



KAVIN MISTRY

Tulsa is coming off a roller-coaster season that ended in a thrilling 55-52 loss in the Camping World Independence Bowl against Virginia Tech.

"They were also a bowl team, it is a

tough opponent," said Spartans head coach Ron Caragher. "We are looking forward to it; it will be a tough matchup on the road back in Tulsa, but one that our team is looking forward to."

The Hurricane boast a potent offensive running attack, which will give the rejuvenated Spartans defense an early test to begin the season.

"We just want to come out there and show them Spartan football," said Spartan running back Malik Roberson. "We will set a tone for the whole Mountain West."

Tulsa's high-powered offense scored

a remarkable 37.2 points per game, but its defense struggled to keep opponents out of the endzone.

"They play at such a high paced offense," Caragher said. "People are more familiar with Baylor with the tempo they play at, but Tulsa plays at the same tempo and upbeat, so we need to do a good job in practice simulating that."

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SJPD closes Fourth Street for bomb threat

By Itzel Castro NEWS EDITOR

A suspicious device that turned out to be harmless inconvenienced students near San Jose State University on Tuesday afternoon.

"This is not unusual," said San Jose police officer Chris Parente. "In a big city these things happen."

The bomb threat started after San Jose police officers were called to a storage unit on the 200 block of N. 4th Street to investigate a possible burglary at 2:52 pm.

After finding evidence of burglary San

Jose police officers encountered a suspicious device in the unit as well.

Officers shut down more than three blocks from the downtown area and evacuated apartment complexes and nearby businesses, with the exception of SJSU, at approximately 4:30 pm.

Communication major Carolina Ibarra-Quintero who lives in The Colonnade Apartments was one of the many San Jose State University students that were displaced.

"I got an SJSU Alert and when I looked out of my balcony I saw the cops," said Ibarra-Quintero. "They were the ones who told me that I should leave because they were evacuating the building because of a device that could be a bomb.

The threat was handled by San Jose police officers because it was off campus, but officials from the University Police Department alerted students via text message to stay out of the area and helped manage pedestrians on the side of the street.

SJSU spokeswoman Pat Lopes Harris said students were not ordered to evacuate the campus and classes remained in session on Tuesday afternoon.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

San Jose State opens diversity office

By Darcie Ortique STAFF WRITER

For many, the summer of 2016 has caused a lot of frustration and sadness. Protests sparked after the untimely deaths of African-American males at the hands of law enforcement officials. In addition, the terror attack in France and the recent death of a 29-year-old deaf man in North Carolina only added to the outrage across the nation.

San Jose State University has taken the initiative to create a space where students can express themselves about human rights, race and cultural concerns by opening the

new Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This facility is located in Tower Hall, Room 109A. University President Mary Papazian, Ph.D., selected Kathleen Wong (Lau), Ph.D., on July 25 to serve as the new chief diversity officer.

According to Wong (Lau), the office has expanded. Its purpose is "not just issues of racism, or race and ethnicity, but also issues looking at gender identity, gender expressions, sexual orientation, sexual expression, class issues, religion, ability, disability ..." she said. Students and faculty can converse about topics relating to physical disabilities, mental health issues, identity and more.

Three years ago, an SJSU student was the victim of dormitory battering which caused on-campus protests. "It came out of the movement in response to the incidents that occurred in the residence halls in 2013," Wong (Lau) said. "The Task Force resulted from student protests as well as calls for action and leadership change."

Despite SJSU's diverse student-body, many students are not comfortable speaking up about sensitive topics regarding religion, race or culture. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion encourages students to speak

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Veterans center aims to serve those who served

By Lauren Kirmil CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"While Dr. Qayoumi has publicly stated that he wanted SJSU to be the 'most veteran friendly campus in the CSU system' he has done nothing to establish a Student Veteran Center, either in the Student Union or elsewhere."

These passionate words written by Professor Jonathan Roth, the Director of the Burdick Military History Project were published in the Spartan Daily as an open letter to former SJSU president Mohammad Qayoumi in 2013.

Most of San Jose State's current students do not know how long the fight for veteran services has lasted, but Roth has been here since the beginning.

"The process began in 2008, when I met with one of our alumni, Marine General Tony Jackson, along with some veterans and interested staff, at the Burdick Military History Project

room in 2008," Roth said. "The need for a Veterans Resource Center (and a Program Director) came up right away [and] while President Qayoumi and the VP for Student Affairs expressed support, it became clear that they had no plans to have a VRC."

Ever since that day in 2008, he and many others have made it their mission to make SJSU the most veteran friendly campus in the CSU system.

One of those people is former student and Marine Corps veteran Marco Ybarra who is a former president of the Veterans Student Organization at SJSU.

"We started advocating for the space that we needed and then from there it just escalated," Ybarra said. "We got the VPs involved and a lot of politicians from the outside."

Ybarra was then hired as a certified military and veteran official which allowed him to be an advocate even after he had graduated from San



Marine veteran Marco Ybarra (far left), program director Maggie Morales (left middle), VITAL coordinator Damian Bramlett cut the ceremonial ribbon, indicating the opening of the new veterans resource center at San Jose State on Wednesday, August 31.

Jose State.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, this passion for change was finally rewarded as the ribbon was cut and the doors were opened to the new Veterans Resource Center.

The VRC is a place where students can go to find resources, join the Veteran Student Organization, get connected with Veterans

Affairs healthcare and benefits or make new SJSU comrades; but most importantly it is dedicated helping veterans transition from the military to getting an education to

Maggie Morales, program director for the Veterans Resource Center, has been working on the project

finding a career.

since 2013.

"Seeing that we are truly becoming a veteran friendly campus supporting our military students day in and day out with their educational and career goals, that we have space to serve those that have served and truly stand behind that wholeheartedly, seeing that our students feel

cared about and supported knowing they have a space to go ask questions, get help or just hang out has been extremely rewarding," Morales said.

student One veteran, Heather Bates, couldn't agree more

"The Veterans Resource Center has helped with giving a space with other people who have gone through a lot of the same things," Bates said. "They've personally helped me by providing a place to study that has, all the time, has availability unlike the library where it can be full [with] everyone else."

The Veterans Resource Center is located in Student Union Suite 1500 and will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for the fall 2016 semester. Veterans are urged to come and check out this invaluable resource.

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Although, the suspicious device was off campus it still impacted many students that lived in the surrounding area that were evacuated during the investigation.

Managing information system major Rohan Lala who also lives in The Colonnade Apartments near campus was another students affected by the threat.

"I have class soon and I need to go into my apartment to pick up some books," Lala said.

After a one-hour wait the San Jose Police Department bomb squad detonated a suspicious device and it was later rendered safe.

San Jose police officers opened up the surrounding area near SJSU and hundreds

of students were able to go back to their apartments.

"This was shocking, but I'm glad it is over," said business graduate student Aziz Almajed.

SJSU officials provided free dinner to students that live in The Colonnade Apartments to make up for the bad time.

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up and assures them that they are accounted for.

Shane Livingston, a communications studies major believes the new office will spark a lot of interest for the African-American community, considering the recent deaths of several black males slain by law enforcement officials.

"Honestly, I feel that because it's only happening to African- American people, a lot of people really aren't going to come and speak up, it's just going to be the Africancommunity," American Livingston said.

Livingston said African Americans are exhausted from seeing police target their communities and not be held accountable for their actions.

"They're just tired of seeing it happen and nothing happens the police at all, every situation is the same so they [police] feel like they could do whatever they want,"Livingston said.

Students and faculty are assured that any discussions held in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will remain confidential. Ashley Onadele, the Executive Assistant of the office, believes it is important for the administration to get involved with the students.

"It's easy for people at the top to not understand what everyone else needs and students may not know how to express that so it's important in my opinion, for the administration to listen to the students and for the students to feel that they have a safe place to express what they need and that it be heard and perceived well," Onadele said.

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Francisco Jimenez to receive John Steinbeck Award

By Diana San Juan STAFF WRITER

Mexican-American author, advocate and professor Francisco Jimenez receive San Jose State's John Steinbeck Award on Sept. 28 at the Student Union Theater in the company of cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz.

The Steinbeck Award is given to artists and activists whose work embrace Steinbeck's spirit of democracy and promotes stories and issues pertaining to working class people who are often overlooked.

Jimenez immigrated from Mexico as a child and worked the fields of California with his parents.

"Overcoming incredible odds, he remained a very generous, decent man," said event director Ted Cady.

Today he is known as the author of several Mexican Mexican-American books like The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child and La Mariposa as well as a professor and an advocate Mexican-American migrant workers.

"Jimenez recounts challenges of migrant workers, he does so with a very special audience in mind, children and young adults," said Maribel Martinez, a a fun, intelligent man who Mexican-American Studies would bring a liveliness to lecturer. "He enriches the it," said Cady. "He would

of workers and all while inspiring resiliency and courage in those who related with his stories."

recognize SJSU will Jimenez during Hispanic Heritage Month, which starts on Sept. 15.

"It absolutely appropriate and ideal," Cady said when asked why he thought Jimenez was a good fit for the award during this historical month.

Like Cady and Martinez, Mexican-American studies professor Magdalena Barrera is happy with this year's Steinbeck Award recipient.

"I'm excited about the recognition, it's very valuable to our community," Barrera said. "I studied Chicano literature, I love any recognition of Mexican-American writers and I'm proud Jimenez will get the recognition, we often get overlooked."

Cartoonist Alcaraz will join Jimenez in conversation the night of the award. Alcaraz is best known as the author of La Cucaracha, a politicallythemed daily comic strip inspired by Latino culture, but has recently gotten a lot of attention for controversial Donald Trump art pieces.

"I think Lalo will be appealing to students. He's

larger literary narrative bring more of Francisco's

personality out." Barrera is also a fan and thinks that his artwork is important, adding humor to a very serious time while raising political awareness.

Alcaraz uses humor to address very important issues. Bringing him to the table is sure to bring a balance of light and graveness to the night.

"Lalo Alcaraz pushes readers to think critically of the world around them," said Martinez. "He takes complex and abstract ideas and infuses humor to highlight contradictions and dispel misinformation."

Having Jimenez Alcaraz both center their craft on issues that are in this year's election, like immigration, conversation is expected to hit some political points, as Cady said is unavoidable given their backgrounds and the subject matter of their work.

Cady hopes that the evening is inspiring and educational and is looking forward to a great outcome.

The event is open for all, not just students and faculty. You can purchase a ticket at the event center box office or online.

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Portuguese music fills the air outside the Student Union

By Vicente Serna-Estrada

STAFF WRITER

Bullfighting and the seduction of women are only a few of the topics that the Portuguese music group, Tuna de Medicina do Porto, sang about Tuesday morning. The group played traditional music and performed live in front of the Student Union as a way to promote the Portuguese minor program.

They perform traditional Spanish and Portuguese music as a way to persevere and share the music of their culture. "It's kind of a frat there in Portugal" said the leader of the group, Pedro Mota.

The music group consists of 130 male medical students from the University of Porto in Portugal.

The members of Tuna de Medicina do Porto were dressed in their custom all black school uniform and wearing sashes over their shoulders. The sashes were adorned with a multitude of colorful patches. These patches represent the places they have visited and accomplishments they have achieved.

Tuna de Medicina do Porto focused on performing in locations where large Portuguese communities are present. The large Portuguese community in San Jose made the department want to raise awareness for this community and their culture.

The group started their set by playing a traditional Portuguese song about the customary practice of bullfighting. As the the upbeat tune played in the background two performers strutted out in black capes and acted out a bullfight that had the crowd shouting "ole."

The loud songs and extravagant dancers helped the group gain a big crowd very quickly.

"They were very cultural, I didn't know they came from Portugal and I've never heard Portuguese music before so that was very interesting." said child development graduate Jazzmynn Paguirigan who attended the event.

You can obtain a minor in Portuguese through the world languages and literature department. The



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Tuna de Medicina do Porto played traditional Portuguese instruments like the mandolin, cavaquinho and violin in front of the Student Union.

Portuguese minor program covers the the language that is spoken both in Portugal and in Brazil.

"There's a variety of degrees that could be attained with this minor." said Brienne Fadeff, a representative from the the department of world languages and literature. "International business, advertising and social science goes great with this minor."

Their songs talked about their traditions, love for women and pride in belonging to their music group. "We play some traditional instruments like the mandolin, the cavaquinho, the violin and many others," said Mota.

They started touring in the United States in August, beginning their tour in Boston before traveling to New York, New Jersey, Las Vegas, Washington DC and Santa Monica to share their music with communities throughout. The group will now head to San Francisco and then end their tour in Toronto, Canada.

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Members from the Portuguese group Tuna de Medicina do Porto dance to traditional Portuguese and Spanish music.

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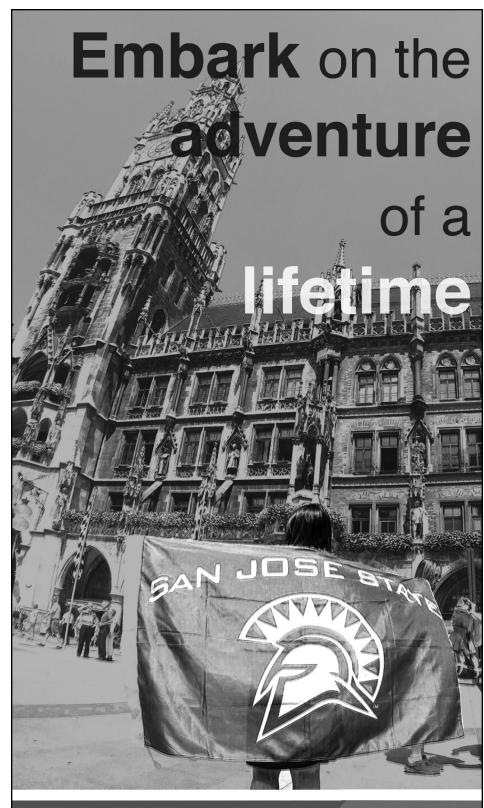
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Frank Ocean's 'Blond' is deeper than his debut album

BY VICENTE SERNA-ESTRADA **STAFF WRITER**

The time has finally come; Frank Ocean has woken up from his four-year slumber and released his second studio album, "Blond."

The highly-anticipated second studio album was worth the gruesome wait. "Blond" is deep, spiritual and simple. Ocean manages to keep the same underground and 90s-R&B vibes from his first studio album "channel ORANGE." You can easily hear the effortlessness in the songwriting and production of "Blond." It gives you the feeling as if you were in a room all alone with nothing but a piano and your thoughts.

"Blond" was dropped on August 20, 2016 exclusively on Apple Music.

about a gold-digging partner. Ocean gives Trayvon

Martin an honorary mention in this track. He expresses how they look alike implying that it could've been him that got shot and killed due to the discrimination of African-American people. The chill and quick track

gives a sense of what is to be expected from the rest of the album.

got blessed with Beyoncé's vocals in the background. He croons "I can't relate to my peers. I'd rather live The celestial background vocals mixed with Ocean's lyrics are rich with sentiment. The light drum beat here." This track is tranquil and mysterious fitting well leads you through the story of a lost lover. He describes the feeling of not having control of who he falls in love with, comparing it to to the physical aspects that he cannot control.

"Self Control" comes in seven tracks into the album. This song will definitely bring waves of emotions if the previous tracks had not done so already. This break-up song about a doomed relationship is so affectionate it had me thinking I had just been dumped. You can feel Ocean's pain as he tells the story of him knowing the relationship is over but he still battles to leave.

"Be Yourself" and "Facebook Story" are not actual "The album opens up with the track "Nikes" that talks songs, but narratives that tell stories related to Ocean's life. Rosie Watson is the voice in "Be Yourself," leaving a voicemail for Ocean advising him not to smoke marijuana or drink alcohol in college. These are interesting pieces because they give you a look into Ocean's life and they rhythmically fit in with many of the beatless tracks.

"Seigfried" is the fifteenth track on the album. This

The third track on the album is "Pink + White" which song speaks about separation from others and the world. outside. I'd rather chip my pride than lose my mind out with the loneliness of the album.

> Ocean closes the album with "Futura Free" an almost ten-minute mashup of interviews, lyrical audio and audio clips with a soft piano playing in the background. It's almost a flashback through time of his rise to fame.

> Despite not having a huge following, Frank Ocean's "Blond" was one of the highest anticipated albums for the last few years.

> Though the wait was long for Ocean to reveal his work, it was worth being patient. You can see his hard work seep out of his tracks. The details and hard work that went into creating this story are clear and appreciated.

> "Blond" is everything "channel ORANGE" was and even more. The ethereal album had an emotional aesthetic that transported me to a new world.

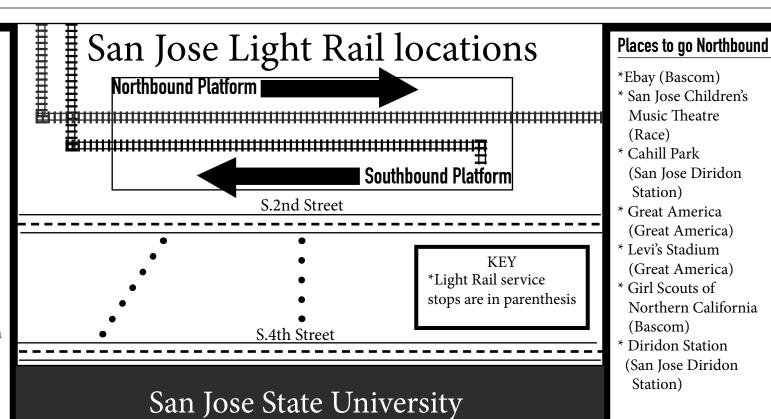
"Blond" is available on iTunes and Apple Music.



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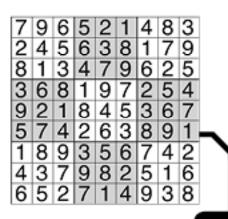
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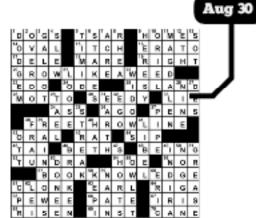
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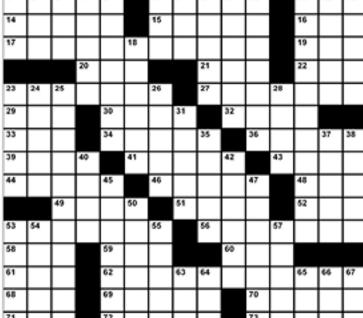
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Is Pokemon GO a safety hazard to SJSU?

Going to be the best there ever was, with friends



KARIANNE SUDYKA

STAFF WRITER

Pokemon GO is the app that allows friends to get together, "get up, get out, and explore!" Thanks to the launch of the free app from San Francisco based Niantic and The Pokemon Company, millions of people across the globe have joined in the hype of being able to capture Pokemon in almost real life.

Unfortunately, whenever hearing about this ground-breaking application on the news or reading about it on Twitter, people generally are talking about players being robbed or assaulted while walking about hunting for an elusive Pokemon.

Honestly, with any application that's reached this magnitude of popularity there will always be people attempting to ruin a good thing.

Crimes against players of Pokemon GO exist and I'm not going to deny the facts of how horrible it is when people take advantage of others who are trying to enjoy themselves. With this in mind, millions of players are enjoying themselves and have taken precautions to increase their own safety

and the safety of others.
Since its launch in
North America on Jul.
6, SJSU has been no
stranger to the hype
and craze.

A majority of players seen on campus typically play in groups of two or more — especially later in the evening into nighttime. During the summer

a couple of friends and I were playing on campus and we encountered approximately 35 other players in several groups enjoying each others' company while capturing Pokemon on SJSU's Tower Lawn.

At the height of Pokemon GO's popularity, Tower Lawn was a hotspot for players because there Pokestops were three where players could stand between the triangle of stops and harvest items all at once. The Pokestops at Tower Lawn often would have "lure modules" set up by individual players in order to attract more Pokemon for capture and players to participate.

The sense of community I have seen since the launch of the app honestly is incredible.

Normally going outside at night in downtown San Jose could spell danger, especially for female college students unless they are with a companion. The night I was there the sense of danger did not exist because fellow players all

congregated for one activity.

This is not the first time Pokemon GO could be seen in public en masse. The Oakland Zoo, a nest for Pinsir, was a sight where dozens of adults and children were going around and appreciating the animals on display as well as hitting up the dozen or so Pokestops found all around the zoo. Players were travelling in groups, half for safety and half for pure enjoyment of the app.

Pier 39 in San Francisco is a another hotspot where hundreds of people could be seen playing Pokemon GO and enjoying themselves in a generally safe environment. Those playing were careful to not fall prey to rare encounters and stampeding toward an opportunity.

It was refreshing to see so many people participating in an app that could have easily been destroyed from critics at first launch due to glitches and server problems. There are still many people around the globe as well as around SJSU who play.

If played with safety in mind by travelling in groups and heeding the warnings that pop up upon opening the application, Pokemon GO is a good way to get people out from under their rocks and have an adventure, even with a phone in their hands.

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Pokemon Go increases foot traffic, brings unwanted strangers to campus



DIANA SAN JUAN

STAFF WRITER

With Pokemon GO being the latest gaming phenomenon, San Jose State has become a significant hunting ground. The app has the potential to make SJSU students its prey.

The app allows you to travel through a virtual world full of Pokemon, Pokeballs and gyms where players can battle each other.

The point of the game is to collect all Pokemon, or as the app says, "Catch 'em all."

SJSU has become one of the largest Pokemon stops, pinned locations where Pokemon are found, in San Jose.

Not only are students taking part in catching these Pokemon, but so are people who are not SJSU students or faculty.

activity later at night,"
University Police
Department Captain Alan
Cavallo says.

"There has been more

Campus at night is scary as it has little to no lighting and spacious walkways.

According to Creating and Maintaining Safe College Campuses: A Sourcebook for Evaluating & Enhancing Safety Programs by Carney Strange, "To do the college experience, students must feel safe and secure."

Who would feel safe having strangers roam the campus? "I do not feel

safe with random people on campus. When I think of the people on campus, I feel that majority are students or professors. Now with the

professors. Now with the popularity of the game, so many more people who do not attend the school are more likely to be on campus," child development junior Marisa Garcia said.

Having active Pokemon players walk around campus with the sole purpose of catching Pokemon is one thing, but who can guarantee that they are only doing that?

With the significant increase in foot traffic around campus, people who live downtown and around SJSU are put in harm's way as well.

Earlier this month, a man was stabbed in the face while playing Pokemon GO downtown.

According to ABC 7 news, Chris Perguidi was attacked by a man and a woman who believed Perguidi was recording them on his phone. They slashed his chin and then attempted to steal his backpack while hitting him in the chest and back.

The fact that these things happen due to a game that involves fictional characters and no real-world interaction is unfathomable.

When asked if she feels unsafe, SJSU alum Andrea Loera who lives across the street from the seventh street parking garage says, "I actually do feel quite unsafe...it is unsettling seeing all of the people walking around my apartment at night."

Though Loera is a player herself, she does not go onto campus at night and said, "It can be very tempting with all of the pokestops and lures, but it's safer to go during the day."

Students receive emergency alerts so often that though they are still terrifying, it isn't surprising when we get a new one.

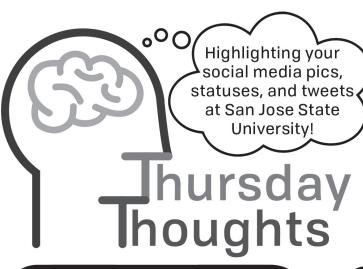
Some of the recent email alerts have included a suspect of a stabbing running through campus on Jul. 27, a suspicious person roaming around a cubicle that was not his in Clark Hall on Aug. 4, a theft on Sunday and two different cases of indecent exposure on Monday and Tuesday.

"The general message is that people need to be careful," Cavallo said.

With all the tragedies that have taken place on college and university campuses from sexual assault to shootings, we should not take part or agree with anything that can put campus safety at risk.

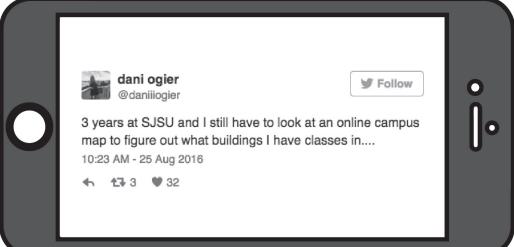
Hunting for fictional characters is not as important as the safety of actual human beings.

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Did Colin Kaepernick have the right to sit during the national anthem?

It is Kaepernick's right to sit



FRANCISCO FRANCO

STAFF WRITER

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick made the right decision to sit during the national anthem on Friday night at Levi's Stadium. Kaepernick told NFL media that he is not going to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color.

Cases such as Eric Garner's and Michael Brown's in which unarmed black men were killed by police are far too common. Mapping Police Violence is a site that aims to provide information on police killings, and according to them nearly two of these cases occurred per week in 2015. Back in the first grade I would recite the pledge of allegiance from my orange square on the rainbow carpet every morning before class. Like most kids, I had no clue what I was saying. They were just words I was taught to recite.

As I got older I began to listen to the words and comprehend what I was actually saying. The pledge of allegiance states that the United States is a country that cannot be separated, in which there is freedom and equal rights for everyone.

According to a ProPublica Analysis young black men are 21 times more likely to be killed by cops than young white men.

I don't understand how people, including Drew Brees and Jerry Rice, are saying that Kaepernick disrespected the flag.

Yes, I am aware that there are veterans who fought to defend what the flag stands for, and people who died to defend this country's principles. However, those people didn't die so we can stand during a song, they died so we can all exercise our right to sit during that song.

Freedom of speech is one of the pillars on which this country was built, and Kaepernick practiced his right.

Rather than absent-mindedly pledging allegiance to the flag Kaepernick, realizing a discrepancy between what the flag represents and the present situation, chose to protest.

While Kaepernick's protest didn't sit well with the football fans who booed him at the stadium, it did among veterans as #VeteransForKaepernick was the number one trending topic on Twitter on Tuesday.

Kaepernick is not the first athlete to protest injustice.

In 1967 Muhammad Ali refused to be drafted to the Vietnam War. He was convicted, called up for induction and his boxing license was suspended.

Despite these consequences Ali did not compromise his beliefs and continued to refuse going to Vietnam. His conviction was eventually overturned and he became a prominent speaker in the anti-war movement.

During the 1968 Olympics SJSU athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in protest to the treatment of people of color. Their protest is still one of the most memorable Olympic moments and a turning point in the civil rights movement.

Tommie Smith recently spoke in defense of Kaepernick.

"I support him because he's bringing the truth out – regardless of how it's being done. If it's not done violently, at least he should be heard," said Smith in a USA Today article.

Kaepernick is indeed being heard as the Alameda County Sheriff's office invited him to attend one of their training academy sessions. Since he has a large following, they see it as an opportunity to change the mindset of people who agree with Kaepernick that police are not adequately trained.

Kaepernick's protest was a success in that he has opened dialogue. But why is it that the American people are more concerned with the idea that he disrespected the flag than the blatant racial discrimination that still exists in this country?

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Whether he's scanning the field looking for an open receiver or protesting in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, Colin Kaepernick can't seem to make the right decisions.

After choosing not to stand up during the national anthem at Friday night's preseason game against the Green Bay Packers, Kaepernick has provoked reactions from NFL players, fans and political activists around the country.

In an interview with NFL Media's Steve Wyche Kaepernick said, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

Kaepernick's intentions are noble but the way he's going about his protest is not.

Even at times when America falls short of what it's suppose to symbolize, the act of acknowledgment during the national anthem shows honor and respect to the premise of our country and those who put their lives on the line everyday to protect our freedom.

Ironically, Kaepernick is exercising freedom of expression and freedom of speech rights, both of which he would be incarcerated and possibly killed for in other countries.

In the United States minorities have more rights and liberties than many other countries because of our military and those who served before us.

When you include an entire country in one category during a protest you are misleading some and it's unfair to group people who put their lives on the line to serve and protect in the same category as people contributing to racial injustice.

Alejandro Villanueva, a former United States Army Ranger and current left tackle

Protesting in the wrong place

for the Pittsburgh Steelers weighed in during an interview with ESPN's Jeremy Fowler saying, "I don't know if the most effective way is to sit down during the national anthem with a country that's providing you freedom, providing you \$16 million a year."

A few more efficient ways he could have gone about getting his message across are by stating his concerns and beliefs through press conference and left it at that. He also could have used some of his multi million dollar salary to fund organizations such as the NAACP and Race Forward, both of which advocate racial justice.

As far as I'm concerned, the protest has circulated more discussion about Kaepernick than black oppression. The trending topic is how he went about his protest and the backlash he's receiving.

Perhaps his protest comes in an effort to get out of the San Francisco 49ers organization after losing his starting role to quarterback Blaine Gabbert.

It will be interesting to see the crowd's reaction this weekend when he sits during the national anthem in San Diego as they visit the Chargers, a city that is often identified by their military bases and has a total military population near 175 thousand.

People will buy more tickets for the sole purpose of booing the 49ers quarterback than to cheer on the Chargers.

For someone who is still trying to make the final roster let alone a starting position, I expect to see Kaepernick shift his attention back to the offensive playbook over the next few days.

I disagree with Donald Trump's statement on the "Dori Monson Show" that Kaepernick "should find a country that works better for him." If you don't like something, leaving the situation is not a principle that should be promoted in this country, there are other ways to approach it.

I do hope he sees the big picture and finds a better way to use his platform and persona in a way that will effectively promote positive change.

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Unit cap increase could prove to be a help or a hindrance



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On Aug. 5 San Jose State updated its unit cap for students. Instead of the normal 16 units that students of good standing could take it was raised to 19, making it possible for students to take up to six classes.

The news of the increase was sent out through MySJSU during the summer and has since been posted on the Office of the Registrar's page.

The increase might have been due to the fact that a majority of San Jose State students were not graduating on time, or at least within the four year plan that society deems normal for college students.

It could also be because many majors are impacted, hence making it harder for students to get the classes they need to graduate.

Either way, plenty of SJSU students are in favor of the unit increase hoping that it will ultimately help them graduate faster.

"I don't want to do anything longer than four years," said sociology senior Jessica Vasquez.

Doing more than four years at San Jose State is reality for many students and a slight increase in units is what is needed for students who want to graduate in a timely manner.

"I regret not taking more than 12 units because I feel like taking 15 to 18 is not as bad if it allows for work and extracurricular time as well," said Jasmeet Singh, a psychology senior.

Having time for oneself and other obligations such as work and clubs

might seem daunting to someone who is thinking of taking up more units. In this situation time management is the ultimate key to success.

At Stanford University the maximum units you can take is 20 units a quarter, while the school heavily emphasizes how important it is to complete an undergraduate degree in four years. According to StartClass, a website that rates colleges based on certain criteria, it was presented that Stanford's graduation rates of 95 percent trumped that of San Jose State, with theirs only being 47 percent.

With the addition of units San Jose State is slowly mirroring the prestigious graduation rates of their Palo Alto neighbor.

The school has finally taken into consideration how hard it is for a number of students to graduate on time and wants to make it easier to do so by upping the unit count.

Of course not everyone is happy about

the option of taking more classes, seeing that it might only motivate students to get in and out of college as quickly as possible.

"To allow students to take more than five classes perpetuates an 'in and out' behaviour in obtaining your degree and does not promote learning or mastering a subject to the extent a college degree is meant to," said Zoey Shade, a psychology junior.

Being a recent update it is still too early to tell if students will benefit from the unit increase.

In either sense, it is still an option for students who are in good standing. It is a good idea for any student, myself included, who has had difficulty trying to calculate classes either through MySJSU or advising just to see if they will graduate on time. College is a great time in life but not everyone wants to stay in school forever.

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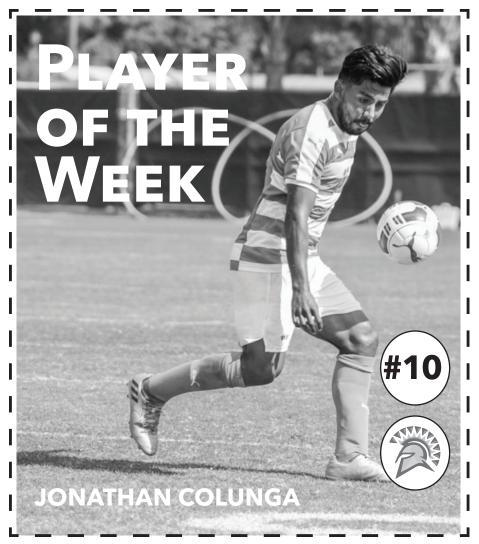
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The first Fall 2016 award is going to senior Jonathan Colunga. The 5-8 midfielder was an integral part of the Spartans' opening weekend, which saw them finish with their best record since 2011. In the two games the team played in the last week, Colunga started in both of them and made an impact in both. The first game against UC Davis, a game that lasted through double overtime, the swift midfielder fired three shots in the game. While the game ended in a goalless, 0-0 draw, Colunga made his mark on the game, controlling the pace of the game with his fluid passing and vocal leadership on the pitch. In the second game of the early season against University of Pacific, Colunga's name was found all over the statsheet. He scored the first goal of the Spartans' 2016 campaign when his attempted cross was mis-fired for the better and found the back of the net which tied up the score. Early on the second half, it was Colunga acting as a playmaker for the Spartans, setting up fellow senior Rory Knibbs with another game tying goal. SJSU went on to win the game, largely due to Colunga's preformance. With two effective preformances in the two opening games, its likely that he will again find himself in the starting-11 come game time Friday eveing against Oregon State.

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HEADLINES FOR THIS WEEK'S SPARTAN ACTION

Spartans hit the road with a chance at program history

Four years after becoming NCAA Division 1 recognized, the San Jose State women's volleyball team is on the verge of history. Oddly enough, an old friend is standing in the way of the record books. After the opening weekend of play, the squad was one of four teams in the Mountain West Conference without a loss. Turning the page on the Spartans' flying start, the team heads west for the Wolverine Invitational hosted by Utah Valley University. SJSU's first match is Friday night against Southern Utah, coached by Craig Choate. Choate coached the Spartans from 1993-2006. The team then plays both North Texas and the host Utah Valley the following day.



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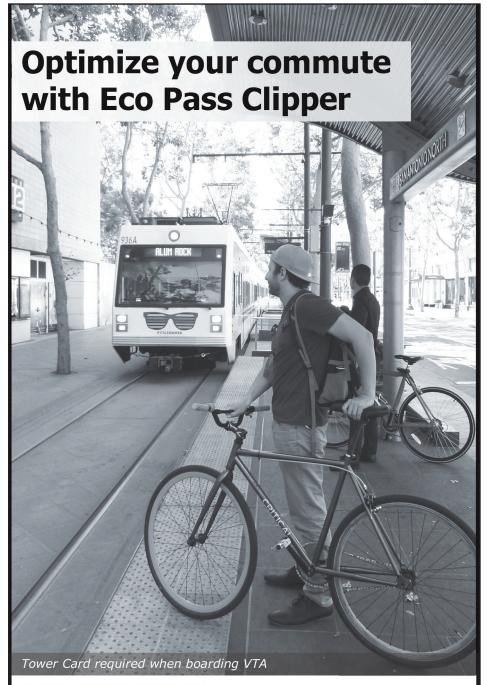
Women's soccer travels to Fullerton

Early on in the season it has been the defense stepping up for the Spartans. In the four opening games of the season, the Spartans have had three shutouts, allowing just 2 goals total to open up their schedule. This weekend they will go south for a game against Cal State Fullerton. SJSU is coming off of a weekend in Boise where they won one game and



losing a double-overtime heartbreaker in the other. As for CSUF, they won their opening game of the season, but have lost two straight entering the game against the Spartans this Sunday, Sep 4. SJSU's career goal scoring leader was able to snatch her first goal of the season in the last game, a screaming shot from outside the box which gave the Spartans all they needed to take the win. The stifling Spartans will enter the game in southern California with a 2-1-1 record while Fullerton's record is yet to be set as they have one game before. The Spartans on the other hand have no game before this matchup. The game will take place at 2 P.M. on Titan

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The Spartans plan to counter the Hurricane with a potent offense of their own. SJSU scored 27.9 points per game last season using a balanced attack of running and throwing to stifle opponents' defenses.

"We are definitely focused on (Tulsa) and not worrying about looking past that,"said Spartans quarterback Kenny Potter. "We have been watching film on them and scheming to prepare."

Last season, the team scored 24 touchdowns on the ground and 21 through the air. The rushing touchdowns were in large part due to the work done by now-NFL running back Tyler Ervin, who scored 13.

The previous meeting between the two teams occurred over ten years ago on Nov. 20, 2004, when the Hurricane defeated the Spartans 34-24.

It will be up to SJSU's new defensive coordinator, Ron English, to lead the Spartans' defense to improve its run defense against Tulsa. The Hurricane averaged 174.2 rushing yards per game and scored more than half their touchdowns on the ground in 2015.

"They like to spread everybody out and then run it up the middle," said Spartans cornerback Andre Chachere. "We are sort of putting ourselves out on an island outside and then trying to stop them up the middle.'

The biggest obstacle the Spartans will face in week one will be the fast paced offense of the Hurricane. They tend to run plays quickly to leave opponents' defenses scrambling to make changes to counter not only the passing game but also a stout running attack.

"Tulsa runs the football well," Caragher said. "We saw them consistently throughout the year think of the uptempo offense as a passing team and they do that well, but it is the running game that can get you in the end."

The team knows that this will not be an easy game to start the season and they will have to come out ready on day one of the

"They have lost some seniors at some key positions, but we know that they have recruited well and have some good players coming up," Caragher said. "They are coached well and we are definitely going to have to play at the top of our game."

■ Expectations too high for running backs?

Hoping that one of the running backs will put up the same kind of production as Ervin is quite an unfair expectation.

Ervin was the pinnacle of the offensive attack in 2015. He set a school record with 300 rushing yards against Fresno State and finished last season with 1601 rush yards.

Now Caragher and the rest of his staff will rely on another running back to step up and fill the void left by Ervin. The Spartans will look to senior Shane Smith and Roberson for their ground attack.

Caragher said during summer training camp that the team will be working with a running back by committee scenario, but Roberson will be one of the backs they lean on.

Roberson, who is coming off a knee injury that he was rehabbing during the summer, said he is feeling about 100 percent and ready to go.

"Coming back from my knee, taking the brace off this year I feel a lot faster," Roberson said. "So that is definitely an advantage for me."

92 total yards and just 3.8 yards per carry in 2015 are not eye-popping stats by any means, but Roberson's playing time was limited due to the workload carried by Ervin and only time will tell if he can increase those totals this season.

"Right now we have a committee going on at that position and Malik is one of several returners," Caragher said. "Zamore Zigler, who redshirted last year, brings a burst of acceleration to the

position and a transfer Deonte Cooper from the University of Washington (...) he brings a lot of speed and leadership to the position."

■ What to expect from the **2016 Spartans**

The Spartans have 15 returning members of its bowl-winning team from a season ago including Potter and defensive captain Christian Tago.

SJSU will have a new-look offense, hoping to utilize Potter more until they have found a sound running back that they can count on, along with mixing in transfer students Deontae Cooper (running back, University of Washington) and Dontonio Jordan (wide receiver, Stanford University).

"It looks better, we have a lot more playmakers on the field," Roberson said. "It will be hard to shut down one side because the other side is just as competitive."

Potter said his goals this season are to win games and win the Mountain West, that is what the team has been preaching since day one and it has not changed.

The schedule for the Spartans is not as daunting as it was last season when they faced two teams that were ranked in the FBS poll during the year. It does however pose some challenges to a team hoping to improve on a five-win season.

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Men's Soccer

San Jose State finds itself ranked 10th regionally in the initial National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) NCAA Division I men's poll. This weekend, the team is traveling to Oregon for a pair of games. The Spartans will face off against Pac-12 conference member Oregon State Beavers in Corvallis. The Beavers are off to a 1-0-1 record themselves, and have a strong head-to-head record against the SJSU boasting a 6-1 record overall dating back to 1954. The Spartans' only win came in 1994 and they will surely be trying to make it two on Friday. Two days later the team will face off against the Portland University Pilots. This will be just the fourth time the teams have matched up against eachother.



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