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## Star-gazing students discuss poverty and homelessness

By Elizabeth Rodriguez  
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Students slept out to bring awareness to the 47 million homeless in the U.S. at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue Thursday night.

Students celebrated the 10th annual "Poverty Under the Stars" event that aimed to raise awareness regarding homelessness and poverty in Silicon Valley with creator and SJSU alum Rochelle Jackson Smarr.

The event featured guest speakers such as sociology professor Scott Myers-Lipton, Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez and Sacred Heart Community Services director Poncho Guevara.

Guest speakers discussed troubles that plague San Jose, the greater Silicon Valley and students of SJSU.

"The homelessness crisis

around the lack of good paying jobs—30 to 40 percent of our people—it allows some of them to eventually become homeless," Myers-Lipton said. "But it's affecting the working class, the middle class. It's affecting the poor and it's affecting all of us."

Sociology junior Ryan Eckford attended to represent Fight Against Student Homelessness.

"I just thought it was a good experience to better understand the issues I want to address with the people who are involved in issues I'm interested in," Eckford said.

The event carried out into the next morning for a community discussion at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library with social justice alumni leaders in an effort to reduce poverty

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Elizabeth Rodriguez | Spartan Daily

Students and staff brave cold temperatures and camp out with the homeless on the 10th anniversary of Poverty Under the Stars at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue Thursday night.

**APP HAPPY**

## Spartans code to success at SJSU Hackathon event



Jordan Alexis | Spartan Daily

Michael Jaradah talks about the details of his group's app for the judges during the Hackathon at SJSU last Friday and Saturday.

By Jordan Alexis  
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Over 120 aspiring engineers, computer scientists and designers gathered at San Jose State to compete in a hackathon last weekend.

Hosted by SJSU, GameStop and IBM, the event tested the coding skills of students and allowed them to show off their imagination and ability to work under pressure.

"A hackathon, at its core, is basically creative problem solving," said Jacob Tansey, a software engineer for GameStop. "For this specific hackathon, it's based around problems GameStop is presenting and the student are asked to build

mobile apps and web designs in response.

Students began working Friday at 9 a.m. Over the next 31 hours, they designed and created apps that would present opportunities to make GameStop shopping more efficient.

Students had access to top-notch resources with assets and data from GameStop and IBM's Bluemix platform.

"We're more interested in the ideas they come up with," Tansey said. "We know they're going to come up with some good code and solutions, but (with) 100 students working on the same things you know there will be some good ideas."

After groups were given

their task on Friday, students began planning their strategies. Participants had to think of something innovative and new, but at the same time easy and attractive for gamers.

"The university students are one of the core target consumers for GameStop so let's get them to figure out what they want," said Chinh Vo, strategic cloud adoption leader at IBM.

In an attempt to present the best product possible to the judges, students stayed overnight and worked on their apps until 4 a.m.

Students were determined to earn the grand prize, which included a gaming

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**END OF THE ROAD**



Rachel Price | Spartan Daily

Emotions ran high in the team huddle after the Spartans' loss to Stanford during the first round of the women's NCAA soccer tournament on Friday. Senior goalkeeper Zoe Makrigiannis urges her team to "keep believing in it."

**Interim President Martin's Notes**

New Student Union opening in the Spring.

CFA: what to do if the teachers strike: "We will deal with that if it happens."

"We have 50 or so new faculty members this semester and 70 for the next school year."

Increase alumni funding.

"We plan on increasing cameras around campus, coordinating cameras around campus ... We have a whole list of security initiatives to try and help security on this campus."

\$24 million spent on new golf facility.

Host gala in new Student union to show off facilities to potential donor alumni.

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Juniors Michael Jaradah, Alexis Cheung Ho, Sara Sepasian and senior Spencer Lehrman won first place at the two-day GameStop/IBM Hackathon event at the Spartan Complex this past weekend.

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console, games and a 40" flat-screen TV. After hours of devotion, teams were ready to present their product to judges from GameStop and SJSU Information Technology Services.

Judges looked over 20 presentations in the span of 2 hours and 30 minutes before making their final decision.

The grand-prize winners were a team of three computer engineers and one computer science major.

Juniors Sara Sepasian, Michael Jaradah, Alexis Cheung Ho and senior Spencer Lehrman said they were in shock when the judges announced their team won the competition.

They said they did not think their team had much of a chance at the start of the event.

"Honestly, we were kind of discouraged at the beginning," Jaradah said. "The stuff they used was not languages we are familiar with for the most part."

The winning team started later than oth-

ers in the competition, taking three more hours just to get an idea on paper.

"The great thing about the hackathon is that we really got to bond together," Sepasian said. "Having each other as teammates made it not as stressful. We tried to make it something we can relate to personally.

Sepasian signed up for the event, but didn't plan on attending until Jaradah and Cheung "grabbed" her to join. As part of the winning team, Sepasian said she is glad her friends talked her into it.

Lehrman said he was even happier to be part of the team and he did not know his three teammates until the competition.

"I feel so lucky to be put with this group," Lehrman said. "It was so much fun."

Tansey said the success of this first ever hackathon will hopefully bring more competitions to SJSU in the future.

"It's not confirmed yet, but we're definitely excited for the opportunity to have one next year," Tansey said. "We would love to come back to SJSU and do another one."

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and inequality along with other social issues.

The objective of the discussion was for current students, alumni and faculty members to discuss issues they wish to change in their community.

"We have to be a child's first teacher and having early literacy and getting them kinder ready is the key," alumnus Salvador Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez now works with Catholic Charities in the children, youth and families development division.

"I want to be a part of this community," said food pantry program assistant Elizabeth Agramont of the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center. "I want to connect with people and share my experiences and hear their experiences and their struggles and try to be empowered together."

Agramont said she is interested in creating a DREAMer Center at SJSU that would aid undocumented AB540 college students to support and guide them, and prepare them for graduation.

AB540 students are undocumented college students, who are not eligible for certain financial aid.

According to a Bloomberg study of the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis data for the 100 largest metropolitan areas, San Jose is the richest city in the U.S. with a

gross metropolitan product per capita of \$105,482.

With San Jose being the third largest city in California at the heart of Silicon Valley—home to tech giants such as Facebook, Google, Apple, Netflix and Twitter—the city has an immense poverty rate.

The homelessness crisis was best reflected in the homeless encampments known as "The Jungle" located on Story Road.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, the Jungle was home to 200-300 people living in unsanitary conditions.

The Jungle was dismantled by city workers Dec. 4, 2014. The Mercury News reported that the cost of the clean up was between \$400,000-\$500,000 and was shared with the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Some proposed solutions are expanding housing subsidies, raising minimum wage and early education for children.

In order for these proposed solutions to be met, the work must begin with students and the community.

Organization such as the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center, Fight Against Student Homelessness, Sacred Heart Community Services and Catholic Charities are some of many organizations that work to bring change.

"Let's make San Jose a first class city for all, not just for some," Myers-Lipton said.

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## Uber drivers can now fill seats on their commutes

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Uber is trying a feature that will let its drivers input their destination so they can pick up a paying passenger going their way. Rivals Lyft and Sidecar have long offered similar destination matching.

"We listened to drivers' feedback," said Maya Choksi, product manager for Uber's driver app. "When they're going somewhere with a destination in mind, they want to earn a fare along the way."

The most vocal drivers requesting the feature are those who live far away from where they normally drive, she said. Now, drivers who live in Vallejo but drive to San Francisco, for instance, can try to fill an empty seat on their way to work.

It's part of a bigger overhaul of the driver app designed "to give drivers the information and tools they need to manage their schedules and pick where and when they want to drive," Choksi said.

Another new feature will give drivers more information on how to respond to Uber's infamous surge pricing, when rates increase during periods of high demand.

Keith Chen, Uber's head of economic research who is designing the third iteration of its surge system, told The Chronicle last month that the app now helps drivers calculate whether a surge might be over by the time they drive to the area where it's happening.

Uber's Pool for shared rides, like the similar Lyft Line, already requires passengers to enter destinations so they can be matched with other riders who have similar routes. As a result, Uber passengers are more used to entering their destination when they request a ride, the company said. But doing so is optional for solo rides.

This month, Uber added pre-priced shared Pool rides to San Francisco from Palo Alto, Mountain View and San Jose during morning commute hours. At the time, it said that drivers who commuted to the city from the South Bay would be natural candidates for providing those rides.

Initially just available in the Bay Area, the destination feature will be introduced elsewhere in coming weeks.

Carolyn Said writes for the San Francisco Chronicle.

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## Will the real American please stand up?

By Jordan Alexis  
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One of my favorite hobbies in the world is watching movies, from the black and white days of “Citizen Kane” to “The Martian” and everything in between. I don’t just enjoy watching the movie at face value, but also diving it into the time period in which the film was made and seeing how that shaped the making of the film.

For example, my favorite movies are the “Star Wars” trilogy of the late ‘70s and early ‘80s. It, along with “Jaws” (1975), helped popularize the summertime releases and give way to the term Summer blockbuster we use today.

However, diving into film isn’t just about the visuals. It begins and ends with the actors in the films, whose performances captivate your imagination and bring you into the story.

Actors today don’t really match those of the ‘60s and ‘70s in my opinion, but there is no doubt that we have plenty of talented actors and actresses in modern film.

Though, one thing that has stuck out to me in films today, especially the last few years, is the U.K. invasion in movies and the fall of American actors.

More and more you are seeing prominent roles, even those based on American icons, being given to actors outside of the U.S. and they are not only taking these

roles, they are excelling at them.

Movies such as “Selma,” a film based on Martin Luther King, Jr., featured an entire cast of British actors. The roles of King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Governor George Wallace and President Lyndon B. Johnson were all played by Brits.

The new “Steve Jobs” movie’s main role is played by Michael Fassbender and the two lead actors (John Boyega and Daisy Ridley) in the “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” movie are both from the U.K.

According to figures from the Department of Homeland Security, there was a 500 percent increase in the number of visa petitions approved for actors and directors from the U.K. wanting to work in U.S. entertainment.

So the question must be asked, where are all the Americans in Hollywood?

Famous actor Michael Douglas told The Independent that many of today’s American actors don’t have the training.

“Clearly, it breaks down on two fronts. In Britain they take their training seriously while in the states we’re going through a sort of social media image consciousness thing rather than formal training,” Douglas said.

I’m not sure what he means by social media, but the training is very evident. An article by The Atlantic discusses how the theater background that many people in the U.K and Australia are brought

up in allows them to have a range that American actors don’t necessarily have when they start out.

One area this is most evident is in the ability to perfect an American accent. Actors such as Daniel Day-Lewis in “Lincoln,” Christian Bale in “The Dark Knight” or Nicole Kidman in pretty much anything she’s ever done, have put forth spotless accents.

If you just watched their movies and never heard them talk off-screen many would be surprised to learn they aren’t American. I certainly was surprised by Day-Lewis.

This isn’t just relegated to film, with the expansion of TV this trend is becoming even more evident. Rick, Lennie and the governor from “The Walking Dead” are all U.K.-born actors. Charlie Cox from “Daredevil” and Damian Lewis from “Homeland,” two of my favorite shows, are both British. All of these actors trained at some drama or theater school in the U.K.

There are plenty more to point out, but the point is it seems British actors are beginning to look better at playing American than Americans themselves.

Now am I standing on a soap box as a hardcore American telling the Brits to get out?

Not even close. I’m not going to stop watching my shows or movies because an English person is playing Batman or Superman.

This is a call out to those Americans in Hollywood because they need to step their game up and start taking more chal-

lenging roles that expand their range.

Now some believe drama school is a waste of time, such as Paul Roseby of the National Youth Theatre who said drama school is expensive and doesn’t teach actors how to sell themselves which is what is really important.

“You don’t need to learn how to act, you need to learn how to sell yourself. You can either act or you can’t.” Roseby said to The Guardian.

However, this type of thought is exactly what I think is wrong with American actors.

“If Paul genuinely believes that improved marketing skills are all that are required to make a talented young person capable of performing “Hamlet,” or playing a lead in a West End musical or a major movie, then I am deeply saddened,” said Edward Kemp, the director of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in the same Guardian article.

I believe young American actors should start getting more into live theater. The Atlantic said a trend with many actors in America is they start out acting at a very young age. Whether it’s in TV, commercials or film that they just sort of learn on the job, which isn’t a bad thing. But I feel the U.S. is more about making stars than producing actors in today’s age.

With this new age of media, my next door neighbor has the ability to become a star. I don’t want stars on my screen, I want actors.

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## Boycotters glimpse the path to the dark side

By Jovanni Arroyo-Camberos  
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The path to the dark side began for many “Star Wars: Episode VII—The Force Awakens” boycotters a few weeks ago when they decided to protest the movie for being “anti-white” in an attempt to start a rebellion within the Star Wars community.

Yes, even Star Wars, one of the greatest movie franchises of all time, is getting criticism for its role in producing a black protagonist.

However, these fans need to take a closer look at the history of film and see that the protagonist white males drastically outnumber the amount of black protagonists.

A campaign to boycott the movie began on the day of the trailer’s release—one of the most anticipated advertisements of the year—when it hit the world during Monday night football.

Uninformed Twitter accounts argued that “The Force Awakens” is anti-white for choosing England native John Boyega as the leading protagonist and Guatemalan Oscar Isaac in another supporting role.

This is not the first time “The Force Awakens” has received negative criticism about its casting. When the cast was announced the film received criticism for casting Daisy Ridley as a co-lead because she is a woman.

The boycott started on Twitter as it circulated throughout various social media platforms with #BoycottStarWarsVII.

Although the hashtag was trending, it was not trending for the reason we all would’ve thought.

Many people took the time to acknowledge how ridiculous the boycott was and instead of joining the movement, made fun of the people who started the hashtag.

“#BoycottstarwarsVII folks, lemme get this straight: Wookies, Ewoks and droids are fine, but a black person is a problem? Go Home. You’re drunk.” tweeted songwriter and actress Audra McDonald.

According to research done from the University of Southern California, 73.1 percent of film actors between 2007-2014 were white.

This is not the first time there have been black protagonists. Star Wars is the most famous franchise and is the main reason why the attention has been increasingly popular.

According to the same study, in 2014 only 17 of the top

100 movies features non-white lead or co-lead actors.

Boycotters of the movie dislike the idea of a black leading actor. When the original trilogy came out, however, one of the main protagonists was voiced by a black actor.

James Earl Jones was the voice of notorious and feared villain of the Star Wars universe, Darth Vader.

It seems like most of the Twitter ranting crusaders of the #BoycottStarWars have forgotten who played Lando Calrissian and Mace Windu.

Followers of #BoycottStarWars also say Star Wars is promoting “anti-white propaganda.”

According to the IMDB web page, the new Star Wars film introduces a host of new characters including the original trio of the saga, Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher. Six new characters include Adam Driver, Gwendoline Christie, Domhnall Gleeson, Daisy Ridley, Oscar Isaac and John Boyega.

Out of the nine main characters only one is black. Yet, somehow the boycott movement is preaching that “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” is promoting anti-white propaganda that heralds a boycott. According to a study done by the Bunche Center at University of California, Los Angeles in 2011, only 10.5 percent of lead roles played in the 172 films released that year were played by the minority.

Diversity is not a bad thing, Star Wars is an example of showing children across the world that anyone can be a Jedi, Sith or any character they wish to be. It doesn’t matter whether you are white, brown, black or any color.

J.J. Abrams is known for casting a diverse set of actors for his other films such as “Star Trek.”

“I think it’s important people see themselves represented in film,” Abrams said in a panel at the San Diego Comic-Con 2015. “I think it’s not a small thing.”

Abrams responded to the boycott with words that can only be repeated time and time again.

“We cannot wait to share the trailer with you tonight,” Abrams tweeted. “I don’t care if you’re black, white, brown, Jawa, Wookiee, Jedi or Sith. I just hope you like it.”

Star Wars is the most anticipated movie of the year and, quite frankly, maybe the most anticipated movie of the decade.

Society is still being thrown under the bus with racism, but with #BoycottStarWarsVII it has brought the attention to most people in the galaxy and has made this trending topic laughable.



Twitter is being used to get back at people who start the outrageous hashtags.

Last week Apple was the trending hashtag because an employee from the Apple Store in Melbourne, Australia was caught on camera kicking out six black schoolboy’s for looking suspicious.

The employee told the students he was “worried you might steal something” after the video popped up on social media, many people commented on Twitter which started the trending hashtag.

Twitter was used in both cases as a place to make these racist situations laughable and united people together to stand against racism.

With the movie set to jump into hyperspace on Dec. 18, don’t be surprised if we see more snarky comments toward the film.

At some point in time, people ranting on Twitter need to look at the facts and understand the value of life and not argue with uninformed opinions.

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## SJSU Alumni inducted in city's Hall of Fame



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SJSU alumni took center stage for the San Jose Sports Authority Hall of Fame, which inducted its 21st class at the SAP Center last Monday.

The class included former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia, historic Olympian John Carlos, former San Jose Earthquakes forward Manuel "Mani" Hernandez and synchronized swimming coach Chris Carver.

All four inductees are SJSU alumni who made an impact in their respective fields and the community of San Jose.

"To see the university honored through those four people, especially four people who have their level of achievements in competition as athletes, coaches and what some of them have given back to the community, it's a wonderful reflection on what San Jose State University did for each one of them" said Lawrence Fan, SJSU athletics media relations director.

Garcia, a Gilroy native, began his college career at Gavilan College before transferring to SJSU in 1990. He was the Spartans starting quarterback for three seasons.

"I met so many great people, had so many great teammates, had some really good coaches," Garcia said. "I was able to play for and I was able to receive an education while doing something I loved, playing football."

In his junior season with the Spartans, Garcia received the United Press International All-America Honors after passing for 2,418 yards with 15 touchdowns.

After going undrafted in the 1994 NFL draft, Garcia played in the Canadian Football League for four seasons before making his way to the NFL.

Garcia played for the San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions.

In the NFL, he made four Pro Bowl appearances and made the playoffs four times in his 10-year career.

"To me, it's just such an honor" said Garcia. "I've been very fortunate to have had the experiences, the life, the journey that I've been able to live and for it to be capped off with this is a blessing."

An iconic Olympian, Carlos is most known for the 1968 Olympics when both he and teammate Tommie Smith raised their fists in protest for civil rights.

Carlos and Smith continued their success after the Olympics at SJSU on the



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Former Spartan and San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia celebrated his induction into the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame last Monday with his family at the SAP Center.

track and field team where they earned the name "Speed City."

In 1969, Carlos tied world records in the 60-yard (5.9) and 100-yard (9.1) dashes while leading SJSU to the NCAA title in the 100-yard, 220-yard and 440-yard relays.

"I have so much history in this city I think it's just appropriate that I would receive this award," Carlos said.

The honor seemed like a long time coming since Carlos' running mate Tommie Smith was inducted in 1997.

Carlos laughed and said he did not know the city had a hall of fame, but it's better late than never.

"When I came to this city it was like a two or one horse town and to see the city grow as rapidly as my history had grown, it's a marriage," Carlos said. "So for me to be inducted into the city hall of fame is monumental in my household."

The San Jose Sports Authority also honored Hernandez, a former forward for the San Jose Earthquakes and SJSU.

Hernandez was born in Madrid, Spain. After the death of his parents, Hernandez and his sister left the country to live with his great-uncle in Hayward, California.

Hernandez joined the SJSU men's soccer team where he went on to reach the NCAA semi-finals in 1968 for the first and only time in school history before falling to eventual co-champion, Maryland.

During his career at SJSU, Hernandez received the 1968 Hermann Trophy and was named an All-American in his final year with the Spartans.

Hernandez then played for the San Jose Earthquakes for three seasons between 1974-1976.

After hanging up his cleats, Hernandez had huge success as a youth coach.

In 1982, he began a 31-year career at Presentation High School in San Jose, where he led the girls' team to 17 league championships and eight section championships.

The only woman to be inducted this year was legendary synchronized swimming coach Carver.

Though Carver graduated from SJSU, she has made her legend coaching the Santa Clara Aquamaids starting in 1984. She solidified her place in history when she became head coach of the U.S. national team in 1993.

In the 1996 Olympics, Carver choreographed and co-coached to a gold in team competition with the first ever perfect score of 100 in Olympic history for any sport.

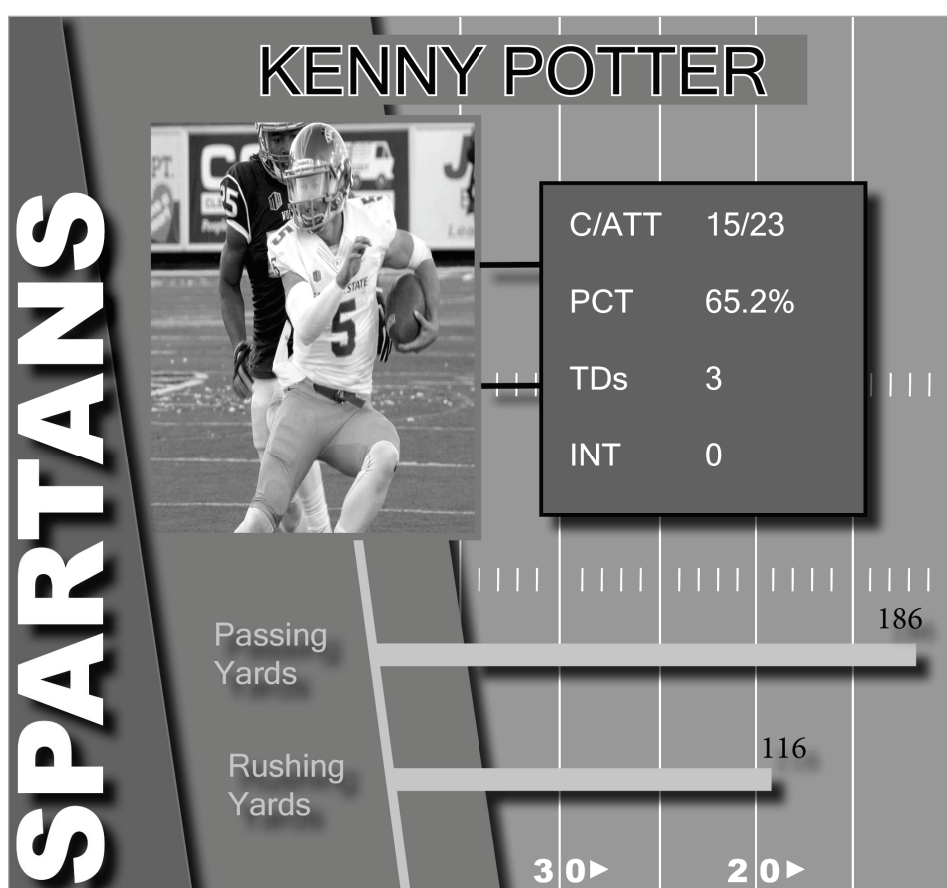
Carver has displayed complete dominance over synchronized swimming, earning the U.S. Olympic Committee coach of the year honor for 12 consecutive years from 1995-2006.

"It's perplexing to me to be honored by something you just plain like to do," Carver said. "I like to do synchronized swimming."

Each inductee will be recognized with their own bronze plaque permanently installed on the concourse at the SAP Center in San Jose.

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## Spartans lose 37-34 in OT to Nevada Wolfpack



Infographic by Kavin Mistry

Junior quarterback Kenny Potter was the biggest offensive weapon for the Spartans in their matchup against the Wolfpack, totalling 302 all-purpose yards and was the team's leading rusher.

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## Spartans win in sloppy fashion

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The SJSU women's basketball team opened the 2015-16 season Friday night with a 92-78 win against Southern Oregon University at the Event Center.

The main takeaway, however, was the sloppy play throughout the game.

"No need to sugar coat this one. It wasn't very pretty," said head coach Jamie Craighead. "We had some people that played good minutes for us and probably kept Southern Oregon at bay."

Both teams combined for 57 turnovers in the game, one that the Spartans could have won handily, but miscues kept the Raiders in the game.

"We just got to focus in before the game," said junior center Riana Byrd. "Just don't think too much and just play how we play."

At the end of the first quarter, SJSU led 24-8 and in the third quarter they pushed the lead to as high as 19 points, but turnovers let the Raiders come back.

"They kept going and they kept pressing," said senior guard Nyre Harris. "We are used to it, but I don't think we are as used to it in a game, but it was our first official game."

The Spartans had two players finish with double-doubles. Harris finished with 11 points and a career high 11 rebounds while junior forward Jasmine Smith finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.



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**Junior forward Jasmine Smith splits the Raiders defense and goes up for a layup during the Spartans' 92-78 win on Friday at the Event Center. Smith finished the game with 10 points and 11 boards.**

"Yeah, surprisingly I didn't even know that," Harris said when asked about setting her career high in rebounds.

One of the keys to victory for the Spartans was its play on the boards. The team outrebounded the Raiders 52 to 36, which included 24 to 8 on the offensive boards

and led to 21 second chance points.

"We are a lot bigger than they are. I still think we should have played a lot better. We missed a lot of easy layups inside and then we missed free throws," Craighead said. "It was just a poor performance by us overall. I think we were just overconfident."

Byrd led the Spartans in scoring with 16 points, finishing 5-8 from the field and 6-10 from the free-throw line.

As a team, the Spartans finished the game shooting 39 percent from the field, 29.7 percent from beyond the arc and 63 percent from the line.

By comparison, SOU was able to rally because of its three-point shooting (11-24, 45.8 percent) and its proficiency at the line (25-30, 83.3 percent).

"We are expected to give up a lot of points. Hats off to them because they didn't go away and they kept attacking," Harris said. "We just need to focus in on our defense more."

The tone of the players and coach after the game was one of frustration.

"This is probably just one we need to put behind us," Harris said. "We will try to learn from it, but we don't have time to sit and dwell on it."

The Spartans' next game is Nov. 22 at CS Bakersfield and the team's next home game is Dec. 6 against the University of San Francisco.

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<b>RIANA BYRD</b>		<b>C</b>
<b>Junior</b> <b>6'1</b> <b>Center</b> <b>Richmond, CA</b>	Friday vs. SO 16 points 6 rebounds 1 assist	
<b>NYRE HARRIS</b>		<b>G</b>
<b>Senior</b> <b>5'8</b> <b>Guard</b> <b>Stockton, CA</b>	Friday vs. SO 11 points 11 rebounds 3 assists <i>Career High</i>	

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## Women's soccer playoffs end in first round exit

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The San Jose State women's soccer team ended their season at Stanford's Cagan Stadium on Friday night, losing 2-0 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Friday's game marked the Spartans' first appearance ever in the NCAA tournament.

"This is a huge building block for us because we basically proved everybody wrong," Spartans head coach Lauren Hanson said.

The Spartans were matched against the Stanford Cardinal, the first-ranked seed in its bracket section, and went undefeated in the PAC-12 conference.

"They're a No. 1 seed for a reason," Hanson said. "They're obviously very technical, they're very good on the ball, they're a very possession-oriented team."

Stanford dominated possession in both periods, only allowing the Spartans to get down the field for three shots, two of which were on goal.

The team's first goal was the product of an own goal by the Spartans in the 17th minute. The second goal came from freshman forward Averie Collins in the 43rd minute.

"Big credit to the back line tonight," Hanson said. "Zoe (Makrigiannis) was awesome."

Stanford had a total of seven shots on goal. Senior goalkeeper Makrigiannis

completed five saves for her team.

"I was trying to do what I try to do all the time," Makrigiannis said. "That's my job to save for my team, and I mean, they worked their ass off the entire game."

The Spartan defense was effective in disrupting the Cardinal offense, which allowed the team to keep pace with Stanford for a scoreless second half.

"We work on defending time and time again, and everything we worked on came out tonight," Hanson said.

Hanson said despite the loss, this season made SJSU history.

"The second I took this job, everybody said 'oh, why...' or this or that about San Jose State and all along I believed," Hanson said.

Both Hanson and Makrigiannis raved about the team. Hanson spoke about the team's family-like bonds.

"Our team is just a great team ... and so obviously any time a season ends, it's hard, and it's heartbreaking for them," Hanson said.

For Makrigiannis, this season ended on a high note despite Friday's loss.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of girls and staff," Makrigiannis said. "All four years led up to this, and that was one heck of a season to leave on."

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**Junior defender Hayden Kelley passes the ball in the first half of the Spartans' 2-0 loss to the Stanford Cardinal at Laird Q Cagan Stadium on Friday.**