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Black Greek organizations reach out for new members
Chris Cutter, a 2018 business management Alumni, represents Kapco Alpha Phi at a recruiting event for the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Following his graduation, his fraternity only has one member left.

### GREEK

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the council as “one of the most prestigious here.” “This is a brotherhood that doesn’t end after college,” he said.

Psychologist senate Alfreda Orlande, the vice president of Zeta Phi Beta, expressed a similar sentiment about her sisters in blue:

“Worthy Sorority, we are providing a family,” she said. “It’s not just while you’re here, it’s a lifetime commitment.”

Follow Alpha Phi Beta sister Jasmine Henry, a hospitality, tourism and event management senior, said she found out about the sorority at a study night Orlande was attending.

They started talking and Orlande invited Henry to check out their events. I left it at home,” Henry said.

said: “[I] didn’t have to change who I was.”

Orlande said their value of “womanhood” sets them apart from other fraternities.

“It’s about holding yourself to a higher standard,” she said.

During a recruiting event held last week, representatives from the attending fraternities and sororities answered questions from the audience, including whether you have to be black to join.

“We have a lot of diversity,” she said. “We’re just a family.”

### TRANSIT

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ride here," said George. “If [Route] 65 is eliminated, I will then have to work, more than a mile to [Route] 83." George attended both VTA meetings discussing the same plan at Cambrian Branch Library and King Library and heard similar responses.

“The attendees are overwhelmingly against the plan for high ridership," said George. “They are concerned and really want to have the [bus route] coverage.”

Dr. Anza College students, Marvin Woodmansee was also concerned about the new plan.

“It’s disheartening to see what they’re doing here. I’m very skeptical that this is going to increase ridership. I don’t think it will,” said Woodmansee.

He also wished the VTA also took more input from the public. The elected financial stability committee were the primary input in helping VTA make those decisions.

“They come up with a lot of great things,” said Woodmansee. “One of them was service changes, one of them was increased fares, which is terrible, but a lot of other things were finding more funding sources and the future of VTA,” he said. They were talking about that now.”

San Jose City Council vice president for administration and finance has been in private meetings with VTA to have student’s voices heard.

“Joe does his best to get our students right in their pocketbooks,” said Faas. “Who can compete to [Fresno],?” the city of Fresno.

BART now has a route from Fremont to Warm Springs, which means students will have to get off at one stop, and the bus from Warm Springs to campus.

“Let’s have one route,” said Faas. “Watch it be out of control.”

For those who want to walk away from this whole endeavor, I offer you this,” he said on NBC News. “Abandoning high-speed rail

entire system we will have wasted billions of dollars with nothing but broken promises and lawsuits to show for it.”

In 2017, researchers found Bay Area drivers spend more than three days on average, or 79 hours, sitting in gridlock roads, according to CBS San Francisco Bay Area.

“Now is a future in New York. Compare it to nine to seven years [ago].” At the 280, 210 traffic, it is completed day by day,” said VTA bus driver Manzy Singh. “Even the carpool, you still have to drive five miles per hour.”

Traffic congestion costs local drivers $21,200 in wasted time, fuel and higher costs passed on by businesses to consumers.

“From here to Mountain View is typically a 15-20 minute commute. In past one hour those days, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. is commute time,” said Singh.

Singh also mentioned the progress of the transportation solutions within San Jose over the years, such as the BART train in San Jose that is still not ready.

“They said July 2017, they said 2018, and they said 2019, still not ready yet,” Singh said.

“Is it all high-level politics? If we are thinking about low wages, public transportation, they are still going up. Even VTA, when we started, [cost] a dollar-something… now it’s $2.20, it is going up day by day.”

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**Correction**

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Spartan Daily published an article titled “Unsinkable free-throws against UNLV sink Spartans,” where Zach Chappell was misspelled in a picture. Spartan Daily regrets this error.

We are a true sisterhood, we are providing a family.

Alfreda Orlande Vice president of Zeta Phi Beta. She was at the event to learn more about Macha Gandhi. “A couple of members of the fraternity go to the same black student club and told me about the event,” she said.

“The event was very nice, the members of the fraternity and sororities showed off their strolling and deport. Duffel explained it as dancing with their hands and feet to reflect their origins from Africa.

“It keeps the culture in our council, fraternities and sororities, respectively,” Duffel said.
Downtown San Jose bar creates a buzz
By Adam Yoshikawa
STAFF WRITER

With a location right off campus, Spread prides itself in offering great food and great deals for students.

Located three doors from Philz Coffee is a newer spot that is surprising students with great deals on craft brews and food.

Spread opened last August and is a great success with students and workers in the surrounding area.

“It’s a fun environment with the music they play, the beers they have to offer and the food is good too,” said Grace Rau, a communications senior at SJSU.

Spread has a great dynamic scene with decal covered tables and amazing craft brews. With lots of breathing room and USB plugs incorporated underneath the bar, the business is built for SJSU students.

Roselyn Mateo, manager of Spread, has been with the company since last July.

She said she enjoys socializing with her customers, most of whom are college students and workers of surrounding businesses around the area.

“Spread is a welcoming, comfortable place for everyone from students to the staff of SJSU,” said Mateo. “We have a fun and happy environment here.”

Every weekday, Spread has a deal on craft beers. For college students looking for a nice beer with a good price, Spread is a great choice.

One of the most popular deals is “Tall Can Tuesday,” where a single tall can is $2.99 compared to a regular price of around $4.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library at San Jose State University

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Trigg entered the restaurant business and bar industry right out of high school. He gained a breadth of experience from bartending to server to bartender and has a bachelor’s degree in business economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Mann has been in the restaurant industry since the age of 13. He managed restaurants at the age of 17 and has since run various establishments.

He has a very knowledgeable and well-rounded background in the hospitality industry, making him and Trigg the perfect duo to start the business eatery Spread.

Spread has a variety of exclusive beers on tap. One of their most prized beers is Russian River, which is only sold five times a year by the distributor to the businesses worthy of carrying their craft brew.

Spread has much more to offer than delicious sandwiches and craft beers. Their hospitality is what keeps people coming back to a comfortable experience while enjoying the free Wi-Fi and watching games on the multiple televisions.

Mann urges SJSU students and staff to take advantage of their great weekday deals. She said they offer great service, and students receive an additional 10 percent off on top of the daily deal.

Three weeks ago, faculty of SJSU received 50 percent off everything in appreciation of their hard work and business at Spread.

All daily deals start at 3 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. except on Thirsty Thursdays where the deal lasts until closing. All students who show their tower card will receive an additional 10 percent off their tab.
Opportunity and her sisters broke open a new frontier of space, and ushered in a new era of space populism.

We just watched the Mars rover Opportunity take off a few months before July. My friends and I were awestruck. None of us had been alive during the first days humans landed on the red planet.

I remember working on the rover for months. It was the first time we got to experience one of the first steps toward exploring a brand new world. We were in elementary school when NASA finally ended the Opportunity mission after the rover had been unresponsive since June 2018.

Opportunity was a testament to the human spirit, its endless possibilities and her legacy will no doubt inspire the next generation of space exploration. And yes, Opportunity is a she, according to JPL. Interest that they give to our current president's focus and agenda. It's not about the people, which I find to be contradictory to our current president's focus and agenda. I think God calls all of us to fill different roles at different times and I think that he wanted Donald Trump to be our president, said Sanders in her interview with CNN.

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The Trump administration is using the Bible and religion to justify building a wall or attacking pro-abortion laws. White House officials have boldly crossed the line dividing the separation of church and state.

In an interview on Jan. 30, White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders talked to The Christian Broadcasting Network — an entity founded on the basis of having the freedom to be who we want to be and to worship — or not worship — whichever deity we want. Sanders added.

"I think he has done a tremendous job in supporting a lot of the things that the Bible really care about," Sanders said.

"As a Christian, I find Sanders' statements to be confusing and irresponsible. I believe it is unacceptable to believe that it is ok to say that God wanted Trump to be president. Sanders using God's name to justify the American Revolution conflicts with the Constitution. Sanders is making American history with her decision.

"I don't necessarily believe that God wanted Trump to be president. Sanders using God's name to justify the American Revolution conflicts with the Constitution. Sanders is making American history with her decision.

The separation of church and state is not optional. Politicians should start answering for their actions, and if someone wants to hear scriptures, they can go to a church.
Racist fashion wear is far from ‘Gucci’

In the increasingly progressive society we live in today, the last thing we need is Gucci releasing a sweater that resembles blackface.

On Feb 6, the luxury Italian brand apologized on Twitter for its racist $990 turtleneck. The sweater features monkey keychains which calls to the mouth contains her mouth. It of her face but that covers the bot-

Racist fashionwear is far from ‘Gucci’

By Cora Wilson

Companies should hire more diverse teams that can give input and educate others on the right ways to release products.

that covers the bottom of her face but has an opening over her mouth.

The outlining around the monkey contains noticeably wide red lip lines which calls to mind blackface caricatures meant to dehumanize African-Americans throughout the 20th century.

If this is how Gucci planned to kick off Black History Month, it completely failed. Unfortunately, this is not the first time a brand has been accused of pushing racist products and advertisements.

In Nov. 2018, Dolce & Gabbana canceled a major fashion show in China after receiving global backlash for a series of controversial videos.

In one of its commercial features, Dolce & Gabbana featured a Chinese model straying to cut out western foods such as spaghetti with chopsticks. CNN reported that the commercial drew criticism from Chinese supermodel Estelle Chen and resulted in Dolce & Gabbana products being temporarily pulled from Chinese stores.

A month later in Dec., Gucci began releasing a sweater with images of a $890 turtleneck. The products were found to contain blackface imagery after an image of the New York storefront display posted on Twitter by civil rights attorney Chinyere Ezie went viral.

“I feel like it was very insensitive for the marketing team to not realize how racist the caricature was and how it relates to African-Americans and the oppression,” Vice President of the San Jose State Nigerian Student Association, Nnamdi Uzoma said.

Following criticism, Gucci released a formal apology which said, “We consider diversity to be a fundamental value to be fully upheld, respected, and at the forefront of every decision we make.”

On Friday, Gucci officially announced the first four initiatives. Global and Regional Directors for Diversity and Inclusion, Multicultural- al Leadership Development Program, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Program and Global Exchange Program.

With these initiatives, it is planning to further embed cultural diversity and awareness in the company.

For large and popular fashion houses like Dolce & Gabbana, Prada and Gucci to release controversial,670 products, then quickly apologize and claim they were unaware of the rac-

ism, is just not ok.

“I know African-Americans, such as rappers and sports play-

ers, are huge consumers of high-end prestigious brands such as Gucci,” Uzoma said.

“If African-Americans continue to purchase things such as Gucci after they made a mockery and a joke, it is a bad representation of our people because we are in a state of a lot of racial tension going on.”

On the same day that Gucci issued its sweater apology, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam meet with two prominent African-American leaders regarding a similar crisis.

After photographs of Northam, one of him with a person dressed in blackface and another of him in a KKK hood from his medical school yearbook, surfaced, the Virginia Governor was pressured to resign but instead apologized for the photo.

For brands to honor black history, the cultural appreciation has to begin within the brand.

Companies should hire more diverse teams that can give input and educate others on the right ways to release products.

“I think it’s a shame but it just goes to show that blacks aren’t in posi-

tions that they should be in,” graduate student Zahibah Hasaan said.

If we [African Americans] were able to put in our in-

put maybe these mistakes wouldn’t happen as much.”

Hopefully Gucci learned from its mistake and will change for the better because no sweat-

er is worth this much controversy.

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Krazy George is still a crazy cheerleader

By Roman Contreras

Scream, shout, jump and drum. San Jose State alumnus, "Krazy" George Henderson has engrained his name in the world of cheer.

From the NFL to the NFL, Henderson has cheered for almost every sport in the league. He has created a whole brand around his cheer leading, and is the original creator of the common sports cheer known as "The Wave."

"I invented the wave in 1981 at the Oakland Al's, New York Yankee playoff game on October 15th," Henderson said with pride.

Henderson continued to describe his appearance in the 1984 Olympics, held in California. He had been hired to cheer for a televised soccer game in Stanford where he got the wave going. He got the crowd on their feet and millions around the world came to know of this staple crowd cheer.

Being on the radio team throughout college, Henderson found him self confused when he became cheerleader. He discovered that he was the not the best cheerleader, Henderson decided to go off and try something of his own.

"Because of my mobility to do the chants, I went off on my own with the drum and that's how I work, I work in the stands and that's my success," said Henderson.

During the first 10 years of his career, Henderson did not approach any teams about becoming a contracted cheerleader. All of his recognition came from doing what he does best.

"I would be in all the sections and up halfway up the rows screaming at the players so they lost and blamed it all on me," said Henderson. "I'm up close and personal. They learn to know me, to see my energy and they follow me."

"I always see a familiar face in the crowd.

"Every year it grew and grew, and it's made my living for the last 44 years," Henderson said.

Krazy George Henderson has been in the cheer business a long time, and he's not going to stop anytime soon. Henderson has the "conditioning of going every year it's been in the event center."

"Every year it's been in the event center. I'm 60,000 people in a stadium I get 60,000 people doing the cheer," said Henderson.

Today, Henderson is no longer the at-large cheerleader he used to be. Instead, he has begun to beat his drum in the direction of big corporations.

"He goes to corporations and they hire him to beam everybody up and tell a bit of his story, because he's a great story," said Patrina Talmag.

"Every year it's grown and grown," Henderson said of his career. Henderson said of his career. "This year I get 60,000 people doing the cheer, " he began.

"They tried to ban me in 1980, " he began. "And later the NFL came out with a rule against me."

"It started with the Pittsburgh Steelers," Terry Bradshaw said they couldn't hear the players so they lost and blamed it all on me."

The success Henderson had, but he credits it to the simple manner of all his cheers. "Every cheer I do is a simple two words, short cheer that everyone can do if there are 60,000 people in a stadium I get 60,000 people doing the cheer," said Henderson.

Students bring street ball attitude to the rec center

By Jonathan Austin

Spartan basketball fans looking to play or watch others play pick-up game can at the Sports Club in the Event Center.

Students just have to follow the stairs behind the front desk to find the available court for them.

"There's a thriving community of players who come to play basketball with friends and strangers alike throughout the day."

"There are people from different places of life and levels of play teaming up for games. They chat amongst new and familiar faces on the sideline."

"The differences in the players who take part in the games sounds like a detriment, but it is actually one of the club's greatest strengths."

"The incredible thing is how glaringly cohesive the community is. While there are cliches of people who try and play with just who they come with, there are also people who show up and take their minds off school."

"These people are part of a group that loves basketball, and it shows with how friendly the players are."


His statement true as the players can be seen competing with one another without usual on-court drama.

Even though there are no referees or formal teams, players still have a competitive attitude. That competitive nature leads toCourt cultural fight, but people like talking a lot of trash. Trash talk is a part of the game whether you enjoy it or not, and it is not surprising to see it on the court."

"I've never seen a physical fight, but people do talk," said Christian Flores, a freshman kinesiology major.

He believes allowing trash talk builds relationships between the players.

"When asked why he doesn't try out for the team now, he said he doesn't think he has the "conditioning of going every year," Martinez said.

"Comradery between teammates is more important than friendship, and when Martinez's team eventually loses, the group can still be found on the sidelines watching the next game take place while quietly chatting with one another.

Sports have a habit of bringing completely different people closer together, and in the agony of defeat and the thrill of victory, the community of basketball players grows in the Event Center.

"I thought about trying out my freshman year but wasn't good enough," Martinez said.