CA implements Greek life bill

By Julia Chie

The Campus-Recognized Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act, or Assembly Bill 628, was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Sept. 13, 2023, requiring all California institutions with fraternities and sororities chapters to publish and distribute an annual transparency report.

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Lyft offers new feature

Ride-share app allows users to request prioritization based on gender

By Vanessa Real
STAFF WRITER

Lyft is helping its passengers and drivers feel more secure with every ride by adding Women+ Connect, a new preference feature that’ll be used to match women and non-binary drivers to other drivers and passengers of the same sex.

This feature offers passengers the option to prioritize finding drivers who are women or non-binary, according to Lyft’s official website. When a passenger is looking for a ride with a feature enabled, a message reading “count me in” will pop up on the screen.

If there are no women or non-binary drivers available, a passenger will still be matched with a man. Women+ Connect is a prioritization feature, not a guarantee.

Women+ Connect is a feature developed by sophomore Sharyn Allison Muncada. She said the idea for the feature came from speaking with her family about their experiences.

“Women+ Connect is so important because being in a car with someone you don’t know can be very vulnerable and nerve-wracking,” Muncada said. She said while using Uber there have been countless times where she felt uncomfortable while riding with male drivers.

The Lyft Community Safety Report stated in 2019 that there were 1,241 reports of non-consensual sexual penetration during rides according to a Community Safety Report released by Lyft. Music composition

I think other applications should really consider adding a similar option.

I feel safe in a car with someone who’s a woman.

Some negatives about Women+ Connect might be male drivers feeling now they’re not going to make as much money,” Mandona said.

There are many cities where the Women+ Connect feature has launched. Chicago, Phoenix, San Diego, and Los Angeles are among cities where the option is available soon, with others included as well, according to the Lyft website.

The website said passengers should expect to see more cities be added, according to Lyft’s website.

“People start to feel like I grew up here all my life, I wasn’t treated the same way my peers and I had to go through this different process,” Tinajero Daza said. “I felt very isolated.”

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According to a 2018 Uber Safety Report, there were 1,360 incident reports of “Non-Consensual Sexual Penetration of a Sexual Body Part” and 594 incident reports of “Non-Consensual Kissing of a Non-Sexual Body Part.”

Like Muncada, communications senior Ana Mendosa also said she thinks Uber and similar transportation companies should have an option such as the Women+ Connect, but said she can see potential issues with male drivers.

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Believed by local skaters but damaged from petty theft and rising property value forced local skateboard shop, Circle-A Skateboards and Coffee, to a new location.

Commonly referred to as “the fish bowl,” a popular, independently owned coffee shop located at South 1st St. was forced to move the shop.

In June 2023, the shop was moved to its new location at 380 South 1st St. The shop hosts a variety of events such as skate video premieres, art shows and skate events according to its site.

Schmelzer in the mid ‘80s, freestyle skateboarder Bob Schmelzer said Circle A aims to provide an open space for skaters to explore skateboarding and apparel and potentially new friends.

Schmelzer and founder of Metro Silicon Valley, Ng said that the move was necessary because of rising rent and theft.

“It was time to get out of there because at night, people are passing through the windows and steal stuff and we’re not going to have that same thing happen,” said Ng.

“We were located at the shop for about 25 years but this year in June we moved over to the metro building,” he said.

This new location is right across the street from Circle A. The market has high quality food and things we have been hosting events in downtown San José, according to its site.

Public relations junior lar said Garcia said the move is beneficial for the experience and knowledge of skateboarders.

He also said Circle A has many accessible supplies skaters would use to enhance their skateboarding experience.

“Circle A is a significant store for the skaters because skaters can go get supplies such as decks, wheels, hardware, clothing, things of that nature,” Garcia said.

Garcia said that the old location was a better location than the new open space for skaters to practice tricks and rule their boards right outside the shop.

“I know a good demographic of Circle A’s clientele were school high school students,” Garcia said.

“Those students would sometimes find other ride models to look up to, who also share skateboarding as a hobby.”

San José native Brian Ng said that he goes to Circle A to get new wheels and hardware for his skateboard and he often refers Circle A to his family and friends who share the same interest in skating.

“When I purchase all my skateboard pieces from Circle A they fix and assemble my skateboard for free,” Martinez said. “Circle A is where my friends and I used to hang out and spend our free time.”

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By Lamar Moody

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAFF WRITER

Becky G gets personal in her new album

Becky G is known for her music that defies labels of tone in her music with the emotive and probably very intimate album, “ESQUINAS.”

The album is very much Becky G’s passion project for Becky G as she brings in themes of love and heartbreak. The songs, like “2NDO CHANCE,” are about moving on from previous relationships and saying the relationship is broken.

This album completely exceeded my expectations. This album, there are 3 recurring themes.

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San José State’s Chase Williams (left), Bryun Parham (center) and Taniela Latu (right) jog off the field in the Spartans’ loss to Air Force on Sept. 22 at CEFCU Stadium.

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Sep. 22, their fourth loss in bye week and most recently 0-1 MWC) are coming off a game at Boise State.

By Nathan Canilao

The Spartans (1-4, CBS Sports Network Oct. 7 @ 5 p.m. PDT SJSU @ Boise State)

SJSU seeks first win away at Boise State

The San José State football team will attempt to do something that’s never done in school history: win a game at Boise State.

The Spartans (1-4, 0-1 Mountain West) are looking for their first win of the season when they face the Broncos (4-1, 1-0 MWC) on Saturday night at Albertsons Stadium.

SJSU last won an away game in 2010 at Eastern Michigan, but has not played in Boise since 2018.

Boise State is averaging nearly 50 points per game and has won five straight games.

SJSU head coach Mike MacIntyre said the Broncos are a tough team to prepare for.

"They’ve got a lot of different stuff going on, a lot of different weapons, a lot of different defenses," MacIntyre said.

The Spartans will need to limit turnovers and get back to their ground game, which has struggled this season.

"It’s about being physical and watching the film," MacIntyre said.

SJSU has struggled on offense, averaging just 19.8 points per game.

The defense has been more consistent, allowing just 22.5 points per game.

"We’ve got to do a better job of being physical and playing our scheme," MacIntyre said.

The game will also feature a battle of two quarterbacks: SJSU’s Malikhi Miller and Boise State’s Hank Bachmeier.

Miller has struggled this season, throwing for just 980 yards and four touchdowns.

Bachmeier, on the other hand, has thrown for 1,748 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"We’ve got to prepare for him and make sure we don’t let him have a big game," MacIntyre said.

The Spartans will also face a tough defensive line led by DeAngelo Malone.

"They’re big, fast and physical," MacIntyre said.

SJSU will look to use its speed and agility to create matchup problems for the Broncos.

"We’ve got to get the ball out of our hands and make sure we’re playing with urgency," MacIntyre said.

The game will be a key test for the Spartans as they look to turn around their season.

"We’ve got to come out and play our best game," MacIntyre said.

The game will be televised on Fox Sports with kick-off set for 6 p.m. PDT.

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Reflecting on MLB rule changes

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With nearly MLB’s regular season officially over and the postseason started, it is only natural to reflect on the new rules that were implemented to improve the game. Were they a hit or a strikeout?

Pitch Clock: Base Hit

Since its start in 1876 MLB has never needed a clock. One of the biggest changes to the game this season is the pitch clock. Pitchers now have 15 seconds to begin their windup and 20 seconds with the ball on the plate. If the pitcher did not begin his windup the batter would be issued an automatic foul. On the other hand, batters had to be in the box and alert by the eight-second mark or they’d be issued an automatic strike. Clearly fans were in favor of the rule. MLB’s total attendance grew from 64,556,658 fans in 2022 to 70,747,365 in 2023 according to MLB.com.

Disagreement Violation: Strike Out

Another way MLB has sped up the game is by limiting pitchers the amount of time they’re able to attempt to pick off a runner. A pitcher now has two disengagements (pickoff attempts or step-offs) per plate appearance. A third disengagement could be considered a balk and the baserunner is automatically placed on the next base. This provided a great “risk-reward” scenario as players can take a long lead and be forced to round the bases if the pitcher will commit three disengagements to be awarded the next base. At the same time it’s lame. It now gives baserunners an extremely unfair advantage. Pitchers already face the pressure of a winding down clock, so why should they also have to worry about the number of pickoff attempts they throw?

MLB’s concerns with speeding up the game also huts itself in the process. Baseball is great because it’s a slow game and the advanced dance between pitcher, batter and catcher. If this rule had been implemented since the beginning of MLB it would erase some of the games’ most iconic moments. There would be no Dave Roberts stealing second base off Mariano Rivera to help the Red Sox comeback against the Yankees in the 2004 ALCS. He would simply be awarded the base the pitcher would have fake pitched to.

And yes, pitchers did take advantage of the game when there was no rule in place by committing a disengagement time after time, but I think it’s more important that we allow the at-bat to be played out.

Bigger bases: Base Hit

The league officially expanded each base from 19.1 to 29.9 square inches. This is a positive thing for the game as larger bases prevent injuries and help incentivize baserunners to steal more. We get to see the first 70 plus stolen bases season by Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. since Jacoby Ellsbury in 2009. The total number of attempted stolen bases increased from 1.4 attempts in 2022, to 1.8 attempts this season. The number of stolen bases per game increased from 1 to 1.4 per game.

The Shift: Base Hit

This season’s infielders were limited on where they could position themselves on the baseball diamond. With new improvised regulation on shifting, all four infielders are now required to have their feet over imaginary or infield grass. There also must be at least one infielder on each side of second base. This rule helped increase MLB’s offense as batting averages grew.

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This is bittersweet change that has even happened in the history of MLB. I kind of, but course it is a travesty to watch such legendary uniforms be tarnished by huge and ugly advertisements. All teams were allowed to begin to add advertisements patches to the sleeves of their jerseys this season. Not all ball clubs have them (yet), and some teams added them mid-season. This is bad for the game more than the beautiful “risk-reward” really doesn’t do justice for how ugly this looks.

Now that MLB is in the postseason, it it’s me to see the pitch clock enforced. Now head over to 3 and pitchers will have less time to control the game in important games of the season.

Again I’m not a fan of the rule, but I completely understand the importance of it. To see more people engaged in the game is only a good thing.

Position Players Pitching: Base Hit

In another rule change MLB has limited the number of times a position players can appear on the mound as a pitcher. The league enforced a new rule this season requiring the team winning the game could only have a position player on the mound if the team is up by 10 or more runs in the eighth inning.

For the teams, you were only allowed to have a position player on the bump anytime as long as they were down by 8 runs. This one serves as a base hit because it keeps the game more competitive.

As civil as it is to have moments in which it’s time to reflect on things, the importance of it. To completely understand fan of this rule, but I did take advantage of the game when there was no rule in place by committing a disengagement time after time, but I think it’s more important that we allow the at-bat to be played out.

Jersey Advertisements: Strike Out

This is the beginning of these iconic uniforms becoming more valuable. MLB will allow more ad space on the sides of batting helmets during the postseason this year.

RECAP

MLB is mostly making progressive steps to get more fans involved in the game and that is nothing but good.

In the future, I do hope more rules are imposed on the game like challenges for balls and strikes to really play the possibility of robitic umpires. But please MLB do not allow anymore ad space on the uniforms.

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