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Student protesters shut down meeting

By Jennifer Ferguson
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Fifty black-clad students stopped SJSU President Robert L. Caret's noon town hall meeting Thursday in the Student Union with a list of eight demands they insist he meet.

The demonstrators, chanting, "A people united will never be defeated," closed down the meeting, grabbed microphones and refused to let any-

one speak throughout their 45-minute protest.

Some protesters stood on chairs or held up signs that read, "KSJS attitude = just paint it white."

Black Student Union protesters also claimed to be representing Calmecca, a Latino student group on campus, the Vietnamese Student Association and other students of color.

At one point students swarmed Caret, following him around the Loma Prieta Ballroom and trying to grab his wireless microphone. Caret eventually left the building after several attempts to resume the meeting.

KSJS, the campus radio station which was broadcasting the meeting live, was able to pull Caret away from the crowd to briefly get his reaction to the protest.

"A lot of anger, a lot of frustration, also no desire (to talk)," Caret said about the demonstrators. "It doesn't appear to solve the problem, and the only way you're going to do this is to talk, and you've got to start with conversation, with dialogue."

Many in the audience of 100 were disappointed that they couldn't talk with Caret.

"This is discrimination against stu-

dents like me who came to voice other issues of equal concern," said Debra Herman, a junior occupational therapy major about the protest.

"I'm here on behalf of the occupational therapy program," she said.

"We're looking at a seven-year degree

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BSU holds Caret to the fire

Racism discussed during Black Student Union meeting

By Jennifer Ferguson
and Larry Lee
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

The protesters who wouldn't let President Robert L. Caret speak at his noon town hall meeting for students, gave him a forum at Thursday evening's regularly scheduled Black Student Union meeting.

The meeting, which drew 150

students and faculty members, was meant to begin discussion between Caret and SJSU's African-American students.

Audience members frequently put Caret through an emotional roller coaster as they vented their frustrations at the new president during the three-hour meeting held in the Student Union.

"We need things done for us on this campus," said Marc Jordan, an SJSU student. "When you get your paycheck, it says, 'Robert Caret is accountable.'"

But Caret said he deserves a grace period.

"I can't be responsible for 137 years of history on this campus," he said. "I've only

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PHOTO BY ANDY BARRON — SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU President Robert L. Caret is surrounded by students protesting racism on campus during a town hall meeting that lasted less than five minutes noon Thursday in the Student Union. Students chanted for 45 minutes until Caret promised to attend a Black Student Union meeting later that evening.

Staff member may be arrested

By Cristal Guderjahn and
Dexter T. Manglicmot
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

A campus employee accused of using racial slurs against a student may face misdemeanor charges of disturbing the peace if the San Jose State University Police Department obtains a warrant today, said University Police spokesman Lt. Bruce Lowe.

The Santa Clara County

District Attorney's Office issued a complaint against Michael Day, a staff member at Admissions and Records, in connection with a March 2 argument with student Wesley Flowers. Both men claimed the other used racial epithets in the argument that took place outside the Admissions and Records building after closing time.

Flowers, who said Day called him a "stupid nigger," claims

he used profanity in the argument but said nothing racial.

Day, who an anonymous source said is on paid extended leave, could not be reached for comment.

Admissions and Records authorities also have declined to comment, but the source said Day is a short older man and a former priest who has worked at Admissions and

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PHOTO BY JEFF CHIU — SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU president Robert L. Caret makes his way through a crowd of protesters Thursday afternoon as KSJS's Shawn Guthrie yells, "A people united will never be defeated!" The protesters object to KSJS's low hours for minority programming and the Wesley Flowers/Michael Day racial incident, in which Day allegedly called Flowers a racial epithet University Police spokesman Lt. Bruce Lowe said a warrant may be issued today for Day's arrest on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Students give free tax return advice

By Jennifer Bixler
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Monday at midnight is the deadline for tax returns. But for students who have not yet filed their taxes, don't panic, there's still time to get help.

A San Jose State University Business class 123D is still providing free income tax preparation for moderate-income taxpayers, which includes students and members of the community.

After the student prepares both the federal and California tax returns, licensed certified public accountants will

review the returns for possible errors.

"Business class 123D has prepared 723 returns and will complete slightly over 800 by the time tax season is over," said Patricia Janes, adviser for Business 123D and senior lecturer in the accounting and finance department.

Jenny Escoto, a leader and former student in Business 123D, said, "It has been a lot of hard work, but it wasn't a waste of time. We were not prepared for the amount of taxpayers who wanted to use our service, we turned people

away from the first Saturday." The service has been available since Feb. 18.

One of the reasons there has been so many taxpayers wanting their service is that Business 123 specializes in several areas, including foreign students tax returns and communicating with non-English speaking persons, Escoto said.

"Other campuses recommend foreign students to come to SJSU for their tax returns, and our students speak many languages:

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Women recruited for engineering

Less than 15 percent of students are female, dean says

By Michele Bolger
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

For the past 10 years, the number of women enrolled in the College of Engineering has remained at a constant low. But the college is trying to change that.

SJSU's Society of Women Engineers and the Engineering College's student recruitment committee have combined to increase not only general enrollment, but also those who are considered under-represented, such as women.

Out of the 3,524 students enrolled in engineering, only

520 are female. These numbers have been constant for the past 10 years, said Kuei-Wu Tsai, associate dean of the College of Engineering.

"It's very important to attract more female students because it's good for the profession," Tsai said.

The student recruitment committee's goals for the next two years are to increase the general public's enrollment by 10 percent and to increase the under-represented persons enrollment by 20 percent.

Many believe that this lack of enrollment is because women

are not encouraged to go into math and science.

"Grade school girls and boys get different messages," said Jane Boyd, acting coordinator for the women's studies program. "Boys are encouraged to go into math and girls into home economics."

Leanne Plantillas, president of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), said she agrees that women are discouraged from science and math. "When I was in school I must have had skills, but no one recognized them."

Plantillas, along with SWE, is

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Column

Religion is shortsighted

Human beings are a curious species, indeed. We always want to be "in the loop," and hate not being "in the know."

From the dawn of time, our curiosity has been a virtue that has allowed us to master our surroundings and answer the once unknown.

The existence of tabloid publications like The National Enquirer and Star, and their television counterparts, "Hard Copy" and "Current Affair," are evidence that we love to know everything about everyone all the time.

Men like Galileo Galilei and Issac Newton attempted to solve the mysteries of the universe. Aristotle and Socrates tried laboriously to unlock the secrets of the mind and soul.

What then does the institution of religion try to answer? Most would contend that religion attempts to explain creation, life and death, and Mankind's purpose.

For centuries, science and religion have gone head-to-head, battling for people's belief in who is right.

Science relies on logic and reasoning, religion relies on faith. What science can't answer, religion attempts to. Religion is the ultimate security blanket that is able to answer the unanswerable.

But people are willing to persecute, hate, ridicule, and even kill others because beliefs differ from their own. There is, however, no hard evidence that any organized religion is any more right in their beliefs than another.

The power and strength of organized religion has torn into the very fabric of what binds us together. Through the centuries it has driven a



Matthew Tom

wedge between people that is both unwarranted and baffling.

The church has discounted the findings of some of the most brilliant minds of our time. Galileo's contention that the Earth revolves around the sun had the Catholic church screaming bloody murder, and forced Galileo to discount his theories.

Science and religion collided, and science won out, but the worldly religious power that were resorted to threats and name-calling.

Even within the last 10 to 20 years, churchgoers have resorted to taking their children out of school because teachers taught Darwin's theory of natural selection. Is organized religion afraid science may unlock the mysteries of the creation of life?

Knowledge is power, and organized religion tells me the only knowledge worth learning is their belief in Christ, Mohammed, Buddha or whichever their deity may be.

Who knows, maybe they're all right. Maybe none of them are right. But to persecute and hate those who believe differently in something that cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt is wrong.

Matthew Tom is the Spartan Daily News Editor. His column appears every other Friday.

Earth's most virulent virus:



Writer's Forum

Challenges formulate sense of pride

When you're a reporter, everyone suddenly wants to be your friend, and they all seem to want you to write about something — from their perspective.

Since joining the staff of the Spartan Daily, I've been assaulted with innumerable requests to write about this or that perceived scandal or interesting event on campus. I find it amazing that so many people expect me to be their voice.

It's especially difficult being a reporter bombarded with so many requests when one considers the essential need for a journalist to be objective and balanced in their reporting of the news.

The day to day job of being a reporter is trying.

My editors assign articles for me to write, at a pace that varies from frantic to insane. My friends constantly badger me to do exposés on their causes of the week. My acquaintances tell me about scandals that I must expose.

It quickly becomes overwhelming. As a student journalist, I endeavor to deliver professional quality.

The role of the media in society has become one of savior and demon for our society. With a free press, we expect the media to confront all of our society's problems, and yet we damn them for not doing so in a way that validates our own beliefs.



Blair Whitney

I never imagined how difficult a job journalism would really be. No matter how balanced and objective you are, you'll never please everyone. But at least I recognize that it's not my job to please everyone.

My greatest challenge, however, is simply pleasing myself by meeting the standards I set for myself. When given only a couple of days to research and

write a story, I never feel like I've done enough research or found enough sources.

Despite all of these challenges, I will never regret the experience. The pride I feel when a story comes out and I see people reading and talking about it on campus is intoxicating. The thrill of getting a scoop on a news item is an incredible rush. The skills I am learning will be invaluable to me in the future, whatever field I eventually go into.

For this hellish experience that I've come to value so much, I'd just like to thank all of you out there who have been a part of it, from the readers of the paper, to the editors and advisers at the paper.

Blair Whitney is a Spartan Daily Staff Reporter

Campus Viewpoint

Aspects of accreditation report ignored

I think it is becoming more obvious to everyone here that we have a double standard at San Jose State University when we are examining different people's civility. No supervisor or administrator has been held accountable for their lack of civility, especially how they abuse and mistreat minorities, especially African-Americans.

In order to provide civility, we need leaders whose actions can be exemplary and who can inspire equity and civility. We need leaders who are civil themselves. We need leaders who can really feel the importance of offering comprehensive services.

I once met a Muslim student who had many serious personal problems due to culture shock. I honestly could not recommend a place on this campus where he could feel welcome and not be shocked further.

This cancerous climate needs a major chemotherapy. We are just removing the tumors that may appear on the skin. The truth is that we have to start the treatment from the inside.

We have seen many task forces come and go. I like to

stay optimistic about President Caret's appointed task force, but I cannot hide the fact that I'm scared that this task force will focus on forcing the frontliners out, while those back stage who are the main perpetrators remain unpunished. Then this unhealthy campus climate will continue to grow worse than ever.

The Accreditation Team's (WASC) report, especially chapter four (Support Services & Campus Climate), did not appear in any publication at SJSU. Even the Spartan Daily ignored to mention anything about it, despite the fact that campus climate is the university's top priority.

Here are some of the highlights of the report:

"Responses from SJSU's constituencies demonstrated that there were several key areas of campus life where the university needs to make significant progress ... there was a general sense that the only place where support for underrepresented students takes place in any systematic way is in the Educational Opportunity Program.

"The equity programs han-

dle underrepresented students while the remainder of the academic support structures handle the rest of the student body.

"This situation is even more problematic since the formal mandate and funding for the EOP is only for students who meet specified educational and income criteria. Thus many underrepresented students fall through the gaps.

"Several people reported to the Team that the campus has systematically ignored the issues of people of color, particularly African-Americans.

"Many people pointed out that the administration of SJSU does not reflect the diversity of the staff or the student body.

"The Team found these responses disturbing not only because of their content, but because they came from all ethnic groups.

"Problems must be confronted and dealt with openly. The institution must demonstrate its sensitivity to these issues through listening and through communicating its strong support for diversity."

Simin Mulugeta Staff/Continuing Education

Opinion page policies

"If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

— John Stuart Mill, "On Liberty" (1850)

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Letters to the Editor

Student protest 'enslaved' others in silence

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by the actions of the African-American students during the town meeting with president Caret yesterday.

They selfishly stole from the other students in attendance

freedom of speech and enslaved them in silence.

President Caret is the first president in my nine years at San Jose State University who wants to listen and act upon the voice of the students. How can we do this when students act as

they had yesterday?

Sadly, it may be necessary to segregate future town meetings so that some intelligent discussion can take place.

Terence Curtis B.A. Art

Vietnam war did not cause greatest loss of life

Dear Editor,

The Spartan Daily recently published (Tuesday, April 4) an article erroneously stating the Vietnam War had suffered the greatest losses of any war in America's brief history.

As a matter of fact, World War II resulted in the greatest losses (combatant and non-combatant casualties combined were approximately 20 million). It is a point of fact that it was America's bloody Civil War, the

"War between the States," of the prior century which resulted in the highest number of American casualties in any American war.

Although America was a late comer, it was World War I of this century which so disillusioned American society, and the West, as to produce a "Lost" Generation.

In this instance, what could be said in superlatives of the Vietnam War is that protests reached heights only equaled in the highly emotional anti-bellum

era of the abolitionist movement against slavery in the American South.

I am further ashamed that there were not others among you who could have been good enough to point this out to a generation who was absent. I, for my part, was there.

Tim K. Fitzgerald Graduate History

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Sparta Guide

SJSU's Weekly Calendar

Today

AIKIDO Club
Weapons Training Begins this Week! 2:30p.m.-4p.m. SPW 202. Call 259-6816.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Good Friday Service 7p.m. Campus Interfaith Center, corner of 10th & San Carlos streets. Call 298-0204.

Financial Management Association
FMA Softball 1p.m.-4p.m. River Glenn Park. Call 248-6061.

Muslim Student Organization
Jumah Prayer 1:10p.m.-1:35p.m. Student Union, Almanden Rm. Call 241-6367.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity
Party/College ID or 21 and older 9p.m.-2a.m. Phoenix Jazz Club. Call 998-5113.

Recreation & Leisure Studies
Workshop on Perceptions: What you see is what you get 7:30a.m.-9:30a.m. SPXC, Rm. 209. Call 462-3913.

Sikh Student Association
Meeting 2:30p.m. Student Union, Costanoan Rm. Call 270-9331.

Saturday

Poetry Trails 1995
Haiku in the Teahouse, a celebration of spring, 1p.m. Japanese Friendship Garden, Kelley Park. Call 354-9569.

Sunday

Catholic Campus Ministry
Easter Sunday Mass 8p.m. St. Joseph's Cathedral (Market & San Fernando). Call 298-0204.

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Businesses target new market

Annual expo opportunity to attract gay, lesbian consumers, business leader says

By Linda Taaffe
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The gay community is becoming an attractive marketing niche for many South Bay businesses because it has a large disposable income, said Jim Boin, chairman of the Silicon Valley Business Association (SvBa).

For the past two years, SvBa has sponsored the South Bay Lesbian and Gay Business Expo to bring gay consumers and like-minded businesses together.

This year the event had to be moved to a larger facility to accommodate an estimated 1,000 consumers and 50 businesses. Sponsors hoped the expo would provide an opportunity for businesses to attract gay and lesbian consumers.

"The businesses at the expo really want gay and lesbian persons to come to them," Boin said. While gay-oriented businesses may offer the same services as "straight" businesses, they provide more expertise and an understanding of gay consumers' needs.

Planning a vacation can be awkward for Brent and his male companion. More than once he

"The gay and lesbian persons I do business with aren't interested in getting the 'best deal.' They are just happy to be appreciated and understood."

Jim Boin
chairman of the Silicon Valley Business Association

has had to explain to a travel agent why he and his boyfriend want one bed instead of two.

For gay consumers like Brent, this is just one example of the difficulties of doing business in the South Bay.

Despite the South Bay's large gay and lesbian population, many consumers have problems finding gay-friendly businesses, Boin said.

"We live in an area where there's no gay center like West Hollywood or San Francisco, so the community doesn't know where to go shopping," Boin said.

"We pay a lot of money to people who aren't comfortable with us," said Brent (who preferred to be called by his first name only). "That makes us uncomfortable

doing business with them."

A gay-owned travel agency is more familiar with "gay destinations" and vacation opportunities than a straight agency, said Boin, who owns a travel agency.

"The gay and lesbian persons I do business with aren't interested in getting the 'best deal,'" he said. "They are just happy to be appreciated and understood."

The gay community is becoming an attractive marketing niche for many South Bay businesses because it has a large disposable income, Boin said.

Nancy Latta attended Saturday's expo to find people eager to do business with the gay and lesbian community.

"It's difficult to know what's out there, because San Jose doesn't have a (gay) center," Latta

said. "Doing business is more meaningful if it's gay-friendly."

As a chiropractor, Terek Brown believes a positive attitude is essential to the well being of her patients.

"My business is hands-on, so being understanding of this lifestyle is an important part of the healing process," she said.

While many businesses are concerned about finding consumers, Jo Gilbert, a body piercer at Leather Masters in San Jose, believes gay-owned businesses need to interact more with each other.

"We need to network with other businesses so consumers here don't feel like they have to go all the way to San Francisco to find stores that aren't homophobic," Gilbert said.

SJSU student Phyllis Reeves flaunts the fact that she's a lesbian. She designs plush toys in the shape of a triangle, the symbol of gay pride. She hopes to encourage other people to 'come out' and be proud of themselves, she said.

"We didn't commit a sin," she said. "God intended us to be this way. We need to admit to it (being gay) and unite."

Tax return

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Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese and Spanish," Escoto said.

"The students learn to be prepared for any type of taxpayer," Escoto said. "In this class, students gain experience with taxes, and they are in a better position to decide what they want to do."

In order to speed up the free tax-return service, students need to bring the following essential items: W-2 forms, savings account information, and 1099 miscellaneous forms.

"It's important to bring any-

thing that says it is for your taxes; you're always better off to bring it, just in case," Escoto said.

The service will be available Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Business Classrooms building, room 309, on a drop-in basis.

"Fifteen students will be available at the Meridian and Lundy Post Offices to do last-minute returns," Janes said. "The students will provide forms and everything until midnight."

For more information, call 924-3495.

Women

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working on a community outreach program to encourage junior high students to go into math and science. SWE is also helping with a Saturday school run by the College of Engineering. Equity 2000 is designed to get children interested in science through labs and experiments.

SWE is working to provide a club where women engineering students can meet one another. Men, too, are encouraged to join. They have established a big sister/little sister program

that teams up a senior with a freshman.

The club has social programs, parties and career options to allow students to get to know each other.

They are one of the few engineering clubs that is not affiliated with a particular department, Plantillas said. SWE has been on campus since 1974 and currently has 60 members.

"Women engineers are just as good as male engineers," said Tsai, who hopes to see an increase in the number of female students.

"Whenever tax season rolls around I feel like _____ing."

(verb)

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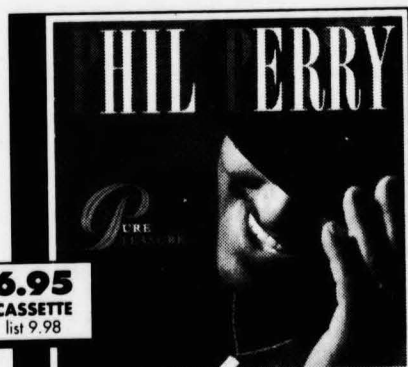


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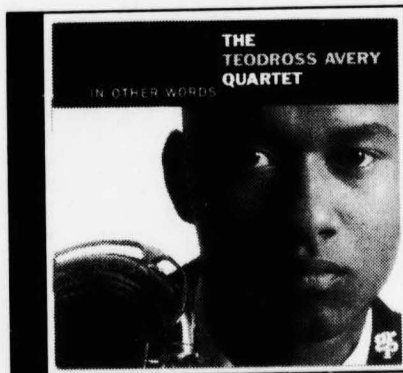
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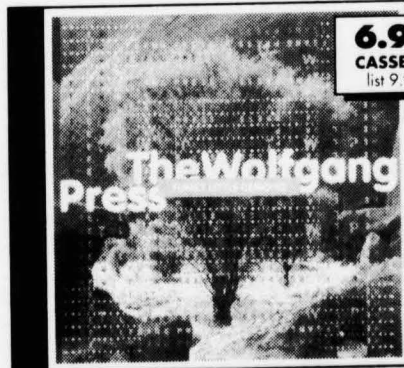
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KSJS protest rekindled

Blacks, Latinos demand airwaves

By Michelle Alaimo
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The campus radio station's decision (KSJS) to change its format from alternative music to world beat music in February is still a sore spot for some San Jose State University students.

The 50 demonstrators — black and Latino students — who shut down President Robert L. Caret's town hall meeting Thursday circulated a list of eight demands. Demand number seven asked for "a block of air time for ethnic programming on KSJS controlled by ethnic students."

But their demands were met with outrage by at least one KSJS staff member.

"I don't know where they get off doing this because how much more ethnic can KSJS get than we already are?" asked Sharon Jennings, music director for KSJS, while on-air live during the town hall protest.

"I'm sick and tired of this crap," she said. "Why don't they apply for positions (at KSJS). Half of the management spots are open. We need help, and I've asked people to help me."

During the protest, demonstrators carried signs that said, "KSJS promotes racism."

This is not the first time the KSJS format change has caused trouble.

The Feb. 1, 1995 Spartan Daily



SJSU student Shawn Guthrie confronts President Robert L. Caret when the town hall meeting Thursday at noon in the Student Union turned into a protest over racism on campus.

reported that 20 protesters at a KSJS party promoting the station's move from 90.7 to 90.5 on the radio dial and its new world beat format were upset that their black-run program, "The Underground," was not included in the station's new format.

"All we're asking for is our chance, as a black community, to speak to our people through the radio," said Wes Hendrix in the February article.

Carlos Diaz, program director of Radio Aztlan, said a group of black and Latino students formed the "coalition for minority representation on KSJS-FM" in February to get their programs reinstated on the campus radio station.

Under the new format, Radio Aztlan's Friday time slot was reduced from five hours to two hours. Project sound — a program geared for blacks — had its time slot reduced from four

hours to two hours. Even with these changes, the KSJS faculty adviser said the new format has something for everyone.

"We probably play more African music and Latino music than most radio stations in San Jose," said Mike Adams, faculty adviser and RTVF coordinator for KSJS.

Jennings echoed Adams' comments. She said the station changed its format to better reflect the cultural diversity at SJSU and the South Bay.

Wes Hendrix
Black Student Union member

PHOTO BY ANDY BARRON — SPARTAN DAILY

"I program Jamaican, Ethiopian, Salsa and South-African music," she said. "The problem is they only want hip-hop music."

Adams, who was at Caret's meeting, wasn't surprised when the protesters took over the meeting.

"We are not censoring in any way the thoughts, the anger of the students," he said. "We're about as free speech as you get compared to most radio stations."

Adams said KSJS and coalition leaders had been negotiating over the last two months over how to fill the airwaves at KSJS.

All we're asking for is our chance, as a black community, to speak to our people through the radio.

Blacks' broad campus support questioned

By Roger R. Ramirez
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

At Thursday's protest at President Robert L. Caret's town hall meeting, black student demonstrators said they spoke not just for themselves, but for other students of color at San Jose State University.

The protester's demands, distributed by the Black Student Union, cited an alliance with the "African student body" and three other student organizations as well as "other students of color at this university."

The Calmecca project, MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) and the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), were listed as supporting the list of demands by the "African student body."

However, leaders of the three groups, when contacted after the protest, expressed mixed reactions to being listed as supporters of the protest.

Margarita Gomez, president of the

Calmecca Project, said, "This is not just a black student issue but an all-campus student issue." The Calmecca Project is an academic support group to help keep Latino students at SJSU.

"We will work with the BSU to create an organization called the 'students of color coalition,'" Gomez said.

Minh Huynh, president of the VSA said he did not know of any statement or alliance with the BSU.

"I was just told of the statement a few minutes ago and am very disappointed that I was not informed in advance of the demands," Huynh said.

"I haven't heard from the BSU, before or after the incident," he said.

But according to Joanne Nguyen, vice president of the VSA, the club had been approached by a member of the BSU during their "Vietnam Day" meeting April 7.

"The BSU adviser came to speak to us

(VSA cabinet) Friday and asked if we supported their cause against racial discrimination," Nguyen said.

Nguyen felt strongly about the issues and attended the town hall meeting Thursday.

"I had to skip a class to go to the town meeting and feel these issues need to be addressed. I wanted them (BSU members) to settle down so Caret could talk about it," Nguyen said.

Ben Jamin Torres, treasurer of MEChA, declined to comment on the alliance.

"I have to discuss the situation with the other cabinet members of our organization before I can make any comment," Torres said.

Jerome C. Martin, president of the BSU said, "We sent someone to talk to the groups but they were not physically involved in writing the demands."

"We tried to create an alliance with other groups," Martin said.

Racism evokes mixed response on campus

By Linda Taaffe
and Jennifer Bixler
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

Ever since Admissions and Records evaluator Michael Day allegedly called Wesley Flowers, a San Jose State University student, a "stupid nigger" March 2, the question of campus civility has been a concern.

Racial tensions erupted Thursday when 50 black students seized microphones and disrupted President Robert Caret's town hall meeting for students. Protesters claim SJSU is a racist campus.

Thursday's outburst sparked tensions that have been simmering for months and provoked mixed reactions from students around campus.

"Sometimes there is racism on campus, but I wouldn't say the campus is racist," said T.B., a senior accounting major who wishes to remain anonymous. "There are thousands of people here, but only a few incidents of racism."

But Fred Quinn, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, a black fraternity on campus, disagreed.

"Not everyone thinks alike. Whenever you have a collective multi-cultural campus with different ideas, inevitably there's racism," Quinn said. "Something happens to one group and they retaliate to another group."

"This is an on-going thing. It starts with the administration," Quinn said. "When funding is offered, it is not given to minority groups."

"The Flowers incident was a setback. Something needs to happen to the individual who made the comment," Quinn said. "Suspension with pay is not enough response."

Judy Acquaye, a junior majoring in nutrition, believes racism is a matter of opinion. "So far I haven't had (racism) directed at me," she said.

"They are cutting down on the Afro-American studies department, maybe there needs to be more programs on ethnic studies," she said.

"I think people are unconsciously racist," SJSU student Ken Lee said. "I think everyone stereotypes each other. I don't think I'm racist, but I probably

have the wrong idea about other people."

Ron San Felipe, an industrial design major, witnessed a man taunting the Buddhist monk who has been soliciting funds on campus for earthquake-stricken Kobe, Japan.

"The man mimics a form of Chinese language," San Felipe said. "The campus doesn't feel racist to me. (The man taunting) was just a really closed-minded person."

Some students believe the lack of campus civility may be caused because different ethnic groups cling together and form cliques.

Monica (who declined to give her last name), a graduate student who attended the University of Southern California, finds SJSU less integrated than Southern California schools.

"Nationalities stick together," she said. "I find I get funny looks when I go into predominately Hispanic or Asian areas in San Jose."

SJSU's International Student Club, organized to unite foreign

students, wants to break racial barriers on campus. The club has no political agenda, and members meet to share each other's experiences.

"We have to live on campus with many people from around the world," said Tom Leong, a member of the club. "In many respects, we have the same hopes and dreams ... We have more similarities than differences."

During the spring of 1993, 1,556 students participated in a survey at SJSU called the Campus Climate. The survey measured the degree of tolerance and acceptance of groups on campus.

The survey said, "African-American students reported the highest percentages of discrimination due to race/ethnicity, and ... the highest percentage of seeing or hearing about such behavior."

"The Asian/Southeast Asian students reported relatively high levels of discrimination," the survey said, "and they were the highest in feeling that the campus was intolerant."



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San Jose State University shuttle-bus driver, Nadine Kofler, helps her husband who is dying from prostate cancer get back into bed on Thursday afternoon. Carl Kofler was an office equipment repairman for Santa Clara County.

Time is of the essence

Nadine Kofler thought the six weeks of combined sick leave and vacation time she had collected as a San Jose State University shuttle-bus driver would be enough to cushion her family through an emergency.

But last year, when Kofler's husband, a recently retired Santa Clara County office equipment repairman, was diagnosed with prostate cancer, that time began to dwindle away.

Instead of Kofler's days being filled with quick chats with students as she shuttles them from Spartan Village to campus each weekday, her days are filled with shuttle runs getting her husband to and from the hospital for radiation treatments.

Kofler, who has worked for SJSU for nine years, has exhausted all of her sick leave and vacation time caring for her husband, Carl. Although Kofler's job is waiting for her until she returns, she is now at home caring for her husband without an income, and without medical insurance for herself.

"I am very disappointed with the system," Kofler said. "I did have a lot of sick time, and vacation time, and comp (compensatory time off) time. And I thought when I had used that up, I would apply for the 12 weeks paid medical benefits. That way, I wouldn't be without health insurance for myself."

Kofler did apply for the state's paid medical benefits' program. However, because of a misunderstanding of when the 12 weeks of paid benefits is applied, Kofler is unable to collect. She should have applied for that benefit before she

exhausted her work accrued leave, Kofler said.

Richard Staley, manager of traffic and parking at SJSU and Kofler's immediate supervisor, said, "Nadine is very well liked. She is one of those people who will literally go out of her way to help people."

Staley said not too long ago that Kofler approached him requesting that he add a shuttle run to meet the CalTrain that comes into the Cahill Street station at 8:05 a.m. "We added that additional service," he said. "That's just one example of her thoughtfulness. Virtually everyone who rides with her finds her very professional and really enjoys her company."

Rhoda Rageh, a recent SJSU graduate living at Spartan Village, said, "We never tell people thank you, or that they are good. I ride Nadine's bus several times a week. She's a very nice lady. She always smiles and tries to make the day pleasant for students. She even reads the moods of students and tries to accommodate them."

Today, Staley and union shop steward Beverly Waller, who is also the editor of the SJSU catalog, are soliciting time



Carl Kofler waits in the doorway of their home for his wife's help down the ramp. "I enjoy the fresh air," Carl said.

"I think of how often I didn't listen when he spoke of his hobby. I listen now."

Nadine Kofler
SJSU shuttle-bus driver

donations from SJSU employees to help keep Nadine on the payroll until she can come back to work.

"Anyone who has vacation time can donate time from their leave-bank to those who have exhausted their leave for medical reasons," said Steve Bartz, associate director of human resources and employee relations.

The program, named Catastrophic Leave, allows employees to help each other in this manner. After an employee appropriately confirms that extended leave is necessary — because of their own health or the health of a family member — they can request that an appeal be made to solicit time from

fellow employees.

All SJSU employees, except faculty members, who don't accumulate vacation time, can donate up to 16 hours of vacation time. Donors simply sign a form available in the human resources office, or the recipient's work location. The form asks the donor to specify how much time they want to donate, and to whom the time is to be accredited. The payroll department will then credit the appropriate employee as time is needed.

It is not known when Kofler will be able to return to work. Her husband, who is heavily sedated and confined to bed, is not expected to live much longer. Kofler has two children who have attended SJSU. Her son John is an SJSU graduate working as a computer software engineer. Her daughter Vicki is an SJSU sophomore majoring in geology.

"When I look at my husband's antique typewriter collection, I think of how often I didn't listen when he spoke of his hobby," she said. "I listen now."

Those interested in donating vacation time to Nadine Kofler can call Beverly Waller at 924-2445.

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Nadine Kofler now spends her days caring for her husband at their home in Milpitas. Nadine, who has worked for San Jose State University for nine years, is now without an income and without medical insurance for herself. Nadine inventories Carl's medicine supply which is covered by his insurance.



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San Jose State University and Saint Mary's College split a doubleheader at PAL Stadium Wednesday. The Spartans lost the first game

2-0 and won the second game 8-0. San Jose's Pat Martinez scored the first run in the second game.

Spartans split doubleheader with Gaels

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Freshman Victoria Ruelas hit her second home run of the season, helping the San Jose State softball team seal an 8-0 victory, earning the team split a non-conference doubleheader with Saint Mary's Wednesday at PAL Stadium.

Saint Mary's won the first game, 2-0. The Gaels scored both runs in the seventh inning on a single by Keila Affolter. Junior Cindy Waterman picked up her 12th victory of the season for the Gaels while freshman Lindsay Jarrell (4-11)

softball



suffered her 11th loss of the season for the Spartans.

SJSU had three hits in the first game, two of which were extra-base hits. Ruelas and Jena Porto both had triples, but didn't score.

The Spartans (20-27) won the second game in five innings, 8-0. The Spartans scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, and tacked on four more in the

bottom of the fifth inning to seal the win. SJSU was paced by a nine-hit attack, as senior first baseman Denise Bailey, freshman catcher Sarah Coughlin, and infielder Ruelas had two hits each. Three of the nine hits went for extra bases, Ruelas home run, Bailey had a triple, and Coughlin doubled.

Ruelas hit her home run in the bottom of the fifth inning, a two-run shot. She finished with three RBI on the day. The loss dropped the Gaels to 18-26. Sophomore Jill Tawney ended

the game with a single, and two runs scored for SJSU as Saint Mary's Bridget Hayes threw the ball away. Sophomore Amy Phillips (1-3) picked up her first win of the season for SJSU.

The Spartans travel to Santa Clara today for a 6 p.m. matchup with the Broncos. The Spartans next home game is Wednesday against University of the Pacific in a Big West Conference doubleheader. The game is at 4 p.m. at PAL Stadium.

'The Shaq of the MAC' passes on senior season

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Gary Trent the three-time Mid-American Conference player of the year, announced Thursday that he will give up his senior season at Ohio University and enter the NBA draft.

"I feel confident in my decision and I feel like I've accomplished all I can at the collegiate level," the 6-foot-8 junior forward said.

Trent led the conference in scoring and rebounding, and was chosen the as its MVP for the third consecutive time in the 1994-95 season. Dubbed "The Shaq of the MAC" by Sports Illustrated, he also was the MVP of the Preseason NIT, scoring 33 points — on 12-of-12 shooting from the field — and adding 20 rebounds in the championship game.

The 84-80 overtime victory over New Mexico State in the title game vaulted the Bobcats into the national rankings for

basketball



the first time in 25 years. With Trent leading the way, they got as high as 14th.

Trent averaged 22.8 points and 12.9 rebounds for the Bobcats in 30 games, becoming the first junior and second player in conference history to score more than 2,000 points and have more than 1,000 rebounds in his career.

This season, he averaged 23 points, 12 rebounds, repeating as the MAC leader in both categories. He was 18th in the nation in scoring and third in rebounding.

"Gary's decision to put his name into the NBA draft is one I agree with," coach Larry Hunter said. "He's not only going to be a player but a special player at the next level."

Smith may leave Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland All-American Joe Smith will announce at a news conference today that he is making himself available for the NBA draft, a team source said Thursday.

The source, confirming earlier reports in The Washington Post and The Diamondback, the student paper at the University of Maryland, told The Associated Press that the 19-year-old center would declare his eligibility.

Smith attended the team's awards banquet Wednesday night, but would not comment.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore center averaged 20.8 points, 10.4 rebounds and 2.9 blocked shots while helping Maryland to a 26-8 record. He was voted Player of

basketball



the Year by The AP, and received the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year award.

Smith also received the most votes in the All-America balloting.

"He's in a no-lose situation," said Terrapins head coach Gary Williams. "He either returns to a team with four other starters, or he goes to the NBA and makes a lot of money."

Williams said he has talked to Smith frequently during the past several weeks and that Smith has carefully considered all of his options.

Women's tennis team beats Notre Dame-Belmont, 9-0

Spartan Daily Staff Report

The San Jose State women's tennis team crushed host Notre Dame-Belmont, 9-0 Wednesday in a non-conference match.

Notre Dame only scored two games in the six singles matches. Laura Rodden, Denh Hoang, Heather Klein, and Nicole Cavaglia all won 6-0, 6-0 for SJSU.

Aimee Lam and Janice DeJesus both cruised to 6-1, 6-0 victories. Rodden-Klein and DeJesus-Cavaglia also posted 8-0 wins in doubles, while Lam-Hoang pulled off an 8-2 decision as SJSU swept the doubles matches.

The victory improved SJSU to 5-13, while Notre Dame-Belmont dropped to 3-8.

The Spartans host USF Tuesday at Spartan Courts at 2 p.m.

SJSU wins four of five singles matches, upsets UCSC, 6-2

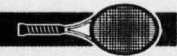
Spartan Daily Staff Report

San Jose State men's tennis team upset UC Santa Cruz (8-3), 6-2 Wednesday at Spartan Courts.

The Spartans (5-12) won their top three singles matches.

Alan Alvistur cruised to a 6-

tennis



2, 6-1 victory over Noah Rippel in the No. 1 singles match while, Martin Crampton defeated Josh Vining 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 in straight sets after scraping by

in the tie-breaker in the No. 2 match.

Andrew Ngo lost the first set, but rallied back to pull off a three-set triumph over Jonathan Harper 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. Orion Weihe had SJSU's only single's loss, 6-2, 6-0.

Spartan Steve Riley came close to handing Jaisurya Nettioni a double-bagel, winning 6-0, 6-1.

All three Spartans doubles teams won. It was SJSU's last home match of the season.

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Arrest

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Records for at least 15 years. "People only know one side of the story," said the source, who is an Admissions and Records employee.

"They don't know how nice this guy is. He collects cans and donates the money to charity," the source said. "It must show right there that this guy has a heart."

The source said Admission and Records employees face aggressive customers every day.

For example, the employee had to call UPD yesterday because an angry customer threw a phone at the employee.

"I think (the Flowers/Day incident) happened out of fear," the

I think (the Flower/Day incident) happened out of fear. (Day) is not racial.

Anonymous Admissions and Records employee

source said. "(Day) is not racial. It was blown out of proportion to a racial issue when it really wasn't."

During an Admissions and Records meeting, a witness to the incident told staff members that Flowers initiated the argu-

ment by shoving Day into the wall. UPD reports could not confirm this.

After the argument, the source said, Day apologized to each African-American employee in the admissions and records office.

News of the warrant is a startling development in what has become a landmark incident in SJSU President Robert Caret's goal to improve campus civility.

Student organization groups demanded yesterday a written apology from the staff associated with the Flowers/Day incident. They also demanded the firing of Day from his admissions and records evaluator position.

Protest

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(for occupational therapy). I'm not able to voice my concerns and I'm frustrated."

Sophomore Matt Klock agreed.

"I'm here to hear him (Caret) talk about everybody, not just this (protest)," he said. "I just want to know what he could do to try to bring the Greek system back to campus. This is unfair."

One professor at the meeting said she could see Klock's point and that of the protesters.

"It's not a very effective way at all to solve problems," said Maria Ortiz, a Mexican-American studies professor. "But people have been upset for too long and they had to let it out."

It's not a very effective way to solve problems. But people have been upset for too long.

Maria Ortiz SJSU Mexican-American studies professor

The protesters weren't the only ones who were upset. In a 2 p.m. telephone interview, Caret said he felt frustrated.

"You can't have a dialogue like this," he said. "It could have been a lot more productive than it turned out to be. But at the

same time it was important to hear their sentiments."

The protest was ignited by a March 2 incident when Admissions and Records evaluator Michael Day allegedly called black student Wesley Flowers "a stupid nigger." Today, a judge is supposed to sign a warrant for Day's arrest on the charge of disturbing the peace.

The BSU is demanding a written apology from the Admissions and Records staff.

Robert Jackson, BSU public relations chairman said, "We want to get our demands met, and we didn't want to meet on his (Caret's) terms. ... this is the beginning of a small battle and war."

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PHOTO BY JEREMY HOGAN — SPARTAN DAILY
SJSU president Robert L. Caret, left, discusses racism on campus Thursday night at a Black Student Union meeting in the Student Union. Jerome Martin, center, the Black Student Union president and Robert Jackson, BSU public relations coordinator, listen.

Meeting

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Johnathan Wilson
Black Student Union vice president

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Johnathan Wilson, vice president of the BSU, didn't agree.

"(Caret) needed to know the information before he came here," Wilson said. "He's currently our president, and he's here to perform certain duties."

A focal point of the day's protest was the March 2 Michael Day/Wesley Flowers incident in which Day, an Admissions and Records employee, allegedly called Flowers, an SJSU student, "a stupid nigger."

Throughout the BSU meeting, audience members asked Caret to terminate Day from his Admissions and Records position.

Caret's response was that he had to follow due process and the letter of the law. This was met with groans and looks of displeasure.

"If I make some of the decisions you would like," Caret said, "they're going to be appealed through legal grievance procedures, overturned and sent right back, and it's going to be more difficult to make the changes in the long run."

Caret said the March 2 incident was an injury to all of humanity and agreed that Admissions and Records submit a formal apology, in writing, to be given to all departments and published in the Spartan Daily the beginning of next week.

In addition to firing Day, the BSU — who would talk only to Spartan Daily reporter Larry Lee — had seven other demands on campus racism for Caret to address.

At least one audience member saw Caret's dilemma.

"There is a lot of anger about this incident," said Lela A. Llorens, an African-American faculty member. "It's not going to be done by Robert Caret or by his cabinet or by people in our office. It's going to have to be done by all of us working together."

To improve relations on campus, she said, "There needs to be a continuous dialogue."

Wilson said, "We're going to keep the lines of communication open."

Black Student Union lists its demands

We the African student body of San Jose State University in alliance with Calmecca, MEChA, The VSA and other students of color at this university are making the following demands from the administration in light of the recent and historical incidents of discrimination at this university.

1. A written apology from the staff associated with the Wesley Flowers/Michael Day incident. (the incident in which Michael Day called Mr. Flowers a "stupid nigger.")

2. The firing of Ed Chambers and Michael Day for their incompetence as an administrator and evaluator.

3. The immediate establishment of a campus policy on racial harassment in

which racial discrimination, and the consequences of racial harassment are clearly defined.

4. Immediate planning to change the predominately white, male make-up of the president's cabinet and the university faculty to reflect the campus diversity.

5. Focus groups to develop a working definition of racism. End the denial. Racism is not cultural groups fighting for their interests and empowerment.

6. A diverse group of students on the task force that the president is creating.

7. A block of air time for ethnic programming on KSJS controlled by ethnic students.

8. Ethnic Studies requirement for graduation.

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