By Cinthia Loera

Staff Writer

Gender Equity Center hosts semester welcome reception

Music and conversations could be heard coming from the Student Union meeting room 1B Wednesday afternoon during San Jose State’s Gender Equity Center’s annual semester welcome reception.

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"I'm glad that the Student Union is providing us with this event because it's something fun and informative to do," said interior design senior Julia Marie. "Also the free prizes and food is a really good incentive for students to come and check out the event." Last year, the Student Union hosted a celebration for it's grand opening to bring all of the students together. "It was the best way because YG was such a big artist to help attract more students than it had in the past," said Deenae Shields, studies senior.

"Moving into the new space has been just so necessary," Ho said. "All these important things impact how people interact with each other and gender plays an important role in the way people interact with each other in the world, which is why we believes spaces like the Gender Equity Center are important to have on campus.

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Steak ’n Shake adds flavor to the Student Union

Chandler Jenkins was enjoying a single steakburger with fries and a drink. The meal came out to $4.79 with no tax.

“I worked at Moyo Burger prior to working at Steak ’n Shake, which was here before Steak ’n Shake and it’s much better,” Jenkins said.

All combos come with a small order of fries, but after finger-pinching multiple pieces of those thin and crunchy delights, you’re still left with what looks like an abundant amount.

As I am on campus from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., I spent my time between classes popping into the Student Union to see the lines hopefully shorten, but all hope was lost.

With breakfast menu items all under $5, I was nearly convinced to order hash browns before starting my day, but I was saving my appetite for a savory, beefy steakburger and a shake.

My intentions were to order the signature steakburger, but as I arrived 12 minutes before the chain closes at 8 p.m., I was told the signature had sold out by 5 p.m. The signature comes with a thicker, single patty that computer science junior John Cruz said is “up there with In-N-Out.”

I opted to go with the original double with a side of onions instead, which came with fries, and I upgraded my fountain drink to a Butterfinger Spartan specialty shake, all for $6.79.

Fabian said the Butterfinger shake is the Spartan specialty because the Butterfinger wrapper is blue and gold, like the school colors.

Though it didn’t come in the specialty cup as advertised on the digital screen, I enjoyed its richness and creaminess.

The burger was juicy and the crisp patties, condiments and especially the thin-cut pickles complemented one another.

The lettuce was too large and fell off, but there were just the right amount of onions. The sauce made the burger too creamy and not strikingly strong like In-N-Out’s.

Besides burgers, the diner-like joint offers a variety of different combos that are high in quality and fit students’ budgets.

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Fifth Harmony releases fierce third album

Even with one less member, Fifth Harmony is as strong. The girl group released its third studio album, Fifth Harmony, on Aug. 25.

This 10-track album pulls listeners in with catchy lyrics and upbeat music that has similarities to its past studio albums, 7/27 and Reflection.

Back in Dec. 2016, after releasing its second studio album 7/27, the group lost its fifth member Camila Cabello. It now consists of Lauren Jauregui, Dinah Jane, Ally Brooke and Normani Kordei.

The group is more balanced in Fifth Harmony without Cabello’s higher pitched voice.

You can better hear the difference in vocal style and pitch between the group and what are bound to get stuck in your head.

As a person who doesn’t listen to Fifth Harmony much, I thought that this was going to be a hard album to review.

However, I found the music to be repetitive as there are no variations in tempo or well complexity in the music itself.

The music is definitely made to support the vocalists with simple beats. It would be interesting to hear more instruments.

The melody in the music is not what is going to get stuck in your head.

The purpose of the music is to support the vocals but the melodies by themselves do not sound as good.

“Lonely Night” caught my attention quickly. The name of the song was deceiving at first.

I thought that this was going to be a song about heartbreak and relationship issues. It was the opposite.

The lyrics “If you don’t treat ya mama right, bye-bye, if you got another chick on the side, bye-bye you look everywhere but my eyes, bye-bye” speak for themselves.

In this song, the singer is not the victim here alone on a Saturday. The man that treated her poorly is having a “lonely night.” Its message is that if someone is not working for you, they are not worth your attention.

I can easily relate to “Messy.” The lyrics “I can be messy, yeah, I admit it.” sound like someone coming clean about weird and bad habits.

This song reminds me that there are going to be ‘messy’ situations in life and they can be bad situations.

The song has a nice quiet beginning that builds to high hat cymbal hits and builds up to support the vocals but this song does not compel me to get up and start dancing.

“Bridges” ends the album on a slow and positive note. The song speaks about “building bridges not walls.” I interpreted the song differently.

I don’t view this song as just a romantic love song, but instead as a love song for anyone you have a connection to.

Overall, the group impressed me with this new album and their lyrics about female power in romantic relationships.

Here are my top five songs that are meant to connect and listen to at the same time.
**Get the scoop at Kings Gelato & Fruits**

BY SALVATORE MAXWELL

**Staff Writer**

While summer is still upon us and the heat does not seem to be settling down, what better way to cool off than with some gelato? Kings Gelato & Fruit owner, Wais Ahmadi, opened up his new establishment on San Carlos Street after he noticed what the area was missing.

“I am familiar with this neighborhood. I know what kind of people are around. I know most of the students,” Ahmadi said. “We don’t have in this particular neighborhood anything gelato or smoothies.”

The many featured flavors, such as mint chip, mango and pistachio, are produced every day by Ahmadi’s uncle. The recipe for the flavors are classified as family recipes.

For wine connoisseurs, Kings Gelato & Fruits produces an astounding blackberry cabernet flavor. This flavor of gelato comes as a surprise but sends your palate into a frenzy. Its exquisite taste leaves you craving more.

Currently, Ahmadi has no special deals for students but he said it is in the works. He is currently working on promoting and attracting other customers with new features.

All gelatos are gluten-free and sorbets are dairy-free.

If gelato is not your thing, Kings Gelato & Fruits offers another alternative, Marianne’s Ice Cream. Marianne’s has been family owned and operated since 1942.

“I decided [that] with our gelato to bring their [Marianne’s] ice cream,” Ahmadi said.

Kings Gelato & Fruits carries about 10 flavors of Marianne’s Ice Cream. The quality of the ice cream is not overbearing and has a smooth, rich, creamy texture.

San Jose resident Joshua Aparo looks forward to his visits to the shop while waiting at the laundromat next door.

“I wanted them to have an ice cream place in the neighborhood so I was pretty happy that they came and opened up a shop,” Aparo said.

The interior of Kings Gelato & Fruits is designed to have a very modern look. With brick like backsplash on the walls and white countertop tables, this shop definitely deserves a look inside.

“This is my first time here but the place is clean and well kept,” said San Francisco resident Keiana Dolojan. “It’s very cute, quaint and simple. I am definitely returning.”

Kings Gelato & Fruit enthusiastically offers free samples for those who want to explore and are intrigued by the many options they carry. They also boast a very welcoming staff. Ahmadi even works behind the counter himself.

“I love coming to get the mango gelato,” psychology senior Maria Escobedo said. “Everytime I come the staff is always so helpful and patient, and gives you samples if you are unsure about a flavor.”

Pricing is very reasonable and ranges anywhere from $2.00 for the smallest to $8.50 for the largest scoop.

The menu also consists of milkshakes, smoothies and root beer floats. Ahmadi is currently working on bringing in an espresso machine to offer coffee for students who need a pick-me-up or want to study inside or outside.

Kings Gelato & Fruits’ hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Kings Gelato & Fruits is located across the street from SJSU and offers a variety of flavors which include cookie dough and passion fruit.

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**HUMANS of SJSU**

Erick Markey
Health Science senior

“The classes I’ve taken at SJSU have been more intense than anything I’ve taken here at SJSU. It’s been awesome.

I really enjoy it, I’ve made a lot of new friends at SJSU and I’m having fun at school.”

**Merlina Aguinao
Public Health sophomore**

“The classes I’ve taken at SJSU are more competitive than anything I’ve taken here at SJSU. It’s been a lot harder.

I’m enrolled in a lot of difficult classes this semester.”

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Trump shows little empathy for victims of Hurricane Harvey

Thursday, August 31, 2017

H ow the federal government reacts to natural disasters is crucial. Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath put immense pressure on the president to properly address the emergency.

President Donald Trump strolled off by not showing enough empathy for those affected by the disaster.

On a live CNN broadcast, Trump was walking hand-in-hand with his granddaughter when a reporter asked, “Mr. President, do you have a message for the people of Texas?” Trump responded with a mediocrity, “Good luck to everyone.”

“This kind of behavior delineates no sympathy toward the matter. He treated the question inappropriately. A genuine and proper statement would have been really uplifting for the victims of Harvey. The president is so quick to trot, but how about addressing the nation with a plan of action? Because Twitter should not supplant your other voice.”

“President Trump has not done enough to help the people who are suffering because of the hurricane,” art history senior Andrea Gonzales said. “Although he has released statements since then, he wields nothing without actions to back them up. If the president’s team cleaned him to travel to Texas, he finally made it part of his agenda to assess the damages in Texas. However, it is completely and utterly disgraceful that Trump somehow managed to rally his supporters with an impromptu speech while visiting Corpus Christi, Texas, according to David Graham of The Atlantic. He showed no empathy for victims of the disaster. One of these victims included Houston Police Sergeant Steve Perez, who drowned on duty.

The only thing Trump seems to care about is the crowd turnout. Trump should instead visit the victims and honor the fallen efforts.

“I love you,” Trump said in his speech. “You are special. We are here to take care of you. It’s going well.”

I do not believe Trump loves the people of America. America lost Texas, because he could push for more relief efforts to help them in need.

For example, I believe this is a great time for our armed forces to lend a helping hand and not fight poisonous wars.

The public has responded to Harvey’s aftermath much more appropriately than Trump has. Ongoing support from all over the country has been pouring into shelters in the form of food, money and clothing. Before the president decided on a call for action, celebrities stepped up and used their platforms to promote how essential it is to donate. In an Instagram video, Kevin Hart challenged his fellow celebrities to donate.

Stars like Chris Brown and the Kadabashians accepted the challenge and donated an estimated $500,000 to organizations that help aid Harvey victims.

E! News reported on Aug. 28, that Sandra Bullock donated $1 million in an effort to help.

Although it seems only right that celebrities use their platform to provide relief, this does not make up for how Trump is handling his first natural disaster as president.

I understand the severity of the situation and how the administration must think and plan before it acts. This doesn’t excuse Trump seeming unthorated about the victims. Showing that care and helping them should be a part of his agenda because these are his country’s people.

For goodness sakes, you would think a President would be more empathetic and generous to a state that voted for him.
Know the difference between free speech and ignorance

As a student journalist, I value our first amendment right to free speech. But wearing a ‘Make America Great Again’ (MAGA) hat on the campus of Howard University, a historically black college, is not exercising your right to free speech. It is downright ignorant and disrespectful. The average American with half a brain would not think twice about wearing memorabilia that shows support for someone who provokes hate and racism on the campus of a university that is devoted to serving a people that has been historically oppressed.

However, that is exactly what two high school students did.

Let’s back up a little and make sure everyone is on the same page. For those of you who might not have heard, a group of high school students were visiting colleges in the Washington, D.C. area. The group stopped for lunch at Howard, a school that, according to its website, considers itself to be “the only historically comprehensive predominantly Black university.”

Two of the students in the group, Allie Vandee and Sarah Applequist, were sporting MAGA hats and other apparel, like t-shirts, that had President Donald Trump on them. Howard students did.

The girls claim that, because of the way they were treated by Howard University students, they were the victims of racism and it’s their constitutional right to wear whatever they want. In reality, Vandee and Applequist were in the wrong and were offensive.

That evening, Vandee took to Twitter to vent about the situation.

“What happened to my friend and I today was absolutely pathetic. These are the people who are racist and disrespectful,” Vandee tweeted.

According to Vandee and Applequist, students in the Howard dining hall grabbed their hats and shouted profanities, like “F— y’all” at them. Shortly after the group left the campus.

“We had to leave Howard [because] people who chose to wear [Trump stuff] at a BLACK university felt uncomfortable.” Eunissa Pullium, another student on the tour tweeted about the situation.

Howard student Essence Dalton tweeted a photo of the girls, Vandee and Applequist, in the dining hall.

The captions instanced Vandee and Applequist were treating their trip to Howard as a joke.

“My personal concern isn’t the young girls,” Dalton told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. “It’s the adults who should have better informed the girls of the history of our university and why the Trump paraphernalia might be inappropriate in light of recent racial tensions especially coming from non-POC people of color.”

Howard was formed after the Civil War to ensure that Black students had a place to learn without having to worry about discrimination or being the target of racist acts. It is supposed to be a place where students can come study and be themselves without having to worry about standing up for their beliefs. I understand why students at Howard responded the way they did. Trump is someone who incites hate and discrimination and his acts do not represent the values of Howard University.

The Howard administration and its students absolutely responded appropriately in this situation. The university tweeted a ten-part statement from its official Twitter that states: “Though this is an institution where freedom of thought, choice, and expression are ever-present, we will never compromise our values or allow others to convince us to do so.”

Vandee and Applequist’s actions are a perfect example of white privilege. The girls should have been more aware of how their MAGA hats would be perceived, especially given the tension and division throughout the country due to recent events in Charlottesville. Their advisors should have been aware, too.
The multiple long-distance kills from Kevin “Vetag” Ma were not enough to carry the SJSU Overwatch team to victory as it was that we can’t hard engage as fast described the team as “scared” or “defensive.”

Game 1 was an escort game on Lijiang Tower, and all three rounds followed the same pattern. Toronto would dive into SJSU and kill some or all of the team and establish an aggressive wall of their players. They would capture the objective and hold it until the Sentry Push in overtime. The Spartans would hold the objective and hold it until the payload faster than Toronto, but was beaten in the tiebreaker. SJSU did manage to keep most or all of this roster, a successful fall season definitely awaits them.

Toronto is known for its aggressive, dive-heavy playstyle. Ruhvenge and Armadyl said they “were spooked.” Some of the team’s hero picks contributed to their loss. Playing tachis into dive, plus not having practice leads to a lack of coordination on enganges,” Armadyl said. The Spartans’ team compositions and playstyle put them at an innate disadvantage.

The enemy ran a full dive composition on almost every side of each map, whereas we tried to work around a Reaper pattern. Ruhvenge said, “It wasn’t so much defensive or scared as it was that we can’t hard engage as fast as a dive comp can, we have to pick our opportunities carefully.”

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Correction

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, the Spartan Daily published an article titled “CEFCU Stadium resumes alcohol sales after 5-year hiatus” with an infographic where the prices were incorrectly depicted. Premium beverages sell for $8 and craft beverages sell for $9. The Spartan Daily regrets this error.
**SPORTS**

**Rice Univ. match canceled due to Hurricane Harvey**

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With airport closures in the greater Houston area since early Sunday due to Hurricane Harvey, the Rice University women’s soccer team’s scheduled match against San Jose State on Friday has been canceled.

The match will be rescheduled according to SJSU Athletics.

“Our thoughts are with the people in Houston and the Rice soccer program during this challenging time,” said Spartans head coach Lauren Hanson in a press release yesterday.

The Owls were expected to stay in the Bay Area through the weekend to play Saint Mary’s College in Moraga Sunday following Friday’s game.

“Of course we are disappointed that we cannot get to play San Jose State and Saint Mary’s, but the safety of our players is the most important,” said Rice head coach Nicky Adams, who is in her 15th year with the Owls and seventh as head coach.

Adams hosted 10 people, including neighbors, at her home because many of her family members and friends were affected by the storm.

“It’s been a tough, difficult and emotional week for our city and very difficult to focus on soccer,” Adams said. “We appreciate all the prayers and encouraging words that have been pouring in from the entire soccer community.”

Following the news of the game’s cancellation, Saint Mary’s head coach Travis Clarke also sent his thoughts to those affected by the hurricane. He wished Rice and the Owls head coach Lauren Hanson in a press release yesterday.

The last game the Owls’ played was at home against 2nd-ranked Baylor on Aug. 24, which had to be moved up a day to avoid weather warnings. The contest went to two overtime periods and ended in a 0-0 draw after 110 minutes with game time temperature at 91 degrees and wind speeds at 10 mph.

Three days later, a scheduled crossover matchup between Rice and University of Houston was postponed as both teams and schools have been coping with Hurricane Harvey’s aftermath.

The Owls’ (1-4-1) next contest is at University of Memphis on Sept. 8. The Spartans (1-3-0) will continue gameplay Sunday as they host 30th-={'00000008'}-ranked Memphis at 7 p.m.

**FOOTBALL COLUMN**

**Spartan notebook: Cal Poly doesn’t stand a chance**

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This coming Saturday, the San Jose State Spartans have no choice but to withstand the Cal Poly Mustangs.

I will be truly disappointed if SJSU finishes with anything less than a 24-point spread.

The reason I say that is because Cal Poly is from the subdivision of NCAA Division I football (FCS) while SJSU is in the big leagues (FBS). It's like matching the A-team face the B-team.

Dynamic QB WR duo: The Spartans played marvelously against South Florida last week — in the first quarter.

I was shocked and glued to my laptop when I watched our offense push forward against USF’s great defense.

SJSU may have not won, but showed it has potential for a successful season. However, the team needs to turn that potential into winning results this week.

The way SJSU will dominate Cal Poly is through its quarterback and star wide receiver.

Linking up quarterback Josh Love with wide receiver Bailey Gaither is like having a deamated bomb waiting to explode.

They’re the SJSU version of Raiders' Derek Carr and Amari Cooper.

This game will showcase their offensive chemistry. Guaranteed.

Mark my words. "I think he (Likhat) got a great combination of speed and quickness, probably more so than anyone else on the field," said SJSU head coach Bronson Barron.

If they were able to connect on two touchdowns on a team that is ranked No. 19 nationally, there’s no doubt that they’ll at least double that against Cal Poly.

The most impressive thing to me about this past game was the display of heart by San Jose State’s QB. This guy totally stunned against USF when sacking Brandon Flowers during a well planned blitz.

If he has the ability to reach a quarterback who is known to strategically cut through teams to get good passes, I have faith that he’ll be able to stop Protheroe. Final predictions: SJSU is going to take the win. I have no doubt in my heart about that.

SJSU can’t take Cal Poly lightly because some of the biggest upsets have happened in college football.

The last time SJSU faced an FCS team it defeated Portland State, 66-35, and rushed for a team total 409 yards — the eighth most for a single game in school history.

The Spartans are going to turn the Mustangs into ponies.

I predict the final score will be 28-10.

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San Jose State quarterback Josh Love scrambles while South Florida defensive coordinator Brian Jean-Mary points and yells in the background.

Texas National Guardmen rescue a resident by boat during flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston on Sunday, Aug. 27.

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