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# Photos persist despite ban

## Recreation center policy prohibits photography within facilities

By Cindy Cuellar and Jozy Prabhu

STAFF WRITERS

Students are prohibited from taking photos or video inside the Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center, unless they have prior approval, per the handbook they agree to before using the facilities.

The rule is one of several regulations within the center's membership handbook.

Shawn Clarke, spartan recreation and aquatic center facilities manager, said students are "not supposed to" take photos or videos on their phones while in the

When asked about how many students read the membership handbook, Clarke declined to comment.

There's no photography or videography allowed inside without prior approval by the associate director or assistant director, according to the Photography and Technology section of the handbook's General Policies chapter.

Taking photos or video in the locker rooms and restrooms is prohibited at all

"When I registered, nobody told me about that [policy]," said Luke Yang, a graduate student of human factors and ergonomics.

Out of 20 students the Spartan Daily surveyed, 18 didn't know about the policy, while seven took videos or photographs

I know for a fact I won't stop taking pictures.

> **Christian Jimenez** international business junior

Clarke said if they saw anyone taking photos or videos in the center with any type of camera or a cellular device, they would ask them to stop and quote the

Civil engineering senior Stephanie Nguyen and mechanical engineering senior Chris Arzadon said they have been actively attending gyms since high school and understood the policy.

"I feel like it's almost respectful to not take photos while being in the gym," Arzadon said.

However, some students believe the policy will not deter people from posting a selfie or clip from their workout.

"Since Snapchat is such a heavy influence and a big form of communication, I don't think people are going to stop taking photos," said international business junior Christian Jimenez. "I know for a fact I won't stop taking pictures."

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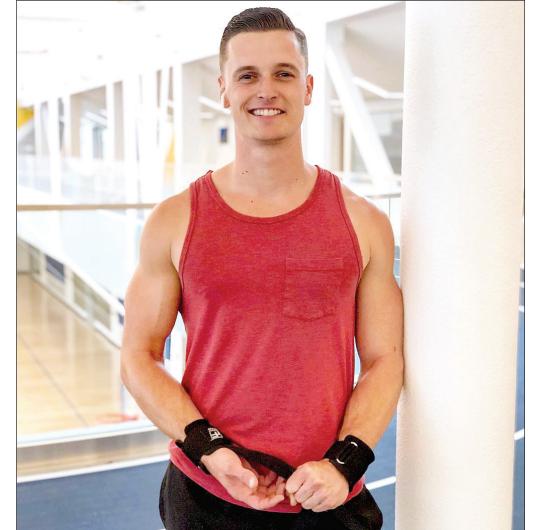


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Kinesiology senior Dalton Chamberlain poses for a photo inside the Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center for his fitness Instagram account, @dac.fit. Chamberlain said he did not receive prior approval before taking his photo.

## Tagalog class scheduled for fall semester

**By Roman Contreras** 

STAFF WRITER

Jose State, advertising Tyrell sophomore Malonzo has made it his personal mission to bring Philippines. a Tagalog class into the course catalog.

This upcoming fall semester, Malonzo will achieve his goal.

"I knew that if I was gonna go to college and there wasn't a Tagalog class at the university I attended, I was going to

fight for it," said Malonzo. SJSU students will have

the option to take TAG Since starting at San 1A, next fall. The course will cover four units, and teach students the most

Malonzo has been class on the SJSU campus since the spring of his freshman year.

department chair of world did too," said Malonzo. language, [Dr. Damian Bacich] and he told me he goal, Malonzo created saw that I wanted this, but a petition and reached

I knew that if I was gonna go to college and there prominent language of the wasn't a Tagalog class at the university I attended, I was trying to get a Tagalog going to fight for it.

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"I talked with the he wanted to see if others out to linguistics majors contacted by Dr. Yasue and friends to spread the Yanai,

Tyrell Malonzo

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sophomore

Additionally, he asked for the support of several student organizations, that the curriculum had including Akbayan, a predominantly Filipinopetition.

department chair.

Following summer vacation, Malonzo was an associate professor of world languages & literature at SJSU, who notified him

been established.

"I got an email that we American organization, had to start immediately many of whom signed the in the fall term and I was on a time crunch By the end of his and needed to find a campaign, Malonzo had professor. I reached out amassed 150 signatures, to organizations in San which he presented to the Francisco, Davis, Santa Cruz, here in Silicon Valley and even Southern California," Malonzo said.

> Malonzo said eventually all things worked out, and he is excited for the

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## San Jose Fire aims to recruit more women



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Firefighter and paramedic Cassie Loessberg (left) is the lone woman in a row of graduates ready to enter the next tier of their profession in firefighting.

**By Cora Wilson** STAFF WRITER

San Jose Fire Department will be holding a women's boot camp on Saturday, May 18, at the fire department's training center, to help recruit women in the San interested in exploring a career in the fire service.

"We are underrepresented in female firefighters," said Mitchell Matlow, public information officer for the fire department. "Some of the female staff came up with this idea so that we could get more women interested in careers in the fire service."

This event is a part of San Jose Fire Department's "Vision 2023" plan, which aims to "actively recruit a talented and diverse workforce consistent with the Organizational Values Statement."

Matlow said this plan was put in place to help recruit more department members to match the makeup of the San Jose community.

"San Jose Fire is unique Jose community who are among the Bay Area fire departments. We are the 8th largest city in America and we serve one of the most diverse populations in the country," said San Jose firefighter Corey Condren.

Condren was a paramedic for four years before joining the department as a firefighter more than four years ago. Now stationed with Engine 2 in East Side San Jose, she is one of the creators of the boot camp.

"Through hosting this boot camp, we are hoping to get some local women who are interested in a career in the fire service. Bilinguals, ethnically diverse, different socioeconomic backgrounds, varying education levels," said Condren over email.

Condren mentioned that this boot camp will help to create one of the most diverse work forces in the country and will serve one of the most diverse communities in the country.

Condren said the fire department currently has no Latina women and very few African-American or Asian women. Condren feels that to serve the San Jose community, this needs to change.

"Women bring an entirely new dynamic to the fire

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start of the course this upcoming fall semester.

"It's dope [the class] because it brings equal representation of another group," marketing senior Kevin Luu said.

SJSU offers majors in Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish and offers classes in several other languages.

Classes in other Asian languages, such as Japanese and Chinese, have been incorporated into SJSU curriculum for at least two decades, according to the world languages department Dr. Bacich.

Speakers of Tagalog in the United States have increased from 474,150 people in 1980 to 1,573,720 people in 2010, according to U.S. census data.

Bringing a Tagalog class to the SJSU campus important Malonzo because of the

"The worst part was that I never got to communicate properly with my grandparents before they passed away, and I don't want that for anyone else."

> **Tyrell Malonzo** advertising sophomore

separation he felt from Filipino culture.

"There's a lot of cultural disconnect. It's much harder to maintain, preserve and love our culture than it has been before, simply because many of us are first generation Filipino-Americans," said Malonzo.

This disconnect affected Malonzo greatly due to the barrier in communication between himself and much of his family.

"The worst was that I never got to communicate properly with my grandparents before they passed away, and I don't want that for anyone else," Malonzo said.

Malonzo said he is grateful for all the help the faculty provided, because the course would not have been made possible without it.

For students, Malonzo hopes the class will down cultural barriers and keep Filipino families connected.

"I hope this class will ensure that people can live their culture through their language, and be able to preserve it, and share it with their kids," said Malonzo.

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Mary Gutierrez, former Battalion Chief for San Jose Fire Department and current Division Chief for Gilroy Fire Department, gives commands to a firefighter at a structure fire.

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service. When people think of firefighters, they have been conditioned to think of a big, muscle bound man; books, tv shows, and movies haven't helped. But they can achieve that just isn't accurate," Condren said.

Condren said that there are currently 16 women and 700 men in the San Jose Fire Department, putting females at approximately 2.3% of the total firefighters in San Jose.

"Because there are so few women who work in the fire industry - in comparison to the number of men -I think there is a type of fear that is preventing many from getting involved," said Ginger Galey who plans on attending the boot camp and is currently an EMT-B (Emergency Medical Technician-Basic)

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> **Corey Condren** San Jose firefighter

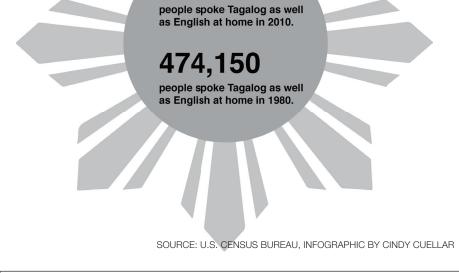
for American Medical Response. "I think that this boot camp will help to knock down some of those fears and motivate more women to apply with the fire department," Galey said.

"The day will start with a 90-minute circuit training workout where the women will see what ordinary physical training is like in the academy," Condren said. Following the workout, the women will attend a question and answer session where some of the speakers will include the first female firefighter ever hired by the San Jose Fire Department, a gold medalist and the fire chief.

At the end of the day, the women will have free time to talk with the female firefighters and ask anything they want. There will also be a fire truck and fire engine at the event so the women can get hands-on experience with lifting the tools, hose and turnout equipment.

"Whether they eventually join the fire service or not -I hope they do – I want the women who attend the boot camp to understand that they can achieve anything they put their minds to," said Condren. "In the words of Queen B . . . 'Who rules the world? Girls."

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## **Corrections**

On Wednesday, May 1, the Spartan Daily published an article titled "Club vs. intramural: Choose your team" where Isabella Vargas was misidentified and was the person who spends \$300 per year on gymnastics.

An article titled "'Avengers: Endgame' smashes records," contained a misspelling of Scarlett Johansson's name.

Spartan Daily regrets these errors.

## **Getting it right –**

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# Aly & AJ drop new potential hit song

By Myla La Bine **COPY EDITOR** 

It took too long. It took way too long for Aly & AJ to come back.

That's what thought until the sister released new single, "Don't Go Changing," on April 26.

In August 2017 when former Disney Channel stars released their first single in more than 10 years.

A few months later, the sister duo independently released an EP aptly titled "Ten Years" to commemorate amount of time they'd been away from the music industry.

With an '80s-inspired synth-pop sound, they created something very different from their previous pop/rock hits from the mid-2000s, "Rush" and "Potential Breakup Song."

"Don't Go Changing" is the second single for their new EP, "Sanctuary," which drops on Friday.

Opening with a light synth beat, the track immediately pulls you in with its personal lyrics.

"Here you go again, acting like a stranger / Not used to your lips pullin' away / I built up your life, always in your corner / Always pullin' for ya," older sister Aly Michalka sings at

The song is about not wanting someone you love to change and



Aly & AJ drop their third single that will lead up to their upcoming EP, "Sanctuary," which debuts on May 10.

reassuring them that they're good enough.

It's my favorite of the songs they've come out with recently because of its catchy chorus and message of being true to yourself.

You'll find it extremely difficult not to sing along and bop your head after the first listen.

It would've played quite well as the upbeat end credits song to an '80s romantic teen comedy.

synthesizers in the background of the chorus blend well with the sisters' voices. distracting, sizzle-like sounds because you're focused on what the song is trying to say.

In all of their newer music, the choruses feel large and particularly

memorable. It's almost as though you're listening to it your headphones.

While the two sisters were known for writing music during their You hardly notice the Disney days, their recent tracks have felt more authentic and from the heart.

> Without the restrictions of a record label and wanting to appeal to the masses, they've had more freedom to make music highly anticipated new that they want.

However, there are some drawbacks as live rather than through their releases aren't she dropped.

as frequent and have unfortunately only come out in extended play formats.

That gamble has certainly paid off though, as "Don't Go Changing" is one of their best tracks of the past two years.

Though the track was quietly released on the same day as Taylor Swift's single, it's significantly better than the pastel, bubblegum pop nonsense

#### single review

"Don't Go Changing"

Rating: \*\*\*\*

**Artist:** Aly & AJ **Release Date:** Apr. 26, 2019 Genre: Synth-pop

The duo's comeback hasn't been as publicized as some other artists, but it's been incredibly satisfying for someone who has been a fan since the age of seven.

Aly & AJ have somehow managed to make music that speaks 21-year-old me without alienating the elementary school kid inside who sang along to "Potential Breakup Song."

I do wish that the sisters' comeback was more heavily reported on in the media. I'm sure many of you remember them, but had no idea they were still making music.

My hope is that with this review, they'll no longer be my little secret.

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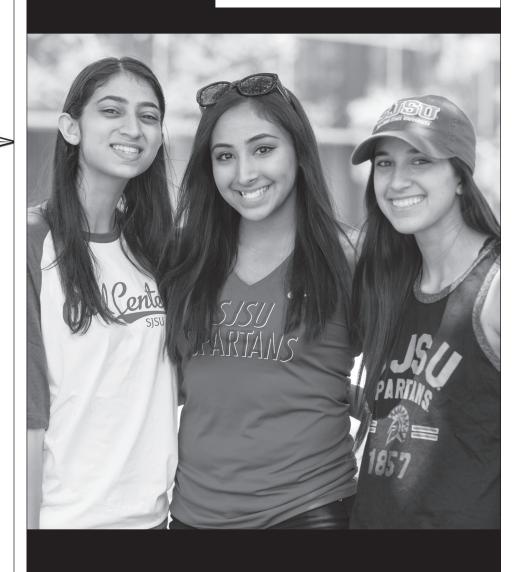
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## We need to seize the means of production



On April 26, a sizable crowd of San Jose State students, faculty and alumni witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony on the site of the soon-to-be Interdisciplinary Science Building. The lavish ceremony featured balloons, a stage, snacks and refreshments for those in attendance.

The Spartan Daily reported that the state of the art eight-story building will cost approximately \$181 million of CSU-allotted money to build. The news came just days after the opening of yet extravagant structure on campus, the new Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center (SRAC).

According to the Spartan Daily the 128,000-square-foot SRAC cost \$130 million to build. While the center was funded in part through private donations, corporate donors, the Tower Foundation and alumni, much of the costs were again supplemented by CSU funds.

While there's nothing inherently wrong with spending university funds on new, state-ofthe-art facilities such as the SRAC that help with student health and wellness, the argument remains that perhaps said funds aren't being spent with the

proper prioritization.

San Jose State, like many other California State University campuses, struggles with the ever-growing issues of student homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, increased costs of living and food insecurity.

While the university has most definitely responded to such crises as seen through the implementation of the Spartan Food Pantry, students continue to go hungry and seek intervention from new [Interdisciplinary] the university.

One outstanding example of students raising hell to finally spur a well-merited reaction from the university was the rally held by the Student Homeless Alliance (SHA) on March 4.

In addition to the of affordable on-campus food and affordable meal plans, some of the what the university does spend money on can appear rather unnecessary.

definitely feel the university is spending money it doesn't have. I get what they're trying to do with the events and the new buildings, but with the knowledge of student poverty, just seems really tone deaf," history junior Kelby Sellers.

"Plus things like the



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Science Building show favoritism among majors. Like Duncan is for sure old and shitty, but

and hired professionals to man them to make snow fall on Tower Lawn.

With student food in-

For a university that can afford to spend more than \$301 million on two new structures alone, I for one would like to see more of these funds allocated toward combating student hunger.

so are most of the other buildings like Dudley Moorhead Hall, and we aren't getting anything new," Sellers added.

Earlier this semester, the student fee-funded Associated Students hosted a "snow day" in which representatives of A.S. rented snowmaking machines security and homelessness growing as rampant as it is, why does the Associated Students insist on spending hundreds of dollars on extravagances such as making it "snow" on Tower Lawn?

The event made for a fun spectacle as students frolicked in the man-made snow in the middle of late winter in California. However, not all students took kindly to the splurge of tuition-funded revenue used only for making snow.

Several critics on Twitter such as @WardenInTheNorth stated their grievances saying, "Students are literally going hungry and homeless out here but count our lucky stars that we have snow!"

Satirical and sarcastic comments such as these are not without due cause.

Though no official expense was released for how much the "snow day" cost, Quora reports that a snowmaking machine costs \$300 per hour to rent on average.

While using university funding toward recreation and entertainment is not uncommon, perhaps such money can be spent toward something more meaningful such as designated safe parking spots for students forced to live out of their cars.

For a university that can afford to spend more than \$301 million on two new structures alone, I for one would like to see more of these funds allocated toward combating student hunger and homelessness.

I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. Let's use the money we have to eradicate student homelessness and hunger and then we can worry about our precious fake snow.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR** 

## An open letter to the Spartan Daily

Spartan Daily published a two-page spread entitled "Who We Are: Arabs in America." On the large, colored map of the Middle East accompanying the article, Israel is literally erased. That is an act of hostility towards the Jewish community of San Jose State University.

Nor is the map the only issue. A piece entitled "Media bias buries millennia of history" argues that a fire at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which occurred the same week as the Notre Dame fire, went unreported due to anti-Arab prejudice. It does not mention that the fire was quickly contained and did little damage, or that it was indeed reported, including in Newsweek.

The piece falsely accuses Israeli archaeologists of harming the Al-Aqsa Mosque and writes they are looking for "an ancient Jewish presence." This is pointedly put in quotation marks, as if a Jewish presence in ancient Jerusalem is somehow in question. Another erasure. There is the the inflammatory statement that "Many critics of the

that the excavations are an excuse to destroy the mosque and replace it with a temple." This is totally false. It presents the tiny "Third Temple" movement as mainstream and supported by the Israeli government. This is untrue and inflammatory. If an "opinion piece" implied that statements of Al-Qaeda represented majority Muslims, would this not be Islamophobia?

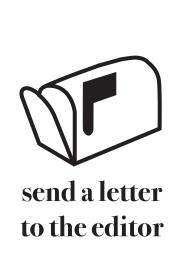
According to the article, Israeli settlers "broke into" the Haram al-Sharif. It is clear that the offense is the very presence of Jews in the Haram al-Sharif. There seems to be something about Jews that somehow makes a holy space unholy. There is only one word for this:

anti-Semitism. This is not an isolated incident. The Spartan Daily has incessantly published anti-Israel pieces, while ignoring Jewish and Israeli themed events, and not making the slightest effort at balanced reporting. Last year, in an issue devoted to Valentine's Day, there was an anti-

On April 25, 2019, the Israeli occupation argue Israel piece (Feb. 14, 2018). A response (Feb. 20, 2018) issue pointed out its many falsehoods. This did not lead to an apology or retraction or a change in policy. There seems no theme in which the paper cannot attack Zionism. In the May 2 issue, the Spartan Daily included an anti-Israel attack, in which the false and inflammatory claim is made that Israel genocide commits and apartheid in an issue with the theme of homelessness.

The outrageous attacks on Israel and the Jewish Community are hurtful and dangerous. Words can inspire hatred and incite violence.

By the following members of the Jewish Faculty and Association: Toby Adelman, Stephen Branz, Deborah Estreicher, Phil Heller, Linda Landau, Laura Rodan, Jonathan Roth and Ken Youngman. Endorsed by Jewish Student Union, Students Supporting Israel of SJSU, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity of San Jose State University Hillel of Silicon Valley and Chabad of SJSU.



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# How to take care of my dead body



In a world of seven billion and counting humans, nobody likes to talk about death especially not what to do to prepare for it.

Ultimately however, death catches up to everybody and we're faced with the question: what are we going to do with the body?

When it comes to disposing people's bodies after death, green burials should be the route everyone goes through.

According to the environmental website Ecology, there are "four births each second of the day," so knowing how to manage land use is becoming a bigger concern.

should We be conducting more green burial methods because we don't have enough space on our land to continue burying people underground.

The movement away from traditional burials has already began to take place.

According to National Funeral Association, Directors 61% of Americans would choose cremation. While that is a good step towards efficient land use, it's not environmentally friendly.

Health website, Very Health wrote that, "While cremation generally reduces land the cremation itself process



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however, are done in a biodegradable fashion, which allows body to decompose naturally and benefit the environment.

If green burials don't sound appealing yet, then take a look at the price tags.

According to Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance website, people end up overspending for traditional funeral costs, due to the timeliness and quickness their arrangements.

"The average [traditional] funeral costs between \$7,000 and \$9,000," the website states, "This includes viewing and burial, basic service fees, transporting remains to a funeral home, a

casket, embalming, and other preparation."

In comparison to a traditional funeral, the average cremation costs are less, from about \$6,000 to \$7,000.

While the price is an improvement, it still is a heavy cost for a grieving family to afford.

The reason traditional funerals cost so much is because the embalming process is so expensive.

"Embalming is a process in which blood is drained from the and replaced with fluids that delay disintegration," according to legal information website Nolo.

The process itself is not environmentally friendly, as it contains the chemical

formaldehyde which is a carcinogen according to the finance new website Money Crashers.

Embalming, contrary to public belief, is not required for dead bodies. Many are not aware of this fact and are not given this information due to the quick nature of funerals.

Green burials skip the embalming process and therefore take away a big chunk of the funeral cost.

News website, Money Crashers states that, "A biodegradable casket costs, at most, a couple hundred dollars, and a shroud or homemade quilt can cost a few dollars or nothing at all.

Making the greener choice for these two options alone can save you over \$3,000."

In an article by the finance and business website, MarketWatch, the interest in green burials has become more popular.

64% of adults aged 40 or older in 2015 from 43% in 2010 prefer green burials, according to an April Funeral and Memorial Information Council study.

Hopefully by the time I die, there will be multiple trees from other green burials that will surround my own dead remains.

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### Hopefully by the time I die, there will be multiple trees from other green burials that will surround my own dead remains.

Besides the fact it's morbid to think about my own burial, I've decided that a green burial would be the practical the scope of efficient land usage.

potentially, airborne emissions that harm the atmosphere."

The process cremation also uses fossil fuels, which is counterproductive.

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# Dynamic duo makes All-Mountain West

Men's golf aims to qualify for NCAA Championship Thursday at the Austin Regional

By Adam Yoshikawa STAFF WRITER

With easy swings and low-shooting scores, senior Kevin Velo and junior Sean Yu are two of 11 student athletes named to the All-Mountain West team for men's golf.

"It's a pretty big honor," Velo said. "I think we we're both looking for Player of the Year, but it's pretty cool to be named to the team for sure."

"We've been working so hard year after year and to [have] finally gotten the award feels amazing," Yu said.

Leading their team with consistent low scores, Velo and Yu stay humble.

They explained that they don't find themselves as distinguished leaders of the team, but continue to lead by example.

Velo leads the team in stroke average at 71.40 in 11 tournaments and has eight top-20 individual finishes. Eight of those tournaments he was in the top-10 four times.

Velo is a business marketing major with one semester left, with hopes to turn professional and play in the European tour.

Yu is a communications major and by using the training





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(Left) Junior golfer Sean Yu drives at the 73rd Western Intercollegiate. (Right) Senior captain Kevin Velo putts during the Mountain West Championship. Both will be competing in the NCAA Austin Regional Thursday.

facilities more and more, he only sees his golf game going up.

Starting his golf career late for a college golfer, Velo began playing at the age of 12. When his aunt brought him to the driving range, he instantly fell in love with it.

He quit playing baseball and turned his baseball swing into a golf swing his sophomore year of high school.

Velo's best finish of rounds through the

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the season was second at the Bandon Dunes Championship with a three-day total of 213.

He showcased his high level of consistency by not having any above-par

three rounds.

According to the May 1 Golfstat report, Velo is ranked 148th nationally among 1,200 other NCAA Division I men's golfers.

He also leads the team in rounds under off of each others

par with 14, rounds of level par at eight and total rounds of par or better golf with 22.

In the effort to keep their consistency, Yu believes that the duo, as well as the team, just has to keep doing what they're doing-putting in the hard work by practicing around 40 hours per week for the year-round sport.

"We're [the team] Fayetteville, Ark. very competitive players. We feed

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energy," Yu said.

Yu's father brought him to a driving range at the age of nine, introducing him to the sport.

He finds himself only improving more and more as he plays using the new training facility built in 2017 specifically for San Jose State golf.

"I definitely see myself improving and only getting better and better," Yu said.

Yu trails close behind Velo in stroke average with 71.84 this season.

Yu has six top-20 finishes with a best finish of second place, finishing eight under par at the 73rd Western Intercollegiate.

SJSU golf coach John Kennaday is extremely proud of his team and the duo.

"They've been through a lot, you know, and to see them overcome and persevere. I doubt there's a coach in the land more proud," Kennaday said.

On Thursday, the team is attending the Austin Regional for the first time since 2012.

If they place in the top five, they will qualify for the NCAA championship at the end of the month in

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