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The fierce face of a lion dancer costume from the Rising Phoenix Dance Association.

By Joaquin De La Torre

More than 150 students welcomed the “year of the tiger” on Thursday at San Jose State’s 7th Street Plaza by enjoying colorful boba drinks and watching cultural performances.

The year of the tiger refers to the Chinese zodiac calendar which assigns a new animal to each year, according to a Feb. 2 CNN travel article. Although the Chinese zodiac assigns the year’s animal, Lunar New Year (sometimes called Chinese New Year) is celebrated by many Asian cultures on different days annually and lasts up to 15 days, according to a Dec. 1, 2021 Britannica article.

Christopher Yang, director of the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center said Lunar New Year is an important holiday for many Asian cultures.

“It symbolizes the passing of the New Year, it symbolizes new birth, the restoration of crops, being able to find your community, being able to take care of your community,” he said.

The SJUAPIDA Task Force is a campus group dedicated to supporting Asian, Pacific Islanders and Desi American students, according to their Instagram biography.

Once students walking down 7th Street Plaza noticed the free boba tea, a long line formed as people greeted one another and informed them of the Lunar New Year celebration that began at 6 p.m.

Yang said SJUAPIDA Task Force wanted to receive feedback from the community about student needs through a survey.

A survey, which was a QR code posted on the table by the free boba, was used by the APIDA Task Force to gather information about student backgrounds and needs so they can host similar events and find an answer to the age-old question “should dragons have legs?”

One hope is that with more information about what students want to see, APIDA can make celebrations like the Lunar New Year celebration an annual event and introduce celebrations from other Asian cultures such as the Hindu celebration of Holi or Diwali, Yang said.

Yang also said A.S. members wanted to have a lion dance on campus.

In Chinese culture, the lion dance is performed at special occasions such as weddings, business openings and festivals, including Lunar New Year. Because traditionally the dances are said to chase away evil spirits and welcome good fortune, according to a Feb. 1 Al Jazeera article.

“The lion dance is always central during the Lunar New Year celebrations because it’s an auspicious traditional cultural act that helps ward away evil and bring good luck,” Kerin Nguyen, 21, alumnus and captain of the San Jose Rising Phoenix Dance Association, said.

Dancers in these celebrations traditionally wear large red and white lion costumes and jump into the air. They circle around a plate of two small red tiger plush animals that represent luck and tigers that represent wealth, according to a Jan. 29 New York Times article.

The eyes, ears and nose of the two lions dance in sync with a beat of a traditional Chinese drum called a tanggu, cymbals and gongs.

Although the dancer in the front is holding onto the head of the costume and the dancer in the back is holding onto the hips of their partner, the list of the lion dancers at the event never broke from the rhythm of the drum.

Nguyen said lion dancing requires stamina and technique. He said it can take dancers months or sometimes years to perfect their skills.

The lion dance was performed in the middle of a crowd and ended with theA.S. President Anoop Kaur said her hope was that SJU continues to celebrate cultural holidays.

“My hope would be that San Jose State would foster this multicultural environment such that students are learning inside the classroom and outside the classroom,” Kaur said, “broadcasting their understanding of other cultures because our society itself is diverse.”

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**ACROSS**
1. Confronted
6. Fortuneteller’s card
11. Shade of white
12. Stain black
15. Look around casually
16. Prevaricated
17. Record (abbrev.)
18. Gallivant
20. Delay
21. Nursemaid
23. Delight
24. Fit
25. 20th-century art movement
26. Walk in water
27. Corporate image
28. Kiss
29. An uncle
30. A boneless steak
31. Loose high-necked blouse
34. Winged
36. East southeast
37. Sandwich shop
41. Not aft
42. French for “Head”
43. Ends a prayer
44. Attired
45. Cogitate
46. Eastern discipline
7. Buffoon
48. Seductive looking woman
51. Buff
52. Green gems
54. Narrate
56. Final
57. Hunger for
58. Chip dip
59. Infections of the eye

**DOWN**
1. He fights blazes
2. Popular salad ingredient
3. Bovine
4. At one time (archaic)
5. One who colors cloth
6. A Native American tent
7. Humiliate
8. Thorny flower
9. Half of two
10. Cultivated land
13. Fanatic
14. Border
15. Slender nails
16. Gnus
19. A long-legged S. American bird
22. Gaunt
24. Day off
26. Used to be
27. Cover
30. Run away
32. Consumed food
33. Daisylike bloom
34. Ablaze
35. Low leather step-in shoes
38. Characterized by emotion
39. Emissaries
40. Absurd
42. Treeless Arctic plain
44. College girl
45. Boys or men
48. Letters, etc.
49. Circle fragments
50. Sassy
53. Ribonucleic acid
55. Joint

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Schools Children’s Chorus (Lilo & Stitch)
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SJSU's comeback hopes though Portland held the games to six games during his hitting streak from five this season. His first multiple runs to center field during the three-game series. Robert Hamchuk singled into the gaps. “I just try to swing at a from five to six games. Robert Hamchuk said 21, 2021 New York Times during the first two lost on the scoreboard during the Sunday, March 1, 2022 weekend, SJSU baseball during the weekend, SJSU baseball played a three-game series at the Union Event Center. Five seniors competed in their last home meet. Five seniors competed in their last senior match at Provident Credit Union event Center.

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By D’Netrus Chevis-Rose
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San Jose State gymnastics senior Carli Orcutt competes during her last senior match at Provident Credit Union event Center.

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By Jennifer Schildge

"I think us as a team wish, " Bowers said in an interview after the meet. "That's what happened. " The Spartans started their routines to gain experience without affecting the team's score. Graduate student Mercedes Sanchez competed on bars for second place with a score of 9.9. I've been trying to bump it up but it's still really exciting because it's a big accomplishment for me, especially after last year during the pandemic," Lopes said after the meet. She said she felt she had a bad season last year but was excited to return this semester and break the team record. Head coach Bowers said at the end of the meet she was "speechless." It was very special in helping us build something special," Bowers said. "It’s fun watching them continue to improve." The Spartans will compete Friday against Air Force at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. 

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"It was just a fun, fun day. It was kind of like one of those days that if you could script it and it goes the way you wish," Bowers said in an interview after the meet. "They had some really great moments." The team also celebrated its senior members as they completed in their last meet. Frees was awarded framed university and flowers as their families escorted them to the center of the floor.

"Our team culture is so strong, there's so much off that is because of these four, our goal was to hit four good events and we did that," Bowers said.

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