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By Wes Moots
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What used to be an open lawn and barbecue pits is now home to the construction site of the new Student Health Center. Construction began in June 2013 and has an estimated completion date in 2015.

Located at Seventh Street and Paseo de San Carlos, the new health center is planning to offer new services which may include dental, vision and massage services to students, according to Student Health Services Director Roger Elrod.

The construction project was announced in February 2013 to the public on blogs.sjsu.edu. The project was said to cost \$25 million and would be completed this December.

Most recently, the cost of the project has been listed on sjsu.edu/fdo as \$36.5 million and project completion in February of next year.

The cost of the new health center is being covered by student health fees, according to sjsu.edu's blog.

"I think FD&O is aiming for a late March completion of construction," Elrod said. "Within Student Affairs, we are telling our staff and students to anticipate an end of May move."

The new building will offer space for 70 employees and 20 student assistants according to blogs.sjsu.edu – 20 more employed positions than is offered at the current health center.

Current services offered to students by the student health center include physical therapy, x-rays, an in-house pharmacy, treatments for conditions, injuries, illness and a family planning program.

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 Construction lights cast a cool presence against the sodium lamps between the Event Center and the new Student Health Center while a student runs up and down the steps during a late-night workout.

Elrod said that space is being made in the new building for massage, vision and dental services.

The plan is to offer dental care shortly after opening the new health center, and after observing how well this does, they will "consider when and how to establish the other two," Elrod said.

Elrod said they are introducing the services one at a time to allow for the handling of complications and to ensure

In order to accommodate for these new positions and services, the new health center will be 30 percent larger than the current one, according to the proposal for the new health center.

The proposal for the new health center places the size of the center as 52,000 gross square feet, a nearly 12,000 gross square feet increase from the current (40,060 gross square feet).

The design for the new health center was created by Blach Construction and Ratcliff Architects, according to blach.com.

According to the Blach Construction website, "The SHC building will serve as a gathering place for students, support a culture of wellness and promote active student life."

The plans for the new health center include using sustainable design principles, including optimizing energy performance, maximum use of daylight and water-efficient landscaping, according to the proposal submitted to the San Jose City Council.

The progress of the construction can be observed via live webcam updates, which posts a new photo of the project grounds every 30 minutes at m.blach.workzonecam.com/blach.

The original health center was built in 1958, nearly six decades before SJSU is currently scheduled to open the replacement.

Christopher Brown, associate vice president of Facilities Development and Operations, said that in addition to the new services which may be offered, all of the services currently offered at the student health center will be available at the new building.

The current health center is located on the eastern side of campus at Paseo de San Carlos and Ninth Street.

The current health center is not planned to close until the new SHC is completed.

Wes Moots is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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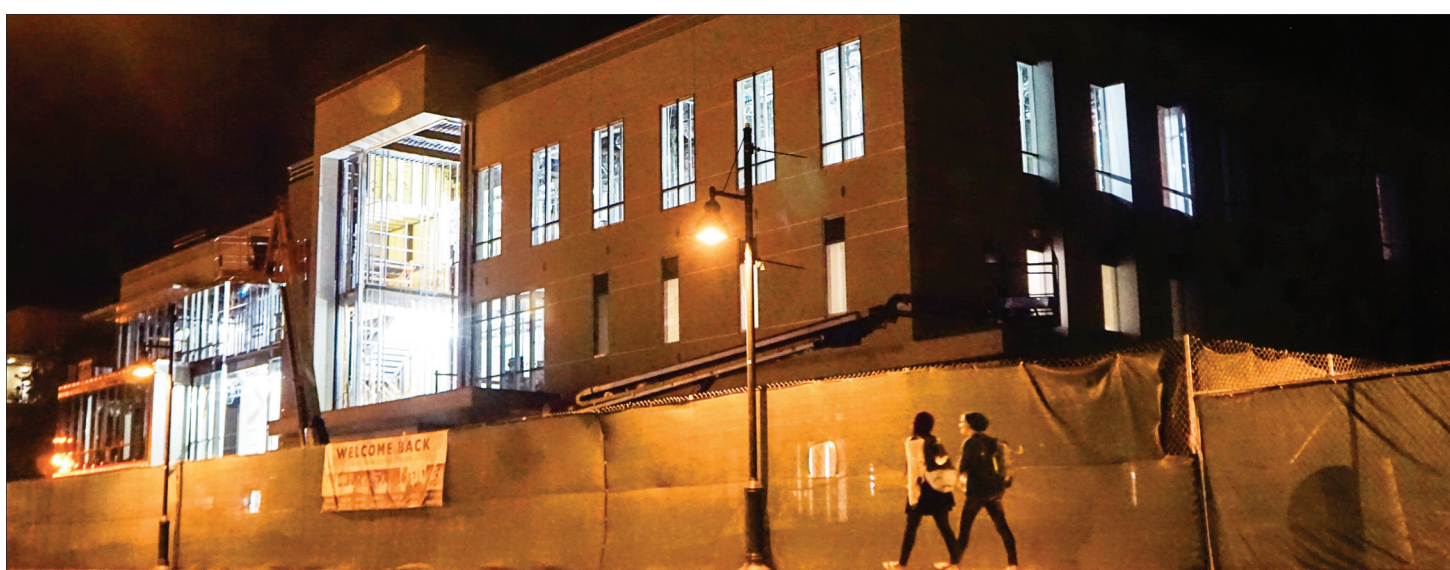
student health services director

high-quality and efficient services.

Josh Joel, a junior business management major, works at the Event Center box office where he can see the ongoing construction of the new health center.

Joel wears glasses and thinks that having an optometrist and vision services on campus would be convenient.

"It would depend on the costs of the services, but the fact that it would be available would be cool," Joel said.



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 A pair of students walk around the Student Health Center construction fence.



San Jose Repertory Theatre in limbo for its next act

Arts-related organizations, schools may submit 'request for interest'

By Beverly Ukpabi
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The San Jose Repertory Theatre located at Paseo de San Antonio closed for business in June 2014.

The performing arts building filed for bankruptcy after years of being San Jose's largest theater company.

The venues' shows included a variety of musicals and drama productions.

"The Rep" was named after owners Susan and Phil Hammer under the name The Susan and Phil Hammer Theatre Center.

It was a nonprofit organization that housed 528 seats. After closing, ownership of the building was given to the city of San Jose.

Prior to closing, the facility accumulated \$31.6 million in proceeds.

According to Kerry Adams-Hapner, city of San Jose's director of cultural affairs, the reason behind the bankruptcy was because of revenue not meeting the demands of production.

"The ticket sales, donations and grants did not meet the costs of the maintenance and operations made by the facility," Adams-Hapner said. "They spent more than they could earn."

Aside from donors that helped support the San Jose Repertory community, the the-

ater also had season ticket holders and loyal patrons.

The "blue house venue" won the award for Best Theatre Company by Metro in 2012 and 2013, according to its Facebook fan page.

At San Jose State, several members of the theater department faculty were heavily involved in the events held at Hammer Theatre Center.

Former literary manager of San Jose Repertory Theatre and professor, David Kahn, expressed how the university has held a valuable collaboration with the venue.

"We are saddened by the financial circumstances that led to the closing of the Rep," Kahn said. "We feel the loss of the institutional partnership and miss the presence of a major regional theater just one block from campus."

Other local venues that have reached out to veteran supporters include Chil-

dren's Musical Theater and City Lights Theater Company.

Although the city received the facility's keys from the bankruptcy trustee, Adams-Hapner said there are no plans to demolish the building.

"It's absolutely important that whatever program happens in the venue, it will be a variety of audiences," Adams-Hapner said.

Though not yet confirmed, the cultural affairs committee plans to expand the building to become another performing arts space.

"It's certainly a beautiful building that deserves to be put to good use," Kahn said.

Adams-Hapner hopes to not only attract previous veterans and a variety of people from different ages, ethnicities and social economic backgrounds.

She also said there will be an advisory group that will weigh out processes of the bankruptcy. The process lasts between six months to a year.

According to the community and economic development committee's memorandum found on the city of San Jose's webpage, the city now has full ownership of the inventory and property used for theater production.

This includes performance equipment, concession equipment and furniture.

The advisory group will be comprised of seven to nine individuals who will hold public meetings within the community in search for a new permanent operator to discuss the market and goals.

Adams-Hapner said theater organizations, schools, dance companies and music companies may also get involved by issuing a request for interest.

"City of San Jose is looking to request an interest for different parties," Adams-Hapner said. "We would ask them what their intent is to do things differently, how they are managed and how they are structured."

Students are welcome to get involved with the public process and may receive more information by contacting the council members.

"We live here and I think people often forget what an extraordinary part of the world we live in, in terms of entrepreneurship," he said.

Beverly Ukpabi is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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David Kahn former literary manager of San Jose Repertory Theatre and professor



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Committee in the works for new administrative candidate

Fusing undergraduate and graduate positions may benefit research foundation

By Abraham Rodriguez
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The associate vice president of graduate programs and its undergraduate counterpart will be combined into a single position.

The two current associate vice presidents Pamela

Stacks, from graduate studies and research, and Dennis Jaehne, from undergraduate studies, came up with the idea of combining the two positions together.

Combining both their positions would end up streamlining any work shared between the two programs, Jaehne said.

"It's the same kind of work, but it's just more of it," Jaehne said.

Jaehne said the two positions are essentially the same but with different focuses.

One position deals with academics and the cataloging of undergraduate academ-

ics, while the graduate position deals with graduate academics.

Lynda Heiden, Ph.D., chair of the San Jose State academic senate, said the search committee set with processing the new AVP of graduate and undergraduate program position is close to being filled.

Once the committee nominees are picked and chosen, they will have to finalize a job description.

With the job description finalized, the committee can then announce the new position and begin accepting applications.

Once applications are accepted, the committee looks at the applicant's qualifications and experience.

They'll have to narrow down the amount of applicants before they begin conducting in-person interviews.

"The committee has always brought representation across those groups ... (such as) administrators, faculty, staff and students," Heiden said.

The committee, consisting of four to five faculty members, one administrative member, a staffer from the academic senate and a student will begin setting

out the new job description for the position.

Each member has to represent his or her respective groups.

"The people who are on the search committee are those who have an understanding of the undergraduate, graduate studies offices and have the time to serve," Heiden said.

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The process could take three or more months, Heiden said.

Applicants who pass the initial review process are interviewed by staff in undergraduate studies, graduate studies and other SJSU employees.

Feedback from people can be supplied to the com-

mittee via submission boxes, Heiden said.

Members of this AVP search committee are selected by academic senate officers, vice presidents and the president of the university.

It's a consultation process since they reach consensus about who goes on the committee.

Once the new AVP spot is filled, the associate vice president of the research institution will be able to focus solely on the institution, Jaehne said.

Pamela Stacks, Ph.D., the current AVP of Graduate Studies and Research, said combining both associate vice president positions will benefit the research foundation.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides funding for research programs at San Jose State.

"What we're really looking for is good communication between the research foundation and the campus," Stacks said.

The AVP of Research will still be part of the university, and the position will oversee the foundation.

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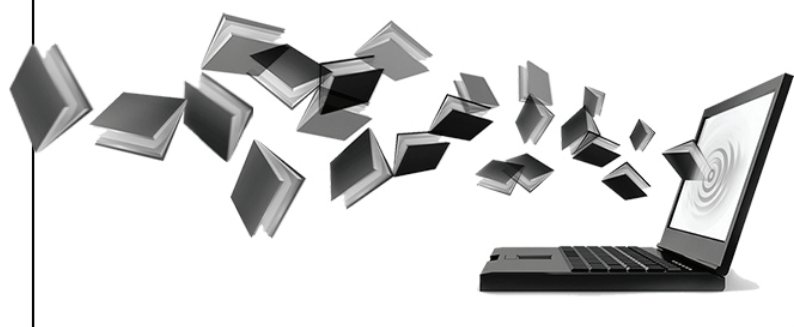
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Economic think-tank gives higher education top priority

Organization to release white paper on secondary education this month

By Beverly Ukpabi
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Hans Johnson, senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, said there's no easy answer to the question on how to best improve higher education.

"From the perspective of the state and the Bay Area economy, we need to do more to increase college enrollment and college completion," Johnson said.

Johnson collaborated with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute to advocate for a change to California's Master Plan for Higher Education.

His recommendations will be published in a forthcoming white paper co-authored by Sean Randolph, the Economic Institute's president and CEO.

The Bay Area Council Economic Institute — a local think-tank comprised of representatives from business, government and higher

education — is part of the larger and more prominent Bay Area Council business organization.

According to Randolph, the Economic Institute's "major product is a portfolio of research reports that analyze major issues in the state and regional economies and suggest ways to address them."

The institute works with both governmental and non-governmental organizations to implement its proposed policies.

Its board of trustees is comprised of more than 50 different members from diverse areas of expertise.

"It's a public-private board — roughly a third are from business, roughly a third are elected officials and from government, and roughly a third are from higher education," Randolph said.

Randolph said board members help "identify the issues the institute should focus on, support our research, and validate the independence work that's performed."

Randolph added that while the Economic Institute is part of a business organization, it does not speak exclusively for private interests.

"When the board was created many years ago, there was a deliberate balance crafted between business representatives, government representatives, and the representatives from higher education," Randolph said. "Higher education representatives provide a depth and breadth of perspective that's very valuable to our work."

Such representatives include San Jose State University President Mohammad Qayoumi, as well as Santa Clara University professor James Koch.

Koch said he was able to review Johnson and Randolph's forthcoming report.

"I think it provides that kind of longitudinal perspective on what's been happening," Koch said. "You can see trends that are most likely not sustainable, in terms of maintaining a vi-

able system of higher education."

According to Koch, the system's health is increasingly threatened by the rising tuition burden placed on private individuals.

"What was once considered a public good is now a private good," Koch said. "We've shifted much of the cost (of higher education) to students, as well as created an enormous burden for universities to balance their budgets."

The white paper examines the need to update California's 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education to better suit the 21st century.

California's Master Plan for Higher Education was passed and signed by Governor Pat Brown in 1960.

The plan distinguished functions of California's three public higher education systems — University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges — and established "admissions pools" that regulate which segments of the

high school graduate population are drawn from colleges and universities.

While the plan has undergone some modifications, most of its basic tenets remain unchanged.

For example, the plan requires UC schools to admit from the top one-eighth (12.5 percent) of high school graduates, and CSU schools to draw from the top one-third (33.3 percent) of high school graduates.

Co-author Johnson has previously suggested small changes to the plan could reap large benefits to California's economy.

Such changes include increasing admissions pools for the UC and CSU systems to 15 percent and 40 percent respectively, as well as raising and explicitly stating the target for the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to transfer students.

Randolph expects the white paper to be released this month.

Beverly Ukpabi is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.

Dogs without leashes may pose as threats, service dogs

Owners with canine companions without restraint not following California law

By Samuel Brannan
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A clash last Tuesday, Sept. 23 between a disabled student's service dog and a dog off its leash on San Jose State campus brought up bad memories for disabled student Tammy Abreu-Butron, whose guide dog was attacked by an SJSU faculty member's dog last year.

Abreu-Butron is partially blind and her half-golden retriever and half-chocolate lab, Dubai, accompanies her everywhere she goes.

The most recent skirmish between Dubai and another dog off a leash has Abreu-Butron wanting to spread awareness.

"There's almost an epidemic of dogs being off the leash on campus," said Abreu-Butron. "It's not safe for disabled students with service dogs and it's important that dog owners know the rules."

California state law requires dogs to be on leashes at all times on state property. San Jose State campus falls under that category.

Two semesters ago at Dudley Moorhead Hall, Abreu-Butron said her service dog was attacked by a smaller free-roaming faculty member's dog in the building. Dubai was not seriously injured from the attack.

Abreu-Butron said it was a traumatic experience for the both of them.

After the incident, Abreu-Butron contacted Cindy Marota, director of the Accessible Education Center, and told her about the situation.

Marota, who wanted to keep the identity of the faculty member anonymous, sat down with the department chair and the member of the faculty to inform them of the rules regarding non-service dogs on campus.

"It was such a traumatic event for Tammy and Dubai," Marota said. "I personally had to escort the two of them to class the rest of the semester after the incident because they were so shaken up."

The Accessible Education Center on campus exists to provide services and to promote access for students with disabilities in the classroom and throughout the campus.

"I'm always working to protect students with disabilities on campus, and the dog leash rules need to be enforced," Marota said.

The incident was filed with University Police Department last year, but no legal action followed.

"I'm a little bit older so I have thicker skin when things like this happen, but I've seen younger disabled students with guide dogs and I worry for their safety on campus," Abreu-Butron said.

Some other dog walkers on campus don't necessarily see the danger of dogs off the leash.

"I think people assume that it's a rule to have your dog leashed wherever you are, but it's never enforced," community dog walker Megan Kidwell said.

Kidwell walks her two dogs through campus weekly and has occasionally noticed dog owners letting their dogs off the leash.

"I'll see dogs without leashes that are mostly well-behaved with their owners close by, but I can see how it might be dangerous for guide dogs," Kidwell said. "But I personally haven't seen dog fights happen."

Abreu-Butron got Dubai when she was 19 months old from Guide Dogs for the Blind based out of San Rafael, Calif. where guide dogs can cost as much as \$72,000.

"There's a difference between a comfort dog and a service dog," Abreu-Butron said. "A service dog is a big investment, and they go through a lot of training."

Guide Dogs for the Blind train dogs at a young age to have intelligent disobedience, which is the ability for the dog to know when to override the "beta dog" mentality with their masters and to become the "alpha dog" when responding to danger.

"She's more than just a dog — she's family," said Abreu-Butron, "She has saved my life once when I almost got hit by a car on my street."

Samuel Brannan is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.



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Tammy Abreu-Butron walks to class by Clark Hall guided by her service dog Dubai, a half-golden retriever and half-chocolate lab on Monday.

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Caffe Frascati hosts open mic stand-up comedy event Commedia Monday nights

By Sonya Herrera
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Awkward silence filled the room as one comedian stammered through his joke, an occurrence that met the expectations of Jorge Sanchez, senior film major at SJSU and organizer of Caffe Frascati's open mic comedy night.

"I designed it for the comedians — the veterans and the new ones — and pretty much add support to them," Sanchez said.

The event, entering its sixth week at Caffe Frascati on South First Street, is held every Monday night between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Sanchez was approached by the cafe's own-

ers following the overcrowding of Tuesday's general open mic event.

"It got to a point where it would overflow," Sanchez said. "A lot of acts had to be cut short or a lot of people would not perform because there were so many people on the list."

The management, according to Sanchez, was already familiar with him due to his regular appearance as a stand-up comedian during open mics.

Sanchez said he was approached by the store's owner to design and host a separate comedy night, a task he hesitatingly accepted.

"The San Jose comedy community has been solely based around The Improv," Sanchez said, referring to the popular San Jose com-

edy club. "And there's a couple of open mics for comedy, but not as much, which is ironic because we have a lot of great, great comedians that come from San Jose but have to drive to San Francisco, drive to Santa Cruz."

Sanchez said the roots of his own stand-up comedy career are firmly rooted in San Jose State's Comedy Club, which is a separate entity from its improv comedy club.

"I was having a tough time at school," Sanchez said. "When someone's having a tough time, you resort to comedy."

The film major went with the intention of feeling better about himself and left with a new love of performing in front of an audience.

Sanchez said he thinks San Jose deserves more venues for open mic comedy.

"A lot of the comedy open mics are in bars, and that's usually a tough crowd," Sanchez said. "The true test is really to do comedy in bars. And the fact that this is a cafe brings a different perspective for comedians to try out their comedy."

The cafe atmosphere warms visitors to Commedia, which translates to "comedy" and is also the formal name for Monday's open mic comedy.

Caffe Frascati has free Wi-Fi, numerous electrical outlets and a variety of treats to please visitors.

The quality of comedians varies, but there are a handful of regulars who, with their quick wits and edgy jokes, consistently draw laughs.

Not always having a solid routine, Michael Brandon separates each joke by saying, "next scene," which in a way is funnier than if he'd had a smooth transition.

Brandon said Caffe Frascati was the first place he bombed onstage and said, "You feel like the loneliest person in the world. It's the worst feeling ever."

He said that while the cafe atmosphere is comforting, comedians still have the opportunity to bomb hard.

"It's a mixed crowd — some people are into it, some people aren't," Brandon said.

Alicia Bogart, Caffe Frascati's store manager and a junior public relations major at SJSU, is one of Commedia's consistently entertaining performers.

She often plays ukelele and sings amusing and manically-timed tunes that the listener sometimes has to replay in their head to fully appreciate.

Bogart said each Commedia night is an adventure.

"Some comedians are really great and some are not so great," Bogart said. "It's kind of an interesting dynamic because most of the people are comedians listening to other comedians."

Bogart said holding an open mic comedy event at a cafe is more likely to attract better comedy.

"We're one of the few venues for comedy that's not a bar, so we're not getting more of the lowbrow stuff that happens in places where people are super hammered."

Caffe Frascati's next Commedia night will be Oct. 6 at 8 p.m.

Sonya Herrera is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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Michael Brandon tells jokes at Caffe Frascati's weekly open mic comedy night Commedia on Monday night.

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Great America's Halloween Haunt is spooky fun

By Sonya Herrera
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Light disappeared from the skies above Great America on the night of Friday, Sept. 26.

Well before sundown, the park's gates opened at 6 p.m. to youngsters and their loyal parents.

Shrieks of delight and fear filled the park's boulevards during the opening ceremony and continued until the last survivor escaped.

Friday evening marked the start of Great America's Halloween Haunt, a series of fright-filled attractions that will be offered each weekend until Nov 1.

There are three layers of admission to the Haunt: the basic admission ticket, Fright Lane and Fast Lane tickets all with the option of adding a VIP meal experience at the Voodoo Chophouse buffet.

According to Great America's website, a regular (non-season) admission ticket, priced at \$34.99, buys access to most of the park's attractions.

Visitors with this ticket may enter the park at 7 p.m. and venture through scare zones (filled with mostly enthusiastic actors along with beautiful light and fog effects), tiptoe through its intricately decorated mazes, watch shows and of course ride roller coasters.

Great America Public Relations Coordinator and SJSU alumna Tiara Caron said the theme park is extending a deal to college students on the weekend of Oct. 17.

Regular admission rates are reduced to \$28 on these "college nights," which amounts to a 20 percent savings.

Students must purchase their tickets online and enter the promotional code of "CNHH" to receive the reduced rate.

The Fright and Fast Lane passes permit visitors to skip the normal wait line for a ride and enter a shorter line.

The difference between the two is that the Fright Lane (\$35) pass only works for one ride or attraction, while the Fast Lane (\$50) works for 20 rides and attractions.

The costs of both passes are charged in addition to regular admission.

Finally, the VIP meal experience at the Voodoo Chophouse buffet is open at 6 p.m. — an hour before regular guest admission — to 8 p.m.

For \$22.99 extra, VIP guests receive their choice of wine, cheap beer and soda to accompany New Orleans-style dishes and sides, including jambalaya, crawfish, cornbread and red beans and rice.

What stands out the most at Great America's Halloween Haunt is the high-quality artwork.



Sonya Herrera | Spartan Daily

A ghoulish actor with eerie glow-in-the-dark face paint scares patrons at Great America's Halloween Haunt.

In each maze, most notably the Toy Factory and Zombie High, the stunning details make the scenery appear organic.

The actors are dressed in bewilderingly intricate costumes and makeup and are often very good at disguising themselves as props before jumping out and scaring your face off.

Some of the mazes pushed the envelope of scary.

Claustrophobic visitors are not encouraged to complete the final segment of the Toy Factory, in which one walks between two high walls of billowing plastic that press against the crevices of one's body, creating a suffocating sensation that nearly vanquished this reviewer.

According to Kristen Hager, marketing manager at Great America, the plastic was meant to symbolize the process of being wrapped and packaged like a toy. It is truly horrifying.

The next most exciting aspect of the Haunt was the food served at the Voodoo Chophouse, which is served buffet-style to guests paying an additional \$22.99.

The buffet is available for two hours, al-

lowing VIP meal guests to fill their stomachs before visiting the attractions.

The pork roast is tender and juicy. The crawfish are well-cooked and seasoned and the shells soft enough to chomp straight through without pausing to examine their faces.

Of least value at the Halloween Haunt, unfortunately, are the Skeleton Keys.

Skeleton Keys, which come with Fright and Fast Lane passes, enable holders to enter a hidden room in each of five mazes at the park. What awaits there, however, is a disappointment.

There was nothing particularly scary or even artistic to appreciate in any of the Skeleton Key rooms.

Other wastes of money include the Fright and Fast Lane passes.

True, it's always nice to be able to experience an attraction sooner rather than later.

However, waiting in long lines kind of comes with the territory of visiting a theme park, along with buying overpriced food and beverages.

A Fast Lane pass (allowing one to jump lines 20 times) costs a whopping \$50 on top of the admission cost and its only additional perk is the worthless Skeleton Key.

This adds up to a poor deal.

You could buy a whole other admission ticket or two delicious VIP meal guest passes for the cost of one Fast Lane pass.

For people who like theme parks, Halloween Haunt is an amazing event.

For those who don't, it's a great place to take the kids and gather ideas for one's own Halloween party.

Sonya Herrera is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

'Weezer' returns to Event Center after Techmanity

By Brian Stanley
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The alternative rock group "Weezer" returns to San Jose State University Thursday kicking off a fall tour in support of their new album, *Everything Will Be Alright in the End*.

The concert is also part of the Techmanity technology conference beginning today in Downtown San Jose.

Founded in 1992, the Los Angeles based group will release their ninth studio album on Oct. 7.

"Weezer" is known for such hits as "Buddy Holly," "Hash Pipe," "Beverly Hills" and "Pork and Beans."

The unnamed tour features 13 dates scattered over two months beginning at the Event Center and concluding in Orlando, Fla. on Dec. 7.

Most of the tour dates are concentrated in the Southwest and Northeast featuring a combination of festivals and club venues, including a stop in Mexico City, Mexico.

"Weezer" has selected a number of club shows to perform *Everything Will Be Alright in the End* in its entirety later in the tour, according to Spin Magazine.

The release of *Everything Will Be Alright in the End* marks the first studio album for "Weezer" since the release of *Hurley* in Sept. 2010.

Since the release of its debut album in 1994, "Weezer" has one multi-platinum album, two platinum albums and three gold albums certified by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Founding members Rivers Cuomo, on vocals and guitar, and Patrick Wilson, on drums, are joined by Brian Bell, who replaced Jason Cropper on guitar in 1993, and Scott Shriner, who replaced Mikey Welsh on bass guitar in 2001.

"Weezer" last performed at the Event Center on Oct. 13, 2008 with "Angels and Airwaves."

This time around, "Weezer" will be performing with alternative rock groups "Kongos" and "Young Rising Sons."

Originally from South Africa, "Kongos" is made up of four brothers: Johnny, Jesse, Daniel and Dylan, whose shared last name is also the band's name.

"Kongos" single "Come With Me Now," off their debut album *Lunatic*, peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard Alternative Songs chart.

Lunatic was originally released independently in South Africa in December 2012 on their family's label Tokoloshe Records before the four brothers self-released the album in the United States in October 2013.

After singles "I'm Only Joking" and "Come with Me Now" received radio airplay and were featured in television commercials, "Kongos" signed with Epic Records and re-released *Lunatic* on February 25.

"Come With Me Now" was certified platinum by the RIAA on Feb. 7.

The four brothers are taking a night off from touring with "Kings of Leon" to perform at SJSU before wrapping up the Mechanical Bull Tour on Sunday in Irvine, Calif.

"Kongos" has called Phoenix, Ariz. home since 1996.

"Young Rising Sons" is comprised of singer and guitarist Andy Tongren, Dylan Scott on lead guitar, Julian Dimagiba on bass and Steve Patrick on drums.

The four men from Red Bank, N.J. were discovered by Shep Goodman and Aaron Accetta of Dirty Canvas Music in 2013, who promoted "Young Rising Sons" to Interscope Records.

The band signed with Interscope on June 16 and released its self-titled debut EP on July 22.

"Young Rising Sons" have been on tour all summer in support of the debut release.

Tickets are still available at the Event Center box office for \$49.50 for general admission.

San Jose State students can purchase tickets for the show for \$39.50.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Thursday with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Stanley is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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San Jose's murky water cannot quench the parched

Growing up, I can remember my mum always telling me I was supposed to drink eight full glasses of water a day.

It sounded like nonsense to my young mind.

I thought how could I remember to continuously drink full glasses?

I filled my cup up with the amount of water I wanted to drink when I wanted to drink it.

I never even thought about the differences in quality of water between distilled water in water bottles and the water from my bathroom sink.

I would never try to make excuses for drinking water from the faucet because it was some of the most refreshing water I had ever tasted.

Little did I know, the quality of tap water can vary dramatically from city to city.

My college years have been some of the most savage years of life trying to figure out what I was going to eat.

Living on and off campus, I've had to revert to some of the most basic tactics of survival.

What made those nights when my wallet was collecting dust hard was the fact I couldn't even wet my gullet with some water that actually looked like water.

Disregarding what San Jose tap water tastes like, it has a fizzy gray appearance.

I say fizzy because you can literally put a glass up to your ear and hear the fizzing of bubbles as if it was a glass of fresh Sprite.

The only time I could really stomach the taste was when I planned ahead and was able to get the water to a cold temperature.

Our only chance as SJSU students to get good tasting distilled water is by buying it at one of the various markets on or surrounding campus.

The smallest bottle of any brand of water near campus costs at least two dollars.

If you're smart, buy a huge gallon jug and



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refill it for 25 cents at some of the purified water distilleries in Downtown San Jose.

My entire time living in the dorms, I had no clue about what alternative resources were available to me.

I'm not entirely sure to which amenities the chunks of our tuition and housing costs cover specifically, but after about \$7,000 a semester, it's puzzling that we have to go through such great lengths to get a basic necessity for life.

One of the most innovative additions I've seen on a university campus were purified water stations on UC Davis' campus, where students and faculty could fill up water bottles whenever they wanted.

Such a simple addition does wonders for the campus and overall college experience.

With all of the new infrastructure being added to campus to "enhance" the student experience and keep students on campus, it seems shocking that such a vital and simple amenity could be overlooked.

The question is, is it really being overlooked?

I have trouble believing those controlling what gets added to our campus design have no idea about the quality of San Jose tap water.

I'm not overlooking the fact SJSU was recently reported to be of the more affordable universities in California and adding purified water dispensers all over campus would cost a pretty penny.

Huge strides could be made in making campus living more pleasant by simply adding a few stations near campus hot spots.

My appreciation for clean, crisp-tasting water has evolved.

I like to consider myself a connoisseur of sorts.

It is vital to our existence after all.

I am simply fed up with this San Jose "Sprite" they're telling us is water.

Jonathan Giddens is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Bay Area living makes it hard to have nice cars

I was a big fan of the sports car explosion of the 1990s.

There were affordable options from almost all major automakers during that magical decade, and it kicked off the street racer phenomena that peaked with the "Fast and the Furious" franchise.

After the movie, all sorts of street-racing video games were released and the aftermarket parts sector blew up.

I was following that hype wagon when I got into the car scene in my teens.

It led me to buy a crappy Honda Civic that was stolen and broken into at least five times during the four years I had it.

I loved it until I sent it to the crusher, replacing the faithful four-banger crapbox with my childhood dream car, the Mitsubishi 3000GT.

The 3000GT was the type of car you would hang posters of in your bedroom. I'd feel my jaw drop every time I saw one fly by me when I was kid - it was as cool as a Ferrari without really owning one.

Years after getting rid of my dream car and giving up on my dreams of sports car glory, I was taking a stroll through a campus garage when I saw dozens of modified imports - stanced cars with full body lips and window tint, expensive rims and the like.

I asked myself, "How can a student afford a car like that?" and "How can they afford anything like that while in college?"

The typical response is they can't. Owning a sports car is a tough lifestyle.

I gave mine up when the bills began piling. Throughout my tenure as a sports coupe owner, I went through multiple car builds and tweaks.

You love the car's looks and every time you see it, you can get a glimpse of the genius on which it is designed.



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Yet it still breaks down every five weeks, costing hundreds of dollars every time.

You reach a point where your personality revolves around owning this moving hulk of metal and forged aluminum.

You become friends with other "gearheads" and secretly rank each other by how much capital has been poured into your box on wheels.

So I asked other students what was holding them back - gasoline prices are the major issue.

In 2007, the national gas price average sat at a comfortable \$2.60 before shooting up to a monstrous \$3 average in the fall.

By 2008, it reached the historic \$4.10 average that still persists in high market areas like San Francisco.

Even after the peak of the great recession fizzled, gas prices remain at a \$3 average.

Traffic in the Bay Area is also killing recreational driving.

Traffic monitoring company Inrix ranked Bay Area traffic as the third worst region in the entire country in 2012.

And it's true, as most people in the Bay don't like driving anywhere anymore.

The I-880 freeway's morning rush hours from the East Bay to Downtown San Jose can take up to two hours.

Another student I talked to said parking was the worst thing to deal with when commuting to SJSU.

Imagine spending a boatload of money on a paint job only to have it dinged by an uncaring driver on his rush toward class.

In the end, it's almost not worth owning a nice car in the Bay Area.

You're better off not caring.

You could end up feeling hurt when your precious 90s Coupe gets rear-ended.

Abraham Rodriguez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Sudoku Puzzle

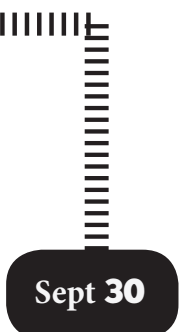
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively

Sudoku grid with numbers 8, 6, 4, 1, 2, 7, 2, 3, 7, 4, 5, 6, 8

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Previous solutions

Previous solutions grid with numbers 6, 7, 1, 3, 2, 5, 9, 4, 8, 5, 3, 4, 8, 6, 9, 7, 2, 1, 8, 2, 9, 4, 1, 7, 6, 5, 3, 9, 5, 3, 6, 4, 8, 1, 7, 2, 7, 8, 6, 2, 5, 1, 3, 9, 4, 1, 4, 2, 9, 7, 3, 8, 6, 5, 3, 6, 7, 5, 8, 2, 4, 1, 9, 2, 1, 8, 7, 9, 4, 5, 3, 6, 4, 9, 5, 1, 3, 6, 2, 8, 7



Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-73

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DOWN

- 8 Some vocal numbers, 9 Golden Horde member, 10 Certain cats and goats, 11 Strategic conflict, 12 Glowed, 13 One-third of a three-piece suit, 18 Purgative syrup, 23 Heavy, plus, 24 Having momentous consequences, 25 Including, as pertinent information, 26 Born to the purple, 28 Latin jazz great, 31 Certain style, as of furnishings, 35 Basin for holy water, 37 Extensive grassy plain, 38 Jeweler's measure of poetry, 42 As originally positioned, 45 Large properties, 47 Word with "base" or "scene", 50 Hundred on the Hill, 53 Walking with a sprained ankle, e.g., 54 Common parasite, 55 Recess for a statuette, 57 Hair preparation, 63 "Excellent adventure" dude, 64 Cook in grease, 65 listing, for short, 66 Grassy square, 67 Watch secretly

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Homeless are not to blame for their situations

Several homeless people spend the night on the same street at City Hall, where San Jose's public officials work and the city council meets weekly.

I used to live on this street too, thankfully in an apartment, and every day I walked past these people — real people — who resort to sleeping on hard cement.

These homeless people slept on cardboard mats while others were scrunched in sleeping bags on benches and a few got creative by hanging hammocks between two metal poles.

All of this was on a half street between the mayor's office and the San Jose State campus.

San Jose is home to one of the largest populations of homeless in the country with 4,770 homeless people.

San Jose is behind only New York City, Los Angeles, Seattle and San Diego as reported by the San Jose Mercury News.

On the SJSU campus and its bordering streets, it is not difficult to find homeless

wandering or to be approached by one of them asking for money.

I am guilty of sometimes feeling frustrated by their presence on and around campus, and the last thing I want to hear is "Can you spare some change?" when I'm walking into the grocery store.

But it's not fair to judge these people. It's better to channel frustration at the policy makers who have overlooked the homeless



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State University campus as hospital wards were becoming deinstitutionalized.

Some patients left the board-and-care homes provided by the government because of the poor living conditions. Some were evicted due to mental illness and lack of medication.

In 1973, San Jose was described in Salon as "discharged patients living in skid row wandering aimlessly in the streets ... a ghetto for the mentally ill and mentally retarded."

Today's homeless problem is not as extreme, but there is a major homeless encampment just over a mile from the SJSU campus.

According to the Mercury News, the city has made plans to evacuate the 200 to 300 homeless people who live in the "Jungle"— a large homeless encampment by Story Road just over a mile south of SJSU.

Hypothetically, once the homeless who live in the Jungle are evacuated, they are going to be sent into an Affordable Housing

Program and off the streets.

The plan is an improvement upon nothing, but the reality of the situation is that some people who live in the Jungle suffer mental illnesses and drug addiction.

It is also hard to find affordable housing in San Jose already, and if there is availability, the vacancies are low.

Once the Jungle refugees do not get approved for housing because of these reasons, it will be almost inevitable to find formations of similar encampments around San Jose, resulting in more homeless people lurking around campus.

It doesn't seem right that one of the highest concentrations of homeless live in South San Jose and a few miles in the other direction lies one of the highest concentrations of wealth.

San Jose is a city well-known for being home to the Silicon Valley and some of the nation's wealthiest people, yet the problem of homelessness continues to get swept under the rug.

Perhaps if the public officials were forced to walk by the people sleeping on

...there is a major homeless encampment just over a mile from the SJSU campus

Companies use breast cancer awareness month for social gain

Floods of pink will show this month as companies prepare to support breast cancer awareness and research.

Pink ribbons decorate products, clothes and advertisements as brands push the idea of supporting breast cancer.

Teens in schools will wear their "I love boobies" bracelets and shirts with the idea that this is helping raise more awareness.

How much does breast cancer awareness month really inform others and help women fight this disease?

I myself am guilty of falling into this social trend.

When opening a Bank of America account before heading to college, I decided to apply for the pink card that is supposed to donate 0.20 percent of my purchases to Susan G. Komen every time I use it.

In all honesty, I originally got the card because I loved the pink stripe on the back, but also because the idea that if I was going to spend my money at least I would be helping a good cause.

It wasn't until this year that I found out they are only continuing to donate until May of 2015.

Companies utilize the vulnerability of people's good will to benefit the company instead of actually having good intentions.

According to Sports Illustrated in an article titled "NFL botches breast cancer awareness PSA," out of all the money the NFL receives from pink products used to raise awareness of breast cancer, only an actual eight percent gets donated toward cancer research.

Similar to the ice bucket challenge, breast cancer awareness month has just become more of a trend than anything else.



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Companies will continue profiting from appealing ads, "cute" items and minimal information to its consumers.

According to WCSH Portland's news station article, the Portland Pirates stopped donating the money they received from their Pink in the Rink auction of jerseys to charities last year.

Although they put this information on their site, you can be sure people still thought the proceeds were going to charity.

Anyone purchasing something pink during breast cancer awareness month needs to be aware that money isn't always going directly toward cancer research.

Consumers need to start asking more questions about how much money they are donating and how much is actually going to a charity or organization.

Consumers also need to be aware that unlike most other diseases, researchers have found that breast cancer cases are different for every woman and man.

According to breast-cancer.org, studies show that fewer than 10

percent of women accurately estimate their risk factor for breast cancer.

A small lump in the breast of one woman could prove to be more severe and progressive than a large lump in another person.

Raising awareness with pink products is not necessarily going to help.

Instead, go and be there for someone you know of who is dealing with the disease or donate directly to a cancer research organization such as Susan G. Komen.

These are actual ways we can fight breast cancer as a community and raise awareness.

Kristen Wirtz is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Raising awareness with pink products is not necessarily going to help



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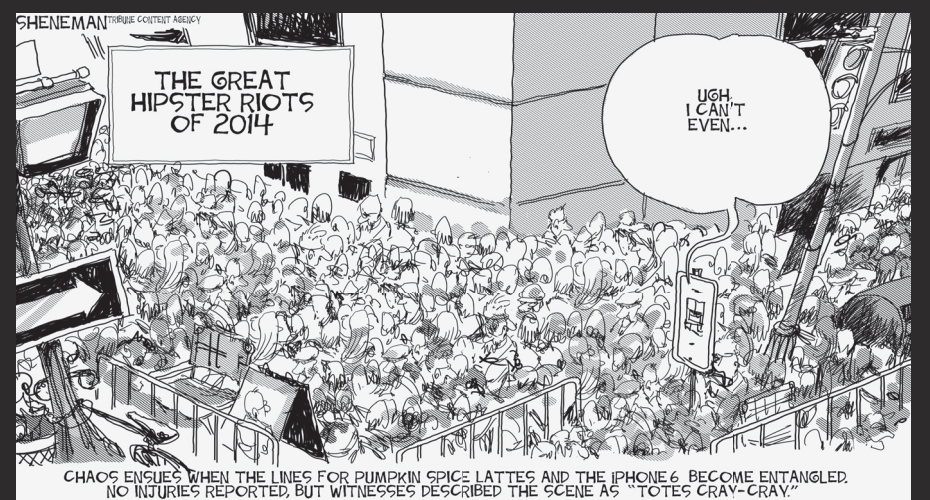
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Spartan goaltender continues to keep balls out of net, awarded Mountain West Conference honor

By Lauren Hernandez
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San Jose State women's soccer goaltender Zoe Makrigrannis was named Mountain West Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 22.

The child development major is in her third year with the Spartans and the recognition marks the first career weekly award she has received, according to the SJSU official athletic website.

Makrigrannis said the recognition is exciting and she gives credit to her defensive players who help defend the goal box.

"It just shows how far our defense as a whole has come," Makrigrannis said. "It's definitely kudos to my defensive line in front of me."

Makrigrannis, who first read the news of her recognition while scrolling through her Twitter feed, said she was surprised because she did not believe the Mountain West looked at SJSU athletics.

"I think its great for our team in general because our team doesn't really get recognized," Makrigrannis said.

Women's Soccer head coach Lauren Hanson said the award is a reflection of how the team has played throughout the season.

"Zoe has been a big part of that in leadership, shot-blocking and as a goalkeeper in preventing shots from happening," Hanson said.

Makrigrannis said the defensive players have worked hard together in order to maintain a cohesive defensive line.

"They definitely have been

putting in work so there are way less shots on me" Makrigrannis said. "It's easier for me to do my job."

Goalkeeper coach Rodrigo Baptista said Makrigrannis has a goalkeeper mentality, in that she is focused and works hard toward her goals.

"She takes her time to look at the video from previous games and see things that went right and wrong and try to make it better in the next game," Baptista said.

According to Baptista, Makrigrannis and her teammates have cultivated a family mentality, which allows the players to support each other.

Junior defensive back Rachel Docherty said Hanson taught the players to defend as a unit and maintain a mentality based on teamwork.

"When we get tired, she's there and we have confidence in our keeper to come up with the big save," Docherty said. "She consistently has done that for us."

Makrigrannis and Docherty, both Canada natives, have played side by side as Spartans for the past three years.

Docherty said the junior goalkeeper has played consistently in a starting role since the two were freshmen.

"She trains hard and is one of those people that cares a lot about what she does and that is contagious," Docherty said.

Makrigrannis said her teammates and her family back home in Vancouver drive her.

When Makrigrannis was benched for injuries last season, she said watching her teammates put in effort on the



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Junior goalkeeper Zoe Makrigrannis (right) leads the recovery for San Jose State in Sunday's 1-1 draw against the New Mexico Lobos. Makrigrannis finished with a season high of seven saves and the Spartans moved to 3-4-3 on the season.

field ultimately drove her to improve.

Makrigrannis' sister, who had a successful soccer career before getting injured, is an encouraging individual for the goalkeeper.

"Knowing that she got injured and that I still have a chance, it's definitely inspirational and motivating," Makrigrannis said.

Makrigrannis' family streams every one of her games online from Canada and attends matches when they can.

They plan to attend the Spartans match against Portland State in October.

With her family out of the country, Makrigrannis said her teammates are her support system and she can always count on them.

"I don't think I'd be able to do it with out them to be honest," Makrigrannis said. "They are like my family here."

Upon graduation from SJSU, Makrigrannis hopes to work with at-risk youth in Canada or the United States, but would consider taking the opportunity to continue playing soccer.

Lauren Hernandez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Women's Soccer Home Schedule

October 17	Colorado State	2:00 p.m.
October 19	Wyoming	11:00 a.m.
October 24	Colorado College	2:00 p.m.
October 26	Air Force	12:00 p.m.

All home games are held at the Spartan Soccer Field, located at South Campus.

Tyler Winston: Stepping up as a leader and striving to win



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Sophomore wide receiver Tyler Winston breaks up field after one of his 10 receptions in the 42-10 victory over North Dakota on Aug. 28 at Spartan Stadium in San Jose.

By Wesley Moots
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Leading his team as one of the starting wide receivers, sophomore Tyler Winston drives himself toward constant self-improvement.

In his second season with San Jose State, Winston is already gearing up for a season of beating his personal bests.

"He's a good one," head coach Ron Caragher said. "He had a really good breakout freshman year."

Last season, Winston scored five touchdowns in 10 games.

This year he's reached the end zone three times in four games.

If he can keep this rate up, he could double his total from last year.

"My team and coaches look to me to be more of a leader this year. I have to go hard every day, lead by example," Winston said.

Winston won many awards when he played before arriving to SJSU and now has continued to earn more since.

Among his awards last season, Winston was named the 2013 Mountain West Freshman of the Year.

In four games, he had over 100 receiving yards, the best yards per catch ratio, and 14.8 in the Football Bowl Subdivision of receivers with more than 50 catches.

His 858 receiving yards last season is an SJSU record, according to San Jose State Spartan athletics.

When asked about his inspirations off the field, Winston didn't hesitate to talk about the people who encouraged him from day one.

"I play for my family, especially my parents," Winston said. "They've always been pushing me to do the best at whatever I do."

Winston is a justice studies major. He said his studies and observations of those in the field have impelled him to pursue law enforcement.

Winston doesn't have any family in law enforcement, but he said conversations with his girlfriend's father, who is a detective, was an added inspiration.

"It's a fairly athletic job," Winston said. "It's very team organized with what they do and that's what I do best."

One of the challenges facing San Jose State athletes is keeping up with school work while they travel.

Winston said he's thankful to only have one class, which is frequently impeded.

His solution is easier said than done, but Winston is determined to hold himself to it.

Winston is dedicated to getting homework done before it's due instead of chasing deadlines.

"I have to get my work done early and make sure everything is in line before I leave so that I'm not scrambling while I'm not even there," Winston said.

Winston is stepping up as a leader this season but still looks up to his upperclassmen for guidance and support.

Winston is constantly taking advice and inspiration from fellow receivers, graduate student Jabari Carr and senior Daniel Bradbury.

"We look up to lots of the seniors and guys who've been here a while and step up as leaders," Winston said.

Winston said it's not a challenge getting along with his teammates and that teamwork on the field is reliant on their connections off the field.

"We're a pretty close-knit family type of a team, so it's easier for a lot of the younger guys to come in here," Winston said.

With 32 successful catches so far, Winston is hopeful he can help his team strive for more victories on the field, and to him, his 289 yards this season is a good start.

Wesley Moots is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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