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The San Jose State University women's soccer team celebrates its second Mountain West conference title in the last four seasons after defeating University of New Mexico 1-0, Saturday at the Spartan Soccer Complex.

Ceremony honors works

SJSU honors 26 faculty members for their academic books, compositions

By Huan Xun Chan STAFF WRITER

Twenty-nine published works from San Jose State University faculty members were honored on Friday evening.

Their books and creative projects were being displayed on the eighth floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

The 26 faculty members who produced the works and showcased their productions were hon-



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Tracy Elliott

dents and surrounding community understand the importance of faculty's works.

Linguistics lecturer Scott Alkire was being honored for the book "Harmony of Babel: Profiles of Famous Polyglots of Europe."

He edited and translated the book which was previously only available in Hungarian language.

"Sometimes when we do academic work, it seems that it just disappears into the ether. However,

Musicians adapt to new music landscape

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By Paul Hang STAFF WRITER

Music director and secondary piano and keyboardist at University of Southern California Thornton School Stephen Pierce visited San Jose State University to discuss how classical and jazz musicians are surviving in the ever-changing music world.

Many of the budgets for music school programs and artists signed to music companies are being cut.

Despite these issues,



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natives to pursue their careers. Pierce started off by mentioning filmmaker, Jonathan Keijser.

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Keijser earned his degree as a double bassist player from McGill University.

He also earned a degree filmmaking from in University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts.

Pierce showed a trailer of one of Keijser's projects called "What Would Beethoven Do?"

The documentary trailer displayed the small number of people who enjoy classical music and how it seemed "boring" in today's society. A 2012 CNN report indicates that only 8.8 percent of Americans attended classical music concerts compared to 11.6 percent a decade earlier.

It's knowing how to find your specific niche. **Doing something** a little bit different, standing out from the crowd.

> **Stephen Pierce** USC Thorton School music director

neurship is important as a musician.

Pierce explained that being an entrepreneur means knowing how to network and market your art, but the main key is to differentiate yourself from the others.

"It's knowing how to find your specific niche. Doing something a little bit different, standing out from the crowd," Pierce said.

Pierce also said being an entrepreneur requires critical thinking, breaking the rules, taking risks and being able to change.

Both Beyonce and Lady Gaga were mentioned as examples of popular celebrities who are entrepreneurs.

Pierce explained why Lady Gaga is an entrepreneur based off the decisions she has made in her career.

"She defies a specif-

ored by SJSU's Annual Author and Artist Awards.

"We have such a diverse and impressive amount of research, scholarship and creativity happening at our university, this is a way to celebrate that," Dean of University Library Tracy Elliott said. "We work so hard all the time doing this work and we hardly take the time to celebrate and congratulate each other."

Deans and associate deans from

SJSU Library Dean

Davidson College of Engineering, College of Health and Human Sciences, College of Humanities and the Arts and College of Social Sciences acknowledged the honorees with awards.

Joan C. Ficke, the interim provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, said it was important to honor faculty members as well as let the stuthe library is making a point of ensuring the campus community knows what we are working on," Alkire said.

Alkire spent his evenings, weekends and semester breaks for a year and a half producing the literary work.

He contacted the family who had done the original interviews and received permission to edit the book.

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After the trailer, Pierce discussed how adapting to entrepre-

ic box. She's collaborated with Tony Bennett. She's sung musicals. She performs her own pop songs," Pierce said.

Pierce exemplified the different strategies classical musicians use from mentioning wellknown performers to his friends.

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WWI exhibition commemorates end of war

By Myla La Bine STAFF WRITER

"San Jose and World War One: A Centennial Exhibition," an exhibit celebrating the end of World War One, features information about local veterans, war paraphernalia and commemorative art.

A reception was held on Thursday night to mark the launch of the exhibit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

History professor Dr. Jonathan Roth, who helped curate pieces in the exhibit, thanked several individuals involved before he introduced the featured speaker Karen English.

English, a humanities lecturer, spoke about poetry written during the war. She selected four poems that were read aloud by student volunteers.

The poems explored the perspectives of a variety of individuals throughout the war.

"I thought it was important to have both gender coverage and also different tones," English said about how she chose the poems.

Two of them were written by women, while one explored the point of view of an African-American soldier.

English said she began researching World War One poetry three years

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History professor Jonathan Roth points at one of the displays in the "San Jose and World War One: A Centennial Exhibition" in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Thursday.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIEL MITRE

An attendee browses through one of the featured works at the Annual Author and Artist Awards on Friday.

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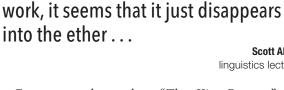
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the Throughout process, he also worked with а Hungarian translator for interpretations.

In the past five years, history professor Ruma Chopra traveled to Jamaica, Canada and other countries numerous times and this year she published her book "Almost Home."

"Almost Home" featured a group of slaves in Jamaica who formed their own community and lived in the country for nearly century before being deported to Canada during a war.

They spent four years in Canada and then went to West Africa.



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Forty years later, the group finally went back to Jamaica.

"I followed their stories in Jamaica, Canada and West Africa. I went to all these places to do research. This happened two hundred years ago, between the years of 1796 and 1850," Chopra said. "I tell the story about how they survived and what they had to do to live."

Ιn 2005,communication studies associate professor Matthew Spangler read

in 44 different theaters Sometimes when we do academic Scott Alkire linguistics lecturer

> "The Kite Runner," the book written by Khaled Hosseini.

The book centered around the stories of an Afghanistan refugee who came to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Based on his research on refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented people, Spangler decided to write a play script based on "The Kite Runner."

He contacted Hosseini and started to work on

the play's production. "There have been 15

Spangler worldwide," said, "There are theaters throughout the United States, Canada, England, Ireland and Israel." Despite 400,000 people who watched the play worldwide, he was proud that the first production of this play was at SJSU,

productions of the play

that have been staged

performed by student actors at the University Theatre in 2017.

"Some of the students left the university and participated in a variety of ways in professional productions," Spangler said.

Honorees were also celebrated by family and friends, along with students and faculty.

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Valentina Lisitsa, a popular YouTube pianist, has managed to use social media to market herself.

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when she was asked to give a talk for the Bay Area World War One Historical Society.

She said she was shocked by the amount of poetry that was written during the time period and also how many people are unaware that it exists.

Poetry is being featured in the exhibit, with one written by a local woman opposing the war.

"He Went for a Soldier" by Ruth Comfort Mitchell begins by describing how a soldier entering war changes after he experiences the harsh and terrifying realities of the battlefield.

She then questions how long these events will last.

"How much longer, O Lord, shall we bear it all? How many more red years?"

Biology sophomore and Reserved Officers' Training Corps member Cynthia Bowl, attended the reception with her fellow members.

"We decided that we wanted to honor the people who died in World War One and we wanted to know more about [its] history," Bowl said.

Bowl said that the exhibition will help students' understanding of the trials and tribulations experienced by soldiers during the war.

"You actually have contact with it and see it in person. It's really amazing . . . Instead of just reading about the subject, it's really interesting that I get to see it first hand," Bowl said.

One of the displays in the exhibit is about Sgt. Sing Lau Kee, a native of Saratoga, who received the Purple Heart for his bravery during the war.

accomplished piano teachers in the area.

Yost did her research to find a crowd of families with medium to high income and decided on

Frisco, Texas to work. "She can teach kids to

The Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded to those that were wounded or killed in battle.

Several members of Kee's family, including his daughter and granddaughter, were in attendance for the reception.

After it ended, Roth showed Kee's family around the exhibition.

"It was very meaningful for me. It was a great honor for me to be able to share that with the family," Roth said.

"Behind the scenes, they really helped me a lot with the information and I was able to put this together because the family had these stories and were able to tell me things."

Roth said the space on the second floor of the library was booked two years in advance by Masters of Public Administration director, Frances Edwards, for the exhibition.

A variety of sources, from History San Jose to the Los Altos History Museum, helped provide information and pieces to be put on display.

Roth wants students to realize the war was not that long ago and how it affected the San Jose area in particular.

"It's something I think that people should understand, that things don't just happen in the past," Roth said.

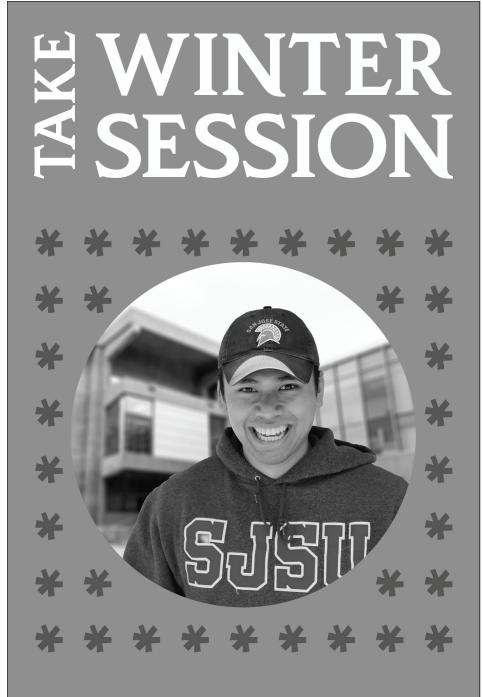
"The past is part of our present and I hope [students] take away [that] some of the problems and politics and war that we face today, they were facing then."

The exhibition will be on display until the end of this month.

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"I wanted to come in here and educate myself in how to become the entrepreneur musician that he was talking about," Sundararajan said.

Master of music ducation Grant Kondo



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Lisitsa's channel currently has over 460,000 subscribers. She has gained millions of views since she started uploading videos in 2007.

Kristin Yost, a friend of Pierce and private piano teacher wrote a book titled "How I made \$100,000 My First Year as a Piano Teacher."

Pierce shared that while Yost was a University of Dallas student, he was aware of the many play top 40 songs really well and make them sound really great," Pierce said.

Ten attendees were there to listen to Pierce's lecture, and one of them found it to be helpful.

Jazz studies senior Akshara Sundararajan found the event through a flyer in the music building when she was walking to her class. Sundararajan said she has struggled to market herself as a jazz vocalist.

and the director of the School of Music and Dance Fred Cohen said they felt there wasn't much counsel of the career aspect of being a musician compared to being a skilled musician.

"It provides something that we don't often provide in classes and that's why we invited these speakers to come to speak to students," Kondo said.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Nobody's stopping this 'Tempo'

By Winona Rajamohan STAFF WRITER

Waiting sixteen for another album by Korean boy group Exo was an excruciating ordeal for me, but the release of their fifth album "Don't Mess Up My Tempo" on Nov. 2 stomps all over that impatience.

Exo has been at the forefront of the new K-pop wave that has grown exponentially because of social media in the last five years.

The once 12-member boy group released their smash hit "Growl" in 2013, sweeping up massive interest across borders with the music video for the track showcasing the members in rough school uniforms and a completely synchronized and elaborate choreography.

Since then, Exo has been South Korea's golden boys with one of the biggest international fan bases in the industry and are the only Korean boy group to have sold more than 1 million copies of a new album four times in a row.

The 11-track collection and the music video for their title track "Tempo" dropped at 2 a.m. and I was wide awake and ready with my laptop screen glaring right in front of me.

The group has taken on big changes in their musical direction ever since their debut in 2012.

The title track "Ko Ko Bop" from their fourth album was a tropical number sprinkled with sudden electronic drops.

third album however was far from summary and light, instead taking on a



Korean-Chinese boy group Exo return with their fifth studio album "Don't Mess Up My Tempo" Friday.

heavier, darker sound accentuated with a strong thudding bass and a chorus blaring with strong loud vocals.

However, "Tempo" has proven to be a whole different vibe that is just as recognizable to be an Exo type of sound as much as it strays away from that.

The track is heavily influenced by rhythm and blues and the signature pop sound of Michael Jackson, with the group's main vocals dressing the song with drops of MJlike falsetto shrills in an energy in the flow of their verses.

The group's rappers Se-"Monster" from their hun and Chanyeol get longer rap verses than there's ever been since Exo's first rently promoting the fifth ever title track, and the album are a jive of distinct

album review "Don't Mess Artist: EXO Up My Tempo" Rating:

verses set a swoon worthy lyrical base to a song about stealing a girl's heart and capturing her complete attention.

This switch in focus to rapping brought out the music that has made "Tempo" my favorite title track from the group.

The eight members cur-

Release Date: Nov. 2, 2018 Genre: K-pop voices and musical energy

that harmonize in unison, and the spotlight was on every single member to deliver their presence in what the group calls to be they've ever put out.

more significant role in these tracks. producing this album,

tify the musical styles and creative decisions of each member.

album "Signal" is just as strong as "Tempo," with a distorted electronic hook resonating throughout most of the song as the group plays with their vocal tones from soft and sultry to strong and pasgirl's fading love.

American singer Bazzi wrote "Oh La La La" and "Oasis" on the album, the most personal project and both tracks shine impeccably because of The members had a the softer undertones of

"Oh La La" is a Latand it has thus created a in-influenced song, a listening experience that growing trend in the allows fans to easily iden- K-pop world, and it plays

with a salsa-like tempo dressed with Exo's signature smooth R&B vocals that have been perfected through the years.

"Oasis" on the other hand is a cross between a ballad and a pop song, and it has hailed to be a fan favorite because of its strong emphasis on the vocal strengths of all eight members.

The group's main vocalists, Chen, Baekhyun and D.O. take charge of the vocal ad-libs that ornament the song into one that listeners can find themselves completely engulfed in because of the different textures in their voices.

The rest of the members do their parts with just as much vocal power individually and as a group with their silky harmonization.

It's almost impossible for me to pick a favorite track, but my emotions lean toward the soft subtlety of "With You" simply because it is nothing short of the ideal love song to sweep a blushing young girl of her feet.

"Promise me now The second track on the when all the lights are gone / That just like tonight you'll forever be shining with me / Love you," the members chorus in the track co-written and co-produced by member Chanyeol.

From the first track to sionate to sing about a the last, "Don't Mess Up My Tempo" is a plethora of genres and magnetic vocals that has catapulted the project to be one of Exo's strongest.

> The hype for their highly anticipated return has only solidified and skyrocketed even more.

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Poe-tic festival keeps late writer alive



HUGO VERA | SPARTAN DAILY

English lecturer Edwin Sams performs Edgar Allan Poe's iconic poem "The Raven" at the Spartan Memorial on Friday night.

By Hugo Vera STAFF WRITER

A dimly lit Spartan Memorial housed a sizable crowd on Friday evening in what was the continuation of unique literary tradition at San Jose State University.

It was the annual "Poe Fest" in which students and faculty from the university recited and performed various short stories and poems by the legendary macabre writer Edgar Allan Poe.

SJSU Poe Fest, which typically takes place on or near the date of Halloween, has been a tradition for over a decade.

"[Poe Fest] was essentially created by a graduate student over 11 years ago," English lecturer and composition professor Edwin Sams said. "Being that this is a commuter school, a lot of students were looking for an activity to keep them on campus and this is one of the only non-alcoholic and literary events that students can take part in."

Sams was the master of ceremonies for the event. He introduced each individual speaker as they performed works of Poe such as "Annabel Lee," "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Black Cat."

While most of the performances were readings of Poe's poems, each performer added their own bit of dramatic flair to the show. Some pieces were performed with as many as five speakers alternating between verses. One performance even included a musical ensemble of funerary vocals sang over mournful violin sounds.

The event's grin atmosphere was deliberate as Poe's own life was macabre. His father abandoned him at age one. His mother died from tuberculosis soon after. Poe was then raised in a foster home before joining the military until he purposely got himself discharged.

The young poet then married his cousin Virginia Clemm when she was 13 and he was double her age. Clemm died 11 years into the marriage which no doubt embittered Poe and inspired many of his dismal-themed works.

Poe died in 1849 at the age of 40. The exact cause of his death is still a mystery.

"This event is really an extension of Halloween. It gives students and professors a chance to perform literary works and to meet new people. It's become one of our lesser-known but unique traditions," former SJSU Poets and Writers Coalition president Brandon Luu said.

Luu, who recently earned his MFA in Creative Writing, performed an abridged recital of Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado." The story centers around a man during the Italian Renaissance who murders a rival by first befriending and later trapping him in a wine cellar.

English professor Robert James performed a reading of, "The Masque of the Red Death."

"The Masque of the Red Death" centers around a fictional prince who attempts to wait out a deadly plague with his fellow nobles inside a basement. A person in a red mask then intrudes on the prince's solitude, murdering the prince and his guests one by one.

"Beloved as he is, there's still just so much we don't know about Poe. He lived as mysteriously as he died," Sams added.

Sams was the final performer of the night. He recited Poe's iconic poem, "The Raven," entirely from memory and used a wide range of gestures to bring the classic cautionary tale to life.

"What I love about events like these is that it shows you can be low-tech and still have fun. We're just singing and reading off sheets of paper but we're able to bring these stories to life in any way we want and that's why students keep coming back," Sams said.

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OPINION

COUNTERPOINTS



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Should marrying objects be legalized?

Yes, it's a loving relationship



Paul Hang STAFF WRITER

Let me ask you a question . . . Who is to say that love is defined by two human beings?

Whether it's a man and a woman, a man and a man or a woman and a woman, can love be defined between a object? I believe so.

find happiness with an object, I think people like Jin-gyu should have the right to marry any object that makes them happy.

A Facebook video titled, "Martian Virus Man Marries human being and an a Pillow," shows Jin- would be great for gvu and his love for those who have a high his anime decorated pillow. Throughout the video, Jin-gyu shows adoration to his pillow, he even took it out on a date.

laptop, you can bring it with you any time and hanging out with it is much easier than a human being.

intimacy If is important to your marriage, you can become intimate with an object.

It depends on which object you feel more attached to because I believe some objects might be more advantageous for that particular reason.

Marrying a sex doll sex drive and feel sex is an important aspect of marriage. Another alternative is marrying your desktop, you can basically use that to watch adult films if you want to intimate with get your desktop. It may seem weird to feel such affection to an object that doesn't have any feelings for you while a human being would.

No, it limits human connection



One of the instances in which a person married an inanimate object was in the 1950s. A man in Michigan applied for a marriage license to legally wed his car.

denied the license and not our place to judge labeled the marriage "mechaphiles" such as an object provides a of lunacy an act and perversion. This anomaly has become more common than most people would think. We now live in an age where people not only marry inanimate objects, but they claim to have sexual intercourse with the items in question. In 2016, Washington state native Edward Smith drew international attention when the selfprofessed "mechaphile," one who is sexually attracted to automobiles, supposedly had sex with more than 1,000 cars and then married his Volkswagen Beetle. Following the Smith situation, other reports have circulated in which men and women around the world have "married" everything from cell phones to parts of the Berlin Wall. As someone described as a lifelong "bleeding heart liberal," I've always believed that marriage is a right that should be enjoyed by anyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and religious views so long as the parties involved are of legal age and the union is consensual. That being said, the concept of marrying an inanimate object seems ludicrous given that inanimate objects are not sentient beings that can voice consent. The in the process. argument can certainly

first be made that if someone marries an object that marriage should be respected so long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

It's a sentiment I agree with but at the same The state subsequently time, those who say it's off the sight of someone marrying or fornicating an object, we should take it as a cry for help without going about in a patronizing way.

The Hindustan Times, one of India's top news sources started in part by Mahatma Gandhi, reports that psychological evaluations of those suffering from objectophilia suggest that mental illness is a crucial factor in making someone attracted to an object.

Loving and marrying foolproof one-sided relationship in which people with fragile or unstable egos can use an object to fulfill a romantic or sexual need and not to worry about getting rejected. For some people, it's convenient and easier to attach oneself to an object that can never say no as opposed to having a relationship with a human being that entails the risk of heartbreak. People should have more faith in humanity and risk getting hurt. Putting yourself out there to make friends or find romantic partners scan result in heartbreak and repeated failures but if you turn your back on humans altogether, you rob yourself of a beautiful friendship or relationship that could have been. Objects will never laugh. Objects will never cry. Objects will never give you a newborn child or congratulate you on graduation day. In the end, I'd rather get hurt by a thousand people looking for the one that's right for me instead of cowering to the artificial comfort of an object that will only provide unrequited love. The second you marry an object is the moment you stop being human.

The list-driven website, Ranker, has an article on 15 people who are married to objects. The article lists a wide variety of interesting objects

People made fun

There are plenty of objects that these men and women have given their heart to.

that these people have married.

One man is married to a steam engine train, one woman is married to a roller coaster.

There are plenty of objects that these men and women have given their heart to.

However, these aren't people legally married to their companions.

According to FactMyth, people can't legally marry an object, but some people like to think they are and stage it like a man named Lee Jin-gyu who married his pillow in 2010.

It's my own belief that it's wrong to discourage people from marrying objects.

While some may think it's impossible to of him for taking a pillow on a date, but the thing is, he was happy and his smile looked genuine.

When you have a relationship with a human being, there are going to be ups and downs but it's great to be with someone who's connected you physically to and mentally.

However, when you're in a relationship with а human being, cheating is a possibility.

There are going to be challenges you're going to face such as finding the time to hang out or getting through arguments.

An object will never cheat on you.

If you're in a relationship with your

However, I'm sure everyone has some sort of affection to an object or two in their lifetime.

There are various video games and music CDs I grew up playing and listening to that are very nostalgic and sentimental to me.

These items don't have any feelings toward me, but I do have feelings for them because they remind me of good memories.

Those memories become emotions I deeply cherish.

If you ever want to marry your laptop, your phone or a sexdoll, then you should have the rights to do so.

It's time we legalize object marriage.

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Smith are possibly just seemingly turning a blind eye to a mental health crisis.

The American Psychological Association

Rejection from another person of any kind can lead to overattachment with an inanimate object which then manifests itself into a dependency.

recognizes and defines object sexualism as a defense mechanism typically used by people with a broken faith in humans.

Rejection from another person of any kind can lead to overattachment with an inanimate object which then manifests itself into a dependency.

The truth of the matter is that the object sexualism is more tragic than it is amusing.

To reiterate, there's nothing inherently wrong with marrying your car or a wall as long as you don't harm others

But rather than brush

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Ex-felons should have the right to vote



Nora Ramirez STAFF WRITER

American ex-felons should have the right to vote because they are citizens of the country.

It has been common in the United States to make felons ineligible to vote, sometimes even permanently.

This tactic was adopted by the English colonizers from Roman and Frankish legal traditions and since then has been a way to punish felons, ac-

zens and so their interest in voting decreases as they feel rejected by society.

tencing Project, an on- ed that disenfranchised line site that works for ex-felons are dispropora fair and effective U.S. tionately African-Amercriminal justice system, ican males," reducing "More than 6 million the possibility of Africitizens will be ineligible can-Americans represento vote in the midterm tation and their needs elections in Novem- in society. ber 2018 because of a felony conviction." State approachcording to the case study es to convicted felon five times the rate of

It is crucial to encourage our fellow Americans whether convicted or not to cast their vote in political elections.

Criminal disenfranchisement reform in California by Michael C. Campbell.

After being convicted prisoners become disenfranchised, deprived of the right to vote.

Though some states have gone through the restoration of voting rights for convicted felons, they might be seen irresponsible citias

ACROSS

10. WW1 plane

15. African virus

16. Meal in a shell

14. Lawn mower brand

17. Prima donna problems

32. Something to shoot for

20. A float on a seaplane

23. Website address

33. Close-knit group

38. Christian holy book

18. Money paid for a service

1. Faux pas

22. Accord

24. Chose

25. Abasement

34. Not bottom

37. Mobile phone

39. Tropical tuber

41. Move furtively

45. Descendant

50. Opinion poll

53. Disheveled

43. The act of noticing

40. Terminate

42. Pugilist

49. Emote

5. Burly

vary tremendously.

In about 20 years, 23 states have amended upstanding felony disenfranchisement policies to reduce can vote. restrictions and expand voter eligibility.

criminal history cannot vote or register to vote.

This means those who are serving jail time or are under parole with California Departthe ment of Corrections and Rehabilitation as stated by the California Secretary of State are ineligible.

In the study "Felon Disenfranchisement and Voter Turnout" by Thomas J. Miles stated that "numer-According to The Sen- ous observers have not-

> However, African-Americans are incarcerated more than whites, as stated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

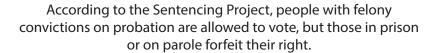
This reduces the voting turnout of minority groups.

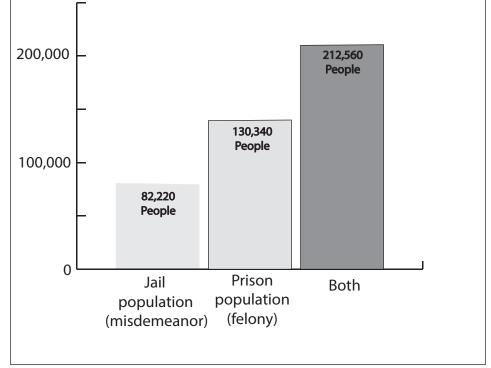
We live in a democracy, in a country that grants and inspires its citizens to exercise their right to vote.

Why are convicted felons not voting? Many disenfranchisement conservative groups argue that people need to first prove that they are members of society before they

There shouldn't be any limitations. Their experi-In the state of Cal- ences and points of view ifornia, people with a are necessary to better the country.

If ex-felons can't vote, the government will fail Number of felons unable to vote





SOURCE: SENTENCING PROJECT, INFOGRAPHIC BY NORA RAMIREZ

in improving their communities and will never hear their needs.

New York Times' writer Farah Stockman stated in her story "They Served Their Time. Now They're Fighting for Other Ex-Felons to Vote," that ex-felons in Texas are pushing political power by going door to door to encourage ex-felons to vote.

"This is an entirely new voting bloc," Mr. Huerta said, who now represents his area on a statewide organizing committee for the Democratic Party in Texas. "It's a political game-changer for struggling communities," Stockman's article states.

Ex-felons not only need to break the stereotypes they face because of their time in jail.

They also need to create political power in this country to represent themselves.

However, this process is very difficult to do, especially if you have conservatives who go against this idea.

Ex-felons find them-

selves jobless and rejected in their own country.

Nonetheless, there are various programs like the California Reentry Program and the Center Force which aim to help ex-felons and their families find a place in society.

It is crucial to encourage our fellow Americans whether convicted or not to cast their vote in political elections. Their voice is needed.

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SPORTS



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Members of SJSU's women's soccer team celebrate around freshman defender Haleigh Wynne after she scored the only goal of the Mountain West Championship match.

SJSU secures Mountain West title

By Gabriel Mungaray SPORTS EDITOR

The San Jose State University women's soccer team shut out the University of New Mexico 1-0 to win the Mountain West Conference title Saturday night at the Spartan Soccer Complex. This is the Spartans second conference title

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in the last four seasons with the last appearance coming in 2015. The team received an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and will face UCLA on the road on Nov. 9.

In front of a rowdy crowd and with both teams having played three games in five days, the need to get off to a fast start was huge.

The No.3 seed Lobos Spartans' defense as the

Spartans' half of the field. The Spartans proceeded to do the same in hopes of getting the crucial goal to jump out to an early lead in the conference championship match.

just short in the first 20 minutes, the Spartans finally broke through as freshman defender Haleigh Wynne struck a shot just outside the goal box and over the head of Lobos' junior goalkeeper Emily Johnson to give SJSU the early 1-0 in the 23rd minute.

Spartans' head coach Lauren Hanson explained the importance of getting that early goal, especially from a freshman in the biggest game of the season to date.

"It was such a big moment for her. I mean it's so special to have her come up big for us," Hanson said. "She has come up big for us in some other games too like against UNLV and Nevada on the road and those are huge games and people don't realize that, but that is really special."

Wynne also went through a wide range of emotions as she scored the first and only goal in the championship match.

"I was super hyped and I knew we had a lot were not fazed by the of game left, so it definitely was a whole team effort and I wouldn't be anywhere without team continuously peppered shots in the Frankie, so it was a big win for us and I am super excited to move on," Wynne said.

The Lobos continued to fire shots

the rest of the second half, Simoneau proved why she would be named the Mountain West Conference tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Simoneau made two crucial saves in the 74th and 87th minute to preserve the Spartans' lead and their conference title aspirations.

With the final whistle blow, both the Spartans' bench and home crowd rushed the field to celebrate the team's win. "I mean it's so special right we have a very young group. We played up to nine freshmen and sophomores all season long and a lot of injuries at the beginning of the season and it's very hard for a young group to go through that and continue grind and grow and lead," Hanson said. "We have a phrase that's called 'kaizen,' which means continuous improvement and just kind of believed in that all season long."

Simoneau recorded her 11th clean sheet of the season, adding to her already shutout record while also receiving MWC tournament MVP honors and being one of four Spartans to be named to the Mountain West All-Tournament Team.

conference play.

"I told our team before the game we are the best defense in the conference, have 10 shutouts all season long and eight in conference play and we just work hard," Hanson said. "It's defense that wins championships, so you go out and defend your tails off and you get one goal and you win the game."

The three other Spartans that were named to the Mountain West All-Conference Team were junior forward Jamilecxth Becerra, junior defender Kristen Amarikwa and sophomore forward Natasha Harris.

With a number of the players originating from Los Angeles, coach Hanson believes there will be a strong Spartan fan base for their first-round matchup against UCLA.

"We're feeling excited. I mean half of our team is from Southern California, so we should have a ton of fans there," Hanson said. "Obviously they are going to be excited to play in front of their families and it's a great experience to go down there and play the Bruins who are great and for us, we have a great defense and we will be rested finally and we're going to

The first big save of the night came from Spartans' senior goalkeeper Paige Simoneau as she made a kick save off of a Lobos' corner kick in the 15th minute.

The tide seemed to turn in favor of SISU as the team began getting the ball out wide and serving the ball in the box as they so often do when looking to score a quick goal.

After several scoring chances coming up

Simoneau as the first half came to a close, but the senior goalkeeper was able to get SJSU to halftime leading 1-0 and just one half away from bringing home the conference title.

Being just 45 minutes away from getting crowned Mountain West Conference champions, the Spartans looked to play an ultra-defensive game in the second half to protect their 1-0 lead over the Lobos.

Though this defensive strategy worked for

The senior goalkeeper spoke about what go in and compete hard." this championship victory and earning con-

was of her team. "I feel great. My team did most of the hard work for me and I just feel amazing and super blessed to be here," Simoneau said.

ference MVP meant to her and how proud she

With a team that prides itself on defense and being no strangers to shutting out teams, this was the Spartans' 11th shutout on the season and their eighth shutout in

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UPCOMING GAME

SJSU @ UCLA Nov. 9, 6 p.m.

Spartans preach 'defense' for upcoming season

By Melody Del Rio STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University women's basketball team is looking to have a bounceback season and an increase in wins for both conference and overall record.

Last year the team had a 4-14 record in the Mountain West conference.

Last season, the team consisted of mostly lower classmen, having only one junior and two seniors on the team. This year the team consists of three freshmen, six sophomores, four juniors and one senior.

"Every year a player is in a program they're getting better," head coach Jamie Craighead said. "They've played a lot of significant minutes as freshmen and they got to experience what it was like to play at this level."

Craighead said that she is expecting big things from the newcomers on the team as well as the returning players.

"The urgency and paste of the game, which is new for them, they're capable of doing a lot of things on the court. They've put in the work in off season to get prepared for this season," Craighead said.

Though the team is made up of majority of returning players, sophomore Cydni Lewis guarantees that this season they're a new and improved team.

"This year we have a different mindset," Lewis said. "Last year, with only winning seven games, that hurt us and put a bad look. I feel like coming in this season, we're more hungry."

Lewis feels the team has grown because they're more active defensively and offensively. Lewis also believes that last season's experience helped the team grow and know what to expect in collegiate level. She mentioned that the team is encouraged to move the ball in a fast pace as often preached by coach Craighead.

"We play up-tempo, it's

an exciting style to watch," Craighead said. "Our players play really hard. They play with San Jose on the front of their jerseys and they don't have a name on the back because we're playing for San Jose State only."

Sophomore Megan Anderson recorded the program's single-season record for 3-point shooting percentage, shooting at a 43 percent clip. She now has more than offense on her mind coming into her second season with the Spartans.

"It feels great to have those records, I couldn't have done it without my teammates but nothing is promised this season," Anderson said. "I want to do more than just shoot; I want to improve on defense. Like coach said, we know we can score so we have to get stops on the defensive end."

Anderson said that the team is closer than ever. She mentioned that the chemistry is better because they know each other both on and off



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Spartans sophomore guard Megan Anderson shoots a 3-point shot over an UNLV defender in the team's 80-53 loss last season.

the court and it's leading to a stronger team offensively and defensively.

Anderson summed up her team with three words: energetic, passionate and hard-working. As for Lewis, she said hunger was the best word to describe the coming up season.

"I feel like we're hungry this year. We're ready to go

and prove people wrong. Our energy is up, we've been practicing since July," Lewis said.

Tonight's season opener will display what these ladies have been working hard for and hope to accomplish this season.

"We're better defensively. You won't be bored if you come to the games, we will give you lots to cheer for," Craighead said.

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UPCOMING GAME

SFSU vs. SJSU Nov. 6, 7 p.m.