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EXPLOSION

Bombs explode at Boston Marathon

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The bomb explosions that rocked the annual Boston Marathon yesterday left three dead and 144 injured as Bostonians came together in search of answers.

Matthew Bejar, an SJSU kinesiology graduate student and teacher's assistant, said he was in Boston to run the marathon, but finished before the bombs went off.

"I finished about two hours before

the explosions happened," Bejar said. "I was at a local pub two to three blocks away watching the Red Sox game when the bombs went off. Everyone was really shocked."

Bejar said he felt really fortunate to have finished the race when he did.

"It could have happened any time during the race," he said. "It's just luck, I guess."

Trisha Kieras, a real estate agent and former Boston Marathon runner, said she felt fortunate that she did not compete in this year's marathon.

"Since 1977 I have lived one block off of Beacon Street, which is (on) the route of the marathon and one block from the finish line," Kieras said. "This was the first Marathon Monday since 1977 that I was not there."

Kieras said the league runners had already completed their race, and the runners who were going by when the bombs went off were regular runners who were running for a good cause.

"A lot of the people who were injured were only there to watch and cheer on their friends," Kieras said.

Sarah Black, a senior journalism major at Emerson College and Bay Area native who was covering the Boston Marathon for a journalism class, said although she was in Boston when the bombings happened, she was not near the blasts.

Black said she was in her apartment for most of the marathon but did manage to cover part of the race.

"I was stationed over in Newton on what is known as Heartbreak Hill," she

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EXPLOSION

San Jose responds to Boston bombing

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More than 3,000 miles away, the bombing at the Boston Marathon has made an impression in San Jose despite the distance.

"I was surprised because I wasn't expecting a terrorist attack at the marathon," said Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department. "I don't think of the Boston Marathon and think 'Oh what a great terrorist target that is.'"

At the time of the interview, Laws said, to his knowledge from news reports, that at least two bombs were detonated near the finish line at the marathon and there were at least two deaths and many injured.

He said he also heard there were some other devices found before they were detonated and the police have those items in custody.

Laws said something like the bombing in Boston could happen in San Jose, but he and the police force take steps to prevent that from occurring.

Phuc Vasquez, a senior creative writing major, said he is a little worried about his safety because before he heard about the bombing, he heard there was an armed robbery on campus Sunday.



Emergency personnel assist the victims at the scene of a bomb blast during the Boston Marathon in Boston, Mass., Monday. **Stuart Cahill / MCT**

He said the news about Boston was disturbing and horrifying.

"It seems like some kind of tragic national event is happening on a regular basis now," Vasquez said.

UPD maintains a liaison with the joint terrorism task force, is associated with the Northern California regional intelligence center and obtains and shares information with the various intelligence networks that are engaged with law enforcement throughout

the country to maintain the safety of the campus, Laws said.

"We have to take every step every day on a constant basis," he said. "We have to take all the appropriate steps to try and prevent those kinds of incidents."

Laws said the police department recognizes the potential targets that are here at the university and in the surrounding neighborhoods, but they take protective measures to make sure the community is safe.

Yonis Hassan, a freshman environmental studies major, said he heard about the bombing from a friend and although he was worried and wondered how many were hurt, he is not fearful of something happening in San Jose despite the fact that it could happen anywhere.

Laws said UPD cannot respond to every incident with more security.

"We can't respond in that kind of fashion every time that there is

some sort of incident, so we maintain our high level of awareness, we maintain our patrol officers out there on the campus," he said. "We have other employees that are assigned to be eyes and ears for the police department on the campus and we maintain our vigilance," he said.

The Guadalupe river park conservancy will host the Super Guadalupe River Run on April 20.

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ROBERTS

Community bookstore closes its doors after 54 years

By Bryan Delohery
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After 54 years of providing San Jose State students with an alternative to buying textbooks from the Spartan Bookstore, Roberts Bookstore will close at the end of May because of financial hardships.

According to Robyn Lee, manager of Roberts, the main reason for the closure is they cannot afford the lease anymore.

"The leases are just taking over," Lee said. "There are two major companies that run a majority of the stores on campuses and it's making the competition less and less."

Lee said the bookstore is closing on May 31 and will still be buying and selling books until then.

"We are still serving students," Lee said. "We will be here all through finals and we will go out the same way we came in, paying students."

Juan Villanueva, a recent global studies graduate and employee of seven years, said Roberts helped put him through college and he is really going to miss working there.

"The first time they told me (the store was closing) I was very sad," Villanueva said. "I feel like they are a part of my family and I am attached to this place."

Villanueva also said he thinks the closing will impact students in a lot of different ways.

"A lot of students come here for Greek (apparel and letters) and other students rely on us for their books," Villanueva said. "Some of them (students) don't go online and we are able to give them one on one attention because we are really trying to help them, not just take their money."

Carmen Morgan, a full-time employee at Roberts for the past 17 years, said it is upsetting to know the store is closing.

"It is a different industry from when we started," Morgan said. "We are all going to move on and do different things."

Morgan said the Greek community is upset that Roberts is closing.

"We are the only Greek store in the area so it's already having a huge impact, a lot of students are stocking up on their letters and other Greek stuff," Morgan said.

Lee said that although she is sad to see the store close, she is proud of the way they are closing.

"We are ending buying books and my dad started buying books, not selling," Lee said. "He opened at the end of a semester to buy books from students so that he could have them available so students would come back and be a customer later."

Undeclared freshman Kari Sudyka said it is upsetting that Roberts is closing because this was her first time visiting the store.

"All of my friends use Roberts and they told me that their books are less expensive," Sudyka said. "I will probably use Amazon or Chegg now, as long as it's cheaper than the bookstore on campus."

Sudyka said she thinks a lot of students will be disappointed about the closing.

"They are not really going to want to go to the bookstore on campus because it is too expensive," Sudyka said.

Lee said she feels like a part of the SJSU community and will be checking in from time to time.



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"We will miss the community here," Lee said. "The students and a lot of the faculty over the years have supported Roberts. It's a good community."

Rishabh Gandhi, a sophomore industrial and systems engineering major, said he buys books from Roberts when the books are not available from the Spartan Bookstore.

"It sucks they are closing because they are cheaper and people are going to have to start searching for other bookstores with cheaper prices," Gandhi said. "Online there is Chegg and so many other things that people can use but it's nice to have Roberts right across the street."

Gandhi said Roberts Bookstore closing is going to have a large impact on students.

"Students who can't afford books are going to have a huge problem because (Roberts) rented

books and rented them at cheaper prices than the campus bookstore," Gandhi said.

Lee said she is unsure what she will do for work after Roberts closes but hopes to still be able to buy and sell books, even if it is in a different location.

"We are glad to have been here for 54 years," Lee said. "If we could have lasted a little longer we would have liked to, but this business just can't sustain itself anymore."

She said she is sad to move on, but feels it is time.

"We wish nothing but the best for the San Jose State students, and the staff and there are some awesome people here," Lee said. "We have no regrets. It's been a great run and we wish the school really really well."

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FOOTBALL

Another unheralded Rodgers has big ambitions for NFL

By Tyler Dunne
McClatchy Tribune

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The look. Jordan Rodgers had seen the look so many times before.

His brother's eyes turned cold. A quiet, calculated wrath built. As the 2005 National Football League draft dripped late into the first round, a day for celebration eroded into four-plus hours of embarrassment.

"As he slipped — and as teams that told him they'd take him at certain spots passed on him — I think it kept building," Jordan Rodgers said. "All the frustration and motivation was just building."

No Division I college offers. The draft-day wait. The summer of 2008. The pressure of following an immortal in Brett Favre. As the world learned of the slights and snubs of Aaron Rodgers on the periphery, Jordan lived it.

First as Aaron's little brother. Then as a quarterback prospect himself.

Later this month, Vanderbilt's Jordan Rodgers should join his brother in the NFL. Their paths are similar. Like Aaron, Jordan received zero Division I scholarship offers. Like Aaron, he needed to use Butte College as a junior college bridge. Doubts were recycled as motivation. He didn't forgive, didn't forget.

Jordan Rodgers cannot be Aaron Rodgers. He may even go undrafted. There will be no long, tense wait in New York.

But they are wired the same. "We both have that mentality," Jordan said. "We hold that chip on our shoulder of always being overlooked and having to work really, really hard for everything we've gotten."

He has never shied away from his brother's shadow. Jordan has embraced it. That temperament, that borderline bitter drive to stick it to critics, morphed his brother into arguably the best quarterback in the game. So why run away from those footsteps?

For Jordan, Aaron is a blueprint, not a burden.

"I love the challenge of living up to that expectation," he said. "If people think I'm going to live up to him, it adds to the motivation, it adds to the fire."

Shot-putting the ball

He wasn't always this comfortable, this confident. At Pleasant Valley (Calif.) High School, Jordan once stood 5 feet 8 inches and weighed 160 pounds. When Aaron became an NFL prospect, Jordan was mired in puberty.

He "looked like he was 10 years old" and "could barely throw the ball," recalled Craig Rigsbee, then the high school's offensive line coach and now the athletic director at Butte College. Jordan wasn't the starter and told Rigsbee he should be the starter. The high school junior knew the offense, knew all the audible calls.

But he could hardly drive the ball downfield.

"It was like he shot-putted the ball," Rigsbee said. "He looked like a little kid trying to throw the ball."

Rigsbee knew it wouldn't last. He previously coached Aaron at Butte. Rigsbee told Jordan "to relax," to be patient. A growth spurt was coming. Sure enough, he grew, started and led Pleasant Valley to an 8-3-1 record as a senior in 2006. By graduation, he was off to Butte, like Aaron, with no D-I offers.

Late bloomer. Snubbed.

Just like that, Jordan was on the same trajectory as Aaron.

"But I wasn't my brother and people expected me to be him," Jordan said. "Until I really started establishing my own success with my own style of play did I start to really embrace that role and embrace the competitive nature that I have to be as good as my brother, to live up to those expectations that people had for me."

"When he exploded onto the stage with the success he had, it's definitely what everybody talks about. It's what everybody asks you about."

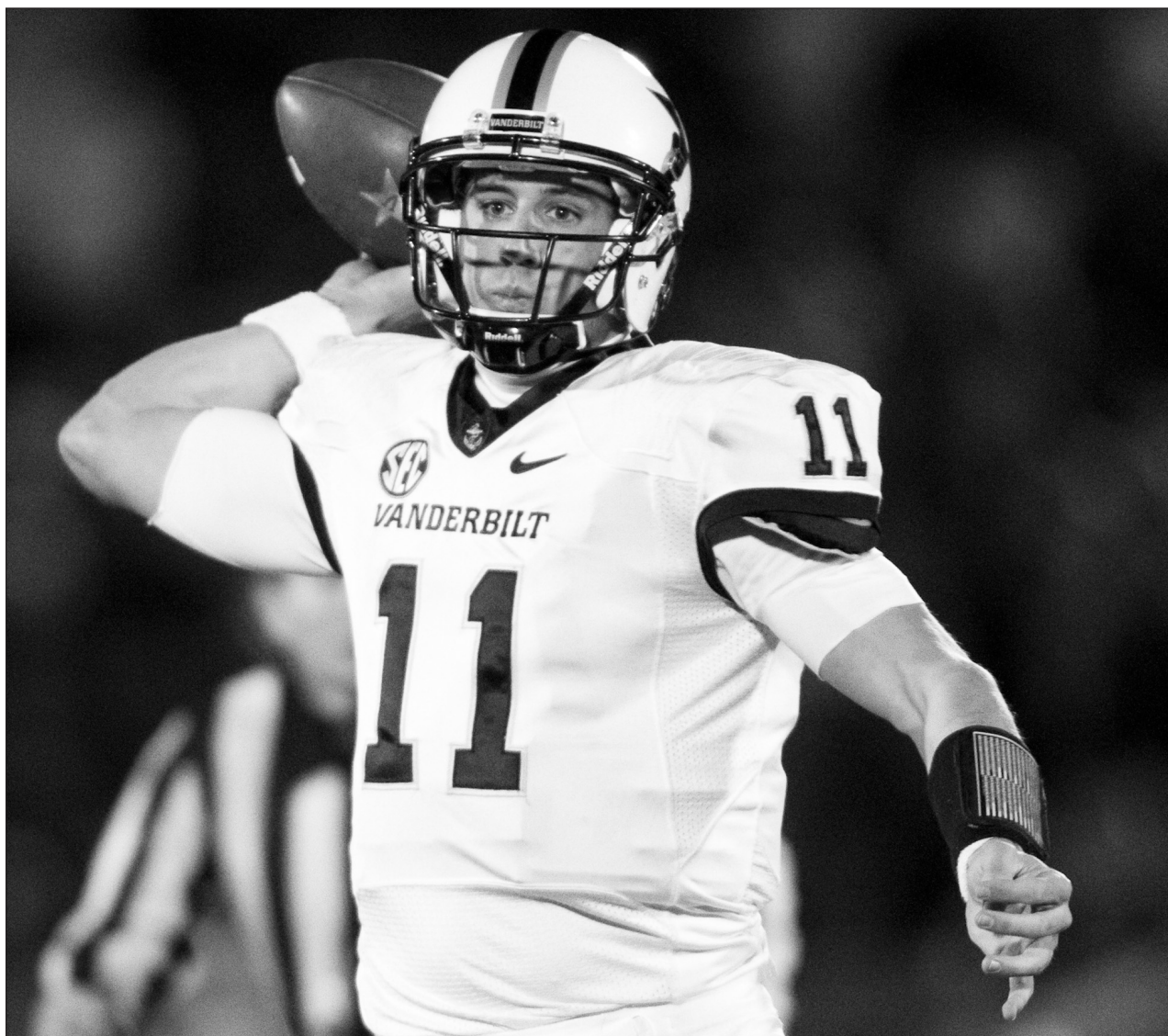
Jordan wasn't Aaron. But they were blood. As such, they're both ruthlessly, ungraciously competitive. In one-on-one Wiffle ball, Jordan was the Seattle Mariners and Aaron often the Oakland Athletics. Each brother had to bat through the entire lineup — left-handed and right-handed — with the same quirks as Ken Griffey Jr., Jay Buhner, Joey Cora, etc.

In pickup basketball, Aaron often sharpened the elbows and tried to barrel into the paint for a 4-foot jump hook. And to this day, whenever they meet up, a wrestling match ensues.

There's trash-talking. There are excessive celebrations. No one wins or loses with grace.

"Both of us are competitive to a fault, so the loser is usually very sour for the next couple hours or days or however long it takes to shake it off," Jordan said. "We like to rub it in when we win and sulk when we lose."

So this is how the kid shot-putting footballs in high school would make it. Even



Jordan Rodgers prepares to throw a pass during the fourth quarter against Missouri on October 6, 2012. Shane Keyser / MCT.

after the growth spurt, Jordan had more of a BB gun for an arm to Aaron's muzzleloader. Yet, as Rigsbee said, the two brothers were strikingly similar in one regard. Jordan was the same guy who "wants the ball in his hands when there's 10 seconds left," the same guy who "is trying to bust you out on the last deal" in cards.

At Butte, Jordan did something Aaron couldn't — win a JUCO national title. With that, he secured a scholarship to Vanderbilt.

He wasn't intimidated by the unrealistic expectations.

"I don't think he was," Rigsbee said. "It inspired him. It drove him."

His own quarterback

One chant reigned supreme on the road. As soon as the decibel level dropped and Vanderbilt's Jordan Rodgers was in shouting range, raspy, beer-bellied cries of "Hey Rahhh-gers!" sprayed from the stands.

Over and over. Packs of fans mocked the quarterback with the "Discount Double Check" from the officially overplayed State Farm ad featuring his brother. Jordan didn't cringe, didn't turn his back. He smiled.

"To hear that stuff in the stands, that kind of fueled his fire," said Jordan's backup at Vanderbilt, Austyn Carta-Samuels. "Some people could take that the wrong way and let it affect them — he never did."

While Aaron was leading a Super Bowl-winning season in 2010, Jordan redshirted at Vanderbilt and had shoulder surgery. While Aaron was crafting an MVP season in 2011, Jor-

dan's baptism in the Southeastern Conference was littered with bells rung and turnovers. He finished with 1,524 yards, nine touchdowns, 10 interceptions and one very public realization that he'd never be his brother.

Year Two in Vandy was different. Jordan adopted his brother's acute decision-making and sliced his interception total in half. In turn, Vanderbilt (9-4) — perennial SEC punching bag — finished the season ranked for the first time since 1948.

When the backup Carta-Samuels arrived at Vandy's facilities at 6 a.m., Jordan was watching tape. Vanderbilt had

practice and then Carta-Samuels would hang out with his girlfriend; when he stopped by the film room again at 10 p.m., Jordan was still there.

"Maybe that was part of the sixth-year senior thing, maybe it was the chip on the shoulder," he said, "but the guy never left the football facility."

Most likely, it's the chip on the shoulder. When the two quarterbacks play video games they usually ended with a face-to-face shouting matches and airborne controllers.

On the field, Jordan harnessed this mentality. Carta-Samuels points to Vanderbilt's bowl win last season.

On fourth down in the fourth quarter, North Carolina State blitzed the house. Everyone. Jordan completed the pass, took a vicious shot to the mouth and started drooling blood. On the sideline, Carta-Samuels prepared to go in. Instead, Jordan didn't so much as take a step toward the sideline.

He stayed in, hid the blood from officials and ran for a 15-yard touchdown. three plays later. This time, Jordan did the "Discount Double Check."

"He's got those California pearly white teeth and he had red blood all through his mouth," Carta-Samuels said. "That's what he's all about."

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EXPLOSION

Bombs shatter festive Boston Marathon, leave at least three dead

By Jonathan S. Landay
McClatchy Tribune

The peace of a historic and festive event was shattered Monday when two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people, including an 8-year-old, and injuring at least 130 more.

The near-simultaneous blasts shattered windows and sent runners and onlookers fleeing through curtains of thick gray smoke. Police and emergency personnel rushed to aid casualties lying on the blood-stained pavement.

Eight children were among the injured. No one claimed credit for the carnage in the city known as the Cradle of Liberty on the day celebrated as Patriots Day, and law enforcement authorities were reluctant to characterize the attack. But the bombings immediately drew fears that terrorists were responsible. As many as five other explosive devices were reported to have been found in the city.

"We still do not know who did this, and people should not jump to conclusions before we have all of the facts," President Barack Obama said in a brief nationally televised appearance. "But make no mistake: We will get to the bottom of this, and we will find out who did this. We'll find out why they did this. Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

Obama was briefed by homeland security adviser Lisa Monaco, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Obama said that he'd ordered security heightened around the United States "as necessary" and vowed that whoever was responsible for the explosions would be tracked down. Although he declined to call the explosions a terrorist attack, the FBI had taken over the lead in the investigation.

But Rep. Mike McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, told Fox News that he believed the bombings had "all the hallmarks of an act of terrorism." Authorities in New York and Washington tightened security in the wake of the blasts.

Boston-area hospitals reported many victims of the blasts to be in critical condition with blast injuries to their arms and legs. At least 10 amputations were reported. The clos-

est hospital to the bomb site, Massachusetts General Hospital, was treating 22 victims, including six in critical condition, said spokeswoman Kristen Chadwick.

At Boston Medical Center, a spokesman said its staff was treating 20 victims, including two children, but declined to describe their condition.

Jeremy Lechan, a spokesman for the Tufts Medical Center, where nine victims were taken, said that five of the patients were in surgery with significant injuries, but none life-threatening.

"Four of the surgical cases were serious orthopedic and neuromuscular trauma to the lower legs, with open fractures, some others have shrapnel wounds and ruptured ear drums," he said.

The blasts occurred about 100 yards apart, close to the finishing line of the historic 26.2-mile race, on Boylston Street, which courses through a popular shopping and dining area of Boston known as Back Bay.

The first blast went off shortly before 2:50 p.m., about four hours into the race. It was quickly followed by the second. An estimated 9,000 of the 26,000 runners were still out on the course when the devices erupted in flaming gusts that twisted railings on the sidewalks into tangles of metal and wood that rescuers had to wrench into the street to reach casualties.

"Two bombs exploded as I crossed the finish line (with a race time of) 4:09. I can't hear, I'm OK," Demi Clark, of Fort Mill, S.C., posted on her Facebook page around 4 p.m.

It also was a close call for her family. The 36-year-old was the biggest fundraiser for the event for her "Dream Big" charity, meaning her children and husband were given VIP passes — which may have saved them from standing somewhere closer to the blast, Clark wrote on Twitter.

"Still in shock," she wrote. "If I hadn't been the highest fundraiser 4 my charity, my kids wouldn't have VIP passes. They would have stood in blast."

Patricia Soden, 51, of Hollywood, Fla., recalled "this horrendous explosion. My heart stopped. I got very scared."

Then the second blast erupted. "I was so afraid because my husband was waiting for me and I didn't know where he

Blasts hit Boston Marathon

Explosions occurred near finish line of Boston Marathon about four hours after the race started. Area was filled with runners, spectators attending the annual Patriot's Day race.



Map of downtown Boston, Mass., locates the area near the Boston Marathon finish line where two explosions erupted about five hours after the race began. MCT

was," she said. "Hundreds of people were running out of control saying, 'Go away, move, move!'"

Boston's Logan Airport was briefly shut down for a security sweep after local law enforcement officials asked the Federal Aviation Administration to place a temporary flight restriction over a 3.5-mile radius of the city.

Julia Early, of Lexington, S.C., had just finished the race and was waiting to retrieve a bag from a bus when the first bomb exploded.

"We hear it and looked down there and saw a cloud of smoke," said Early.

At first, Early said she thought the blast sounded like a cannon shot, and some of those around her didn't believe it was serious. One person remarked that if had been, they would have heard sirens. And then they heard the first siren.

"You start getting really, really scared," she said.

Those caught in the swirling, panic-stricken crowds had problems getting out of the downtown area and back to their hotels as traffic gridlocked and the subway was shut down. Many had been looking forward to going out for the evening but canceled their plans after Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis asked people to stay off the streets.

"Everything has frozen and stopped," Greg Hall, 58, of Kansas City, Mo., said shortly after the explosions. "You can't get in or out. Traffic is just snarled. There are emergency vehicles everywhere."

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Do incidents like the Boston Marathon bombing make you more fearful of large public events?



"It definitely does. I feel like you don't know where you can be safe now. It makes me want to think twice before I step out."

Kiran Kaur, junior pre-nursing major



"It's crazy. But it's just the person, not the event."

Johnny Quach, freshman engineering major.



"A little bit. It seems kind of scary because you try to support something and then there's a bombing."

Kenneth Tungo, freshman biology major



"No. Random things like that happen. It could be random anywhere. It's not something that affects me."

Antonia Bumb, freshman accounting major



"Not really. Us (Americans) freaking out about this is to be weak. It's disrespectful to the people who got hurt."

Kade Pourroy, freshman electrical engineering major



"I'm not necessarily fearful, but definitely more aware when I go out. I ride the bus and because of all the shootings that have been happening ... I just try to think of what I would do in a situation like that. If the bomb went off right now, what would I do to help other people?"

Ursula Anderson, junior occupational therapy major



"It doesn't. They do this on purpose to make you fearful and you don't want to fall into that."

Zach Brouillard, senior global studies major

... I finished about two hours before the explosions happened. Everyone was really shocked...

*Matthew Bejar
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REVIEW

Controversial rapper prevails with third album

★★★★☆

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Listeners who can withstand the contentiousness of Tyler, the Creator will find themselves in the middle of a grand narrative.

The recurring characters and themes have fans filling up message boards and comment sections with their comprehension of the relationships between Tyler's first two albums, "Bastard" then "Goblin," and the short film he directed for the song "Sam (Is Dead)" off his group, Odd Future's album "The OF Tape Vol. 2."

His fame doesn't just come from hard work in conjuring emotional turmoil, but is a result of his expression of it.

Tyler appeases the theorists on his Formspring writing, "you'll figure everything

out come 2015," but for now, we have "Wolf."

The album shows growth by leaps and bounds lyrically and in production, but not in conduct.

People vexed by Tyler's previous material will not lighten up and will have given up after the intro where he uses both f-words without discretion.

Even though nobody gets raped, chopped up and eaten on "Wolf," don't be so quick to commend Tyler because my speculation is that it simply does not advance the plot.

The story focuses on the tension between the characters and delves into what would lead somebody to have such intense fantasies and opinions.

This doesn't mean the shock value that his fame has been built upon is gone.

Tyler going from a stalking rapist to tender and heartbroken is just as shocking as him sympathizing with mass shooters, both of which he does on "Wolf."

He plays a devastated lover trying to hold together a fragile relationship on "IFHY," and on the next track, explores the deadly consequences of bullying on "Pigs."

Fans will recognize past topics on songs where Tyler revisits his daddy issues, sobriety, supreme hookups and adoration for that girl who's name is still his password — only what's different is that he's famous now.

Where he would usually take cheap shots at his father's resentment, he now at

least has a nice house to show for it, and Tyler's choice to abstain from drugs and alcohol is now backed up with an impressive catalog of albums and music videos.

His fame doesn't just come from hard work in conjuring emotional turmoil, but is a result of his expression of it.

In one glorious verse on "Rusty," Tyler addresses everything he has been condemned for, including his most notorious criticisms for being homophobic and misogynistic.

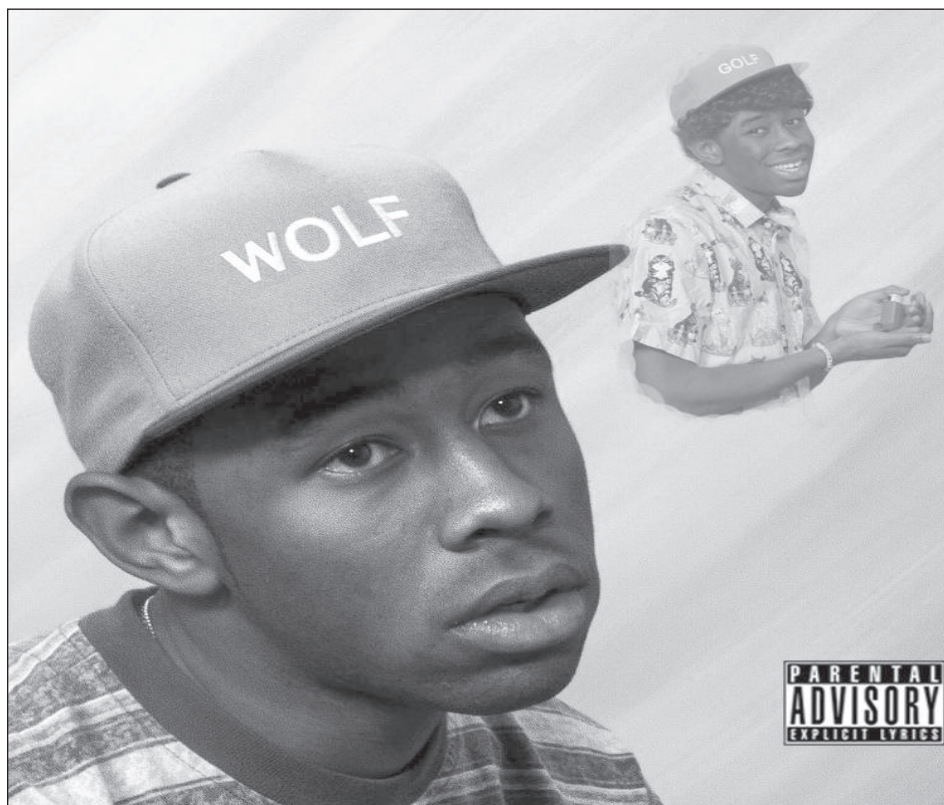
On the other hand, he tells the story of an encounter with a deranged fan on "Colossus" in his version of Eminem's "Stan."

But sooner or later these topics will get old, and Tyler knows that.

On "Cowboy," he tries to keep his material fresh with current events adverting the death of Trayvon Martin saying, "I needed to get out of the house... / in a black hoodie with an Arizona and a bag of Skittles / just to see what all that fucking hype is about."

Along with "Pigs," Tyler tackles another major social issue in drug dealing on "48" where he says, "She could have been a doctor, I'm sorry / Could have been a actor and won that Oscar, said I'm sorry / I sold that soap and I killed black folk, I'm sorry / But I got a nice car, put my sister through school / While my momma all cool, I'm sorry."

Tyler's strength is still in the familiar stories and hijinks, but at least he's looking



"Wolf" was released on April 2. Photo courtesy of consequenceofsound.net

for new subjects that may not come naturally to him.

... the album shows progression and shows that Tyler is nearly reaching his maximum potential.

The album also jerks you around with its diversity in production and shows Tyler's versatility more than anything else he's put out before.

Tyler pairs the bruising horns and spazzed screeching on the single "Domo 23" with chill guitar chords on "Answer."

The playful jazz track "Treehome95," that features warm vocals from Coco O and Erykah Badu, is sandwiched between the chaotic "Tamale" and the boisterous "Trashwang."

The wailing shrieks and jungle instruments on "Tamale" is the one major misstep on the album and proves to be too much of an outlier.

Songs such as "48" and "Slater" are masterfully crafted, some with layers of sharp synths, steady drums and graceful piano, others with resounding organs and cluttered snares.

"Cowboy" and "Parking Lot" are examples where Tyler's attempt at this seamless blending of layers turn into beats that drudge along as the song goes on.

The music is representative of an artist honing his talent rather than somebody trying to prove critics wrong or aiming to please fans.

"Lone" is the last song on the album and sounds like the kind of song Tyler was aiming to create all along, but ironically is the only song on the album he did not produce.

Still, the album shows progression and shows that Tyler is nearly reaching his maximum potential.

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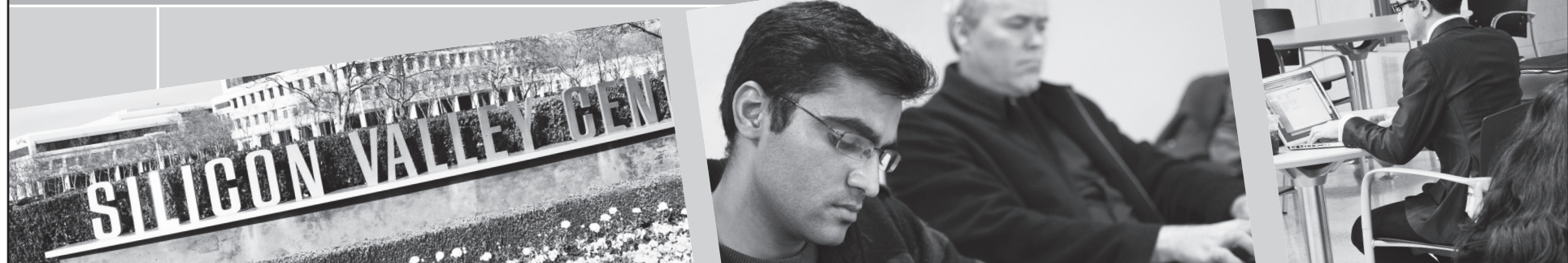
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Reacts: Runners, students wonder about motivations for bombing

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Leslee Hamilton, executive director of the river park conservancy, said she gives her condolences to those in Boston, but she thinks there is no chance of something like that happening here because the local running event, Super Guadeloupe River Run, is a much smaller event with much less people.

She said when there is a smaller event like the River Run, the type of risk like a big event such as the Boston Marathon isn't anticipated.

David Del Real, a junior business major, said after hearing about the bombing, he thought about whether or not he would run a marathon any time soon.

"I actually just ran the Mud Run in Seaside, and I thought about that: 'would I run another one again?'"

Del Real said. "I probably would, but I'll think about it. I'll be more alert next time if I think about running in something like that."

Kristen Brown, volunteer chair person of the Willow Glen 5K, said she was shocked by the tragedy as she began to tear up.

"It's just kind of startling and the Boston Marathon is an iconic event for people in general," Brown said. "It's just a shame that it became a target."

She said despite the event, the Willow Glen run will move forward and she believes the country will also move forward.

"We are a pretty courageous nation and our reaction is not to hide," she said.

Laws said students or people worried about the bombing should remain alert.

"People need to be aware of their surroundings, they need to recognize if something is out of place and call us if they see something or someone that they feel is suspicious," Laws said. "We would much rather go and investigate and find out that it was nothing than we would find out that someone saw something happen and didn't call us because they didn't want to waste our time."

Ilse Echeverria, a sophomore forensic science major, said after the Newtown shooting, the movie theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado, and now the bombing in Boston, she feels as if no one is safe anymore.

"It's just kind of a sick world we're in now," she said.

Christiana Cobb is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Race: Reports from Boston

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It's a series of about six hills in Newton that hit the 21-mile mark of the run. It's been known to be the spot where many runners break down. I got there at about 10 a.m. and stayed until about 2 p.m."

After Black went back to her apartment, a friend told her to turn on the television because explosions were being reported.

"Since then, we've been glued to the screen and haven't done anything other than eat,

text our friends to ensure their safety and confirm information with each other via Twitter, Facebook and other social media," Black said. "It's insane. I never thought this would happen on such a beautiful day. Marathon Monday is a holiday here (along with) Patriot's Day, and it's celebrated as the coming of spring."

Black said it is amazing to see how a tragedy like this has managed to bring the people of Boston together.

"I have to say I'm so incredibly proud to see my Bostonians coming up and helping each other. There are postings online offering places to stay, and several of my friends are of those who've offered," she said. "Police officers ran straight toward the bombings and within less than two hours the entire area was evacuated and being searched for anything related to the cause of the act."

Bryan Delohery is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

TRANSPORTATION

Zipcar service coming to San Jose

By Lauren Hailey
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Students and faculty who need access to wheels at any time now have Zipcar service around campus.

Zipcar, the car sharing service, is available around campus and downtown for a discounted rate for students and faculty.

"For SJSU participants the signup fee (\$25) is completely waived and the annual fee is reduced to \$15 from \$45," stated Transportation Solutions representative Adam Paranal in an email.

Zipcar allows members to have access to a car at any time, as long as they make a reservation to use it, stated Paranal.

Unlike a rental car service, Zipcars are readily available and members can simply enter the vehicle and use it for as long as they reserve it, he stated.

"Currently the closest Zipcar locations are on Fourth Street and 10th Street next to campus," Paranal stated. "There are also ongoing talks between Parking Services and Zipcar to locate a few cars directly on campus."

Zipcar spokeswoman Jennifer Matthews said Zipcar currently has 13 parking locations close to campus.

"Most of these locations contain multiple cars, so there's quite a wide offering of vehicle types and models," she said.

Many of the cars parked around campus are Ford Focuses and Honda Civics, but Zipcar also has other models available for reservation, including Audis and BMWs, Matthews said.

"The cost of the car varies but they can be found for about \$8 an hour in San Jose," Paranal stated.

Matthews said students are quickly embracing the idea of car-sharing.

"On occasion we will even leave a special surprise for our Zipcar members in the vehicles to thank them for using our services," she said.

Matthews said members age 21 and older can use any Zipcar, but 18 to 21 year olds have some restrictions.

The cars parked near campus are available to members 18 and older, according to Paranal.

"I use Zipcar a lot, especially when I want to go out for a day with my friends," said junior sociology major Gina Dang.

Dang, who lives off campus, said she doesn't own a car but uses Zipcar to run errands and hang out.

Zipcar has hourly rates, which vary depending on the size and type of vehicle, Matthews said.

"Students and parents are looking for smart ways to manage the total cost of education," Matthews said. "Zipcar frees parents from the significant cost of car ownership, including car payments, parking, gas and insurance."

The cars closest to campus have priority reservation for students and faculty, he stated.

Paranal stated he has only heard good things about Zipcar service.

"The one issue (we hear) is the need for more cars close to campus," he stated.

Paranal also stated that as a member himself, he enjoys the

benefits that he doesn't receive driving his own vehicle.

"The two that I found most appealing were the included gas card and the insurance," he stated. "The Zipcar user doesn't need to worry about paying those costs."

Matthews also said environmental impact and sustainability is one of the more significant benefits.

"Zipcar is a part of a smarter transportation system (that) reduces congestion and pollution and complements public transportation," she said.

Matthews also said people who become Zipcar members begin taking more public transportation, as well as biking and walking.

"Every shared vehicle removes 15 personally owned vehicles from the road, creating less traffic and congestion and urban and suburban areas," Matthews said.

Dang said she enjoys helping the environment by being a Zipcar member.

"The cars are always so clean and nice, and fun to drive," she said. "It makes it 10 times better to me to use the Zipcar service."

Matthews said San Jose has been a good city for Zipcar locations because people are aware of the need for more energy efficient alternatives.

"Having a Zipcar program available to students provides those without cars a new level of freedom, to run errands, go shopping, take a day trip, or even attend job interviews or internships," Matthews said.

Lauren Hailey is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

ORGANIZATION

Campus to partner with women's group

By Sydney Reed
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Since 1881, the American Association of University Women has partnered with more than 500 colleges and universities — This semester SJSU has been added to the list.

For more than a century AAUW has aimed to empower women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

According to the College-University Relations Committee at the San Jose AAUW branch, AAUW advances this mission through the College/University Partners program.

Local colleges and universities are encouraged to become institutional members of AAUW because it, "allows students, faculty and staff to take advantage of free online membership, scholarships, graduate fellowships, campus project grants, leadership training, participation at AAUW — sponsored conferences and more," said committee member Diane Trombetta.

A major benefit of the University Partnership according to Trombetta is all undergraduate students can become free e-student affiliates by joining on svc.aauw.org.

The College-University Relations Committee at the San Jose branch stated in an email that SJSU, AAUW-SJ, the WAGE project and the Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy will be sponsoring a three-hour workshop on campus called the Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop on

April 30.

According to Helen Stevens, former director of international programs and services and AAUW-SJ committee member, Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the LGBT resource center will be facilitating the workshop, which teaches women how to negotiate their first salaries so they can reduce or eliminate the wage gap when starting their first job

"They show people how to do the research to find out what the salary range is for a particular job, so they know how they can start to ask for the salary," Sugiyama said.

According to Sugiyama the workshops will also teach women to learn to ask for more and also learn how to negotiate benefits, starting bonuses and contracts.

"A lot of people are scared and some people don't even think they can do that," she said. "Yes: this is what other people do in the industry, they are hiring you for a reason."

Sugiyama said the workshops will instill self-confidence in individuals, especially women and teaching them it's OK to ask for more.

"Women don't feel it's OK to ask more for themselves because we're taught that's being selfish," she said.

The workshop will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 285 of the Engineering Building.

According to Sugiyama, the event is free and dinner will be provided.

Students can RSVP by Tuesday, April 23 at <http://bit.ly/2013sjsustartsmart>.

According to Geri Madden, chair of the College-University Relations Committee, the San Jose branch, which was established in 1909 now has more than 300 members — many of which are graduates, former professors and employees of SJSU.

"I have been involved with AAUW-SJ for a number of years, and worked at SJSU as a director of international programs and services for thirteen and a half years," Stevens stated in an email.

She stated she helped present an International Woman's Day program in March of 2011 and 2012 with AAUW and SJSU's international community.

"In 2011 the program consisted of a panel of SJSU international women students from Pacific Rim countries discussing education for women in their countries," she stated. "In 2012, Najia Karim, wife of SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi, presented the international Woman's Day program with members of an organization she founded: Cultural Society of Afghan Women in the Bay Area."

Given the history of collaboration with AAUW-SJ and SJSU, Stevens said it was natural to seek membership from SJSU.

Provost Ellen Junn and the president's Chief of Staff Dorothy Poole helped organize and publicize joint AAUW-SJSU programs, according to the College-University Relations Committee.

Sydney Reed is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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REVIEW

Action film entertains but flops as outstanding thriller

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By **Stephanie Wong**
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Robert Redford, Shia LaBeouf, Susan Sarandon and Stanley Tucci are back on the big screen in “The Company You Keep,” a movie about a journalist in a search for answers regarding a man who is wanted for murder.

The thriller is directed by Redford, who also plays main character Jim Grant, a lawyer and single father on the run from the FBI.

His co-star LaBeouf plays Ben Shepard, a journalist who writes for a New York newspaper and is the reason why Grant is on the run.

Shepard wrote an article that exposed Grant as a radical fugitive who had been hiding for years and is wanted for murder.

As Grant travels from state to state trying to find the one person who can clear his name, Shepard tries to track him down to break this national news story.

It was different seeing Redford play the role of a wanted man instead of a journalist like he did in “All the President’s Men.”

His acting skills were great back then and he’s still just as talented now.

LaBeouf shows a more serious side to his acting in the role of Shepard, and I found myself relating to his character in how determined he was as a journalist.

Shepard would call one of his sources for information

and if they were “unable to take a phone call,” he would show up at their doorstep and wait until he got the interview he needed.

He had to deal with his interviewees saying they wanted some things “on the record” and other things “off the record.”

Shepard had a way with words and knew he had to be nice to certain people and firm with others to get information.

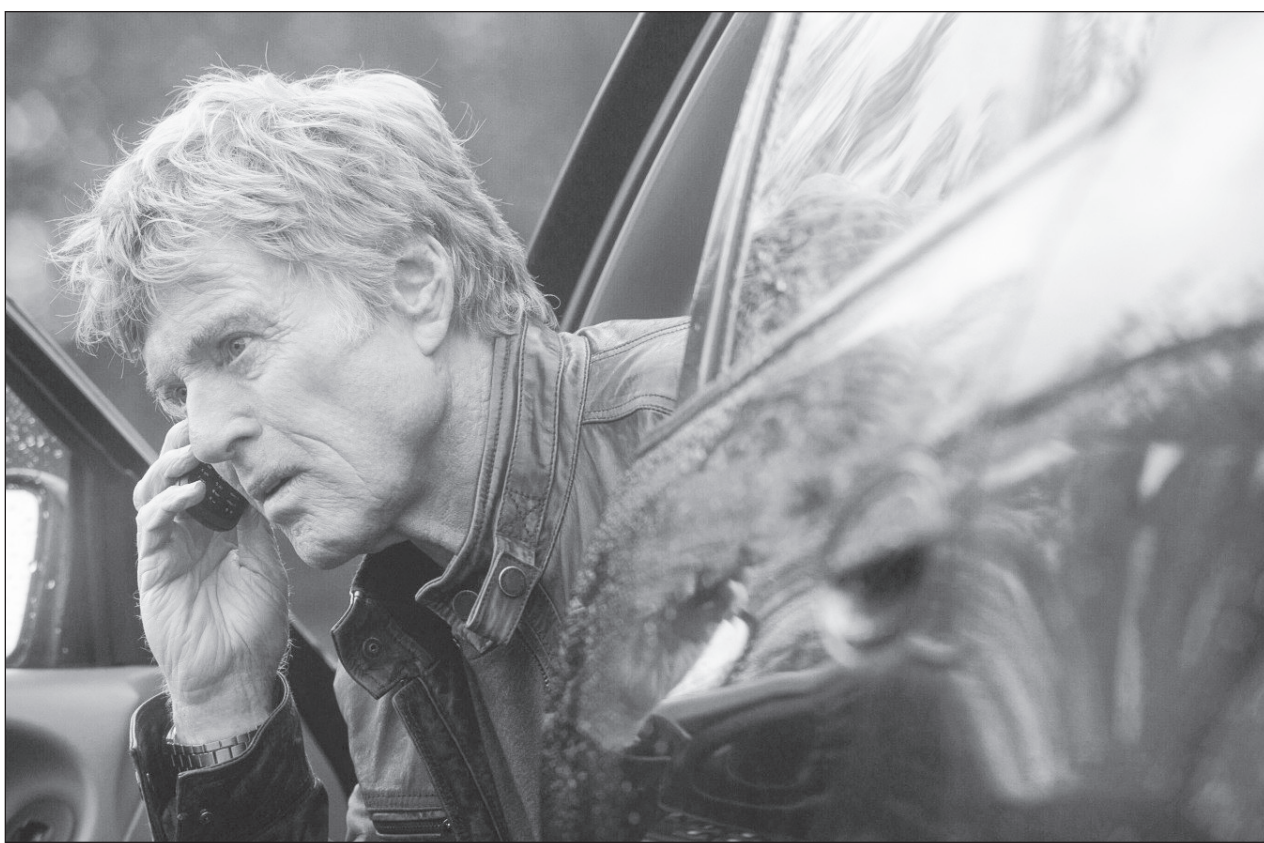
He understood the importance of story deadlines and that he could only push his editor’s buttons to an extent.

Several times throughout the movie, Shepard was asked what he was going to do with the information he got, and each time he would respond, “I’m going to do my job.”

LaBeouf shows a more serious side to his acting in the role of Shepard...

Scenes like these made me chuckle and smile because I knew what they felt like from experience.

Although I loved Redford and LaBeouf’s characters, I was a little disappointed at Sarandon and Tucci’s roles.



“The Company You Keep,” starring Robert Redford, hit theaters nationwide on April 5. Photo courtesy of metro.us

When I heard who the actors were going to be for this movie, I was excited because I knew it was going to be a dramatic thriller.

I’m not saying it isn’t and I understand that Sarandon and Tucci were only playing supporting characters, however I thought such great talent went to waste.

When I think of Sarandon, I think of her dramatic roles in “Stepmom” and even “Enchanted” as an animated character.

In “The Company You Keep,” Sarandon plays Sharon Solarz, a woman who was arrested for being involved in a radical movement as well as for the same murder Grant is accused of

committing. Throughout the whole movie, Sarandon only had one really important scene.

Although she played a magnificent part as a prisoner refusing to speak to anyone unless they were a journalist, I wish she had a much bigger role in this film.

Tucci plays Ray Fuller, Shepard’s boss.

I expected to get some laughs out of Tucci’s char-

acter, similar to his roles in “The Hunger Games” and “The Devil Wears Prada.”

I definitely chuckled at the newsroom humor shared between Shepard and Fuller.

Again, although I loved Tucci in this movie, I wish he had a bigger role.

One thing I wasn’t aware of was that this movie was initially a book.

“The Company You Keep” was written in 2003 by Neil Gordon.

I have a feeling that if I read the book before I saw the movie then I would have liked the book a lot better, like with most movies that are initially books.

Overall, I enjoyed this movie because I appreciate journalism and a good thriller.

Although it wasn’t absolutely spectacular, it is still a movie worth watching.

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REVIEW

The revenge of the ‘Nerds’

By **Sydney Reed**
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Company One’s Production of “Nerds”, which is written, directed and choreographed by Janie Scott, will have you laughing, awing and dancing in your seats.

Janie Scott has been the director of Company One, a musical theater company, for 23 years.

Each production the company does is original and written for them by Scott. She also incorporates music from films, hits from the hottest music artists, Broadway and off-Broadway shows.

“Anything is fair game to me,” she said.

The production, which casted 15 SJSU students – all triple threats: actors, dancers and singers – is one everyone one should see, especially if you’ve ever been a fan of “High School Musical” or “Glee”.

The singing was absolutely astonishing, the choreography was jaw dropping and the musical numbers were fun and catchy – “Don’t cha wish your girlfriend was a genius like me? (Don’t cha?)”

“Nerds” gives the audience an insight on every person in high school who has been considered a nerd, loser, geek, dork or whatever other name people could come up with, and the struggle to fit in as well as claiming who they truly are.

Throughout the production you’ll find that each nerd has something special about them or something they’d rather keep to themselves and the audience will be able to relate.

“In each of these characters, the whole idea for Janie is to make sure that everybody can see a little bit of themselves in the show,” said Danielle Williams, a junior musical theater major.

Williams plays Louise, who she describes as “a total sweetheart, optimist and always tries to see the best in someone in every situation.”

Inside Louise the sweetheart is an alter ego, one of a superhero ready to take on the world with her backpack full of comics and her cape tied around her neck, taking out the bad guys— something almost every kid has wanted to do at one point in time.

Then there’s Edith, played by Theresa Hoyer. Who wouldn’t want to be friends with a nerd like her? The confidence she has shines bright – she is never afraid to be herself and her dance move, the flamingo, is to die for. I could imagine her frustration when no one asked her to dance, but her day will come.

Unlike Edith, there are also the nerds who feel like they have no one but themselves, a feeling that is easy to relate to.

Julian, played by DJ Baluyot, and Dorothy, played by Amber Martinez, are two prime examples – Dorothy never feels like she fits in because she’s taller than everyone at school and Julian feels as if no one cares to hear what he has to say or what he is interested in. He basically feels like he’s alone in the universe.

Baluyot has been with the company for two years and will be graduating with a double major in recreational

therapy and musical theater, and a minor in dance.

“It’s very difficult to play a nerd in general, let alone a nerd that keeps to himself and is in love with anime,” he said. “It’s a challenge that I’m willing to take on.”

With the play being centered on high school nerds, the talk of having or getting a boyfriend or girlfriend also came into the picture.

Harriet and Lloyd, played by Morgan Mulholand and Jomar Martinez, were the cutest couple – although they seemed to be opposites.

Harriet was outgoing, bubbly and believed her Oreos fixed everything, while Lloyd was quiet and the only thing he seemed to love or even think about was his Rubik’s cube, but some how the two came together and with the help from the guys Lloyd learns to overcome his fears and “Walk Like A Man.”

Martinez, a senior musical theatre major, found himself relating to his character Lloyd.

“In a way, I like to stay fixated on a singular object or goal, just like Lloyd is so focused on his Rubik’s cube,” he said.

Company One’s Production of “Nerds” still has three shows left – April 18 to April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Hal Todd Theatre located in Hugh Gillis Hall. It will also be showing April 19 at 11 a.m. and April 20 at 2 p.m.

For those who catch the show, a preshow performance of “A Taste of Chicago” will be presented as a preview of coming attractions in the SJSU theatre arts program.

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Letters to the editor

A.S. made the right call

The Associated Students Board of Directors has made the right move in standing by it's a GPA requirements. In any form of organization, whether its business, sports team, club, or government body, the leaders need to be the most capable and knowledgeable people out of the population. Of the many skills a leader should possess, I would say time management and task prioritization are among the highest that can lead to a successful outcome in any field. If a student cannot manage to keep their grades at high level without being in office, then what makes a student think he will be able to handle the added workload? If you are not succeeding as a student, then you should not be able to influence decisions that affect other students' money and well being. Candidates running for A.S. should be the best students that San Jose State has to offer. As a member of three student organizations, I have seen a handful of great leaders, and I have witnessed a lot of people that were not qualified for leadership positions in the first place.

The real problem that SJSU needs to address concerning low application rates for A.S. is the lack of interest in joining. Personally, I think that starts at the top with parents, teachers, the administration and other influential figures. We all go to school with hopes to get a job with our degree, but a majority of students seem to think that's all you need. Jobs look for high grades, work experience and leadership skills. It's about time we started stressing these to students. SJSU needs to teach its students how to set their priorities for today so that they can achieve their goals in the future.

Dominic Garaventa
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Embrace social networking

A recent article highlighted how social networks can potentially cause health hazards to individuals. It is quite obvious that we live in a world where technology has grown to be a big part of society and no matter where we go, what we do, and what we see there is some kind of element that promotes the use of social networks. Nowadays, you see companies, organizations, and artists, whom promote themselves through social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. For example, I am a current communications major at San Jose State and my department has a Twitter account that I follow to get updates on events and information that concern me. These social networks create a tool for students like me to have the convenience of quickly checking my phone or computer for important updates, events and other factors.

We should embrace the benefit of these tools that play an important role in our generation ...

Social networks have the constant shadow of being viewed as a negative factor in society today. If the use of these social networks really did articulate hazardous

health issues would we really be promoting it as much as society does? Moreover, I think that social networking can only realistically benefit us in the long run in terms of the convenience and the easy access to current information that is constantly being distrusted to the world. Instead of barring the negative factors that these social networks potentially have, we should focus more on finding alternatives of moderations of the use of these social networks. We should embrace the benefit of these tools that play an important role in our generation because it is only going to grow and grow in time.

Yvonne Gonzalez.
Junior, communications studies.

Kim brainwashing his people

I generally agree with Chris Marian's position on the state of North Korea and its "king" Kim Jong-un. They really have made so many threats that no other country takes them seriously anymore. If it weren't for China, North Korea probably would have been beaten into a ground like a kid when he doesn't cough up his lunch money to the school bully.

Chris however makes a point I disagree with. He says that if "enough pressure is put on the people ... they will put pressure on their leaders." Just from the propaganda that North Korea likes to dish out through television or the news, or even YouTube, it's clear the people of North Korea are brainwashed into a state of no return. The people of North Korea are hypnotized to the point that they enjoy the rule of Kim Jong-un, and they enjoyed the rule of his father as well. In my opinion, there needs to be outside action if anything is ever going to be

done about Kim Jung-un's reign of nuclear terror.

If North Korea does attack somebody, China will quit its job as gate guardian; consequently, when North Korea get counterattacked, China will only sit back and watch. The real problem with North Korea and Kim Jong-un is not if they go to war or attack somebody. We all know what the outcome would be.

The real problem is the effect Kim Jong-un, as leader, has on his people, who are malnourished, brainwashed and helpless. If it weren't for China, something might have been done already to possibly help the North Korean people.

Raymond Quihuiz.
Freshman, undeclared.

Social Media not a bad thing

In regards to your March 19th article, "Social Media Could Be Harming Students," I think you brought up some great points, but I disagree with the scale at which you portrayed this problem. I completely agree that there has been a huge rise in both the numbers of people that use social media, as well as the time being spent on these websites. However, I feel that this activity is no more addicting than any other hobby people pursue. I am one of the millions of people that have a Facebook account, but I wouldn't say it has detracted from my life. I'll check it once or twice a day, if at all. Like anything else, moderation is the key. I won't disagree that some people don't know moderation when it comes to social media, however there are plenty of people that get carried away with their hobbies from time to time. One thing that I noticed in the article was the study scientists did on

the physiological effects observed from individuals using these social media sites. It was stated that a chemical reaction causing the user to feel pleasure occurs while using these sites. However, it needs to be pointed out that whenever an individual is doing something they enjoy, this chemical reaction takes place. Working out, reading, running, playing video games etc. are all hobbies people have that create this sense of pleasure through a chemical reaction. Social networking isn't particularly unique in any way which is leading to staggering numbers of addiction, it's just a hobby like anything else and may seem threatening because it is so new.

Evan Ford
Junior, communications studies

Atheism is just real life

I am an atheist, too. I agree that atheism is a viable way to live to one's way in the world. Destiny is not controlled by any god or supernatural force, but controlled by our own hand. I think that the rewards we get for being good are not given by any god: we just deserve it. And sometimes we don't get any reward for doing good things, which is not so surprising — It's just real life. It seems that miracles that couldn't be explained by science are much likely referred to as acts of gods or supernatural things. However, in my opinion, those miracles just failed to be explained by current science, because there are still so many things to be explored. It's just like when, thousands of years ago, people didn't know why there was the Sun during the day and there was the Moon during the night, but now those things can be fully explained with the knowledge of astronomy. So someday

these so-called miracles today will get a good explanation by more developed sciences.

Destiny is not controlled by any god or supernatural force, but controlled by our own hand.

Although I absolutely support Atheism, I do respect others' religions: it's just a different way other people choose to live their life. Religion is spiritual sustenance for some people. It gives people strong support when they face suffering. Knowing or believing that there is always a god that cares about them and what they do, or experience, some people will feel their existence and be supported in the world. For example, my mother was baptized and became a Christian after her retirement, which made life become more meaningful for her. So whether one has religion or not, it's just the way he or she finds is a perfect way for his or her place in the world.

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Carpenter's supply
- 6 Eastern housemaid
- 10 Carrier for needles and pins
- 14 Out of one's element
- 15 Glass rectangle
- 16 Corporation emblem
- 17 Unable to speak
- 19 Dunder-head
- 20 Science of light and vision
- 21 Mississippi's state flower
- 23 "Bio" or "nano" follower
- 25 Keister
- 26 Contraction that gives trouble to many
- 29 Cross word?
- 31 Hindu wise guys
- 35 Copy a kitty
- 36 Santa's landing site
- 38 "A Bell for ___" (Hersey novel)
- 39 Ancient Greek tragedy
- 43 Flynn of "Robin Hood"
- 44 Geometric

DOWN

- 1 Post-WWII alliance
- 2 Straddling
- 3 "It ___ what you think!"
- 4 Not phony
- 5 Alien transport, perhaps
- 6 Unusually intelligent
- 7 Hobbler severely

- 8 What the sympathizer lends
- 9 Beats around the bush
- 10 Legendary gold-laden land
- 11 Word with "kit" or "belt"
- 12 Type of tangelo
- 13 Very small amount
- 18 Do an usher's work
- 22 Mogul governor
- 24 Great ruckus
- 26 Force forward
- 27 ___ firma
- 28 Bound by oath
- 30 They don't just sit around
- 32 Old Bea Arthur TV series
- 33 Concave belly button
- 34 Carbonated drinks
- 37 Gasoline, diesel, ethanol et al.
- 40 Middle-of-the-road
- 41 Bring cheer to
- 42 Places with hot rocks

- 47 Take off the steamer
- 49 Mrs. Washington
- 52 Parenthetical comment
- 54 100 equal a Serbian dinar
- 55 Bacon go-with
- 56 Dropped like an anchor
- 57 Broadway presentation
- 58 Eye lecherously
- 60 "Pike's Peak or ___!"
- 61 "... and ___ the fire"
- 62 The first "Mr. Shirley Temple"
- 65 Yon maiden fair

Openly gay athletes needed

I have no gay role models in sports, and that is a problem.

It's not because the world is short on them or because I haven't searched.

A couple who have affected me a great deal are Gore Vidal, who was the most versatile writer ever, and Ellen DeGeneres, who has one of the best personalities in show business.

But as much as I love good writing and television, my passion for sports far exceeds the rest and I fear that its slow progress toward full equality has stymied the process for all of society.

Sports personality Dan Le Batard writes, "There aren't many barriers left to break in sports. The only way an athlete can be Jackie Robinson today is by being an active male player in a team sport who is gay."

The search for the modern-day Robinson may be over with the announcement earlier this month by CBS sports of several active NFL players possibly coming out, hopefully not for a selfish financial opportunity.

It amazes me how sports connects a multitude of fans, sometimes a city or country's worth, who in essence are complete strangers bonded together as beloved comrades or sworn enemies depending on which team they support.

There was a yearning I felt my entire life to be a player on a team like that, and even as an adult I look up to young players such as Bryce Harper and practice moves I see Kyrie Irving do on television.

As a writer, I don't want to necessarily be like Vidal, and I don't aim to be Rachel Maddow as a journalist, but as a fan, I go as far as fantasizing about being Michael Jordan soaring through the air and Wayne Gretzky over the ice.

Becoming the president of the United States or winning an Oscar were never my aspirations in life.

I've always dreamed of netting the game winning goal for the Stanley Cup or catching the game winning touchdown to win the Super Bowl.

I would practice my swing with an invisible bat and pretend I just hit a walk-off home run. Every shot I took at the park was a buzzer-beater where there was always five seconds left on the clock with my team down by one.

Sports to me is like a never-ending television show spanning thousands of seasons airing all across the globe, and I think it has been neglecting a certain character: the openly gay athlete.

This is primarily applicable to men's professional leagues because women have a more respectable history of active lesbian athletes from Martina Navratilova to Sheryl Swoopes and Megan Rapinoe.

Having gay players competing does not seem to have affected women's games negatively, or positively. In fact, I don't think lesbian athletes have affected the game at all.

In their respective leagues, they are just regular players like the straight athletes, doing their best and working hard to win.

Four years after playing several



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seasons in the NBA, all the while keeping his sexuality a secret, John Amaechi became the first NBA player to come out of the closet publicly

Amaechi writes about the discouraging environment created by his teammates in his memoir "Man in the Middle."

"Over time, I realized their anti-gay prejudice was more a convention of a particular brand of masculinity," Amaechi writes. "Homophobia is a ballplayer posture, akin to donning a 'game face, wearing flashy jewelry or driving the perfect black Escalade.'"

All four major professional sports leagues are working with numerous LGBT organizations, and they can do all the advocacy they want but, in the end, the decision is up to the players to get rid of the stereotypical macho-man persona that infects the culture.

They are the ones that have to give up their insecurities in the locker room and end the preconceived notions toward gays that have been embedded in their minds since childhood.

Wade Davis, a former NFL player who also waited until retirement to come out, writes, "I don't believe another athlete would try to harm a gay male athlete, but professional sports is still full of people happy to express their disapproval of homosexuality, and coming out requires a supportive environment."

Player-to-player support has been trickling in these past years and several active players such as Minnesota Vikings kicker Chris Kluwe and Baltimore Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo are extremely active in LGBT advocacy.

I was really hoping for sports to be a pioneer on this issue but I felt disappointed that it was being left out in milestones for human rights.

Barney Frank's marriage is a triumph in our legal system that changes the way we look at our representatives in government, and Frank Ocean's revealing disturbs a certain conventionality in hip hop that needed a change in direction.

It seems like the one major societal aspect that has shown the least progression towards gay rights is sports, and the athletes, as the ambassadors, need to at least create a welcoming atmosphere.

Sports is a world built on tradition, but some things need to change.

This is especially true in this era of sports where noble, clean athletes seem to be rare.

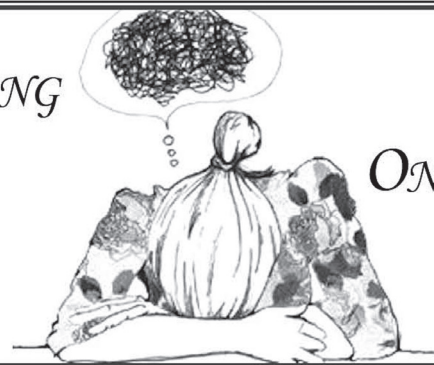
I don't care what Charles Barkley says, professional athletes will always be role models, because although sporting is a virtuous thing, it can't be a role model, only athletes can.

As a child, I marveled at their physical capabilities and unparalleled skill, and as I got older the athletes had even more to offer.

Just to name a few, I started admonishing Kobe Bryant for his work ethic, Milan Lucic's toughness, Buster Posey's charm, Ray Lewis's passion, Kent Bazemore's enthusiasm, and the courage of a certain unnamed athlete that has yet to make himself known.

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WHAT'S GOING



ON UP THERE?

By: Sydney Reed

Mother-daughter bonds can be bettered

The mother-daughter relationship can be something like a roller coaster — it's complex and diverse. Each mother and daughter will not be the same, but there should be some understanding, respect and love between the two.

Some mothers and daughters are best friends, while others are constantly at war with each other. We have the mothers who talk everything out with their daughters and the ones who simply choose to avoid conflict. Then there's the daughter who rarely talks to her mom and the one who talks to her daily.

A lot of times the relationships between mothers and their daughters stay broken because no one steps up to face the issue at hand.

No matter the type of relationship, there can always be room for improvement.

Look at the relationship I have with my mother — she is my best friend. As a baby, no one could hold me except for her or I'd cry. As a kid, I followed her wherever I could because I didn't want to be near anyone else. As a teenager, I was afraid to tell her things — but it was also impossible for me to keep them a secret and now that I'm in my adult

years I can talk to her about anything.

When I go to visit my mother we literally talk for hours non-stop and every time I leave it's still never enough time spent.

Though we are close as ever, she's also there to put me in my place if I were to get out of line.

For 21 years I spent all my time under my mother and we got into one serious argument where things got physical, but because we have a bond that is so strong, the anger didn't last longer than a day. I was 20 years old when it happened. She told me it was her way of showing me that even though I'm now considered an adult, I still need to show her respect because I am still her child and she'll always be my mother.

I laugh at the incident because my older and younger sister couldn't believe what they were hearing — the best friends had gotten into a physical altercation. That's something that would happen between my mother and one of my other sisters, not me.

Our mother-daughter relationship actually improved after that. I had to realize that we are always going to agree to disagree on certain things. We are two different people with very different opinions when it comes to some topics.

When I see girls who can't wait to get away from their mothers, I just don't understand, but then I have to remind myself that not all mother-daughter relationships are the same. Some of these girls have really rocky relationships with their mothers because of a number of reasons: drugs, abuse, neglect — the list goes on.

When a relationship is broken it can be very hard to put back all the

pieces. A lot of times the relationships between mothers and their daughters stay broken because no one steps up to face the issue at hand. They ignore it instead because they believe there is no way to improve the relationship, but they're wrong.

For this process to work, someone has to be willing to make the first move. If no one steps up, nothing will be fixed.

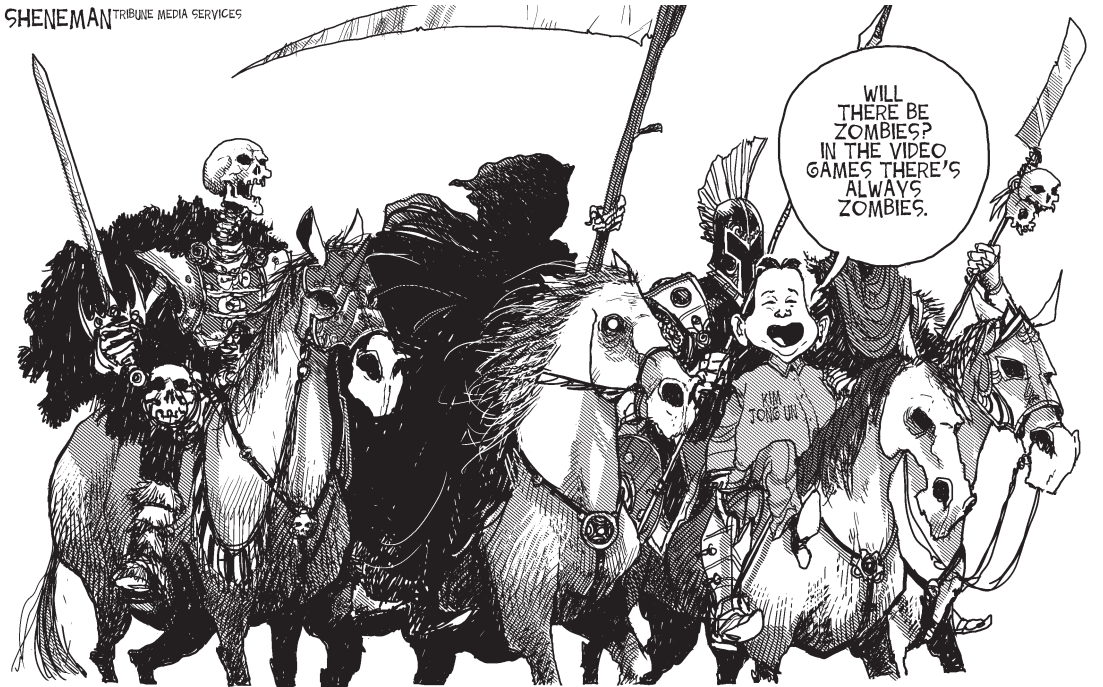
For a long time my mother and older sister had a difficult relationship. It finally took my sister stepping up and admitting her wrongs for things to be right again. Sometimes, people have to be willing to change themselves for the sake of the relationship — change the way you react to the other party's actions.

Communication is also key in improving a mother-daughter relationship. Just because your mother brought you into this world doesn't mean she should know what you feel or think, or the other way around. This leads to a lack of communication. When the communication does happen it usually comes out harsh and feelings are left hurt. This could be avoided if the two take the time to talk, as well as listen, to one another and do not bring a third party into the situation.

Lastly, a major way to improve not only a mother-daughter relationship but any type of relationship is learning how to forgive. When you forgive someone you have better chances of repairing a damaged relationship. You aren't telling that person it's OK what they did, but showing that you can move on from it. Reconciliation isn't always about forgiving but it's a burden lifted.

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VOLLEYBALL

New assistant coach brings her passion and skills to SJSU

By Tessa Terrill
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Megan Burton, the new women's assistant volleyball coach, spent most of her childhood among the palm trees and beaches of Hawaii with a big Polynesian family.

A child of two parents in the military, she was born in Washington state, moved to Germany, moved around within Europe and moved to Hawaii where her parents retired.

Her parents were volleyball players who met while playing for the Armed Forces team.

Burton said it is the "all-star team for military branches."

"I was exposed to the game at a very young age," she said.

She started playing competitive volleyball when she was 13 and coached club teams for two years when she was a player.

She then went on to St. Mary's College, where she majored in business management, to play volleyball.

"It was nice to be able to surround myself with a Catholic university," she said.

Burton said it was the best competitive volleyball she has ever played.

One of the highlights of her career at St. Mary's was when the team won the West Coast Conference championship during her senior year.

Fellow assistant coach Jeanine Halldi said Burton helped St. Mary's make the NCAA championship tournament.

"She was a dominant middle blocker for them," Halldi said.

Burton helps with blocking at SJSU, she said.

Sophomore left side hitter Samantha O'Connell, a communications major, said Burton has been a big help in all aspects of blocking.

"She knows what she is talking about, which is nice," O'Connell said.

According to Burton, volleyball is a skill sport that is different from others such as soccer or basketball.

"You can be a great athlete, but not necessarily a great volleyball player, because it's all about technique," she said.

After graduating in 2010, Burton coached other players she played with at St. Mary's for two years as a volunteer assistant coach.

The transition from player to coach was made easier by the familiar environment, she said.

She said she felt very fortunate to go back to her alma mater to coach.

"The best part is that they had an ultimate goal," Burton said. "The goal was to (win a) championship. Make the post-season. Make the NCAA tournament. They knew that I could help get them there."

Burton said she learned a lot of things that a player doesn't get to learn about the game thanks to coaching, such as how to scout players.

"It was a great learning environment for me," she said.

Burton left St. Mary's to coach at SJSU because she said she needed to grow.



Megan Burton, a former Saint Mary's College volunteer coach, has been hired as a new assistant coach. Basil Sar / Spartan Daily

According to Halldi, the volleyball team is excited to have her.

This season, Burton is teaching the team the "Gold Medal Squared Volleyball" philosophy, which she calls an "up and coming style of volleyball."

It is taking the men's game and bringing it to women's volleyball, she said.

"You're going to see a lot faster sets to the outside, higher balls in the middle, swing blocking and jump serving be-

cause the athletes are getting more physical on the women's side," Burton said. "So the game has to mold to that."

She said the main difference between coaching and playing is she doesn't control the outcome.

"It's been kind of an out-of-body experience and it has taught me to communicate very well and to have patience," she said.

Being a player has made her a better coach because she knows what the players are

going through, Burton said.

"I love seeing my athletes find joy when they finally accomplish something," she said. "When they've worked so hard, they've put in sweat, and tears, and screams and bruises. All this hard work and they have finally accomplished a goal. To see someone doing that from me helping them is an amazing feeling."

Burton said she wants to bring back the winning feeling at SJSU.

"I want to bring that fight and that desire, but also teach how to get there," she said.

She said she can already see a change in the squad since the two months she has been here at SJSU.

"They know what their goals are and they know the hard work it's going to take to get there, and they're willing to put it in, so that's the first step to success," she said.

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