By Vanessa Real

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Gail Pellerin, State Assembly Member in the 28th Assembly District, wrote the bill and said it's beneficial to be able to peacefully disagree.

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National slap your coworker day

“I’m a manager . . . sometimes when I tell the new employees what to do they get really annoyed and they think I’m telling them they’re doing it wrong but I’m just trying to help them, so that always annoys me because they could have a manager way worse than me.”

Kendria Nazzaal
environmental studies senior

“I Used to work at Panera Bread and there was this lady, and she was like on the older side and I’m usually respectful towards all my elders because they’ve been around a while. She had the opening shift, Normally you’re supposed to get everything ready for when the next person comes in. She never did that. She would not restock the fridge, it would be all messy. One day, both of our shifts changed, so I had the opening shift, and then she had the evening shift. So I was like, fuck this, I’m going to leave everything messy, that way she understands and so I that’s exactly what I did. I left everything the way she leaves it. I didn’t restock anything. I didn’t wash any of the blenders or anything.”

Marco Macias
advertising junior

“'I would say a time where I wanted to slap a coworker was when this dolly girl was asking me about a guy that she was dealing with, that I used to see. She was saying that I thought she was being mess. She doesn’t work there anymore, but everyone knows she’s just messy and has a big mouth. So I was like, ‘Girl, why are you lying?’”

Hayley Loud
child development senior
Fire on the Fountain flames out SJSU

By Christine Tran
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San José State University’s Associated Students hosted its nineteenth annual Fire on the Fountain at Tower Lawn on Thursday evening. The goal of Associated Students is to “strengthen the Spartan community” according to its website. Fire on the Fountain is an SJSU tradition that occurs every year before the homecoming football game. This year, the Spartans played against the Utah State Aggies at CEFCU Stadium on Saturday.

Several student organizations such as Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Pacific Islander Student Association, and Spartan Fencing Club had booths set up on Tower Lawn and gave out free swag. Communication studies sophomore Valerie Chung said she never attended the event in previous years and regretted it, so she wanted to experience her first and last Fire on the Fountain.

“I was hoping to experience my last year [at SJSU] as much as possible to make the best memories with my closest friends,” she said. Chung said she is also a member of the Vietnamese Student Association and wanted to support her fellow members’ fun and fan dance performance that night.

“It represents my Vietnamese culture [and] also enjoyed watching other organizations perform because it let me be aware of other cultures besides my own,” Chung said.

Electrical engineering sophomore Phillip Tran said this was his second time performing the lion dance for the Vietnamese Student Association and he felt confident in his dancing abilities.

“I was more excited to showcase a traditional lion dance performance rather than the modern one performed last year,” Tran said.

Tran was accompanied by his fellow member, "Chung said.

A performer breathes fire into the audience for his performance during the event.

Fire on the Fountain was complete with an exhilarating act from fire dancers and a dance team, marching band performance that night. A QR code was displayed on screen for students to vote for their favorite candidates.

The four students running for homecoming queen were Asher Dhruv Varshney emceed the event, which Multani said was a phenomenal experience because they are great colleagues and friends outside of the office.

“Our chemistry felt so natural, almost like we were in a Board of Directors meeting,” Multani said.

“We had a great mix of passion, collaboration, light-heartedness and excitement,” Multani said. This year’s Fire on the Fountain made him proud of the strong community present at SJSU.

“The conglomeration of culture combined with the multitude of community I experienced while looking down at the crowd from the stage, will be a memory that I will hold dearly to me for the rest of my life,” Multani said.

Fire on the Fountain was an SJSU’s football team signature cheer. Students indicated their support for their favorite candidates and answered a question onstage. Each of the four candidates were then announced as members of homecoming court, which Multani said this year with a full band.

Communication studies student Alaina Taig said she never attended the event in previous years and said, “My heart was racing all of my worries went away because when I got on stage so fast but in the best way possible. I was not nervous at all. I was more excited to showcase a traditional lion dance performance rather than the modern one performed last year,” Tran said.

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“On the day of the event, there were so many emotions at once but our primary goal was to [make it] a memorable and enjoyable event for students who work hard every day and represent San José State University,” Rocha said.

Rocha said Fire on the Fountain this year surpassed her expectations because of the turnout rate from both students and staff members.

“While last year’s event was extremely fun to attend, there’s no comparison to the excitement and pride of hosting and managing it this year,” Rocha said. "We saw a significant increase in attendance, including many enthusiastic alumni and community members.’

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Spartans beat Aggies in homecoming game

When Utah State quarterback McCall Hillstead threw a 25-yard touchdown dart to Micah Davis late in the second quarter to tie the game at 14, Brent Brennan felt familiar feelings of heartbreak in creep in.

Were the Spartans going to blow another double-digit lead? After leading 14-0 in the first quarter, San Jose State gave up 14 unanswered points in the second quarter, going into halftime tied with the Aggies.

But the past didn’t catch up to the Spartans as they outscored the Aggies 28-7 in the second half to rout the Aggies in a 42-21 homecoming win Saturday night.

The last two weeks have been a shift for SJU. Despite its three-game losing streak, the Spartans were outscored 56-7 in the second half. Over the last two games, SJU has outscored opponents 68-14 which have resulted in home comebacks.

“My dad used to say there’s nothing less important than the score at halftime,” said SJU head coach Brent Brennan after SJU’s win over Utah State. “Whether you’re leading you’re leading or tied or behind. I just love how our team responded to the last two weeks.”

A big part of why the Spartans have played well in the second half has been a pivot to become a more run-heavy offense. The running back duo of Kairee Robinson and Quadi Conley has rushed for 425 yards and six rushing touchdowns in the last two games.

Against the Aggies, Robinson rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown while Conley ran for 74 yards and 2 touchdowns.

“I feel like we’re a passing offense first,” Brennan said. “But we’ve kept running the ball cause they couldn’t stop us.”

The Spartans defense has also contributed to the improved second half performance. SJU’s defense has forced four interceptions and three fumbles in the last three games.

Linebacker Jordan Pollard has soared as one of the team’s best players on the defense as he totaled 10 tackles and an interception against Utah State.

“Our coaches told us playmakers need to step up,” Pollard said. “I just feel like our playmakers have stepped up in the last two weeks.”

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The San José State women’s soccer team’s hopes of snapping its three-game losing streak crumbled with a 2-1 loss to Colorado College on Thursday. The Spartans (3-8-6, 1-5-3 MWC) scored its first and snapping its three-game losing streak with its last being in 3-1 win against Fresno State on Sept. 30.

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