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Students: free Iran, Afghanistan



By Alessio Cavalca
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Editor's note: Staff writer Myenn Rahmoma is president of the Afghan Student Association.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Afghan Student Association and the Persian Student Association held a rally at San Jose State to advocate for freedom in Afghanistan and Iran.

The two student groups and other members of the SJSU community gathered in front of the Olympic Black Power Statue, holding Afghan and Iranian flags and colored posters, while listening to a series of speakers who highlighted issues and challenges that Afghan and Iranian people are facing.

After the speakers, the crowd began marching on Seventh Street, intoning the chorus for freedom.

Saugher Nojan, SJSU sociology and Asian American studies assistant professor, focused the attention on the West's distorted vision and stereotypes about Islam.

"The Western's representations of the East are inferior and need to be seen to justify Western imperialism and superiority through domination, racism and violence against those deemed other," Nojan said.

She said that style of domination produced an imagined geography that silences and produces an invisible and passive othering through the proliferation of stereotypes.

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Persia Mozaffari, the Persian Student Association vice president of recruitment and San Jose State student, holds up a sign that says, "Amplify our voice free Iran" as she marches through campus Monday afternoon to increase students' awareness.

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San Jose State clubs hold debate in hopes to increase voting among students

By Vanessa Tran
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State chapter of BridgeUSA, also known as BridgeSJSU, hosted a political speed-debating event, "Let's Talk About Midterms!" Thursday in the Student Union to educate students before they vote in the U.S. General Election today.

BridgeUSA is a nonprofit organization that aims to create spaces for students to have constructive political conversations. The SJSU chapter began in October 2021.

The event was hosted alongside Students Against Mass Incarceration, a student organization that advocates against mass incarceration, and Democrats at SJSU, a student club that promotes democratic values.

Sabrina Nabizada, BridgeSJSU president and political science junior, said statewide propositions and local offices that are up for election will have effects on the university community.

"When you go out to vote, you're electing officials who have your best interest in mind. That means they're going to be voting for policies that are in your favor," Nabizada said.

She said students should learn more about the propositions, especially the ones that are catered to education including Proposition 28.

Proposition 28 would require a minimum source of annual funding for grades K-12 in public and charter schools to fund arts education programs, according to Ballotpedia, a nonprofit and nonpartisan political

encyclopedia for U.S. politics.

"That one, I think should especially be paid more attention to by students because it does directly impact how much is given to art programs, things like that," Nabizada said. "Currently, there's not really much on there, especially because the funding for that is debated on state decisions or local decisions."

She said she acknowledges that some students don't vote because it takes some time to research each proposition and who the candidates are.

"Voter turnout for the youth is super low," Nabizada said. "The harm of that is that you're going to have politicians in office who do not care about issues that you're affected by, which is why you should be voting."

About 55% of voters between the ages 18-29 participated in the 2020 presidential election, which is a 11% increase from 2019, according to Statista, a German company that provides statistics on more than 80,000 topics.

Sara Tapia-Silva, sociology senior and Students Against Mass Incarceration member, said this year's midterm elections can make a big difference if people vote.

"I think that these events are really helpful because they're an outlet for us to discuss and maybe there's someone's perspective that you probably didn't think about or didn't take when considering these propositions," she said.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER



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The San Jose State women's soccer team gathers Monday in the Gold Room at South Campus to watch the NCAA Tournament selection show, which announces the brackets for the 64 teams.

Spartans win MWC, on way to NCAA tourney

By Kyle Tran
SPORTS EDITOR

The San Jose State women's soccer team continues to make history in its 2022 season campaign.

The No. 3 Spartans were crowned Mountain West Conference (MWC) tournament champions after defeating No. 1 Wyoming on Saturday night at the University of New Mexico Soccer Complex.

The contest ended in a 0-0 score that ended 6-5 on penalty kicks in favor of the Spartans.

"To come away and not get a bye and play three games in altitude, it just speaks volumes to this team's grit," head coach Tina Estrada said. "I'm so proud of them. They stuck through it. They stayed together. They believed."

Senior midfielder Sabrina Weinman said the win was long deserved for the team.

"We didn't start preseason the way we wanted to, so the fact that we ended the season altogether winning, it felt so good as a team," Weinman said.

The result was a contrast from last year. "We just battled until the last minute and I'm just so thankful to have such an amazing team," senior defender Jada Wilson said.

Wilson is the reigning MWC Defensive Player of the Year and finishes her SJSU career the same way she started – a champion.

The team last won the MWC Tournament in 2018, when Wilson was a freshman.

The game was scoreless, but the Spartans

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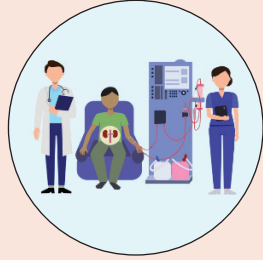
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Proposition 29
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Proposition 30
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Proposition 31
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TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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SJSU expert breaks down ballot measures

By **Jeremy Martin**
STAFF WRITER

Melinda Jackson, a San Jose State political science professor and associate dean for undergraduate education, broke down the propositions for the university community on the ballot for today's general election.

There are seven propositions on the ballot.

Prop 1

Proposition 1 aims to establish a central basis for reproductive freedom that would particularly deal with the right to abortion and whether an individual wants to refuse contraceptives.

Jackson said those rights are somewhat already protected.

"We already have those rights protected in California, but this would put it into the state constitution, which is a greater level of protection," Jackson said. "To change something in the state constitution is a lot more difficult than to just change a state law."

Jackson said that is the reason why the proposition is on the ballot in the first place, as after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned on June 24, states had put in place more restrictions on abortion rights.

Jackson said that the "forward-thinking" proposition is very important for students.

Prop 26 & 27

Jackson said Propositions 26 and 27 are very similar and are often the most confusing with TV ads.

"Both of them would allow sports betting in California, which is currently not allowed," she said. "They would do it in different ways."

Proposition 26 would allow in-person commercial sports betting at racetracks and existing regulated Native American casinos in California, according to a Oct. 6 Los Angeles Times article.

Proposition 27 would allow online and mobile sports betting and is backed by sports betting companies including DraftKings and FanDuel, according to the Los Angeles Times article.

The proposition would require online sports betting companies to partner with tribes to participate in online gambling.

It would allow tribes to create their own betting platforms, but would have to pay an exorbitant licensing fee to betting companies.

It also requires tribes and the companies to pay 10% of the sports bets made every month to California.

Prop 28

Proposition 28 would require California to spend a certain number of the state's funding on its own public education, according to the CalMatters Propositions Voting Guide webpage.

"This is the one that has almost no opposition," Jackson said.

She said it would ensure that 0.1% of funds raised in public education would be designated for music and the arts in public schools, including grades K-12.

"The reason that supporters put this on the ballot is because when we have budget downturns in California and the amount of money going to schools declines, its arts and music programming that usually tend to get cut first," Jackson said. "Sometimes even when there's more

money a few years later, they don't come back."

Prop 29

Proposition 29 would make it mandatory for kidney dialysis clinics to supply one physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant with an experience of six months available to patients on the site or even, in certain cases, online via Telehealth, according to the CalMatters Propositions webpage.

"Yes. This is the third time that this proposition has been on the ballot," Jackson said.

She said those who advocate for that proposition argue that the process would be made safer, while those who argue against the prop argue that this would cost more money, which would cause more dialysis clinics to shut down.

She said those supporting the proposition are worker unions, who have been trying to bring those technician workers together, while the other side is being occupied by businesses that control the clinics.

"It's really kind of a business argument. Like, a business vs. labor argument," Jackson said. "A lot of people argue that this is actually kind of a political strategy, that they're using this tactic of putting this proposition on the ballot that creates this financial threat for the companies and it also forces the companies to spend a lot of money to try to defeat the proposition."

Prop 30

Proposition 30 would put a 1.75% tax in place on incomes above \$2 million for zero emission cars and for wildfire prevention initiatives if passed, according to Ballotpedia, a voter's guide website.

Jackson said a law that recently passed states as of 2035, California residents won't be able to purchase new gasoline vehicles and from that point on, all new vehicles won't be gas powered. In other words, Californians will fully transition to low emission vehicles.

"This proposition would try to address those issues, those larger issues of climate change and the air quality by providing funding for people to buy an electric vehicle," Jackson said. "Not pay for the whole thing, but it's like a voucher, like a discount coupon."

Jackson said that is another proposition that's very important for students to pay attention to, as climate change is very important for younger people both at a global and local level.

Prop 31

Proposition 31, according to the CalMatters webpage, would decide to uphold a law passed in 2020, which is to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products.

A 'yes' vote would continue to maintain the law and a 'no' vote would put down the law and make the sale of these products legal.

"This is one that, again, a lot of young people do use these products," Jackson said. "The thing with the flavors, I mean, these are not regular tobacco flavors. They are obviously aimed at younger people to kind of get them started with vaping and get addicted to nicotine."

The deadline for in-person voting is 8 p.m. today. Mail-in ballots must also be postmarked by today.

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Tapia-Silva said one of the voting matters she is concerned about is Proposition 1 because she is a woman who wants to keep her rights on her body.

Proposition 1 supports amending the state constitution to prohibit interfering with or denying reproductive decisions, such as abortions or contraceptives, according to Ballotpedia.

Kat Adamson, sociology senior and Students Against Mass Incarceration member, said it's important for students to be involved in their local government

because they're in charge of what affects their lives.

Adamson said comprehensive breakdowns of each proposition can help students understand them better to help avoid the confusion of the wording.

Similar to Tapia-Silva, Adamson said she's fearful of Proposition 1 not passing because having the right and protection of abortion in our constitution is important.

"I do think it's a little confusing and a little controversial the way [Proposition 1 has] been worded," she said.

Adamson said she is also concerned about Proposition 31, which if passed, would put a ban against the flavored tobacco

products' sales.

"I think it's important to try and protect minors because there are major, major health issues that can happen from vaping," she said. "I know someone who's had serious lung and heart issues and was hospitalized for a very long time [because of] excessive vaping that they started as a minor."

The deadline for in-person voting is today at 8 p.m., which can be accessed in the Event Center in Room 1035.

Mail-in ballots must also be postmarked by today.

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JEREMY MARTIN | SPARTAN DAILY

BridgeSJSU members converse about political policies in the Student Union on Thursday in the form of "speed debating."

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"We need to unlearn what the West has taught us about Islam and women's rights," Nojan said. "Islam does not oppress women. Governments do."

The current Iran and Afghanistan governments suppress women figures denying basic rights and freedom and barring them from public life.

The most recent event that took place in Iran sparked protests around the world.

Zhina (Mahsa) Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman, was arrested for allegedly violating Iran's mandatory hijab law, and died after a three-day coma, according to a Sept. 16 New York Times article.

Nojan remarked on the Afghan Adjustment Act, highlighting the importance of continuing helping and supporting Afghan communities.

After the U.S. troops withdrawal from Afghanistan territory in August 2021, the U.S. allowed Afghan refugees into the country under a short-term humanitarian parole status allowing them to quickly enter

the U.S., according to a Sept. 9 Al Jazeera article.

The situation led to the development of the Afghan Adjustment Act, a bipartisan bill allowing Afghan refugees who are currently in a short-term humanitarian parole status to apply for permanent legal status in the U.S., according to a Sept. 22 New York Times article.

"As Afghans continue to see violence in our homeland and in the United States, it is vital that we support these communities through the Afghan Adjustment Act," Nojan said. "Aside from oppression, we are not just a community of victims, we are also experiencing joy and have a beautiful culture."

Although members of the student associations have been actively involved in advocating for the freedom of Afghanistan and Iran, they suffer because of the current situation in their home countries.

Wahhab Salemi, Afghan Student Association outreach coordinator, said he feels empowered because of what people in Afghanistan are experiencing.

"People in Afghanistan right now do not have any means of escaping their reality,"

Salemi said. "Those people are struggling and they have no one and the world has seemed to forget about them."

He said there are millions of people in Afghanistan and Iran who are in need of support, resources and humanitarian aid.

"The moment we forget about them, we leave them all in the dust," Salemi said.

Persia Mozaffari, the Persian Student Association vice president of recruitment, said she had mixed emotions because of the rally.

"I am not happy that we have to protest and gain people's attention," Mozaffari said. "People aren't aware of what is happening in the world because they are so focused on their own lives."

She said at the same time, she feels proud about the work the student organizations are doing to advocate for Afghanistan and Iran.

"That is why we have to come out here to show these people what we're doing, why we need their support, because at the end of the day, we cannot just have the people of our own country showing our support," Mozaffari said. "We need everyone

else and we need everyone's alliances."

One of the topics that the speakers covered concerned how the media and news outlets consider Afghanistan and Iran.

Salemi said it is sad that the news is often about horrible things that are going on in his country.

"The moment when the West does not have any type of interest in that, when that interest has gone from our country, it's also gone from the headlines," Salemi said.

Mozaffari said she is not surprised about the current poor news coverage on Afghanistan and Iran.

"I know that the government wants nothing more from Iran than their oil and just to be on good terms with them, but they don't really care what's happening," Mozaffari said. "They don't see us as actual people because Americans are notorious for their greed."

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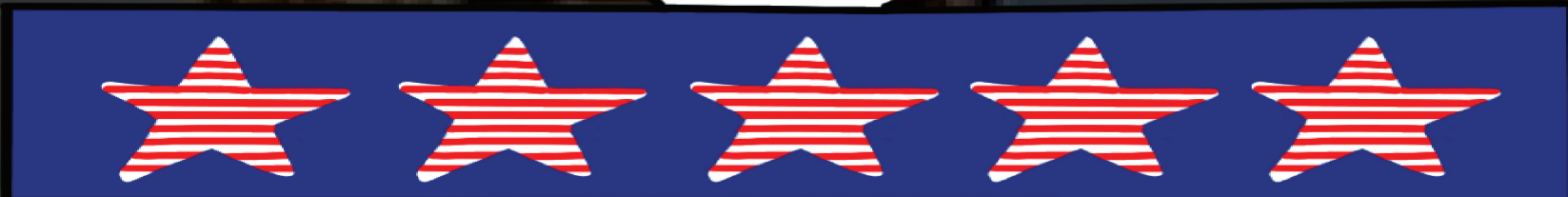
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It seems like every time elections roll around, the very fate of our democracy lies within our hands. If we don't act, we might lose it.

But what happens, when our democracy is acting exactly how it's designed to? How it is intended to be?

Republicans and Democrats are using the loopholes and disadvantages of the U.S. government to both of their advantages.

Democrats are begging voters to cast their ballots in support for their party or else we will continue our descent into fascism.

Republicans are using their power very easily to cling onto said-descent into fascism.

Republicans and Democrats need each other, to keep the income and power they both desire and crave.

Democrats will assure you they care and pin a pride button on your forehead before pushing you off a cliff.

Republicans aren't any better because they will simply push you off the cliff.

Many people will tell you our problems started when former President Donald Trump was elected in 2016, but that is just an indictment of the larger problem this country faces.

Endorsements and voting are not enough, to place the onus of the system upon voters who don't truly have a voice.

Thinking back to the last two years, especially after the coronavirus pandemic and the time we were all in shelter-in-place mandates, the cracks in our system started to surface and people began to realize that we are being crushed under the weight of the debris.

The U.S. is the only industrialized nation, besides South Africa, that does not have universal healthcare, according to

the National Library of Medicine.

More than one million people in the U.S. have died from COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic in 2020, according to an Oct. 25 NBC News article.

In August, as many as 3.8 million people were likely to be evicted within the next two months according to an August U.S. Census Bureau report.

The same report said a total of 8.5 million people were behind on their rents in August.

to a database by Mapping Police Violence, a nonprofit research group.

Even after the Summer 2020 protests, sparked by George Floyd's murder, many politicians in the U.S. pushed for more policing and higher budgets for local law enforcement with few reforms implemented across the nation.

The problems the U.S. faces as a nation are reflections of what California has to face in the future.



People find themselves caught in the web of complexities that the government weaves as we continue to regress further away from progress.

For the first time, the median rent in the U.S. topped \$2,000 a month in June and it's unlikely to stop there, according to the same report.

Meanwhile, \$54 billion has been given in aid to Ukraine, in addition to the \$400 million added on Friday, according to the U.S. Department of defense webpage.

This also includes the U.S. having the largest defense budget in the world, with 10% of all federal spending going toward defense, according to the Peter G. Peterson foundation, a nonprofit fiscal research group.

Nearly one-in-three Americans experienced a weather disaster in 2021, according to a Sept. 4, 2021 article by The Washington Post.

Joe Biden is America's oldest president, having been elected at 78 years old, according to a March 5, 2020 article by The Atlantic.

U.S. police have killed 970 people in 2022, according

The Bay Area is one of the most expensive areas to live in the nation, with the problem showing no signs of stopping.

While we watch mayoral candidates battle it out and attack each other on who spends the most money and who doesn't do what, people are still struggling to live in several cities including San Jose.

The issues we face here will continue so long as we continue to have the government we do.

It is high time for change and it will not just take a midterm election cycle for change to begin.

It is very obvious where the government's interests lie and it's not with the people they are meant to serve.

The system is supposed to work for us, not against us.

Voting is an integral part of society, but what happens when voting doesn't work and doesn't change?

Younger voters have been disillusioned with our institutions for so long and it is not their fault for not wanting to participate in a system that does not reflect their needs or desires.

The system is not only designed to disillusion, but it has been redesigned multiple times to keep disadvantaged voters out from their rights to choose.

So long as we cling to a 235-year-old piece of paper that has not been amended since 1992, the question begs, "What are we waiting for?"

When politicians find scapegoats to blame the country's problems on, the problems continue. People find themselves caught in the web of complexities that the government weaves as we continue to regress further away from progress.

The role of a newspaper is to inform and stay critical of our institutions when necessary and that includes when it comes to issues that affect writers and editors.

We think that means moving beyond the endorsements of politicians and staying critical of the institutions that deserve far more criticism than they receive.

It is time we look beyond the Democrats dangling fascism over our heads begging for our votes while they allow Republicans to do as they please.

They work hand-in-hand to keep the cycle of power focused on making sure they have their seats and income undisturbed.

The more newspapers objectively take a look at the problem as a whole, instead of endorsing the politicians that will continue the cycle to turn, the better.

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MEN'S SOCCER



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Senior midfielder Finlay Wood celebrates the Spartans' 1-0 win against Seattle University on senior night Saturday night at the Spartan Soccer Complex.

SJSU snatches No. 2 seed in WAC tourney

By Alessio Cavalca
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State's men's soccer team celebrated senior night by getting back in the second place spot of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) after its 1-0 win against Seattle University Friday at the Spartan Soccer Complex.

After the 1-1 tie against Air Force Academy on Oct. 28 and the 1-0 defeat against Grand Canyon University on Oct. 30, the Spartans showcased a brilliant victory against the Redhawks with the goal of SJSU junior forward Ryota Nakashima.

The Friday night game result, combined with the Air Force Academy 2-0 win against Grand Canyon University on Saturday, ensured SJSU a spot in the semifinal game of the WAC tournament in Riverside, California and a skipping of the first round.

SJSU head coach Simon Tobin said the victory was a great way to finish the season.

"I felt we played really well last weekend and did not really get too much of it," Tobin said. "So it is good to win against Seattle, who are always a good team."

During the first half, the Redhawks performed hard presses, making it difficult for the Spartans to deliver offensive plays.

SJSU freshman forward Riccardo Scarafia said the first 15 minutes of the game was particularly complex.

"They pressed us really high and we had trouble playing our usual game, made of

ball possession ground passes," Scarafia said. "We had to kick the ball forward to play our game, but me and the other forwards are not as big as the others."

At Minute 4, Seattle University exhibited a quick play on the left wing, where midfielder Nathan Lobo crossed the ball into SJSU's box.

When the ball reached the center of the box, Spartans senior defender Andy Barajas managed a good clearance, anticipating the Redhawks forward Habib Barry.

However, it was at Minute 7 when Seattle University delivered a golden opportunity to get the lead.

Redhawks midfielder Mo Mohamed dribbled Barajas on the right wing before delivering an accurate and sharp cross into the box.

SJSU defense lost its focus, permitting Lobo to reach the ball even if his shot shaved the left post of the Spartans' goal, finishing outside.

After 20 minutes of play, the constant pressing strategy of Seattle started decreasing its intensity, giving to the Spartans the opportunity to control the ball and deliver good offenses.

At Minute 32, SJSU exhibited a quick play that was developed by sophomore midfielder Beau Leroux, who controlled the ball around the central circle before passing it to Scarafia on the left wing.

Scarafia accelerated his run, resisting the pressing of two Redhawks players and passing

the ball to junior forward Isaac Lomeli at the edge of Seattle's box.

While Seattle defenders pressed Lomeli, he managed a quick pass back to Scarafia who showcased an accurate shot that the Redhawks goalkeeper blocked with a dive.

With the beginning of the second half, the Spartans started showcasing important offensive plays.

During the first ten minutes, the Spartans delivered several goal offenses with Scarafia, midfielder Finlay Wood and Leroux.

However, the turning point of the game took place at Minute 61, when Ryota Nakashima checked back into the match.

At Minute 62, Spartans midfielder Herminio Padilla exhibited an accurate 30-yard cross, delivering the ball to Leroux on the right wing who entered the Redhawks box and served a quick ground pass toward the far post.

On the other side of the box, Nakashima ran toward the ball, anticipating the Redhawks defense and scoring the goal for SJSU.

The crowd cheered while Nakashima celebrated his goal.

Nakashima said the goal meant a lot for him because of the physical problems that characterized his season.

He suffered an ankle injury in April that required surgery. After getting back in July, the same injury showed up again in September.

"I have been struggling this season," Nakashima said. "I did not play that much

compared with the past season because of my injury and my performance as well."

Although the Spartans celebrated the victory and the qualification to the WAC tournament, Friday's game was also an important landmark for some of the Spartans.

Before the first whistle, three SJSU senior players, midfielders Herminio Padilla and Finlay Wood and defender Eduardo Miranda, celebrated their last home game at SJSU walking on the field with their families.

Nakashima said with his goal he wanted to give back something to the SJSU senior players.

"I came to this team last year and Fin and Eduardo were here as seniors," Nakashima said. "They helped me a lot to get into this team."

SJSU (5-2-2) is scheduled to play the semifinal game of the WAC tournament on Nov. 11 at the California Baptist University Soccer Stadium in Riverside, California.

The opponent will be the winner of the Nov. 9 game between Grand Canyon University (4-3-2) and Seattle University (5-4).

The other three teams competing in the tournament are Air Force Academy, Utah Valley University and California Baptist University.

Simon Tobin said all six teams that are in the tournament this year are of real high quality.

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outshot Wyoming 18-14 with sophomore forward Bella Flocchini leading with five.

Senior midfielder Kiana Miyazato, sophomore midfielder Taylor Phillips and Wilson were named to the all-MWC tournament team.

Freshman goalkeeper Bente Pernot was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Netherlands native made four saves while also being the first freshman to be named the tournament MVP since 2015, also the same year the Spartans brought hardware to San Jose.

"Being named MVP of the tournament as a freshman still feels unreal," Pernot said. "Any award I get is also the team's award. I would not have been able to keep three shutouts without Jada and Kiana being there or the entire team for that matter."

The championship is the third in the women's soccer program, previously being crowned in 2015 and 2018.

However, SJSU's season is not over.

The win punches the Spartans a ticket to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament.

The tournament bid marks the third appearance in program history.

SJSU is the lone MWC representative in the NCAA Tournament and is the 14th seed in its bracket.

Monday's selection show, which was held in the Gold Room at South Campus, announced the Spartans' next matchup against Bay Area rival Stanford University, which is the third seed in the bracket.



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The Spartans will be the underdogs heading into their game on Friday and will try to play spoiler to Stanford.

Pernot said the team will go into that game with an underdog mentality—no different from the rest of their games this year.

Wilson said she looks forward to the challenge and is excited about the opportunity to play against one of the country's best collegiate soccer teams.

"We have nothing to lose and I hope everybody just goes out there and plays 100%, all effort," Weinman said.

The Bay Area clash between SJSU and Stanford is scheduled to take place in Palo Alto on Friday at 7 p.m.



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The San Jose State women's soccer team's Mountain West Conference trophy could be seen on display Monday in the Gold Room during the NCAA selection show.

FOOTBALL

SJSU becomes bowl eligible

By Adrian Pereda
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State's football team won its sixth game of the season, beating Colorado State University 28-16, on Saturday night at CEFCU Stadium. The victory makes the team bowl-eligible, meaning they will be eligible to be selected for a post-season bowl game.

Junior quarterback Chevan Cordeiro completed 27-42 passes and threw for 275 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Cordeiro also rushed for 33 yards on 8 attempts.

During the first quarter, Colorado State running back Avery Morrow rushed for a 56-yard touchdown on the third play of the game to put the Rams on the board 7-0.

With a slow start, the Spartans punted on the first and second possessions of the game. They ended the first quarter with 48 total yards and went 1-3 on 3rd down conversions.

To start the second quarter, SJSU completed an 11 play drive, 44 yard possession which ended in a 2-yard touchdown pass from Cordeiro to tight end Dominick Mazotti, tying the game at 7.

With just over three minutes left in the half, the Spartans' defense stopped the Rams on 3rd and goal, forcing the Rams into a field goal.

Colorado State went into halftime with a 10-7 lead. To start the 3rd quarter, the Spartans drove the ball down field and ended the drive with a Kairee Robinson 5-yard touchdown rush to put SJSU up 14-10.

On the next possession, the Rams converted 3rd & 20 with a 38-yard pass play from quarterback Clay Millen to wide receiver Tory Horton.

Colorado State looked like they would get points out of the possession, but Spartan cornerback Nehemiah Shelton intercepted Millen in the end zone to give the ball back to SJSU.

The Spartans continued to hum in the fourth quarter as Cordeiro threw his second touchdown pass of the game to wide receiver Elijah Cooks to give SJSU a 21-10 lead.

Cooks said that he knew he was going to catch the ball and trusted that Cordeiro was going to get him the ball in the right spot.

"To be a successful team, you have to have



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Sophomore linebacker Elijah Woods tackles a Colorado State player during Saturday night's game at CEFCU stadium at South Campus.

UPCOMING GAME

San Diego State vs. SJSU
Nov. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

that trust with your quarterback," Cooks said. "I told [Cordeiro], 'When you're in trouble trust me with it' and he does. That's why I love my boy."

With less than five minutes on the clock, the Rams managed to land a touchdown when backup quarterback Jackson Stratton threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Horton to cut the SJSU lead to 21-16.

On the Spartans' final possession of the game, Cordeiro threw a 37-yard pass to wide receiver Justin Lockhart on 3rd & 15 with a little over two minutes on the clock to set up the Spartans in the red zone.

Robinson punched in the final score for SJSU to give the Spartans a 28-16 lead, ending the game for the Rams.

Even with the Rams playing tough defense throughout the night, Cordeiro said he remained calm and patient.

"We all kept calm and I had that mindset we were going to score," Cordeiro said.

The Spartans recorded their sixth win of the season, meaning they qualify to be bowl game participants.

Head football coach Brent Brennan said he was happy to get the win and was proud of his team for becoming bowl eligible.

"I feel great about where we are at," Brennan said. "It has been a long time since our program has been in this position."

The Spartans' next game will be on the road against San Diego State on Saturday at Snapdragon Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

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Nathan Camilao contributed to this article.

VOLLEYBALL

Spartans go 2-0 during homestand

By Carolyn Brown
OPINION EDITOR

The SJSU women's volleyball team went 2-0 this weekend, putting the Spartans in second place behind University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the Mountain West Conference standings.

The bleachers were packed in Yoshihiro Uchida Hall Thursday night for the women's volleyball match against Colorado State University as SJSU won the game 3-1.

"The environment adds so much to the game," sophomore Madeline Boerstra said. "It builds up the intensity for us and the other team."

The first set went back and forth, with the Spartans and Rams trading points. SJSU's errors cost them late as the Rams offense pulled ahead to win 25-17.

However, this loss did not deter the Spartans, who rallied in the second set, winning 25-18. Outside hitter Haylee Nelson recorded three kills in the set, leading the Spartans to the set victory.

SJSU continued their strong defense, winning the third set by 12 at 25-13.

This domination continued in the final set, with the Spartans winning the set 25-14 to come away with the win.

Head volleyball coach Trent Kersten credits their win to the team's "unbelievable" serving performance.

"I think that our defense really came alive and that fuels a lot of our defensive fire," outside hitter Haylee Nelson said.

Two days later, the Spartans were right back on their home court, winning their game against Wyoming 3-1.



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Senior libero Sarah Smevog prepares to dig a volleyball while senior Amethyst Harper looks on during Thursday night's game against Colorado State at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall. The Spartans' win places them second in the Mountain West Conference standings.

During the first set, the Spartans and Cowgirls were neck and neck, but the Cowgirls eventually pulled away winning 25-22.

SJSU fought back in the second set, as they took a three point lead early, until Wyoming closed the gap. However, the Spartans were able to take back the lead and maintain it for the rest of the set, winning it 25-22.

By the third set, the Spartans

rediscovered their rhythm from Thursday night, keeping a consistent lead as they won 25-14.

The fourth set got close again with the Spartans winning 25-19. Outside hitter Letizia Cammillucci won the game for the Spartans with an ace to get the Spartans their last point.

"We missed some assignments and some opportunities," Kersten said in a video posted to Twitter. "Now it's our job to own that, go

watch the video. And be a little bit better going forward."

Middle blocker Jiana Lawson said she thought the team showed a lot of grit.

"We're able to really come together and support each other when we need it the most in our down moments," she said.

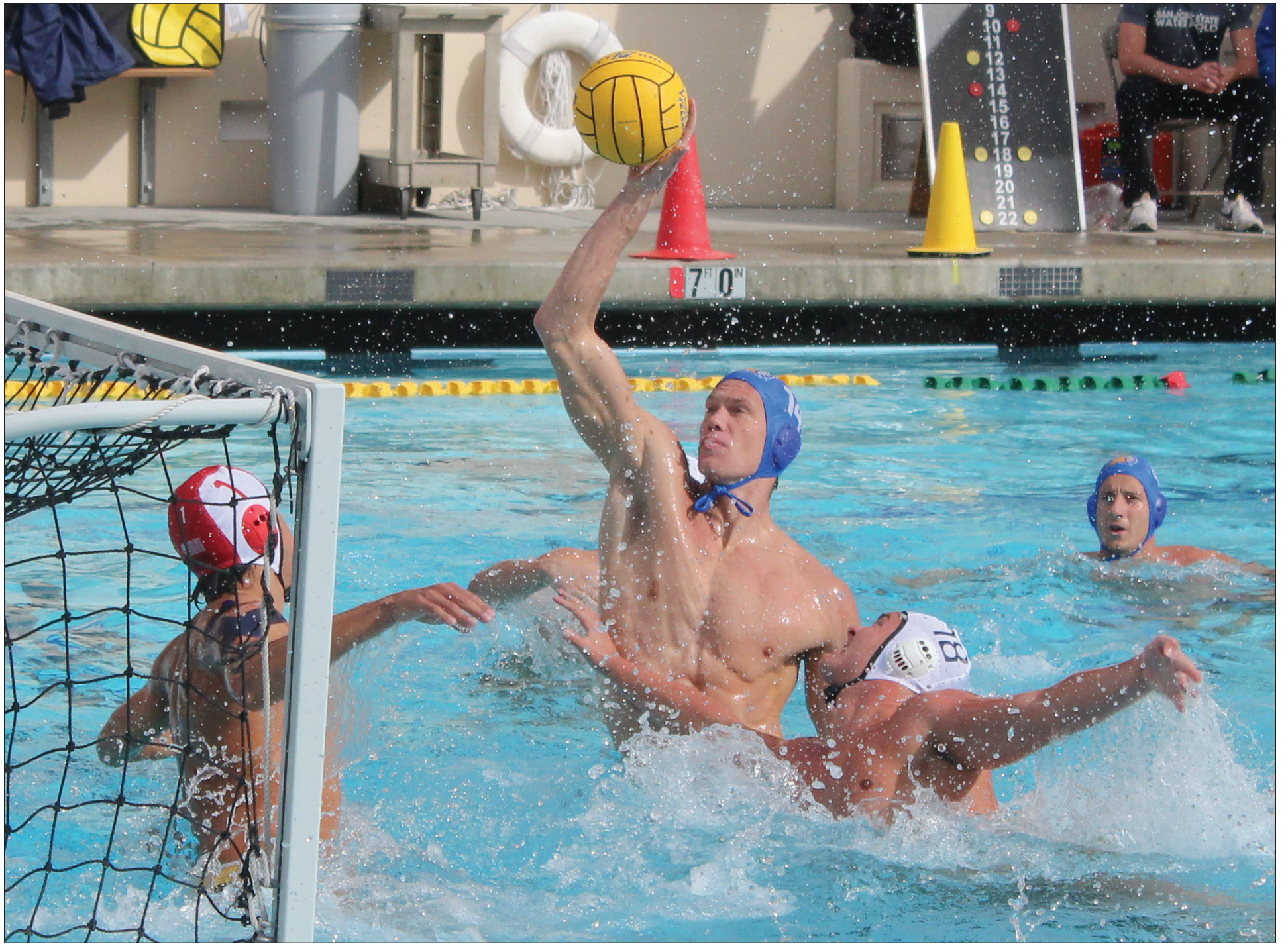
"[In the] second, third and fourth [sets], I think everything started to come together offensively," outside

hitter Amethyst Harper said. "We made less errors and just had a better connection."

The next women's volleyball game is scheduled for 7 p.m., Mountain time, Nov. 10 at Utah State.

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MEN'S WATER POLO



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SJSU defender Niels Hofmeijer attempts a goal during the game against University of California, Berkeley at the Spartan Recreation and Aquatics center pool on Sunday.

Men's water polo falls to No. 1 Cal

By Alexia Frederickson
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State's men's water polo team dropped their third straight game 17-4 to University of California, Berkeley at the Spartan Recreation and Aquatics Center pool on Sunday.

Cal water polo, who has been No.1 in the State, crushed the Spartans on their home turf.

The Spartans (10-14, 0-4 Golden Coast) shot a lowly .160 from the field, making only 4 of their 25 shots on goal with 3 of their goals coming on power plays.

The first quarter started off rough for SJSU. They allowed the Golden Bears to score six unanswered points and did not have an answer for Cal's fast-paced attack.

The Spartans did not score until the six minute mark of the second quarter when junior Mark Kis scored on a power play. The Spartans ended their scoring drought though Cal was already up 7 points.

At halftime, SJSU were down 11-2 and the game looked bleak. Cal's defensive pressure led to Spartan turnovers and gave the Golden Bears opportunities to score.

Cal continued their dominance in the second half as they outscored SJSU 6-2 in the second half. The Golden Bears cruised to the finish line,

not allowing the Spartans to score in the fourth quarter.

Even in the loss, head water polo coach Bruce Watson said he was proud of his team's performance.

"It was a good game, everyone did a great job", Watson said.

After going undefeated at the Julian Fraser Invitational just two weeks ago, the Spartans have gone cold on the defensive end.

SJSU have given up 14.6 points to opponents during their losing streak and scored just over 7 points in their last three games.

Though the Spartans have a losing record, they have played one of the tougher schedules in the conference thus far.

SJSU has played 20 ranked opponents and has played the No. 1 team in the nation twice, playing Stanford and Cal who held the No. 1 spot at different times this season.

On Friday, SJSU is scheduled to play the final home game of the season against the University of Pacific Tigers at the SRAC pool at 1 p.m. The Spartans will honor all of its seniors in a ceremony before the game.



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Top: Freshman driver Nikki Mathiesen swims after a loose ball during Sunday's game against Cal. Below: Mathiesen attempts a pass from the left corner while a Cal defender attempts to deflect the ball on Sunday.



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