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UPD chief declares resignation

By Christian Trujano
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University Police Department's Chief of Police Gina Di Napoli announced her resignation which will take effect on May 14, according to a Thursday campuswide email.

Charlie Faas, vice president for administration and finance, said in the email that starting Thursday, UPD will be overseen by Donny Gordon until a new chief of police is hired.

Gordon currently leads Cal Maritime's police department and serves as the first chair of the California State University's Council of Chiefs.

"Chief Gordon is a very

experienced CSU campus chief at CSU Maritime," Faas said in an email Thursday. "He is local and able to provide support without relocating. He will serve as an interim for an undetermined amount of time."

Faas said the search for the new chief will be launched shortly.

Di Napoli was appointed as chief of police in July 2019 after serving 26 years in Sacramento's Police Department.

At the time of publication, Di Napoli did not respond to email requests by the Spartan Daily regarding her decision to resign. However, Faas alluded to it having to do with family matters.

"Most people did not



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Frank Belcastro
UPD captain

realize that her family was still based in Sacramento and she had an apartment here in San Jose," Faas said. "That's difficult. Gina hasn't been able to see her mom this past year either. Gina's mom is located in England."

He said Di Napoli has contributed to a number of initiatives, including

implementing a community policing protocol at SJSU that assigns a specific officer for every building and department.

She also hired a new Emergency Operations Manager, oversaw the Emergency Operations Center and removed the use of the "Carotid Control Hold" from SJSU policies.

All 23 of the CSU's police chiefs banned officers from using the carotid hold, according to a June 12, 2020 CSU news release.

In a Carotid Control Hold, pressure is placed on a person's carotid arteries on either side of the neck, making it difficult to breathe.

UPD Capt. Frank Belcastro said Di Napoli brought back the spirit of community policing to the department and although he'll miss Di Napoli, he's happy she's moving in the direction that is best for her and her family.

"I liked Chief Di Napoli's enthusiasm and energy," Belcastro said in a Thursday email. "She had a passion for serving the community



Gina Di Napoli
UPD chief of police

and it was evident in her work ethic. She really cared about our community."

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North San Pedro Street fills with outdoor seating outside of Olla Cocina in Downtown San Jose Monday.

Restaurant owners like business outdoors

By Royvi Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

Multiple San Pedro Square restaurant owners said the blocked-off street for outdoor dining improved business and the road should remain closed after pandemic restrictions end.

David Ezzo, manager of the Mexican restaurant Olla Cocina in San Pedro Square, said he was excited to reopen April 19 and have the outdoor seating available.

"It's nice to have the street closed because people want to have a nice place where they can enjoy food and music," Ezzo said. "Plus it looks good as it brings a lovely environment."

San Pedro Square is located on Santa Clara and West Saint John streets, which were closed to traffic last spring to allow for outdoor dining.

Ezzo, along with other restaurant owners, is allowed to expand his dining services to streets



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David Ezzo
Olla Cocina manager

and sidewalks under the City of San Jose's Al Fresco Initiative.

The initiative was created by city councilmembers in May 2020 and allows restaurant owners to use private and public

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SJSU community discusses increase in mass shootings

By Madison Fagundes
STAFF WRITER

Some San Jose State community members are apprehensive about the prospect of returning to campus in fall, as there have been more mass shootings in 2021 than there have been days.

There have been 182 people killed in 169 mass shootings nationwide this year alone, according to the website of Gun Violence Archive (GVA), a nonprofit that provides data on mass shootings.

Jacob Clark, a science and mechanical engineering graduate student, said he's slightly hesitant to come back to campus because he thinks mass shootings will become more common as businesses and activities resume.

"[Potential shooters] have been festering in their rage for the whole year," Clark said in a Zoom call. "So all these people suddenly, they're able to go see these crowds they couldn't see before and get the news attention they craved before."

GVA defines mass shootings as an incident where at least four people, not including the shooter, are shot and killed.

There's no standard definition of a mass shooting and many organizations, media outlets, researchers and law enforcement agencies often use different definitions, according to an April 6, 2020 National Institute of Justice (NIJ) article.

The NIJ is the research,

development and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mass shootings typically occur in a public place with a single shooter and most victims are killed or wounded indiscriminately, according to the same NIJ article.



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Greg Wood
justice studies lecturer

Not all students share Clark's hesitancy. Computer engineering senior Dagan Johnson said he feels safe enough to live in the dorms, but doesn't discount the

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property for dining to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

The initiative was set to expire March 31, but councilmembers unanimously voted to extend the initiative to Dec. 31 during their March 30 meeting.

Alex Guilliano, director of food and beverage at downtown's Sushi Confidential, said the street closure helped the business immensely by providing additional seating space.

"With more seating availability we have more people coming in which is helpful especially in the night time and is great for our business," Guilliano said.

He said he's happy for the outdoor

dining extension because it makes business in San Pedro Square more inviting.

"There is a lively atmosphere with no cars. There are less accidents, less motorcycle sounds and it keeps the street calm," Guilliano said.

Jeff Worrell, assistant manager at The Farmers Union restaurant, said

“By keeping [the square] closed it will create more nightlife and a daylife where people feel comfortable.**”**

Jeff Worrell
The Farmers Union assistant manager

the street closure has significantly improved business.

"Without the closure we could only seat a maximum of 10 tables but with this we have more availability," Worrell said.

He wants the city to keep San Pedro Street closed even after the Dec. 31 deadline.

"By keeping [the square] closed it will create more nightlife and a daylife where people feel comfortable," Worrell said.

Cars can only currently enter the area around the square through the nearby parking garage on Market Street.

"I don't think [having one entrance] will be a problem because the parking lot usually only gets about 75% full and getting in isn't an issue," Guilliano said. "It may possibly only be inconvenient getting out."

Worrell also agrees one entrance wouldn't be a huge issue.

"I understand the concern because in the future we will see more people once the pandemic is gone, with the Shark games and other entertainment, but there is always room for more parking garages," Worrell said.

Guilliano said although there's more work when it comes to upkeeping the streets, businesses can still thrive.

"As long as the street is kept clean and decorated this will allow people to feel safe, invited and all of the businesses here to keep flourishing," Guilliano said.

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U.S. MASS SHOOTINGS IN 2021

182 people killed
169 mass shootings

There were 133 mass shootings between Jan. 1 and April 9, more than in 2018, 2019 and 2020 within that time period.

INFOGRAPHIC BY BRYANNA BARTLETT; SOURCE: GUN VIOLENCE ARCHIVE, DATA AS OF MAY 3; ICON FROM VECTEEZY

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possibility of a mass shooting on campus.

"[The University Police Department] is in the middle of the school," Johnson said in a Zoom call. "They could get to any side of the school in like three or four minutes. When I have had to call the cops in the past, they've gotten to the dorms pretty quickly or wherever I've been at the time."

UPD Capt. Frank Belcastro said the department has a behavioral investigation team that evaluates concerning incidents on campus and conducts threat analyses of those occurrences.

Belcastro said the team connects with the FBI, Santa Clara County, the California State University system and the San Jose Police Department, especially its intelligence unit, in cases of threats.

The team also connects with the Northern California Information Center, a regional information center that provides intel on active threats in the area, he said.

Belcastro also said UPD is trained for an active shooter.

There's never been a defined mass shooting on the SJSU campus, according to the GVA website. However, mass shootings have occurred next to campus.

Two San Jose residents were killed and five were shot in a mass shooting on South 8th Street, according to a Sept. 16, 2020 CBS Bay Area article.

A crowd was gathered on the sidewalk at a memorial for a local car crash victim when a man in a white car drove by and started shooting. The shooter was never caught, according to the same CBS Bay Area article.

There's been more mass shootings between Jan. 1 and April 9 than in 2018, 2019 and 2020, according to the GVA website. In 2021's first quarter, there were 133 mass shootings. Last year had the second-most shootings with 81 incidents in the same time period.

The U.S. federal criminal code lacks a clear mass shooting offense, which could explain the various definitions or why different criminal offenses are used when convicting mass shooters, according to the NIJ article.

Justice studies lecturer Greg Woods said the increase in mass shootings isn't just a gun issue, but also a mental health issue.

Woods said mental health is neglected in the U.S. and the pandemic has exacerbated it further as many people

have dealt with hardships in isolation that can destroy mental well-being.

"Think about the impact isolation would have when it comes to seeking help," Woods said in a Zoom call. "We don't have the ability to reach those people who need it most with mental health services."

Johnson said he believes if there was a mass shooting on campus, the perpetrator would be a community member, not a student, because students have access to more mental health resources including the Student Wellness Center.

"I feel like there are resources apparent for people that are in any sort of mental distress, at least for students," Johnson said in a Zoom call. "But that doesn't necessarily protect us from anybody that's just in downtown."

Belcastro said UPD will always consider the type of threats that affect the campus community, including the annual number of gun violence deaths and current mental health crisis.

He said the CSU critical response unit and various other "resources" would respond if the campus needed more aid.

The CSU critical response unit is a highly-trained unit comprised of police officers from across the CSU and is available to all CSU campuses with "critical incidents, emergencies and disasters," according to the unit's webpage.

The unit would be dispatched if the chancellor approved the request, according to the same webpage.

Woods said while it seems like an easy solution, gun control wouldn't stop mass shootings because there are more guns than U.S. residents and the majority of criminals don't use a firearm they legally own.

However, he said holding gun-producing companies accountable for what their guns are used for might help hinder mass shootings.

Woods also said several countries lack gun laws but they don't face nearly as many mass shootings.

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Community event creates safe space

By Madilynne Medina
STAFF WRITER

Live music, laughter and the aroma of delicious food engulfed a parking lot in Downtown San Jose on Saturday evening as community members congregated in a unifying space.

The event, called “Community Day,” was hosted by Stories for Solidarity, a nonprofit that provides cultural resources to Black, Indigenous and other communities of color through art, education and social entrepreneurship, according to its website.

Miko Yoshikawa-Baker, an SJSU sociology and African American studies senior and the organization’s founder, said she was pleased with the turnout and response to Saturday’s gathering.

“I received way more abundance, blessings and spiritual fulfillment through people coming up and saying ‘oh my gosh thank you for this space,’” Yoshikawa-Baker said after the event.

The “Community Day” event featured more than 15 vendors and live music on East Santa Clara Street. Some of the vendors included Sacred Source San Jose, Death Valley Coffee, Angel Baby Crystals and De La Tierra Plant Based Vegan Food.

Community Day had more than 100 attendees and provided an array of vegan snacks, handmade goods and healing crystals.

Yoshikawa-Baker decided to call the event “Community Day” because she wanted to unite the San Jose area by creating a space for residents to unwind and enjoy themselves during challenging times due to recent social unrest and the coronavirus pandemic.

“I wanted to create a sacred and safe space for everybody so we can express ourselves and live our best lives,” Yoshikawa-Baker said. “Stories [for Solidarity] is the place where you can come, set [those personal difficulties] aside and experience your joy.”

Nia Lopez, a San Jose resident and flea market vendor, echoed the feeling of unity at the event.



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Andrea Tovar organizes her juice stand stand at the Community Day event hosted by the nonprofit Stories for Solidarity.

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Sociology and African American studies senior
Stories for Solidarity founder

“The people here are very supportive and there’s a huge community of local artists and they all really support each other and I know because I’m a part of it,” Lopez said.

She was drawn to Saturday’s event because she wanted to stand with local artists and said she appreciated the diversity.

“I think one of the best parts was that there was live music and you usually don’t see that,” Lopez said. “There’s just a lot of everything, there’s food and drinks and even crystals.”

The event was relocated shortly before it

was scheduled, which was a roadblock the organizing group faced.

Nate Lopez, who prefers to go by his stage name Nateral Legend, was an event singer and organizer who said he was eager to see so many engaged attendees despite the difficulties.

“I believe that the response was amazing,” Lopez said. “For everybody to make the adjustment with us to the new location, and then also the fact that it was that much of a turnout on top of Cinco de Mayo weekend, it was great.”

Legend said the variety of vendors unified different energies and gave people a platform to share their experiences.

The event was purposely held on private property because organizers wanted community members to feel protected without police presence.

Yoshikawa-Baker said safety and comfortability are the most important aspects for the communities her organization serves.

“It was all without the city, police or private security,” Yoshikawa-Baker said. “It just shows that if we keep each other accountable and hold our own safe spaces and be autonomous, we don’t have to rely on these systems.”

Stories for Solidarity will continue its community efforts in the future with an upcoming open-mic event and an event focused on Black culture to honor the Juneteenth holiday.

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- Expert
- Mountain lakes
- Voter
- Angry
- Skirt’s edge
- Icebreakers
- Not fluid
- Frustrates
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- At the peak of
- Preentious
- Rip
- Band booking
- Extraordinary
- Expletive
- Not the arts
- Best seller
- Squash

- Having small rounded lumps
- Pandemonium
- A form of oxygen
- 3 in Roman numerals
- Grasp
- Ingenuity
- Competent
- Anagram of “Aside”
- Leer at
- Playthings
- Something of value
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- Wash out with a solvent
- Prison-related
- Provide
- French for “Summer”
- Discernment
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- Cease
- One who indulges in eroticism
- 16 1/2 feet
- Chief ingredient in ketchup
- Excessively eager
- A field of grass
- LLLL
- Deserved
- Checks
- Flake
- Depend
- Smidgens
- Orange pekoe
- Arid
- Droops
- Ear-related
- In a logical manner
- Land tenures
- Circle fragments
- Ballet attire
- Wildebeests
- Made from apple juice
- Wears away
- Truthful
- Exploded stars
- Feudal lord
- Passageway
- Ascends
- Gossip
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Men face masturbation shame too

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to an article published on April 15 titled "Masturbation: Highest Form of Self-Love" by Joclyn Aguirre.

I appreciate the message behind this article that self-love should not be shunned and instead, be celebrated. However, one area where this article falls short is that it specifically discusses women, while dismissing the scrutiny and lack of education experienced by men. This lack of gender inclusion can cause the mission of normalizing masturbation to stall.

In an article aimed to address the positivity of self-love, all genders should be represented and included because all genders experience the mentioned benefits. In the article Aguirre says, "... I saw that [masturbation] was normalized for males. It's like women's desires have been suppressed while men's have been glorified."

As a male, I have a hard time agreeing with this statement. Men and women alike have been victim to inadequate sexual education that ignored self-love as part of its curriculum and men tend to shy away from discussing these personal issues with each other. Lacking education and support, I believe men are just as scrutinized for self-love by society as women.

If our goal is to normalize self-love and have open discussions, we need to focus the

conversation on those benefits and include every gender. When we do this successfully, we create an environment where everyone feels comfortable to contribute and we get access to new ideas or anecdotes for how self-love has benefited them. This helps drive the "self-love positivity" narrative even further by having experiences from different perspectives.

If we make this change, we reach a wider audience and can have a greater impact on our sexual education system and societal notions surrounding self-love. If we fail to do so, some groups may feel left out and discouraged from discussing this issue, which puts us right back to square one.

My belief is that sexual positivity, particularly self-love, is an issue that affects all genders and is something that should be discussed from a unified perspective if we want to move past the outdated societal taboos surrounding it.

Sincerely,
Tyler Filyau
Finance sophomore

Don't blame billionaires

Dear Spartan Daily Editor,

I recently came across the article "Billionaires Must Share The Wealth" posted on Oct. 8th, 2020, in which you discuss how billionaires accumulate wealth and do not use this to help the impoverished.

You discuss the wealth gap, stating "34 million people currently live below the poverty line in the U.S." while mentioning how billionaires hoard their wealth while making up less than 1% of the population.

While I understand your motives, I disagree with the concept of billionaires having to share their wealth. We should understand these people have earned and deserve their wealth. These people, in my humble opinion, have worked hard for many years and have created something great to earn their wealth.

Thus, I do not think they should be forced to give away their hard-earned money. As you stated in your article, many of the world's elite already give large portions of money in the form

of donations to charities and forming foundations to help those in less fortunate situations. Regardless of their motives, they do attempt to help those in less favorable situations.

One solution that could be implemented in the future could use taxation as a method to manage the amount of income a billionaire makes, relative to their donations to charities and foundations. While I think this is still an unfair burden on the elite, I think it is a fairer way of ensuring they do their part. Ultimately, we need to view these billionaires as the hard-working people they are, rather than viewing them as enemies and understand they aren't to blame for the wealth gap and poverty in the world as many of them attempt to do their part and help those in less favorable situations.

Varun Balasubramaniam
Business administration junior

Caregivers face fine line

Dear Spartan Daily Editor,

I'm writing in response to the article "Caregivers face mounting duties" by Bryanna Bartlett on March 18, 2021. In this article, Bartlett talked about how overwhelming and stressful it is for caregivers to balance work, college and taking care of someone else, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. It heavily affects the caregivers not only physically but also mentally. Bartlett tackles this issue by including the open-ups from Polet Ramirez, a San Jose State graduate student, and UC Berkeley psychology sophomore Annelise Hayes on how challenging it was for them to remotely study while taking care of their younger brother and nephew. Bartlett also talks about the reasons why those burnouts happen and kids' psychological behaviors given by Maria Fusaro, an SJSU child and adolescent development assistant professor.

Though I agree with Fusaro's solution to the mounting duties of caregivers who are also working or studying full time by

scheduling self-care time, the example given might not be the case for some. As Fusaro mentioned, caregiver burnout can be felt by anyone who is looking after someone else. Giving a self-care treatment such as getting a bit of fresh air while taking the child outside sounds contradicting and could make the supposed self-care time become one of the stresses.

An area of change I would like to suggest is fully recognizing the reason why burnout happens to caregivers who are also working or studying full time and make good suggestions that help them lessen the stress created by looking after someone else. Self-care time should be a time when a person can enjoy his or her own space without having to worry about taking care of someone else.

Sincerely,
Phat Pham
Business administration junior

Trans women athletes have biological advantages

Dear Editor,

From one LGBTQ+ advocate to another, I really do commend you for fighting for transgender rights. The core of "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act" (HR 426), which discriminates against players based on "reproductive biology and genetics at birth," I find to be deplorable.

I completely agree that HR 426 comes from a place of bigotry and hatred. Not everyone gets to have the same advantages in life, which is why we strive to be more empathetic and make real social change and be allies to our trans peers.

However, I can't with your point that trans athletes have no specific advantages or disadvantages in sports. The reason for the separation of men and women's sports in the first place is precisely because of the hormonal, biological advantages that males have.

We have created these separate leagues because we were striving for equality for both genders and so that women athletes could be judged and awarded under different standards.

Science shows that testosterone has incredible effects on muscle mass and strength. Males produce 30 times more testosterone than females, and testosterone even has lasting effects on bodies of people who have gone through puberty as males. This is why we do not allow the use of steroids in sports, and why we have separate men and women's leagues.

Therefore, it is apparent that male-to-female athletes who have gone through puberty as males could have a significant biological advantage over cisgender female athletes, even if they are taking feminizing hormones currently.

Though it is a noble pursuit to strive for a more equal society, ignoring science

adds more fuel to the fire for the opponents who will use those rationalizations to support their bigotry.

Now, I think there is a way to address the issue in a more balanced way, giving chances to transgender athletes while still preserving the integrity of women's sports leagues. There could be guidelines under which trans women could compete in their leagues, such as the starting age and/or duration of their hormone replacement therapy.

We should be fighting for trans athletes' rights, and the best way to help the cause is to have real knowledge, research, empathy, and solutions to defend our position.

Sincerely,
JeeSoo Lee
Business administration junior

Jenner profits on culture

Dear Editor,

The rich just want more and more money, which is why I'm writing about Kendall Jenner's tequila that is appropriating Mexican culture. Tequila is deep-rooted in Mexican culture and is symbolic to the country. They even have a city in the state of Jalisco named Tequila.

As someone who visits Mexico frequently and understands the culture, Jenner is taking people's culture for her own profit.

The Kardashian-Jenner family is so rich - why on earth would they try to start a tequila company? This whole tequila thing gives me oil in the middle east vibes.

The tequila name is 818, which represents Los Angeles. If the Jenners are going to take from someone's culture, at least give them credit. No one makes a billion dollars, you take a billion dollars. 818 tequila is just another way for celebrities to make even more money

than they already need, right off the backs of other people.

It's also shocking that her niece's father Travis Scott came out with an agave seltzer right after Jenner announced her tequila. This hard seltzer is agave-spiked seltzer from Mexico and named Cacti.

Do you or anyone at the Spartan Daily have an opinion on this or believe it is different from Kendall Jenner's tequila? I would love to hear and see students' thoughts on this family and their ways of starting multi-millionaire businesses while already being millionaires.

This issue seems very wrong and the Kardashian-Jenner family continues to get away with taking from other cultures and making a profit from it.

Best,
Jalen Allen
Marketing sophomore

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Spartans slide by in extra innings

By Royvi Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State baseball team pulled off a hard-fought 14-11 victory through extra innings Sunday against the University of California, Davis.

After splitting the series' first two games, the Spartans (6-13 MWC) faced the Aggies (11-30 BWC) during their final game at Dobbins Field in Davis.

The game started slow for the Spartans with the Aggies taking a 4-1 lead after four innings.

The Aggies scored twice in the bottom of the first. Jalen Smith opened the inning with a triple and Cooper Morrison singled him home. Three batters later Michael Campagna drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in Morrison for a 2-0 lead.

First baseman Dalton Bowling got the Spartans on the board with a sacrifice fly to right field in the second inning that allowed center fielder Jack Colette to bring in the team's first run.

Despite Davis' promising start, SJSU blew the game open with a six-run rally in the fifth inning as shortstop Ruben Mercado belted a solo home run to left field to get it started.

First baseman Ruben Ibarra followed Mercado's homer with an RBI single driving in second baseman Jackson Forbes.

Colette hit an RBI single shortly after that allowing designated hitter Ruben Hernandez to make it home.



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San Jose State infielder Ruben Ibarra slides into home plate. Ibarra had a solid day for the Spartans Sunday with a hit, an RBI and three walks.

Infielder James Shimashita added an RBI base hit to the left side of plate Ibarra.

Shimashita and Colette scored off catcher Andrew Jurado's RBI single, putting the Spartans ahead 7-4 after the fifth inning.

But the Aggies didn't give up so easily and added three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score 7-7.

Jurado hit a two-run single to left field at the top of the ninth, plating third baseman Bowling and infielder Shimashita.

Hernandez and Jurado were driven home by pinch hitter Charles McAdoo and added another two-run single to increase the Spartans' lead to 11-7.

The Aggies came right back in an energetic ninth-inning rally after consecutive singles, two hit-by-pitches and a fielder's choice decreased their deficit to three runs.

Jake Brandel then hit a two-run single that drove home infielder Jalen Smith and catcher Michael Campagna to tie the score which forced extra innings.

The Spartans reclaimed the lead in the eleventh after a scoreless tenth inning for both teams.

Hernandez broke the tie with an RBI single that brought home Forbes and a center field error enabled Mercado to score while Hernandez touched second.

Kai Saterstrom put down a sacrifice bunt to advance Hernandez to third with one out on the board. Colette then drew an intentional walk to load the bases and build pressure for the Aggies.

The game changer came when Bowling sent a sacrifice fly into right-center field and Hernandez touched home, putting the Spartans up 14-11.

Spartans reliever Sean Prozell closed the bottom of the eleventh out easily with a 1-2-3 inning.

It was Prozell's first season win and second scoreless frame out of the bullpen.

Following SJSU's win and Prozell's impressive finish, the SJSU baseball Twitter account tweeted

Sunday "more like sean PROzell am I right."

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