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The San Jose State aviation facility is located at Reid-Hillview Airport. The program may relocate to the San Martin Airport.

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**The potential closure of a local airport may occur over 250 San Jose State students of a location to learn aviation.**

Last week the San Jose City Council discussed the issue at weekly meeting, following up on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors decision to no longer take federal grant money to maintain it.

During a board meeting last year, people who live near the Reid-Hillview Airport complained of noise, lead exposure in the air via the airplane fuel, and their general safety hazards. Co-sen. Magdalena Carrasco discussed how she thinks the land the airport is on could be used, according to a transcript of the meeting.

"If there's a best use and it results in housing or economic development...I have to consider that," she said. "This is not the first time that the potential closure of the airport has brought turbulence to the aviation program."

"This conversation has been taking place for the past 30 years," said Chair of the SJSU aviation program, Freidoon Barez. "From time to time, there's an interest to close the airport and luckily we have survived all this turmoil."

The facility provides students with a hands-on aviation learning experience. Barez said he believes there is more to gain from keeping the airport open, rather than shutting it down. If nothing else, Reid-Hillview serves as a relief airport for Norman Y. Mineta International Airport or could be used for emergency housing in the event of a major disaster.

At the board of supervisors meeting, nearby residents argued housing and businesses could take the space. Barez said he is willing to work with the airport and the community to try and quell some of the concerns.

"If there is a possibility of lead, I am going to expedite that myself and try to get some folks to do some testing," he said. "I am also going to start a consultation with the community to determine how much noise the airplanes are creating."
Defunding

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Council members at the board meeting also proposed that the SJU aviation program could transfer operations to the San Martin Airport. Although the board meeting also does not believe it is feasible.

"San Martin only has one runway, it does not have the proper tower and it does not have the infrastructure to be able to accommodate the proper training," he said.

Aviation junior Eric Alog said he was not shocked by the news of the proposed closure. Alog and closure have happened with other general aviation airports in major cities, such as Chicago's Field Airport in Chicago that shut down in 2010.

"For some reason, despite whatever economic benefits airport provide, the general public just does not seem to like airports," Alog said. "Tactons that strongly desire airports to be closed are making it happen." If the aviation program is forced to pack up its bags and head to a different airport, Alog hopes that the program would be able to plant its roots at a new location and create a fully-fledged facility.

In an ideal world, I envision there being a...
Sports

Rochester University hockey looks to build on the team’s progress with the help of new coach Mike Jahnda.

Jahnda, who took over as head coach midway through the 2018-2019 season, said he’s excited to get the season underway even though starting spots are not yet locked down.

“We just want to get out there,” Busch said. “It’s my first year and I don’t expect to be starting right away.”

Although the team has nationals in its sights, coach Mike Jahnda said his personnel goal for his first full season focuses more on building the team rather than winning games.

“My goal is to get better everyday and trust the process and see where we are at the end of the process,” Jahnda said.

Jahnda has a myriad of hockey achievements on his resume, ranging from playing in two years in the United States Hockey League to winning the Frozen Four while playing for Rochester University of Technology in New York.

Taking over as head coach midway last November, Jahnda looks to build on the team’s progress with the help of his staff.

Transitioning head coaches midway can be detrimental for a team, but Jahnda said the team handled the change well.

“It was a little bit of a learning curve for them,” Jahnda said. “With a change of style and play, but the transition was easy.”

Now fully in control, Jahnda hopes to fully integrate himself into the team within the first week of matches.

“We had some success last year,” Jahnda said. “Near Christmas we lost our top two scorers, and starting goalie, which hurt us in the second half, but I was really excited with practice today.”

Injuries are still a concern for Jahnda coming into this season with limited players to fall back on if things go awry.

“We got a good amount of guys, but we are one injury away from not having a full team and its scary,” Jahnda said.

The team fears that still being unable to compete if they lose any players will be a top concern during the season.

With limited players backing him, junior forward Max Miller said that he hopes to not only improve as a player in his first season, but also see the team grow as the season progresses.

“You can never stop improving and as a team, we can improve too,” Miller said.

The hockey team’s biggest goal is to win games and improve, but being a club sport, the players understand that it is more than just wins and losses.

Busch has looked at the experience as more than just a game and appreciates the bonds that the players have made competing on the team so far.

“It’s a great community to be around,” Busch said. “I’ve never really experienced that with a team.”

The season starts on Sept. 20, when the team will face the Arizona State San Devils in Tempe, Ariz.

“We have a really great schedule this year,” Jahnda said. “Here’s a lot of cool and good matchups and schools that we don’t see very often.”

The first game could be a big one with a lot of new players on the ice waiting for a chance to show what they can do.

“We are hard workers,” Busch said. “A lot of the guys on the team work jobs and go to school. Everyone puts in the effort.”

The team will play against the Texas A&Ms Sept. 27 at Shakers Ice for their first home game of the season.
Campus Voices

What is the craziest thing you have had to do for parking?

I looked two hours for parking, went home and asked my dad, “Can you please drop me off?”

Chan Doan
Computer engineering Junior

Just check your maps before leaving.

I have had to come an hour early.

Linda Borja
Hospitality management Sophomore

I have had to wake up at five in the morning and my class started at nine.

Shaday Hernandez
Special art Junior

I have had to park on the street.

Katie Gomez
Communications Junior

I had to give a person a ride to their car to get their parking spot.

Rosalina Gutierrez
Marketing Graduate Student

The Airbnb of parking, ParkStash returns to SJSU

By Nathan Doyle

After a surge in use, the founder and CEO of crowdsourcing app ParkStash announced spaces being leased near San Jose State sold out and the app received 2,000 new sign ups after the first week of classes.

Described as the “Airbnb of parking” by ParkStash CEO Sameer Saran, the app allows property owners to lease spaces to drivers and crowdsources parking space availability for those trying to find a spot to leave their car.

The app also tracks how many open spots are in each of SJSU’s parking garages.

On Wednesday, students went all the way up to 21st Street to park.

For many students, even with the app it is difficult to find a parking space with more than 12,000 students coming to SJSU.

Civil engineering junior Edgar Sanchez said that despite the parking setbacks, he appreciates the convenience that ParkStash provides.

“I don’t know what my life would be like without that app,” Sanchez says, noting that even when spaces are all taken up he only finds himself parking 3-4 blocks away.

Sancha only has issues with the way the system runs sometimes.

“When I press destination, it glitches,” he said.

Dan Nguyen, a senior majoring in business management information systems, says that he is planning to get the app off the convenience that will come with it.

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The goal for the ParkStash CEO and his team is to create a more positive impact on the environment and to be able to work with more parking space owners.

Sanchez says they have even begun working out ways to find parking near other universities including UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkeley.

“We have restaurants and dry cleaner spots now,” Saran says about the new spots that have been made available to ParkStash users.

After extending the contract with San Jose State into an ongoing one, Saran hopes that within the next year that ParkStash will have at least 200 parking spaces near campus.

San Jose State parking enforcement officers took an average of two hours to patrol an entire parking garage last semester.

This was due to drivers having to display paper permits and University Police Department officers had to walk up to the windshield of each vehicle to assure if the permit was valid.

SJSU Parking Manager Eric Cross said, “This was a huge waste of time and energy for the officers.” The university is now starting to use a new virtual parking system.

With automated license plate reading cameras mounted on their trucks, officers can read license plate numbers, verify they bought a permit in the online system, and take any permits not registered.

“Officers can now get one garage done in probably about 45 minutes,” he said in regards to what the new system means for the parking validation process.

But what does it mean for students?

The university partnered with another mobile parking app, Park Mobile, to create a phone payment system to purchase temporary parking passes.

Instead of having to wait in line to pay for parking on a parking meter, Cross said Park Mobile allows students to pay on their phones.

“Pay for your parking while you’re walking to class, you can pay for it sitting in class,” he said. “You order your food on it, you pay your bills on it, why not go ahead and get your parking on it.”

After talking briefly in his office, Cross walked outside toward the bottom floor of the garage where many of the parking enforcement vehicles were parked.

He pointed out four identical looking trucks and said, “These four can have the parking verification cameras.”

The trucks have what looks like two small security cameras mounted on the roof, facing opposite each other. Cross explained how the cameras were used to verify a car is permitted to park in SJSU facilities.

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Regarding the new system, Cross said that Digital Payment Technologies keeps license plate information in its system for six months.

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“I want to know who exactly would have access to my information,” he said. “Then I’d warm up to the idea of having my license plate data available.”

Cross said UPD is not allowed to share information with federal agencies and no information could be shared with local law enforcement without the approval of the police chief.

“That information is not going to be disseminated to anyone, it’s not going to be shared with anyone,” he said. “The university has an agreement with the police chief that we’re not going to be embedded in any of those activities.”

Parking violations would be easier to detect because the new system keeps digital records, said Cross. Officers save more time because of reduced patrolling and students no longer have to attend to a ticket dispenser for daily permits.

Parking enforcement officials also created a system for students to extend their parking time by sending a text message.

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Cross also mentioned an additional mobile transit app, DoubleMap, would notify students and faculty of the approximate arrival time for the Park and Ride Lot shuttle.

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Virtual parking permits

SJSU switches to paperless system for increased efficiency

By Venece Vera

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PARKING

Automated license plate reader usage

California

- 187 law enforcement agencies in California use license plate readers

- City of San Jose retains data for 12 months

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America

- Only 16 states have active regulations regarding use of license plate readers

- 71% of US police officers use some form of license plate readers

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**Get your hands off of student data**

By Editorial Board

Spartan Daily

Parked at San Jose State is a nightmare. When the university’s recent changes to the permit system were made with the best of intentions, they will be harmful in the long run.

Any short-term benefit of convenience can’t compare to the damages caused by increased data collection.

A quick recap: SJSU replaced physical parking passes with “virtual permits” that track students’ vehicles based on the license plate.

Everything is digital now, leading to the introduction of automated license plate reader.

SJSU Parking Services now drives through a parking garage, quickly checking the permit status of each car.

From their perspective, it’s much faster than manually walking from car to car, looking at plastic parking permits or paper receipts.

At first, the benefits to students seem pretty nice. You can now pay for parking from your phone, or extend already purchased time with a text.

But like most good things in this world, there’s always a catch.

This isn’t an isolated incident, it’s part of a worrying pattern of overreach in data collection by the university in recent months.

In May, the new SJSU Recreation and Aquatic Center opened and began collecting student IDs to scan their hands in order to enter the facility.

Recreation center staff quickly clarified that the scanners were optional but multiple students have reported that they felt pressured by staff when registering to submit their hand.

Much of the university’s collection relies on students trusting it to be good stewards of their personal information.

Unfortunately, SJSU has not shown itself to be able to succeed in this task.

Back in June, the Spartan Daily reported that confidential student information and faculty information leaked because of a misconfigured setting in Google Drive.

Google itself had warned organizations back in a June 2018 blog post that Google Groups had an avenue for data leaks that needed to be fixed.

A month later, a Google employee had finally fixed the issue.

In a 2017 presentation, members of the SJSU and faculty information and security office stated “This stuff is a huge risk and that incident which required reporting, credit monitoring or other action at SJSU since 2013 could have been prevented by taking minor precautions.”

The suggestion was minuscule.

The auto-pilot mode of the university’s data collection against student privacy and that’s their will.

They will be harmful in the long run.

In an ideal world, students wouldn’t have to worry about these kinds of issues.

Students are already at risk from online scammers and countless others surveilling SJSU should be a safe place that has our backs.

It’s possible that some students will say they do not care about losing their privacy and that’s their will.

But some changes, like the new automatic license plate reader, don’t allow for that. Some students simply have to drive to school and they are now caught up in this desperate data collection against their will.

Implementing the automatic license plate reader has that right away from these students.

For a university that aims to protect the rights of its students, this is not acceptable. Of its background, it’s imperative that San Jose State add the right to privacy to that list.

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**OPINION**

**PEOPLE-CENTERED POLITICS**

**Abortion care is healthcare**

Our reproductive rights are being threatened nationally as anti-abortion legislation makes its through state legislatures, thrusting towards dismantling Roe v. Wade, now that the balance of the Supreme Court has shifted.

We need to understand more than ever now, our own reproductive constitutional rights during these times.

Certainly, California can and must be a leader in protecting access to abortion care.

Even in a state without major abortion restrictions, we know that people, especially those who are minorities, low-income or historically marginalized, still face obstacles to accessing abortions.

University students are among these valuable communities. No public school health center in our campus currently provides abortions. That means that once a student decides to end a pregnancy, they are forced to go off-campus for care.

According to a study performed by the Guttmacher Institute, New Studies In Reproductive Health (ASIRH), the average student has to travel more than two hours by public transportation to get to and from off-campus facilities. That means taking extra time away from school, work or students who are already a parent from caretaking.

This is an unnecessary barrier as our health care system has the capability to administer medications.

ABC Reports that San Jose State has the highest number of homeless students in the California State University System. We need to ensure that no one is left behind, providing easy access to abortion care.

Being forced to go off-campus is not only a student health issue; it is a basic needs issue; an academic retention issue and an equity issue.

But then there is something that we can do about this.

The College Student Right to Access Act would require on-campus student health centers at all public California universities to provide medication abortion so that students can get the care they need without facing unnecessary obstacles.

Medication abortion, or as the medical community calls it, an effective option for ending an early pregnancy by taking two pills, is a safe and effective option.

Our health center already offers all of our students’ basic health care, including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and birth control. We need to expand on our current obligations.

According to the same study by ASIRH an estimated 622 to 719 students sought medication abortion each month in California, which means the need is there and it’s real. I urge our university administrators and higher education leaders to stop dragging their feet and start using our own capacities.

Grace Pang

Legislative Columnist

#BreaktheStigma as abortion care is health care

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Stop using pixelated violence as a scapegoat

The Greek philosopher Plato once famously said, "Only the dead have seen the end of war," and as gritty as it seems, the same seems to be true about mass shootings in the United States.

Since perpetrators Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed so many of their fellow Columbine High School classmates 20 years ago, the archetype for the American mass shooter has been a young white male with white supremacist tendencies, an obsession with firearms and an affinity for video games.

Or so the gun-lobby would have us believe that video games are part of the problem.

Columbine began the current growing sentiment that video games have become a contributing factor in mass shootings but in reality, such rhetoric is preposterous.

In 2001, then-U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher said, "We clearly associate media violence to aggressive behavior."

"Halo," "Call of Duty" of video games such as weight with the releases of video games even contain games. Rated "E" are the equivalent of movies rated "E." The system works its way up to have the rating "M" for "Mature" in which only people age 17 and older can purchase said games.

Another grossly overlooked component to this debate is that not all video games contain any type of violence at all. Games such as "Minecraft" or "Lego Avengers" feature mild, cartoonish violence. The ongoing "FIFA" and "Madden" franchises are sports-based games and have hence devoid of any guns. Video games, like movies and music, have seen an explosion in the variety of sub-genres they entail.

With thousands of titles and counting, there's literally a game for everyone and that doesn't always mean shooting Russian spies in "GoldenEye" or fighting off Covenant Army troops in "Halo."

Following the shootings in Texas and Ohio this summer, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy argued that "video games dehumanize individuals" during an interview on "Fox & Friends."

Politicians such as McCarthy make it seem as though all video games are a plague on humanity, but statistics suggest that even without video games, the spike in gun violence is strictly an American issue. The New York Times reports that Japan, one of the global leaders in video game development and consumption according to Imagine Games Network, didn't have any violent gun deaths per 100,000 citizens in 2017.

Neither did South Korea and China, which join in the list of highest video game revenue per person. That same year the United States, another major consumer of video games, reported more than four violent gun deaths per 100,000 citizens.

East-Asian gamers buy and play more video games than the rest of the world, yet their mass shooting numbers remain dormant. "There's been shootings even before video games were a thing, I think the main focus should be on mental health," biology freshman and avid "Assassin's Creed" gamer Alex Gomez said. "I think the Columbine shooters played violent video games like 'Doom' and people back then blamed the game, but how many middle schoolers and myself included played 'Call of Duty' for hours and didn't shoot up our schools?" he said.

As a lifelong gamer myself, I will not stand to see my people become a scapegoat for an issue that has nothing to do with our way of life. Since I first began playing "Lego Star Wars: The Video Game" when I was nine years old, I can honestly say that playing video games gives gamers a means of relieving stress in a way that doesn't harm human beings.

I would much rather have an insecure and angry young man take his angst out on a collection of fictional animated aliens than to do so with actual human beings. The only blood video games spill is pixelated.

Furthermore, it’s time for society and lawmakers to stop dehumanizing us gamers in general. Thanks to online servers that connect gamers from all over the world, I’ve made lasting friendships and connections with people of all ages, sexualities, races, and religious beliefs. In the real world, who are you and where you come from can limit you. In the video gaming world, you’ve just another anonymous collection of pixels with just as much to contribute as the next player.

Video games don’t cause mass shootings. Hate white supremacy is a cause of mass shootings. Inadequate care for the mentally ill causes mass shootings. Video games have been and always will be a platform for inclusion and equality through recreation, so the next time gamers are blamed for gun violence in this country, just remember that my Kill-Death ratio does not make me a threat to you and your family.

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Campus parking issues cause delay

The park and ride shuttle was not able to fit all students in front of Duncan Hall that needed to pick up their cars from the overflow lot, leaving some waiting an extra 20 minutes for the next bus.

The 7th Street parking garage quickly fills to capacity in the morning, leaving students searching for any spots available.

Empty spots appear at the park and ride lot in the afternoon. The lot reached capacity by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

The 30 minute parking spots get taken quickly throughout the day as a result of crowded parking lots and minimal space.

Lead parking officer Daveon Harris said the overflow parking lot has never filled up its roughly 600 available spots.

Trying to get to their 1:30 p.m. classes, students' cars wait in line to climb up the 7th Street parking garage. Each driver asked some passerby if they were leaving and if they wanted a ride in exchange for the spot.