**CAMPUS** 

# Candlelight vigil held in honor of freshman

By Jasmine Leyva @leyvalev3

Tragedy struck the San Jose State community Sunday, Feb. 9 when UPD found a male resident dead in his dorm room in Joe West Hall at 2:45 p.m.

A message on MySJSU was sent out at 11:37 p.m. Sunday by Andy Feinstein, interim provost and vice president of student affairs, briefly informing students of the incident.

SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi identified the deceased student as Brenden Tiggs, a freshman, in an email sent to students and faculty Mon-

The cause of death has vet to be confirmed. The coroner's office is currently investigating, according to Pat Harris, SISU's media relations director.

'Whenever we lose a

student it's a huge tragedy," Harris said.

Erick Duggan, a freshmen digital media art major and resident of Joe West, said he was shocked when he heard the news. "I went out and saw a lot of cop cars."

Duggan said his roommate read aloud the email to him.

On Monday night, a vigil was held in front Joe West in honor of the victim.

"When something happens to one Spartan it happens to all of us," said Gary Daniels, a fourth year political science major and organizer of the vigil.

The event organized by Daniels and Daniel Harris-Lucas, senior public relations major, was announced on Twitter.

Over 100 students and community members attended the vigil with



San Jose State students gather in front of Joe West Hall to hold a vigil for Brenden Tiggs, who was found dead in his dorm room Sunday, Feb. 9.

candles and flowers in hand. Tiggs' high school and college friends spoke about the young man and his attitude toward life.

Students at the vigil wrote notes on a poster in honor of Tiggs.

"The poster is great," said Essence Sellers, a junior communications studies major. "It's carry-

ing on his memory."

Alumnus Junior Bayo performed Kanye West's 'Never Let Me' in spoken

"I'm speechless about the experience, but it brought the campus closer," Sellers said.

After multiple friends spoke in front of the mourning crowd, Harris-

Lucas spoke about Tiggs' death bringing the SJSU community together and do as Tiggs' did every day "smile at someone walking by you."

Fasmine Levva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

**COMMUNITY** 

### Associated students host 'Troop Love' event

Sending troops love



students attended last year



care packages shipped last year





650 +items collected this year

Infographic by Jessica Barajas

By Brandon Chew @bchewphoto

Associated Students is hosting "Love for the Troops" today at the Smith—Carlos lawn where students can write letters to overseas troops and put together small care packages.

Bradyn Blower, A.S. Events Coordinator, said the event was held in the dinning commons last year.

About 100 students attended last year's event and they made and shipped a little over 100 care packages.

Blower said that A.S. partnered with Give2TheTroops last year and will do the same this year to get the care packages and letters to the troops over seas.

This year care package items will include granola bars, Cup Noodles, playing cards, packs of tissues, American flags on sticks, chap stick tubes and the written letters.

Students will also be able to sign a large banner that will be sent with the packages.

Blower said the event is to honor the troops and to bring student veterans and other students closer together.

"Last year most of our attendees were regular students," Blower said.

She said she expects more students will attend this year because of the location of the event and the added out-

"We are hoping the VSO (Veterans Student Organization) is attending, answering questions or going around helping people," Blower said.

Maggie Morales, the recently appointed program director for military and veteran student services, said she felt the event is supposed to "bridge that divide that sometimes may be between general student population and the veteran student population."

Morales said her concern is that there is a social gap that can be connected by having students and student veterans attending these types of

She said her hope for this event is that the VSO and the general student population interact and get to know one another better.

Omar Teutle, marine staff sergeant and a combat veteran, said he believes this event and what A.S. is doing for the troops is great.

"The mission over all, as far as sending care packages, is great because it provides a lot of moral boosting," he said.

He said when he was in combat he recieved a letter from a little girl in Pennsylvania.

The letter thanked him for his services and provided a concern for his own life. He was amazed at how much the little girl understood, and said it made his day.

Blower said that on Give2TheTroops' website they delivered a thank you note from Sergeant Ryan Macuch from the U.S. Army thanking SJSU stu-

dents for their thoughtfulness. Brandon Chew is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

**EVENTS** 

### Former professor to hold lecture about leadership

By Jasmine Leyva @leyvaleyv3

Dr. Peter Koestenbaum, a former San Jose State philosophy and humanities professor, will hold a lecture on Feb. 11 in the engineering auditorium at noon.

The lecture is entitled "Do You Have the Will to Lead? Humanities for Leadership Preparation", and will discuss business philosophy and leadership skills, said Peter Hareas, philosophy depart-

Dr. Koestenbaum was a professor at SJSU for 34 years, teaching in the philosophy and humanities departments. He is the founder and Chairman of Philosophy in Business (PiB) at the Koestenbaum Institute, according to Ahmed Yehia, the chairman and CEO of Quantum Leadership Solutions, LLC and strategic partner of the Koestenbaum Institute and PiB for development.

While working to bring leadership philosophy

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#### Correction

In the Feb. 6 edition, the event in the SpartaGuide called "Love for the troops" was listed incorrectly. The correct event date is Feb. 11.

The Spartan Daily regrets the error.

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### Talk: Speaker to share experiences

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to businesses around the globe, Dr. Koestenbaum is respectably known for the Leadership Diamond, according to Yehia.

Around the diamond is ethics, vision, courage and reality. If moderated in a great setting, then a business can perform at its best due to great leadership, Yehia said.

Yehia said he has known Koestenbaum since 1979.

"I was at American Medical International when Peter was brought in as a teacher to the consulting college," Yehia said. "I attended a course he was teaching in Beverly Hills."

Kostenbaum was a popular professor before he left SJSU in 1986, according to Hadreas.

"There were times when he had about 400 to 500 students in his class," Hadreas said.

Although Hadreas did not work closely with Dr. Koestenbaum, he was aware of his reputation as a professor.

"I did know of his work, for the type of

philosophy that he taught," he said.

Hadreas said Koestenbaum has the capacity to apply his teachings about philosophy and ethics to everyday life.

"He also believes strongly in his message that attitude, character and wisdom learned through humanistic study are as important as job skills earned in university studies," said Christian Jochim, department chair of humanities. "He has dedicated the last half of his life to communicating the message to business, government and national educational leaders."

Koestenbaum's lecture is at SJSU because of a commitment he has to the school that he taught at for 34 years, Jochim said.

Yehia said Koestenbaum is an articulate man and a great mentor.

"I think of Peter as a modern day philosopher, a modern Socrates," Yehia said.

"He is a charismatic presenter with a deep sense of conviction, Jochim said. "Some people will come away from this reevaluating the way they see life."

Jasmine Leyva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

### **Crime Log**

The following items are selected from the University Police Department daily crime log. Times shown are when the incidents were reported to police.

Jan. 28

#### Joe West Hall

At 7:52 p.m. officers were dispatched to report on the welfare of an SJSU affiliate in Joe West Hall. The subject was under detention for 72 hours for evaluation and treatment, then transported to VMC Emergency Psychiatric Services.

Jan. **28** 

#### **South Second Street**

Officers assisted the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) in a robbery investigation at 11:53 p.m. off campus at South Second Street and Paseo De San Antonio. The suspect was arrested by SJPD.

Feb. **02** 

#### **South Fourth Street**

An SJSU affiliate was arrested on East San Fernando and South Fourth Street at 1:42 a.m. The suspect was originally stopped for a traffic violation when officers saw symptoms of intoxication. It was confirmed that the suspect had an outstanding warrant. The suspect was then transported and booked into county jail.

Feb. **03** 

#### Off Campus

A traffic violation led to an arrest at 1:34 a.m. An adult male was found under the influence after failing field sobriety tests. He was placed under arrest for DUI, transported and booked into Santa Clara County Jail.

#### CRIME

### Seattle police arrest man, say he threatened to blow up Jewish center

By Maria L. La Ganga McClatchy Tribune

SEATTLE — Police arrested a former employee of a Jewish student center Monday after the man threatened to blow up the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life at the University of Washington, authorities said.

Police shut down streets surrounding the University District center after Hillel employees called to report that Police shut down streets surrounding the University District center after Hillel employees called to report that the man "threatened to mix toxic chemicals to cause an explosion in the building.

the man "threatened to mix toxic chemicals to cause an explosion in the building," according to the Seattle Police Department website.

Rabbi Oren Hayon,

the Hillel center's executive director, told the Los Angeles Times that "we're not concerned about any anti-Semitic overtones to the threat."

Hayon said he had been asked repeatedly "whether we understood this to be an anti-Semitic action or any kind of threat specifically directed at us because we're a Jewish organization. ... That was not the case."

Shortly before 2 p.m., the suspect made the threat in the Hillel center's basement, authorities said. An employee who heard the threat went upstairs, alerted others in the building and called police. Hayon estimated that there were between 10 and 30 students and staff in the building at the "fitme."

"While one staff mem-

ber was on the phone with authorities, I went through the building and cleared it of students," Hayon said. "Others checked to make sure all the office spaces were cleared. ... Within a minute or two the building was empty and the first responders were on the way."

The suspect had recently been fired from his job at the center, and "after the termination he returned to the building, came in, made some threats," Seattle police spokesman Mark Jamieson told reporters. "Then he immediately went down to the basement where he began mixing some chemicals."

Hayon said that because the investigation was ongoing he could not identify the former employee or discuss possible motives.

Norm Arkans, associate vice president for media relations and communications at the university, said that "disgruntled is a fair word" to describe the man who was arrested.

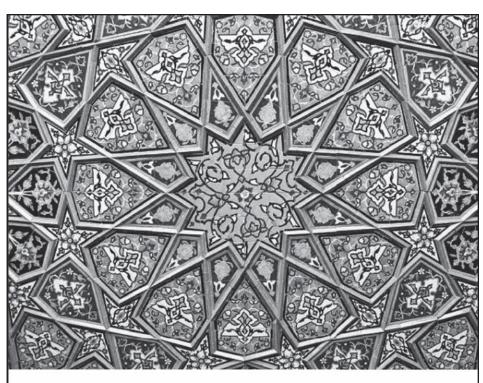
Arkans also noted that although Hillel is "a recognized student organization," it is not a university group. It is located a couple of blocks off campus.

Police closed off traffic in the area around the Hillel center, the Seattle Police Department website said, so they could determine whether the suspect may have "mixed chemicals found in the building to create a toxic gas."

Hayon said that a hazardous materials team sent a chemical-sniffing robot into the Hillel center before allowing authorities inside to investigate. According to police, a SWAT team found the suspect in the basement and arrested him shortly before 3 n m

"Everybody is safe and sound," Hayon said. "The police are still investigating.

"Fortunately everything was deescalated efficiently and safely. ... A few hours later the lights are back on in the building and we're back to business as usual."



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**REVIEW** 

# Feeling nostalgic with old games, live music







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Left: Bay Area band Super Soul Brothers playing in the Soul Lounge during the second day of ROCKAGE 3.0 in the Student Union last Saturday. ROCKAGE 3.0 is an event that hosts indie music along with retro video games. Top right: Sisters Tiffany and Krystle Herbert play arcade games. Bottom right: The Albert Square plays in the Soul Lounge for an overlooking crowd.

By Anthony Nguyen @zerokirby

Last weekend San Jose State alumnus Eric Fanali and his event company, Grand Fanali Presents, held Rockage 3.0, an event that celebrated indie music and retro gaming.

Fanali said he imagined that it would turn out to be a mini version of MAGFest (Music and Gaming Festival), which is held on the

East Coast. Rockage 3.0 was held on the third floor of the Student Union last Friday

through Sunday. The Mosaic Room was used to host speaking panels, the Pacifica room was transformed into an art room and a soul lounge was set up on the landing between the second and third floors of the Student Union.

Two other rooms had game consoles set up and laptop gaming.

Bands performed and arcade and gaming consoles were set up in the Barrett ballroom.

The arcade games included Tron, Road Runner, Gauntlet, Hydra Thunder and several consoles from different generations, such as Colecovision, Nintendo and Genesis.

In the panel room, four people hosted a Dungeons & Dragons reading.

The group followed the first edition of the game and were entertaining because each person was a different character.

There was also a PC gaming room where people played Starcraft and was overshadowed by the Spartan Star League.

A League of Legends screening played for people who were waiting for an event or a band perfor-

Porch, a band from Oakland, played a 50-minute set sharing their distinctive in-

die sound. They performed in the soul lounge and people above the staircase were able

to look down at the band.

Mega Ran, an artist from Philadelphia, raps over chip tune beats which are often synthesized with sound chips of vintage computers

and video game consoles, as well as other methods such as emulation.

He really got the crowd involved with his setlist.

He also performed a song

called "Gotta Believe" from the game "PaRappa The Rapper" with a band called Super Soul Bros and freestyled about random objects the audience showed him.

I really enjoyed this event because I hung out with people and it introduced me to new bands.

I recommend Rockage 3.0 to people who are inter-

ested in retro gaming and live music.

I can't wait to go again next year.

Anthony Nguyen is a Spartan Daily contributing writer.

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### San Jose celebrates 20th anniversary of the Half-Cab shoe

By Philip Beadle @Beadlebeat

Skateboarding legend and San Jose native Steve Caballero celebrated the 20th anniversary of the release of his signature shoe by Vans, the Half-Cab, by hosting an art show at Cukui Clothing and Gallery on 229 N. Jackson St. in Japantown last Friday.

Caballero's shredding ability has earned him many accolades, including being named Thrasher Magazine's Skater of the Century, and having his signature shoe become a staple of a skater's wardrobe after its release in 1992.

Bobby Brown, one of the artists featured, said Caballero's accomplishments were the inspiration for the 30 artists who contributed pieces to the show.

'Cab,' as his numerous friends and family endearingly call him, spent time meeting fans on the street or inside drinking Jarritos and talking with friends, always stopping to sign an autograph or take a picture if asked.

"The only real rule was that it had to have something to do with the shoe," he said. "Otherwise we just got to have fun with it."

The store manager, RJ Onaka, said having so many artists participate with so much freedom made for a strong show.

"Everybody puts all their effort into one piece without ever seeing anyone else's, so they want to bring their A game," Onaka said. "It's like an art potluck."

Brown said that many of these artists had



Brandon Chew | Spartan Daily

Art pieces based on the popular Half-Cab shoe made by Vans decorated the walls of the clothing boutique Cukui in Japantown last Friday.

collaborated with Caballero in the past.

"He's been doing a lot of art shows recently," Brown said. "There was one in New York, I believe, where he gave us all blank Half-Cab shoes and had us draw on them."

Caballero contributed a drawing of himself as an epic skateboarding dragon, although it was not for sale.

He chuckled everytime a fan would ask to

Fans seemed to respond well to the art. Many people brought their cameras along or snapped pictures with their cellphones. Pieces began to sell within the first hour of the event.

"We really like to promote our artists, and we love to see them succeed," Onaka said. "We do a shirt with some of their art too every month to help promote, and they help promote us too that way."

An entire line of shirts was made for this event, and can be seen in Cuiki's store or on its

Cukui holds an art gallery on the second Friday of every month, according to Onaka, and spots fill up about a year in advance.

However, he said this past Friday's show offered something special.

"He's absolutely a legend and a hometown guy," Onaka said of Caballero. "We all grew up watching him, plus he's a family man."

This hometown hero status drove fans to crowd into the little boutique to celebrate alongside Caballero.

Without much room to move, people slowly circled the long bench dividing the room in two, stopping every couple of steps to admire a new piece or chat with a friend until eventually they had seen every piece at least once.

Many stayed afterward to enjoy the company of many of the artists and to meet the man of honor himself.

"Cab," as his numerous friends and family endearingly call him, spent time meeting fans on the street or inside drinking Jarritos and talking with friends, always stopping to sign an autograph or take a picture if asked.

While an autograph is the coolest souvenir possible at most events, this one offered a more intimate opportunity for attendees.

They could not only meet their hero, but also hear some stories about his family.

Caballero admitted that he enjoys being

"I'm glad everyone got to come out and have a good time," he said, Jarritos in hand. "It was really nice to see everyone."

Philip Beadle is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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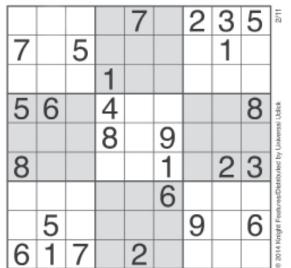
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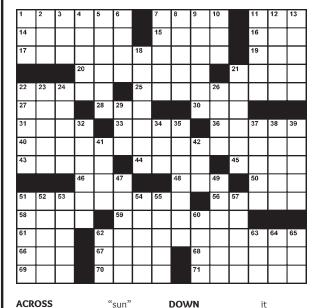
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### 'The Science Guy' is more trustworthy than creationism

Bill Nye "The Science Guy" and Creation Museum founder Ken Ham duked it out on Feb. 4 in a debate that was televised live over this question: How was earth created and where the hell do we come from?

Nye is most wellknown for his 90's kids television show "Bill Nye the Science Guy," which aired when most of us SJSU students

were under the age of 10. According to Nye's website, Nye is a graduate of Cornell Universitywith a Bachelors of Science degree in mechanical engineering, an atheist and wrote five children's books, including "Big Blast of Science" and "Bill Nye's Consider the Following."

Ham, a native of Australia, is the president, CEO and founder of Answers in Genesis-U.S. and The Creation Museum rejects the idea of human evolution and that the earth is billions of years old.

Answers in Genesis' website states that it is a ministry "dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively."



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I was raised Catholic, but there was always something that stopped me from fully believing what my religion told me.

I remember going to catechism and thinking that

all the stories they read to us were just those life lessons that taught you to respect your elders or that killing people is bad.

These stories scared me when I found out they were supposed to be

All I could think was, "There is no way a guy could have been eaten by a huge fish and lived!"

These stories made me sort of paranoid. I thought God was literally watching my every move, whether I cussed or had the normal sexual thoughts that pop into the minds of hormone-filled teenagers on occa-

The older I got, the more I doubted. The more I doubted, the

People who seemed to contradict

themselves surrounded me. They smoked, drank and beat their wives all while preaching the Bible and going to church on Sundays.

In 10th grade, I took a biology class where my teacher assigned a class project that involved researching a certain scientist and going on trial, trying to either disprove evolution or support it.

I ended up getting one of the most important roles assigned: Charles

Darwin was that dude who created the theory of evolution, which proposes the idea that humans, animals and plants have genetically mutated over time as Earth's environment changed.

The more I researched Darwin, the more I started to realize that it  $challenged\ everything\ I\ learned\ in$ my religion.

The idea that Earth was created in seven days and that the earth is only 6,000-years-old did not make sense after I learned about rock formation, plate tectonics and how different creatures from the same species are when in different loca-

Everything I had learned in that class, especially evolution, opened my eyes and my mind to another

point of view. I realized that my life did not have to revolve around a religion that told me I had to believe in God with no actual proof that he

### The older I got, the more I doubted. The more I doubted, the guiltier I felt.

Since the 10th grade, I have called myself an atheist, and I have met more and more people who feel comfortable expressing it.

As Nye said during the debate, "Does Ken Ham's Creation model hold up; is it viable?"

The science guy uses geology (fossils of animals and plants) to help support part of his claim. Nye sticks to the scientific data that has been collected since Darwin.

Ham claims that the word "evolu-

tion" has been "hijacked using a bait and switch to indoctrinate students to accept evolutionary belief as observational science."

But as I learned in my 10th grade biology class, evolution is a theory and will stay one until there is proof it is or isn't true.

The one problem I do have with Ham and with most religions is the fact that they state what they believe, have no real proof to back it up and then tell you that your beliefs are

It is controlling and does not give a person the room to expand and grow as a human being.

People are going to be religious and will hold up an old book until their arms fall off. Others are going to be non-religious and toss theory  $after\,theory\,and\,fossil\,after\,fossil\,at$ 

Both cannot fully prove that the other is wrong, but they have every right to their beliefs.

We divide ourselves, we even kill one another for our personal beliefs.

Do what you want and believe what you want, just do not hurt people or try to shove your beliefs down their throats.

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## Coffee addiction is no excuse for apathy

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Whether you indulge one, two, even three or more times a day, it's one of the most socially acceptable addictions.

There's no shame in admitting that you have a coffee problem.

But there is a dilemma when it comes to corree consump tion, which has less to do with an addiction

to caffeine, and more to do with where the coffee is sourced and how it comes to you.

Coffee beans are grown in enormous quantities and are grown mostly in the developing world, where workers are treated poorly and human rights issues are abundant.

The U.S. relies completely on overseas trade to procure its supply of coffee beans, in regions of the

world like Central and South America, Africa and various regions of Asia.

"About 83 percent of adults drink coffee in the U.S., the world's biggest consumer of the beverage, up from 78 percent a year earlier," according to the National Coffee Association's 2013 survey.

Places such as Guatemaia and Ethiopia are known for coffee production.

Many of the countries that grow coffee, such as Brazil, rely on its export as a main source of revenue.

Brazil grows the largest quantity of coffee beans in the world at 22.5 million bags per year, according to the National Geographic coffee website. Guatemala grows about 3.5 million bags per year, while Ethiopia grows about 3.8 million bags per year.

Coffee cultivation requires a large amount of labor and water to yield a

significant crop.

To make an average cup of coffee it takes 55 gallons of water, from planting the tree to pouring into the mug, said the National Geographic's Water Conservation Tips article.

Fairtrade.net, a website that provides information about various crops and the issues that surround their production, said plantations often have labors work long shifts – 12 to 14 hours with unpaid overtime.

In Guatemala, coffee pickers need to reach a 100-pound quota to get the minimum wage of less than \$3 per day, according to Global Exchange's Fair-Trade coffee program.

I'm sure your quadruple-shot 20-ounce caramel macchiato costs almost twice as much as their daily wages.

The U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs lists coffee picking in Guatemala as one of the major sources of child labor in the region, with children ages 5 to 14 working an average six and a half hours a day, five days a week.

Fair-trade aims to eliminate middle-men, secure good, fair prices for commodities and create good working conditions such as

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fair wages, break times, eliminating child labor abuse and sometimes offers benefits.

Fair Trade USA identifies fair-trade as a business model that promotes ethical practices such as fair prices and credit, fair labor conditions, direct trade, democratic and transparent

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organizations, community development and environmental sustainability. A simple way

to aiding coffee farm workers is to buy fair-trade coffee.

Retailers from Walgreens daily waqes. to Whole Foods

carry fair-trade coffee brands, making it an easily accessible option. You should make a conscious

decision to switch to fair-trade coffee beans, both in your home and when you go out to grab a cup at your favorite cafe.

You can walk around with your paper cup that boasts where and how much you paid for your coffee and how fancy the roast is, but you don't think about what promoting that brand or drinking a certain roast means.

While you may not think it's feasible or economical to purchase fair-trade products, they are similarly priced to non fair-trade items. If

you think it's not affordable spend a couple of extra dollars on fairtrade beans, try saving money by brewing your own coffee at home, even once a week.

It can be tedious at first, but making decisions like buying fair trade means that the

money you earn is being spent promoting good business practices rather than siding with huge agribusiness corporations who seek to exploit workers and ignore their basic human rights.

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SEASON PREVIEW: BASEBALL

# Spartans have high hopes for 2014 season

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The word of the season for the San Jose State baseball team is familiarity.

Just ask returning infielder Sheldon Daquioag who is one of seven seniors leading a young Spartan group with 14 freshmen on the

"I feel like our chemistry this year is better than last year," Daquioag said. "I felt like since we got a new coach it was just 'show us what you got.' I think the freshman are a big contribution, I feel like they're working hard as the other guys from last year."

He also wants to forget about last season's struggles where SJSU ended the year with a 17-41 overall record, including an 11-17 finish in their final season of Western Athletic Conference play.

It was their worst finish since 1982 when Gene Menges' ball club went 14-39 (9-27).

The Dave Nakama era started when the head coach took over the program in September 2012, but his staff wasn't able to come to work until three weeks into the 2013 season.

One of the major problems with the late start was that Nakama said he wasn't able to add more players to his team, leaving him with a depleted roster that included a number of injuries along the way.

Now in his second season with the Spartans, Nakama expects to see good things evolve from his returning starters as well as the new faces he recruited, especially the pitching staff.

"What we're doing is we're looking for some leadership from our veterans," Nakama said. "I think that's something we lacked last year, some leadership and people to lead by example."

Daquioag is one of those leaders. He hit at a .295 average (52-176) with 26 RBIs, 21 runs scored, 13 doubles and one home run last year.

The right-handed senior from San Jose said he enjoys having a full roster despite the fact they might be a little raw as far as on-field experience goes.

"Just chemistry," Daquioag said. "Last year we didn't have it, but having these new guys and more people on the team lets us get closer together to play the game."

Another key contributor coming back to the team is first baseman Matt Carroll who hit at a .341 average (72-211) with 40 RBIs, 27 runs scored, 15 doubles and two home runs.

Other returning starters include center fielder Andre Mercurio, second baseman Jacob Valdez and closing pitcher Kalei Contrades who posted a 2-3 record with 27 strikeouts in 34 innings pitched.

"They have experience in the league and everything else," Nakama said. "I think we're going to rely on them a lot."

Spartan sophomore utility player Mitch Ravizza is returning for his second straight year, and said there won't be any surprises wait-



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Spartan senior Matt Carroll was a two-time San Jose State Scholar-Athlete and a 2013 Academic All-WAC Honoree.

 $ing \ for \ him \ this \ time \ around.$ 

"Last year, being a freshman, I really didn't know what to expect," he said. "But this year knowing the coaching staff, knowing what to expect, I prepared myself a lot harder during the summer."

Ravizza kept himself in playing shape by participating in a local travel team and was busy in the batting cage, weight room and worked on basic fielding fundamentals, especially coming off his first year as an outfielder.

"It's different, I'll tell you that," said Ravizza coming into his new role. "It's not as easy as I thought it was going to be, but it was a good experience. I had a lot of veterans in the outfield last year so they helped me out a lot."

As for the new folks in the group, the Spartans brought in freshman shortstop Alec de Watteville from Oak Grove High, a transfer junior pitcher Jace Puckett from Feather River College and freshman pitcher Logan Lanza out of Rodriguez High.

Lanza was a three-year letter winner as a member of the Mustangs and in his junior year he batted at a .373 average while putting up an astonishing 1.62 earned run average, leading his team to the San Joaquin Section championship game in 2012.

He finished his senior year in 2013 with a 4-4 record on the mound and a 2.62 ERA in 45.1 innings pitched. Lanza was named to All-Solano County Athletic Conference honors team along with an SCAC All-Star selection that same year.

But just as fast as the new players came in, SJSU lost a few significant names.

One of those guys is right fielder Nick Schulz who hit at a .288 average with 31 RBIs, 23 runs scored, 11 doubles and three home runs. His .986 fielding percentage in the outfield will also be missed.

However, a big advantage that SJSU has since Nakama's arrival is the ability to develop a strong defensive-minded

In the 10 years Nakama spent with Stanford (1997-98, 2002-09) the school recorded their five best defensive seasons, including a program high .977 fielding percentage in 2005.

"I think because of how the college game is, because of the change of the bats and things like that. You have to be able to pitch and play defense so we've spent a lot of time on defense this fall. That needs to be the strong point on our team," said Nakama about the importance of having a solid defense.

Nakama also led the Cardinal to four Pac-10 Championships, five NCAA Regional crowns and appeared in the College World Series four times (1997, 2002, 2003, and 2008).

The second year head coach will now try to get his players to look past a not-so-good 2013 season and move forward in their first year of Mountain West Conference play.

This time they'll have to go up against teams such as the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Air Force, San Diego State, Fresno State, University of Nevada and last year's conference winner New Mexico State.

"We're new to the Mountain West Conference," Nakama said. "Those teams really have some good history and have done well. I think we have our hands full, but I think that's why we're in this league now."

SJSU will start the season on Friday when they take on San Diego State in a threegame series.

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#### Quick Facts for 2014

2013 Record:

17-41 (11-17) 8th in WAC

**Head Coach** 

Dave Nakama: This year he will be his second full season as the Spartans head coach.

#### **Key Returns**

1B Matt Carroll: He hit at a .341 average with 40 RBIs, 27 runs, 15 doubles and two home runs in 2013.

C/3B: Sheldon Daquioag: Last year he hit at a .341 average with 40 RBIs, 27 runs, 15 doubles and two home runs.

P/CL: Kalei Contrades: Finished the 2013 season with a 2-3 record including a 4.50 ERA and 27 strike outs in 34 innings pitched.

#### <u>Upcoming</u> Games

2/14 **vs** San Diego State 2/15 **vs** San Diego State 2/16 **vs** San Diego State 2/19 @ Univ. of the Pacific 2/21 **vs** UC Santa Barbara 2/22 **vs** UC Santa Barbara 2/23 **vs** UC Santa Barbara



