On Nov. 8, 2016, the United States of America showed one of the most unsettling divisions in modern United States history. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton lost the presidency, despite winning the popular vote with more than 2 million votes over Donald Trump.

One can easily argue that the United States of America — or should I say the Divided States of America — have been divided since pre-colonization. Through racism, bigotry and closed-mindedness we have seen humans divided socially, economically and politically.

In 1998 my parents, both immigrants from small towns in Zacatecas, Mexico, purchased their first home — a small two-bedroom home in a sketchy neighborhood of Santa Cruz, Calif. — but a home nonetheless.

This is something that always embarrassed me growing up. What was so wrong? At least I had a roof over my head. I was teased in elementary school for living in such a small home and I couldn’t comprehend why, but now I do.

I was three years old and shared a small room with my two older siblings when we first moved in. At one point there was up to 12 close and distant relatives living in this cramped, tiny, baby blue home.

From past to present, the socioeconomic status of the Latino and immigrant community has shown an obvious divide in wealth and status.

The Washington Post reported that the Latino population has increased from 9.1 million to 54 million from 1970 to 2014. The average Hispanic household makes $400,000 less than the average American household and $500,000 less than the average white American household.

My parents worked two jobs seven days a week, and still do to this day. In my brother’s early teen years, he joined a gang. With my parents at work, my older sister was forced into adulthood to raise my baby sister and I.

The Washington Post also reported that in 2014, Hispanics made up more than 16 percent of the U.S. population, but only held 2.2 percent of its wealth.

Economic and cultural barriers have stood in the way of me being where I am now. The Pew Research Center found that Latinos held the highest amount of high school dropouts in the U.S. amongst all minority groups.

At times I have almost succumbed to walls built by a discriminatory society, but the truth is, my sister didn’t raise no quitter.

In our special issue, you will find that we’re not setting out to create a biased undertone, but we also will not hide what is present in this current political climate. We do not intend to say the world has a clear line of division, but we have set out to highlight and take an in-depth look at the divisions around us at San Jose State and in the Silicon Valley.

Whether it’s the division of gender, sexual orientation, political views or even an ongoing school rivalry, divisions are present.

So why a double issue? Why not go with just “Divided” or “United” as our theme?

Aesop got it right in 620 B.C. when he stated in one of his fables, “United we stand, divided we fall.”

They go hand in hand despite seeming like paradoxical universes. We cannot talk about one and not the other. We cannot hide the unity that is present when there is so much division.

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Asexual community searches for inclusion

BY KAYLA BOARDMAN
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When the LGBTQ or queer community is mentioned, a part of the community is not included in the four main letters: those who identify as asexual and aromantic. Social work sophomore Janna Edra is a member of this community and identifies as asexual.

Asexuality — also referred to as “asex” — is not having a sexual attraction to other people. Although people may identify as asexual or aromantic, this does not mean they are not having a sexual attraction but they still like to have sex.

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Aromantic and asexual people are not oppressed, therefore they cannot be part of the community, Edra said. “That brought up questions for me because that is how you define acommunity.”

Celina Cesena, the current facilitator of the SJSU asex/aro meetup group and graduate student, said that this is the problem that the SJU community faces is that this community is almost never acknowledged, known or talked about at all. “It comes down to just a lack of visibility,” Cesena said. “The main thing is that we just want more people to know about us and be open to learning more. The main issue that we come into contact with is people will not be open to discussing it.” The next thing would be people saying it doesn’t exist.

Cesena said another reason asexual and aromantic people could feel excluded from the LGBTQ community is if they are identity as csgender and heterosexual.

Cogender means that a person identifies with the sex that they were assigned at birth and heterosexual as being attracted to someone of the opposite sex.

Since the queer community mostly includes people who are not cisgender or heterosexual or both, this can lead to people who are


cogender, heterosexual, asexual and/or aromantic being seen as not part of the group.

“I feel like some identities inside the queer community can be prioritized and talked about more than others,” Cesena said. “There is a difficulty in understanding that there is overlap between different identities.”

A person who understands this idea very well is Calvin Liu, a UCSD alumna who is transgender, asexual and aromantic.

He has visited the SJU meetup group on the campus and talked to other people with similar identities.

“My simple definition [of asexualism] is like a best friend, but it has the closeness of the traditional friendship,” Liu said. “In the offical definition, it’s a relationship that doesn’t have romance. So I’m basically wanting a best friend who won’t leave me.”

Being trans, Liu said that he feels more connected than other asexual and aromantic people to the LGBTQ community.

While he hasn’t experienced it himself, he has heard from others who have felt excluded.

The queer community is not the only place that people who are asexual and/or aromantic can feel left out.

Of course, he also can feel disconnected from society as a whole when it comes to being both ace and are.

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Liu said. “My biggest reason is that people perceive asexuality as ‘more than friendship’ to mean a romantic or sexual relationship. In reality, there’s no correlation.”

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COMMUTERS miss full college experience living off-campus

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See this video and more at Spartan Daily on YouTube

Child and adolescent development sophomore Maria Flores leaves Fremont in her Mini Cooper at 8:15 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday to commute to San Jose State.

“Commuting has negatively affected my college experience,” Flores said. “It’s really hard for me because of the campus because I’m only there the days I have class.”

According to Gabriela Garcia, administrative support coordinator for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics, there were 32,157 students enrolled at SJSU in fall 2016.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics focuses on survey data of topics such as academics and student experience at SJSU. Of those students, only 3,608 of them lived in on-campus housing that semester, according to Garcia.

This means San Jose State had upwards of 28,000 students who committed to school in the fall 2016 commerical.

Another problem that does share this feeling is Flores does share this feeling of being different. Engineering graduate student Ivan Hinoya, Hinoya community from Bakersfield, where he works at Innovative Engineering Systems while going to school.

“I’d say that campus life is different for me,” Hinoya said. “To be very honest, with the idea in society that romance and sex are so crucial to an intimate relationship, I can feel a bit left out.”

Maria Flores is certain that commuting has taken away from her college experience. While many may consider attending sporting events to be a big part of the college experience, Flores says she hasn’t been to any of SJU’s games. “I think that if I lived closer to campus or didn’t have a commute, I’d be able to enjoy more of my college experience at SJU,” Flores said.

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When talking about politics, it comes as no surprise that 44.9 percent of California’s voters are registered as Democrats. For many this is not an issue, but for the 26 percent of Republicans it is a fear they live with every day.

In California, Clarissa Nuñez and Marin Villalpando have felt out of place because of their political views. After the 2016 elections, they felt more targeted due to their support for President Donald Trump.

Being Mexican on both sides of the family, it comes almost as a surprise that they identify as conservatives.

“I identify as a conservative Republican because I am Christian,” Nuñez said. “I do have those values and certain things I do feel really strongly about.”

Born in Gilroy, Nuñez and her family moved all around Northern California before settling in Hollister. The junior majoring in kinesiology is also a member of Delta Zeta as well as DREAM, which stands for Disciples Reaching and Evangelizing All Mankind, and focuses on the needs of the school and community.

Nuñez said her family has been part of the Republican Party for as long as she can remember. After her grandmother remarried, she felt more targeted due to their support for President.

“The man that she [her grandmother] remarried, he was white and basically he had his own business here,” Nuñez said. “I get scared for myself. She was 18 and my dad tied along to that.”

According to an exit poll, during the 2016 elections, 28 percent of Latinos in the nation voted for “America First.”

In addition, the poll also said that 52 percent of all President Trump voters were males and 41 percent were females.

Villalpando said he has kept his political views a secret for years because he is afraid of the outcomes. He said that even though he doesn’t think anything he said to his professors made him more open about it, he is afraid of losing friendships.

“The worst thing about it is that I’ve seen people express themselves that if you’re a Trump supporter — or pretty much associated with any conservative values — then they will actually end friendships, which I think is completely foolish,” Villalpando said.

As a Trump supporter, Nuñez said some of this neglect occurred during his rally in San Jose over the summer. She said that even though she was not politically active at the time, she would show her support for him, but she was still attacked just for being there.

“Just because the rally was going on and I look white doesn’t mean I’m not a Mexican American. I’m a dual citizen, but I am a dual citizen of one of the seven countries that are banned,” Nuñez said.

When speaking to her advisors, Najafi was suggested to “consult an immigration lawyer for her return back to the United States.”

Growing up in Gilroy, California, Villalpando and Nuñez felt they didn’t have the support they needed. Villalpando kept his political views a secret for years because he is afraid of the outcomes.

“I was able to appreciate diversity more, as well as make connections and communicate with a range of people,” Montgomery-Campbell said.

Uncle Taro Hatami has hopes of studying abroad in her later years of college. She dreams about being able to continue feeling comfortable in what she supports politically.

“My parents have always told me stand up for yourself,” Hatami said. “It doesn’t matter if you’re against the odds and if you’re against everyone that believes a certain way. If you feel strongly about something, you stand up for yourself.”

For more information about the SJSU study abroad programs, visit sps.sjsu.edu.

SJSU study abroad programs allow students to go to places across the world such as (top left) Guatemala, (top right) Greece, (bottom left) Indonesia, and (bottom right) Myanmar.

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When driving through the Bay Area, one is bound to see graffiti emblazoned on the walls of buildings and highway overpasses. Many people have mixed opinions on seeing graffiti in their hometowns since it can be seen as vandalism or a type of artistic expression.

Independence High School in San Jose has painted some walls completely white and asked students to express themselves through art. Overnight, students painted murals, names and abstract art to release their creative side.

“Graffiti is a work of art derived from an abundance of talent and creativity,” said San Jose artist Adrian Reyes. “It is a nonviolent form of expression.”

In downtown San Jose’s SoFa District, many murals are painted. Businesses look for artists to create these pieces because it inclines more of a customer base. Even those who pass by will stop and stare at the details and creativity that is put into each and every piece no matter how big or small.

“I’m all about murals and street art downtown,” said Back Bar general manager Cathy Bell. “It’s a creative side. It’s a way that is visually stimulating. It is a form of calligraphy, however instead of on paper in a tidy studio. We opt to get out and leave it where people who can appreciate them will see it.”

Graffiti has been seen as an aspect that divides many in the community. Homeowners may be upset to see graffiti on their buildings, as it often needs to be painted over or cleaned.

“Something is put on public property, it is vandalism. If you want to paint your own property that there’s nothing wrong with that,” said San Jose homeowner Cathy Bell. “If something is painted on another person’s property, then that is vandalizing property because it has to be painted for to clean up.”

According to Dylan, an artist is a person who produces paintings or drawings as a profession or hobby. They do not use graffiti as a way to destroy a property but maybe to create a sense of emotion or feeling.

“Vandalizing private property but there are many artists who do consider where they are painting.

“The purpose of painting isn’t to ruin property but to make something out of the blank canvas,” Oliver said.

Creativity allows many artists, known as graffiti artists, to do more for their community than it may seem.

“Through graffiti I have been able to work with the art collective ‘Hands Off The Hook’ based in Oakland and help on several projects aimed at bringing together local artists of all ages together to share and promote their works,” Dylan said.

Artists don’t usually work solo but have a group to support each other within a community.

“Graffiti has made me more aware of the communities I am in and in the politics that affect them,” Dylan said. “Through this I have found that most of what divides communities is not so much the voices on the side but those that come from the outside with the intent to profit off a certain community.”

“Things like liquor stores and bail bondsmen, big corporate supermarkets and shopping centers, police harassment and gentrification, these are the things that in my opinion that destroy communities,” Dylan said. “Not the guy who is adding a layer of paint to a wall.”

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Female video gamers speak out against discrimination

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San Jose resident Katlyn Antram streams a video game titled “Archaic” live online through Twitch TV.

Katlyn Antram. “But now they’re speaking out.”

Antram has been a PC gamer for more than 17 years and has streamed games for the last five. Although there is still harassment — like use of derogatory terms or comments on physical appearance — Antram said support in the community is stronger.

Blizzard Entertainment, the creators of “Overwatch,” has received comparisons with “World of Warcraft” and “StarCraft.” While the company has an array of job listings, the majority of talent comes from animators, software engineers and information technologists. According to San Jose State’s office of institutional effectiveness and analytics, 82 percent of students enrolled in software engineering for fall 2016 were men.

The same report stated that 85 percent of students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in design studies at SJSU are women. Students at SJSU are also creating pieces that are inspired by this divisive time. Many of the pieces resist some aspects of the current political climate.

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Un grupo de personas que hablan español y otra que habla inglés vive una experiencia similar.
Does feminism unite or divide our country?

It advocates an unnecessary separation of the genders

Feminism has a bad reputation because many people do not thoroughly understand the theory.

"I'm not the biggest advocate for feminism, but I know for a lot of women, it's one way to provide safe spaces for women, rape crisis centers and shelters. They improve the lives of women by protecting women's rights and researching their problems and coming up with realistic solutions.

According to the Boston Globe, people today "simply think that real-life feminism has come to mean something else: the vilification of men, support for female privilege and a demeaning view of women as victims rather than free agents.

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Model minority myth misrepresents the experiences of many Americans of color

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It is known that the American population is one of the most diverse in the world. The U.S. is made up of different race and ethnic groups, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic statuses and political parties. The U.S. Constitution has a nifty little section called the freedom of speech within the First Amendment. According to the Constitution, “Congress shall make no law...abridge freedom of speech.”

Because of this statement, people may have the advantage of the fact they can speak their mind.

Freedom of speech is defined in Merriam-Webster Dictionary as the “right to express information, ideas, and opinions free of government restrictions based on their perceived or real reasonable limitations.”

Though this is what we have as open opinions on anything and everything. However, even our social media was ever an easier time. It is easier now when voicing said opinions.

It is not the same as having a debate with friends and family because of different views and opinions. It can be a lot faster.

From deciding where to eat to what movie to watch, sometimes the simplest of subjects can lead to daily difficulties.

As human beings, we all have our own opinions on things based on what we have heard, read or experienced for ourselves.

According to the Pew Research Center, 53 percent of conservatives and 49 percent of liberals said yes. When asked if their close friends share the same political views, 53 percent of conservatives and 49 percent of liberals said yes.

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Sports followers take fandom too far

BY KELLY BURNS

Each and every year, sports fans spend hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars to watch their favorite teams play. Fans spend an annual average of $725. People around the world bleed the colors of their hometown teams. Whether their team wins or loses, fans have been known to do crazy things in the heat of a game. The San Francisco Giants often hold college nights for San Jose State and many students attend their games throughout the season. In 2011, Bryan Stow, a Giants fan, was severely beaten by Los Angeles Dodgers fans outside of Dodger stadium on opening day. Stow now suffers from permanent brain damage.

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Jerry Giotinis
Communication studies senior

The Giants and Dodgers are known for their rivalry but sometimes this competition leads to injuries. Members of sports teams are all too familiar with sporting events being taken too far. When SJSU senior quarterback Kenny Potter was attending Long Beach City College, he witnessed what fans and players do in the heat of a game.

“My team was winning and on the last play, some dude Cheap shot one of my teammates and both sidelines cleared and it became a huge brawl for a good 10 minutes,” Potter said. “Some fans were jumping out of the stands and it got pretty wild.”

Sporting events are intended to bring together people for entertainment and fan competition. Fans often fear for their lives when representing their hometown teams. Whether their team wins or loses, fans spend an annual average of $725. Thousands of dollars to watch their favorite teams play.

There’s a very interesting dichotomy from the pledge of allegiance to the national anthem has become a significant part of the patriotic rituals that form the environment of the game. From the pledge of allegiance to the flag waving ceremony, sporting events incorporate patriotic traditions that push the experience beyond a loss for the game and transforms into a love for the nation.

“Being a young boy, I was able to wave my green jersey in the sea of black and silver without getting my ass punched,” Giotinis said. “While Raiders fans did not harm Giotinis physically, they made sure their opinion was heard.

“Tommie Smith and John Carlos faced exemplified a precedent of social criticism and repercussions Smith and Carlos faced exemplified a precedent of the social criticism and repercussions Smith and Carlos faced. This act of protest was hardly the first or last time an athlete used sports as a platform to create social change.

In an era of divisive politics, athletes such as Colin Kaepernick are reviving political activism on the field once again. Young athletes are becoming this storyline and using sports as a platform for social change too, but as advocates for social issues rather than protesters.

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“The right to protest is a crucial feature of a democratic system, but it enables criticism and disagreement. It transforms into a love for the nation. If we care about the nation, we need to...”

As California Giotinis grew and his love for basketball expanded, the story of Bryan Stow had a profound impact on his perspective of the game. That day, he knew he had to watch his mouth and actions when he was not at a home game.

Communications senior Jerry Giotinis, an avid football fan, knows what it is like to be subjected to violence for representing his favorite team. When he was 13 years old, he saw his fellow Eagles fans dripping blood. Giotinis said. “Ever since that day, I knew I had to watch my mouth and actions when I am not at a home game.”

San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow is greeted by former Giant and SJSU alumnus Kevin Frandsen at Municipal Stadium.

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SPECIAL ISSUE: DIVIDED
Lack of school spirit affects SJSU sports

San Jose State embraces rivalry with Fresno State

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Rivalries are a natural occurring phenomena in the sports world. We see them form at every level of athletics from high school sports all the way up to the professional ranks.

In the United States, some of the longest running rivalries exist in the world of college sports. There’s “The Iron Bowl” between University of Alabama and Auburn University, the “Civil War” rivalry game that exists between the University of Oregon and Oregon State University and the “Big Game” between Cal Berkeley and Stanford. San Jose State has a similar rivalry with Fresno State that has been raging for decades and shows no signs of slowing down.

SJSU’s Athletics Media Relations Director Lawrence Kohlhaas, sophomore guard for SJSU’s women’s basketball team, said she sees the issue at home games and is unsure why students are unaware of the times and dates of games.

Justin Holmes, junior wide receiver for the Spartans, said that this is far from a friendly rivalry. “I don’t like each other at all — it’s nasty, we love it,” Holmes said. SJSU wide receiver

San Jose State faces Fresno State in the annual game known as the Valley Trophy, which started with winning games.

San Jose State’s football team will be playing Fresno this Saturday, Oct. 7th and has a chance to keep the Valley Trophy for the third year in a row. Junior linebacker Frank Ginda is confident that his team will make it a three-peat against the Bulldogs this upcoming season.

My home school has been Fresno State and I’ve been coming to their games my whole life. Fresno State is my favorite school and they are not athletes, they don’t know when the games are, Holmes said. “I don’t know where this lack is coming from.”

As for Jamie Craighead, the head coach for the women’s basketball team, she too has experience with bigger crowds and swarming the games at other schools.

San Jose State’s women’s basketball team has a defensive back from 2005 to 2009. Humboldt State University in Northern California. He also played for the University of Southern California as a defensive back from 2005 to 2009.

“Most of the time when I talk to other students that are not athletes, they don’t know when the games are,” Kohlhaas said. “I don’t know where this lack is coming from.”

Her teammate Mylesunike Laidi, a junior guard, said she too notices the absence of supporters at games. Unless it’s close friends or family members, the presence of an audience is low throughout the season.

We look in the stands, we see our bookstores, our teammates, parents and a couple of students who are our best friends — our close friends who are in other sports teams that come to support us,” Laidi said. “[Rivalries] is a big game against Fresno State, our rivalry games, that’s only the time I’ll see some school spirit.”

Harris said he sees a difference in the way sports are treated on campus as opposed to other schools.

As a coach, Harris has worked for schools in and out of state including Dixie State University in Utah and Humboldt State University in Northern California. He also played for the University of Southern California as a defensive back from 2005 to 2009.

“Whatever we had at USC and I think a lot of other schools is just the tailgating [and] the atmosphere around it I think we could improve in that,” Harris said. “A lot of it has to do with people go, ‘OK, they can go drink beer outside and they can’t drink them in the stadium, that’s another reason why.’”

For junior Craighead, the head coach for the women’s basketball team, she too has experience with bigger crowds streaming the games at other schools.

This rivalry doesn’t just exist between the two school’s basketball teams, but also in the football team each year.

Fresno State dominated the rivalry from 1991 to 2010, winning 16 of the 17 games played between the two football teams in that time span.

This past season, San Jose State and Fresno State’s women’s basketball teams split the two games they played.

Jasmine Smith, the Spartans starting last season, said the rivalry between the women is just as hard fought as that between the men, which was evident by the broken nose Smith endured against the Bulldogs.

“The last rivalry game was here and it was really really intense,” Smith said. “Everyone here has a lot of Spartan pride so we take that rivalry game really seriously.”

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“We can’t afford to lose against Fresno State,” Ginda said. “I’m 100 percent confident in my team that we will make it three in a row.”

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Riots erupted throughout the United States the moment Donald Trump's presidency was announced on Nov. 9, 2016. We saw it here at San Jose State as students swarmed the Smith-Carlos Lawn in the wee hours of the morning chanting “not our president.”

Initially, the riots may have seemed to emphasize the disturbing divide in this country, but then something else emerged. In that moment, students of SJSU and people throughout the U.S. stood together in unity.

In my editor’s note for the “Divided” section, found on the opposite side of this issue, I mentioned living in a tiny cramped home that my immigrant parents bought. The cost of living in this small home was too much for my parents’ sole incomes, leading to us share our home with relatives.

According to the Pew Research Center, 23 percent of Hispanics across the U.S. live in poverty. Though at the time we were not impoverished, it could have easily been my reality.

The socioeconomic status of the Latino and immigrant community is profoundly divided from that of other privileged groups, but one can even argue that these divisions have created a greater sense of community. My close and distant family worked together to pay off this home that had us squished like sardines in our rooms. Though it was inconvenient, I hold onto those memories to remind me of the foundation that has placed me where I am today.

The Pew Research Center also reported that young Hispanics are being raised and socialized in a manner that places a strong emphasis on their Latin-American roots. My mother always told me to practice my Spanish, or else I was going to forget it. My father would only let us listen to his Spanish corridos and rancheras in the car. Although I didn’t get it at the time, I realize now that my parents were making sure I didn’t slip away from my Latino heritage.

I grew up facing a division of economic, cultural and social status—it’s still present today—but often times it goes unnoticed due to the strong, united community I was raised in as a child.

In this issue, we did not set out to state that the world is happy and perfect, but rather to highlight some of the unifying concepts and issues throughout SJSU and the Bay Area as a whole.

We cannot say the world is perfect, nor can we say that it isn’t flawed. Thus, we created a double issue in which we discussed both themes.

Whether it is women standing strong together, millennials diving back into their heritage or accepting a family member’s decision, this issue covers an array of ideas and groups that have emerged within communities.

When Aesop said “United we stand, divided we fall,” he neglected to realize that his concept works just as well backwards as it does forward.

Unity is an odd thing. It can be portrayed as a cheesy concept, but often times it can bring us out of some of the coldest and most disoriented moments in life.

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Disability program aims to make SJSU more inclusive

BY MARGARET GUTIERREZ Staff Writer

Over the last 45 years, San Jose State University has worked to offer services to students with disabilities in an effort to be more inclusive and improve their college experience. The Accessible Education Center is at the heart of this initiative.

Since 1972, the Accessible Education Center (AEC) has provided assistance to students with disabilities. Formerly known as the Disability Resource Center, the program was created with the goal to improve accessibility services on campus.

Cindy Marota, Director of the Accessible Education Center, said that it works closely with Counseling and Psychological Services, the Wellness Center and the Student Services Center. “We are a team of networks that provide support to the student,” Marota said. “The student still has to do the work of learning and fulfilling the curriculum requirements, but we are here to support them.”

Some of these improvements came because of making architectural recommendations to improve accessibility for disabled students.

In 2013, the program’s name changed to the Accessible Education Center to better reflect the goal of providing a comprehensive set of services to make education more accessible for students. The program serves approximately 1,300 students with disabilities, and that number increases each year.

There are several departments which make up the AEC. Each provides a specific set of services for students based on their disabilities and needs. These departments include the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHOS), the Accessible Education Center, the Employment Accommodations Resource Center and the Center for Accessible Technology.

The AEC also offers a testing center that provides test accommodations, which allow students to have more time to take tests in a less stressful environment.

Megalyn Yanez, child and adolescent development junior, said she has been using the AEC’s services for extended time on tests. “I have been finding that really helpful because it helps me concentrate a lot better,” Yanez said. “The extra time allows for me to understand the material and I feel a lot more released using that service.”

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services provides customized assistance based on the degree at which the student’s hearing is impaired. It’s primary focus is to facilitate communication and enable the student to be taught in the classroom. Students that are hearing impaired are provided with various tools and services.

“The main goal is to provide students with equal access to communication,” said Maria Smyrniotis, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Coordinator. “So we provide students with sign language interpreters and captioners, but not all deaf students sign. We also provide note taking services and assisted listening devices depending on the person’s hearing because we have students with various hearing loss.”

Students must register with the Accessible Education Center in order to receive assistance. To see if they qualify for services, the student must register with AEC before providing documentation of their disability.

Once the necessary documentation has been provided, the AEC staff will perform an exhaustive intake process to identify what accommodations need to be provided in order to ensure the student’s success.

The Accessible Education Center also provides a comprehensive library of alternative media that allows students with disabilities equal access. This service is offered by the Center for Accessible Technology, which offers access to alternative media formats such as Braille, electronic text, MP3 and speech recognition software. These services help to ensure that all students receive the same academic experience.

Not only does the AEC offer aid to those with physical or neurological disabilities, but it also extends these services to anyone with a diagnosed learning disability.

“Students who may be struggling with what they feel may be an undiagnosed learning disability, should consider looking into it,” said Matthew Gonzales, Accessible Education Center Coordinator of Accessible Technology. “We have ways for you to have an equally effective college experience. It is difficult sometimes to confirm that reality for yourself, however, resources are available for those students out there.”

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An ally of the LGBTQ community is defined by San Jose State University’s Counseling and Psychological Services as an advocate and supporter of the community, as well as those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, etcetera.

Organizations including the Human Rights Campaign, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), GLAAD as well as the SJU PRIDE Center aim to provide support and education for those within the LGBTQ community as well as those who are willing to learn how to help.

In the era of President Donald Trump and as his first 100 days in office draws to a close, LGBTQ rights groups including GLSEN and GLAAD have expressed worries about the president’s representation of their community.

“The Census exclusion, to rescinding Obama’s guidance for trans youth in schools and lack of any LGBTQ mentions on the White House website,” said GLAAD President Sarah Kate Ellis to NBC News. “He has spent the early days of his administration trying to remove us from the very fabric of this country and we must resist.”

The PRIDE Center hosted a panel discussion on Wednesday about being a better ally as part of a series of workshops aimed toward allyship that spanned across the spring 2017 semester.

“There’s a lot of information out there on the do’s and don’ts, (including) the ways of being an ally and talks about the differences that come with being an ally,” said Diego Gonzalez, Spanish sophomore and event coordinator for the PRIDE Center.

“When it comes to a physical space, I would suggest coming into the PRIDE Center here on campus and saying, ‘I’m here to learn more about the community and being a better ally.’”

During a panel called “Levels of Allyship,” Gonzalez and carnival sociology senior Vy Tranong showed a video by YouTube personality Francesca Ramsey about how to go about being an ally for any marginalized group, including the LGBTQ community.

“I imagine your friend is building a house and they ask you to help,” Ramsey said. “But you’ve never built a house before, so it would probably be a good idea to put on some protective gear and listen to the person in charge. Otherwise someone is going to get seriously hurt.”

The Human Rights Campaign provides a pamphlet called “Coming Out as a Supporter” to those wanting to gauge insight of how to help those in the LGBTQ community. It includes information about the community such as statistics about governmental benefits for the demographic and homeless youth who identify as LGBTQ.

Another organization called the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) hosts a week dedicated to allied efforts across the United States. According to its website, “Ally week is for everyone: straight and cisgender allies to LGBTQ youth are encouraged to learn about what actions they can take to support their LGBTQ peers.”

GLSEN and the Human Rights Campaign both have tips on being supportive of the LGBTQ community beginning with creating a setting comfortable for everyone to openly speak their opinions and feelings.

“I appreciate giving that space for individuals to come and learn more about the community,” Gonzalez said. “I feel like a lot of steps can be taken to help the community. We can only do so much when it comes to education on the community, debunking misconceptions about the community and just recognizing that we are just people.”

Tips on being a good ally

Be honest

Send gentle signals

Have courage

Be reassuring

Let your support inform your decision

BY JESSICA STOPPER
Staff Writer

For Mindy Sullivan, her college experience did not tempt her to test her faith, but instead led her to accept Christ for the first time in her life.

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Student finds purpose by choosing religious path

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“I knew God was going to transform my heart, but I would have to make decisions like, ‘I’m not going to go to a party, smoke weed, get drunk and make out with that guy,’” said Sullivan. “Those are things my heart desired so it was a process.”

Sullivan said the process was easier to go through because she had her friend, psychology sophomore Astina Futurweath, along with her the whole time.

The duo started attending Cru bible studies at the same time during their freshman year.

“She taught me the most through Mindy because we were going through very similar situations,” Futurweath said.

Futurweath was raised in a Christian household, but never knew about God.

Wanting to move forward with Christianity, the two were dedicated to step engaging in activity that was looked down upon in their faith.

Sullivan and Futurweaths held each other accountable for their actions.

Although the two changed their life choices, they did not alter their friends and their personal decisions.

“They keep me on track, they’re always there to talk,” Sullivan said.

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Sullivan serves as a staff member of her church and as a leader in the kids ministry. She still attends Cru events routinely.

“I feel like right when she stepped into knowing Christ, she [Sullivan] embraced it and had this hunger to know more,” Futurweath said.

Cruhelped Sullivan find a church at Del Mar High School that she is now involved with deeply.

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Mardi Morillo grew up in a city outside of Bakersfield with parents and siblings who worked in the fields. Coming from Filipino descent, his parents experienced racism when they traveled to America. They were college educated in the Philippines but that did not matter when they moved to the U.S.

“The world is the way it is,” Morillo said. Morillo was born three months prematurely which caused him to face many difficulties regarding his vision. Six years ago, Morillo found out he had glaucoma and as a result, lost vision in his right eye. Did his life change as he was the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of a healthcare company, which guided him to follow his passion of music. Morillo fell into a time of loneliness and took that feeling to unite others through his music, he addressed everyday issues every human faces.

“I have a general message that the world is a dark place. The key is to strive for hope and that is the bridge that I am trying to build,” Morillo said.

“Mardi Morillo”

Activism, education and social justice all work together to make art that makes a difference. A local bay area organization called WeR1 Team made up of scientists, volunteer artists and entrepreneurs work to inspire and unite an entire community through music and education.

“The people that inspire us are the ones in our community,” said coordinator of the WeR1 Team Luis Carbajal. WeR1 Team was founded in 2014 by Carbajal, J. Adan Ruiz and Vanessa Rodriguez. At the time, it only had a handful of volunteers that wanted to make a difference in their community.

Their mission is “to value and educate” the youth in their community. “Implementing new habits of freedom of expression and examples that promote equality, happiness, tolerance and acceptance” in their families and communities. What started out as a small organization quickly expanded. In the past, WeR1 Team have put together art fests for local communities. One of their current projects is to coordinate a festival that we take place in September. They plan to have musicians and artists from all over the Bay Area showcase their work.

Along with inviting musicians and artists, the event is meant to educate the community about social justice issues the community may face. Carbajal said that although there is still a lot of planning to be done, they look forward to working with other artists around the community.

“We just want to help our community grow because times are very tough,” Carbajal said.

Organizers for WeR1 are planning to construct an art center called “The Miracle” in the town of Santa Rosa De Lima in Oaxaca, Mexico. The center would include art, music, theater and dance workshops.

“Besides including art, the center would also provide sex education, environmental education and physical education. Since the center is meant to provide a creative space of expression and education, they will also provide tutoring and support,” Carbajal said.

“We are not only focusing on South Mexico or California, we are also trying to help other communities around the world,” said WeR1 co-founder Adam Ruiz.

Currently this organization is also working with the Mesoamerican Rescue Center in Costa Rica, which is a rescue center for endangered animals. They take in animals that have been injured, rehabilitate them and place them back into the wild.

“We as part of the WeR1 Team we are helping different communities, because pretty much we want to help everyone in the world,” Ruiz said.

El Milagro, also known as “The Miracle,” will be constructed with recycled materials. An eco-friendly design will be used to educate the community with the center available for the community.

“We will include Programs For....

- Music Education
- Art Workshops
- Environmental Education
- Star Education
Akbarian embraces and Pilipino culture

BY KYLIEE BAIRD Staff Writer

It is 11 p.m. and Akbarian, a Pilipino-based organization, is putting its all into trying to perfect its traditional dances at Spartan Dome. It is one of the clubs that perform at the Pilipino Cultural Showcase. Their showcase is a student-run program with a student writer and director. It is their 26th time putting on the show, which includes a storyline, skits, singing and choreographed routines ranging from cultural to modern dances.

“Having to explain a story and creating something very special with 200 students, it is something that I would have never imagined doing,” said executive producer of PCN and public relations senior Christian Villanueva. “The beauty of this production is that you see a lot of opportunities bloom.”

Akbarian is a club on campus geared towards increasing the member's knowledge of the Pilipino and Pilipino-American culture and heritage. Akbarian means, “Embracing in Friendship.”

Every spring semester, Akbarian puts on a cultural production called Pilipino Cultural Night, or PCN in order to showcase their knowledge, educate others of cultural dancing as well as the origins and roots of Pilipino culture.

Although this organization is Pilipino-based, it welcomes students from all cultural and ethnic background. They are also performing its cultural showcase to learn more about their culture.

Many members of the club participate in the cultural showcase to learn more about their culture. There are currently 856 members.

Taruc said. “There’s multiple branches to create families within the akbayan, whether it’s coming out to our events, or being apart of different programs and field trips.”

“AKAAMP is a way for new members to make relationships with older members of the organization. This mentorship program allows for an instant relationship similar to a big brother or sister, someone who can be a mentor and support system. We have 856 members, we want our community to reach out to create families within the akbayan, whether it’s coming out to our events, or being apart of different programs that we offer,” Manay said. “Our biggest thing is to connect and family with everyone. We want everyone to be comfortable with each other. Just create that chemistry. There nobody is excluded within Akbarian were all inclusive.”

“With 856 members, we do our best to provide a really inclusive environment for everyone to find a second home, whether they are pilipino or not,” Villanueva said. Overall, this organization offers a support system and educates students about their culture.

“We are actually one big family having fun with our culture in the end,” Manay said. Pilipino Cultural Night will take place on April 28 and 29 at Hammer Theatre.

Downtown SoFA Market specializes in communal cuisine

BY ISABELLE THAM Staff Writer

SoFA Market is bringing the downtown community together with a medley of eateries.

The food hall is home to a number of independent vendors, ranging from burgers to poke to create-your-own popsicles, that offer a patron a plate of each style of cuisine. “The whole idea of communal eating is itself an approach to bring people together,” said events and marketing manager of SoFA Market, Marie Millares. "It’s a cool place because you can get different types of cuisine," said health science sophomore Sumantha Praharaju. "Sometimes my friends will want this food but then I want something else, so we’ll go here!"

SoFA Market is only a few years old, it opened in 2014 but foreign and local roots are already planted in the building business. “A lot of the businesses are owned by first-generation immigrants and I think you’ll see that from the food here,” Millares said. “There are things that are truly American and truly classic to the American taste, but they’ve been infused with a lot of different concepts coming from other places.”

As the events and marketing manager for the SoFA Market, Millares hopes to see more San Jose State students dine at the food hall and host university-related events in the space because of its close proximity. The university’s design students "grace our walls" with art, she added. “It’s a place where you can kick back and relax and still be in a nice atmosphere,” said business analytics senior Evan Nomura, who also works at Hawaiian Poke Bowl. “It’s not like your normal food court.”

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SoFA Market was initially three separate businesses. Millares said when it was purchased by the owner Thang Do, in 2011, he envisioned a community space for food and drink and where it could host a number of small businesses. “If we’re going to get more food in this complex blocks we have to find smart ways to share it,” Millares said. "The food hall is a perfect way to share space that would only otherwise fit three spaces." The hall currently its spaces are occupied by Konjoe Tea (tea), Vero’s Cuban Cafe (sandwiches), Hawaiian Poke Bowl, Vitamina Juces & Blends, Pizzetta 408, Milk & Wood (create-your-own popsicles), 1st Sr Food (American fare) and Fountainhead Bar.
Rompiendo barreras musicales

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El ritmo de los tambores, guitarras, piano y el canto de los artistas es algo que nos une por el medio de la música — una de las pocas cosas que une a la gente. La música no tiene cultura, religión, edad o idioma. Este concepto es evidente con artistas como Shai Kira, Jennifer López, Don Omar y Christina Aguilera cantando en diversos idiomas.

La música no tiene idioma, y eso es lo que hacen en algo muy importante para mí porque no me siento incluida, dice estudiante de psicología de segundo año, Jennifer Martinez. Uno de los primeros artistas en la comunidad latina es Gloria Estefan. Estaba empollando su carrera artística cantando en Español en los 80 pero pronto empezó a cantar en el dos idiomas.
The word “feminism” is an animating one. So it makes sense that the feminist movement is accompanied by many stigmas and stereotypes. You might have an idea of how feminists look, act and sound. They’re messy, aggressive and outspoken—it’s an exaggerated truth based on someone somewhere that you saw sometime.

Feminism almost never come in one form, however. They can take shape from superstars Beyoncé and activist Gloria Steinem to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

More importantly, feminism—the idea that men and women should have equal rights—has given us so many of the citizen dues that we exercise today that it’s easy to overlook them. From suffrage to educational opportunity, many of the modern privileges that women enjoy are the spawn of feminism revolution. It necessity is the mother of invention, then reform is a child of oppression.

“There’s this idea that we’re not born feminist, we become feminists,” said associate professor of women, gender and sexuality studies Tanya Bakire. “I think that’s meaningful to recognize because not all men are sexist and not all women are pro-woman.”

Feminism is not about breaking men down, it’s about building women up. I don’t want the men in my life to feel attacked, but I also don’t want the women in my life to feel limited because of their gender. They’re too amazing for that.

It’s important to note that feminism is not just for women either. It’s not always just about gender.

Women’s rights movements have also aligned with other rights groups in the fight for equality and have supported reforms for all.

It becomes a uniting factor for those who champion justice.

“It’s important to really not just think about gender alone isolated in a vacuum,” Bakire said. “But to think about the ways that race, gender and sexuality and so many different issues are working together to form a person’s experience.”

Regardless of social identities like gender or race or sexuality or whatever other categorical umbrella we may stand under, feminism is about opportunity and choices.

There is strength in confronting closed doors and opening them up for future generations regardless of gender or other classifications.

You can be a perfectly happy housewife, but you should also have the option to be a perfectly happy engineer, CEO, politician or journalist.

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Until I don’t have to worry about those things affecting my sisters, nieces, friends and future daughters, I’ll continue to say I’m a feminist and I’ll do so fearlessly.

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That courage in the face of inequality continues to take form in events such as Women’s March.

Yesterday, the campus enjoyed a Student Appreciation Festival hosted by A.S. There was live music, free food, t-shirt giveaways, games, prizes and yes, a GIANT INFLATABLE SLIDE.

Information gathered by the National Women’s History Project.

Lynn Povich and 45 other women sue Newsweek for the right to be writers for the publication—women could only be researchers up until then.

Women’s March takes over cities all over the world, protesters and advocates for multiple issues—women’s rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, the natural environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, etc.—hit the streets.

The 19th Amendment is ratified in the U.S. Constitution giving women the legal right to vote for the first time as lawful citizens.

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Now, that’s my kind of fairytale.
I can honestly say that as your older sister, I’ve been blessed with the opportunity to watch you grow up into the intelligent young man that you are today. That’s truly one of my greatest privileges to witness you achieve the goals that you set for yourself.

As siblings, you and I agree on plenty of things, but you can always catch me rolling at everything President Donald Trump says and docs to love of Biggie’s "Hypnotize." You and I share the same blood, but are like day and night. Not that this means you’re the one thinking myself that it shouldn’t matter.

Yet even while I continue to tell myself that I use two different people, I can and probably never will completely agree with you on one of your life goals. You always ask that I be honest with you, so I’ll drop this little truth bomb. Perhaps this is coming from the one person that you have to fake anything from, this will sting a little to hear.

It’s embarrassing to see you set life goals, but your decision to serve in the military breaks my heart. I’m never going to be able to see your younger self when our南京 comes around. You’re even going to want to come home to the news, and that’s what you’ve done by Pew Research Center, 6 out of 10 Americans get their news from social media sites.

Many social media campaigns use hashtags to gather people online for a specific issue. According to Twitter, hashtags were created to collect common topics to make searching for things on social media sites easier. It becomes a trending topic. This in turn makes the topic viewable to even more people.

Trending topics are a good way to introduce new people to social media, but in the news and have affected people in real life. These campaigns have brought together communities of people on the basis of specific issues that deserved attention. While not all impacts results in a united front, these issues are still being brought to the attention of social media users across the world.

Celebrities also use tags on their social media platforms to draw crowds. In November, Chance the Rapper used #paradepetition in order to rally people to an event that encouraged an increase in voter turnout. Tags are often used to gather people who have common interests ranging from sports events to wedding ideas. From politics to comedy, hashtags are used on different levels. They serve as bonding tools with their friends. Even complete strangers on social media. #r15 is one of those bonding tools. Everyone likes to participate in "Throwback Thursday" and post a throwback picture every once a while.

It’s cool to take a glimpse into someone’s past. You might see that not social media campaigns actually fix problems, but they definitely get people talking. Informing the public on an issue is the first step to solving problems. Trending hashtags bring people’s attention and therefore unite people across the world on issues they would have otherwise never known existed.

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International athletes connect with SJSU through sports

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At the age of just 18 years old, Jackie Missey made the decision to pack her bags and move from Canada to the United States to attend San Jose State. A deciding factor in making the move was so that she could play college water polo at the highest level. Missey said it is a tough decision to move to another country, especially when you are leaving for school. It is even harder when you have to balance your coursework with attending practices and games. Going through all of this, it can be possible for international athletes to feel divided from their school and alone in a new country. However, being part of a sport is a way to help make them feel even more united with the school.

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Leaving their families and friends to come to San Jose was hard at first for them. They said that they only knew the English they learned in school, so studying and joining a culture that speaks a relatively foreign language led to some headachesthe and miscommunication.

Now they said that they feel more comfortable and connected with the people around them. This is in part because they could use the athletics program as a way to meet people.

“We are part of the athletic community, so we meet a lot of people like that,” Klocker said.

Rey agreed and said that they enjoy supporting their fellow athletes at games. They like to get together with other teammates and athletes to watch their fellow Spartans compete.

“We go to other games for other teams so we can connect that way,” Rey said.

Meeting these new friends didn’t resolve all of their homesickness, however. Klocker and Rey said that when they first came to SJSU, they would feel sad and alone and wished they could visit their families.

Over time, the tennis tandem said it began to feel more comfortable in their new home of San Jose and made more friends — both American and international. The tight-knit group of friends Klocker and Rey have around them helped when it comes to short breaks and time off like Thanksgiving and spring break. They didn’t have enough time off to go home, so they would spend free time at friends’ houses nearby.

The close-knit mentality of the team also helped the girls feel connected.

“We are a very small team so it becomes a family,” Klocker said. “You see them every day, you travel with them every weekend and you spend all of your time together so we create great friends.”

The tennis team is made up of only eight players, seven of which are international students from France, Switzerland, Thailand and Belgium. Another international athlete that struggles with homesickness is Jackie Missey. While it is difficult being a freshman at a school in a different country, she has used her water polo team as a way to feel at home in San Jose.

“My team is pretty much my family, so getting to see them every day is like having a family here and at home,” Missey said. “It definitely helps take away the homesickness. If it gets really tough, I know that I have people I can talk to and hang out with.”

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Brotherly bond tested on the field

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It is not often that a school can boast that they have two brothers playing on the same team on their Division I football team, but SJSU can.

Jermaine and Jeremy Kelly are San Jose State’s dynamic duo that play on opposite sides of the ball but bring unity to the team through their brotherly bond.

Jermaine, a defensive player, is a cornerback position and is currently a senior pursuing a degree in sociology. Jeremy is a junior studying communication with a minor in business and recently switched from a safety to a wide receiver position.

“We played all kinds of sports but Jeremy was better at other sports than me,” Jermaine said. “I was always real good at football. We grew up playing football all our life. Our dad got us in for football very early.”

Jeremy gave his insight in regards to playing on the same team with his sibling.

“There are going to be some people here, especially when playing on opposite sides of the ball of each other, that try to make it a feud. They will try to make it a competition again to where one of you has to win and one of you has to lose. Always stay true and don’t let it divide you,” Jeremy said.

Originally from Southern California, the Kelly brothers started playing football at an early age with the help of their father. Both brothers attended San Pedro High School before transferring to Salesian High School in Jermaine’s senior year.

At Salesian High School, the Kelly brothers were mentored by what they said were some remarkable individuals that helped to instill greatness in them and taught them that through hard work and perseverance, anything is possible.

By the time the brothers finished their senior year of high school, each had several colleges offering scholarship opportunities.

While playing football in high school, Jermaine and Jeremy were offensive-minded and never really considered playing any other positions until they nearied the end of their high school careers. Jeremy

Jermaine initially accepted an offer to play for the University of Washington out of high school and spent two seasons there as a defensive back before breaking his ankle early in his 2014 season.

The injury forced Jermaine to sit out that year where he began to reflect on his situation and life goals.

After much thought, Jermaine decided to transfer to SJSU in 2016 to be closer to home and play alongside his brother. Jermaine now plays cornerback for the Spartans and hopes to take his game to the next level and play in the NFL.

“By them being brothers, they already have a very strong bond. This brotherly bond is what we are looking to create on the team so they help to strengthen it,” said Josh Irvin, SJSU graduate and assistant coach. “They really just naturally compete against one another but also support one another and this helps to spread the feeling of unity on the team. They are really great people and great players on and off the field.”

Jeremy took more time making his decisions on which college to attend but said deep inside, he wanted to play for SJSU — a decision his older brother was in support of. He did not accept the offer to play for a Spartan until just six hours before the acceptance deadlines.

Now, Jeremy is in his second season on the Spartans and he is enjoying his time on the field alongside his brother.

“[This is] definitely a Meaning,” Jeremy said on playing with Jeremy. “I just have to cherish these moments. This is my last year and I just want to go through.”

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Jeremy Kelly (left) will be switching to wide receiver next season. Jermaine (right) will play on different sides of the ball next season.