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**SJSU Flight Team soared to new heights at Regionals**

By Nick Esposito

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The SJSU State Precision Flight Team flew home with a second place victory in the National Intercollegiate Flight Association (NIFA) Regionals at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

This is the first time in more than four years that the team has moved on from Regionals and is eligible to compete in the NIFA Nationals tournament which will be held at Ohio State University May 13 through 17.

("It feels really good," said Zach Raymer, a junior aviation operations major, who medaled in that.")

At Regionals I competed in pattern two, which consists of SJSU, Embry-Riddle, Mount San Antonio College, San Diego Christian College and Cypress College.

Harrison said that the true competition at Regionals over the last few years has been for second place, behind Embry-Riddle who has won the NIDA regional 28 consecutive times.

"The goal is really to get second place and get as close to them as you can, which was our goal to do this time," he said.

In Regionals, schools compete in ground and flying events that range from computer accuracy to short field approach and landing.

Most members of the team, such as Zach Raymer, are sophomores aviation operations majors, competed in events that included flying and ground events that piloting skills and calculations.

At Regionals I competed in three flying events and several ground events," Shaffer said. "I competed in an event called computer accuracy which you use the slide rule called E6B, which is a super advanced slide rule that pilots have been using since the beginning of aviation. I also competed in ground training, which is a simulation plane where you have a virtual reference to instruments and you're following a pattern that they give you and you're supposed to do it.

Chloe Raymer, a junior aviation operations major, competed in five events and placed fourth in the message drop event.

"That’s when you’re dropping an object, a piece of balsa wood, onto a target 100 feet above you and on that 100 feet above you and then they average your two scores."

Raymer said.

Kelly Harrison, the faculty advisor for the flight team, said this team deserves to be hard worked and show responsibility and independence.

"They’re a group that’s very responsible and independent," she said. "They’re a group that’s very independent."
Fly: Students receive first-hand flying experience in Arizona

The flight team’s success has not come without difficulties. The team has raised funds for themselves in order to compete at nationals.

“The other schools are actually given airplanes and they pay either a small percentage or rent,” Raymer said. “They get free flight time, while for us it’s an average of $81 an hour. Just traveling to Regionals and back will cost $11 hours.”

While the team raised some funding from Associated Students to compete at Regionals, each member still has to pay out of pocket to rent their own Cessna 152 airplane and with three practices a week, one of which is flying practice, the cost can be pricey at $81 an hour.

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Just traveling to Regionals and back was 11 hours. “They won Nationals,” Shaffer said. “They were National three years in a row back in the ’70s and it’s great to see our program is back and winning.”

Nick Exposito is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Spectators await the start of an event at the National Interscholastic Flight Association Regional at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. Feb. 8. The SJSU team placed second in the competition.

What’s up with WhatsApp?

By Austin Belisle

Facebook’s $19 billion purchase of WhatsApp on Thursday, Feb. 19 marked the social media giant’s largest acquisition and marks a shift toward more expensive deals in Internet history.

In giving WhatsApp $4 billion in cash, $16 billion in its own company’s shares and $3 billion in future stock, Facebook is taking a major risk betting on the success of mobile-to-mobile messaging.

According to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, WhatsApp has more than 450 million monthly users and that number is growing by one million members per month.

WhatsApp, a free download available for Apple, Android, BlackBerry, Windows and Nokia phones, allows users to communicate at no charge with other WhatsApp members through an internet connection rather than paying text messaging fees.

Free membership lasts one year, then users must pay 99 cents annually to continue using the app.

According to the company’s website, the service is a cross-platform mobile messaging app that also gives users the ability to create groups and send unlimited images, video and audio media messages among WhatsApp groups.

In a statement on Facebook, Zuckerberg said that his company’s gamble was made in an effort to expand the social media site’s global reach. At 1.2 billion users, Facebook stands as one of the most successful and popular social media sites in the world, but its growth has slowed significantly.

“Over the next few years, we’re going to work hard to help WhatsApp grow and connect the whole world,” Zuckerberg said in a public statement on Facebook.com. “WhatsApp will supplement our existing chat and messaging services to provide new tools for our community.”

After purchasing Instagram for $1 billion in 2012, Facebook’s acquisition of WhatsApp is another indication that it is attempting to stay ahead of competitors like Google and Apple in the smartphone market.

Facebook and WhatsApp both offer free messaging options to users but are limited in their outstanding functionality. Both platforms are well maintained, meaning users can only message others who are also using the application.

According to ABC, Jan Koum, CEO of WhatsApp, announced that anyone who downloads the chat app to their phone will be able to make Internet phone calls on Androids and iPhones.

In addition, Facebook’s bindings in Instagram, WhatsApp and potentially Snapchat strengthen its hold on the photo-sharing aspect of social media and give it the upper hand compared to the limited functionality of iPhone and Android services.

The move marks a historic moment in Facebook’s 10-year history and aims to place the company at the heart of mobile communication in the near future, giving users an all-in-one, affordable method of interacting with people all around the world.

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in the context of her treatment, as a child, never being told she was loved and not having a sense of belonging or purpose. 

Crime: Bullet broke through upstairs window of sorority house

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"Distance equals safety," Cavallo said. "You never call the police, which is exactly what the reporting party did in this case.

He also encouraged students to use the resources available to them such as blue light phones, elevator phones, campus security and the Park and Ride shuttle.

"You're in an urban environment," he said. "There is no other preparation besides paying attention to your surroundings. Travel in pairs and call campus police if you don't feel safe.

Nearby residents were not allowed to leave their homes or cross the street during the investigation of the crime scene. "I believe the lock was from 10:37 a.m. until 4 p.m.," said Gabriela Gutiérrez, a junior health science major and Alpha Omicron Pi's Chapter President.

During the confrontation, a bullet was shot through a second-story window of the house, Gutiérrez said. "A few private investigators came in to the house to look at the bullet," Gutiérrez said. 

D¿a said he felt that the officers acted with an appropriate and necessary response. "On one hand it makes me glad that UPD will go out of its way to protect Sonoma State students," D¿a said. "But at the same time, what if that person was a student?"

Cavallo said he did not receive a full report until an hour later, said he did not receive a full report until an hour later.

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CHANGE THE WORLD FROM HERE
Aztecs were too much to handle for the Spartans

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The San Jose State women’s basketball team was outrebounded 44-30 by the Aztecs as they out-rebounded the Spartans 27-19. The size of San Diego State’s play was too much to handle for the Spartans as they were already down in the rebounds category 33-14. The Aztecs had a commanding 39-29 lead at the half. The Spartans started fouling late in the game which moved the Aztecs into the bonus and the lead back to double-digits with 1:06 to play in the game. The Spartans started fouling late in the game which moved the Aztecs into the bonus and the lead back to double-digits with 1:06 to play in the game. The Spartans started fouling late in the game which moved the Aztecs into the bonus and the lead back to double-digits with 1:06 to play in the game.

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The size of San Diego State’s players played a big part in Wednesday’s loss. The Spartans declined to comment after the game. Colton Seike is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

SJSU got on the board early with a three-pointer from freshman Brittain Hilla, but the Spartans and Aztecs started trading shots for the first couple of turnovers and some missed shots later, the Spartans gave up an 11-2 run and trailed 14-4 with 9:37 to play in the half. Woodberry and Conigian got SJSU back into the game after going on a run of their own, 6-0, including two three-pointers by Woodberry to make it 16-17 with 8:20 left on the clock in the first half. The Spartans could not stay within the one-point deficit though, as the Aztecs went on another big run, 11-3, with 4:43 to play in the half and increased their lead to 29-20.

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Tread lightly in NFL locker rooms, it’s tough in there

The victim of Ray Rice’s row doesn’t have a very fan-friendly name. His wife, Janay P. Rice, was knocked unconscious at the time she was viciously struck in the head. Foul play? Not likely. Rice was out on an elevator. As far as I can tell, expect the same violence between the lines of the NFL locker room to be a serious “vestige,” such as Michael Sam. At times, Sam has been very tough to look at, but I think there is a certain image he is trying to establish in/near NFL locker rooms the league simply cannot support. In the hyper-maximally aerial search for top pro athletes in the NFL, the former Minnesota defensive end may find it increasingly hard to overcome the stigma of his sexual orientation.

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Miley Cyrus twerks her way to San Jose SAP Center

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Giant colorful stuffed animals and larger-than-life inflated balloon characters dominated the Miley Cyrus concert at the SAP Center Tuesday night.

While fans eagerly awaited the appearance of Cyrus, they were entertained by opening acts Sky Ferreira and Icona Pop performing their hit single “I Love It.”

The building was filled with the screams of thousands of people of all ages who chanted Cyrus’s name until the minute she appeared.

Arches of colorful balloons adorned the stage.

A giant pink tongue rolled down the stage toward the audience with a sequin-clad Cyrus sliding down it as she waved to the crowd.

The once-Di isney tween is certainly a tween no more.

Miley’s new sound is a combination of electro-pop beats meshed with hip-hop.

In the midst of her repertoire of songs, Cyrus paid tribute to her country roots by performing Dolly Parton’s “Jolene” and also covered Outcast’s “Hey Ya!”

One of the most memorable moments of the show was the kiss cam Cyrus created while performing her single “Adore You,” which got the most cheers from the crowd when gay couples appeared on the screen showing their love for each other and pride in themselves.

As the performance drew to an end, Cyrus returned for an encore to perform two of her biggest hits, “We Can’t Stop” and “Wrecking Ball,” to which the crowd grew wild and sang along passionately.

The show came to an end with Cyrus performing “Party in the USA” while decked out in glittery red, white and blue, as her back-up dancers donned costumes of the Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam.

A Miley Cyrus fan would walk out of this concert feeling awe-struck by the crazy, cartoonish theme and sexualized antics that have come to embody what a Miley Cyrus experience means.

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