...Forward We Go
We Will Not Fail...
...Hail, Hail, Hail
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The only number in San José State baseball history to have ever been retired - #22 belongs to former Spartan head coach Gene Menges, the second-winningest coach in the school’s 94-year baseball history. He led the team for 17 seasons and compiled a 467-434-4 record. In 1978 and 1979, he was named Coach of the Year by the Northern California Baseball Association.

Menges earned his degree from San José State in 1951 and his master’s degree in 1957. The quarterback of the 1948-50 Spartan football teams, his career totals still rank among the best in Spartan history. He joined the Spartan coaching staff in 1952 as an assistant football coach. He transitioned into baseball in 1969, as the assistant coach, and assumed head coaching duties 1970. He has the rank of professor emeritus in the Human Performance Department at SJSU, and is also a member of the San José State University Sports Hall of Fame.

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Kevin Frandsen, 2001-04, ranks among the top-eight in six Spartans career offensive categories. The two-time All-Western Athletic Conference honoree was taken in the 12th round of the 2004 MLB draft by the San Francisco Giants, where he made his MLB debut in 2006. Frandsen, a 2014 SJSU Hall of Fame inductee, spent time with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and Philadelphia Phillies, and currently plays for the Washington Nationals.
SPARTANS IN THE PROS
MAIN ENTRANCE
1. Entry Plaza

2. 1st Floor: Players’ Lounge & Locker Room
   2nd Floor: Supporters Lounge

3. Batting Cage / Swing Analysis

4. Home Bullpen

5. Away Bullpen
Future South Campus Plan

1. Baseball Stadium  
2. Softball Stadium  
3. Soccer Stadium  
4. Tennis Complex  
5. Track & Field  
6. Sand Volleyball  
7. Spartan Golf Institute  
8. Koret Center  
9. Simpkins Stadium Center  
10. Vermeil-Walsh Athletic Complex  
11. Groundskeeping Building  
12. Athletics Administration Building  
13. Spartan Stadium  
14. Football Practice Fields  
15. Athletics Office Building