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GENDER EQUITY CENTER

Tea party addresses femmephobia

BY ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

The Gender Equity Center held the “Femmephobia Tea Party” on Wednesday in the Student Union. The tea party was meant to address issues of transphobia, as well as gender roles and how individuals choose to identify themselves as in public.

The discussion, which was facilitated by San Jose State sociology professor Soma De Bourbon, was meant to raise awareness among students. The main conversation topic was

About 20 students attended the event and discussed various topics of conversation as they sipped tea and ate finger sandwiches.

“A lot of the times these conversations are difficult to have because sometimes we don’t want to think about these things,” said English and music education senior Anthony Prickett.

The event began with a brief presentation about the word

“femme” and the context of it.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, femme is defined as “a lesbian who is notably or stereotypically feminine in appearance and manner.” De Bourbon mentioned in her presentations that appearance and mannerisms don’t necessarily relate to sexual orientation.

As the lectures continued, students expressed the views and opinions surrounding sexual orientation and how it’s defined in today’s society. Students argued that within the LGBTQ community, those who are gay may not be considered “gay enough” because of the way they act or dress.

“It’s part of all of our communities,” De Bourbon said. “It’s part of the queer community, it’s part of the straight community, it’s part of a lot of student struggle.”

Attendees talked about how femininity is considered bad or weak, and masculinity is predominantly



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Samantha Brechlin, Gender Equity Center's education programmer, sips tea at the Femme-Phobia tea party.

VEHICLES

Cars stolen in downtown SJ

Two SJSU students discovered their cars missing from apartment complex

BY LISA PRINCIPI
Executive Producer

Two cars owned by San Jose State advertising senior Emily Thomas and justice studies senior Morgan Fremgen were stolen from their apartment complex near campus on Wednesday.

The students first discovered the disappearance of their vehicles at around 5 p.m. when Thomas attempted to leave her apartment and to drive to the grocery store.

Their cars are a 2012 blue Toyota Corolla Sport and a 2005 gray Toyota Corolla LE.

“I came home Monday morning from [Los

Angeles and] parked my car,” Thomas said. “My roommate went to Trader Joe’s last night and she said that my car was still there. I went downstairs to go to my car because I needed to go to the market to get cauliflower, and my car was gone.”

Thomas noticed that not only her car was missing from the parking structure, but also her roommate Fremgen.

Her vehicle was parked in tandem, blocking the entryway to Thomas’ Toyota Corolla.

Fremgren stressed that while her car had never been stolen before, other incidents had occurred

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MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP

SJSU golfers land in top five of tournament

BY DARBY BROWN-KUHN
South Bay Pulse

In the final golf tournament of the regular season, the Spartans women’s team finished strong, placing third overall as two players finished in the top-5 for individual scoring.

Once again, senior My Leander was the best scoring Spartan golfer in the tournament and finished second overall with a total score of 4-under par.

Sophomore Abigail Arevalo finished third after shooting four-under in the final round to finish at

three-under for the tournament.

Head coach John Dormann said Arevalo’s experience on the green complexes from the previous two rounds helped improve her putting on the tournament’s final day.

“The speed of the greens threw her off a little,” Dormann said. “And just with a little work and a little practice and you know a little experience over the greens she putted much better today than the previous two days.”

Arevalo’s final round was also helped by an eagle on the opening

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Senior My Leander led the tournament in pars made with 44.

RAINBOW RESISTANCE

Spartans ponder forms of protest

BY KRISTIN LAM
Copy Editor

Students gathered at the PRIDE Center Wednesday to discuss how to participate in political protest by contacting their representatives and resisting with their voices.

The workshop, titled “Rainbow Resistance: Sheets to the Streets and Contacting Your Representatives,” included a breakdown of the basics of types of protesting, a question and answer session and a space to share personal experiences.

“I struggle a lot with visibility and getting resources and finding help with all of this,” said Leslie Bank, speech language pathology and linguistics graduate student. “And also balancing being part of the

movement and nurturing myself.”

Besides rallies and marches, the discussion touched on politically pressuring representatives in order to challenge the status quo and implement change.

One of resources shared during the workshop was Five Calls, a website where users can select causes from climate change to Planned Parenthood that they want to support. It then provides phone numbers, names and pictures of elected officials as well as scripts to read.

“I’ve made the calls in the past,” Bank said. “I’m always not sure what to say and how to say it concisely, so that was really helpful.”

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

Send Silence event aims to destigmatize mental health

BY BENJAMIN SIEPAK
Multimedia Editor

Over 1,000 backpacks will cover the Tower Lawn Tuesday in an attempt to raise awareness and conversation about the impact of suicide.

The event Send Silence Packing will be hosted by San Jose State's chapter of Active Minds— a nationwide non-profit organization that enables college students to be the impetus to change the perception of mental health.

Send Silence Packing is part of a national college traveling exhibition program that will feature 1,100 backpacks to represent the average number of college students lost to suicide every year.

"It's easy for us to just tell people how many students are lost each year," said Sadaf Skandari, president of Active Minds SJSU. "Seeing and displaying it is more impactful."

This will be the first time the program comes to SJSU, at the cost of \$5,000 to host.

Funding came from Associated Students, Student Involvement and campus clubs.

There have been two suicides committed at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library within the last two years. Although neither of them were students, Skandari says the incidents played a role in the desire to bring Send Silence Packing to campus.

The event aims to destigmatize the perception of mental health and raise a campus-wide conversation on suicide prevention.

"Mental health stigma is such a big deal," said psychology senior Moshfeq Shahrani. "Getting help is often looked down upon."

According to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC), suicide is a leading cause of death among college and university students in the United States.

As a member of the Active Minds chapter at Chabot Community College in Hayward, psychology senior Daniel Gonzalez believes this display exhibition is much more impactful than just sharing statistics.

"When you see statistics or see a flyer, it grabs your attention," Gonzalez said. "But when you actually see 1,100 backpacks in person, it kinda hits you."

According to Active Minds' official website, Send Silence Packing has been displayed in more than 140 cities nationwide since the inaugural display in 2008, and survey respondents have given the display glowing ratings. The statistics show that 95 percent of respondents rate the display as powerful or very powerful and 97 percent agree that it is educational.

Out of the 1,100 backpacks, around 30 of them will be donated by family members of students who committed suicide.

These backpacks will be placed separately and will have a picture of the students and a story about them. Some of the backpacks will also contain something to emulate who that particular person was, such as hiking boots to represent someone who enjoyed hiking.

Counseling and Psychological Services will also be at the event to promote the services and training it provides regarding suicide prevention.

"The hope is that this event raises conversation not only about suicide, but mental health in general," Skandari said. "We want people to know that there are resources for help, there are people that care and that our school will talk about it and do something about it to help prevent further struggles."

The exhibition will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- Don't underestimate the power of a barrage of phone calls!
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INFOGRAPHIC BY LISA PRINCIPI

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PRIDE Center intern and sociology senior Vy Truong said incorporating inclusivity in discussions about ways to protest is key.

"Not everyone can go out to the streets and protest — physically or mentally — because it's a lot to handle," Truong said. "There are other ways of activism. Social media is one of the most powerful tools of our generation, so why not use it as a way to spread your message?"

Participants also touched on the power of physical protests, whether they are permitted by the local government or not. Showing non-compliance with a critical mass of people powerfully shapes

resistance movements. Rallies and marches prove that people who do not tolerate the status quo exist.

The event was held as a part of the center's April Pride Month, which was meant to show allies ways to support the LGBTQ community. With the current political climate, recent attacks on the LGBTQ community and bathroom laws, Truong said the discussion on forms of protest is very relevant.

"How to Change Your Legal Name and Gender on Personal Documentation," the next workshop of the series, is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. today in the PRIDE Center.

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TITLE IX

Workshop addresses sexual violence at SJSU



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Amanda Montelongo (left) and Natalie Potts (right) give advice on bystander intervention.

BY JESSICA STOPPER
Staff Writer

San Jose State students filled the Student Union Ballroom Wednesday night to discuss sexual assault.

The Healthy Relationships and Sexual Violence workshop, led by guest speaker Terry Cato, addressed Title IX cases on college campuses and how to prevent sexual assault.

Title IX cases pertain to discrimination on the basis of sex that include sexual harassment, rape, and sexual assault.

Cato is an entrepreneur, author and philanthropist. She also has her own show called "Real Talk with Terry."

"I think tonight's event was great," Cato said. "I was very happy with the turnout. The questions were engaging and the panel was awesome."

A crowd of roughly 100 students engaged in discussions and gained knowledge from panel members Amanda Montelongo and Natalie Potts.

Montelongo is a SJSU alumna that works with sexual assault cases and Potts is SJSU's Title IX officer.

The workshop started with Cato reading off headlines of articles on suicides college students committed because of sexual assaults.

Cato then stated statistics of rape that seemed to grab the attention of the audience. Every year, five percent of women experience rape or attempted rape on college campuses.

The topic that received the most discussion was bystander intervention.

Bystander intervention is how people can use creative techniques instead of being aggressive to get their friend out of dangerous situations that could lead to sexual assault.

A woman in the audience shared her experience of bar hopping with friends and how a man was following her whole group. As she informed her friends about the man, her friend said the guy had been following her all night. After he ignored them telling him to

leave them alone many times, they called the police, which scared him off.

More students started sharing their concerns and personal stories throughout the workshop.

"We always say we'd stand up if someone was in a situation, but nobody ever does it," said mechanical engineering sophomore Lior Raskin. "We need to start doing what we say."

A majority of the audience were members of the Greek community on campus attending to fulfill their Title IX workshop requirement.

"One person can make a difference," said business marketing junior Eric Bagaioisan. "If you see something you have the power to do something about it. Everyone has the freedom and responsibility to create their own essence and make that change."

Incoming freshmen are required to complete an online program called Haven that addresses critical issues of sexual assault.

According to Potts, SJSU is going to expand the program to current students as a "refresher" course.

The University Police Department is taking measures to help decrease sexual assault cases on campus.

Although there is no set date, there will be 24 video cameras installed in dark areas and parking garages on campus. UPD has also tested all blue light poles, as some did not work, and is recruiting new officers.

Cato speaks to many colleges around the nation and wanted to talk to SJSU in particular.

"This is a specific event that I wanted to do at San Jose State because I live near the school," Cato said. "I've been on campus before and did a program for another Greek organization."

According to Cato, Stanford has reached out to her. She might hold an event on the campus in the near future.

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FEMININITY

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considered good. Strong, brave and muscular are all terms related to being masculine according to Prickett.

Following the presentation, attendees separated into discussion groups. One of the conversation topics veered to how weakness is automatically connected to women and being femme.

An example one attendee mentioned was how terms like "you throw like a girl" is meant to tell someone that they are bad or weak.

De Bourbon mentioned during her presentation the struggles that the trans community faces in particular.

According to a 2015 survey conducted by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, (GLAAD) 40 percent of respondents who were transgender have attempted suicide within their lifetimes.

In the same survey, 31 percent said they have experienced instances of discrimination or mistreatment in a public place, been denied equal service, been verbally harassed and been physically attacked.

After the discussion, De Bourbon asked students for suggestions and solutions regarding fighting the issues of femmophobia.

Students mentioned that having these discussions outside of workshops like these are needed.

Prickett said that these conversations need to be had with friends and classmates as well.

"Having a trans daughter is what drives me to address these issues," De Bourbon said. "Having seen her struggle makes me even more interested in changing the narrative around transphobia."

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within their complex.

"My car has been broken into before but never stolen," Fremgren said. "I guess [I feel] violated, upset, and just very inconvenienced."

The apartments, 101 San Fernando, located on San Fernando and Third Street, are equipped with gates and security. However, the residents still find safety measures to be questionable.

"In our building, I definitely think that we have security, but we're not really sure if there are security cameras or where they're located," said Maya Harlev, psychology senior and resident. "I think there's also a lot of issues with people trying to walk into our building who don't necessarily live there. I think there's definitely more that could be done in terms of security."

Thomas, a graduating senior,

stressed the impact that this has had on her emotionally and physically.

She has appointments and post-grad interviews to attend next week.

"I have my last car payment for this car in 15 days," Thomas said. "I'm on my last payment and my car is stolen. Like I owe \$250 and then this car is officially mine, and it got stolen. I'm so sad."

The San Jose Police Department was reached to comment, but was unavailable to respond.

"I had to take them to the police department because the police department's non-emergency line was taking a really long time to answer," Harlev said. "I think it ended up being a much better experience than expected because the officer they sent to do the report was very helpful and very optimistic."

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COACHELLA RECAP

Memories flourish underneath the palm trees

BY TAYLOR JONES
Photo Editor

The month of April can mean a number of things for students at San Jose State. For some, it means a month away from graduation. For others, it means the appearance of a new season budding with beautiful flowers and the allergies that go with them. For me, April has only one true significant meaning to it and that is Coachella.

Coachella Music and Art Festival is basically what its lengthy title implies. It is a 3-day festival that brings some of the best bands, DJs and artists from around the world to come and perform for thousands of their fans. The festival is held in Indio, Calif. and has been one of the state's most anticipated music festivals since its debut back in 1999.

Since its arrival in the late 90's, Coachella has boasted some of the best headliners including Red Hot Chili Peppers in 2003, Prince in 2008 and Kendrick Lamar and Radiohead as this year's headliner.

For many young adults, including myself, Coachella is a dream that sometimes can never come true because of how expensive it is. This year's ticket went for \$399, but with added fees and camping accommodations, an experience at Coachella went for around \$500.

Last year around this time, I made a promise to myself and my friends that I would go to Coachella with them, even if it meant not going out as much. I started saving up all of my tip money starting in May and accumulated almost \$400 when online ticket sales went up.

The excitement I felt when I got my confirmation email was similar to that of a young teen getting their first car after receiving their driver license. I was ecstatic and going with a few of my best friends fueled my energy even more.

I could not focus on anything the week of Coachella other than who I was going to see perform, what I was going to wear each day and what I was going to scarf down after a long day of dancing in 90 degree weather.

When it came to festival time, I was ready. With my friend's car packed to the



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Festivalgoers flock to and from musical sets at Coachella Music and Art Festival in Indio, Calif. on Friday evening.

brim with sleeping bags, tents and food and water to last us a full weekend, we made our way from San Jose to Indio. Once we got to Indio and got through the car camping line that seemed to take forever, my friends and I set up camp and immediately fell asleep. We had to get our beauty rest for the big weekend ahead.

If I wrote a day by day account on my experience at Coachella, I probably would have written a novel. To make a long story short, each day was filled with different acts who all were amazing in their own ways.

One of the most memorable performances for me was seeing Justice. I've been a fan of theirs since high school and seeing the French duo electrify the crowd with their amped up techno music made me and my high school self almost cry with joy.

Other memorable performances were Future's set, especially when he brought out Drake and Migos and Two Door Cinema

Club. Both acts are obviously different in music genre, but the way they made me and other fans feel are almost identical.

What each day had in common though was scorching heat that started very early in the morning, wind storms that kicked dirt and pollen everywhere and hoards of YouTube "stars" who still think it's okay to wear bindis and native headdresses. Even with these minor bumps, the festival itself was incredible and had acts that ranged from underground indie bands like The Allah-Las and Twin Peaks to big name electronic music stars like Dillon Francis & Martin Garrix.

For anyone attending next year or even slightly thinking about going, getting organized in advanced is the way to go. If you know you want to for sure go, try and grab pre-sale tickets when they come out in late May or early June.

Pre-sale tickets also include payment plans so you can pay a monthly fee that will

add up until the date of Coachella weekend one or two. If you get presale, start looking at hotel accommodations.

The earlier you book, the cheaper the hotel room will be. If you do not get presale, do not stress. Full priced tickets usually go out in January along with the lineup.

If you still do not have any luck getting pre-sale or full priced tickets on the Coachella website, online ticketing vendors like Stubhub or Ticketmaster are a way to go as well.

This past weekend will be one that I will always remember and cherish forever. Nothing beats seeing your favorite artists with some of your best friends, even if it is in scalding heat. Just remember to bring the sunblock and water!

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MOVIE REVIEW

Latest 'Fast and the Furious' film falls flat

BY DAVID TAUB
Staff Writer

The Fast and the Furious franchise has unarguably been huge over the past 16 years, evident by the nearly \$4 billion it has raked worldwide. Director F. Gary Gary jumps into the driver seat with the eighth installment of the series which opened last Friday. The film made \$532 million globally in its first weekend which is the biggest worldwide launch of all time.

The eighth and completely superfluous film in the series is like a greasy cheeseburger that is as big as your head and topped with a pound of bacon — you know it's horrible but you love it.

"The Fate of the Furious" is kind of like that.

The franchise has come a long way since the good ol' street racing days of the first Fast and The Furious film, which was really the first picture of street racing culture that moviegoers ever saw.

As the franchise went on to become an over-the-top action movie spectacle with huge stunts, the movies largely moved away from street racing. The eighth movie may be the farthest away from street racing so far in the series.

It is so over the top and ridiculous that sometimes you find yourself wondering, "how the hell did we get to this scene?" That is partly because the movie does a bad job of explaining the "how" and "why" of its shallow plot and partly because you really don't care, you're watching a submarine take out half a dozen cars.

In "The Fate of the Furious" we catch up with Dom and Letty on their honeymoon in Cuba which is quickly interrupted by Charlize Theron's character, Cipher.

Cipher shows Dom something powerful enough to make him turn on the one thing he holds sacred and that we've heard him mumble more than anything in the last seven movies, "family."

The rest of the team can not believe that Dom would turn on them and the rest of the movie is them trying to stop him and find out why he is working with Cipher.

The one thing that does work in this movie is the thing that has worked for the past decade for the Fast and Furious franchise, the huge stunt scenes.

At one point, Cipher is able to hack into every car on the streets of New York City, raining cars out of parking garages on Dom's ex-teammates and turning the rest into her army of four wheeled zombies.

In the final scene where the team is newly reunited with Dom, they are trying to stop Cipher from escaping with a nuclear submarine.

The scene is reminiscent of "the longest runway in the world" scene from the sixth movie but it is still edge-of-your-seat exciting.

This film failed in the scenes between action sequences. I know the fans that have been sworn to protect the Fast and the Furious will say "plot doesn't matter in these movies," and they may be right when it comes to the film's main demographic. However, the holes do start to get annoying.

The filmmakers also missed out on a big opportunity when they limited Theron by keeping her character in an airplane for the majority of the movie. Also, there is no passion to her character and you're left unsure on what her motives actually are.

They did not need to tell this story to give the series closure, although I'm not sure if this franchise will ever see true closure.

"The Fate of the Furious" felt forced and unneeded as if Hollywood is just beating a dead horse at this point. As comedian Bo Burnham puts it, "Hollywood will stop beating that dead horse when it stops bleeding money."

Ultimately, I was disappointed by "The Fate of the Furious." While it was better than some action movies I've seen so far this year, it didn't live up to the previous films in the franchise.



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CONCERT REVIEW

Chance the Rapper brings blessings to San Jose



BY DANIEL LAZO
Contributing Writer

Chance the Rapper never fails to surprise his fans with blessings when the praises go up.

As soon as Chance's official Facebook posted that free tickets were being distributed only four blocks away from campus at Temple Bar and Lounge, I dashed toward the promise land with my friends. I was one of the lucky 250 fans to receive a spot at Facebook's exclusive concert.

It felt ironic receiving free blessings in the daytime from a nightclub.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. I was filled with excitement in anticipation of my first Chance concert. After a memorable car ride in which our Lyft driver swerved through the streets of downtown San Jose, flipping off those who crossed him, we made our way into the San Jose Civic Center to find another revelation.

Along with the happy thoughts of a free ticket, attendees could grab as much free hors d'oeuvres and alcohol at the open bar as they could.

Within two hours of doors opening, the front of the theater was barricaded by overexcited college students and Chance fans. The back of the theater however was filled with middle aged techies.

It was an inverted mullet with a college party in the front and business in the back.

I met software engineers from Salt Lake City, an app promoter from Atlanta and a marketer from New York. Some were clueless to Chance's music, and instead shared their excitement about the Facebook F8 Conference across the street. It was as if I brought my dad to the concert.

After much anticipation, around 7:30 p.m. the stage went from a vibrant array of blue lights into deep

black with a sprinkle of phone lights opened to their camera.

Chance's sermon began with a "woo woo" and "caw caw" repeated back by the audience.

As Chance began to sing "Angels," I knew that his set was going to be all from his 2016 album, "Coloring Book."

The Bay Area has been overdue for an earthquake, but San Jose definitely felt the ground shake as the audience bounced to Chance's rhythmic beats.

His set included about seven songs, such as "Blessings," "Same Drugs," "No Problem" and "All Night." Each song flowed into one smooth mash-up.

Chance's performance style kept the true fans reciting his lyrics as some of the tired conference attendees jammed along in tongues.

The light show in the background transitioning from sunrise to starry nights set the perfect vibes.

In hopes to get Chance to sing "Happy Birthday" for my best friend, who turned 21 that day, I screamed at the top of my lungs for the crowd to join in.

Unfortunately, I failed to realize that it was Chance's birthday the day before. The audience echoed in unison in appreciation for his award-winning performance.

Chance did not fail at getting hypy for the South Bay locals. His rendition of "Blow the Whistle" ignited the whole theater to go on and on.

After 45 minutes of pure talent, Chance thanked us and left the stage. We breached for an encore, but our luck ran out.

I would definitely recommend going to a Chance concert, especially if it's free.

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AMBER AU | CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Exhibit showcases the 'ordinary' of China in a new light

BY ISABELLE THAM
Staff Writer

Wai Mei Feng just can't get enough of San Jose State.

Feng, a retired faculty member, is showcasing her work in "Lao Baixing: a photo exhibit finding beauty in ordinary people in China."

"For the show I had to look at thousands of photos and in selecting them, I saw a common thread," said Feng. "They all value and love their families, their work, their own hobbies and leisure."

The exhibit, housed in the Cultural Heritage Center in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, is a collection of her photographs from her various trips to China since 2014, when she was first invited by the Center to participate in another exhibit. The collection is a part of the celebration for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

"These pictures show that it's okay to be ordinary," said psychology junior Becky Huang. "You don't have to be super famous to get photographed."

Photographs taken by the Hong Kong native show people gathered in the park, performing in traditional garbs and even taking photographs of their own.

"I really started to see the beauty and simplicity of different walks of life in China," Feng said.

The exhibit includes arts and crafts from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, which Feng said although just ordinary things, adds dimension to her show.

"I think it's really interesting to see

what kinds of things people consider to be ordinary in China represented here in California," said global studies junior Grace Her. "There are obviously differences in culture, but maybe we are not as different as we think."

Her knack for photography, she said, stems from her design background, beginning with her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Still, Feng considers herself an amateur photographer, albeit a serious one. She learned photography the "traditional" way, she said, with film in a darkroom – but purchasing a digital camera "unleashed her potential."

"Elements of photography have always been in me," she said. "It allows me to exercise my sense of color, composition and the urge to capture the moment much more efficiently than any other medium."

Feng's work before teaching at San Jose State included advertising, editorial design at the Los Angeles Times and multimedia marketing for Apple in Asia. She also taught visual design and media classes at universities in Hong Kong before coming to the Bay Area.

She is also a graduate of the university, having earned her masters in education - instructional technology.

Here, she worked in the Center for Faculty Development as a senior instructional designer and instructor. Additionally, Feng taught media classes in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"It was wonderful," Feng said of



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Psychology junior Becky Huang looks at Feng's photos which depict ordinary people in China. Huang said it was humbling to see her culture represented in the exhibit.

her time working at the university. "The people I worked with were also participating in a global market so they not only appreciate local employees, but they also value international input," she said.

Feng said she left Apple to pursue her interest in teaching. Her international experience, she added, blended well into her curriculum.

Having to rationalize her design inspirations for her clients made it

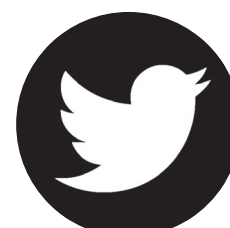
easier to explain to her students how to plan and judge designs from both logical and aesthetic perspectives.

"Teaching design turned out to be my first love, even though I could not have been an effective design teacher without my commercial experience and insights," Feng said.

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Adidas deserves the backlash it's receiving



Kylee Baird
Staff Writer

Sending out insensitive messages can get one in trouble and Adidas just fell into that trap.

Adidas sportswear sent out an email Tuesday morning congratulating runners who completed the Boston Marathon.

Instead of sending a simple congratulatory message, Adidas decided to add one word that would ultimately make them receive a whole lot of backlash.

The message that the company sent out said "Congrats, you survived the Boston Marathon!"

People across the nation reacted with disappointment and outrage as a result.

In 2013, there was a bombing at the event that killed three people and injured over 260 attendees.

No wonder people were taking it to

social media to put Adidas on blast for their mistake of a message. Due to the quick circulation of the email, the sportswear company sent out an apology.

"We are incredibly sorry," Adidas apologized in its statement. "Clearly, there was no thought given to the insensitive email subject line we sent Tuesday. We deeply apologize for our mistake. The Boston Marathon is one of the most inspirational sporting events in the world. Every year we're reminded of the hope and resiliency of the running community at this event."

Although Adidas apologized for their inconsiderate email, the people that received the email or have seen it through the media will not let Adidas live this down. People will think about it next year during the five year anniversary and the backlash will continue. This fail of an email will continue to haunt this company.

Survivors of the 2013 bombing who participated in this year's race probably received this email and it could have brought back horrible memories of the day they almost died.

According to NPR, at least two survivors of the bombing participated in this year's marathon but it is still unclear if they received the email sent out by Adidas.

I wondered how thoughtless the advertising team was because they totally overlooked the phrase "you survived."

Yeah, they probably didn't mean for it to come out the way it did, but that's why things are looked over multiple times.

It's in order to prevent multi-million dollar embarrassments and ridicule.

Although it is advertising's job to make sure the ad is appropriate, noticeable and stands out, this definitely got them noticed but not in the right way.

Several tweets were sent by twitter users calling Adidas out on their marketing fail.

Twitter user @Shophomaspaul wrote, "Really @adidas? Are your copywriters living in a black hole?"

While another user compared the Adidas insensitive act to both Pepsi and United, whom have both been in the media these last couple of weeks.

The user @thisissb tweeted "Oh man! That is unfortunate. Not Pepsi level

unfortunate, or United...but damn."

San Jose State University signed a six-year deal earlier this month with Adidas. The company will supply all the Spartans' intercollegiate teams with practice gear, uniforms and footwear.

The Spartans are the first in the Mountain West Conference to sign with Adidas.

Since Adidas is a corporation known and worn around the world, I believe it will not receive as much backlash as it should. Not many outside of the United States are outspoken about this specific event and express sensitivity because the bombing four years ago was a terrorist attack on our soil.

People will continue to wear the brand as if the email was never sent out, except for the runners who have participated in the marathon — I have a strong feeling they will not be purchasing Adidas activewear anytime soon.

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 - 33 Type of service from the sassy
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Let the children experience the Coachella vibes



Jessica Stopper
Staff Writer

Coachella, also known as the happiest place on earth for young adults, could be just as magical for kids too. While I have never been an attendee of the festival, I felt as though I was there with my friends thanks to their constant posts on Snapchat.

Just east of Palm Springs, Calif. in the desert of Coachella Valley, the music festival is considered an event for all ages according to its website.

Though the typical demographic is college-aged adults, what I saw on social media tells a different story. I saw people of all ages from infants to adults in their 60s.

Sunday night, a video went viral of a young boy on his dad's shoulders going absolutely crazy to Drake's performance of his hit song, "Fake Love."

New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., aka my future husband, was

also in the video singing along with the little rapping machine.

After watching the video for the first time I thought to myself, "This will be my future child."

My Twitter followers thought the same considering the way they responded to the video.

The video made my peers and I happy while others on social media were livid about seeing children at the festival.

I may be biased because during my childhood my parents did not shelter me from adult-like things and took me along to local festivals and sporting events, but I do not see a problem with Coachella allowing all ages to attend.

There is more to do at Coachella than listening to live music.

According to digital ticket purchasing platform AXS, attendees are able to look at art installations, shop, ride the iconic

Coachella ferris wheel, make arts and crafts and attend yoga classes.

H&M Loves Coachella clothing line launched in 2015 and sold clothes again this year, according to the San Diego Union Tribune.

The only issue for allowing children to attend the event was them being exposed to many college-age adults drunk and under the influence of various substances.

As I thought more on the issue, I realized that people drinking at their campsites at Coachella is no different from people tailgating at a sporting event, which most consider a family event.

After attending numerous sporting tailgates as a child and seeing belligerent adults making fools of themselves, I'd say I turned out fine and my memory is not scarred.

Granted, my parents were sports fans rather than music lovers, so that was the "rowdy" crowd my parents introduced me to.

I would hate to have parents who would not allow me to see adults being free and enjoying a music festival and seeing it as a huge issue.

Yes, there is profanity in some song lyrics and there are half-naked individuals running around but it that really going to scar a child's memory?

Profanity and half-naked individuals roaming everywhere sounds strangely familiar to a tailgate.

My friends' best friend has been going to Coachella with his parents since he was five and his fondest memories are at the music festival.

Wake up people. Stop sheltering your children and open them up to the world. It is better they experience diversity and love sooner rather than later.

When I have mini Jessicas, you bet you'll be seeing them on my husband and my shoulders jammin' to the hottest hits.

Now go on children and frolic through the crowds of Coachella.

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FRANCISCO FRANCO: LATCH (ACOUSTIC) - SAM SMITH

LISA PRINCIPI: YOUR SONG - ELTON JOHN

KARIANNE SUDYKA: ADRENALINE - RUPAUL FT. MYAH MARIE

NICOLE CHUNG: BORN THIS WAY - LADY GAGA

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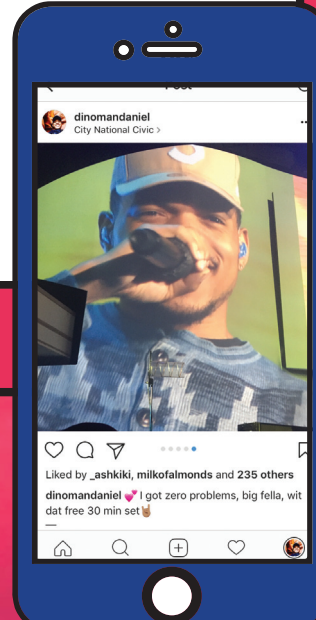
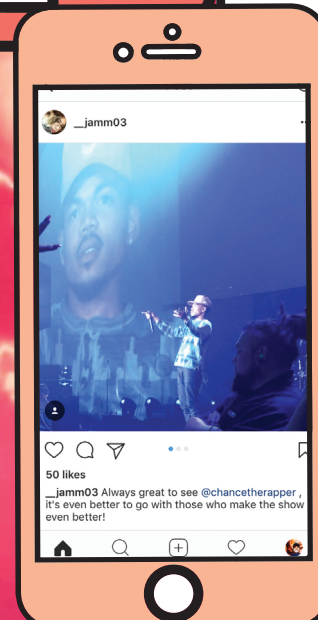
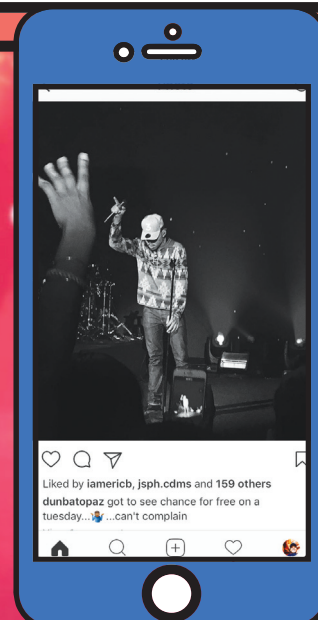
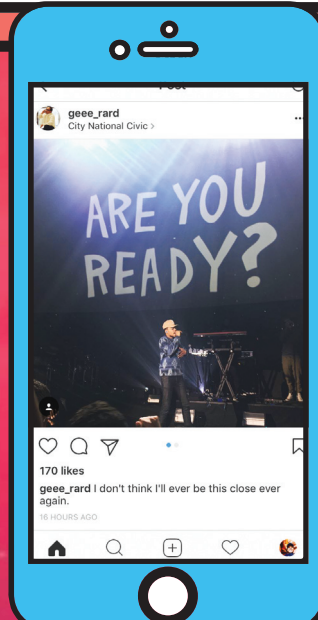
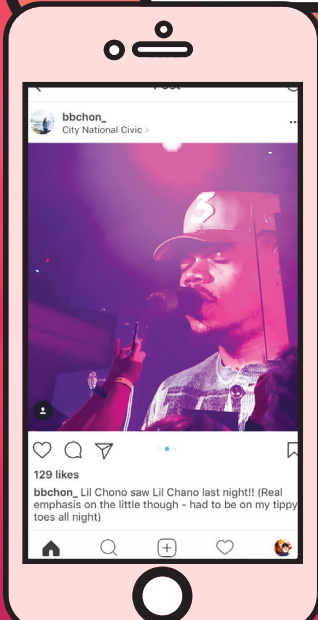
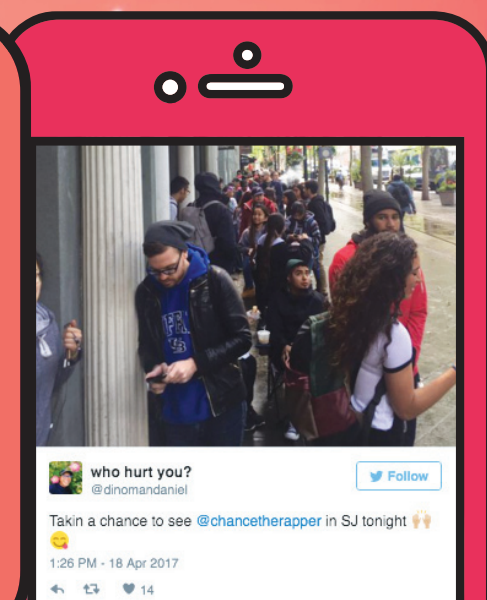
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FREE BLESSINGS

KEEP FALLING IN MY LAP

Chance the Rapper got San Jose doing front films with his surprise performance in downtown.



Give your stress a rest and put these tips to the test



Carolina Ibarra
Staff Writer

As we're nearing the end of the semester, it's getting harder to find the time or motivation to do everything on my to-do list. I can see the diploma at the end of the tunnel, but I'm still dragging my feet from a lack of sleep and determination.

Coincidentally, on days where I only sleep two to four hours, my mom always happens to call me telling me to take better care of myself.

Maternal instincts are magical, they somehow always know what's wrong.

She's absolutely right, of course. After the halfway point, all the work piles up and it feels like you're drowning in it. Stress relief is a crucial tool to make it through this point in the semester.

Here are a few of the helpful stress relief tactics that work for me.

I avoid using WebMD for self-diagnosis because I always somehow end up researching rare or eradicated diseases that I definitely don't have — though I somehow still think I might. However, the site does provide some useful stress relief suggestions.

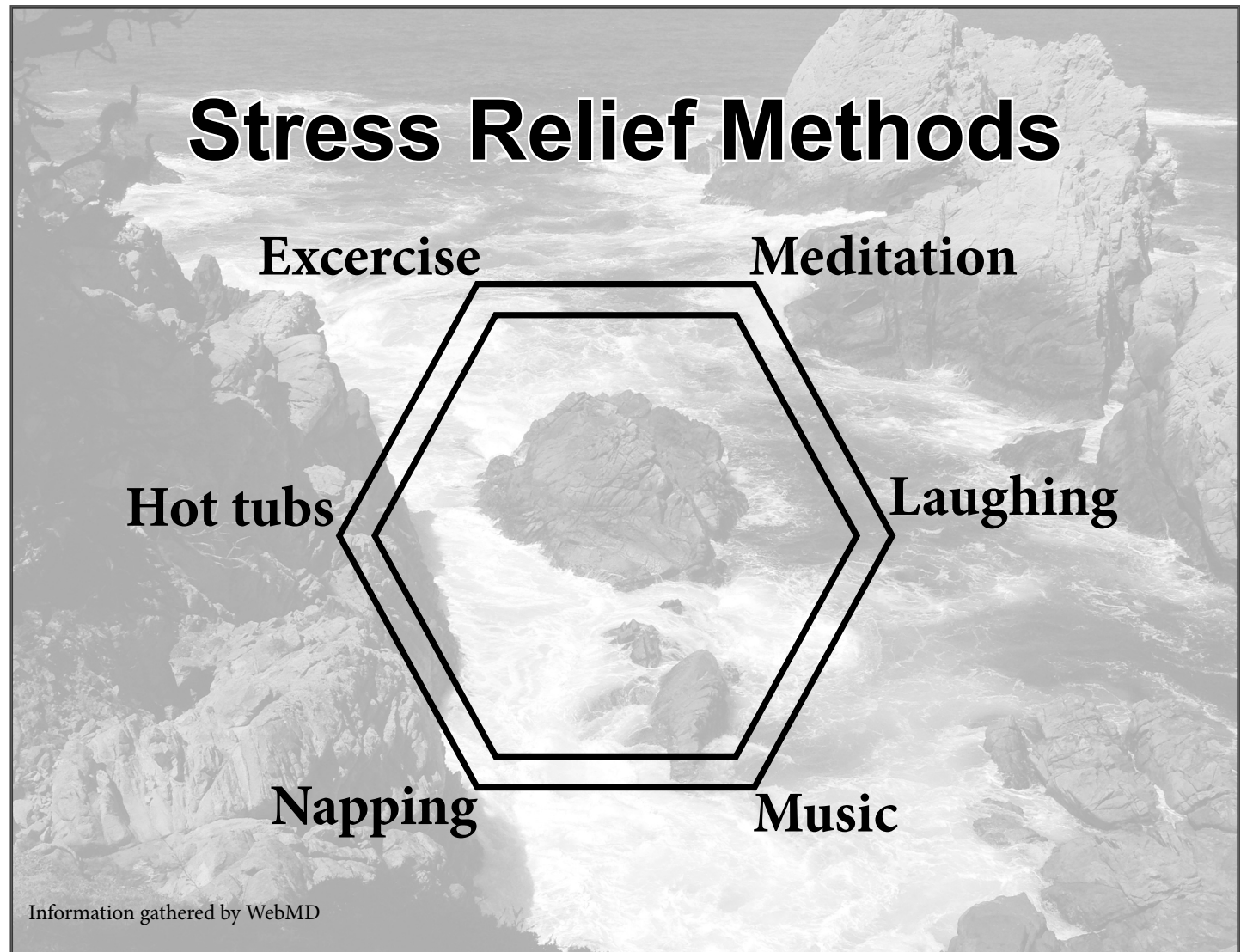
For instance, WebMD recommends laughing out loud as a scientifically proven way to reduce mental stress.

So watch your favorite stand-up comedian, gather your cheesiest jokes or pull up your best memes. Do whatever it is that makes you laugh because it's a powerful method.

According to the American Heart Association, Laughing reduces the stress hormone cortisol and increases endorphins — brain chemicals that support a good mood.

It seems simple, but it's also effective.

If you don't feel like laughing, turn up your favorite music. I like blasting my songs when I take breaks from my



work or when I'm in the shower.

According to the American Music Therapy Association, music therapy is a good way to reduce your blood pressure, heart rate and anxiety. It's relaxing to step away from your assignments and enjoy a few minutes of your own little personal concert.

We all get caught up in our mountains of work, but sleep is a critical part of your well-being. I know it's difficult to find time for everything. However, I still try to prioritize sleep over other things whenever I can. Sometimes I don't get a full eight hours, but I try

to take naps between classes to make up for it.

The art of napping can be difficult to master. A 25 to 30 minute nap is ideal to support alertness without grogginess, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Any more than that and you'll likely wake up feeling disoriented and wondering if you slept through the decade.

Things are a little weird these days, though. So I really wouldn't mind fast-forwarding through the next four years.

Finally, explore your options. What works for me might not be ideal for

you. Everyone is different, so you should find your own healthy outlets for stress relief.

Treat yourself to that nap or a dip in a hot tub. It'll be easier to finish your work once you can focus on it rather than stress.

Life goes on beyond deadlines, due dates, tests and presentations, so take care of yourself.

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I'm getting married and I'm still having a fun life



Tiana Walker
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As a millennial and a college student, most people are surprised when I tell them I am engaged and getting married within the year.

We're all trapped in a phase of prolonged adolescence, so I can understand their surprise.

People always remind me that I am young as if I somehow forgot. Apparently this means my "fun days" are over.

It's as if some people think that as soon as I say 'I do' I'm swearing away the right to have a good time.

I'm just like every other college student. I stay up late, have bad eating habits and I'll admit I like to sing along to Drake.

However, I can never get myself to sing that one verse in "Child's Play" that says "married in our twenties, now where's the fun in that?"

Ouch. That one hits me hard every time.

Still, I am happy with my decision. I know that most of my peers aren't running to get married and that's okay.

According to statistics from Gallup Data Tracking only 27 percent of millennials are married.

Soon I can proudly count myself among that 27 percent statistic.

Yes, like most students I have classes, homework, part-time jobs and internships. So I can understand why people my age would think I'm crazy for adding a husband to all that.

I see it more as adding a partner to go through life's bumps with me. He is literally my best friend.

We are also not living in a fantasyland. Inevitably, difficult situations will arise.

While I did have a few friends puzzled by my choice, the majority of my friends and family have been nothing but supportive. It's actually older relatives who give me the most trouble. They say things like "So are you still getting married?" and "Oh, is the wedding still happening?"

Of course, they say this as polite as possible. However, I see through my southern family's roundabout questions. I realize that their "questions"

translate to "I don't think you're going to make it to your wedding day" and "I don't think this is a good idea."

So thank you distant relatives for all the wisdom you've been showering on me lately.

Let me just answer the rest of your questions now.

Yes, I am going to finish school. No, I am not pregnant.

Ironically, my fiancé gets the pregnant question more often than I do. One guy actually asked him, "so you just love her or something?" Yes, he just loves me or something. We love each other and that's why we are getting married.

We are also not jumping into this with our eyes closed. We have been going through pre-marriage counseling because we've seen how hard marriages can be and we want to get all the tools we can in order to have a successful marriage.

I do get some girls who think I'm living this magical happily ever after life and they wish that they could switch places with me and plan their own weddings.

Slow down. It's not a fairytale. Sure,

weddings are pretty, but a marriage is a huge responsibility. I've learned quickly that it's going to take a lot of work. On top of homework, tests and jobs, planning the wedding itself takes up so much of my time I'll be happy just to pass my classes this semester.

Even though I am adding this life-changing responsibility, I refuse to believe that my life will suddenly be over.

A study at Bentley University revealed that millennials want to get married, but for now they're just waiting.

The average age for a millennial marriage is 27 for women and 29 for men. Me being engaged at 21 and married by 22 just means that I happened to have found the one that I want to spend the rest of my life with at a younger age.

Guess what? We can still go out together. Have you seen how cute John Legend and Chrissy Teigen are when they go out together?

Besides, there's more to life than going out and partying. I have found someone who supports my career goals and wants to start a life with me. Just because I am in college doesn't mean we're not going to make it.

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POLO PREVIEW

San Jose State gets set for final regular season games

BY ANDRE JAQUEZ
Staff Writer

San Jose State (9-16) will conclude its regular season this weekend as it plays at home against CSU Bakersfield (12-14) at home and on the road against the second ranked Stanford Cardinal (17-2).

Last Saturday, the Spartans played the fourth ranked Arizona State Sun Devils (19-6) and lost by a score of 11-3. They are currently on a three-game losing streak, however all three games were against schools all ranked within the top five, respectively.

The Spartans will now prepare to host the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners for the first time this season. Coincidentally, the Roadrunners are also on a three-game losing streak.

“I’m excited to see where we are compared to Bakersfield,” said head coach Gabor Sarusi.

“They have a lot of good seniors – it’s one of their strongest teams in years.”

Roadrunner driver Ashley Paz leads her team with 40 goals on the season. Paz scored three goals in the team’s previous matchup with San Diego State.

Friday’s game against the Roadrunners will be an opportunity for the Spartans to end their losing streak.

“The last couple years we’ve had really close and physical games with them,” said driver and co-captain Cara Robinson. “I think it will be key for us to just play Spartan water polo and don’t get caught up in their physical game.”

Senior day will also take place on Friday for seniors Robinson, Sara Northam and Donia Mornen.

“It’s cool to go through four years and to feel like you made it through four years of collegiate water polo, so it’s exciting,” Robinson said.

After the game against the Roadrunners, the Spartans will head to Stanford for a bout against the Cardinal on Saturday.

The Spartans have met the Cardinal once this season and lost 17-1. Since



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San Jose State goalkeepers have a combined 196 saves this season in 25 games for an average of 7.84 saves per game.

their first game of the season against the Cardinal, Sarusi has noticed major growth in his team.

“We have a better five-on-six defense [and] a better team defense in general,” Sarusi said. “I think we have improved tremendously.”

Goalkeeper and co-captain Tayler Peters said the reason Stanford has been so effective offensively against the Spartans is because they are a smart, cohesive group that fights for every possession.

“Their ability to use their counter attack is there big thing. They’re fast girls,” Peters said. “They can see where the holes are in anybody’s defense – that’s what makes

them one of the top [teams].”

Stanford has a record of 93-7 at home in the Avery Aquatic Center since 2008.

Maggie Steffens, a U.S. olympian and two-time gold medalist, leads the Cardinal with 47 goals and is ranked fifth all-time in Cardinal history with 211 career goals. In the Spartans last encounter with Steffens she collected a hat trick — three goals in one game.

“She is a really great player,” Robinson said. “I think it’s really cool being on the MPSF conference because you get to play against her and learn from her and see where you stack up – that’s an exciting opportunity.”

If the Cardinal want to earn the top seed in the MPSF Tournament, they must beat the Spartans on Saturday and hope last season’s National Champions, the USC Trojans, defeat the UCLA Bruins.

The Spartans are currently ranked 16th by the Collegiate Water Polo Association.

Games will take place Friday April 21 at West Valley College and Saturday April 22 at Stanford. Both of these Mountain Pacific Sports Federation matches are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

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BIRDIE

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Sophomore Abigail Arevalo had an eagle on the par-four No. 1 in the championship.

hole, a 365-yard par-4. After hitting a wayward drive into the rough, Arevalo noticed an obstacle standing between her ball and the hole.

“When I went towards my ball there was this tree on the right and I couldn’t hit a full shot, so I was like ‘Okay Dana (Dormann) I’m going to hit a low shot and I’m going to try to hit it to the green,’” Arevalo said. “It was a 150 (yard) shot to the green and then I hit a little six-iron and then it rolled to the green.”

The ball found the cup and tied the Spartans with San Diego State, Colorado State and University of Nevada, Las Vegas for made eagles in the tournament at one apiece.

Leander stayed near the top of the leaderboard for all three rounds of the tournament. Her first round score of 70 was second only to the 68 shot by senior Manon Mollé from the University of New Mexico.

After carding 11 birdies in first two rounds, Mollé appeared to be in control of the tournament but a 5-over 77 in the final round would force her into a tie for fourth place.

Leander at one point had a two-stroke lead in the same round, but a birdie blitz on

the back nine by Aztec freshman Fernanda Escauriza turned her lead into a one stroke deficit that couldn’t be matched.

Leander again displayed remarkable consistency, leading the tournament with 44 total pars and only dropped three shots during the three rounds.

“My strategy is pretty much one shot at a time and I know my capabilities,” Leander said. “I know that I can play well if I allow myself.”

Following graduation, Leander plans to go to Q-school so she can qualify for the LPGA Tour and join her former teammate Regan De Guzman in the professional ranks.

But for now, the team is focusing on the upcoming regional tournament in May and Coach Dormann intends to have his players work on their short game in the following weeks.

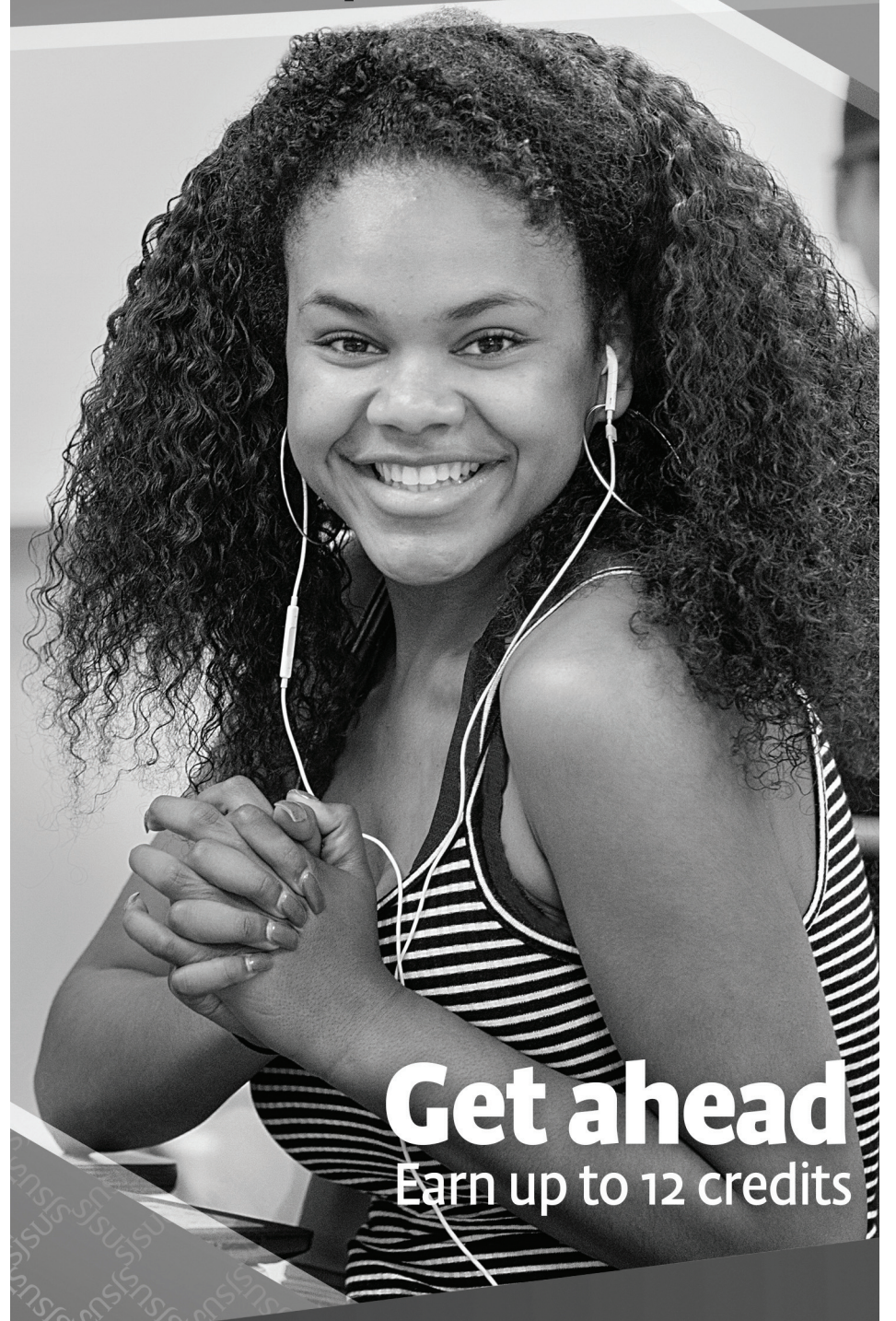
“There’s no substitute for a good short game at this level,” Dormann said. “Everybody is going to hit some bad shots now and then, you got to be able to save pars.”

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DOUBLE FAULT

Women's tennis team drops second straight match



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Senior Marie Klocker volleys the ball back to her opponent in Tuesday's match against the Broncos.

BY SATVIR SAINI
Staff Writer

The San Jose State University women's tennis team lost 4-3 against CSU Fullerton yesterday at the Almaden Valley Athletic Club (AVAC).

"It's as close as we are going to get in a match of tennis," said head coach Chad Skorupka.

The match started off with doubles and then ended with singles. The Spartans, with the loss, are at a 10-7 record for the season.

"We've lost some tight matches but we also beat the defending Mountain West Champions [University of Nevada, Las Vegas]," Skorupka said.

Gaelle Rey faced a tiebreaker against Fullerton's sophomore Masako Makiba in a singles match that she ultimately lost.

The last match came down to Marie Klocker to get the Spartans a win. The match went a full six sets but Klocker did not get the win. The team was supportive of Klocker throughout the match, cheering her on and giving her positive energy.

"We have the ability and just need to get hot this last week since our last match is our senior match which is this Saturday," Skorupka said.

Skorupka is proud of his team this season for the drive they have for each match. He does not see any weaknesses in his players that will hurt them through the rest of the season.

Senior Marine Dans and freshman Tamara Culibrk both started the doubles match and played the single sets as well.

"We had a great battle today and even though we lost, overall we gave

our 100 percent," Dans said.

Dans played two years for Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York and is finishing her last two years with San Jose State.

She plays both doubles and singles but sees the advantage in having a teammate alongside her on the court.

"I don't have a preference of playing double and singles but with singles I work all over the court versus sharing the court with Gaelle," Dans said.

Culibrk is looking forward to playing for the Spartans the rest of the season because she believes the team is very aggressive and has what it takes to win the next matches.

She has had her fair share of wins and losses this season. Culibrk lost the more recent games in the past couple matches and won her last singles match against Nevada.

"I think I played really well today and I came out strong and kept moving my feet," Culibrk said. "I think we can focus on being louder when we try to pump each other up — it gets the energy up."

The team has one more match this week before it heads to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the Mountain West Championship. The last match of the season will be at AVAC this weekend, which is also the senior match.

"We are very excited for our match against San Diego because it is our senior match," Dans said. "We have three seniors on the team and it is going to be very emotional."

The Spartans have one more match against San Diego State on Saturday April 22 scheduled to begin at 12 p.m.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

<p>NEXT GAME: Saturday, April 22 @ 12 PM</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> vs. </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">SJSU vs. SDSU Almaden Valley Athletic Club</p>	<p>MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Thursday, April 27 to Sunday, April 30 in Las Vegas</p>
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WEEKEND PREVIEW

Spartan softball to square off with Fresno State

BY JALENY REYES
Staff Writer

San Jose State University's softball team (27-14, 7-5 MW) is scheduled to take on Fresno State University (25-17, 5-6 MW) this weekend in a three-game series.

Last weekend, SJSU swept Boise State (24-14, 6-8 MW) and is now on a four-game winning streak.

Head coach Peter Turner said the team hasn't been making many adjustments since its last game against the Broncos.

"We haven't changed anything," Turner said. "We're just doing the same thing we always do — just worry about our own game."

This is the first time the Spartans will face the Bulldogs this season and though SJSU was swept by its rival in last year's series, both teams feature different rosters this time around in Fresno.

"They have a completely different team than they did last year — and so do we — so we can't strategize the same way we did then," Turner said. "They have a new coach and they lost their No. 1 pitcher so things are completely different."

As for the Spartans, things are looking smooth for senior pitcher Katelyn Linford who has 17 wins going into this weekend's series. She is one win away from tying Amanda Pridmore and Corina Lilly for fifth place on SJSU's win list.

"It means a lot for me to go out there and be able to compete with the other pitchers my senior year and help my team out in getting some wins," Linford said.

As of now, Linford is ranked eighth on the single-season list. She has 43 career wins and 355 strikeouts which ranks her in the top-ten for appearances (110), starts (74) and innings pitched (449.0).

SJSU is currently ranked second in the Mountain West Conference which is important because only the top two teams will advance to postseason play.

Senior outfielder Chelsea Jenner said she is hoping the team continues to move up in the conference, but is also worried about the team getting distracted.

"Every game does really matter because if we lose one, that can make another team jump ahead," Jenner said. "We pretty much have to treat every game like it's really important. [We have to] focus on that game and not get too caught up in looking ahead or looking at what the other teams are doing."

Jenner added that it is also important for the team to wake up at a reasonable time and go out and hit because the team is playing all night games this weekend.

She also said one of the Spartans' game plans is to look at Fresno's pitchers and pick up on their trends to



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Peter Turner
Head softball coach

see how they will pitch them.

Even though the Spartans are second in the conference and have won their last four games, Turner believes there is room for improvement and hopes that starts reflecting this weekend.

"I'm hoping our hitting gets better than it's been in the last three or four games," Turner said. "We've been not as sharp as we normally are, so I'm hoping our hitting comes back around and [we] get back on track."

The first game is scheduled to start Friday at 6 p.m. in Margie Wright Diamond Stadium in Fresno.

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(Top) Infielder Madison Aurin has 23 RBIs this season. (Bottom) Pitcher Katelyn Linford is 17-6.