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Political activist Chloe Cole speaks to students and community members in the San Jose State University Boccardo Business Complex on Wednesday evening.

## Turning Point USA hosts speaker

By Jackson Lindstrom & Hunter Yates  
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Turning Point USA Bay Area discussed concerns with youth receiving medical and psychological treatment regarding gender-affirming care on Wednesday in the Boccardo Business Complex at San José State.

Turning Point USA is a nonprofit organization that aims to educate and organize students to promote conservative values, according to its website.

The event, "The Trans Deception," featured a question and answer forum, and a speech from Chloe

Cole, a political activist who opposes transgender surgery for minors.

Cole is a de-transitioner or someone who previously identified as transgender and went through processes to transition, but later decided to stop treatment and no longer identifies the same way, according to a Clinical Advisory Network on Sex and Gender web page.

Her speech drew on experiences she faced as a person who underwent a physical gender transition process in her youth.

"There is a massive identity crisis that has largely been ignored that we've been gaslit into thinking is normal ... our generation

deserves better than this," Cole said. "There's no sense anymore of an objective reality. It's only about my truth or your truth. It doesn't matter whose truth it is because these are all flawed perceptions created out of narcissism and social media lives."

In a study of 6,793 people, 0.6% of trans women patients and 0.3% of trans men who received a gonadectomy, a surgery that involves removing sex organ, regretted transitioning, according to a 2022 student from the National Library of Medicine.

Cole said she does not agree with these statistics and said these studies have

a number of problems that decrease their credibility.

"A lot of them have very subjective definitions of what regret and de-transition mean. A lot of these researchers don't necessarily agree on the definition of either transition regrets or what it means to stop your transition," Cole said.

Cole also said that some of the data does not take data from people who no longer identify as transgender, who would not respond because they don't identify the same way anymore.

After Cole concluded her speech, audience members had the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session.

"Would you recommend people who have successfully or happily transitioned to de-transition?," asked William Clementi, a first-year history student.

"Happiness is really subjective. It's a fleeting feeling. We can't measure feelings," Cole said. "The fact that we are basing the success of these procedures on something that's completely not objective, it's completely crazy."

One report found that 93% of those studies concluded that people who had transitioned had better overall well-being after treatment, according to a Cornell University study that observed 55 studies between 1991 and 2017.

"I believe that we should be taking measures to protect vulnerable adults from making a mistake," Cole said. "We shouldn't just be immediately affirming ... their transgender identity and these feelings that they have, pushing them down the route of transition. That should be the absolute last resort."

In an email sent to the Spartan Daily, Michelle Smith McDonald, the senior director of media relations for SJSU, shared a statement regarding the event.

"SJSU Registered Student Organizations have the ability to invite and host speakers of their choosing to campus for organization-sponsored events and can do so as long as they are following the policies that guide on-campus events," said Smith McDonald.

SJSU has more than 350 student organizations

which include academics, culture, religion and special interests, according to its web page.

"I think I would disagree with some of their perspectives, but I can't disagree with her own personal story and beliefs," Clementi said. "I disagree with some of the politics that tend to go behind her beliefs, it was interesting hearing a different side."

Clementi said it would be dangerous if Cole was pushing for clear actions on whether individuals should de-transition, but not because she was telling her story.

The Spartan Daily reached out to an LGBTQIA+ group on campus, but they declined to comment.

Dawn Lee, the interim dean of Students, explained how registered student organizations follow policy and rhetoric in an email statement.

Lee said Turning Point USA Bay Area were the organizers for this event, decided to plan the event and hosted the guest speaker.

"The hosting of events by (registered student organizations) do not imply an endorsement of perspectives or rhetoric by the university. Campus staff work with these (registered student organizers) to make preparations to ensure that the campus remains safe and secure during such events," Lee said.

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# A.S. hosts November board meeting

By Israel Archie  
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San José State student government organization Associated Students (A.S.) hosted its first Board of Directors meeting of the month by tackling a few initiatives centered around public transportation and future elections on Wednesday.

Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) committee member Harry Neil said the board passed a resolution to support the Stevens Creek Vision Coalition Letter, which will encourage the vision of implementing a bus only lane on Stevens Creek Blvd.

Over 10,000 people use the bus along Stevens Creek and adding bus lanes will shorten trips for community members, according to a Nov. 7 Lavoz News article.

A.S. Vice President Chima Nwokolo said he was glad to see the resolution pass and the project's vision.

"That's a step forward in the right direction for progress as we are now making sure that we are being heard in support of this letter," Nwokolo said.

Since the beginning of the year, AS has been

operating with some roles not being filled. However they were able to fill one recently from the student elections commission.

Third-year business student Glerys Gonzalez was elected chief elections officer during the meeting.

"I wanted to become the chief elections officer because last year, I didn't even know elections were happening until voting season," Gonzalez said. When I did vote, I didn't like the fact that there were not many people running.

The A.S. elections on campus are conducted by the student election commission, which is a committee made up of students and staff advisors, according to an SJSU web page.

Gonzalez has held the position for three weeks and is focusing primarily on getting her team together right now.

"I'm very picky," Gonzalez said. "But I do need them filled before I can do anything, so that is what I have been trying to do for the past three weeks,"

Another factor that had been slowing Gonzalez down was the amendment of the election



A.S. board members Vicki Allen, Katelyn Gambarin and Rishika Joshi listen to committee member Harry Neil.

regulations manual.

The purpose of the manual is to make rules that enable students an equal opportunity to campaign and run for a position in the SJSU student body, according to a document containing last year's manual.

Gonzalez said she has to tell her team about the new election regulations manual before she can start so she had to wait on the A.S. Board of Directors to approve the new manual.

Leonardo Plazola, the director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, and Teaira Brown director of Student Resource Affairs, have been working on a final draft of the manual along with Nwokolo.

"We can make sure that students who run for the next board will stick to the guidelines and have rules in place to make sure that it is not as chaotic as the previous board election," Nwokolo said.

A.S. President Ariana

Lacson said she was also pleased to see the manual get finalized in time for students to be able to apply for these positions for next year.

"It's important to have that framework for the next student elections commission to go off," Lacson said.

While they were able to get stuff done on Wednesday, Lacson said she is looking ahead toward what is next for the Board of Directors to work on

as they continue to work with different groups around campus on behalf of students.

"Our work is never done," Lacson said. "There is a lot of great work for us to still do as we head into what this new presidency and political landscape will look like for our students."

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# SJSU reflects on death of Adams

By Anfisa Pitchkhadze  
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Professional radio broadcaster Michael Adams left individuals in his department mourning his death, after spending over 40 years at San José State's Department of Film, Theatre and Dance.

Adams was well known for creating SJSU's radio station, KSJS.

Kimb Massey, professor in Radio, Television and Film, said putting KSJS on the map was not easy for Adams, but he became a strong leader over the years to make it happen.

"He lifted KSJS to College Station of the Year, a national title the station won repeatedly," Massey said. "Mike would have been reelected Chair forever if he hadn't been snagged by the dean to be the Associate Dean of Humanities and Arts."

Adams was responsible for establishing KSJS the way it is today under his management.

"Mike always approached his leadership with integrity and good humor. When a problem arose or a challenge was presented, he would put his hand to his ear," Massey said.

Besides carrying KSJS to new heights, he made several accomplishments during his tenure.

Massey said Adams'



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SJSU alumnus and member of the Department of Film, Theatre and Dance Michael Adams talks on air on KSJS radio.

achievements include producing and publishing academic works in the history of SJSU's Department of Film, Theatre and Dance.

Adams was also responsible for producing and directing television documentaries centering on the history of radio, such as the Emmy-nominated PBS series "Radio Collector" and "Broadcasting's Forgotten Father."

Massey also said Adams received awards such as AWA Houck Award, the

RCA Ralph Batcher Award and the TCA Stokes Award from his broadcast history research on the radio.

"Mike's research completely corrected a long-standing fact of radio history that reported the first radio station as being KDKA on the East Coast," Massey said.

He said besides Adams making a name for himself at SJSU, he was a kind-hearted person and was well respected in the Department of Film, Theatre and Dance and individuals close to him.

Beth von Till, SJSU lecturer in Communication Studies, said Adams was a congenial colleague with a great sense of humor and had a wonderful speaking voice.

Von Till also said she believes that Adams had a powerful voice due to his impact on the university.

"He was the voice of SJSU," Von Till said. "It was his voice you would hear if you called the main campus number for information. His voice was the one you heard

narrating faculty biographies at the honors luncheons for faculty and staff."

Von Till said she can never forget his voice, which is cemented throughout SJSU's legacy.

"When I think of my 34 years on campus, it is his voice I hear in my memories," Till said.

Von Till said Adams was also a person that deeply cared about others around him.

"He taught me, protected me, gave me opportunities,

inspiration, support and constant encouragement," Massey said.

Massey said he formed a close friendship with Adams over the years and has many positive memories in knowing him.

Most notably, she remembered her and Adams co-authored a radio production book called "Introduction to Radio: Production and Programming."

During the process of piercing their book, Massey remembers him being on a PC while she herself was on a Mac while writing.

"We ended up spending endless hours reading each other's writing in hard copy while strategizing our next chapters. Mike didn't have to write a book with me," Massey said. "He had plenty of other things he could have been doing that were easier and perhaps, more productive."

She said she truly appreciated him being there for her and is thankful for him supporting whatever she does.

"And the final 'Adams Award' for lifetime achievement as the best colleague, friend and mentor goes to Mike Adams himself, a happy and carefree guy," Massey said.

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FOOD REVIEW

# La Lune Sucrée sparkles in San José

By Anfisa Pitchkhadze  
STAFF WRITER

Right off San José State's campus on 4th Street, is a French cafe called La Lune Sucrée, an excellent option for college students to grab a drink or munch on food during breakfast and lunch hours.

The cafe provides a relaxing atmosphere for students to unwind during their breaks between classes and students have various options on the cafe menu.

Choices include sandwiches, salads, soups and quiches while providing baked treats such as pastries and crepes, according to its menu page.

The friendly customer service makes the place welcoming and attractive, and approachable for customers to enter.

In my three years at SJSU, I never noticed the presence of the cafe until a few weeks ago.

Since then, I have only been there twice and I plan on coming back with my friends in the future.

I decided to try out their Breakfast Benedict

sandwich with an addition of extra cheese and a drink, the Matcha Lavender Latte with oat milk which totaled to \$24.28.

Adding the cheese and the oat milk was a smart move I made as they enhanced the taste and flavor of the items.

Customers are allowed to customize their orders such as choosing options for the type of milk they want to add to their drink and several food choices to add to a sandwich.

The addition of extras to food or drinks allows customers to get creative with their orders and the cafe is all open to it.

I first received my latte and took a savory sip while I waited for my sandwich to be ready.

I was impressed with the barista perfecting an equal blend of the matcha and lavender as it hit all the right notes and brought a sweet savory taste to my mouth.

The oat milk, creamy and velvety, played its own role in this masterpiece with its smooth texture helping to blend in well with the flavors.



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A breakfast benedict sandwich and a matcha lavender latte are displayed on a wooden table at La Lune Sucrée.

It also added a comforting and wholesome depth to the latte that rounded out the flavors in a way that was both satisfying and soothing.

Each sip felt like a moment of inner peace, with the combination of oat milk, matcha and lavender all enhancing the balance of unique flavors rather than simply overpowering each other.

The overall result was a drink that felt as if it was meant for slow, elaborate and soothing sips.

Besides the enrichment of the latte, the Breakfast Benedict sandwich satisfied my taste buds.

It was deliciously made with each layer of flavor melding together

in perfect harmony. The toasted hot fresh sandwich provided the ideal foundation, with crispy bread but soft and cheesy in the center.

As my teeth sank into the hotness of the sandwich, the first bite revealed a rich savory flavor and the other remaining bites provided the same flavor.

The delicate yet satisfying bite of the ham paired so well with the egg that rested on top, the yolk cascaded over the other ingredients.

The egg was the perfect counterpoint to the savory ham, offering an incredibly smooth texture that enveloped each bite.

However, it was the gouda that truly elevated

the sandwich to another level.

The cheese melted in my mouth because it was wonderfully smooth, and had a smoky, slightly nutty flavor that wrapped itself around the egg and ham, adding depth and richness.

As it melded with the warm egg yolk, the gouda became almost velvety, coating the palate with a satisfying, savory finish.

The slight tang of the hollandaise sauce danced over the top, tying everything together with its luxurious taste.

College students looking to take a break or relax should consider stopping by at La Lune Sucrée.

The aesthetic, quiet

atmosphere, down to earth service and well made fresh food makes it a perfect place for SJSU students.

As a student, it is worth coming back and I was satisfied with my purchases.

La Lune Sucrée is the perfect place to stop by on your own or to tag along with your friends, all it takes is to walk across campus.

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La Lune Sucrée

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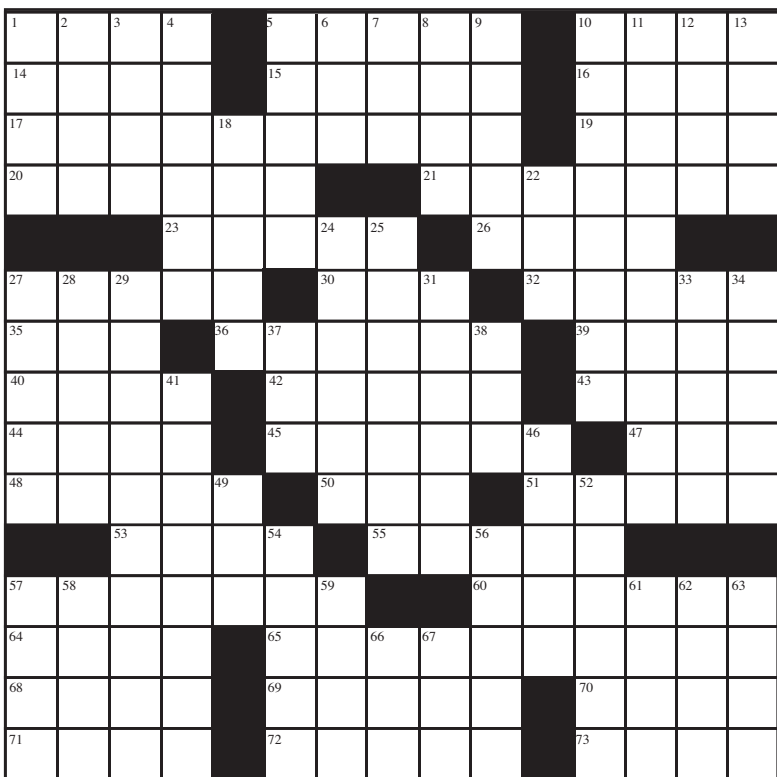
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5. Classic TV's 86, for one
10. Subtle "Over here!"
14. Start up a computer
15. Louisiana waterway
16. Lung opening?
17. Narrowly avoid overtime, in a way
19. Drainage pump
20. Splits to unite
21. Party leader?
23. Old hat
26. Chophouse request
27. Handled clumsily
30. Exterminator's target, perhaps
32. Nissan rival
35. Japanese Prime Minister Hirobumi
36. Office chair feature
39. Track encounter
40. Searches for gold, in a way
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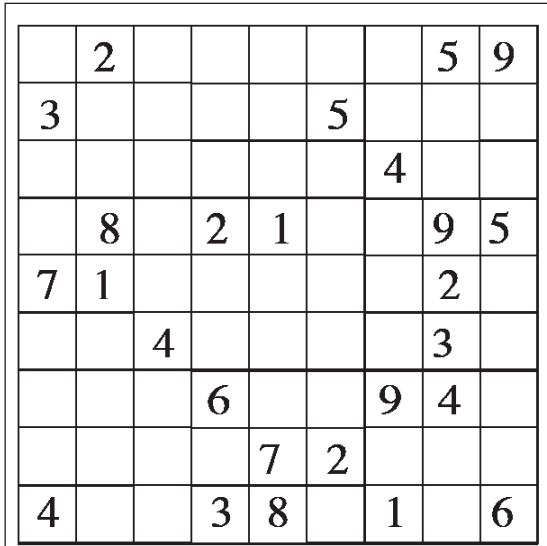
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3. Matador's victim
4. Treeless plain
5. Bottomless gulf
6. Yakker's gift
7. Suggested object for a tit for tat
8. Life preserver?
9. Teach one-on-one
10. Deli offering
11. Made it out of a packed aisle
12. Some bottom lines, in math

13. Good night for soldiers
18. Data for detectives
22. 2001 title role for Sean Penn
24. Hand on deck
25. Jealous
27. Vocal cords, in slang
28. In the least bit
29. Eked out the victory
31. Take care of, as a nurse
33. Plow innovator John
34. Bothered incessantly
37. High roller's roll
38. Place for a shepherd
41. Saved, as a shipwreck
46. Historical info
49. Yang's counterpart
52. First name among Italian leading ladies
54. Bangladesh's capital
56. Waste allowances
57. Shakespeare, for one
58. Chills and fever
59. Hunk of marble
61. Entitle oneself to
62. River to the Severn
63. Melodious Horne
66. Keats specialty
67. Place for an acting president?

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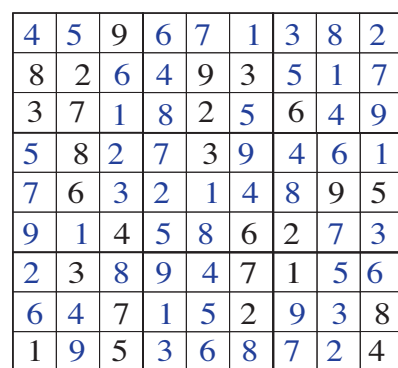


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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# SJSU routs SF State, redeems home court

By Charity Spicer  
STAFF WRITER

San José State University's women's basketball team (2-1, 0-0 MW) secured its second win of the season in their home game against San Francisco State (1-2, 0-0 CCAA).

SJSU took a significant loss this past weekend against Cal, but ultimately its main guards, Rylei Waugh and Amira Brown, and forward, Finau Tonga led them to bounce back with a 92-65 win.

Tonga, a redshirt junior, has been a significant asset to the team and this game has furthered her performance.

She scored 22 points on 10-13 shooting and tallied nine rebounds, the most by a Spartan since the Mountain West tournament last season.

April Phillips is the head coach of SJSU's team and this will be her third year coaching for the team. Phillips previously coached at the University of Texas and was a former college basketball player for Georgia Tech, according to her bio on the SJSU Spartans website.

"(Tonga is) phenomenal. She demands so much attention. And she's got such a core presence inside and she finishes well. The thing about her that makes her really lead is that she passes really

well," said Phillips.

In the first quarter, SJSU built a 17-point lead with multiple baskets from Tonga and Waugh, a sophomore at SJSU.

Waugh made a significant contribution, adding 14 points on 6-11 shooting to the Spartan surge.

The Spartans flaunted their depth on the court with nine players making their mark of double-digit minutes in the game. Their bench contributed 26 points to the overall score as well.

Tonga made nine rebounds and for Brown seven rebounds—new career heights for the two redshirt junior transfers.

"I'm coming out pressing, just trapping. Getting into the ball like getting on the floor," Waugh said. "I think that really helped us put pressure on their guards which is why we forced them to turnovers and then that helped us offensively."

Jasmine Singleton, a redshirt junior guard, scored a 3-pointer to begin the second quarter and Brown contributed on the glass, hauling in key rebounds and boxing out the Gator bigs.

Despite SJSU racking up points left and right, the team fouled SF State a total of 21 personal fouls, allowing SF State 23 free throws.



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The Spartans women's basketball team walks toward the bench after head coach April Phillips's timeout.

"I think what really killed us was those – we talk about it all the time – middle line drives, allowing the offense to get downhill to even give them the opportunity to get to the basket," Tonga said. "We gotta play straight forward. We also have to have help side (defense) as well."

In the third quarter, the Spartans heated up with four rebounds from Tonga and shot 46.2% from the field, finishing the quarter with a score of 71-47.

Mecca Alexander, a freshman guard from

Antioch, scored the first points of her collegiate career in the final quarter of the game for SJSU, securing a win for the Spartans at 92-65—the most they have scored since last season in a game since their win against Bethesda, when they hit the century mark, according to the SJSU Spartans website.

Phillips reflected on their home loss to Cal last weekend and what helped them learn from it.

"It's just a process and, and you never want to get too high and you never

want to get too low," said Phillips. "Just being mindful of the day by day process of this team. And I think this team deserves its own opportunity and process independent of what any other team has done."

She said that confidence is what drove the team to their success against the Gators.

Given that this is the third game of the season, the Spartans have a long way to go with games scheduled against UC Santa Barbara and Kennesaw State

coming up.

"The way that our ladies came out and competed and especially rallied late ... was a good measure of where our heart and our intentions are for the season," Phillips said.

SJSU is next scheduled to duel with UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 17 at the Thunderdome in Santa Barbara, California.

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GYMNASTICS

# Spartans show off in intrasquad event

By Anahi Herrera Villanueva  
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The San José Spartans gymnastics team held its first intrasquad meet this past Sunday in preparation for the upcoming season.

Hosted in the Spartan Complex, fans filled the seats to watch the women's gymnastics team compete against each other in an intrasquad meet. Joanne Bowers, head coach of the SJSU gymnastics team, touched on the importance of having these intrasquad meets.

"We are asking these girls to step up, we want as much depth as we can," Bowers said.

The depth was seen as Spartans were split between Gold and Blue teams starting the event with vault and bars.

For the Blue team, sophomore Devyn Valuch, an all-around gymnast, started on vault and stuck a good landing with both feet, remaining balanced after her routine.

For the Gold team, freshman Ava Johnson who is also an all-around gymnast, took on the vault event.

Later on, towards the end of the meet, senior Sophia Konieczny who specializes in bars and beam, shouted out to Johnson for her performance on the vault and praised the freshman.

Mikaela Pitts, a junior who specializes in vault, floor and bar started with her bar routine for the Blue team and executed a smooth switch between



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SJSU gymnast Marissa Ashton completes her routine with a traditional proud stance on the home mat at the intrasquad meet on Saturday.

the smaller and taller bars after initially falling and restarting.

This move is known as the Shaposhnikova name after a Soviet Olympian, Natalia Shaposhnikova where the gymnast starts by facing away from the highest bar while on the lower bar, swings to do a full circle to build momentum in order to fly backwards and reach to the higher bar, according to a July 24, 2021 New York Times article. Finishing the first events of vault and bar, Kaviania Jurries, an all-around freshman for the Gold

team went on the bars and performed a nice switch between the uneven bars. Jurries landed with a summersault and perfect balance. Junior Kyra Cato, who specializes in bars and beams, started the Blue team on the beam and maintained her composure after a mistake with her balance. Later on, Cato would be given a shout by senior Juadai Lopes for her technique and composure on both the beam and bars. Johnson stepping in to do a floor routine with a

flare that followed the applause of fans present. Finishing the meet was all around freshman Ava East who Bower pulled aside for a pep talk before sending her off with thumbs up for her beam routine.

Performing her routine with a country song, East finished with the support of her teammates cheering her on even after losing her balance a couple of times but never falling off the beam.

At the end of the meet, the gymnasts lined up in front of those in attendance where a few words

were given by Bower and Assistant Athletic Performance Coach, Ben Stupay.

"For a lot of things, it's doing the little teams and that's what separates good from great, and that what they do, every little thing is not a little thing it's a big thing," Stupay said.

Bower then proceeded to allow the gymnasts to give shoutouts to those who they felt did a good job focusing on the good rather than the negatives which allowed this intrasquad meet to feel a lot more personal. Bower concluded the

meet by directing her attention to the team.

"You guys just did a lot of good things today. I hope you are proud of yourselves and had a lot of fun," Bower said.

The Spartans gymnastics season starts with a meet against Sacramento State scheduled on Jan 12.

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