Rooms open at Dwight Bentel Levels of mold spores deemed safe

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Dwight Bentel Hall reopened on Sept. 3. Several reports of water damage in the building’s attic wing on Aug. 19, Andrew Feinsteint, San Jose State provost and vice president of academic affairs, notified students of the reopening via email on Friday, Aug. 28.

“Repair crews have completed virtually all repairs related to water damage that resulted from a steam valve leak,” Feinsteint said in Friday’s email.

According to Christopher Brown, Facilities Development and Operations associate vice president, the leak was noticed as soon as it was identified.

Following concerns over mold, the Facilities Development and Operations Environmental Health and Safety Department measured the number of fungal spores per cubic meter in the air in Dwight Bentel Hall on Aug. 27.

Environmental Health and Safety Director David Knick published a report on the findings on Aug. 28. Links to the report can be found on the Environmental Health and Safety website.

Knick found “people who enter Dwight Bentel Hall are at no greater risk of exposure to fungal spores” than people walking outside. The report contains a graphic illustrating the fungal levels in various areas in and around Dwight Bentel Hall, as well as those in Tower Hall.

According to the graphic, the amount of fungus in the air outside far exceeds the amounts in Dwight Bentel Hall. For example, the outdoor area south of Tower Hall yielded a measurement of 11,000 fungal spores per cubic meter, dwarfing the 1,000 spores per cubic meter found in Dwight Bentel Hall’s west-wing corridor.

Dwight Bentel Hall room 117, which is still under construction, was measured at 4,000 spores per cubic meter. All other areas inside of Dwight Bentel Hall were measured at or below 1,000 spores per cubic meter.

The Environmental Health and Safety assessment indicates Dwight Bentel Hall is safe for routine use. According to Brown, the report was sent to the SJSU President’s Cabinet on Friday and helped finalize the decision to reopen Dwight Bentel Hall.

Friday evening’s announcement likely came as a great relief to the 1,200 students and 28 faculty members who were relocated from Dwight Bentel Hall. As of Aug. 28, many reported dissatisfaction with the move, citing lack of cooling and moldy building,” Fernald said in an email.

The renovation is one of many construction workshops carried out by the Facilities Development and Operations this fall. According to Brown, SJSU’s Student Union Expansion and Spartan Complex Renovation projects are still in their demolition phases and are expected to be complete by August of next year.

Meanwhile, Brown expects the new Student Health & Counseling Center to be done by this spring. Work crews have installed plumbing trays on the east side of El Paseo de Cesar Chavez outside of the Event Center and will add more to the west side once the Health and Counseling Center is complete.

Brown expects the Campus Village Two Project to be complete by the summer of 2016; once done, Facilities Development and Operations will begin demolishing the old brick dorms (Farrow, Royce and Washburn Halls) and build a new Aquatic and Recreational Center in their place.

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The College of Applied Sci- ences and Arts has assigned Alice Hines, Ph.D., as in- term dean, effective July 1, according to Andy Findling, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Hines provided a look into what's in store for CASA.

“One goal is to foster greater communications with students across our schools and departments, starting with the CASA Stu- dent Affairs Committee,” Hines said.

The CASA Student Affairs Committee provides students a chance to express their concerns and suggest certain im- provements in their specific college departments.

“DLG will like to see even more interdisciplinarity collabora- tion in our college for facul- ty and students,” Hines said.

In order to do that, Hines said she hopes to refor- m communications for students and pro- fessors to be more involved in the college’s decisions on campus.

One example is the CASA Student Success Center.

“We have an excellent ad- vising staff and student peer re- sources to work with stu- dents from each of our ten schools, but the CASA Student Success Center,” Hines said.

While Hines is tasked with numerous responsibili- ties as the interim dean for CASA, her experience is what has helped establish the direction she intends to take the school to head toward.

Hines’ master’s degree in social work helped to project and study that help ethic and cultural minorities, low- income families and youth in Vietnam.

As the director of the Social Work Education En- hancement Program at San Jose State, Hines said the program is a partnership between CASA and seven partner universities in Viet- nam which will bring U.S. social work education professionals training for social workers in Vietnam.

Hines said she was on SJSU’s CASA staff since 1995 and previously served as associate dean for those three years.

Gerry Payne, an associate dean of CASA, who worked closely with Hines, holds her in high regard.

“Alise has been a pleasure to work with,” Payne said.

Payne also explained some of Hines’ most important qualities that will help her succeed in her new position.

“Experiences in leadership positions is perhaps greatest asset, though she is also very personable and im- mune to public criticism while maintaining an ability to make tough des- cisions one occasionally needs to make as dean,” Payne said.

Throughout the year, CASA will also look to de- velop opportunities for the students.

“One of the most exciting opportunities in the expansion of our international efforts within CASA,” Payne said.

Provisions are in place to help make study abroad options more available and frequent in the future.

“In addition to increasing numbers of faculty-led pro- grams to a variety of loca- tions throughout the world, we are considering requiring some kind of international experience for CASA’s Payne said.

According to Hines, CASA has made strides to improve the study abroad program.

“This summer, three de- partments and schools in the CASA participated in pilot programs overseas, includ- ing the School of Journalism and Mass Communi- cations, the Valley Foundation School of Nursing and the oc- cupational therapy depart- ment,” Hines said.

The Helen L. Stevans facul- ty-led study abroad program was also introduced, which awarded 12 students $500 to study abroad.

“Alise has a proven track record and has the full sup- port of our faculty and staff as dean,” Payne said.

Hines’ colleagues ex- pressed enthusiasm for her new position.

“She has been an outstanding leader in a such short period of time and I find that she will make a great contribution to CASA,” Payne said.

Hines plans to be more involved in the college’s development process as dean.

“I believe in CASA’s potential to be the hub of more innovation within the University,” Hines said.
FRESH, FRUITY FALAFEL BAR IS REFRESHING NEW CHOICE IN SAN JOSE’S DOWNTOWN

By Samuel Brannan @SamBrunson

An ideal location with affordable prices, fresh and organic ingredients and a fusion of different flavors— the newly opened Falafel Bar is destined for success in Downtown San Jose. "Our focus is on falafel, but we have a surprising cast," said Luis Cuevas, co-owner of Falafel Bar. "In four visits, you can get something different each time!" Falafel Bar offers a build-your-own experience similar to that of Chipotle or Subway, with freshness that you can see from the counter.

There are three choices on the menu: pita, bowl or salad, but with thousands of different combinations of ingredients ranging from quinoa to collard greens.

"In four visits, you can get the same dish and it can be different each time." — Luis Cuevas

Luis Cuevas
Falafel Bar co-owner

The restaurant is a 10 minute walk from campus at 845 S First St., fitting its current location on the corner.

The large venue has a Sunset Market-inspired open and relaxed atmosphere with Falafel Bar on the left and various food vendors on the right.

The falafel itself is savory and fragrant, made from cumin, coriander, and cumin. It’s deep fried and a delicious alternative to meat.

Serve it in a pita or a bowl with a variety of flavors from Middle Eastern to American.

The prices are very competitive and appealing to college students who get 10 percent of their purchase. Pitas run for $5 and the bowls are $8.75.

They’re not just catering toward college students but to everyone and they’re open late for the night crowds.

"They should know what’s in the ingredients and where it’s coming from." — Luis Cuevas

Many of the teenage girls attending said that it was the best concert they had ever seen, those not as easily swayed by the music agreed. Urie’s abs would say that it was just okay.

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Infographic by Philip Beadle | Image courtesy of Google Maps

Falafel Bar is located at 439 S First St., just three blocks east of SJSU in downtown San Jose’s Sunset First Area, a district that is becoming a more and more popular destination for food and entertainment.

It was a night filled with teenage angst and high energy pop-punk music when Panic! at the Disco brought its unique set, which straddles the line between emo and straightforward punk rock while mixing different dance rhythms elements, to the Event Center on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Recalling high school romances, the moody song narrates the heartbreak of good girls that don’t call and dangerous women that leave men heartbroken after short but passionate affairs.

Yes, just like bands playing to impassioned youth, most of the music pertaining to the opposite sex and the beautiful and eerie feeling of young love. There was also plenty of reference to the activities young lovers engage in.

Relative newcomers known for their high-choral performance, Youngblood Hawke and Walk the Moon did their part to get the crowd to rise to their blood flowing.

Both bands brought urgency to sets characterized by upbeat rhythms, catchy melodies and wailing vocals. Each band did its best to get the crowd participating and enjoying the show.

Panic! at the Disco took the stage in complete darkness, and the sudden flash of spotlights revealed the band set on an elaborate stage.

The drums were on a lifted stage in the back, and one guitarist was on a different stage out to the left.

A pulpit with an exclamation point lit up with various colors of neon light.

Panic! frontman and lead vocalist Brendon Urie took the stage wearing a gold blazer reminiscent of old-fashioned Baptist preachers.

He almost seemed to want the show to end, but it finally closed with “I Write Sins, Not Tragedies,” the band’s first major hit.

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#SJSUPANICLIVEVIEW
Electronic Sriracha Festival mixes spicy food with electric fun

By Sonya Herrera

Couples, families and friends flocked to the grass-lined boulevards of St. James Park in San Jose, each pawing briefly into various colorful gourmet food trucks on a warm summer afternoon.

Seductive scents and sights competed amongst the booming echo of electronic dance music, but two in particular stood out.

The first, a scent of barbecued pork being served by several trucks on the park’s west blocks and east blocks.

The second was the sight of Vietnamese immigrant David Tran in 1980.

The image is a vibrant, dynamic representation of the festival's atmosphere, capturing the essence of the event with its vivid colors and lively energy.

“Sriracha is a hot chili sauce often available in San Jose, sold in a lemony, chropb and pineapple sauce dressed with a Sriracha for an overpriced $6.

Despite the failures, there were also many successes.

Kemp's pork belly steamed buns feaured delicious, such in-month pork dressed with a Sriracha and cool apple cider relish. An additional winner was San Jose Meatball Company, whose “Hot n Nacho” turkey meatballs – placed on a brioche roll and topped with Sriracha and lime cheese – sold out about an hour before the end of the event.

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The event also featured a variety of Sriracha-infused dishes to please every palate, fans of Vietnamese, Mexican, Indian and American food could find something they were desiring.

The success was made in Los Angeles County by Huy Fong Foods, a company founded by Vietnamese immigrant David Tran in 1980. Tran was surprised to learn that someone had designs for an EDM Sriracha festival...

Disability Rating: 05/18/14

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Welcome back SPARTANS!
Smoking legislation reminds me of my grandma. Her mother was a lifelong smoker, although I don’t know until recently that my great-grandfather and my group’s grandmother for the first time. Day after day for many years, my grandmother, or abuela, would go in the bathroom and close the door. The habit still left behind the air vents. I forgive my mother for a habit that she obviously inherited.

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The offenses that male beat officers in the 30 years following WWII would get patrolled. Their interactions were reactive based on some sort of situation at hand. Some operations were referred to as “attitude adjustment arrests.” The science around secondhand smoke appears shaky, at least to a non-scientist like me.

A society should be cautious avoiding forcing negative choices upon those whose health is in the mercy of others. San Jose is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
The San Jose State University men’s cross country team placed third at the University of San Francisco Invitational in Golden Gate Park.

Sophomore Ben Braungard led the Spartans on the 8K course finishing 12th overall in a field of 65 runners with a time of 20:43.

Senior Jessica Ernst also finished in the top 20 with a time of 20:06.

Freshman Jessie Gonzalez (20:09.6, 20th), freshman Craig Shell (20:36.4), junior Matthew Stephens (20:48.7, 20th) rounded out the San Jose State runners who fin- ished in the top 40.

“The men came up with great victories over Santa Clara and San Francisco,” said Robb Weil, San Jose State assistant cross country and track and field coach. “Both those teams were considerably better than us as a team.”

San Jose State’s next race will be in Fresno at the Fresno State Invitational this Friday.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
The San Jose State University women’s cross country team placed fifth with a 123 team score at the University of San Francisco Invitational.

San Jose was led by newcomer Jenny Beckham who finished 11th with an 18:07 time on the 5K Speerway Meadow course in Golden Gate Park.

“The women’s team had a solid start to their season,” Wisk said “Jenny led our team today. She is a middle dis- tance standout on the track, but really showed she has range and will be huge boost to our cross country squad.”

Senior Rebecca Garcia followed Beckham finishing 11th with a time of 19:16. Freshman Karina Nuno (20:34.5, 34th), senior Allison Kimura (19:39.4, 34th), freshman Melanie Fujii (21:44.8, 34th) rounded out the Spartans’ top five in the team scoring.

The Lady Spartans will join the men’s cross country team in Fresno on Friday at the Fresno State Invitational.

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