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### FOLLOW-UP

## Student workers voice their concerns to campus admin



WILLIAM DELA CRUZ | SPARTAN DAILY

A group of students who work for Spartan Shops voice their concerns about changes in ownership in The Commons on Friday morning. A non-university affiliated food service organization will replace Spartan Shops on July 1.

BY WILLIAM DELA CRUZ  
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 disgruntled Spartan Shops employees filled The Commons on Friday to address their concerns about the upcoming change in San Jose State's food service management with Chief Financial Officer Charlie Faas.

As previously reported by the Spartan Daily, Spartan Shops will be replaced by an unknown third-party company.

Faas said that two companies' bids are still

being considered and will be decided in early May.

The students' main concern is their job security, since most of them work for Spartan Shops to pay for their school tuition, as well as other expenses such as rent.

Spartan Shops Executive Director Lisa Thomas said the company currently employs around 930 to 950 students. She also said employees typically work a maximum of 25 hours per week.

When Faas entered the venue, he received a lukewarm applause from the students.

Students held up signs that read, "Will you provide us new jobs?" Faas responded with an emphatic "yes."

"You are not losing your jobs," Faas told the students. "Everyone of you that is working today for Spartan Shops, that wants to work for the new food service vendor that comes in will get that opportunity to do that."

Faas said that since it is a new company, students will have to reapply for the job, but students will get the job if they want to continue working.

He said that there are some

things he could not disclose to the students at the time, as the committee deciding the new owners is in the middle of the request for proposal process.

However, he said he will be happy to come back again after the process is over to answer questions.

When a student asked about the guarantee of their job security Faas said, "I can guarantee that 99.9 percent of you who apply will get those jobs."

He said that the only

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### TUITION

## SJSU braces for CSU funding fallout

BY THOMAS SOARES  
MANAGING EDITOR

Hundreds of San Jose State faculty, staff and administration lined Martin Luther King Jr. library's escalator to the second floor large meeting room to attend the SJSU Budget Forum on Thursday morning.

Organized by SJSU President Mary Papazian, Chief Financial Officer Charlie Faas and Provost Andy Feinstein, the forum's goal was to provide the campus community with a budget update and for the three to describe their plans for the upcoming school year.

Papazian began the forum with a bit of gallows humor, "You're all coming here to hear good news? I wish I had some."

Then she began to explain, using a PowerPoint presentation, the 2018-2019 state budget plan released by Gov. Jerry Brown versus what the California State University chancellor and trustees requested.

The CSU budget request was for an increase of \$263 million. However, the state plan provides \$92 million in increased funds.

When a member of the audience asked what the university's plan is to make up the difference, Faas

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You're all coming here to hear good news? I wish I had some.

Mary Papazian  
SJSU president

said, "We want to make sure that gray-area-items funding is aligned with the goals of the institution."

Any spending that is not explicitly budgeted out by the administration's budget with a set allocation of funding can be considered a "gray area item."

Papazian addressed the topic of tuition supplementing the budget and said there is "no interest in a CSU tuition increase" and that the suggested amount to cover funding would need to be \$228 more per student in tuition.

On Friday, CSU Chancellor Timothy White released a signed official statement that said in part, "It is in the best interest of California that tuition levels should remain unchanged for the 2018-19 academic year."

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### PRESS CONFERENCE

## Group wants camp for homeless

BY NICHOLAS GIRARD  
PRODUCTION EDITOR

Members of the Student Homeless Alliance (SHA) and homelessness activists spoke to media outlets in a press conference held in front of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue on Thursday.

SHA demanded a safe and legal area on campus for homeless San Jose State students and staff to live instead of them sleeping in their cars or camping illegally.

"We want land, we want sanitation services and we want security," SHA President Gigi Bolanos said, "We want to advocate for a sanctioned

encampment. That's our proposal, that's something that would provide immediate services to students and staff."

Bolanos said the group hopes to work with the school on where the camp would be located.

She also said some members of SHA suggested areas near of the sports complexes in SJSU's South Campus for the staff and student encampment.

The 18-member group missed the deadline to file as a student organization, so it couldn't reserve the area outside of Clark Hall. However, the group hosted the press conference despite it being unsanctioned.

Bolanos justified it by saying it was a use of student-use land for a student-run event. Two men in suits spoke to Bolanos and asked for the area to be cleaned up after the press conference.

"We want a seat at the table," Bolanos said. "So when there's any discussion on student housing issues, any discussion on food instability we want to be there. We want them to know that we're willing to work with the administration."

In 2015, a CSU study found that 10,000 California CSU students declared themselves as homeless on their Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA).

Researchers from the study believed that 10,000 was lower when compared to the actual number of homeless students.

Sociology junior Juan Marrufo said his parents lost their jobs during the Great Recession in 2007 and his family was homeless while he was in high school.

"We lived in the streets," Marrufo said. "It was really tough because we moved place to place. Sometimes we would hear gunshots. Sometimes we would have to see cops and have to move away."

However, he sacrificed his

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Student Homeless Alliance President Gigi Bolanos speaks at a press conference on Thursday, where SHA demanded a sanctioned camp for students.



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(Left) SJSU students plant their own terrarium with other succulents or a bean plant as part of the Caffeine & Green event. (Right) Thrift stores provide free clothes for students to promote sustainable options.

BY WILLIAM DELA CRUZ  
STAFF WRITER

What began as a street protest, Earth Day has turned into an annual event celebrated around the world.

In honor of the day, 52 booths surrounded Tower Lawn on Thursday as part of the Earth Day at SJSU event held by the Environmental Resource Center (ERC).

It is a long-standing annual event with a lot of history at San Jose State.

ERC Co-Director Liana Hua said it was the 51st year the event was celebrated at SJSU with the help of other organizations.

"The ERC works with Spartan Shops, [Facilities Development and Operations], Associated Students and we pull this

event together and without them, we would not be able to have it this huge and wouldn't be able to have it on Tower Lawn," Hua said.

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 was originally a gathering of millions of people protesting the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development, according to earthday.org.

At the time, people became aware of the effects of smog in the United States and around the world.

Evidence was also growing that indicated pollution led to development delays in children.

Fast forward over 40 years, it is believed more than one billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest

civic-focused day of action around the world, according to earthday.org.

Earth Day was founded by Gaylord Nelson, former Wisconsin senator and SJSU alumnus, as a response to the environment not being addressed in politics or by the media, according to America's Library.

Hua said over 50 vendors throughout San Jose and Santa Clara came to the event to promote sustainable methods and living styles.

"What I love about Earth Day here at San Jose State is that it pulls resources from throughout our community and brings them on campus," ERC Co-Director Rachel Blake said. "It really gives students more awareness about different environmental behaviors

that they can implement in their daily lives."

Communications junior Megan Jose said she really enjoyed the event and how it taught her many surprising things.

"I think it is pretty cool because of the fact that you need to work and actually learn about stuff," Jose said. "I actually learned about gardening too and it's called permaculture instead of gardening, so that's pretty dope."

Jose also said she learned different facts about tap water and how to hold a knife correctly in order to cut more efficiently.

There was annual tree planting ceremony.

Blake said the ceremony started three years ago and is about planting a tree in



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honor of somebody. "This year, we planted a tree in honor of our department chair Lynne Trulio," Blake said. "It's a Valley Oak, which is really exciting because it is a native tree here on campus."

Other events included Yoga on the Fountain, where students could receive a free yoga lesson from San Jose-based yoga studio Be The Change and Caffeine & Greens, where students planted their own terrarium with other succulents or a bean plant and have some coffee.

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After Papazian gave her statement, Faas addressed the crowd and explained in greater detail the specifics of SJSU's operating fund and the goal of creating a three-year budget. He also spoke on the ongoing questions related to this matter.

"We have a very uncertain process," Faas said. "What we are looking to continue to do is be very transparent in this process. We're not looking at rolling out budget cuts."

According to Faas, all of the information on the PowerPoint slides, as well as the budget proposals and other documents, are available on the CSU website.

After the presentation, the more than 300 audience members had the opportunity to ask Papazian, Faas and Feinstein questions.

When asked about his role in this ongoing process, Feinstein, who will be leaving SJSU at the end of the academic year to become president of the University of Northern Colorado, said later this week he will be "meeting with provosts from across the CSU system to look into the academic side."

Another question was whether or not Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is one of the candidates in California's upcoming gubernatorial

election, would be more open to increased funding for the CSU. Faas replied, "Lt. Gov. Newsom so far hasn't exhibited a ton of support."

Papazian added on to that statement and said to the audience, "If any of you have any connections with any of the gubernatorial candidates, please use them now."

This sentiment echoes the last paragraph of Friday's message from White.

"Our future is now clearly and unambiguously in the hands of lawmakers," White's statement said. "I ask you to join with me as we sustain our advocacy efforts and close out the annual budget cycle in Sacramento strongly. I look for your continued support as we emphasize to our state leaders that full funding for the California State University is key to California's future."

Justin Villena, King Library supervisor in charge of media assistance, has been a CSU employee for three years and is currently part of the library's media services team.

"To me, it was a pretty big deal for the amount of people that were there," Villena said. "I would like to see more about what's going to happen with the budget in the future. I know it's just in the planning stages right now, but what's going to exactly happen? Where's the funding going to come from?"

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Psychology senior Amnesty Reyes-Bueno speaks at the SHA press conference on Smith-Carlos lawn on Thursday. She also read a poem by Tye Martin.

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time and his entire family was able to work and pay for a home on First Street in San Jose.

"Enough is enough," Marrufo said. "San Jose State needs to help us and homeless students."

Marrufo also recommended emergency funds, which could be loaded on Tower ID cards, and scholarships for the homeless who are seeking to educate themselves at the university.

Pastor Scott Wagers of CHAM Deliverance Ministry was also at the press conference to support SHA's effort to provide housing for the homeless. CHAM Deliverance Ministry is a

church in San Jose that has previously assisted the homeless.

"It's a shame in this country where there's so much wealth and there's so much promise that we can't house everybody," Wagers said.

Some members of the student body government observed the press conference.

"We have been working a lot with student hunger recently," Associated Students Controller-Elect Malik Akil said. "I'm hoping that maybe within the next year we can do something to help out with student homelessness."

Akil said he hopes he can give SHA a continuous platform on campus and if SJSU President Mary Papazian is invited, she will likely come.

"I know that she's a president that's willing to be here," Akil said.

The university currently provides a service called SJSU Cares, which allows students to tell their story to the university and see if they qualify for emergency housing assistance, counseling and food assistance according to the school website.

SJSU also recently secured a grant to fund a permanent food pantry and emergency housing services according to a quote from Papazian published on KPIX Channel 5, but the university administration has not yet commented on endorsing an encampment.

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reason he could think of where a student will not get his or her job back is if the student's work ethic is bad. Since some students have worked their way up to higher positions, Faas was asked if they would get the same positions or have to start at lower levels.

"You'll come in with your resumes," Faas said. "With

my years of experience, as I have worked here for two years, I've worked my way from X to Y to Z. So you'll come in with all that and I totally expect that you will get that same type of position, but you'll also be given other opportunities to advance as well."

Faas added that the students' pay will not change.

The whole session lasted a little over an hour and Faas stayed a bit after to answer questions individually.

Maria Valle, forensics

## You are not losing your jobs.

Charlie Faas  
SJSU chief financial officer

junior and a staff member at The Commons, said she came into the meeting irate, but felt slightly more at ease after.

Valle said that Spartan Shops is a family and that there is just a lot of unease

since students do not know this new company.

"With Spartan Shops, we can reach out to people and know that they'll get back to us in a relatively short amount of time," Valle said. "[Faas] is saying that this is one of the biggest companies in the world, so who's to say that they are going to actually listen to us."

Valle also said that her main concern is about the student employees.

"They are trying to keep student employees, but we

have some students full-time that want to work and are willing to go the extra mile for this company and the next," Valle said. However, it is not just students' jobs that are being affected.

Thomas said that the change also affects the faculty since their jobs are not going to be the same after the change. However, she said everyone is hopeful with the new opportunity.

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EVENT RECAP



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(Above) Contestants line up on stage to hear the results for the 10th Annual Trashion Fashion Show on Thursday. (Right) Sociology junior Skylar Caesar walks down the runway with her self-created look from the thrift store Crossroads Trading Company.



# Students reveal environmentally friendly outfits

BY DOMINOE IBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Out with the new and in with the recycled.

San Jose State Associated Students hosted its 10th Annual Trashion Fashion show on Tower Lawn on Thursday. Students presented clothing made with at least 80 percent recyclable material in honor of Earth Day.

Parin Patel, A.S. Director of Programming Affairs and environmental studies senior, hosted the event in hopes of showing students how thrifting is more profitable than buying brand new clothes and reduces the amount of waste.

“You design an outfit

out of recycled material and I think it was really cool to see one of the designers bring her grandmother’s clothes, because technically it’s recycled but we’ve never really seen that before so I thought it was very creative,” Patel said.

“The other outfit that did win, the one made of all those chips and snack bags, it’s just really cool to see what they come up with so I really like that part as well.”

Philosophy junior Kyle Norman and environmental studies senior Bethany Choloherty MC’d the show.

First, they introduced the judges: environmental studies

seniors Morgan Angulo and Shadeh Begian, 2015-16 A.S. Director of Programming Affairs Jasmine Garcia and A.S. President Ariadna Manzo.

Both models and the outfit designers were judged.

Models were judged on runway walk, presentation and cohesiveness of their outfit. Designers were judged on their craftsmanship, creativity, originality and overall presentation.

The first half of the show consisted of students modeling outfits they put together from the thrift stores Crossroads Trading Company and Neu2u.

After that, they modeled outfits that students put together using recycled material.

Models danced to the music as they showed off the designers’ creations.

“Clothing, especially fast fashion, is something that is a real problem in the United States,” Choloherty said.

“It creates a lot of waste and a lot of that is exported and the burden is put on to other countries. It’s just a lot of energy waste.

By having this fashion show showing that yes, you can have fashionable clothing coming from thrift stores. It’s not gross to have used clothing. It’s really encouraging people to be more

sustainable, not just in their clothing choices but in their everyday choices to choose the most sustainable option.”

During a short break in the show, the MCs chose two audience members to put together a look from items in their box in 10 seconds.

They then walked out on the stage and modeled their 10-second creations, acting silly and showing off their style.

After about 15 minutes, the judges announced the winners.

Sociology junior Skylar Caesar won for best model presentation.

The design winner was environmental studies student

Katherine Cefalu.

She won for her creative outfit made completely out of Capri Suns and snack bags.

“I was really nervous because I’ve never done anything like modeling,” social science freshman Jeanna Trang said. “It was super fun because I got to meet a bunch of great people and it was overall a really fun process.”



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ALBUM REVIEW

# Uchis’ debut album isolates from competitors

BY WILLIAM DELA CRUZ  
STAFF WRITER

The best way to describe “Isolation” in simplest terms, is that it is just straight vibes and I enjoyed every second of it.

It is the debut studio album by the Colombian-American singer Kali Uchis. It contains 15 tracks and runs a little over 45 minutes.

I personally have not heard much from Uchis besides her feature on Daniel Caesar’s hit song “Get You.”

So besides knowing she had a great voice, I had no idea what to expect for this album, but what I got was something better than I ever imagined.

It is a clever and refreshing mix of songs of all kinds of different genres that transports the listener to what felt like Uchis’ world and thoughts.

“There’s no tracking where I’m going / There’s no me for them to find,” she sings in the tropical bossa nova-filled intro “Body Language,” which feels like it’s her telling us to listen to this album to find out who she is.

The track “Miami,” is a hard-hitting song about being strong and independent. She sings, “But why would I be Kim? / I could be Kanye in the land of opportunity and palm trees.”

“Flight 22” is a soothing neo-soul love

song referring to the 1967 Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 plane crash. She sings “Take me all the way, Flight 22, baby / And baby we’re not gonna make it / At least I’m going down with you.”

The song shows that despite the impending fatal crash, it does not matter because she is happy that her love is by her side.

She also ventures into her Latin roots in the track “Nuestro Planeta,” or “our planet.” It is a dancehall reggaeton love song in Spanish and despite not knowing the language, the song really gets you moving and grooving, which shows that music can break through language barriers.

The main highlight in the album is the track “In My Dreams.” The Gorillaz production within the song could be described as a bedroom pop track. It is a surprising and welcome 180 in terms of sound. It is something you could hear in the background of an 1980s movie montage.

The track is about avoiding the real world and just living in your own head because “why would anyone stay awake after being so sound asleep” as “everyday is a holiday when you’re living inside your dreams.”

The track “Feel Like A Fool” is very Amy Winehouse-esque with its straight forward sax and

big band feel which further shows off Uchis’ ability to sing different genres and make it her own.

There are other featured artists such as singer Jorja Smith on the track “Tyrant,” Steve Lacy on “Just a Stranger” or Tyler, the Creator on the song “After The Storm,” whose deep voice and rap works well in contrast to Uchis’ soothing vocals.

The album is overall just a great listen that you could play straight without having to skip a single track.

All of the 15 tracks on “Isolation” sound nothing like the one that came before it but, like a river stream, it just flows.

Uchis proves she has the versatility to make any genre she sings her own and make it work.

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# Celebrities should not be role models for relationships



**Brianna Sheats**  
STAFF WRITER

Celebrities are put in the spotlight their whole life. They can't even eat in peace without paparazzi flashing a camera in their faces.

We, as regular people, feed into the lives of the famous.

People feeding into celebrity relationships have gotten way too out of hand now.

If a celebrity couple breaks up, people automatically think "they were so in love and cared for each other so much, they were legit the perfect couple. Love does not exist anymore."

But in all cases, it's not true at all. We don't actually know what is going on behind social media.

Celebrities are regular people too, just living their normal day lives. So when the recent announcement of rapper Logic and his wife separating came out, social media users went crazy.

"I was really sad to hear that Logic wanted to get a divorce," freshman biology major Heather Le said.

"Especially finding out his reason why is because he wanted to do his own thing. Like, eww. That really sucks."

The reasoning behind them separating is pretty sad, but that does not mean love does not exist.

Celebrities date, get married and start families, and of course you root for them, because it is tough and everyone believes in fairy tale endings. But news flash, some things do not work out. That's life.

It is bad enough that people already compare their relationships to other couples, and it causes tension. It makes it even worse when young couples see posts of celebrity couples and their amazing love life. But on social media we mostly see the good things about the relationship. We rarely see the bad, so stop comparing.

"The reason I do not date is because I see all the posts of the celebrities cheating on each other," math sophomore Valerie Sanchez said. "Like hello, Jay-Z cheated on

Beyonce and who's better than Beyonce? No one."

On Wednesday, April 11, TMZ released a video of NBA player Tristan Thompson showing him supposedly cheating on his pregnant girlfriend, Khloe Kardashian. That is not even the worst part of the story. Before he dated Kardashian, he cheated on his ex-girlfriend who was also pregnant at the time.

Women are already skeptical and paranoid with their significant others and them going behind their backs. So now that this is being released, it is going to cause more women to have trust issues. The same thing goes with men.

Recently actors Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan have decided to separate.

They said it was a better decision for them to make and they are leaving on good terms. They have been together for many years, but trust me, love still exists and the world will go on.

Relationships take time and effort. You are not automatically going to have the perfect relationship without trying. For example, my parents have been together for almost 26 years, and yes, there have been bumps in the road. But my dad has

always confirmed with me and my brother how much he loves my mom. To me that is the only example of love that I need in life.

I do understand that some people's parents are not together, but it is never wrong to find love within yourself. A good way to put it is you should always have the mentality that you should find someone that loves you as much as you love yourself.

"My relationship is the way it is because we put in the effort in

each other instead of comparing ourselves to celebrities," hospitality junior Lucille Caw said. "We mind our own business and make sure that we have each other's back. Yeah looking at cute things celebrities do for each other is great, but I don't have \$300,000 to rent out a stadium and throw a party for my boyfriend."

I am not saying that celebrity relationships are bad. Look at singer John Legend and model Chrissy Teigan. They

are a great couple because we see all the good things, but they are also amazing. That does not mean you need to push your relationship to be just like theirs.

Celebrities are humans and go through the same love issues we face. So don't be mad when your favorite celebrity couple breaks up and makes you think love does not exist.

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# Targeted ads cross a line



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Many times when you access a website, there is a little pop-up that will say, "This website uses cookies" and asks for you to accept the notification in order to continue.

These cookies aren't the delicious ones you can eat.

In fact, these cookies will "tag" your browser and they will "follow" you as you use the internet on different devices.

According to Network Advertising Initiative, a cookie is a small piece of code that lets ad networks and sites share information on what guests read or obtain.

When you move on to a new site that has a space for personalized ads, the page will recognize your tracking cookie and show you a "relevant" ad, according to Choose, a price comparison service.

If a site allows ads, it'll show you an ad for a site you have visited to try to persuade you to go back and buy something.

This can be called two things, "targeted advertising" or "data driven creative," because this form of advertising can work in two ways.

Advertising professor John Delacruz said "data driven creative" is the term used when people use your information to personalize ads to offer you items that they think you are

will want, viewing you as an individual instead of as a part of a group of people.

But I am here to focus on targeted advertising, because it crosses a line when it comes to the use of your personal information.

Targeted advertising pushes the boundaries of using your personal information and who knows where else our stuff is being given to.

"To me, ads themselves are an annoyance," business administration senior Jacob Tabares said. "The fact that people can store my online identity via purchases, likes or other means, it's kind of terrifying."

Companies like Netflix and Spotify have been caught using users' personal account histories for advertising

According to Adweek writer Lindsay Rittenhouse, a weekly American advertising trade publication, Spotify used a person's data to advertise for their company saying, "Dear person who played 'Sorry' 42 times on Valentine's Day: What did you do?"

Along with Netflix tweeting, "To the 53 people who've watched 'A Christmas Prince' every day for the past 18 days: Who hurt you?"

Calling out users in this way created some hate for

the companies.

Now there are people who believe that targeted advertising is more so the "data driven creative" side. It's nice for them to have ads personalized to fit only them.

According to Rittenhouse, many consumers have accepted that marketers use an online log of their behaviors and spending habits to target digital audiences with relevant ads.

Rittenhouse said in her article that according to a Pew Research Center study, 47 percent of Americans are comfortable with retailers tracking purchases for better deals.

Thomas Shadoff, director of media at a Toronto-based ad agency, Bensimon Byrne, claims that when you use personal information and don't add value, it's intrusive.

Targeted advertising can make a person feel like they are being stalked.

It's similar to having a sales associate from a different store following you around, pestering you to buy a microwave while you're looking at shoes and are always in clothing stores. If something like this were to happen in real life, you would lose a customer.

"I believe in privacy," Delacruz said. "But there are boundaries as well and you got to be aware of those. So as long as things are being used, if not necessarily for good but not for bad, then I think we're entering a new world where this is going to become the norm."

When it comes to targeted ads, I'd rather not have my information stored online for advertisers to use.

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# It is irresponsible to call Jordan the greatest player ever



**Ben Stein**  
STAFF WRITER

Michael Jordan is not the greatest basketball player of all time. In fact, as a 23-year-old college student, I believe it is irresponsible to argue in his favor.

His Airness. Air Jordan. MJ. GOAT (Greatest of all Time). These are just a few of the names basketball fans call Chicago Bulls legend Michael Jordan.

Owning an undefeated 6-0 finals record, five Most Valuable Player awards and 10 league scoring titles, Jordan is one of the most decorated athletes in the National Basketball Association's 72-year history.

Because of this, Jordan is referred to as the greatest basketball player of all time by many current NBA players, reporters and fans.

I believe LeBron James is the greatest basketball player ever. I also understand that in 20 years there will probably be some new player that will be added to this debate.

There are on-court reasons why Jordan is not the greatest basketball player of all time. However, one

reason which Jordan had no control may be the strongest against him.

According to the San Jose State website, as of fall 2017, over 60 percent of SJSU students are between 18 and 24 years old.

This means most students were not old enough to watch Jordan in his prime because he retired (for the second time) in 1998.

The few that could watch Jordan were only able to see his last two seasons as a Washington Wizard, where he recorded career lows in almost every statistical category.

I believe it is irresponsible to call Jordan the GOAT if you didn't watch him play during his career.

Declaring Jordan as such based exclusively off of old box scores and other people's stories is like religious extremists proclaiming Jesus was God's son.

YouTube is an incredible website for basketball fans, like myself, because I can watch so many important moments in basketball history. ESPN Classics

Category	Lebron James	Michael Jordan
Seasons Played	15	15
Finals Appearances	8 (3-5)	6 (6-0)
Career FG Percentage	50.4%	49.7%
Career Points	31038	32292
Career Rebounds	8415	6672
Career Assists	8208	5633
Flopped Baseball Careers	0	1

SOURCE: BASKETBALL-REFERENCE.COM, INFORMATION GATHERED BY BEN STEIN, INFOGRAPHIC BY JONAS ELAM | SPARTAN DAILY

is a television channel that replays legendary sporting events all the time. Both of these allow me to watch old basketball clips from before I was born.

The games available are generally classic playoff games where legends like Jordan balled-up. They don't show replays of his poor performances.

If you compare Jordan's best games to the average game Lebron has, of course Jordan looks otherworldly.

If you compare Jordan's resume to other NBA legends then under no circumstance should Jordan be considered the greatest ever.

Statistically, there are many reasons against Jordan.

If you want to argue Jordan's undefeated 6-0 record in the finals, I would counter with Bill Russell, who won an NBA record 11 championships

in 12 appearances. Lebron has also played in seven consecutive NBA finals and never lost in the first round of the playoffs, something Jordan did three times.

If you want to state that Jordan, whose NBA record 30.12 points per game (PPG) for a career, is the greatest scorer of all time I would counter with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

He scored the most points in NBA history, or Wilt Chamberlain, who averaged 50 PPG in 1961 and scored an NBA record 100 points in a game. Both men shot more accurately than Jordan.

While all of these players are all-time greats, their legends have grown since their respective retirements.

If you want to argue Jordan was just the best overall player, I would argue Lebron, who

(barring injury) is on pace to finish his career in the top-5 all-time in points, assists and steals as well as top-25 in rebounds.

According to Basketball Reference, Jordan currently ranks 44th in assists and 132nd in rebounds.

Lebron has already accrued more playoff wins, points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks than Jordan did in his career.

While I respect the legends of basketball as well as the opinions of those with more basketball-watching experience than I have, I also understand that players evolve and get better than previous stars.

At one point, Bill Russell was probably the greatest player in the league. Then Kareem came into the league and

changed everything. Kareem, formerly known as Lew Alcindor, was so unstoppable that from 1967 to 1975 college basketball instituted the "Alcindor rule" which made dunking the basketball illegal.

Lebron has dominated the NBA with unprecedented longevity. In season 15, Lebron is averaging career highs in both rebounds and assists while scoring the most ppg in the last nine years. After Jordan's 15th season, in 2003, he retired at the age of 39.

While most athletes start to regress after turning 30, Lebron James, at 33 years old, has improved. For this reason and every reason stated above, I believe Lebron James and not Michael Jordan is the greatest player of all time.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 1. Found on most beaches
  - 5. Lawn cover
  - 10. Amazes
  - 14. Double-reed woodwind
  - 15. French for "Queen"
  - 16. Cavort
  - 17. Evergreens
  - 18. Pampering
  - 20. Try
  - 22. Char
  - 23. One time around
  - 24. Established
  - 25. Respectful
  - 32. Frantic
  - 33. Got up
  - 34. What we sleep on
  - 37. Enumerate
  - 38. Property claims
  - 39. Guy
  - 40. French for "Summer"
  - 41. The language of Persia
  - 42. Overindulge
  - 43. Castrated
  - 45. Pilfer
  - 49. Gist
  - 50. Convene
  - 53. Yellow aromatic liquid
  - 57. Irrefutable
  - 59. Wisdom
  - 60. Ale
  - 61. A sloping mass of loose rocks
  - 62. Angers
  - 63. Contributes
  - 64. Wrap
  - 65. To tax or access
- DOWN**
- 1. Kind of bean
  - 2. Assist in crime
  - 3. Nothing (British)
  - 4. "Unchoose"
  - 5. Influenza (archaic)
  - 6. Lease
  - 7. Abet
  - 8. Give the cold shoulder
  - 9. Peddle
  - 10. Betel palm
  - 11. Dweebs
  - 12. Master of ceremonies
  - 13. Go on a buying spree
  - 19. Actor Clark -----
  - 21. Assign a grade
  - 25. Dell
  - 26. Send forth
  - 27. Circuit breaker
  - 28. Nigerian monetary unit
  - 29. Amount of hair
  - 30. Classical Greek
  - 31. Donkey
  - 34. A lightly-hit baseball
  - 35. Border
  - 36. Accomplishment
  - 38. Flee
  - 39. Fiendish
  - 41. Criminal
  - 42. Color of the sky
  - 44. Unwind
  - 45. Aqualung
  - 46. In shape
  - 47. Ceased
  - 48. Declares
  - 51. Smooch
  - 52. Every single one
  - 53. A ball of yarn
  - 54. Achy
  - 55. Mining finds
  - 56. Not more
  - 58. Brassiere

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

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SOFTBALL

# Injuries won't stop Spartans' Lozano

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In an instant, athletes can lose the opportunity to play for the season. Injuries are unpredictable, but they happen.

Justice studies sophomore Janessa Lozano plays softball for San Jose State. She currently plays first base and has been playing the sport for 12 years.

Early on in the season, SJSU played Tennessee at the Kajikawa Classic in Tempe, Arizona. During the game, Lozano tore her right meniscus.

Before the team's season really even got started, her season was over.

"When this injury first occurred it hit me really hard negatively. I was really excited for this season," Lozano said.

Even though she sits on the bench during games and isn't getting time on the field, Lozano still works hard.

She attends practices close

to the school at CEFCU Stadium and the batting cages. She helps feed the pitching machines and sometimes finds herself giving her teammates pointers because she is sitting out and observing as they practice.

"This injury has actually gotten me closer with the team," Lozano said. "They have become a huge support system for me, always asking how I'm doing."

Lozano also attends physical therapy for two hours, five days a week. Along with rehab, she has to go to weight training four times a week, which usually ends up being bright and early at 5 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

The team practices Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. On Wednesdays, the team practices at Mission College so Lozano does not go to that practice. However, she does make it to the Thursday practices.

"The more I thought about it, this is a humbling experience that I don't have this game for much longer," Lozano said. "It can be taken away from me in an instant

because of an injury. I am very thankful that it was just my MCL (medial collateral ligament) and that I'm still able to heal and get my one year eligibility back. It has motivated me a lot more. I want to come back stronger than I left it and I have a lot of goals for myself right now."

She recalls how her best friend Cassidy Clark, a health science sophomore and also a second baseman, has been supporting her throughout her recovery.

Clark said she has done her best to support Lozano mentally and physically.

"She has stayed strong and she's been very positive to the team still," Clark said. "She's always cheering for us, always watching our games when we are away, keeping up with us."

Lozano had goals of contributing more this year because she was set to play more. Because of her injury, Lozano is putting in as many hours as the players on the field so that she can be prepared when it's her time to play next season.

"When someone is sitting out, I don't feel like they should be judged at all



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**Second baseman Janessa Lozano (fourth from left) cheers on her team while she's sidelined this season. She tore her meniscus during a game in February.**

because they know their bodies," Lozano said. "I know some of these people who have had career-ending injuries are just completely heartbroken that they are not in the game. It may seem like someone with just a knee brace sitting on the side, you may not know that they are in the recovery of an ACL tear."

Softball is a team sport. Having everyone healthy

is crucial.

After losing Lozano, head coach Peter Turner had to teach new players different positions. Players have to get moved around in order to substitute for a loss.

"Not having her on the road has been a huge void for this ball club," Turner said. "I certainly believe a lot of other athletes can learn a valuable lesson on her overall outlook on life and this game that she loves."

Turner said Lozano treats the sport with respect while also respecting her teammates.

"That's the intangibles that she offers that we just solely are missing," Turner said.

Lozano is set to get back in the game and play next season once her injury is fully healed.

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# Sports drinks work best for those with an active lifestyle



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Sports drinks have been advertised in commercials and magazine advertisements for years.

While the ads may have changed throughout the years, they all serve the same purpose to show the viewer that their sports drink will make you stronger, faster or more like your favorite athlete.

These advertisements often show an athlete drinking the product and

looking as if they have just worked out.

Others show athletes playing their sports with a bottle on the side or itself.

Some popular sports drink brands are Gatorade, Powerade and Mineral Water.

Brands like these advertise that their product will hydrate you and give you the push you need.

Gatorade has an ad that personifies one of its bottles

as a runner winning a track race against water bottles. The ad sends the message that Gatorade beats water in the benefits that it provides. Gatorade even has the slogan "Nothing beats Gatorade" on the website.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), sports drinks make a great choice for fuel and hydration because they are a mix of water and carbohydrates.

"For exercise lasting anywhere from 60 minutes to several hours, drinking carbohydrate beverages significantly boosts endurance performance compared to drinking water." The ACSM suggests that

drinking sports drinks in appropriate amounts before and after a workout helps maintain healthy hydration levels.

"The drinks are beneficial, though for those who actually work out extremely hard and sweat a lot and 90 percent of people don't do that," chemical engineering freshmen Tyler Willett said.

According to Kristine Clark, director of sports nutrition for Penn State University Park, the carbohydrates that are found in sports drink help delay fatigue. The longer you exercise, the more you will sweat and you'll need to replenish those lost nutrients. Sports drinks are a

mixture of water, sugar and electrolytes like sodium and potassium.

Sodium helps maintain a balance of fluid in the body and helps the body take in more fluid in the intestines, thus improving hydration.

Many sports drinks also include sugars, which might be a turn off for some people. A 20-ounce bottle of Gatorade contains about 35 grams of sugar.

Sports drinks benefit those who live more active lifestyles such as athletes and others who exercise regularly.

They do have calories, but exercise helps burn off those calories. However, if people drink them and

don't exercise, the sugar may cause those people to gain weight.

"Sports drinks, like Gatorade and Powerade, have too much sugar in them and what people really don't understand is their calorie intake and fat intake are not really as unhealthy as their sugar intake," Willett said. "I try to stay away from sugary drinks like that because I can get the same effects that Gatorade and Powerade provide with good nutrition and drinking water."

Sports drinks can help an individual stay hydrated and provide a burst of energy.

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MEN'S GOLF

# Spartans reach top 10 for first time since 2013

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For the first time since San Jose State joined the Mountain West Conference in 2013, two Spartans finished in the top 10 in the battle for medalist honors in Mountain West Men's Golf Championship at the Gold Mountain Olympic Course.

SJSU golfers Sean Yu and Sean Talmadge each finished in the top-10 in the individual competition for the Mountain West Men's Golf Championship in Bremerton, Washington.

Despite the performances from Yu and Talmadge, San Jose State finished ninth in the 11-team race.

Talmadge was tied for second place after the first day. Talmadge shot a college career-best four-under 68 and led the team

with seven birdies and five in his last 10 holes.

"In the conditions he [Talmadge] played in, he played brilliantly. No doubt about it," golf coach John Kennaday said in a press release.

Yu tied the lowest round of the day, and shot a career best five-under par 67. Yu shot seven birdies including four in his final five holes.

"He played good, hard-nosed golf (on the final day)," Kennaday said in a press release. "He found a way to get it done."

After Saturday, Yu and Talmadge were part of a four-way tie for third place in the 55-player field. SJSU was in sixth place but just one stroke behind Nevada for fifth place and four strokes behind Fresno State and Wyoming with one day remaining.

On the final day in

Washington, Yu shot a 73 to tie Galven Green from the University of New Mexico for third place. This achievement was the highest individual finish by a Spartan in a Mountain West Championship since SJSU joined the conference according to SJSU Athletics. Talmadge ended the event tied for ninth place.

"This is a hard golf course," Kennaday said in a press release. "It wasn't from a lack of effort. The guys gave it everything they had. It's real disappointing to come up short. At least we were in the battle. We'll grow from that, but it hurts right now."

SJSU Golf's next challenge will be May 14-16 at the NCAA Regional Championships.

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