

## Students declare housing crisis, demand change from Papazian



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Sociology senior Elsa Salgado begins her opening statement at the Student Homeless Alliance news conference in front of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue on Monday.



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Student Homeless Alliance President Mayra Bernabe fixes her microphone before speaking about the demands the group has for unhoused students.

By Victoria Franco  
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Stepping up to the microphone with a shaky voice and a dozen cameras pointed in her direction, sociology senior Saline Chandler shared her story of homelessness at the Student Homeless Alliance news conference on Monday.

As KPIX, ABC News and KGO cameras pointed toward the podium, Chandler and other speakers helped the alliance garner the attention of media all over the Bay Area.

When President Myra Bernabe went to speak, she announced that the alliance had, in fact, secured a meeting with San Jose State President Mary Papazian set for today.

The group organized the conference in front of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue after months of unsuccessful attempts to reach Papazian.

Frustrated by what Mayra Bernabe, president of the alliance, called a “lack of will and determination from the administration,” she hoped to rally students into flooding Papazian’s office with phone calls declaring

### SJSU administration officials schedule meeting for today with Student Homeless Alliance

their support for the organization’s demands. Bernabe explained that the Monday news conference and call-in was orchestrated after the alliance secured its Tuesday meeting with the SJSU president. Three of its members, along with Bernabe, will be attending the meeting.

“When we heard about the meeting, we were like, ‘OK, do we want to have anything prior to that?’” she said. “We want to be very transparent about what we are doing.”

Christine Hutchins, senior associate vice president for strategic communication and marketing, said that Papazian is looking forward to sitting down with the alliance.

“What we’re looking for right now . . . are sustainable long term solutions and figuring

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## ‘I am the face of homelessness’

By Kunal Mehta  
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After growing up as a foster child, sociology senior Saline Chandler faced homelessness during her early years at San Jose State.

“I am the face of homelessness,” Chandler said at the Student Homeless Alliance press conference on Monday. Chandler was homeless during 2011 and 2012.

Despite having housing as a freshman, she had nowhere to go during winter break and ended up sleeping on the streets.

“I was told that I would get housing when I come to San Jose State, and they only secured that for the two semesters, not



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Saline Chandler  
sociology senior

including the winter break, which is when I found myself homeless for the first time,” Chandler said.

That winter, Chandler had no car and didn’t know where to go for help.

“I literally slept outside, and that’s why I got pneumonia,” she said. “I slept behind a grocery store, I slept on the light rail, I slept on bus [Route] 22, I slept

on benches around campus, and I slept in homeless shelters that weren’t really suitable.”

She got a car the next year from her birth mother, but that came with its own problems. Chandler said that while she was able to sleep in it, she also racked up parking tickets and

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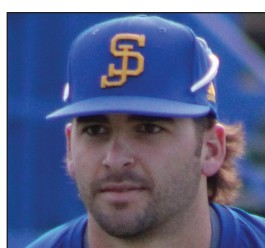
Sociology senior Saline Chandler chants with protesters demanding more protection for students having trouble with sustainable housing at SJSU.



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out what they are,” said Hutchins.

As of now, students have access to two beds in the campus villages if they aren't able to find a place to stay, but the beds are only available to students for two weeks total.

Members from the alliance shouted, “Two weeks is not enough!” claiming that students can't find housing in such a short amount of time.

One demand is to have a minimum of 12 beds in the campus villages for homeless students, where they can stay up to 60 days.

Scott Myers-Lipton, adviser for the alliance, stated that while the university is reluctant to provide more sleeping measures for students, other schools provide more accommodation for its students.

“We have two emergency beds, and [California Polytechnic State University in] San Luis Obispo has 12 – a much smaller campus,” said Myers-Lipton.

Myers-Lipton voiced his frustration with the two week system stating, “I had a student that was in those beds for two weeks, and after the end of two weeks they asked her to leave, and I begged them not to. It was the middle of her semester, going into her finals, it was going to cause big problems for her.”

The alliance also asked SJSU for a \$2,500 emergency grant for students to remain in housing if they cannot afford rent.

Lastly, the alliance is asking for 10 parking spots



(1) Members of the Student Homeless Alliance march toward Tower Hall, chanting phrases like “Thirteen is too much.” (2) Sociology senior Mario Andrew Anguilar kneels and holds a card writing “In College AND Homeless.”

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in the 7th Street garage.

At the same location they coordinated the late-night Dec. 6 demonstration, “Poverty Under the Stars,” Student Homeless Alliance members held up different colored signs behind the speakers during the news conference.

One sign read “In College and Homeless,” and another stated “Silence is Violence.”

According to a study done by the California State University Chancellor's office, 13.2 percent of SJSU

students have experienced homelessness within the past year.

The alliance said that SJSU administration officials had agreed to allow students without housing to sleep at five to seven spots in the North Parking Garage. However, Bernabe explained, the demand was never met.

“This predates my time [at SJSU],” said Hutchins when asked about the alleged agreement.

Bernabe continued breaking down her timeline of trying to get the



Student Homeless Alliance President Mayra Bernabe holds up a collection of sticky notes detailing SJSU students' “housing horror stories.”

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attention of Papazian.

“We have been seeking this meeting with President Papazian for the past four months,” Bernabe told the Spartan Daily prior to the news conference. “I hope to find out what the school has been doing since our last meeting in December with Vice President Patrick Day.”

Some of the 1,100 students, who signed a petition in support of the Student Homeless Alliance's demands, were also in attendance.

Sociology senior Elsa Salgado, who recently joined the alliance, was one of the key speakers and chief supporter of the petition.

“We as an organization want to make sure students don't have to choose between the right to an education or the right to have a roof over their head,” said Salgado.

After hearing testimonies of college students facing homelessness as well as pleading students to stand with the alliance, the group stormed around campus

shouting and leading spectators around to join in on the cause.

“Shame on you CSU! Shame on you CSU! Thirteen is too high!” yelled the alliance alongside, referring to the fact that 13 percent of students at SJSU are homeless.

“Hopefully they'll meet these demands, but this is just the beginning,” said Myers-Lipton.

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other fines. She was unsure of what to do.

“I didn't even know who to talk to, there was no SJSU Cares, there was no Just in Time food pantry,” Chandler said.

As a first-generation college student, Chandler tried reaching out to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) for help, but it backfired.

“I told the EOP program that I was homeless, and they ended up kicking me out of the program after my freshman year,” she said. “They said I didn't meet all of their requirements, which was to attend workshops and things like that. But being that I was homeless, those were really hard to get to.”

The Educational Opportunity Program director, Teresa De La Cruz, did not respond to request for comment.

Chandler also said she reached out to Counseling and Psychological Services for help, but all the department could offer her was counseling services, not housing services.

“It takes a huge damper on your mental health, when you're homeless,” she said. “You end up struggling to focus and concentrate because you're not only tired because you didn't get well rest, but you're also hungry.”

Chandler said she was trying to save as much money as possible to find an apartment to stay in, and sometimes, that meant skipping meals. This was on top of the three

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Saline Chandler sociology senior

minimum-wage jobs she was already working.

Throughout all of this, Chandler still had to focus on school. She said she found herself on academic probation, and it took all of her focus to get back on track.

In her eighth year at SJSU, Chandler is now on track to graduate after Fall 2019. During the years, she has switched her major from political science to sociology.

“I learned that the political system is not set up to address the changes and that

real social change comes from social movement and social action,” she said.

Chandler said she wants to become an advocate for foster children and the homeless as a public official, potentially with the City of San Jose.

She currently serves on the lived experience advisory board for Destination: Home, said Scott Myers-Lipton, sociology professor and adviser to Student Homeless Alliance. The organization helps identify solutions for homelessness, and Chandler contributes her personal experiences.

Chandler described her experience as a foster child as “horrible.” She also said she “moved around over 10 foster homes in the span of a year.”

She wants to make sure that students in the same situation have the resources they need to succeed. But despite the additional resources the university has made available to students, Chandler doesn't think they are currently sufficient.

“There's only two beds for SJSU Cares, and that's why we're trying to expand it to 12, because I don't think there's enough,” she said.

SJSU Cares is the resource center on campus to guide students facing homelessness or food insecurity toward resources that can help them, including the Spartan Food Pantry and emergency grants for

housing assistance.

Chandler wants to have a “well-lit, well-known spot on campus” for students to park their cars, so others don't have to go through the experience she did.

While homeless, Chandler described herself as ashamed of her situation.

“I was afraid to speak up – and I was afraid that speaking up wouldn't result in anything or getting any resources,” she said.

But now, with a roof over her head, Chandler will be one of the four students from the Student Homeless Alliance to meet with SJSU President Mary Papazian today – speaking up in hopes that other students can get access to the resources she didn't.

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# Clouded judgement vilifies vaping



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Electronic cigarette smoking, also known as vaping, originated as a way to quit traditional cigarettes.

However, it has now become a dominant culture with its own lingo, tricks and superstars.

Big events are held in the name of vaping with many people attending and looking for the next new vaporizer modifications or flavor.

Prisoners even have the opportunity to buy vaporizers in the shape of cigarettes in jail.

Being a vape user myself, this piece will explain how vaporizers are clouding our judgement on the new smoking craze.

Is vaping a bad thing? I don't believe it is, but many people have mixed feelings about this alternative smoking device.

Most think it is just for douchebags to make big clouds and jump with joy about their floating creation.

For me, vaping is much more than just big clouds and giggles.

According to Vaping Daily, the first modern electronic cigarette was invented in 1927 by Joseph Robinson.

In 1963, Herbert Gilbert improved on Robinson's design to market a device known as the "smokeless non-tobacco cigarette" which popularized vaping.

For some, it is a way of transitioning away from conventional cigarette smoking to a more relaxing approach.

Many vapers, such as myself, believe that this practice is getting a bad reputation from those who use it to draw attention to themselves.

The question that needs to be asked here is: what exactly is a vaporizer?

According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary definition, a vaporizer is "a device that generates a particular substance in the form of vapor, especially for medicinal inhalation."

Vaporizers are commonly used for smoking medical cannabis and flavored nicotine with the latter being the concentrate of this.

While medical cannabis is still a developing business with hundreds of strains, flavored nicotine packs are in seemingly endless supply.

Nicotine flavors range

from fruits to black pepper. The weirdest flavor I've tried is called "Stoned Smurf." Yes, I'm being serious.

Juul, which has risen to become one of the most popular brands in the vaping industry, is a San Francisco-based company and one of the biggest sellers of vapes.

Its clientele is mostly made up of teenagers and young adults.

By offering different flavors, Juul has become

has taken the attention of some big businesses.

Marlboro cigarette-maker Altria recently bought a 35 percent stake of Juul Labs with a \$12.8 billion purchase in 2018.

The deal values Juul Labs at \$38 billion as Altria looks to become a part of vaping culture.

"We are taking significant action to prepare for the future where adult smokers overwhelmingly

in order to produce bigger clouds, a tank to hold them and an LED screen display that tracks usage.

Many mods also require the installation of voltage counter that reads how much outage your vape is producing for more heat and cotton insulation to soak in the juice vaporizers need.

With an ever-growing vape culture emerging in today's society, there are sure to be communities of users and events related to vaping.

There are large amounts of events held for vaporizers across the U.S. yearly.

Many of these vape-related events serve as social gatherings for "cloud makers" and often have competitions for contests to see who can make the biggest clouds.

To the credit of anti-vapers, I believe that cloud-forming contests, such as these, show the "doucheiness" aspect of vape culture.

This deviates from the initial goal of vaping, which is to aid in quitting smoking.

One of the largest vaping events in the world is Vaporpalooza, which is held in Grand Rapids, Michigan and draws crowds of thousands every year.

Organizers of the event Vaporpalooza strive to make the event as inclusive as possible to all eligible participants.

These events encour-

age visitors to try new products, expand their social network of fellow vapers and make business connections within the vaping community.

Participants hold contests to see who can form the largest vape cloud as well as have "best flavor" contests with flavors including milk, fruit and even cereal.

Hundreds of vendors line the large event center where Vaporpalooza is held and give samples to enthusiasts in hopes of getting a sale or business connection.

One of these vendors is Beta Alternative, a company which was awarded the 2017 ZampleBox e-liquid award for best menthol flavor.

Vaporizing isn't a bad thing, as long as it is not abused.

Regardless of one's perspective on vaping, it continues to be a dominant force in today's society as people search for the best cigarette substitute.

Vapers can be found on college campuses all around the country, myself included.

We're proof that people can vape and still be contributing members to society.

Vaping ultimately allowed me to quit three-and-a-half years' worth of cigarette smoking after just four months.

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**Is vaping a bad thing? I don't believe it is, but many people have mixed feelings about this alternative smoking device.**

one of the powerhouses of the vaping business. YouTube persona "Donny Vapes" Karle uses vapes to generate massive revenue.

His YouTube channel has more than 120,000 subscribers and features Karle reviewing Juuls and hotboxing his car with vape clouds.

Karle's thousands of followers and subscribers are no outlier as he are just one of hundreds of vape reviewers on YouTube.

With Juul becoming increasingly popular among young adults, it

choose non-combustible products over cigarettes," Altria's chief executive, Howard Willard, said in a statement to the Guardian.

The company said Juul will be able to reach Altria's customers through advertisements in traditional packs of cigarettes as well as direct mail to customers.

But wait, there's more! Vaporizers come in many shapes and forms from your typical Juul to complex mods that can cost buyers hundreds of dollars.

Mods require batteries

# Fans become vegan for concert tickets



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Nowadays, celebrities and social media moguls often obtain the attention of millions.

Whether they're trying to or not, they usually influence social media users in different ways.

One of the most influential celebrities has even managed to influence people to take on a vegan lifestyle.

People often find it hard to convert to vegan eating habits, but now they may have a new incentive to do so: Beyoncé.

One of Twitter's more notable stories this year was about Beyoncé and Jay-Z giving out free concert tickets to those who go vegan.

As extreme as this sounds, there is much more to this plan than I initially thought.

Today reports the contest only requires fans to sign up on the The Greenprint Project website, that promotes the vegan lifestyle and pushes others to turn vegan.

Having fans sign up on the website makes more sense since I could only imagine how this would've failed.

One weakness in this plan could be that fans "cheat the system" to get free tickets.

The disasters seen in the cases of YouTuber Tana Mongeau's TanaCon and Fyre Festival prove that celebrities aren't miracle workers.

I was pleasantly surprised to see celebrities of such high status using their platform to spread word on this topic.

It's crucial that people with such power use their platform for good rather than evil, which is something Beyoncé and Jay-Z did very well.

"As someone that has such a large fan base, it's important that she influences such a large group of people," said nutrition junior Savannah Bettis.

Beyoncé has 14.9 million followers on Twitter and over 125 million followers on Instagram.

San Jose State's vegan community was glad to gain a massive influencer like Beyoncé as this could help the animals affected by a carnivorous lifestyle.

"It's a really beneficial and, frankly, necessary lifestyle change that humans should make to

benefit animals, the environment and themselves," said public health sophomore Maya Paulo.

However, not all are on board with this plan.

"Free tickets are cool, but I don't know about trying to influence what people should eat," communications senior and SJSU wellness center worker Dante Thomas said.

"I think there's pros and cons to being a vegan, and not being a vegan. I think you are more likely to have more protein options when you are not vegan," said Thomas.

Although I'm sure people saw the contest as a positive way to have people go vegan, there may be some people that don't care for this kind of influence.

Some people may not favor the vegan lifestyle or the ways in which celebrities promote it, but there will more likely be a positive rather than negative effect.

"Celebrities promoting plant-based living can only benefit the movement because it will reach out to so many people," said Paulo.

Positive celebrity influencing is something we need today, and Beyoncé's contest may be another step forward for everyone.

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WEEKLY COLUMN

# 2 Fair 2 Balanced: Picking a president



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There are plenty of political pundits, journalists and ex-politicians covering the Democratic Party presidential primaries, trying to predict who will win.

In my weekly column, "2 Fair 2 Balanced", I'll spin the former Fox News motto on its head and give you real, practical advice on who you should be voting for in

climate change. This is important for the current generation of college students who have about 60 years left to live on this planet.

A report released by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has called for cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 to ensure that global tem-

Environmental Protection Agency by preventing the publishing of scientific reports and by increasing logging in national forests, according to The Washington Post.

California has felt the effects of the increase in logging, so it's especially important for the next Democratic candidate who will take on Trump next year.

The second issue is that of wage disparity and workers' rights.

Many of us are planning to enter the workforce in the next four years and we need to be paid a living wage.

A 2018 Pew Research Center report found that while raw wages have increased, after accounting for inflation, there has been little increase in the actual purchasing power in workers' wages.

In Silicon Valley, dormant wages aren't going to be able to keep up with constantly rising home prices.

Jobs are also disappearing because of increased automation and advances in technology. Self-driving cars for example, could remove the need for human workers from entire industries.

Some economists and politicians have proposed to combat the immense global wage gap with the implementation of a universal basic income to replace lost wages.



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**Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders' entry into the list of Democratic candidates running in 2020 was a long-awaited development in the presidential run for many voters.**

Others would like to see unions strengthened, so they're able to more effectively fight for workers' rights.

Up next is social and criminal justice reform. There are an enormous amount of issues here, giving candidates many different avenues to go down.

One of the simplest issues to tackle is the decriminalization of marijuana on a national level.

Coupled with releasing those held in prison under overly-strict drug laws, it would be a big win for any Democratic candidate.

Then there's the much more complicated issue of how to deal with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

At some level we do need an agency to enforce immigration and

customs regulations, so straight up abolishment isn't the answer - instead there has to be some reasonable replacement.

The final issue that candidates will need to address is how to deal with the Supreme Court in wake of the appointment of Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Unlike many of President Trump's policies that can be undone by an act of Congress, it could take an entire lifetime to remove a conservative majority from the bench.

Waiting for retirements won't help liberals, since the two oldest justices are both liberals while the two youngest justices are both conservatives.

Some politicians are open to the idea of court-packing, by adding additional seats to the Supreme Court that a

new liberal-leaning president would be allowed to fill if all goes to plan.

When this was last seriously proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it did not go over well with Congress nor the American public.

It would be tough for any president to justify interfering with the institution of the Supreme Court, though a lifetime of conservative rulings may be even worse.

Later on, we'll break-down the platforms of specific Democratic candidates to see how well they address the environment, wage disparity, social justice, and the Supreme Court.

Stay tuned.

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## The most important and urgent issue today is easily the environment and how to address the looming issue of climate change.

the Democratic primary.

I'll break down the four most important issues from the perspective of a San Jose State student, and then in the coming weeks, I'll rate primary candidates on how well they stand on those issues.

The most important and urgent issue today is easily the environment and how to address the looming issue of

temperatures surpass 1.5 degrees Celsius.

One of the most popular plans in the media right now is New York congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal, which calls for getting 100 percent of our energy needs from renewable sources and getting rid of greenhouse gasses.

The Trump administration has gutted the

# Barbie girls to live in realistic Barbie world



**Courtney Vasquez**  
STAFF WRITER

What's better than a pretty, blonde Barbie doll? Some people may say nothing, but others want a doll that looks just like them, with every unique quality they possess.

On Feb. 4 toy company Mattel, the maker of Barbies, American Girl dolls and Hot Wheels, announced a new summer collection of Barbies that features dolls with disabilities.

"I thought it was about time that they got up to speed with the fact that not every child is even mobile. They are able to then be a lot more inclusive," Mead said.

More companies are trying to be more inclusive of every culture, disability and body type.

While entire generations of girls grew up playing with Barbie dolls that presented the "perfect" body type to

sales for the dolls increased 16 percent. This was a great jump in comparison to 2015's sales, according to a 2016 USA Today article by Eli Blumenthal.

It is a smart business move for Mattel to create Barbies with many different ethnicities and qualities.

Not only will it make every young girl feel more included, it will make them feel empowered because they are being represented.

If more girls feel represented, sales will continue to increase.

Senior CHAD major Alondra Peraza was surprised by Barbie's upcoming summer release of the disabled dolls and glad to see the brand branching out to every type of young girl.

"Being inclusive, especially for this targeted population, in this case, children, is crucial," Peraza said. "Children question everything. If a child with prosthetics doesn't see dolls like her, she might feel excluded and sad."

As a child, I often played with Barbies and other brands of dolls. There were a couple brunette dolls that looked more like me, but the majority of Barbie dolls were blonde and very skinny.

When we are children, we dream of being like someone we idolize. Some young girls may idolize Barbie, which is why it's so necessary to



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create dolls that include every type of person.

"When it comes to things like being on TV or when you're in the classroom, seeing people that look like you that could potentially be role models, those are always beneficial and positive images," Mead said.

"[The dolls] will help children with these disabilities build confidence, having something to look up to that they can relate to," said CHAD junior

Nicole Ruocchio.

As Mattel prepares to release the new collection of Barbies this June, it's important to consider a child's emotions when it comes to making them feel special.

Mattel, Inc. should be applauded for making their toys more representative.

The fact that there will be more dolls to include every type of young girl is essential in today's society and will no doubt improve Mattel's

company image.

"Creating a diverse Barbie collection, whether it means different hair, skins or, in this case, disabilities enables the opportunity to make all children feel special for who they are," Peraza said. "They will just grow with the idea that everyone is unique in their own way."

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## Not only will it make every young girl feel more included, it will make them feel empowered because they are being represented.

The collection has two new dolls: one in a wheelchair and the other with a removable prosthetic leg.

In addition to the dolls with disabilities, other versions of Barbie dolls will feature different hair textures, braids and body types.

Danielle Mead, child and adolescent development (CHAD) professor, believes these types of dolls were long overdue by the Barbie brand.

live up to, many women today are challenging the notion that only thin and tall women should be celebrated.

The first black Barbie doll was released in 1980, according to History's 2016 article by Brynn Holland. Mattel later released a line of Barbie Fashionista dolls that came in four body types, seven skin tones, 22 eye colors and 24 hairstyles in 2016.

After the release of these Barbies, Mattel's

# Benally goes bananas scoring 31

By Kunal Mehta  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time this season, the San Jose State women's basketball team (5-22, MW 4-12) never trailed against the San Diego State Aztecs (10-17, MW 5-11) on Saturday afternoon, and won 84-76.

Junior guard Analyss Benally led the Spartans with 31 points, nearly doubling her previous career high of 17.

"I was knocking down my shots tonight, and my teammates were finding me,"

**SPARTANS**

**84**

**AZTECS**

**76**

Benally said. "They had confidence in me – they kept looking and I kept shooting." She also set new career highs for herself with 10 field goals and seven 3-pointers made, topping her previous highs of 5 and 5, respectively.

The Spartans got off to a quick start with a 9-2 lead 2 minutes, 19 seconds into the game, powered by three 3-pointers drained in a row.

The Aztecs closed the gap to 1 point with 5:35 left in the first quarter, but a 3-pointer by junior guard Fiem'e'a Hafoka put the Spartans up 14-10.

That was the closest San Diego State ever got, as the SJSU maintained at least a 5-point lead for most of the game.

"Most of our games we are trailing, we always have to come back from a 10-0 run or something, but tonight felt different," Benally said. "It feels good."



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Analyss Benally pulls up to shoot a 3-pointer in the second quarter Saturday afternoon. She ended with a career high of 7 made 3-pointers.

With 3:42 left in the second quarter, Benally was substituted back in, and 20 seconds later hit a 3-point jumper, assisted by sophomore point guard Danae Marquez.

Marquez also set a career high in assists with 15 on the night, and was a single point away from recording a double-double.

"I think my teammates are doing a great job of filling their lanes and being available, and are just making me look good in the process,"

Marquez said. Head coach Jamie Craighead said that Marquez increased her level of play after the team started its second half of conference play.

"I can communicate with her and she becomes an extension of me on the court, and there's nothing better for a head coach than to feel that from your point guard," Craighead said. "She's playing her best basketball that she's played in her career here."

After the Aztecs opened the second half with a

3-pointer, the Spartans responded with a 7-0 run, their highest of the game, for a 48-35 lead with 7:54 left in the third quarter.

Halfway through the fourth quarter, Benally drained a 3-pointer to put SJSU up 73-59, the biggest lead of the night. The Spartans nearly let their lead slip away, only scoring a single 3-pointer and 10 free throws.

The Aztecs narrowed the lead to only 4 points with 46 seconds left in the game, but the Spartans made 4 of 6 free throws

after the Aztecs intentionally fouled to win the game.

"I thought we could have done better closing out the game from the free throw line, but we did get the stops then on the other end," Craighead said.

SJSU gave up 25 free throw opportunities to SDSU. Benally said that was enough to keep the Aztecs in the game.

"I think that's our biggest thing right now – we're fouling way too

much," Benally said.

The Spartans finish the regular season at home against Fresno State on Thursday.

"Our team is fairly confident about finishing out the regular season, and treating the postseason as a new season – that survive and advance March mentality," Craighead said. "I don't think our kids really fear anyone, especially on a neutral court."

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# Lightsaber dueling: May the sport be with you

By Adam Yoshikawa  
STAFF WRITER

The force is growing strong in France. The French Fencing Federation has officially recognized lightsaber dueling as a competitive sport. The iconic lightsaber now holds the same status as the foil, epee and sabre, which are traditional blades used in the Olympics.

"I think that's pretty cool. It's kind of a fun way for kids to think 'Oh that's cool, I want to do that,'" said computer science senior Brandon Archbold.

Whether a Jedi or a Sith in a galaxy far, far away, the French fencing federation is now providing lightsabers to fencing clubs and training lightsaber instructors. It will be anything but boring.

The LED-lit, polycarbonate lightsabers can feature realistic sounds of an electric rumble if a chip is installed in the hilt, or grip, of the lightsaber. Duelers compete to reach 15 points or have the most points after three minutes, whichever comes first, according to the Associated Press.

"It's cool that more

sports are coming up, like how Quidditch has become something," said computer science junior Jonathan Wong.

The new sport will follow its own set of rules, according to the French Fencing Federation. Fighters must wear masks and armor for protection, and matches will take place within a circle taped on the floor rather than a rectangular strip like in fencing.

Points will be awarded for landing blows: 5 points for a strike to the head or body, 3 points for arms or legs and 1 point for the hands.

If both fighters reach 10 points, "sudden death" occurs and the first to land a strike to the head or body is declared the victor of the match.

To make the duels more authentic to the "Star Wars" movies, fighters must swing their sabers behind them in order to obtain the point, according to the regulations of the sport.

Players, also called wielders, can dress up as their favorite characters to give even more authenticity and fun to the new sport.

According to the French

Fencing Federation, the goal of introducing the sport is to fight the "dark side" of childhood obesity and the popularity of sedentary video games.

"With young people today, it's a real public health issue. It's becoming difficult to [persuade them to] do a sport that has no connection with getting out of the sofa and playing with one's thumbs," Serge Aubailly, the federation's secretary general, said to the Associated Press.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, data from 2015-16 shows that nearly one in five people ages 6 to 19 in the United States are obese.

"That is why we are trying to create a bond between our discipline and modern technologies, so participating in a sport feels natural," said Aubailly.

Although slowly gaining followers, lightsaber dueling has no hope of having a place in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

But, in the words of Master Yoda, "Patience you must have."

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# Top baseball pitcher eyes Navy SEALS



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Starting pitcher Andrew Mitchel practices his pitching at CEFCU Stadium. He's had 19 strikeouts in 12 innings pitched so far this season, 8 of which were against UC Riverside.

By Cora Wilson  
STAFF WRITER

Being San Jose State's starting pitcher and the Mountain West Co-Pitcher of the Year isn't enough for Andrew Mitchel.

He's hit the record books as only the second Spartan in SJSU history to receive conference pitcher of the year honors, and is already looking for his next challenge.

Mitchel aims to continue challenging himself this season and after graduation.

I like challenges. Playing Division I baseball was a challenge, playing pro baseball is a challenge and joining the Navy SEALS is just as much of a challenge."

He comes from a military family and says he wants to join the Navy SEALS. His main goal is to get drafted into the Major League but he also plans to join the Navy SEALS whether he goes pro or not.

"The SEALS are something I really like. I just like how hard it is, I like the stories about it and it's just something that I want to see if I can do because I know how tough it is to be a SEAL," said Mitchel.

Similar in some ways to baseball, the Navy SEALS require intense physical ability and training. It also takes dedication to be successful in both careers and that makes joining the Navy SEALS appealing to Mitchel.

His love for baseball

shaped him to be someone who enjoys meeting difficult goals and he sees them as a way to grow.

Someone who has meant a lot to Mitchel's growth as a man and baseball player is Daulton Jefferies, first-round pick in the 2016 Draft for the Oakland A's. Jefferies and Mitchel met when they were in high school. Jefferies sees Mitchel as the "little brother he's always wanted."

"I'm really really proud of him. [Mitchel] has one of the best work ethics I've seen," said Jefferies. "He's going to do great things and he's always wanted to do to be a part of something bigger than himself - I'm so happy for him and I can't wait to see what he does."

Another person that shaped Mitchel's strong work ethic is his father, Kevin Mitchel.

His father coached his little league teams growing up and also played baseball when he was in college at Sacramento State. One of Kevin Mitchel's earliest baseball memories of his son was when Mitchel was just four years old.

"I wanted him to play but I just introduced it to him and he loved it immediately," said Kevin Mitchel. "We were living in Ohio at the time and when he was four, I heard the front door open and saw him dragging a bucket of baseballs to play. He was always like 'lets go throw' and I always said yes."

Before joining the Spartans at SJSU, Mitchel moved around a bit, playing for Fresno City College in 2016 and Grossmont College in El Cajon from 2016-17.

"Coming to San Jose State was probably the best thing [Mitchel] has done for his education and baseball career," said Kevin Mitchel. "I'm grateful he has ended up here and coach 'Filippo' has been so welcoming and loving to [Mitchel]. They treat him like family. I know people could say this but he couldn't have been anywhere else better."

At the end of last season, Mitchel led the Spartans with 101 strikeouts. In conference, he ranked second in strikeouts with 62 and third in ERA at 3.16.

Head coach Brad Sanfilippo sees Mitchel's skills to be an important part of the overall team.

"[Mitchel]'s overall competitiveness and what he gave our team and what he meant to our team last year is overall what he represents to me," said Sanfilippo. "For him to get the accolades at the end of the season and becoming Mountain West Co-Pitcher of the Year and to have him be recognized was a credit to what he represents."

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## Correction

On Thursday, Feb. 28, the Spartan Daily published an article titled "Dean praises study abroad program" where former dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences Mary Schutten was misidentified. The Spartan Daily regrets this error.



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ANALYSIS

# Cynical and catchy: Hozier's new album

By **Cindy Cuellar**  
STAFF WRITER

Irish singer-songwriter Hozier continues to keep his folk and soulful rock style within his new sophomore album, "Wasteland, Baby!"

It's been five years since the release of his self-titled album "Hozier," and Hozier has developed his dark style while successfully keeping it hopeful.

He emphasizes that nothing is really going right within the world but love is the only thing promised and definite.

The album art shows him sitting in a chair underwater which alludes to drowning. The suffocating theme on the album can be heard within its cynical lyrics.

"Take Me To Church" was a part of his "Take Me To Church" EP in 2013 and later became the first song of his self-titled album "Hozier" in 2014.

It was his first song addressing social issues about gays not being accepted within the Catholic community.

These politically-charged lyrics brought him his initial mainstream success and garnered him a Grammy nomination in 2014 for song of the year.

The song "Cherry Wine" was in the same EP and then added to his expanded edition of "Hozier" that addresses domestic violence and

promotes the hashtag #faceuptodomesticviolence.

Social issues continue to be emphasized and incorporated in "Wasteland, Baby!" through the lyrics in the track "Nina Cried Power."

Hozier stated in a tweet, "The intention behind something like that of [Nina Cried Power] is to offer a reflection on the importance of that leadership, it's dissent, it's action, in the context of the rights and lives that we enjoy today and will be enjoyed for gens to come."

In more simple words, being aware or "woke" about social issues is important but it is the second step of taking action which makes the difference.

Interior design senior Ramiro Valdivia said, "I really like how he starts the album with 'Nina Cried Power.' It seems like he is giving thanks to previous artists who inspired him."

A soulful rock style is rhythmically creating a deep dark mood by the piano, electric and bass guitar.

This style is all throughout his newest album and can be heard in the tracks "Be," "Nina Cried Power" and "Talk."

Gospel, blues and rhythm and blues have been a style he has always gravitated toward through all of his EPs and two albums.

By incorporating a choir singing, clapping and what sounds to be an organ, he succeeds in keeping his dark tune.

However, "Wasteland, Baby!" is not completely dark and somber.

There are much lighter songs with higher guitar notes, Irish-folk and more upbeat clapping within "Shrike," "To Noise Making (Sing)," and "Almost (Sweet Music)."

Hozier did the same in his "Hozier" album, balancing his dark tunes with lighter more folk style such as "From Eden," "Like Real People Do" and "In a Week."

Taking a five year break from releasing any albums allowed Hozier to focus on his style of

music rather than quickly releasing music that would please the general audience.

"Even though a lot of the songs here tend to play with the im-

agery of terrible things happening - like, say, the sea levels rising - in a metaphorical kind of way," Hozier explained in an iTunes Editors' Note. "I wanted to write something that dealt

with those anxieties in a literal way - then putting it into a whistleable, catchy tune, to the point

where it's absurd, nearly."

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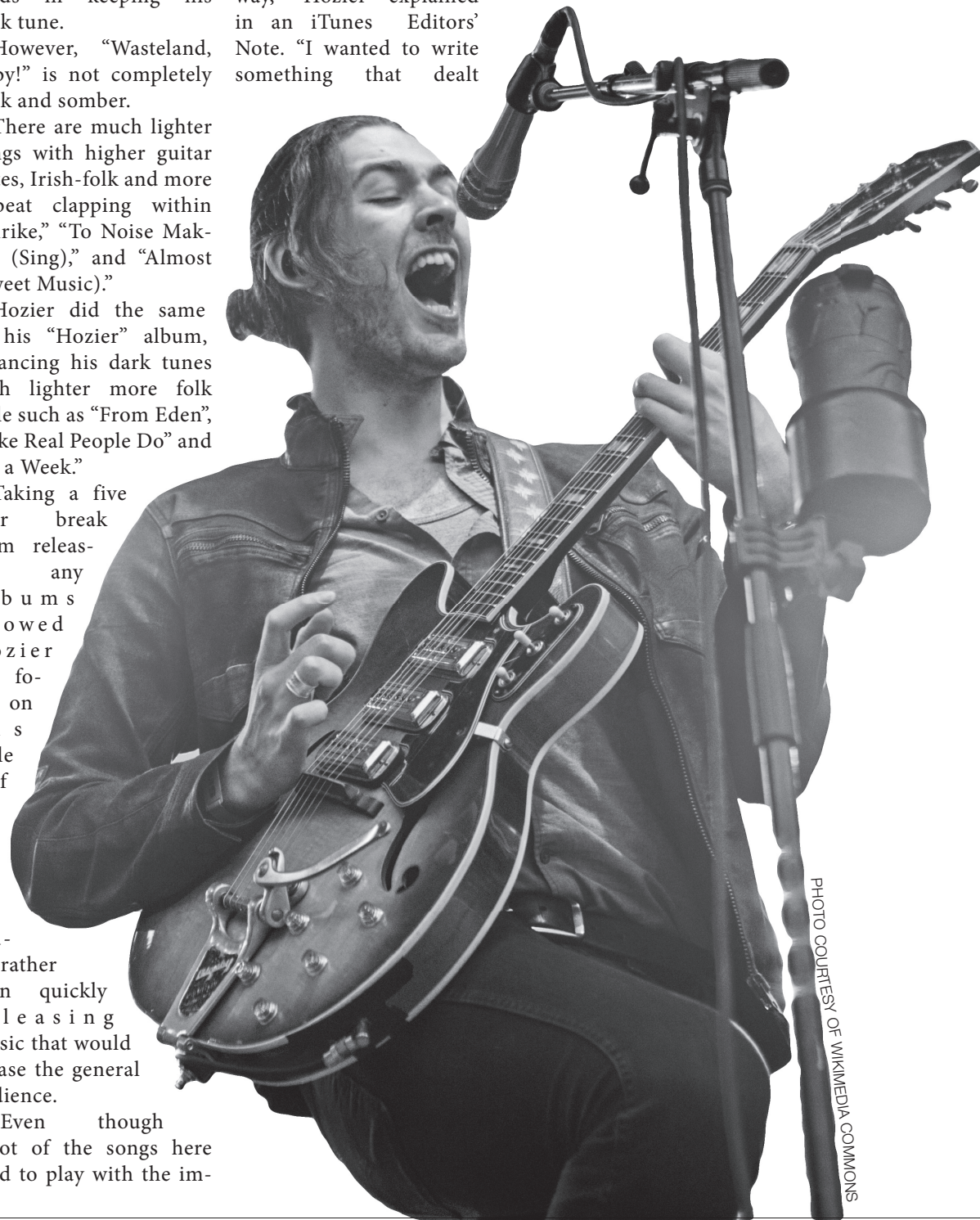
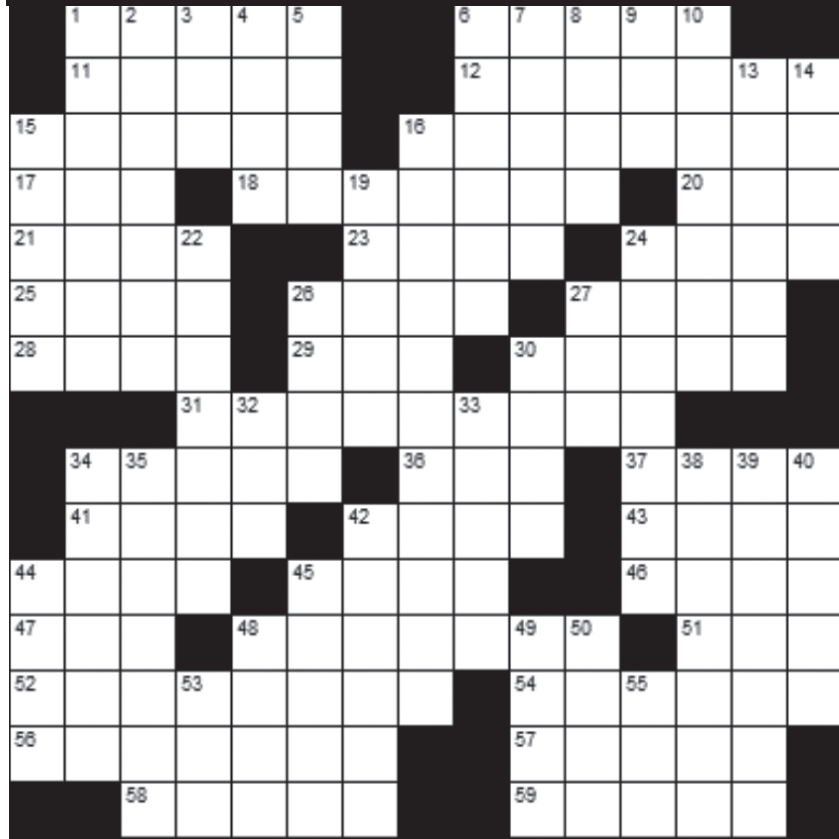


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**ACROSS**

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- 6. Manager
- 11. Picture
- 12. Name
- 15. A citrus fruit
- 16. Participant
- 17. Beer barrel
- 18. Caught
- 20. French for "Summer"
- 21. Dogfish
- 23. Gunk
- 24. Infants
- 25. Long ago
- 26. Car trunk (British)
- 27. Essence
- 28. Moving within
- 29. A large vase
- 30. Hockey footwear
- 31. Elkwoods
- 34. Gives forth
- 36. Muck
- 37. After-bath powder
- 41. Demolish
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Always
- 44. A ceremonial staff

- 45. Sit for a photo
- 46. Wander
- 47. An Old Testament king
- 48. Knickknack
- 51. C
- 52. People with red hair
- 54. Magician
- 56. Gallivant
- 57. Leave out
- 58. Doled out
- 59. Storehouse

**DOWN**

- 1. He fights blazes
- 2. Follower of free verse poetry
- 3. Indian bread
- 4. Hens make them
- 5. Observed
- 6. Surgical cord
- 7. Chose
- 8. Copied
- 9. Bamboozle
- 10. Hideaway
- 13. Urticate
- 14. T T T T

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# Blizzard blows across Tower Lawn

Photos By Jozy Prabhu, Staff Writer



Business major Katrina Festejo takes a snow-filled selfie at Tower Lawn on Monday.



First-year engineering majors Rishika Lokesh (left) and Nithya Kuchadi (right) focus on building the perfect snowman for the competition.



San Jose Ice Company sprays man-made snow on Tower lawn for a competition planned by Associated Students.



Computer science sophomore Jyoti Suri enjoys her time building a snowman on Tower Lawn on Monday.



Fourth-year psychology student Marie De Los Reyes races against time to perfect her snowman in order to win the prize of 100 gold points.



San Jose resident Heidi Posada's dog Hunter enjoys the man-made snow on Tower lawn as the students around him attempt to build the perfect snowman.



Undeclared freshman Calista Hilton (left) and freshman English major Paulina Gonzalez (right) use the custom SJSU scarves as gloves to make their snowman.