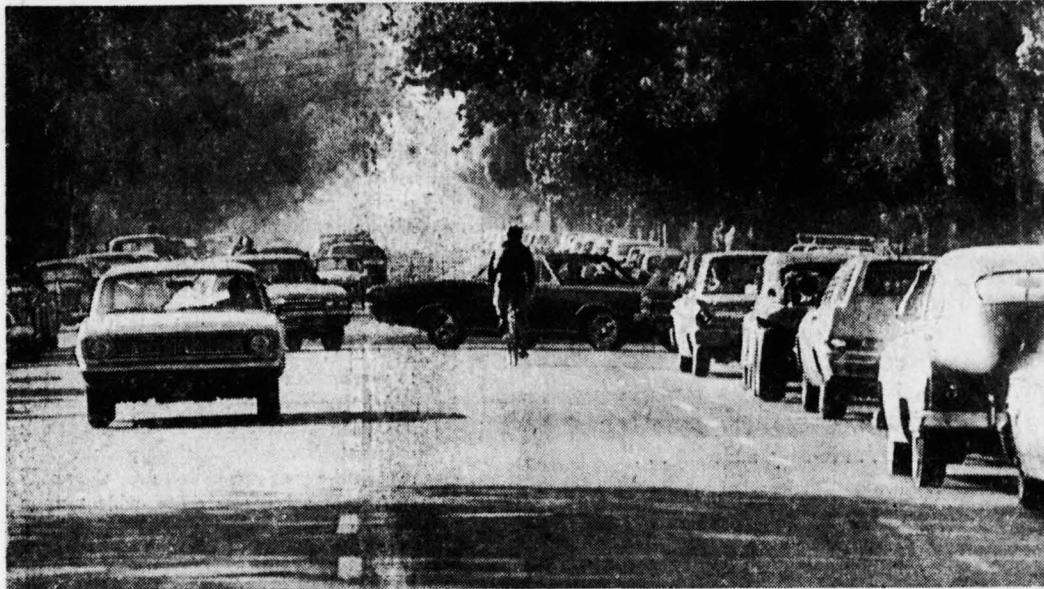


Today's Spartan Daily is the last issue to be published before Christmas vacation. The first publication date after the holidays will be Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1970. Deadline for classified advertisements to be published Jan. 7 will be the previous Monday. Ring your Christmas chimes!

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SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE



— Daily photo by Bill Kamborg

PART OF THE PROBLEM—Traffic shown here backed up at the entrance to the parking garage near Seventh and San Carlos Streets would "decongest" considerably if a visionary plan to sink W. San Carlos 20 feet into

the earth is ever realized. Other solutions to the pedestrian-automobile fued are the closing of San Carlos or the bridging of it. All meet with finance problems.

Gay Liberation Front Granted Official Organization Status

By CANDY BELL
Daily Political Writer

With nary a whisper of protest or discussion, the San Jose Gay Liberation Front was officially recognized last night by the Associated Students (A.S.) Student Council.

The vote was unanimous to grant the controversial group organization status.

The action came after council members examined a letter, addressed to A.S. President James Edwards, from the local law firm of Morgan, Beauzay, and Hammer, which is on an A.S. retainer.

"Our conclusion is that the Associated Students have not only the right but also, because of the 'freedom of association' guarantee by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the duty to recognize the 'Gay Liberation Front,'" the letter said.

Philip Hammer, who wrote the let-

ter for the law firm, continued, "According to the SJS 'Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities' section IV A, 'Students shall be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests . . .'"

He further cited A.S. Legislative Act 49, "To Establish Regulations for the Recognition of Campus Organizations" which says "A recognized organization is a group of students organized for a stated purpose, which has received the official approval of the Associated Students."

CONTROVERSY FLARES

Heated controversy flared, however, over the appointment of Carlos Averhoff to fill the vacant A.S. Judiciary post. Some council members challenged his appointment, contending he had been selected as a "token" justice because it had been generally accepted that the next new justice would be a Chicano.

Personnel Selection officer Randy Kern was "called on the carpet" and asked to explain how Averhoff had come out on top when five other interviewed candidates besides Averhoff had received unanimous approval from the selection committee.

Averhoff was finally approved when it was explained he had been chosen on the basis of his original ideas, enthusiasm, and standing as a lower division student. Before Averhoff's appointment, Judiciary had only one lower division representative. The 9-3-2 approval was greeted by claps in unison from the large audience of Chicanos in the gallery.

RECOGNITION

In other action, council granted recognition to the Industrial Management Society, Students Against the Draft, the Student Mobilization Committee, and the Society for Cybernetic Systems.

Council also gave endorsement and pledged volunteers to last night's all-college, all-night College Union Party. Some argument arose over who would be financially responsible if any damage to the building or furniture occurred. Council did not accept the responsibility, so any payments for damage will be handled through the A.S. executive fund.

Allocation-wise, it was a quiet night for council. Denise Morgan, Andy McDonald, and Rene Welti will represent SJS at the Western Regional Conference.

Weather

By Lee Marvin, direct from the new old hit musical, "Paint Your Wagon." (To be sung as though you were a frog with laryngitis.) Rain this morning, croak, clearing this afternoon, mmm-m. Sunny tomorrow. (Help smite auto smog — support your local hitchhiker . . . ah, if we could only become a nation of thumbs . . .)

Plans Underway for 'Sinking' San Carlos Street

By GARY KUPP

The future SJS student need not worry about cars and trucks when crossing San Carlos street.

That is, if San Carlos street is either closed to traffic, lowered 20 feet or bridged by overpasses.

"The college would like to see the street closed, but the city has spent much money widening it," said C. Grant Burton, executive dean at SJS.

He pointed out that the closure of the street would provide more unity to the campus without it being split by a street.

But since the city of San Jose has opposed the closing of San Carlos street, Dean Burton said there are two other possibilities open. One is the depression of the street about 20 feet for traffic and the other is to build overpass platforms over the present level of the street.

John Norberg, project coordinator for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Jose, said "the intent of depressing San Carlos street has been approved by the college and the city, but the problem is where will the money come from."

pressed, however. First, pedestrian overpasses could be built over the depressed street or, second, the depressed area could be decked over forming a tunnel for traffic underneath. This latter plan would better unify the campus.

Dean Burton said the SJS Master Plan architect has been asked to investigate other possibilities for San Carlos street.

He said the architect may come up with the idea of building bridges over the present street or even suggest the re-examination of the closure of the street with the city.

If San Carlos street is depressed, it will be the second street to be lowered around the campus. Fourth street, between San Fernando and San Carlos streets, is being planned for the depression sometime in the future to allow for a pedestrian overpass connecting SJS with the San Antonio Plaza project, now being developed for downtown San Jose. This project, financed by the Saga-Scope Corp., is to "help provide an environment compatible with the needs and functions of SJS as an urban university campus," a report from the Redevelopment Agency explained.

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Child Protests 'Santa's' Arrest

EUREKA (AP) — A four-year-old Wisconsin boy who heard that Santa Claus was arrested here for draft evasion doesn't think "an old man with a grey beard" should go into the Army anyhow.

Bobby Grunfelder of Waukesha, Wis., is so upset that Santa is in jail that he refuses to take his afternoon nap "or be extra good 'til Christmas."

Bobby's protest was explained by his

11-year-old sister Veronica in a letter revealed to newsmen Monday by Eureka Police Chief Ced Emeheiser.

The Santa in question, Ronald Gene Franklinsberger, 22, was arrested by FBI agents Dec. 6, while on the job at a department store here.

He was picked up on a South Bend, Ind., warrant charging him with failure to appear for a physical examination prior to military induction.

'It's a Criminal's Paradise,' Cop Says

Bad Street Lighting + Exam Tension = Campus Sex Crime

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a follow-up article on the problem of street lighting in the area surrounding SJS.

By CRAIG EVANS
Daily Campus Life Editor

The specially-equipped blue and white Plymouth careened around the corner of San Carlos and Second streets, its lights flashing, the letters "San Jose Police" glittering on its side as cars pulled over to let it pass.

Only a moment before Officer Mike Thompson had casually lit a cigar while explaining why he had become a policeman.

"It's an interesting, adventurous sort of job. You never know what's going to happen."

As if in answer the radio had crackled, "... man with a gun . . .," and Thompson's relaxed, easy going manner had disappeared beneath a stern seriousness—the cigar clamped tightly in his teeth—as he responded to the call.

A man had threatened to shoot another man, then commit suicide. Police found the gun, but were unable to locate him.

For the duration of the evening patrolmen would keep the man's apartment under surveillance, returning just before they went off duty to try to apprehend him.

BEAT 11

Thompson, a large, ruggedly handsome Irishman with sparkling—almost piercing—blue eyes and medium-length red hair which curls over his forehead in an unruly wave, is one of the patrolmen assigned to Beat 11, the 63-square block area which comprises the San Jose State community—the area in which approximately 12,000 of the campus' students live—an area in which crime rates are high.

In his uniform and helmet Thompson is "just another cop"—formidable, almost ominous. But behind the uniform is a man with a deep concern and compassion for others, always willing to help.

A wide grin flashes across his face frequently, fluidly—sometimes amused, sometimes impish, but always optimistic.

He takes a pride in his work, apparently unphased by the barrier his uniform and prominently marked car create, obliterating him behind the stereotype of "a cop."

TIGHT-KNIT

He noted that this "barrier" brings police-men closer together. "We're really a tightly-knit group." And when they respond to a call this closeness is evident. They move with a lightning fast precision—working as a unit, complementing each other, each serving a different function as if by a previous agreement of who would do what, instead of the spontaneous, non-verbal agreement secured by the nod of a head or a gesture, which is actually the case.

Thompson admitted that he had to guard against becoming cynical. "Sometimes you can really become depressed. You deal with the dregs of society and people who have been the victims of some crime and are upset or hysterical. You have to be careful not to forget that they're just a small percentage of the population."

It's a challenge to him to match his wits against a criminal's—trying to think like him and beat him at his own game. "I like the chase, the intrigue."

But it isn't all excitement. More than two-thirds of an officer's time is occupied by paperwork.

And Beat 11 is a secretary's nightmare. Every call, every movement of the patrol car is recorded. And there's a lot to record in Beat 11.

Thompson shook his head, "I'm amazed at the incidents of crime in this area. Theft is our most serious problem.

"Someone's working their way through college with 10-speeds (bicycles).

"There's a large college population here, living in older houses to accommodate a lot of people.

"It's a transient population with people going to school, trying to work, trying to support themselves and a lot of them just can't make it.

"It's a criminal's paradise here. It's dark. Things are so easy to steal. Kids are really careless with their own property. Most of them are from middle class families and have a lot of things like stereos, cameras and typewriters that are easy to steal and almost impossible to trace.

"They haven't been out on their own long enough to really know how to take care of their possessions, so they just leave them lying around, unlocked.

SERIAL NUMBERS

"If a lot of people would take down the serial numbers on their personal belongings and keep them in a readily available place it would increase their chances of the return of something that's been stolen."

"When people go out they should leave a light on and lock their doors. If they are going away for awhile they should have someone pick up their mail and papers. They should never let their apartment or house look unoccupied."

Thompson also admitted that the dark streets are a large factor in the high crime rate of this area. There were 147 incidents in October alone.

"You can't see your hand in front of your face out here. You come to the corners. They're nice and bright. Then you enter the tunnel. Even your headlights don't help much. If you turn them off, what do you see? Nothing."

"It would really help if people would just turn on their porch lights."

"The other night I was about a block away when a store had its windows smashed and \$150 in dresses stolen. I wasn't able to see anyone moving and didn't even notice the broken window until I was right in front of it."

"How can you do a good job if you can't see?"

CRINGE

"This is why I cringe every time I see a girl walking alone down the street—especially around exam time."

"Sex crimes really go up with the pressures of tests—it's a tension reliever."

"About all I can do is drive around and look for suspicious persons. I try to hit the main streets where the student traffic is, then the side streets where most of the muggings and car clouts occur."

Thus Thompson meandered down the streets of Beat 11, seemingly at random, yet thoroughly covering the area—flashing his spotlight, stopping to check cars.

In one apartment house parking lot several cars had been broken into the previous week. At another, two attempted rapes had occurred.

According to Thompson, "rape is one of the

most unreported crimes. However, with the changing attitudes toward sex, women are becoming more willing to report it."

But it was a relatively quiet evening on Beat 11—just a few burglaries, and thefts, a stolen car and the incident involving the man with a gun.

STABBING

A week later one SJS woman would be stabbed and another would be the victim of an attempted rape—both walking alone down a dark street.

SJS will never be free from crime, but in the near future crime prevention and control will be made much easier.

It is very probable that street lights will be installed on the campus community's streets to banish the shadows where crime lurks within the not too distant future. On December 8, San Jose City Council passed a preliminary resolution drafted by All Women's Council (AWC), representing approximately 2,000 women through 23 SJS organizations, calling for lighting for the SJS community.

Plans and specifications are currently being prepared for final approval. Should the final nod be given by City Council, a public hearing will be held on the matter. If fewer than 51 per cent of the property owners in the area register their protests to the measure, assessments will be levied and the campus community will have light.

Cost to property owners would not be more than \$2.15 per foot and may be over a period of 10 years, or approximately \$10 per year for an average lot of 45 feet.

Last spring AWC shouted, "Let there be light." And there will be light.