The Sharks won the game 3-1, and the best of seven series 4-1.

breakaway. After the puck rebounded off Osgood, it found its way to Sharks center Mark Smith who was loitering at the side of the net. He shot the puck between the goal post and Osgood's skate to put the Sharks up 2-1. It would turn out to be the game-winning goal.

"It was definitely the most important goal I've scored in my career," Smith said. "It was kind of a broken play ... one of those plays you don't give up on."

During the middle of the third period, the Blues threw everything they had at the net but were stopped cold by Sharks goaltender Evgeni Nabokov.

Nabokov and the Sharks defense were able to thwart the Blues attack until Ricci put in the series' last goal. "It's just insurance I guess," Ricci said. "Early on it was anyone's game."

Now the Sharks must sit and wait until their second-round opponent is

determined.

"This is just the first step of where we want to go," Stuart said.

Being the first team to advance gives the Sharks a chance to rest their injured players.

The Sharks were without forwards Scott Thornton and Alyn McCauley. Thornton scored two goals in game four but had to be helped off the ice after injuring his leg.

McCauley has been out since game one with an upper-body injury.

## Spartan softball team sweeps Nevada

Daily Staff Report

The San Jose State University softball team got back into the win column Thursday, sweeping a doubleheader at the University of Nevada-Reno, 11-6 and 3-1.

Spartan pitcher Carol Forbes started both games and picked up two victories.

Forbes pitched a complete game in game one and then pitched the first four innings of game two.

Forbes left the second game with a 3-1 lead, being replaced by Kelli McColister, who pitched two-and-a-half innings. Forbes returned in

the seventh inning to get the final out of the game.

The Spartan offense tied a school record for extra-base hits in a game during game one, hitting seven of them. Shortstop Carlie Hill led the way, hitting a triple and her second home run of the season, driving in three runs.

Catcher A.J. Hull also drove in three runs in game one. First baseman Lindsey Allen went 3-for-3 in game two.

The Spartans, now 4-4 in the Western Athletic Conference, will travel to Fresno State University for a doubleheader on Saturday.

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