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Associated Students VP Joshua Romero arrested

By ITZEL CASTRO
NEWS EDITOR

San Jose State University's Associated Students Vice President was arrested Thursday night on suspicion of domestic violence, violating a restraining order and holding someone against their will.

Joshua Romero, 23, a political science major was taken into custody outside of the Event Center during the YG concert for allegedly assaulting a female acquaintance while intoxicated, according to the University Police Department.

"[Romero] had an argument with the victim," said Cpt. Frank Belcastro of the University Police Department. "Then he prevented her from leaving, grabbed her and pushed her into a wall."

Security officers caught the verbal dispute that turned physical against the 20-year-old victim and they quickly alerted UPD.

Freshman dance major Akshay Gupta, who couldn't get into the YG

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Joshua Romero, Associated Students Vice President, sits in the back of a police cruiser following his arrest outside of the YG concert Thursday.

BROCK TURNER CASE

Protestors gather to scold Judge Persky

By DIANA SAN JUAN
STAFF WRITER

Men and women congregated outside the Santa Clara County Jail in protest to recall Judge Aaron Persky Friday morning following Brock Turner's release.

Turner served three months out of his six-month sentence for sexually assaulting a woman after a college party. The six-month sentence angered the public and the early release caused an even bigger uproar.

Heidi Rielly, mother of two teenagers, was at the protest holding signs along with many others. "I just can't believe that this light sentence was handed down given that there were



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Protestors demonstrate after Brock Turner's released last Friday.

witnesses," Rielly said. "He showed zero remorse and I think he spent a year victimizing her [the victim] further by not owning up to what he had done and putting her through this horrid trial."

Protesters stood in front of the main building as well as near the parking lot across the street.

The streets were filled with survivors of sexual assaults, sexual assault support

organizations, congress members, mothers and fathers and students who were there to support the cause.

"I live in San Jose. I am with an organization called SNAP," said Robert Marquardt, member of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. "We deal with survivors, people who have been sexually assaulted."

Marquardt and other members of SNAP deal mostly with the business of sentences, he says that whenever they have a chance to speak out against unfair sentencing or in regard to laws that deal with sexual assault, they are there. They have support groups in San Jose, San

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NEW STUDENT UNION

Student Union unveiled in style

By SHELLISE WEST
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty were formally welcomed into the recently-renovated Student Union Thursday afternoon to celebrate its renewal and unite and promote student success.

After taking nearly a decade to end its planning period, SJSU administration provided an opening ceremony to inform students about the process and the importance of what the

Student Union provides to the campus community.

The ceremonies ended with a cheerful ribbon-cutting between administrators and Diaz Compean, a local philanthropist who moved from Edinburg, Texas in 1956 with her late husband Ramiro Compean who both valued the importance of education.

After contributing in the mid-90's to the Mexican American Studies Department, she

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San Jose State University donor, Lupe Diaz Compean, cuts the ribbon during the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly built Student Union.

THIS DAY IN SJSU HISTORY

By ASHLI LETT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

On Sept. 7, 1978 Spartan Daily published an article by Cynthia Puig about campus parking issues. In Puig's article former Director of University Parking Jim Hurley said, "A large part of the problem is caused by students preferring to pay 25 cents to park in the garage as opposed to paying 50 cents for a round-trip bus ride and the

inconvenience goes along with it." In March of 1978 former President John Bunzel theorized that a new garage, "on Third and Fourth street block between San Carlos and San Fernando streets," would be up roughly by 1979. Later in the year students complained about paying 25 cents to park in the garage. Today commuters are paying \$384 per academic year to park in an impacted garage. Parking on campus inside of the Campus Village garage is \$100 a

Parking normal: all X⁰%* / * / up!



month for the convenience of being able to take an elevator to your room. If Campus Village parking is full and waitlisted, then campus residents have the inconvenience of walking from their room to their car all hours of the day. On-campus residents also have to pay \$632 per academic year without

a guaranteed parking spot inside the garages. However, Park and Ride is an option and is advertised more because of the impact in the garages. If you did not pay the \$96 you can still park there if you have a commuter permit.

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granted the university half of her estate in 2012.

Completing the agreement with University Advancement in December of 2015, she decided that the university would be the place to give to in order to experience the impact of her legacy.

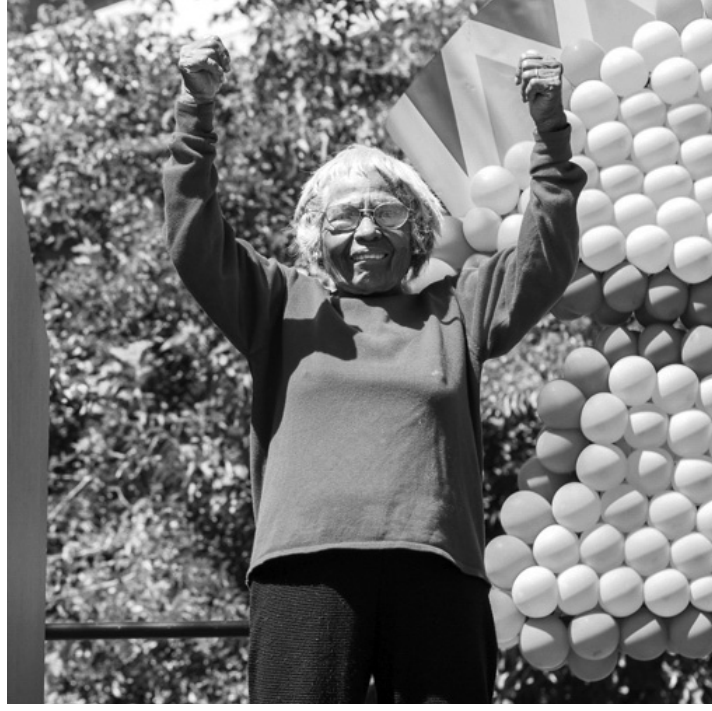
Diaz Compean awarded \$15 million to the university in order to support the project while funding student scholarships according to SJSU media relations.

Students received free t-shirts and cake while obtaining student union "passports" for an assortment of prizes that included a all expense-paid trip to Coachella.

While taking a tour of the newly constructed building, students gained stamps from each department that have now relocated into the building to provide support for students on campus.

Opening speaker Alberto Gutierrez recounted the former student union structure as "dungeon-like" while describing the previous design of the former student union.

Cathy Busalacchi, Executive Director of the Student Union project considered students concerns in her planning of the renovation which took almost



RAYMOND BALTAZAR | SPARTAN DAILY
Lupe Diaz Compean celebrates on stage during the completion of the Student Union at San Jose State University.

Breaking ground in September 2010, the \$89 million dollar project concluded in two separate phases.

Phase one, completed in June 2014, added a new ballroom, food court and theatre which has since hosted a variety of events for students.

Completed in November 2015, phase two provided space for new offices for SJSU administration along with facilities for student support that includes the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center.

Diana Victa, the CCCAC

the atmosphere of what the Student Union staff will do in order to guide students in the right direction.

"We need more collaboration and we need to work together in order for students' needs to be met," Victa said.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Reginald Blaylock addressed students and faculty highlighting the importance of student success.

"We have to resource our students in a way that they feel supported and that they understand that we are here for

them everyday to do this work in supporting student success," Blaylock said.

Balloon bouquets hung across the ceiling as students listened to on-campus a cappella group 'Pitch Please.'

The refurbished building added 100,000 square feet for students to have a home-like feel with access to three levels.

The basement level includes a theatre, bowling alley and a lounge space for students.

Ground level contains a new food court and dining areas, Student Involvement and the Associated Students Print Shop.

Senior Michael Bries described the connection of each center on ground level.

"I like how everything is connected and not separated compared to how things used to be scattered throughout campus," Bries said.

The upper level incorporates a new ballroom, Associated Students government offices, computer services and rooms for student groups and organizations to meet.

Following the daytime festivities, a free concert on campus with rapper YG and Niykee Heaton provided entertainment for students in the Event Center.

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ANGER

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Francisco and Fremont.

About an hour into the protest, speakers like Michele Dauber, the recall campaign chair, Kamilah Willingham, Harvard Law School Survivor, Sofie Karasek, UC Berkeley Student Survivor and Representative Eric Swalwell took center stage speaking about why they were there and how important recalling Judge Aaron Persky is.

"I am here to protest the dominant rape culture that's happening here in the U.S. and all around the world," said Maribel Cano, San Francisco State University psychology student. "Women are objectified and they are treated badly and



TAYLOR JONES | SPARTAN DAILY
Protesters raised their signs as they rally against the Brock Turner case on Friday.

as you can see there's no justice for women that are raped and sexually assaulted."

People walked up and down Hedding Street in Downtown San Jose with signs and loudspeakers chanting "Judge Persky has got to go."

"I think it's utterly ridiculous and [the sentence and Turner's release] sends the message that we don't take sexual assault seriously," Rielly said.

Many hope that after the attention this case has gotten change will come.

"I hope bringing light to this will create some

change," said Shelby Baizar, San Francisco State University student. "A lot of people are upset and I hope this changes things, because it's not right to rape people."

Like Baizar, Rielly also hopes the anger that spread all over the nation and the victim's bravery can result in positive changes going forward.

As the protest to recall Judge Persky came to end and people went home hopeful

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BUSTED

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concert, saw the whole scene unfold.

"I quickly recognized his face ... he was crying ... he was cuffed and he was sitting on a bench surrounded by cops," Gupta said. "I hope he can overcome this because he is a leader on campus."

Romero was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail and spent the Labor Day weekend behind bars.

Officers from the University Police Department secured a protective order to protect the victim safety.

In spite of that, Romero got access to a phone inside the Santa Clara County Jail and he started contacting the victim.

"He violated the protective order by calling the victim," Belcastro said.

Romero was re-elected as vice president in April of 2016 after winning the student election with more than 40 percent of the vote.

He is seen as a student leader on campus who has supported significant proposals, such as the three centers

for African-American, Latino, AB540 and undocumented students and the divestment resolution that goes against the companies that profit from the occupied Palestinian territories.

However, his position as the student government vice president may be in jeopardy due to this incident.

Associated Students President Hector Perea and Executive Director Tari Wimbley have put out a joint statement regarding the investigative process that will decide if Romero will get impeached or not.

"Associated Students is working with the University to follow appropriate protocol," Perea and Wimbley said. "We hope for a swift resolution and will continue to respect the personal and confidential nature of this matter."

Joshua Romero, is expected to face a judge today for the first time since his arrest on Thursday night. He was released on a \$30,000 bail this week.

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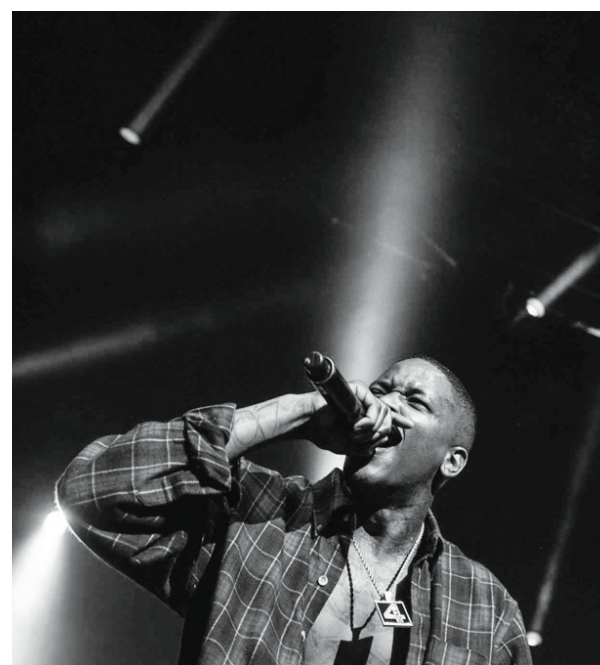
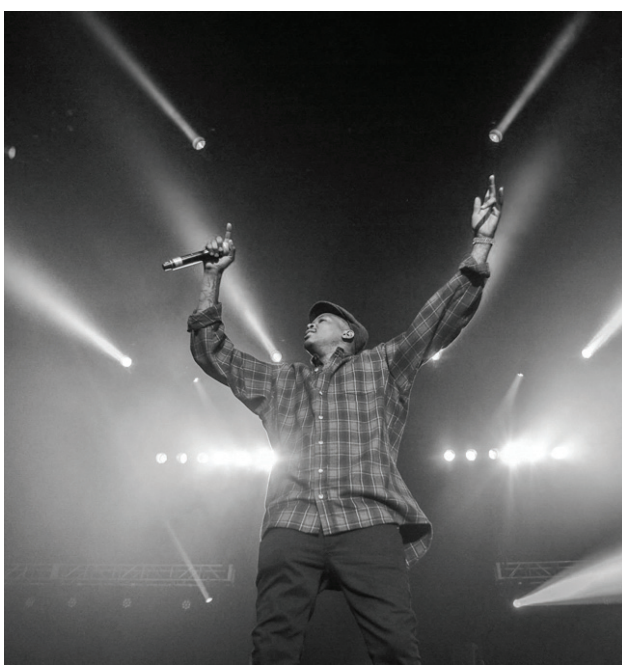
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YG performs at San Jose State University Event Center for the opening of the Student Union on September 1, 2016. The show was free for students with a valid Tower I.D.

YG delivers a raucous show at the Event Center

By **DARCIE ORTIQUE**
STAFF WRITER

He may be too cool to crowd-surf, but very few rappers can compete with the atmosphere and energy at YG's concerts. For the first time, San Jose State University offered students free admission to a show starring Compton rapper YG and singer Niykee Heaton. The two artists performed live in concert at the Event Center on Thursday, exclusively for SJSU students. Fans formed a line hours before the doors opened, leaving security no choice, but to regulate the hundreds of 'turnt' college students anxious to have a good time.

Heaton, an American singer songwriter was YG's opening act. Unfortunately, her performance came to an abrupt end when audience members started throwing glow sticks at her, requesting that YG hit the stage. Heaton's slow, R&B songs conflicted with the interest of the audience members who wanted to party. The audience's harsh criticism

forced Heaton to exit the stage earlier than expected. Fortunately, rapper YG enticed the crowd from the very moment he stepped on stage. In fact, an iconic moment happened in the middle of his performance. Fans were stunned when YG turned his back on stage for a 10-second 'photoshoot.' YG gave his fans an opportunity to take a picture of the back of his flannel that read, 'Police Get Away with Murder.' Management information Systems senior Moses Kinnah said, "Him asking me to photograph his shirt was great, but the message on it spoke volumes, especially with everything that's going on in our country."

YG is known for voicing his opinions in regards to police brutality and politics in the media. The 26-year-old rapper is able to relate to college students because he's a millennial himself.

Gadsden said, "YG's 'photoshoot' was beautiful. For him to use his platform to bring awareness to the state sanctioned murder of black men, women, and children at a PWI [predominantly white

institution], is very important."

YG performed many songs from his 2016, 'Still Brazy' album like, 'Why You Always Hatin?' And 'Twist My Fingaz.' In addition to his recent hits, fans recited YG's lyrics and danced while he performed 2014 album hits 'My Krazy Life,' 'Left, Right' and 'BPT,' some fan-favorites.

In addition to spreading awareness, YG performed his 2016 single 'FDT (F*** Donald Trump)' at the free concert. With the upcoming election, YG uses his music to encourage his fans not to vote for Republican nominee Donald Trump. "YG understands the influence current college students will have in our society and conveyed a message that a lot of us agree with," said Kinnah.

Unlike many artists, YG uses his music to express himself and to share his political preferences.

According to SJSU students, the concert provided enthusiasm to the campus. Radio, Television & Film major Sophomore Jessica Diangson said, "My experience attending the YG concert was

crazy fun. I was with my friends and the crowd was really hype."

Not only did the concert help set the tone for a successful semester, but it caused thought-provoking discussions for students afterwards. "I think the photoshoot of his shirt that read 'Police Get Away with Murder,' really rose awareness to the police brutality situation that is going on in America. I think he reminded the crowd of some of the cruel things that are currently going on in our world," Diangson said.

The highlight of the concert was being able to witness YG express himself about the everyday problems in regards to race and injustice, while still being able to entertain his supporters. It was heroic for him to share some of his thoughts in regards to politics with some of his biggest supporters while still managing to entertain his audience from the time he walked on stage until the time he exited.

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Best Pokemon Go Spots on Campus



The Silva Family Fountain is the only gym at SJSU. It is a highly competitive gym that is constantly being taken over, or defended. It intercepts three pokestops which allows trainers to heal wounded pokemon immediately and get right back into battle.

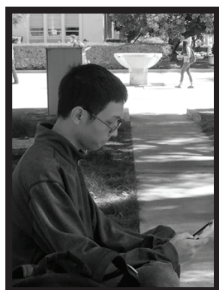
The SJSU Central Fountain is one of the only spots on campus where trainers are likely to find water-type pokemon. Many lure modules are set here as there are three other pokespots nearby.



The art building is a great spot to stock up on items. There are three nearby pokestops including the Spirit of Sparta statue. It only a short walk from BBC, which contains two pokestops. Pokestops refresh every five minutes.

IGN Trainer Tips

- Gyms aren't all about claiming territory. Battle at friendly gyms to increase XP.
- Stardust is needed to power up pokemon. Use it wisely and collect as much as possible.
- Stardust is obtained by catching pokemon, hatching eggs, and defending gyms.
- Activate lure modeules at pokestops to attract pokemon to your location.
- Use lucky eggs when evolving pokemon to double your XP.
- Do not waste actual money on pokeballs. You can get more at pokestops or by leveling up.
- Use battery saver mode when walking to hatch eags.



Q&A

We had a short interview with a level 23 trainer on campus. Here's what Patrick Vu had to say.

Q: What's your best Pokemon?
"A level 1832 Gyarados. I caught 100 Magikarp in SF to get it."

Q: IS SJSU a good Pokemon Go Location?
"It's good to collect stardust because there is a lot of common pokemon, but I'd rather go downtown or Guadalupe."

Q: What should Niantic add to Pokemon Go?
"I'd like to see legendary and generation two pokemon added to the game."

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'Good behavior' does not erase emotional scars



HANNAH MOORE

STAFF WRITER

The widely agreed-upon injustice of the Brock Turner case and sentence has left many upset, because good behavior for three months should not lessen punishment for a felony crime.

Headline-dominating convicted sex offender Turner was released from jail Friday after serving a lenient three month sentence of an already-lenient six month sentence on felony sexual assault charges.

Turner was released from Santa Clara County Jail last week for "good behavior credits." He has been ordered to move to Ohio and register as a sex offender.

The 21-year-old former Stanford University swimmer was convicted of three counts of felony sexual assault. He was found guilty of sexual assault of an

unconscious woman behind a dumpster on campus in a January 2015.

The case has sparked mass outrage that Turner received such a light sentence and an even lighter release from jail. Judge Aaron Persky, who made the decision, is facing major backlash. Discussion of economic and white privilege has been raised, with many arguing that these factors have contributed to his lighter sentence.

The factors that resulted in his sentence and early release are debatable, but sexual assault on campus is a serious issue. His early release is an insult to sexual assault survivors and a disregard to the serious and scarring nature of enduring such a violent crime.

San Jose State University Police Department (UPD) Chief Peter Decena said that although he does not know enough about what caused Turner to commit this crime, the case highlights already-existing issues.

"I'm not trying to victim blame, but (the case highlights) binge drinking as an issue, and the issue of affirmative consent," Decena said. "There has to be affirmative consent. The person must be capable of giving consent at every point."

Decena said that there have been cases at SJSU in which the victim was not

capable of giving consent.

According to a new survey from an Association of American Universities (AAU) which focused on sexual assault on college campuses, 23 percent of women reported having experienced sexual assault in some form in college.

Sadly, the survey also found that "More than 50 percent of the victims of even the most serious incidents (e.g., forced penetration) say they do not report the event because they do not consider it 'serious enough.'"

Whether intentional or not, Turner's early release carries the implication that this crime is not severe enough to warrant a harsh sentence. This is far from the truth and likely does not restore a sexual assault victim's faith in the justice system to administer punishment consistent with the crime committed.

Although Turner's release still stands, there are resources for victims and a bill has been introduced by District Attorney Jeff Rosen in response to the public uproar over Turner's sentence. The Jeff Rosen Bill would "toughen penalties for sexually assaulting an unconscious person — a crime that can now result in probation instead of prison," according to a San Jose Mercury News article.

Stanford recently instated a policy to ban hard liquor on campus. The school called the ban "a sensible, creative solution that has roots in research-based solutions" in a statement in August.

"We have a whole host of resources on SJSU campus for sexual assault victims," said Decena, including UPD itself, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), a Title IX office and a YWCA sexual assault victim advocate hired by campus.

The CAPS website has a list of "Printable Tips on Life Skills and Mental Health Topics," including for sexual assault victims and concerned others, under the Self-Help Tips page. The "Not Alone" homepage on the SJSU website offers several quick links with information on filing a report or asking for help.

Turner has committed a severely physically and emotionally harmful crime. The fact that he is not facing consequences that reflect this is an egregious move on the part of our justice system.

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 - 16 Constructed
 - 17 Jungle vine
 - 18 Affirmative action?
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 - 20 Aggravation at a lack of progress
 - 23 Type of modern testing
 - 24 Airplane passenger's concern
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 - 27 Pronged weapons
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 - 33 It may be right above a knee
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 - 36 The time being
 - 39 Knocks on a door
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 - 43 Gulf War missile
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 - 46 Jack's nemesis
 - 48 .000001 joule
 - 49 Went out, as a fire
 - 51 Jewish sect member of old
 - 53 Small scrap
 - 56 It can help with a housewarming
 - 57 "Overhead" engine part
 - 58 A dam is one, essentially
 - 64 States with conviction
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 - 10 Big bang creator
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 - 12 Type of skirt that flares outward
 - 13 "Farm" or "home" attachment
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 - 26 "The Dukes of Hazzard" spin-off
 - 27 By way of, briefly
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 - 35 "Awright!"
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 - 47 John Deere product
 - 50 Belle of the ball, briefly
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SJSU finishes top four in first meet of 2016

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The 2016 cross country season began over the weekend with the 24th San Francisco Cross Country Invitational. It was the first chance for the Spartans to see how they fared against some of the top teams in California.

The race took place Saturday in Golden Gate Park.

The Spartans men's team placed third out of seven in their 8k race on a looping 2k course consisting of both grass and dirt trails and some minor hills.

San Jose State's women's team competed in a 6k race with a similar 2k loop and finished fourth in an eight-team field. The course's distance was extended from 5k this time around.

The Spartans faced tough opposition this

weekend as Cal Berkeley looked to defend the first place spot it earned last year.

"Stanford's there, Cal is there, USF has a good squad as well" said head coach Brad Wick. "There is a lot of teams from the area with good teams and individuals, It's a very competitive opening competition."

The men's team finished the day with 91 points, ahead of 4th place Stanford's 95, but behind San Francisco State and winners UC Berkeley (lower scores are better). In last year's event, the men's squad came in 2nd behind Berkeley.

Points are earned by the top five runners from each school based on their finishing position in the race.

Racers who finish after the first five as well as competitors that run without being on a school team are not counted in the score. SJSU's top performer was Senior



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San Jose State's Jenny Sandoval heads a pack of runners in the 24th edition of the San Francisco Invitational on Sep 3. She would go on to finish fifth.



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Spartan Ben Branagh works his way throughout Golden Gate Park during his 8k race. He finished in fourth place overall.

Ben Branagh who came in 4th place overall with a time of 24 minutes and 40 seconds, 19 seconds off of the leader.

"Two Berkeley guys started to break away so I went with them and we kinda got away from the pack of runners," Branagh said. "For the next half we were kinda ahead and then the two Berkeley guys got away from me, I got caught by two other guys but managed to beat one of them to end up in fourth."

Branagh finished 14 seconds faster than last year where he finished 6th place.

SJSU's other top runners were sophomore Jose Piña who came in 10th and junior Josue Gonzales in 12th. Both Piña and Gonzales improved their time and placement from last years race.

As for SJSU's women, they too put on a strong showing against some of the state's best.

They placed 4th with 116 points beating out 5th place Saint Mary's 136 points, but behind 3rd place Cal Berkeley, 2nd place Stanford and winners San Francisco State.

Last year the team scored 80 points and came in 3rd behind San Francisco State and Cal Berkeley.

Individually, freshman Jenny Sandoval led the pack of Spartan competitors, taking 5th place overall with a time of 21 minutes and 10 seconds.

"I just went out at a good pace and I tried to get out in the front packs" Sandoval

said. "Then I just kinda maintained my pace, and ran at my comfort with the girls in front and tried to keep relaxed."

Sandoval finished her race 18 seconds behind first place Vanessa Fraser of Stanford.

Other notable performances from the Spartans were sophomore Jeanette Zambrano who placed 24th and sophomore Adilene Aldapa who placed 33rd.

Coming off of last year, the men's team has six returning runners and three newcomers while the women's team has eight returning runners and three freshmen.

Wick said he feels last year's experience will be key to improvement in this season.

"In a sport like ours it makes all the difference in the world having athletes come back with some experience," Wick said. "We had two great seasons last year between the men's and women's side so we can definitely build up on that this year and be even better."

The teams will look to follow up their strong performances in the next race, the Stanford Invitational, but will have to wait a while.

Both teams have nearly a month to prepare for their next competition.

The Invitational will be located on the Stanford Golf Course on Saturday October 1st at 9:50 a.m. for the women and 10:30 a.m. for the men.

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SEASON TICKETS

Levi's stadium struggling to match built-up hype

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The start of the football season can be seen as a welcome return for diehard 49ers fans, except for those whose complaints regarding the venue have been left unresolved.

For many season ticket holders, making a down payment for eight games every year is much like making an investment in the team.

However, since Levi's Stadium first opened in 2014, San Francisco 49ers season ticket prices have been left unchanged despite the team's record dropping from season to season.

"Last year was a throwaway season," said Jose Pelayo, a 49ers season ticket holder since they first started playing in Santa Clara.

The issues with the stadium extend beyond the performance of the team that plays on the field.

There have been complaints of little shade throughout the stadium with over 60 heat-related emergency calls being placed. Pelayo, who sits atop the fourth section, is no exception.

"Many go out of their seats and underneath to get out of the sun," Pelayo said.

While much of that has to do with the lack of shade throughout most of the stadium, there are a few areas where individuals can cool off in their own seats.

Michael Watkins, a first time season ticket holder who sits in the back corner of the first level, has more opportunities to stay cool than others.

"I get most of the shade because of where the sun hits," Watkins said.

Shade can be a rare benefit for those lucky enough to have it at the stadium, however Watkins pointed out that the shade can

come back to bite him, as it can make some of the night games cold if there is a breeze.

Intense weather isn't the only issue that inconveniences fans at Levi's.

The price of parking can be on the expensive end, costing around \$60 to park in the lot closest to the stadium.

Ed Stoermer, a season ticket holder since 2000 relies on alternative methods of transportation to get to the ballpark rather than driving to one of Levi's pricey parking lots.

"I usually take the VTA to Sunday games," Stoermer said. I'm very satisfied with the short drive and walk to the bus."

For Stoermer and surely many others, the VTA is convenient and provides an inexpensive alternative to spending money for parking almost every other week. The bus ride and walk to the stadium for Stoermer is only about a half hour long and costs only four dollars, providing fans a cheap method of transportation extending from San Jose to downtown Mountain View.

The main problem with using VTA at the moment is that the bus hours are only available for Sunday games, leaving few options for Monday and Thursday game than to just park in the Levi's parking lot.

While many fans do have serious problems with Levi's stadium, some of that stems from how beloved Candlestick Park in San Francisco was to many, despite its flaws.

"Levi's seems kind of stale," Stoermer said. "It doesn't seem to generate as much enthusiasm with the fans."

Candlestick was around since it was first named Harney Stadium back in 1956, hosting hundreds of football games, baseball games and a variety of concerts.

Levi's, on the other hand, is still relatively



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Levi's Stadium continues to garner attendance even with issues between the organization and the fans. The stadium also holds other events such as concerts.

new, only having been around for a little over 2 years.

While it may not have the lineage that Candlestick Park once had, the apparent problems with Levi's are ones that can be fixed.

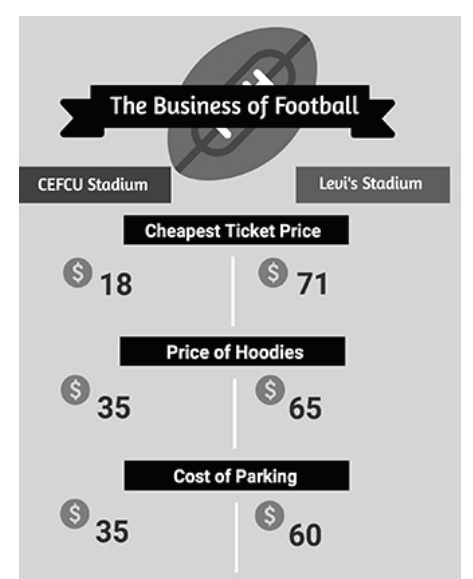
Success can be a good distractor of many issues, but sadly that there has not been much success in sight.

What keeps fans going however is their hope.

"I believe they're trying to win games, not just take our money," Stoermer said.

The 49ers will open their 2016 season at Levi's Stadium against the Los Angeles Rams this Monday.

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GOLDEN HURRICANE 45 SAN JOSE STATE 10

Back to the drawing board after an opening week loss

After being thrashed by Tulsa on Saturday, the Spartans look to turn it around at home



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THE MISTRY SPOT

The first possession of the game for the Hurricane was a sign of things to come for the Spartans defense, when Brewer exploded for a 38-yard touchdown.

While the defense continued to struggle, the offense provided little to no support.

"They ran away with it and they took advantage of our mistakes and now we're here," said Spartans quarterback Kenny Potter.

The Spartans were only able to score one touchdown and were unable to give the defense much time to rest on the sidelines.

The one bright spot defensively for the Spartans was their pass defense.

Tulsa's quarterback Dane Evans was bottled up in the passing game, finishing a mere 12 of 23 for 198 yards, a severe drop off from his 332 yards per game in 2015.

Sophomores Frank Ginda and Owen Roberts led the pass rush for the Spartans, each recording two sacks in the game.

While it is easy to look at a 45-10 score and blame the defense, 21 of the 38 points Tulsa scored in the first half were due to Spartan miscues. An interception return, a fumble recovery in the end zone and a fumble by Spartans running back Deontae Cooper lead to easy points for the Hurricane.

"It was costly," Caragher said. "We made a lot of mistakes and sometimes first year players make mistakes, it happens, but in this case veterans did in this case and that was frustrating."

If not for those three key plays, the Spartans would have been right in the game with Tulsa, but the mistakes added to an already-horrific first half. Thirty-eight points allowed in the first half was the most SJSU has allowed in the opening half of a game since 2014 against Auburn.

"The good news is it was only one game," Caragher said. "The team will launch forward as a result of that game and get clear of what we need to do and how we can get there."

The Spartans will have to put Tulsa behind them as they prepare to take on an FCS opponent in Portland State this weekend in the home opener at CEFCU Stadium.

In its last 36 games against Division 1 opponents, Portland State is 4-32. Despite a lowly record, the Vikings should not be taken lightly. The Spartans still have to fix the holes they have on defense and sharpen their special teams play.

"We need to have a good week of practice to prepare for Portland State who is perfectly capable of creating big plays as well," Caragher said. "They have some good players, not just guys they recruited, but a number of transfers."

If SJSU wants to take care of business at home, it will be up to the offense to limit the mistakes while the defense will need to create takeaways and that will begin.

— Injury update

Tago completed his surgery

Despite the offseason goal of establishing a defense that could stop the run, the Spartans (0-1) had no answer against the Tulsa (1-0) rushing attack which ran over San Jose State for 306 yards.

San Jose State's new defensive coordinator Ron English watched his defense get man-handled on Saturday by Golden Hurricane running back D'Angelo Brewer, who ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns. "We did have a really good fall practice," said San Jose State head coach Ron Caragher. "We had a really good week in preparation for the Tulsa game."

It didn't help the Spartans that defensive captain and leading tackler over the last two years Christian Tago was out because of a knee injury and safety Maurice McKnight had to sit out the first half because of a targeting penalty he received in the Cure Bowl last season.

"I think we just kind of got beat to the punch," said wide receiver Tim Crawley. "We came out a little flat and once they scored quick, we put ourselves in a hole we unfortunately couldn't get out of it"

WHO CAN STOP THE RUN?

2015 DEFENSE

200
RUSH YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME

29 (IN 12 GAMES)
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5.1
YARDS PER RUSH

GREG ROBINSON
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

SATURDAY AT TULSA

306
RUSH YARDS ALLOWED

3
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

5.3
YARDS PER RUSH

RON ENGLISH
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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and is now working with the team doctors on getting back into football shape so he can be ready to take the field.

Caragher said he will be out for week 2 against Portland State, but will hopefully be active when the Spartans

welcome the University of Utah to CEFCU stadium next Saturday Sep. 17.

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