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LEGISLATION

Greeks give perspective on proposed Tenn. bill

BY LOVETTA JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

John DeBerry Jr., a Democratic representative from the Tennessee House of Representatives, wants to ban social Greek organizations after a year of significant hazing incidents.

The Tennessee lawmaker proposed a bill Feb. 1 that would ban most fraternities and sororities from the state's colleges and universities.

The only Greek organizations that would be kept are the professional ones, that focus mainly on the students' major of study.

If this bill is passed in Tennessee, a similar law could be proposed in California. This would have an impact on Greek life at San Jose State. There are over 40 Greek organizations affiliated with SJSU.

"I think removing them from this campus specifically would kind of hinder a lot of students to have the ability to become social and to build connections because with my experience here, I have been able to get a job around the city," education department sophomore Juliana Martinez said.

Martinez is a part of Alpha Omicron Pi on campus. For her, joining a Greek organization is not all about partying.

Martinez prides herself in having a high GPA, helping out the community and building connections.

"Social things also include doing park cleanups, doing beach cleanups and doing community service otherwise around the town, raising money and awareness for philanthropies," Martinez said.

Professional Greek organizations are also a part of many college campuses.

"I definitely think that having fraternities and sororities of major and honor status really just elevate the campus to a higher standard," music education senior David Sanchez said.

Sanchez is president of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national honorary band fraternity. It's a coed fraternity that aims to help band programs at SJSU and nationwide.

"We have to serve the bands and we have to help the music program," Sanchez said. "I really think that sets us apart from social fraternities especially because there is no real social aspect that is implied. It's only for the benefit of the program. I do know that a lot of sororities and fraternities help out charities and raise funds to fight cancer and things," Sanchez added.

It is strictly in Kappa Kappa Psi's constitution that it is a dry fraternity, meaning there is no alcohol use in the fraternity. The difference between that fraternity and other social sororities and fraternities is that social Greek organizations are not always labeled as dry.

"I have a lot of friends who are in social fraternities and they really think that it has helped them a lot to develop because there are a lot of leadership opportunities available in social fraternities as well," computer science junior Elizabeth Wong said. "So I wouldn't say that one is necessarily better than the other."

Both social and professional Greek organizations help community and connections, through philanthropy.

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Do you want to build a snowman?



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(From left to right) Kinesiology freshman Carolyn De Los Reyes, public relations junior Diana Saradeth and business marketing sophomore Amie Nguyen work together to compete in the snowman building contest on Tuesday. A truck load of snow was dumped on 7th Street Plaza across from the Student Union. Students competed to build the best snowman. They were awarded Gold points, which can be spent at dining locations on campus. While most groups built the standard snowmen, one group turned their snowman into Batman.

STICKER SHOCK

Rising gas prices worry students

BY DOMINOE IBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Gas prices will soon be at an all-time high in California by Memorial Day. The oil markets are rallying and supply and demand is in full swing.

Californians may soon see the return of \$4 gas prices, not seen since July 2014.

It is unclear if the demand for oil has gone up and supply has remained constant or demand has stayed the same. However, the supply of oil has decreased.

This means that commuters and many other drivers will be forced to face the cost of the change.

"I'm mad because the gas station by my house was \$3.10 and now it's \$3.36 cents, which is just 26 cents more, but that does add up," business administration freshman Karina Estrin said. "Knowing that it may go up to \$4 is ridiculous. I have to worry about paying a lot of

money for school and now I have to worry about paying a lot of money for gas to get to school."

Along with the rise in gas prices is the rise in taxes for gas. This will happen for one of two reasons: money is needed to repair roads that are driven on day after day, and as an environmental effort to encourage people to get out of their cars and make use of public transportation.

California has more drivers than any other state, according to the Los Angeles Times. The state had 24.4 million drivers in 2013. This trend is related to the amount of drivers and the vigorous tourism industry in California compared to other states.

"In April, for instance, motorists cruised through 31.1 billion vehicle-miles on California roads, up 5.2% from April 2014," according to the same Los Angeles Times article. "Texas came in second at 21.9 billion vehicle-miles."

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Karina Estrin
business administration freshman

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CALIFORNIA

State takes action on climate despite Trump

BY CHIOMA LEWIS
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President Donald Trump's administration has shown little effort in addressing the issue of climate change.

However, California State Sen. Bob Wieckowski of the 10th District has been working towards protecting the environment for years. Wieckowski was elected to the California state legislature in 2014 and has been pushing for environmental legislation ever since.

Wieckowski chairs the Budget Subcommittee 2, which focuses on resources, energy, transportation and environmental protection. He also chairs the Environmental Quality Committee and the Council of State Government West

Energy and Environment Committee. All three committees serve to help keep the environment clean and sustainable.

In 2015, the state senator introduced SB 246, a climate change adaptation legislation.

"Adapt the environment so that you don't make the same mistakes," Wieckowski said. "We are consumers and consumers want to have clean energy."

The state senator said that California will continue to take action against climate change despite the United States pulling out of the Paris climate accord. He attended the 2017 Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany.

"It was embarrassing for the U.S. not being there," Wieckowski said.

In April 2017, The Washington Post reported that the EPA deleted climate

change information from its website.

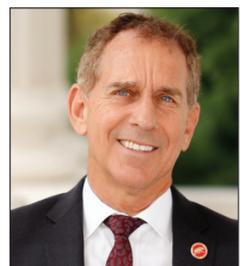
"One of the websites that appeared to be gone had been cited to challenge statements made by the EPA's new administrator Scott Pruitt," according to an article published by The Washington Post article. "Another provided detailed information on the previous administration's Clean Power Plan, including fact sheets about greenhouse gas emissions on the state and local levels and how different demographic groups were affected by such emissions."

CBS News reported that Pruitt personally monitored the removal of the climate change related information from the website. As of February, the website made it easier to find climate change related information.

According to CNN, Pruitt recently

stated on Feb. 6 that climate change could be beneficial.

"Is it an existential threat? Is it something that is unsustainable, or what kind of effect or harm is this going to have?" Pruitt said. "I mean, we know that humans have most flourished during times of what? Warming trends? I think there's assumptions made that



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Health officials urge STD tests for Valentines

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Chocolate, check.
Flowers, check.
Sexually transmitted disease (STD) test, check?

That last one might be hard to find on short notice, but the Santa Clara County Public Health Department has Valentine's Day covered by offering screening options.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California has the highest recorded rates of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia in the country.

It is common for a person with a STD not to know they have one, which often leads to the unintentional transmission of the disease to future sexual partners.

Officials are taking the opportunity to remind people on Valentine's Day to practice safe sex.

"An untreated STD can increase your risk of HIV infection, infertility problems, long-term

pelvic or abdominal pain and complications in pregnancy," Britt Ehrhardt, Public Health Communications Officer, said in a press release.

San Jose State alumnus Sahal Aulach appreciates the effort from officials, but agrees that STD testing should be a normal part of people's lives and should be done just as often as any other medical test.

"It's not just on Valentine's Day that people have sex, so they should be having protected sex all the time," Aulach said.

According to the The Los Angeles Times, "Decreasing condom usage, a lack of awareness about STDs and a falling number of STD clinics," have contributed to the rising numbers.

But for some, Valentine's Day means more than just sex.

Health science sophomore Chelsea Lambacha cautions against the implication that Valentine's Day is only about the physical act of

love and not love itself.

She said that there should be mutual respect in a relationship and equality between the

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I think a lot of students would take advantage of [STD testing] if they knew about it.

David Chow
mechanical engineering junior

people involved so that serious conversations such as STD testing can take place.

"It's about more than just sex, it's a day to celebrate love and relationships," Lambacha said.

Health officials want to encourage students in relationships,

long term and otherwise, to have a conversation with their partners and get tested, Dr. Sarah Lewis said in a press release.

Lewis is the Assistant Health Officer for Santa Clara County's Public Health Department.

Getting tested and treated will decrease the number of STDs being spread in California and in Santa Clara County.

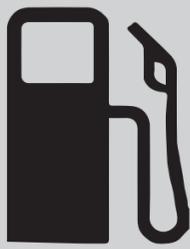
Mechanical engineering junior David Chow thinks any chance to get the word out is greatly appreciated even if it is on the coattails of Valentine's Day.

"I think a lot of students would take advantage of [STD testing] if they knew about it," Chow said.

The SJSU Student Wellness Center provides appointments for STD testing to students who sign up online or by phone.

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U.S. average price of gas per gallon over the last three years



2015

Start of year: About \$2.25

End of year: About \$2.03

Highest Price: About \$2.81



2016

Start of year: About \$1.91

End of year: About \$2.25

Highest Price: About \$2.36



2017

Start of year: About \$2.25

End of year: About \$2.48

Highest Price: About \$2.68

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There are two gas formulas in California, a winter-blend and a summer-blend. The summer-blend is more environmentally friendly because of warmer weather, but it is more expensive.

Gas prices rise with the summer-blend formula because of frequent road trips, use of motorboats and driving motorcycles.

With gas prices rising soon and additional taxes to pay for, many Californians wonder when prices will decrease again.

"Hard to say when things will change," economics department chair Colleen Haight said. "However, it is a bit strange that we see prices rising in the winter right now because we know it isn't 'summer-blend season,' and we know it isn't summer vacation road trip time. That leads me to believe it is something else. If it is not an increase in demand, like for road trips, then it may be a decrease in supply."

There is no clear reason why these prices are going up, but the supply of crude oil coming into the United States or produced by the U.S. may be the reason.

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because the climate is warming, that that necessarily is a bad thing."

Pruitt has been known to hold similar opinions as Trump regarding climate change.

"Science in general has become this political thing," meteorology teacher Matthew Roberts said. "The nice thing about science is that the data is there. Nothing is going to change that."

Regardless of the comments made by Pruitt, The U.S. Global Change Research Program concluded that, "Climate change presents a global public health problem, with serious health impacts predicted to manifest in varying ways in different parts of the world."

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Adapt the environment so that you don't make the same mistakes.

Bob Wieckowski
California State Senator, 10th District

Wieckowski believes if people don't make changes to help the Earth, future generations will look back and wonder what humans were all thinking. He continues to treat his job as a state senator seriously and plans to continue his

climate change efforts.

"There's show horses and there are work horses," Wieckowski said. "I'm a work horse."

Students at San Jose State agree that it is up to the residents of California to make the planet a clean and safe place to live.

"We must know how much each one of us is contributing to the global warming by using a petroleum car or excessive usage of plastics or many such unhealthy obsessions," computer engineering graduate student Vishal Yarabandi said. "If each one of us takes the responsibility to be aware of our climate condition and make a little effort to change our obsessions and habits, then we could collectively make impact on the global scale."

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Correction

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FOOD REVIEW



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(Left) Locol sign explaining the contents inside their “foldie” option on the menu. (Right) Locol has a drive-thru type of ordering station to complete the fast-food look.

New Whole Foods restaurant prevails

BY DOMINOE IBARRA
STAFF WRITER

A new food joint is in town and it is partnered up and residing inside Whole Foods on The Alameda right by the Shark Tank. It's called LocoL and was created by two top chefs, Roy Choi and Daniel Patterson.

There are three LocoL restaurants located in Los Angeles, Oakland and now here in San Jose.

At first I had some difficulty finding the restaurant inside Whole Foods. But once I found it, my first thought was it looked like a drive-

thru window you could walk up to order. I expected something a little bigger, but in reality I am there for the food not the looks of the restaurant.

The menu worried me because the options looked very limited and I for one like variety. The only options were a cheeseburger and fries, a double cheeseburger and fries or foldies and fries.

Now the first thing I was curious about was the foldie. It's basically a taco with tomato sauce, the LocoL bean mix and Monterey jack cheese all folded inside a flour or corn tortilla.

You can order it with beans and cheese or beef machaca.

When I first walked up and someone was picking up their foldie order it looked very appetizing. But I ended up ordering a cheeseburger and fries because I wasn't in the mood for a taco.

LocoL can also make any food option on its menu vegetarian.

Every combo comes with a drink and there are two to choose from – strawberry-lime agua fresca and pineapple-lime agua fresca. Strawberry-lime was the only option that day

so that is what I ended up ordering. It tasted like actual strawberries with no added juices or sugars. Almost like those frozen strawberry popsicles you can get from an ice cream truck.

The service was good and the employees didn't hesitate to answer any of my questions about what was inside the food. After ordering they gave me a buzzer to wait while my food was prepared, which was about eight minutes.

The food looked great, but it tasted even better. I started off

with the seasoned fries. The most prominent taste was the paprika sprinkled on them which made them so addicting. I couldn't get enough of them and finished those in the car on my way home.

The cheeseburger contained the basics – mayo, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, onions, pickles and LocoL's special sauce, which is kind of like how In-N-Out Burger has its secret sauce. The taste of that burger was savoury, I could tell all the ingredients weren't just heated up, like they are at many other fast

food chains. I would highly recommend this restaurant to anyone I know. Although the options are limited, the food was still great and very filling. The location is convenient for San Jose residents and the food tastes delicious. Next time I stop by, I am definitely going to try out one of its foldies.

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MOVIE REVIEW

“The 15:17 to Paris,” a real story that doesn't dissappoint

BY GABRIEL MUNGARAY
STAFF WRITER

The reenactment of the real-life story of “The 15:17 to Paris,” directed by Clint Eastwood, has finally hit the big screen.

Not only did three best friends get the chance to travel all around Europe together, but they saved the lives of 500 passengers on a train.

The heroism of three best friends to save 500 passengers from an attempted terrorist attack on a train headed to Paris in August 2015, provided great drama and lots of emotion throughout the movie.

The first scene of the movie starts out with one of the main characters, Spencer Stone, running towards a gunman in present time on the train and then flashing back to the childhood of three boys – Stone, Anthony Sadler and Alek Skarlatos – in Sacramento, California. I found this part confusing in the beginning, but then understood why the director may have wanted the audience to get a sense of the background of the three heroes.

Skarlatos and Stone were already best friends when they met Sadler in the principal's office. All three were constantly getting in trouble at school. I found this part about the boys going to the principal's office to be quite funny as

each one of them would purposely get into trouble in order to hang out.

Their bond was tested when Sadler moved to a new school and Skarlatos was sent to live with his father in Oregon. They were able to keep in constant contact with each other throughout their teen years and into adulthood, even though Stone joined the U.S. Air Force and Skarlatos joined the National Guard. Sadler was a senior at California State University at the time.

The storyline line from there was pretty interesting. Initially, Stone and Sadler met up for their planned backpacking trip in Europe and Skarlatos would meet them in Germany.

I found this part of the movie to be kind of fun – it showed Stone and Sadler constantly partying and chugging beers while visiting some famous landmarks in different European countries like the Colosseum in Italy. It may have had no connection to the actual story, but it made me want to backpack through Europe.

Once Stone and Sadler met up with Skarlatos, they traveled to Amsterdam and began the partying all over again before catching a train to Paris. You will have to find out for yourself what happens next on the train. This is where most of the action, drama and heroic parts

of the movie all happen at once.

Apart from a big part of the plot being the boys growing up and joining different branches of the military, the acting was quite impressive. The real-life Skarlatos, Stone and Sadler all helped cast their characters, which made the film all that much more real. The connection between the three men is so natural that it almost made it feel like I was there with them throughout their trip in Europe and also on the train where everything happened.

If you're a huge fan of Clint Eastwood-directed movies or just a person that likes to watch nonfiction movies then I would recommend watching this heartfelt and heroic film.

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IN THEATER

“15:17 to Paris”

Directed by:
Clint Eastwood

Starring:
Jenna Fischer,
Spencer Stone

Genre:
Biography/Drama

Rating:

★★★★★

MOVIE PREDICTION

'Avengers: Infinity War' the end of an era

BY ALEX MARTINET
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Anyone who has taken a look at a movie theater marquee in the past decade can tell comic book movies are experiencing a renaissance in popularity. Seventeen movies and a \$13 billion collective box-office take later, the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is passing the torch to the newcomers in "Avengers: Infinity War."

The next Avengers story will be split into two films as it signals the end for a majority of the original MCU characters like Captain America, Thor, Iron Man and others. In an interview with Vanity Fair, Kevin Feige, president of Marvel Studios, candidly spoke about the new direction MCU is heading after the "Avengers: Infinity War" saga.

"There will be two distinct periods," Feige said. "Everything before Avengers 4 and everything after. I know it will not be in ways people are expecting."

Thanos, a cosmic warlord, has finally arrived to battle the Avengers. He was first teased seven years ago at the end of "The Avengers," and has been referenced in "Guardians of The Galaxy" and in

"Age of Ultron."

He's the franchise's ultimate villain and the series has been building up to his arrival. After the events of "Civil War," The Avengers are forced to reassemble to take him on before he finishes collecting the seven infinity stones.

The one big criticism of the Marvel Cinematic Universe is there is no consequence for the heroes. Bucky, Coulson, Nick Fury, Groot and Loki all were brought back to life.

Quicksilver and Yondu are the only heroes to die. Unlike a villain, or romantic love interest, a hero's kryptonite is often tied to the business side of Hollywood.

According to Thor actor Chris Hemsworth, his contract ends after the Infinity War saga, which gives these final two films unexpected weight and meaning for fans that have been part of the evolution of the MCU for a decade.

Comments from the actors add to the growing sense we're nearing the end. Hemsworth described the Avengers 4 set as "the last time we get to hang out like this." While Scarlett Johansson, who played Black Widow, said she felt "bittersweet" about the next generation



IMAGE FROM FLICKR USER

Visitors at Comic-Con in San Diego in 2017 received a painting of the Marvel Universe by Marvel Studios Head of Visual Development Ryan Meinerding.

of Marvel stars.

"It bring things you've never seen in superhero films: a finale," Feige said. After a decade of watching the Avengers Initiative spring up, the first trailer focused more on the newcomers to the team. Heroes like Spider-Man, the Vision, Wanda Maximoff, Black Panther and Doctor Strange need to prove themselves

against an ultimate foe. Likely, Infinity War is grooming these heroes into becoming the next leaders of The Avengers. A lot has changed since the Marvel Cinematic Universe began. In December, Disney began talks with 21st Century Fox's film and TV studios that's estimated to be worth \$52 billion, according

to CNN. This means that potentially "X-Men," "Fantastic Four" and "Deadpool" can now be incorporated into the MCU when phase four begins.

"Avengers: Infinity War" saga will be an emotional goodbye for fans. This is most likely going to be the last time we see Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Johansson,

Mark Ruffalo and Hemsworth assemble together on screen.

It will be the ultimate test for the Marvel brand as it attempts to distance itself from historic blockbuster successes.

"Avengers: Infinity War" releases on May 4.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Children's rabbit film is surprisingly worth watching

BY ANDREW GLENN
STAFF WRITER

The "Peter Rabbit" movie is by no means the best movie made that depicts live actors interacting with computer-generated imagery (CGI) animals.

Although that part of the film didn't appeal to me, the film as a whole did make me laugh, making for an enjoyable hour and 40 minutes in the theater.

Will Gluck's adaptation of the popular children's book, written by Beatrix Potter, was released Friday.

It's rated PG and is a movie that's fun for the whole family.

I would say it could be considered a light-hearted comedy that should be seen at least once.

The story follows the actions of a troublesome little rabbit named Peter.

He is accompanied by his three sisters and cousin as they continuously steal vegetables from a human's garden.

It is a simple tale that follows the hero of the story grow and mature through his actions.

It is a common story type that is found regularly in entertainment directed toward children.

The story starts out by mocking children's movies that often contain singing.

It begins with four singing birds that are knocked aside unintentionally by Peter Rabbit himself to stop the singing.

This type of humor continues throughout the film.

Typically by addressing the many comical tropes found in these film types and going against them.

One such example is a character not being caught with his pants down. The story points out little details like character flaws specifically by name so as to influence the audience to laugh.

It's a strange way to get a laugh, but a technique that works.

It is by no means the best comedy ever written. The humor itself is directed mainly toward the children audience.

Though there are jokes aimed at the parents so as to keep them just as entertained.

IN THEATERS

"Peter Rabbit"

Directed by:
Will Gluck

Starring:
James Corden,
Rose Byrne

Genre:
Adventure/Comedy

Rating:
★★★★☆

The only downside to the humor is that it's British. A form of comedy intended for the subtle laughs a number of people in the theater did not get.

The movie teaches lessons like how to be tolerant of others, how to accept things as they come and not attempting to change things just because you don't like it.

One other lesson emphasized fair treatment to others regardless of how different they may seem.

The kind of lessons that should be taught to all children as they grow to understand the world.



IMAGE FROM FLICKR USER

"Peter Rabbit" is based on a series of children's books from English author Beatrix Potter. "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," was published in 1902.

The most notable of the film's actors was Domhnall Gleeson.

He played the antagonist, Thomas McGregor, a former toy company employee who moved into a house in the country in the beginning of the story.

The manner in which he shifts from one emotion and expression to another at key points

in the film were well thought out.

Gleeson's character progresses just as well as the protagonist, Peter.

To think the story was inspired by a children's book series is interesting. The stories were self-published by Potter in 1902.

The way the story was told on the big screen has sparked a curiosity

of the original book.

The movie itself, is a comedy the family can come together and enjoy.

Children will laugh while the parents will chuckle.

It's a film that will put a smile on anyone's face, even if only for a brief moment.

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Corrections

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, the Spartan Daily published an article titled "New singer leads the way for Of Mice and Men" where the singer Austin Carlile was misidentified.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the Spartan Daily published an article titled "Holy Musical B@man!" where the play's director, Kaitlyn Atchley, was misidentified. In the same story, the title of the musical was misidentified.

The Spartan Daily regrets these errors.

COUNTERPOINTS

Who is to blame for the recent NBA tension? It's the referees' fault



Gabriel Mungaray
STAFF WRITER

The relationship between players and referees from the National Basketball Association (NBA) has started to deteriorate and become toxic, and the referees are to blame for the tension between the two sides.

In the NBA today, it's no secret that referees and players have been at each other's throats.

The referees have been calling technical fouls and handing out early ejections to players all season long, even to prominent and well-known players like LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Draymond Green.

On Nov. 28, 2017, Cleveland Cavaliers forward James was ejected for the first time during a game in his 15-year career

According to an article on NBA.com, James played a total of 1,299 games, including playoffs, before receiving that second technical foul in a game and being sent to the locker room early.

It is absurd that the referees would just all of a sudden, give James his first career ejection in a random regular season game. The man is a well-known superstar and role model in the NBA.

Golden State Warriors forward Durant has also been hit with constant technical fouls and ejections this season.

According to Fox Sports, Durant is tied for second in the NBA for most technical fouls called on a player with 11 technicals.

He also leads the league with four

ejections this season. In his previous nine seasons, Durant played with the Oklahoma City Thunder and was only ejected three times.

That statistic alone should open the eyes of most NBA fans and further show that the referees are at fault when it comes to the recent tension.

Biology sophomore Faren Rangan has noticed numerous bad foul calls NBA referees have been making.

In the NBA today, it's no secret that referees and players have been at each other's throats.

"The refs make calls that are incredibly wrong and you can tell," Rangan said. "The players sometimes don't understand and go after them and argue. Then they lose that sense of respect for each other and it causes tension between them."

The referees have been making bad calls so frequently now that it's no surprise other NBA fans have also noticed the ongoing dilemma.

Industrial systems engineering junior Erickson Manalo has also noticed the referees making bad calls more frequently

this season.

"I know when a ref made a bad call earlier in the game they'll kind of ignore another bad call during the game to balance things out and they shouldn't really be doing that," Manalo said. "They should be making all kinds of calls whether it's good or bad for either team and they shouldn't be trying to balance out the calls like that and instead stay more consistent."

One incident this season that highlights the referees being at fault took place during a regular season game between the Golden State Warriors and Miami Heat on Dec. 3, 2017.

During this game, referee Courtney Kirkland initiated a head butt between himself and Warriors guard Shaun Livingston. Kirkland missed a foul call against Livingston, resulting in a heated discussion between the two.

An article in USA Today explained the NBA reviewed the play and determined that Kirkland "moved toward Livingston and shared responsibility for the contact that occurred."

Kirkland was then suspended for one week for this incident while Livingston was suspended for only one game.

This one incident alone combined with the number of technical foul calls and repeated player ejections of well-known superstars by the referees, should be enough to point the finger at the men in stripes for being at fault for the tension in the NBA.

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STAFF WRITER

Players in the National Basketball Association (NBA) have the biggest egos in American professional sports.

Compared to the professional athletes in Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Football League (NFL), and the National Hockey League (NHL), NBA athletes are the most popular and the most recognizable to the average person.

Lebron James has over 40 million Twitter followers. Compare that to the 2.48 million followers MLB's most dominant player Mike Trout has, the 5.2 million followers NFL Quarterback Russell Wilson has, which leads all NFL players, or NHL's leading Twitter user Alex Ovechkin's 2.69 million followers.

It is not just James who dominates the sports world's social media scene. Other NBA players like Kevin Durant (17.4 million followers), Carmelo Anthony (9.33 million followers) and Pau Gasol (7.44 million followers) have more followers than any athlete in any other American sport.

With this type of popularity, it is no wonder why NBA players may think they are above the law. Television deals have provided the NBA with so much money, players like Solomon Hill, a career six point-per-game scorer, makes over \$11 million per year.

According to Yahoo, an NBA referee can make up to \$550,000 per season. It is easy to see why players think they hold more power than referees. Players

think because of their popularity, they can get away with behaving inappropriately.

If you watch any NBA game, you will see players complain after every little play they believe doesn't go in their favor. All-Stars Chris Paul and James Harden are notorious for whining about getting hit during plays where a replay will show zero contact. Acts like this display a lack of respect players have toward referees and their understanding of the game.

"Players are intense and frustrated, and that's to be expected," Mark Denesuk, National Basketball Referees Association spokesman, said in a CBS Sports article. "I think the referees expect a certain amount of it, but I think there's just been a decline in civility, a decline in respect, an increase in aggression."

Through the first 70 percent of the season, NBA players have accumulated 998 technical fouls, on pace for approximately 1,425 for the year. In the 2016-2017 season, there were 1,532 technical fouls given to players. In the 2015-2016 season, players accumulated 1,571 technical fouls.

Furthermore, at the current rate, the amount of technical fouls given will be lower than the total in nine of the past 13 seasons. While players and fans may complain referees are unjustly giving out technical fouls, referees are trying to reduce that number.

"I don't believe it's an issue with officiating accuracy," Denesuk

said. "Our accuracy numbers are very consistent with what they've been historically. We're looking at high 90s in terms of calls made... This is all kind of fact-based stuff. There is not any kind of demonstrable or measurable decline in officiating performance, from that perspective."

I'll admit, it is strange James was ejected for the first time in his career and Durant, a man who before this year rarely received a technical, now leads the league in ejections. However, there are other variables that could lead to these outcomes.

Both James and Durant have more pressure on them than ever before. James' Cavaliers have performed far worse than expected and the blame is being put on him. Durant continues to get harassed by NBA fans for ditching the Oklahoma City Thunder to join a Warriors team that had made the previous two NBA Finals.

Athletes are smarter now than ever before. They know exactly how much they can get away with and try to get as close to that edge as possible. The referees can only deal with so much complaining and childish acts before stepping in.

This is the NBA not Rucker Park and the referees are there for this exact reason - to keep the game running smoothly. Before complaining, players should try and look at each play from the referee's perspective. Maybe then they will understand not everything needs to be discussed. It is alright to just run back on defense.

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Technology does more harm to kids than good



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For college students, technology is crucial. However, it is not for children. Nowadays, young teenagers and even elementary school students use computer devices to socialize themselves. Technology has changed the way they spend their free time.

When I was five or six years old, smartphones and computer tablets did not exist. I used to make friends outside and spend my time by playing basketball and hide-and-

seek with them. Now, those are some of my favorite memories.

You cannot feel nostalgic if you spent your childhood scrolling through Instagram pictures and reading posts about someone you didn't really know.

"They are able to see things without having to actually go out into the real world," digital media art senior Mitchell Christ said. "With services like Google, kids can search for images of pretty much everything."

That is a great aspect of computer usage. But it is definitely different to see a picture of Yosemite versus going to visit Yosemite.

Easy access to things on the internet can reduce the actual, physical experiences of so many great things in the world.

"As a child, you should not be with technology that much. You should be out playing," nutrition science senior Kayla Gilbert said.

Once you grow up and get busier with school and work, being connected with friends and relatives over the internet through social networking sites is helpful. But children have time to meet up

with friends and hang out in the physical world.

When I was in middle school, the people around me were always talking about who started a rumor about someone else online.

It even caused one girl to bully another. Before children learn the benefits and risks of computers and the internet, they should avoid excessive use.

"Having a phone was kind of a thing," Christ said. "All my friends had phones and playing games texting. All I could do was watch them use it."

Having a smartphone has become a status symbol between young children. What defines a person can be how many followers they

have or how active they are on social media. These social standards will have negative effects on their school and social lives.

"I guess it could be a supplementary thing, but I don't think they should own their tablet," electronic engineering senior Timothy Yu said. "It is important to spend time with children, instead of giving them a tablet and let them play with [it]."

Many parents provide their children computer tablets as supplementary educational materials. But tablets are not the only option.

I had books for supplementary study, and I made a great use out of them.

Writing words is more valuable than typing words.

Researchers at Princeton University looked into which works better for students: typing or writing. Their research showed that students who hand write notes may perform better at exams and have a better understanding for the concepts.

Children are devoted to the idea of being social or known on the internet, so they are not fully experiencing what they have around themselves. Something that you can physically experience cannot be replaced by something you experience over the internet.

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Spartan Daily editors' favorite love songs

BETTER TOGETHER

Jack Johnson
selected by
Sarah Klieves

IF I AIN'T GOT YOU

Alicia Keys
selected by
Nick Girard

LOVE YOU TO DEATH

Type O Negative
selected by
Jonas Elam

STAND BY ME

Prince Royce
selected by
Noe Magana

CRAZY IN LOVE

Beyoncé feat. Jay-Z
selected by
Thomas Soares

JUST GIVE ME A REASON

P!nk ft. Nate Ruess
selected by
William Yap

CLOSE TO YOU

Carpenters
selected by
Jessica Howell

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE

Elvis Presley
selected by
Jackie Contreras

BETCHA BY GOLLY WOW

The Stylistics
selected by
Marci Suela

THE GIRL

City and Colour
selected by
Jose F. Govea

DAYDREAMER

Adele
selected by
Savannah Harding

SURFER GIRL

The Beach Boys
selected by
Mike Corpos

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COUNTERPOINTS

Are video games a waste of time?

They're a time-suck

Video games are harmful and don't really have any redeeming qualities.



Diana Avila
STAFF WRITER

several hours at a time is not uncommon for someone who is a gamer.

Choosing to play video games over getting a full night of sleep shows a lack of control and bad habits.

According to the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery, video game addiction has very similar symptoms to gambling addiction. Researchers at the institute described video game addiction as an impulsive disorder.

They also stated gamers often use the fantasy of video games to replace real world interaction.

Living in a fictional world is a waste of time because people miss out on what is going on in the real world.

Additionally, if someone is neglecting their basic needs in order to play shows how wasteful it can be.

Just like drugs and other addictions, video games can be used to escape from the real world.

A person's mental state is not the only thing that is affected because of hours upon hours spent playing games on consoles or computers, the less physical activity they can get out in the real world.

Gamers do not spend enough time in the real world with their peers, which can lead to problems in the future.

Technology is a double-edged sword. It helps us grow in so many ways, but it has led us to develop some very bad habits that can start from a very young age.

Choosing to play video games over getting a full night of sleep shows a lack of control and bad habits.

As a millennial, I am expected to be technology savvy. I often hear from people from older generations say I should be able to help them with their devices because I grew up with so much technology.

Although in reality, I can barely use the iPhone that I've had for over a year.

Clearly it is expected we spend several hours a day using this pointless technology.

I had housemates who played video games all night and went to class the next day without any sleep. From my understanding, playing for

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Hell no, they aren't!

Video games are a great source of entertainment and can teach valuable life skills



Paul Hang
STAFF WRITER

speedrunners.

Speedrunners are basically people who aim to finish a particular game as fast as possible. One type of speedrunning, any-percent, allows for taking advantage of programming mistakes or glitches to save even more time.

Speedrunners may not be able to make a living off their favorite video games they play without a large following on their streams, but they do have a chance to enter in an event called "Games Done Quick." This event allows speedrunners to play video games as charity.

To date, "Games Done Quick" has raised over \$14 million for charity. They also have around 1800 people in attendance including staff, volunteers, runners and spectators just to enjoy and support the event.

I always thought video games were the number one thing that would help me to figure out what I want to do with my life, and I hope to see myself become a video game journalist.

It's crazy to see how much of a positive influence playing video games can have on someone.

From just simply playing video games for the sake of leisure to making a living by attending tournaments and treating it like a full time job, there is a way to enjoy it for anyone.

There are going to be moments where you have absolutely nothing to do. Obviously, those are times to entertain yourself with something.

You can watch a movie, go out, workout or play video games. If you choose to play video games, are you really getting anything out of it? I think you are.

When I first discovered video games, my family had mixed feelings about them, and they still do. They thought the games were a good source of entertainment, but you're not getting anything beneficial out of them.

As I got older and became more educated about the video game world, I wanted to believe that they weren't a waste of time. I believe there are a lot of benefits spending time playing video games.

Positive Health Witness writer Karen Reed wrote about 12 interesting benefits to playing video games. You can reduce stress because it's an activity for escapism. They're good for your brain due to interactivity. They can even help you lose weight thanks to games like "Just Dance" or "Wii Fit."

Some people like to stereotype playing video games as an antisocial activity.

Reed believes it can be social.

"Video games let us network with people and become social," Reed said. "We are social beings, after all, and isolation from others contributes to

It's crazy to see how much of a positive influence playing video games can have on someone.

feelings of negativity." You can also make a living off of playing video games if you're very passionate for a certain game you enjoy and want to play it at its highest level. There are tournaments for various games that can feature a prize pool up to \$1 million or more.

According to esports Earnings, \$133 million in prize money has been given away in the game "Dota 2 alone." This doesn't even take into account the six- or seven-figure salaries most professional esports athletes make.

There is a special group of gamers known as

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Roses are red, violets are blue No matter the crime, I'll always fund you



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Since it's Valentine's Day, it's only fitting to talk about relationships; and there is none more "solid" than that of the United States and Israel. Since Israel's inception, the U.S. has always been by Israel's side. I guess you can say it's romantic.

Don't we all want someone who will love us regardless of our evil deeds? But sometimes infatuation warps itself into a toxic relationship.

It happens all too often. The emotions take you for a whirl and you miss the signs, or maybe you just ignore them. They are our ally- you believe, "We must help them!" so you do.

You give your most advanced weapons and your money. And when your politicians deep and profound love is expressed with intensity and vigor that makes teenagers blush, we say, "yes, that relationship is so special."

But still, all those millions of dollars in weaponry and it doesn't seem like enough.

So what do you do then? Well, you have

to prove your love and dedication! This is Israel, our ONLY ally in the scary Middle East!

So in 2016, former President Barack Obama approved the largest military aid package- \$38 billion over the next decade.

With other military packages granted, there have always been restrictions. The only requirement in this deal is that they must use American money to buy American military systems.

The problem with unconditional love and support to any country is that there are no conditions.

It seems as if there is no "red line" that Israel can't cross. We have sanctioned nations for various crimes against humanity, but with Israel we literally provide the funds to commit those same crimes.

That means our tax dollars are at work every time a Palestinian child gets detained and tortured by Israeli officials for political resistance.

Nearly 200 Palestinian

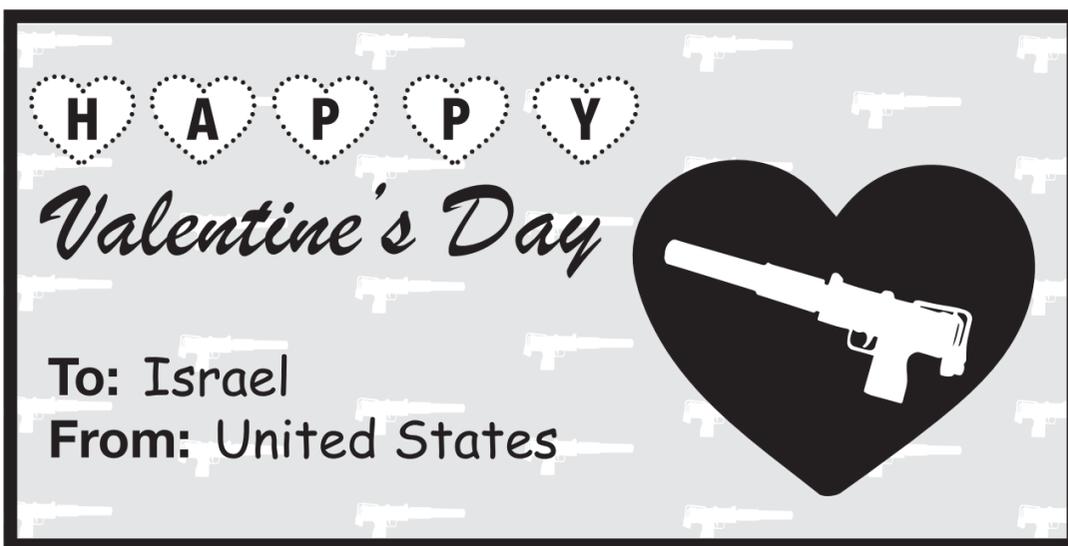


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children as young as 12 years old are illegally held in Israeli military detention every month and about 500 to 700 are prosecuted yearly.

However, an Israeli child has never been in contact with the military courts. But that is just one of the hundreds of international laws that Israel violates.

Despite several U.N. resolutions,

Israel continues to build settlements on Palestinian territory, forcibly displacing thousands of indigenous peoples out of their homes and country.

The occupation of Palestine began in the late 1940s. From December 1947 to January 1949, Israeli officials, with the help of England and the U.S., destroyed about 600 Palestinian villages

and left urban areas of Palestine uninhabitable.

Jewish military advances, the destruction of Palestinian villages, psychological warfare and fears of Zionist militias created a mass exodus of 700,000 Palestinians in a year.

Nearly 80 percent of Palestinians native to what is now considered the State of Israel were expelled from their homes. The 20 percent who still remain live in an apartheid state.

In Hebron, for example, Palestinians are banned from using Jewish-only roads. Their freedom of movement is also restricted by the Apartheid Wall which

limits accessibility to education, health services, water resources and other economic impacts.

The relationship of the U.S. and Israel is toxic not only to the Palestinians they oppress, but also to American citizens.

Israel shouldn't be receiving \$3.8 billion annually in military aid while our unemployment and homelessness rates increase, schools are underfunded and infrastructure crumbles.

American money should be spent on American people in ways that are consistent with the values we claim to espouse, and maybe then we can have a great Valentine's Day.

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ACROSS

- 1. Seraglio
- 6. Waggers
- 10. Fur
- 14. A kind of macaw
- 15. Reflected sound
- 16. Dogfish
- 17. A belligerent little mongrel dog
- 18. German for "Madam"
- 19. Poetic foot
- 20. Equivalent
- 22. Bites
- 23. Man's best friend
- 24. Corridors
- 26. Associate
- 30. Poplar tree
- 32. Mistake
- 33. Prophetesses
- 37. Disable
- 38. Avowed
- 39. Bristle
- 40. Sledding
- 42. Exclamation expressive of regret
- 43. Standards
- 44. Grass cutting tool
- 45. Garden tool
- 47. Eastern Standard Time
- 48. Soil
- 49. Finch-like bird

DOWN

- 1. Dagger handle
- 2. District
- 3. Shower
- 4. At one time (archaic)
- 5. Bullfighter
- 6. Confuse
- 7. Beige
- 8. Part of a comparison
- 9. Not northern
- 10. In a non-hurting manner
- 11. Electronic letters
- 12. Hobbles
- 13. Checks
- 21. Unruly crowd
- 25. Beer
- 26. Skirt lines
- 27. By mouth
- 28. French cheese
- 29. Designation
- 30. Eras

ACROSS

- 31. Large mass of ice
- 33. Breaststroke
- 34. Chair
- 35. Carve in stone
- 36. Rice beer
- 38. More conniving
- 41. Deity
- 42. She plays roles
- 44. South southeast
- 45. Located
- 46. Wrinkled fruit
- 47. What's happening
- 48. Apollo astronaut Slayton
- 50. Overhang
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SJSU alumnus jumps at a biking career

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At the age of 2, Cody Webb was off training wheels and by 4 years old he rode his first dirt bike. Webb grew up in Watsonville, California. He transferred to San Jose State in Fall 2013 and graduated Spring 2016. During his time at SJSU, Webb studied mechanical engineering while also juggling a professional motocross riding career.

"I forced myself onto riding because my dad competed," Webb said. "He grew up riding trials just like his father.

Trial riding is a non-speed sport where riders take their bike through a series of difficult off-road obstacles. Trial riding is done on a specialized, lightweight bike with no seat.

"They score it like golf," Webb said. "You have to balance through a course of difficult objects and if you put your feet down you get points and you don't want points."

Trials is a unique, gravity-defying style of riding that can be better understood when observed.

At the age of 15, Webb started in the pro-class for trials riding. When he made the switch to endurocross, he rode pro right out of the gate.

"I saw all these other pro trials riders make the switch to endurocross and having results and I thought well, I could do that," Webb said.

Webb made the switch when he was 19 and bought his first dirt bike. He currently competes in endurocross and extreme enduro.

"If I were to explain extreme enduro it's like doing a mud run but on a motorcycle," Webb said.

Endurocross is done on a dirt bike and riders race each other on an indoor track through courses with similar obstacles seen in trials riding.

In 2010 Webb won



(Top) Cody Webb races in an endurocross event. (Bottom) Webb wins the 2017 Endurocross Championship in Ontario, California on Nov. 18, 2017.

the National Trials Championship. He followed this by winning the AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) EnduroCross Championship in 2014, 2015, and 2017. Webb has also won the Kenda AMA Tennessee Knockout, an extreme endurocross race, five years in a row.

Webb is also a six-time X Games medalist. He has competed in the Erzbergrodeo, which is an Austrian motorcycle enduro event, and is the only American to podium. Webb has won the enduro for short event twice now, in 2016 and 2017.

"Funny story about that race. I literally took my final Tuesday morning at SJSU, flew out that night to Austria, got to the race and placed second in 2016," Webb said.

Other awards Webb received include the 2017 AMA Racer of the Year and 2017 Dirt Bike Magazine Rider of the Year.

"Being a fan of motorcycles and also being an engineer it amazes me to look at someone like Cody Webb," engineering senior Miguel Conde said. "Being as successful as he is in both aspects is motivating to keep pushing me toward my goals."

Webb had originally planned to retire at the age of 30, but with his 30th birthday quickly approaching in May, he's not so sure if that's the right decision anymore.

"I wanna run this thing out while I still have results and if I don't find myself at the top I'll look back at my career and say I had a good run. It was fun," Webb said. "I think I'd like to help younger generation kids because I love the sport."

He has had quite the success not only in his profession but at SJSU as well. Because of his professional career he was able to graduate debt free and use his award winnings toward his tuition. Webb's journey



inspires many people in both the sports world and the SJSU student community.

"Based on my experience of taking 16 units a semester as an engineer, I understand the significance of being able to do both coursework as well as try to achieve a lifetime goal," engineering senior Abdallah Hilali said. "Hence why I applaud Cody Webb and his success as a Endurocross rider."

Although it was not easy, Webb said he enjoyed his time at SJSU. The hardest part for him was time management and learning how to balance homework and professional riding.

"I didn't have your normal college experience, where everyone is partying all the time, but I got to go to crazy countries and see the world, most of all my trips are paid for to these places," Webb

said. "I got the chance to ride all over the world."

Webb is currently interning at Bell where he uses his engineering degree to help the company design helmets. Bell is also one of Webb's racing sponsors. His next competition is the Superenduro in Malaga, Spain.

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Bowling club scores a strike with new home

BY DOMINOE IBARRA
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San Jose State students aren't the only ones who have found enjoyment in the new bowling alley on campus. The bowling team is practicing once again at the campus bowling alley.

The bowling team is a club sport that was established in 1967. The team travels for the nation, competing in cities such as Reno, Las Vegas, Davis and Indianapolis. They currently have 12 members and were recognized as the "Most Outstanding SJSU Club Sports Organization" in 2007 and 2008.

Before the remodel was complete, the bowling team was practicing at 4th Street Bowl near Mineta San Jose International Airport. Now that practices are back inside the Student Union, it is more convenient for players to improve their bowling skills.

"We get to walk here instead of having to drive or ride the light rail there," civil engineering senior Adrian Mercader said. "It's easier to keep our bowling balls here instead of having to bring them to 4th Street Bowl."

The SJSU bowling team

had been holding their practices about 10 minutes away at 4th Street Bowl two to three times per week.

"They were actually nice enough to let us use the room in the back to store our bowling equipment and it makes it more convenient for them to be here," assistant coach Max Epps said.

The players did not find the transition from one bowling alley to the other very difficult.

Practicing on campus has also allowed the team to let SJSU students know there is a bowling team and that the team is actively recruiting new members.

"This bowling alley was great for the team because it gives us more exposure," business management junior Calvin Au said. "A lot of people walk by and they see we have a bowling team, so we are promoted more for the school and maybe someone would realize they have a hidden talent in bowling and want to try out."

The new facility on campus is not much different than that of 4th Street Bowl. But in terms of technology, SJSU's bowling alley has new scoring units, which give the bowlers

the capability to do things that they could not do before such as they could not spare or strike over and over again.

"The innovations they made in the sports system will definitely help us all," Epps said.

Although practice location may have switched, the team still meets up at 4th Street Bowl for their "Friday challenges," which are competitions they have between each other that help them improve as bowlers.

"As a coach it gives us a sense of improvement under competition," Epps said. "You can see them from the beginning of the year to the end of the year and how they've improved under pressure in certain situations."

The team was very grateful for being able to hold practices at 4th Street Bowl, but said there's no comparison between that location and the new bowling alley in the Student Union. The team is excited to be back on campus starting a new journey and representing SJSU.

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