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## Completed Student Union to be unveiled

*End of construction of newest campus hub calls for celebration*

By TAYLOR JONES  
STAFF WRITER

A Free YG concert, a chance to win Coachella tickets and the completion of the Student Union are what the student body can expect from the beginning of the school year.

The grand re-opening will give students an opportunity to check out the completed space while having fun. The "SU" as many students call it, has been undergoing renovations since its initial reopening in 2014. The

celebration will take place this Thursday from 11 - 2 PM. The YG concert is set for 8 PM.

"When I first started here in 2014 that's when the construction was still going on," said third-year engineering student Jay Gonzalez. "I have always been hearing about that there is a bowling alley and we do not have access to that, and I really want to try it out."

The completed wing of the Student Union will harbor more quiet spots so



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San Jose State students convene and utilize the recently completed Student Union.

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### CALIFORNIA BAG-BAN

## SJSU students stand up for Prop. 67

By VICENTE SERENA-ESTRADA  
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San Jose State University students displayed their ad campaigns at the Save Our Shores' BAG HABITS showcase at the Museum of Art and History in Santa Cruz, Calif.

The campaigns focused on advocating for Proposition 67, which challenges the California bag-ban set in 2004. Designs by Arabela Espinoza and Talia Nakhijiri, both SJSU advertising majors, were voted the best bag-ban inspired ad piece at the showcase Friday night. Their ad campaign will now be the face for Save Our Shores and the Central Coast Sanctuary Alliance's Prop. 67.

Prop. 67 will decide whether California chooses to uphold or to overturn Senate Bill 270, the 2004 bill that created the ban on disposable plastic bags.



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Executive director of Save Our Shores Katherine O'Dea (left), and SJSU advertising professor John Delacruz(right) named SJSU advertising student Arabela Espinoza's (center) ad campaign the face of Prop. 67 last Thursday night.

This made California the first state to pass a ban on plastic bags in the United States.

Advertising Professor John Delacruz had his copyrighting class create an ad brief in partnership with Save Our Shores. Students

worked on the brief for five weeks this past spring and throughout the summer. The ad campaigns were used to educate and inform the public about this issue.

The six highest-placing teams got to display their ad

campaigns at the MAH in Santa Cruz. The showcase was held from the 19th to the 24th of August where the public could go and vote for their favorite student piece. Executive Director of Save Our Shores, Katherine O'Dea announced the winner on Friday evening along with Professor Delacruz.

O'Dea said that plastic bag occurrence during beach cleanups has dropped by 80% since Santa Cruz placed the bag ban. "They're just an unnecessary 'convenience,' O'Dea said, "People where there have been bag bans for some time now have learned to live perfectly fine without them,"

San Francisco was the first city in the United States to implement a bag ban in 2007. This led other major cities like Los Angeles and recently

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Art exhibit was a flowery affair at MLK library

By FRANCISCO FRANCO  
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The Jay Ruland and Kathleen McDonald Exhibit on the fourth floor of the King Library will be coming to an end tomorrow after two months. The exhibit consists of Ruland's closely photographed roses, and McDonald's Caribbean batik art paintings.

Ruland and McDonald met while they were pursuing MFA's at San Jose State. They had previously contributed in July to the Nightlight exhibition at the SOMArts Cultural Center in San Francisco. "We both kind of exchange ideas about flowers and what we think of them and what they

represent," said McDonald.

While flowers are a common theme in both artist's work they each have their own unique way of interpreting the language of flowers. Ruland uses roses to show the beauty in aging, whereas McDonald uses flowers indigenous to the Caribbean as both remembrance of her homeland in Barbados, and a representation of the history that was lost during colonization.

Ruland's piece consists of detailed, close up photographs of roses against a black backdrop. The black backdrop invites the spectator to get lost within the intricacies of each rose.

"I like the realism," said psychology student Asia Robinson. "It's really amazing"

There are two large roses in Ruland's display. The largest rose in the exhibit is a captivating bright red that darkens as one's eyes move toward the middle. Signs of deterioration can be seen in this rose, especially in the dark center where the flower begins to lose its color. It is accompanied by two younger flowers on each side, one with water droplets still visible.

Ruland does the opposite with the other set of roses in the display, where a youthful rose is placed in the center with two aging ones on each side. The rose to the far right stands out as it is dried and shriveled up.

"When I look at a rose that was so beautiful and

it gets old, I still find it beautiful," said Ruland.

According to Ruland his work with roses is a direct reflection of the human aging process, where those who are elderly tend to be pushed to the side.

"Society doesn't see the beauty in the aging process," said Ruland.

Three years ago Ruland was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease which inspired him to work on this subject. The disease also made him unable to operate a camera so he now works with a scanner.

"I had to look for different ways of working and making my images because they were still in my head," said Ruland.

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WELCOME ADDRESS

President Mary Papazian delivered her first formal speech

By HANNAH MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

Papazian gave her Welcome Address to SJSU last Thursday afternoon at the Student Union Ballroom to dozens of students, staff and faculty.

Acknowledging a “desire for stability” at SJSU, the university’s new President Mary Papazian said “I’m not going anywhere.”

“This is going to be our third president in five years, so it was nice to see what she had to offer,” said linguistics senior Jacky Chang who attended the address with his work team from the SJSU College of International and Extended Studies. “This is my first time coming to a Fall Welcome Address despite me being a fourth year,” Chang said.

She commended last year’s Interim President Sue Martin and said she, “opened

doors to the campus” and community that “some sensed had been closed for awhile.” Papazian described Martin as transparent.

“I think Papazian is a breath of fresh air and I like what she said,” said sociology Professor Preston Rudy. “She seems to be engaged and I hope she follows through on all the things that she said she was interested in pursuing.”

The controversial tenure and sudden resignation of former SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi has marred the school with tumultuous recent years.

As for why he tuned in to the speech, Rudy said “I think it’s important to know what the president is saying and what her agenda is because she’s the president of our university and we should pay attention. And I have to work with her, so I want to know what she’s up to.”

President Papazian discussed the problem of old buildings at the school.

“While we’re proud to be the founding CSU campus and the West’s first public university, our age is showing” Papazian said, pointing out that the Engineering building is almost thirty years old. “Many older buildings have outlived their useful lives. And let’s face it: some of our science labs belong in a science museum.”

While she pointed out the areas in which SJSU could have improvement, the president pointed out areas of progress.

President Papazian mentioned in her address that 500 more class sections have been added this academic year — a point that resonated with Chang.

“San Jose State is an impacted university, and so it’s hard to get classes,” Chang said, remembering difficulties he’s had registering for classes in past semesters. “To hear that was being tackled was something that really struck me because ultimately as university students, we’re all

trying to graduate on time.”

This addition of class sections is one of several recent SJSU successes that President Papazian touched on. “Let me take a moment to thank the staff and particularly the student R.A.’s who have worked so hard to help the 800 students impacted by the delayed opening of Campus Village II,” she said, referring to the displacement of students waiting to move into this dorm building.

President Papazian also shared good news of increased registration, said “When pre-semester course registration closed on Sunday night, 55 percent of first-year students had registered for 14 or more units” and that one year ago, “barely one-third of first-year students did so.”

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perfectly fine without them,” San Francisco was the first city in the United States to implement a bag ban in 2007. This led other major cities like Los Angeles and recently San Diego to consider and implement the ban. Currently 151 cities in California have banned single use plastic bags.

California is known for being a trendsetter and bag manufacturers are worried. Plastic bag lobbyists raised enough money and got enough signatures to challenge the bag-ban in California. The American Progressive Bag Alliance claims Prop. 67 is a scam created by grocery store companies to bring in extra funds.

Most ordinances in California charge ten cents for the sale of a paper bag. Some cities like Santa Cruz and Monterey charge up to twenty-five

cents for the sale of a paper bag. Carmel, California is one city that implements the bag ban but doesn’t charge for paper bags.

“I feel like the work we produced will really resonate with people,” Espinoza said, “it’s just so easy to understand. Breaking up with the plastic bag is what needs to happen.”

Espinoza and Nakhijiri’s ad campaign will be used across different media platforms including radio, posters and handouts.

Prop. 67 will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot and is expected to receive the majority of votes in favor of the bag-ban.

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SJSU advertising student, Arabela Espinoza (right) shows off her winning Prop 67. ad campaign to Santa Cruz locals at the Museum of Art and History last Thursday night.

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for students to work or study and includes the new bowling alley.

Student Union Executive Director Cathy Busalacchi said the spot is almost like “a living room for the campus” where students can work, eat and hang out with their friends between classes. She also mentioned that people outside of the university come to the Student Union, complementing its light exterior and calling it “a great place to work.”

To celebrate the reopening of the Student Union and thank the students, the university will be hosting an event for them that will include food, live music, free t-shirts, a raffle of Coachella tickets and a free YG concert at the end of the night.

“That’s a huge opportunity, I don’t think any student would want to pass that up,” said student Daphne Johnson.

With YG performing and free Coachella tickets as a grand prize, a good number of students seem excited

for what’s to come.

“The first thing I heard about the event was that YG was performing and he’s my favorite rapper and artist, so I’m definitely going to be there,” said public relations senior Pauline Bassi.

The students are no strangers to fun events happening all over campus at any time of the year but this one takes the cake. San Jose State has been known to host high-profile musical acts, such as Diplo, Dillon Francis, Weezer, ODESZA and the 1975 coming later this fall.

With the addition of the new and final part of the Student Union, both faculty and students can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that their on-campus hub is done. What better way to celebrate than we free music, prizes and food?

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The disease heavily affected Ruland’s mobility, which is one of the reasons he prints his art on a translucent polyester material, which is easier for him to move around. He also enjoys the silhouette effect that is created when light hits the material. Ruland will continue to work with these roses for future exhibits.

McDonald’s piece makes up the other half of the exhibit. The focal point of the piece is a painting of a large tree against a brown background in the center. Two smaller paintings accompany the tree on each side.

“The Poui tree is a tree that is normally indigenous to of the Caribbean, Latin America, and parts of North America” said McDonald, “when it blooms it usually comes in pink or yellow.”

One of the smaller paintings contains another Poui tree with bright yellow flowers on it. However, the center Poui tree has no flowers on the stems; instead it holds a colorful array of flowers within the trunk of the tree.

To the side of the Poui tree is an illustration of Atabeyra, a Caribbean

goddess. She is portrayed as a frog-like creature wearing an elegant headdress. She is painted with mostly shades, of browns, greens and oranges.

“She’s the Earth mother she’s the one that gave birth to the first humans,” said McDonald.

The remaining two paintings contain McDonald’s interpretation of the Caribbean god of travel as a fish and Diosaluna, the goddess of the moon.

“The goddesses are all inside of the tree,” said McDonald.

According to McDonald’s artist statement, most of Caribbean history was lost during colonization so people indigenous to this area cannot link themselves to their ancestors. For this reason McDonald often combines history and mythology as a representation of her culture in her art. McDonald created this piece using batik, which is a process that involves the use of hot wax and either dye or hand painting.

The Jay Ruland and Kathleen McDonald exhibit will conclude tomorrow, but more of their work is available on their respective websites.

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# Black lights illuminate students

By JASON DUNHAM  
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SJSU housing residents chatted, played and painted while bathed in the glow of black lights and neon lightsticks at Let the Night Glow!, the final event for the first week of SJSU’s Weeks of Welcome program.

Weeks of Welcome is a yearly series of free events that take place during the first four weeks of the fall semester created by Associated Students. The events are designed to welcome back old students and help new ones make friends and familiarize with the campus with the first week being themed around spartan community.

The main attraction of Let the Night Glow, which took place in Campus Village B, was a indoor miniature golf course with neon blue courses illuminated by black lights. Students took turns putting green glow-in-the-dark golf balls across nine different courses while listening to variety of music pumping through the room.

Residence Hall Association President Joseph Sandoval-Rios organized the event and came up with the idea of glow in the dark mini-golf to wind



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Campus Village B residents play on a miniature golf course made of neon glow bands.

down the first week of events.

“The way we had it planned was that this was kind of a slower event specifically allowing for people to enjoy the golf,” said Sandoval-Rios. “Last year we did a pillow fight party and we wanted to see what exactly we can do this year that would be different and we decided to do glow in the dark mini golf.”

Let the Night Glow also had foosball and ping-pong tables for students to play on and a room dedicated to glow in the dark painting. The room contained a long table lit with long black lights lined with a variety of glow-in-the-dark paints. Some students worked on creative glow-in-the-dark artwork painted on small cardboard squares while others preferred the face of a friend as their canvas.

The glow-in-the-dark painting was so popular that students had to wait in a long line to secure their seat at the table. “It was really fun, I love painting especially painting with neon colors. I wish that all our rooms had black lights now,” said junior Child Development major Chloë Orton Cartnal, a recent transfer to SJSU.

As the number of students playing mini golf started to die down the painting, foosball and ping-pong continued to draw crowds.

Sophomore Geology major Ben White gave his thoughts on the event in comparison to last years glow-themed event, the glow dance. “I thought it was fun, it was a nice mix up from last year where they had the dance instead. I think this gets people more involved and I think people are having overall more fun,” said White.

Let the Night Glow was a successful finale to end the first Week of Welcome. Students from all the different dorm buildings came to play mini golf, paint or load up on free neon glow bands. The Weeks of Welcome continue this week with events focused on using campus resources to find college success.

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The system is rigged — just not how you think it is



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This is a terrible election. We're being forced to choose between a lying crook who narrowly escaped criminal charges and another lying crook who narrowly escaped criminal charges and also builds hotels.

The great American dichotomy, liberal vs. conservative, has grown in scope and power these past few decades to form the bedrock of our political landscape. The idea that these two major parties, Democratic and Republican, are enough to serve the full spectrum of ideals and opinions in America is one of the most significant lies into which we've been indoctrinated.

The two-party system dissatisfied a huge number of Republican voters enough that Donald Trump seemed like a good alternative to the more conventional options. All political ideas aside, Trump is a blustering clown who is unfit to run even a two-bit liquor store

in a town of 300 people. The political climate that birthed such an abomination is surely in need of repair.

It's not just Trump though. Hillary Clinton is also a liar and a crook, albeit a crook with more experience in government. But she did just narrowly avoid an FBI indictment. She does have her "foundation" that is basically an international shell corporation for political bribes. And she does accept significant funding from Super PACs, shadow corporations and corporate lobbyists.

Clinton is essentially the poster child for a rigged political system. She is everything that the #feelthebern crowd despises.

Donald Trump often rails against this rigged system and in doing so he is both right and wrong. He is correct that the system is rigged; he's just sorely mistaken about whom the system is rigged against.

The heavily entrenched capitalist hegemony in which our two-party political system resides has rigged the playing field against any ideology that stands even a remote chance of shifting the current balance of economic, social or political power. We've lived in this capitalist society for so long, it often seems we've forgotten any

alternative exists.

Whenever a belief system that runs counter to the mainstream, such as the democratic socialism of Senator Bernie Sanders, begins to grab the nation's attention it is either ridiculed into oblivion or labeled as un-American by paid-off pundits so that the sheep start to bleat furiously in protest.

Donald Trump has gained so much momentum in part because he has successfully marketed himself as an outsider, "anti-establishment" candidate while sticking close enough to conservative orthodoxy to become a major contender.

But he is not an outsider, and the system is obviously not rigged against him. If the system truly was as rigged as Trump claims we would be talking about Clinton vs. Rubio, a.k.a. the most vanilla election possible.

Instead we're stuck here between two candidates who are pro-corporate, pro-war, pro-establishment and anti-honesty. Talking points and rhetoric aside, our two major candidates don't differ much at all on the key issue for our rigged system — money in politics.

Clinton loves big donations and Trump has historically loved giving donations to high-profile politicians. Neither

one has supported any kind of policy that would keep super PACs and shadow corporations from lining the pockets of every congressperson from here to Mississippi with dead presidents. Neither one would ever consider taking public election funding rather than using private sources.

Money is not the only issue in our rigged system. In the democratic primaries countless voters were inexplicably purged from the records, many ballots in various states were not counted and there is evidence of significant collusion between Hillary Clinton and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, the DNC chair, against Bernie Sanders.

'Uncounted,' a thorough and telling documentary posted on The Young Turks' YouTube channel, details the shocking failure that plagued California's democratic primaries alone. There were numerous polling places whose staffers were completely unprepared and untrained, no security when transporting the actual ballots and highly suspect decisions made about whether or not to count certain ballots or even inform voters of what kind of ballot they had.

There has also been a slough of voter ID laws in recent years that, while ostensibly intended

to prevent voting fraud, are often most effective at preventing poor people and minorities from voting. The Brennan Center for Justice has compiled a list of studies that provide evidence to support this.

Even if there were no voter ID laws and we had a voting system free of collusion and corruption we would still be trapped in this system of primaries structured to keep anyone aside from a Democrat or a Republican from rising to power. Too many states have only closed Democratic and Republican primaries and in states with open primaries no one wants to vote third party because we're taught that doing so is a waste of a vote.

Every state needs to adopt an open primary system so that candidates from third, fourth and fifth parties can have legitimate hopes of rising to power. The right to a vote in any public election needs to be amended to the constitution so that there is no wiggle room for voter suppression. We need to change this system so that we can vote for ideas and values we believe in instead of voting against the whichever candidate we fear more.

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SJSU merchandise won't sweeten up this already sour deal



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Incoming freshmen signed up for the newest dorm building were notified by SJSU Housing that they would be unable to move into the state of the art Campus Village 2.

Students looking forward to living in the new building on campus were instead temporarily assigned to the Bricks and given notification of the change a couple of days before move-in.

Built in 1960, the Bricks are set to be torn down halfway through the semester to make room for the new Student Recreation and Aquatic Center and were not supposed to be occupied. Due to the delay, students will be moving into their correct housing assignments within a few weeks.

The SJSU Housing website said, "once completed the university will "reimburse" students by providing them with \$150.00 worth of gold points to be spent on on-campus food services and the campus bookstore, a free SJSU sweatshirt and professional movers to help them relocate". However, the damage has already been done.

SJSU's housing website also said the cost of CV2 per semester is \$7,940 with a

5-day meal plan and \$8,300 with a 7-day meal plan. Meal plans mainly consist of unlimited entry to the campus dining commons, three hundred dining dollars to be spent at any other dining space on campus and are mandatory for incoming freshmen living in the dorms.

The cost of living in CV2 is almost \$2,000 more than in the Bricks, according to the university housing's academic year rates for each housing option. The Bricks were supposed to cost \$6,521 with a 5-day plan for a two-person room while a 7-day plan would cost \$6,881.

Students have been notified they would be paying a lowered rate for the time they spend residing in the brick dorms instead of the normal price they would be paying for CV2. The amount, however, is unknown at this time. Unknown factors regarding finances is possibly one of the most frustrating parts of being stuck in a situation like this.

Incoming freshmen living in the dorms were looking forward to the shiny new building they saw during orientation. They were not expecting dusty, old buildings and being squeezed into a room with two roommates and temperamental air conditioning and heating units.

The freshmen were certainly not expecting grungy community showers that are unable to provide consistent water temperatures. Though some students are content with having a place to stay while CV2 reaches completion, some were irritated with the short notice the university gave before moving in. There could have been other measures taken by the university to better prepare the students as well as better housing

options if possible.

The university could have provided an alternative form of reimbursement for the \$600 deposit students paid to get a room assignment. A reimbursement of the deposit would be more worthwhile than the \$150 gold points card. Older students who have lived in the dorms do not often remember those days fondly. Being squished into a room with two other students can get frustrating quickly. The university also could have included the deposit with the gold points.

In addition to professional movers to help migrate residents from the Bricks to CV2, the university could have provided some form of storage space for students to make it easier for those who packed for bigger doubles units rather than a too tight triples situation.

This is certainly not the first time a housing debacle happened at SJSU.

In 2011 hundreds of returning SJSU students were forced to live in a local hotel due to an unexpected influx of freshmen. Because of the unusually large class, the university made the decision to evict almost 250 returning students to make room. This backfired with many students and parents being very upset and some feeling betrayed by the system.

The 2011 incident was not a shining moment for the university but the students were given an option of living in a nice space with a restaurant, bar and pool space. Compared to living in 56-year-old buildings the hotel option would not have been a bad idea, even with the incoming freshmen.

Hotels also provide security measures for their occupants, as does the university.

However, the age of buildings can also factor in with how secure residents' rooms are.

The University Police Department sent out an alert on Aug. 24 stating on Aug. 21 at around 2:48 a.m. two suspicious individuals entered Washburn Hall. The alert said, "One subject entered multiple unlocked residence's rooms and stayed inside the rooms for short periods of time. In one room he engaged the resident and told them he was an R.A." Housing has confirmed the subject was not an R.A.

This is not the first alert sent to students regarding unknown persons entering a dorm, especially the older brick buildings. The front doors are accessible through a designated resident's key card, but the doors stay open for a certain amount of time before closing, which can allow for easy entrance of a non-resident.

CV2 freshmen are definitely not getting what they paid for from a reimbursement with \$150 worth of gold points, a free sweatshirt, moving services and a slightly lowered housing rate for a month's living in a worn-down brick building. Those who do not have a payment plan already paid the full amount for housing this semester and hopefully will receive a refund, but when and in what form can positively or negatively alter their view of the university.

University Housing issued an update as of Aug. 24 stating students could possibly begin moving into CV2 within four weeks. Whether or not they meet this, only time will tell.

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Is it fair for Santa Clara County Jails to offer college courses to inmates for free?



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Sixty-five percent of Santa Clara County inmates return to jail within three years according to the Santa Clara County website. Giving inmates second chances to turn their lives around could vitally help them. When jailmates leave correctional facilities, they are behind in the world in terms of education and finances. As someone who pays their own way through college working about forty-six to fifty-five hours a week to make ends meet, I believe that giving inmates in Santa Clara County free college education courses while serving time is beneficial to the community. If inmates can leave jail with general education requirements completed or in progress and continue to a community college they are already on a better path to restarting their lives. Having units under their belt is motivation to keep going and staying out of trouble. People with criminal records and no

Yes, it is fair.

work experience have a harder time getting a job, which makes it hard for them to turn their lives around. They may go back to doing what got them in trouble in the first place so I support Santa Clara County’s decision to put classrooms at Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas and in San Jose’s main jail. Some people do not feel it is fair that inmates will receive free education while students who have never been locked up have to pay. What many don’t know is that not all inmates can receive free education; there are rules that apply. According to ex-inmate Grant Wilson it’s mandatory that inmates have good behavioral standings in order to obtain a free education. If the inmate receives a write-up or citation they are dropped from the course. Wilson spent a year in Santa Clara County jail before being transferred to Folsom State Prison, northeast of Sacramento to serve another four and a half years. There he was offered the opportunity to take some college courses, and chose to take two:

anger management as an elective, and English and communications class for his general education. “The first time I was released from jail I returned within six months. My second time I was given the choice to attend classes and I decided to do it,” Wilson said. Taking the courses helped his behavioral status improve and he felt motivated to get up and exercise his mind each day. “It was hard returning to the outside world my first time out but this time it felt easier, I honestly don’t think I ever would have set foot on a college campus and enroll in classes if it hadn’t been for the teachers and classes I had while serving time at Folsom” Wilson said. If we can educate more inmates before they are released back into our community I would feel safer and more confident that they will be able to work for their education just like the rest of us. Giving them the education in jail can motivate them to improve their lifestyle.

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Santa Clara County residents will now have an opportunity to receive free college-credit education and the only enrollment requirement is that you commit a crime. Elmwood Correctional Facility has joined forces with the San Jose State University Research Foundation on a two-year contract approving \$325,000 to be applied towards free college-credit courses, according to The Mercury News. The courses will count toward community college and university credit when inmates make the transition from incarceration back into the community. According to the California State University Budget Office, undergraduate students at SJSU will pay an average of \$5,472 in tuition this semester. Law-abiding students striving for success who have already buried themselves in student loans will continue to do so while the felons and inmates of the county don’t have to spend a dime. Inmates who have committed a crime or multiple crimes are being “punished” with free education. Education is a privilege that will be taken too lightly

No, it is not fair.

by several inmates who never obtained a high school diploma. We are handing over a privilege that college students across the country dream about. Although some inmates will take advantage of the opportunity to better themselves, I find it hard to imagine a convicted rapist sitting in his vacant jail cell studying a course syllabus. Prisoners have already caused significant harm to their own families and communities and made the decision to limit their freedom and opportunities when committing their crime. Now we are asking hardworking taxpayers to cover the expenses for criminals to get a college education. Many of these same taxpayers are working over 40 hours a week and can barely afford to send their own children to college. Some argue that this opportunity is giving them a second chance at life and will drastically reduce the rate of recidivism. However, according to a study done by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, most people who have been incarcerated are very likely to commit another crime and end up back in jail. Now we are placing them in a setting where not only fellow inmates will be at risk of danger but instructors and professors as well. Even in prisons with the highest level of security inmates often find ways to wreak havoc. The knowledge they will

obtain can also be applied negatively especially for inmates who committed crimes that relied heavily on planning and knowledge. Furthering their education rate might also mean furthering their next crime plot and increase their chance to carry out the crime without getting caught. They should have to pay for the crime they committed just as their victims did. Besides, free college is not a right. I’ve never seen anything in the Constitution amending all citizens the right to free education. It should not be treated as a right because that undermines the value of a college education. Students work hard just to be accepted into a college and furthermore to receive a degree to give themselves an advantage when entering the workforce. Even this doesn’t guarantee them a career right out of college. Several graduates are still unemployed and looking to utilize their costly degree. There are several good upstanding non-criminal citizens who do not have a college degree because they could not afford it. So when a prisoner is offered a free college education, gets out of prison and is offered a job over a non-criminal citizen without college education, what kind of system are we promoting?

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Sudoku Puzzle

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VOLLEYBALL

## Spartans swat down opponents in home invitational

By DARCIE ORTIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

Fans filled the Yoshihiro Uchida Hall stands, showing their Spartan pride and supporting the SJSU volleyball team Saturday night. The Spartans beat the Manhattan College Jaspers in three straight sets, making three sweeps for the 2016 season.

Earlier on in the weekend, SJSU matched up against other east coast colleges Providence and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and put them away without too much difficulty.

Manhattan on the other hand was coming off of back to back losses against the same two teams.

It was the same case against the Jaspers. “Game plan was just to come out really aggressive,” said head coach Jolene Shepardson. “We have a young team so I want them to make bold, really aggressive plays because we’re a pretty physical team and I felt like we did that.”

Although the Spartans are off to a hot start, 5-foot-11-inch outside-hitter

Summer Avery understands that there is more work to be done.

“This has been a great weekend for us, it’s our opening tournament, we got the fans to come out for our team. I think we learned a lot as hard as we worked today,” Avery said.

The competition was tough, but the Spartans were willing to put up a fight. Freshman outside-hitter Thelma Gretarsdottir, said she was proud of her teammates’ execution.

“The team put in a great effort, it’s like a family, we all keep together and that’s how it works,” Gretarsdottir said.

During the first set, the Spartans had a significant lead over the Jaspers, but suddenly the score became close.

“They were putting some pressure on us, but we decided, hey, we’re going to trust ourselves and we’re going to go for it here and it executed well,” Coach Shepardson said.

Eventually, the Spartans took the set 29-31 and they were strategic with every play.



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Junior middle blocker Thaliana Grajeda (left) and redshirt sophomore outside hitter Summer Avery (right) jump to block the spike attempt by Manhattan in the Spartans 3-0 win Saturday night.



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Sophomore outside hitter Giulia Gavio celebrates after winning the point for the Spartans in the second set of their 3-0 win over Providence on Friday night at the SJSU Gym.

In fact, they started to impose their will on their opponents in the second set. They made quick work of the Jaspers, taking the set 15-25.

“We set goals for ourselves every day at practice so as long as we’re achieving those goals and working together I think we’re doing our best,” Avery said.

During the final set the score became closer, but the home team won 25-20.

SJSU again maintained their steady, consistent scoring. Everytime the Jaspers showed some life and made a run, the Spartans too went on a run of their own, countering Manhattan’s spurt.

By then the Jaspers didn’t have a chance of winning on the Spartans’ home court.

“I think our defense did a great job with passing and setting a good tempo and being able to really control our

emotions and focus our energy towards that win,” Avery said.

Overall, the Spartans dominated the tournament from the first whistle, not losing a set all weekend.

The 3-0 start for SJSU could be a sign of another victorious season. Last season’s team won a total of 13 games, with the 2014 team winning just four all year.

The team has steadily been improving since they moved up to division one volleyball after the 2012 season.

The Spartans will travel westward next, where they will compete in the Wolverine Invitational against Southern Utah. Following these matches, they will compete against North Texas and Utah Valley to will finish off the invitational.

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SPARTANS 3, TIGERS 2

# Red cards fly as SJSU guts out win against Pacific

By JASON DUNHAM  
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State's men's soccer team ended its first home game of the season a man down but a goal up, topping the visiting Tigers from University of the Pacific.

The game ended with a final score of 3-2 in an intense game of back-to-back goals and red cards at SJSU Football practice field at 3 pm Sunday.

The Spartans looked to mend the record book Sunday after last years 3-0 dismantling by the Tigers in Stockton.

The visitors came into the season expecting to be a contender in the West Coast Conference.

In the history of these two teams, SJSU has dominated the series, maintaining a record of 22-2 with the Tigers dating back to 1954.

The game started with both teams trading shot attempts until the Tigers were able to land the first goal of the game at just under 15 minutes in. A few minutes later, the Spartans struck back when senior midfielder Jonathan Colunga made his mark.

The halfback launched a pass intended to be a cross into the Tigers' penalty box and the miskick managed to find the back of the net.

"I was trying to cross I wasn't trying to hit it from there but luckily my ball went to the goal" Colunga said. "I'm just happy because it bounced us right back into the game and gave us a chance to comeback."

During the remainder of the first half both teams took turns attempting to land shots but neither were ultimately able to find the net.

When the halftime whistle blew, the score was deadlocked at 1-1.

The second half picked up when the Tigers landed their second goal of the game a few minutes into the period.

Just like the first goal, the Spartans answered back mere minutes later when senior forward Rory Knibbs was able to sink the ball into the net off a pass by Colunga, quickly leveling the score at two goals a piece.

Toward the end of the game, SJSU and its opposition started trading more than just shots and goals.

In the 55th minute, the Tigers were awarded a penalty kick which was expertly denied by the Spartan goalkeeper Nedin Tucakovic.

"I love penalty shootouts. I have always been confident with them." Tucakovic said. "It was nice making that save and setting it up for my team."

In the match's final 20 minutes injuries, red cards and aggression between the two teams became all too common.

It started when the Tiger's goalkeeper Curtis Goldsmith shoved Spartans' sophomore midfielder Jonathan Partida to the ground at the end of a play. Almost immediately, a clash of words and some aggressive behavior sprang up between the two teams with players from both teams attempting to separate Partida and Goldsmith.

Both Partida and Goldsmith received red cards for their actions, removing them from the match and awarding SJSU a penalty kick from the play.

With the Tigers' starting keeper out of the match, Sophomore



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Tensions flared in the second half as both teams engaged in several shoving matches, resulting in three red cards being issued, two to the Spartans and one for the Tigers in SJSU's 3-2 win on Sunday afternoon at the football practice field.

Andrew Mendoza was able to shoot the ball right past the Tiger's replacement, bringing in the final score of the game.

Just a few moments later, Mendoza himself would earn a red card when he was involved in a collision on the field leading to a scuffle between himself and a Tiger opponent.

The loss of another player in the 80th minute forced the Spartans into full defensive mode for the short remainder of the game.

They were able to secure the win through strong defensive

play and strategically running down the time.

The Spartans' head coach Simon Tobin was pleased that the team was able to take the victory in the first home game of the season.

"We went down twice in the game and to come back twice and steal the win showed a little bit of a gritty performance" Tobin said. "Pacific are a good team this year, they will do quite well in the WCC."

The Spartans end the first week of the season content, with a

1-0-1 record after a tie with UC Davis Friday and the Sunday win against the Tigers.

Their next challenge will be an away game against Pac-12 member Oregon State this Friday.

SJSU's soccer players have their work cut out for them as the Oregon State Beavers will be coming off their 4-0 victory against Wright State and are 1-1 to begin their 2016 season

The game will be played at 7:30 in Corvallis.

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BOISE STATE TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 1 2 | SUNDAY 1 0

After a two-game homestand to open up the 2016-2017 season, the Spartans hit the road traveling westward to Idaho for the Boise State Tournament. In the first game on the trip, SJSU was matched up against a talented UC Irvine team that started their season off with two convincing victories. Sabrina Miller scored an early goal to give the Spartans the lead but Irvine battled back however and their class showed as the game went on. They were able to nab a late equalizer sending the Spartans to their third overtime game in three games and followed it up with another goal in overtime putting away SJSU. In the second match early Sunday, the Spartans took on the Redhawks of Seattle University. Star striker Dorthie Hoppius got the Spartans on the board early on when she blasted a shot from just inside the box which found the back of the net. That would be all SJSU would need as the defense locked down Seattle's offense. As the weekend came to a close the Spartans left Idaho with a 2-1-1 record. Next on the schedule, the team will travel south for a game against CSU Fullerton.

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# Upperclassmen set to lead the way for fall athletics

By RYAN BARNHART  
STAFF WRITER

NANDYALA  
GAMA

JUNIOR  
MB  
6'3"

HOMETOWN:  
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

HIGH SCHOOL:  
COLEGIO BATISTA SHEPARD

Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Nandyala Gama is a high-volume scorer for the women's volleyball team. Gama ended last season with the second most kills on the team at 260. The 6 foot 3 middle-blocker was involved in every set of the season, averaging 2.26 kills per set and a hitting efficiency of .235 percent. The now junior was one of the bright spots on a Spartan roster that didn't have much firepower. Gama is also effective on the defensive end, leading the team with a total of 100 blocks either solo or assisted on. Her .87 blocks per set was the second highest mark for the team. Still just a junior, the already-dominant Spartan has plenty of time to continue her progression and establish herself as a force on the team and in the conference.

BILLY  
FREEMAN

SENIOR  
TIGHT END  
6'3" 231lbs

HOMETOWN:  
MESA, ARIZONA

HIGH SCHOOL:  
RED MOUNTAIN HS

Freeman enters his senior season as not only one of the Spartans' top returning players, but one of the best players at his position in the country. This offseason he was named to the watch list for the John Mackey Award, given to the nation's top collegiate tight end. One of the top weapons for the Spartans offense, Freeman ranked tenth in the Mountain West Conference in both receptions and receiving yards last season. In 2015, the 6-3, 231 pound pass-catcher reeled in 48 catches leading to 586 yards on the season with an average yards per catch at just over 12 yards. Freeman's six touchdowns last season led all Spartan's receivers and were the sixth most for any receiver in the Mountain West Conference last year.

RORY  
KNIBBS

SENIOR  
FORWARD  
6'1" 180lbs

HOMETOWN:  
LONDON, ENGLAND

HIGH SCHOOL:  
BRADFIELD COLLEGE

Graphics by Kavin Mistry

The senior from London, Rory Knibbs was a standout striker for the men's soccer team with 60 shots and 30 shots on goal last season. He scored a total 11 goals on the season, the first time a Spartan has reached double digits in goals scored since 2005. The star forward's 23 points on the season were also a Spartan high since 2002. Knibbs' prolific stat sheet gave him the honors of First-Team All-WAC as well NSCAA All-West Region second team for the 2015-2016 season. Now in his fourth season on the team, Knibbs has seen a gradual increase in goals scored from season to season. Expect this trend to continue.

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