Back to football

Fresh off a bowl winning season, the Spartans will look for more in 2016

THE NORTH SPOT

By Kavín Mistry

Tulsa is coming off a roller-coaster season that ended in a thrilling 55-52 loss in the Camping World Independence Bowl against Virginia Tech.

“They were also a bowl team, it is a tough opponent,” said Spartans head coach Ron Caragher. “We are looking forward to it; it will be a tough match-up on the road back in Tulsa, but one that our team is looking forward to.”

The Hurricanes boast a potent offensive running attack, which will give the rejuvenated Spartans defense an early test to begin the season.

“We just want to come out there and show them Spartan football," said Spartan running back Malik Roberson. "We will set a tone for the whole Mountain West."?

Tulsa’s high-powered offense scored remarkably 372 points per game, but its defense struggled to keep opponents out of the endzone.

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**Veterans center aims to serve those who served**

By LAUREN KMML, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While Dr. Qysommi has publicly stated that he wanted SJSU to be the “most veteran-friendly campus in the CSU system,” he has done nothing to establish a Student Veteran Center, either in the Student Union or elsewhere.

These passionate words written by Professor Jonathan Roth, the Director of the Burdick Military History Project were published in a study of Spanish Daily as an open letter to former President Mohammad Qysommi in 2013.

Most of San Jose State’s current students do not know how long the fight for veteran services has lasted, but Roth has been here since the beginning.

“The process began in 2008, when I met with one of our alumni, Marine Major General Tony Jackson, along with some veterans and interested staff at the Cal Poly Pomona Military History Project near room in 2008,” Roth said. “The need for a Veterans Resource Center (and a Program Director) came up right away [and] while President Qysommi and the VP for Student Affairs expressed support, it became clear that they had no plans to hire a Program Director.”

Ever since that day in 2008, and many others have made their mission to make SISU the most veteran-friendly campus in the CSU system.

One of those people is former student and Marine Corps veteran Marco Ybarra who is a former president of the Student Veteran Organization at SISU.

“We started advocating for the space that we needed and then from there it just escalated,” Ybarra said. “We got the VP’s involved and a lot of politicians from the outside.”

There was then hired as a central military and veteran official who allowed him to be an advocate even after he had graduated from San Jose State.

On Wednesday, August 31, this passion for change was finally realized. Ybarra said: “We’ve personally helped me by providing a place to turn to, has availability unlike the study that has, all the time, gone through a lot of the other people who have been extremely rewarding,” Morales said.

“The VA is a place where students can go to find resources, join the Veteran Student Organizations, get connected with Veterans Affairs healthcare and benefits or make new SISU comrades, but most importantly it is dedicated to helping veterans transition from the military to getting an education to finding a career. Marco Ybarra, program director for the Veterans Student Organizations, has been working on the project since 2011.  “Seeing that we are truly becoming a veteran friendly campus by supporting our military, they are accounted for, and in seeing it happen and being able to say whatever they want,” Livingston said. “Students and faculty are assured that any of the documents held in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will remain confidential.”

Francisco Jimenez to receive Steinbeck Award

By DIANA SAN JUAN

American Mexican-american author, advocate and professor Francisco Jimenez will receive the John Steinbeck Award on Sept. 28 at the Student Union Theater in the company of cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz.

The Steinbeck Award is given to artists and activists whose work embraces Steinbeck’s spirit of social justice, political activism and the subject matter of California with his parents.

“Overcoming incredible odds, he remains a very generous, decent man,” said event director Ted Cady.

Today he is known as the author of several Mexican and Mexican-American books like The Circuit Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child and La Mariposa as well as a proponent for the African-American and Mexican-American migrant struggles.

“Jimenez accounts challenges of migrant workers, he does so with a very special audience in mind, children and young adults,” said Maribel Martinez, a Mexican-American Studies lecturer. “He enriches the larger literary narrative of workers and all while inspiring resiliency and respect for those who related with his stories.”

SISU will recognize Jimenez at the Hispanic Heritage Month, which starts on Sept. 15. “They’re just tired of nothing happens to them, the situation is the same as they [police] feel like they could do what ever they want,” Livingston said.

The Steinbeck Award will be held at the beautiful new Veterans Resource Center located at San Jose State on Wednesday, August 31.

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Bullfighting and the seduction of women are only a few of the topics that the Portuguese music group, Tuna de Medicina do Porto, sang about Tuesday morning. The group played traditional music and performed live in front of the Student Union as a way to promote the Portuguese minor program.

They perform traditional Spanish and Portuguese music as a way to preserve and share the music of their culture. “It’s kind of a frat thing in Portugal” said the leader of the group, Pedro Mota.

The music group consists of 130 male medical students from the University of Porto in Portugal. The members of Tuna de Medicina do Porto were dressed in their custom all black school uniform and wearing sashes over their shoulders. The sashes were adorned with a multitude of colorful patches. These patches represent the places they have visited and accomplishments they have achieved.

Tuna de Medicina do Porto focused on performing in locations where large Portuguese communities are present. The large Portuguese community in San Jose made the department want to raise awareness for this community and their culture.

The group started their set by playing a traditional Portuguese song about the customary practice of bullfighting. As the upbeat tune played in the background two performers strutted out in black capes and acted out a bullfight that had the crowd shouting “ole.”

The loud songs and extravagant dancers helped the group gain a big crowd very quickly.

“They were very cultural, I didn’t know they came from Portugal and I’ve never heard Portuguese music before so that was very interesting,” said child development graduate Jazzmynn Paguirigan who attended the event.

You can obtain a minor in Portuguese through the world languages and literature department. The Portuguese minor program covers the the language that is spoken both in Portugal and in Brazil. “There’s a variety of degrees that could be attained with this minor,” said Brienne Fadeff, a representative from the the department of world languages and literature. “International business, advertising and social science goes great with this minor.”

Their songs talked about their traditions, love for women and pride in belonging to their music group. “We play some traditional instruments like the mandolin, the cavaquinho, the violin and many others,” said Mota.

They started touring in the United States in August, beginning their tour in Boston before traveling to New York, New Jersey, Las Vegas, Washington DC and Santa Monica to share their music with communities throughout. The group will now head to San Francisco and then end their tour in Toronto, Canada.
Frank Ocean’s ‘Blond’ is deeper than his debut album

BY VICENTE SERNA-ESTRADA
STAFF WRITER

The time has finally come; Frank Ocean has woken up from his four-year slumber and released his second studio album, “Blond.” The highly-anticipated second studio album was worth the gruesome wait. “Blond” is deep, spiritual and simple. Ocean manages to keep the same underground and 90s-R&B vibes from his first studio album “channel ORANGE.” You can easily hear the effortlessness in the songwriting and production of “Blond.” It gives you the feeling as if you were in a room all alone with nothing but a piano and your thoughts. “Blond” was dropped on August 20, 2016 exclusively on Apple Music.

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“Self Control” comes in seven tracks into the album. This song will definitely bring waves of emotions if the previous tracks had not done so already. This break-up song about a doomed relationship is so affectionate it had me thinking I had just been dumped. You can feel Ocean’s pain as he tells the story of him knowing the relationship is over but he still battles to leave.

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Normally going outside at night in downtown San Jose could spell danger, especially for female students, there are some areas that are particularly dangerous. The danger did not exist because fellow players all congregated for one activity. So the same thing could happen if Pokémon GO could be seen in public on more. The Oakland Zoo, a not-so-peaceful, was a night where dozens of adults and children were going around and appreciating the animals on display as well as fighting for the items or Pokémon found all around the zoo. People were traveling in groups, half for safety and half for pure enjoyment of the app.

Police Sgt. in San Francisco is another hotspot where hundreds of people could be seen playing Pokémon GO and enjoying themselves in a generally safe environment. Those playing were careful to not fall prey to rare encounters and stampeding toward an opportunity.

It was refreshing to see so many people participating in an app that could have easily been destroyed from critics at first launch due to glitches and server problems. There are still many people walking around the globe as well as around SJSU trying.

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PROTESTING IN THE WRONG PLACE

It is Kaepernick’s right to sit....

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OPINION

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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick made the right decision to sit down during the national anthem on Friday night at Levi’s Stadium. Kaepernick told NFL media that he is not going to show pride in a flag that oppresses black people and people of color.

The rise of Colin Kaepernick and Michael Brown in which unarmed black men were killed by police are far too common. Making Police Violence is a site that sums up to provide information on police killings, and social issues that are currently occurring per week in 2015. Back in the first grade I would recite the pledge of allegiance from my orange square on the rainbow carpet every morning before class. Like most kids, I had no clue what I was saying. They were just words I was taught to say. As I got older I began to listen to the words and comprehend what I was actually saying. The pledge of allegiance states that the United States is a country that cannot be separated, in which there is freedom and equal rights for everyone.

According to AfroPebble.com, young black men are 22 times more likely to be killed by police than white men. I don’t understand how people, including myself, can separate what is right and wrong when it comes to thisита matter.

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The increase might have been due to the fact that a majority of San Jose State students were not graduating on time, or at least within the four year plan that society deems normal for college students. It could also be because many majors are overcrowded making it harder for students to get the classes they need to graduate. Either way, plenty of SJSU students are in favor of the unit increase hoping that it will help them graduate faster. I don’t want to do anything longer than four years,” said sociology senior Jessica Vasquez.

Being a recent update it is still too early to tell if students will benefit from the unit increase. In either sense, it is still up for debate if students who are in good standing. It is a good idea for any student, myself included, who has had difficulty trying to calculate classes either through MySJSU or advising personnel in a way that will effectively promote positive change.

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Whether he’s scanning the field looking for an open receiver or protesting in the national anthem, Colin Kaepernick can’t seem to make the right decisions.

Kaepernick has been up for debate ever since his protest of taking a knee during the national anthem. However, Kaepernick’s intentions are noble but the way he’s going about his protest is not. Even at times when America falls short of what it’s supposed to symbolize, the act of acknowledging during the national anthem shows honor and respect to the premise of our country and those who put their lives on the line everyday to protect our freedoms.

Ironically, Kapernick is exercising freedom of expression and freedom of speech, both of which he would not have if it were not for the American military and the flag that he has been protests against.

When you include an entire country in one category during a protest you are misleading the American people who put their lives on the line to serve and protect this country and are contributing to racial incitement.

I do hope he sees the big picture and fuses his platform into one that can promote change and persona in a way that will effectively promote positive change.

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On Aug. 5 San Jose State updated its unit cap to provide information on police killings, and social issues that are currently occurring per week in 2015. Back in the first grade I would recite the pledge of allegiance from my orange square on the rainbow carpet every morning before class. Like most kids, I had no clue what I was saying. They were just words I was taught to say. As I got older I began to listen to the words and comprehend what I was actually saying. The pledge of allegiance states that the United States is a country that cannot be separated, in which there is freedom and equal rights for everyone.
The first Fall 2016 award is going to senior Jonathan Colunga. The 5-8 midfielder was an integral part of the Spartans’ opening weekend, which saw them finish with their best record since 2011. In the two games the team played in the last week, Colunga started in both of them and made an impact in both. The first game against UC Davis, a game that lasted through double overtime, the swift midfielder fired three shots in the game. While the game ended in a goalless, 0-0 draw, Colunga made his mark on the game, controlling the pace of the game with his fluid passing and vocal leadership on the pitch. In the second game of the early season against University of Pacific, Colunga’s name was found all over the statsheet. He scored the first goal of the Spartans’ 2016 campaign when his attempted cross was mis-fired for the better and found the back of the net which tied up the score. Early on the second half, it was Colunga acting as a playmaker for the Spartans, setting up fellow senior Rory Knibbs with another game tying goal. SJSU went on to win the game, largely due to Colunga’s preformance. With two effective performances in the two opening games, it’s likely that he will again find himself in the starting-11 come game time Friday evening against Oregon State.

**Player of the Week**

JONATHAN COLUNGA

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**Headlines For This Week’s Spartan Action**

**Spartan Up**

Spartans hit the road with a chance at program history

Four years after becoming NCAA Division I recognized, the San Jose State women’s volleyball team is on the verge of history. Oddly enough, an old friend is standing in the way of the record books. After the opening weekend of play, the squad was one of four teams in the Mountain West Conference without a loss. Turning the page on the Spartans’ flying start, the team heads west for the Wolverine Invitational hosted by Utah Valley University. SJSU’s first match is Friday night against Southern Utah, coached by Craig Chrise. Chrise coached the Spartans from 1993-2006. The team then plays both North Texas and the host Utah Valley the following day.

**Women’s soccer travels to Fullerton**

Early on in the season it has been the defense stepping up for the Spartans. In the four opening games of the season, the Spartans have had three shutouts, allowing just 2 goals total to open up their schedule. This weekend they will go south for a game against Cal State Fullerton. SJSU is coming off of a weekend in Boise where they won one game and losing a double-overtime heartbreaker in the other. As for CSUF, they won their opening game of the season, but have lost two straight entering the game against the Spartans this Sunday, Sep 4. SJSU’s career goal scoring leader was able to match her first goal of the season in the last game, a screamin shot from outside the box which gave the Spartans all they needed to take the win. The stifling Spartans will enter the game in southern California with a 2-1 record while Fullerton’s record is yet to be set as they have one game before. The Spartans on the other hand have no game before this matchup. The game will take place at 2 P.M. on Titan Stadium.

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