Parkland tragedy inspires activism on gun control

By Courteney Vasquez Saturday, Feb. 14, 2019

One year ago today, 17 lives of students and staff members were lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. While 17 were confirmed dead, 17 others were left with injuries that they will never forget.

Gunman Nikolas Cruz was a former student at the high school, and chose to open fire on a regular school day for the students attending.

After that day, the Parkland shooting was the start to the now-famous campaign, March For Our Lives, to end gun violence. March For Our Lives first marched on Mar. 24, 2018, and has since become a nationwide movement.

The campaign was created by the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to call for stronger gun violence prevention measures.

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High school senior, explained how much of an impact the Parkland mass shooting had on him.

"When the Parkland shooting happened, I was actually reading about the Columbine shooting," Nitsnik said. "To then have that experience turn into a far more tangible one, by experiencing a very comparable shooting once again at a school, was absolutely horrific for me."

This year, there have been 37 mass shootings so far according to the Gann Violence Archive. The amount of mass shootings from the past two months are also a reason why March For Our Lives wants to make a difference.

Hasker said many of these mass shootings were a mistake of not establishing better preventative measures to stop people from getting hold of such weapons.

"In a lot of these cases, there are long overdue measures of banning assault weapons," Hasker said. "On the way that we vote amounting to much in other policy areas and technologies, we really can't be happy behind in the gun issue much longer."

This year, the San Jose chapter of the campaign has been organizing new events for the one-year anniversary of the Parkland shooting. On the anniversary, the March For Our Lives chapters and national organization will do a social media blackout, according to Nitsnik.

"[The blackout] is a sign of respect for the 17 lives that were lost on that day and also to remember, once again, that this can happen to anyone," Nitsnik said.

The main cause for the rally is still gun violence, and activism, but we want to spread their activism to others in the youth and mobilizing teens," Son said via email.

Mass shootings in 2019
37 shootings happened in 34 cities or counties
60 deaths 113 injuries

The Rally for Change event will begin at 11 a.m. and will be held at Arena Green East in downtown San Jose. As the students remember the victims in the Parkland shooting, they hope to spread their activism to others in the youth and mobilizing teens.

"We want to focus on creating an environment with an energy stepped up in positive excitement for change and activism," Son said.

The student group hopes to influence others to use their voices for change. Frequent activism from a younger generation could help bring more change for gun violence prevention measures, Nitsnik added.

"The goal is to get the youth really engaged in politics," Nitsnik said. "That's something really important in our contemporary society."

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Water from the Anderson Reservoir dam rapidly pours into a nearby river in Morgan Hill. This is an intentional procedure employed to reduce the risk of overflow. With the forecasted release of water from the Anderson Reservoir dam, inevitably occur. Liccardo said the city understands the seriousness of the situation and have learned from the mistakes of the 2017 floods.

"The decision by the water district to begin the outflow of Anderson Reservoir was critical to prevent major flooding," Liccardo said. "Outflowing water rate early creates a far better situation than waiting for it to reach 80 or 70 percent capacity."

Even with all the preparation and planning of the city's emergency action plan offered, Liccardo congratulated Sullivan-Green's information.

"Reckonings is [going to] flood, it's a question of how we protect the neighboring people from personal devastation."

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Apex Legends has changed the game

By Jonathan Austin

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Aviosion Entertainment, the development studio that created the popular "Titanfall" series, has launched its new free-to-play battle royale game, "Apex Legends." The battle royale genre consists of a number of players that parachute to a location on a map. Players then spend time looking for weapons and attachments to make them better, and compete with other players to be the last man standing.

For a brief generation of the game, think of "The Hunger Games" trilogy. The game itself is set in the "Titanfall" universe, so players will be able to find similar gameplay mechanics in both titles.

Fans of the movement system and free running nature of "Titanfall" will be disappointed that these features are largely removed from the game itself. However, there are stealth and grappling hooks available for those who are inclined to use them.

The game doesn't rely on the original concept of battle royale. "Apex Legends" strives and succeeds to innovate an already stale genre of games.

This is achieved through its use of team-based classes that can do a variety of things from healing others, dropping a bubble shield to help defend teammates or even launching an aesthetic to run death onto opponents. These unique classes are chosen before the game starts as the players allotted in each team choose which class they think will benefit the group the most.

The load-outs help teams inform one another where enemies are, where the individuals are going and even specific things like if they need a piece of gear and where it can be found.

The game is reminiscent of "Overwatch," where the characters are all clearly identifiable and different mechanically with their abilities. There are more of cosmetic options to choose the look of characters and gears.

There range from simple things like re-coloring clothing, to complete design changes that are visually stunning. Characters can also be equipped with various phrases that trigger during events like when the round starts and when you kill an enemy.

The most currently available is called "threes. " This is when you and two other players fighting 19 other squads of three people. This is different from many other battle royale games.

Popular alternative like "Fortnite" only offers one single player to play in a team of four. The game itself features characters and guns that are equipped with various phrases that trigger during events.

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New players will be pleased that there are already a reported 10 million players in the 72 hours after launch, beating "Fortnite's" previous record, according to The Independent.

The only negative thing people will pick up is the microtransaction model that will inevitably put players off from trying the game.

However, there are fast and comparable in quality to "Overwatch" loot boxes mixed with a similar cosmetic sale store where you can purchase specific cosmetics like colors and emotes.

To be honest, there has to be some sort of way Respawn Entertainment makes money. I really only hope that this will be done in a fair and comparable way for the company to make money. I really hope that Respawn Entertainment will consider making money from the game.

What do men want? This is the question P. Henson answers as the star of the new movie, "What Men Want." The rom-com directed by The 2000 version, "What Women Want," was directed by Nancy Meyers and stars Mel Gibson. The new version has been the topic of discussion about the opposite gender. After Nick spends a crazy night before he can hear inner-thoughts, he becomes more respectful of what women go through on a daily basis. The more movies touch on the various real-world issues such as gender roles and communication between the two genders, the more women feel. This is also used on Gibson's character, Nick, is misogynistic and disconnected from women. He talks about the ideas being too much estrogen in the world, and often judges women for their bodies.

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According the SJSU 2018 Annual Security report, reports of rape doubled in 2017 over a two-year period.

Discussed below are some of the most prevalent date rape drugs seen today in society.

Date rape drugs are still prevalent

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Drug victim shares personal experience

By Victoria Franco

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Runners-up for Miss USA 2018 and now a candidate on ABC’s television series “The Bachelor,” Caelynn Miller-Keyes shared her story with Colleen, understanding on “The Bachelor” about her experience with sexual assault in college during their one-on-one date. When Miller-Keyes was a sophomore in college, she was drugged and raped at a college party. When she was still unconscious, her fraternity brothers and everyone took videos of her.

Miller-Keyes’ experience with sexual assault is a reality many college students face. According to the United States Department of Justice, one out of every four female university students will be a victim of sexual assault before graduation.

Steps to consider after being sexually assaulted

In order to help sexual assault victims seek justice, San Jose State has made sexual assault cases on campus a priority. When a student reports an incident to the Title IX office or a confidential advocate, the university ensures that appropriate accommodations, safety measures and other interim support measures are put in place. Students who face sexual assault on or off campus have various options they can pursue after an incident has occurred.

From there, the process can include filing a report and seeking confidential mental health assistance, victims who may need medical attention.

By seeking assistance, students can tell someone from SJSU’s Title IX office about their sexual assault incident. From there, Title IX staff can work with students to find a resolution that best fits their needs.

After going to the office, victims can file a complaint and request a formal investigation. The Title IX office will then follow investigation procedures listed in the CSU Executive Orders.

Tracey Tongwa, Title IX officer, explained the process after a victim who has reported a sexual assault decides to pursue a formal investigation.

“The Title IX office will explain investigation procedure to the student and all the rights available to the student during that process including the right to have an advisor, such as a confidential advocate, present during interviews and meetings with Title IX office,” Tongwa said.

Tongwa further explained that while a student can also report to a treated adult on campus, such as faculty and staff, victims must understand these individuals are mandatory reporters, meaning they must report to the possible arrest, evidence collection, interviews and support networking begun.

“If there is evidence to support a charge against both parties [in a sexual assault case], we would present the case to the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office,” said Cavallo.

From there, the San Jose Police Department would take over.

CPS provides free confidential counseling

If victims do not wish to talk to SJSU or UPD about the incident occurred, they are entitled to seek free counseling from the Counseling and Psychological Services center located in the Student Wellness Center in room 308B. Ellen J. Lin and Colleen Miranda, counselors from the Counseling and Psychological Services center, said that whether or not rape victims pursue a case after the assault, they can still come to the center to obtain counseling.

“They are free to say whether they want to report it or not. Counseling is already free once you paid for it in your fees,” said Lin.

Lin and Miranda also stated that all sessions are kept confidential to a certain extent. They said their goal is not to force people to seek counseling, but rather to provide a safe space for victims to talk about their experience.

“Everything [comes] with a few limited exceptions. The exceptions [for sexual assault] are if we suspect [the victims] are in imminent danger of killing themselves or another, if they get so gravely disabled that they can’t even take care of daily functioning,” Lin said.

Miranda explained it is not part of the counselor’s job to mandate any student to report. Instead, the goal is to provide a safe and confidential space for victims to address their trauma and find a way to heal and thrive. As a precaution, Lin advises students to never leave drinks unattended and to always tell their friends where they are going, so everyone can keep track of each other.
The truth about our culture and we depend on technology and our social bubble, is that it keeps us from connecting romantically in person. Online dating is a part of our culture and we shouldn’t condemn people for using it. According to a Pew Research report the percentage of 18 to 24 year-olds who would’ve never tried online dating is taboo to some, people have used similar mediums within media to find partners for centuries. According to a PBI infographic, the first personal ads placed in newspapers by bachelors seeking wives appeared in Britain as early as 1865. These ads were often treated like commercial transactions rather than emotional matchmaking. This was evidenced by an ad placed by a man who, “would willingly match himself to some good young gentlewoman who has a fortune of £3000 or thereabout, and he will make a settlement to contain...” What prevents many people from trying online dating is the substantial fear that comes with meeting a total stranger online. With cases, such as the “Craigslist Killer” Philip Markoff, justifies the aforementioned fears, meeting a person face to face presents dangers too. According to a report that only 9 percent of men form relationships with partners met at a bar or club. The site also stated that 20 percent of committed relationships and that 7 percent of marriages in 2015 originated from connecting on a dating site. When I used Tinder, I ended up matching with a sweet guy and the situation ended as a great experience. I was able to interact with someone outside my inner circle. Although it was an amazing experience for me, I was still ashamed to tell my friends how I met this man. When I thought of using a mobile dating app is taboo to some, people have used similar mediums within media to find partners for centuries. I hope to find my so-called “perfect man” by a happy coincidence. At the same time, I don’t want to be approached by a random suitor at school, at a coffee shop or while I’m out. My friends and I face is that we haven’t met the right person yet. An in-person blind date entails a physical risk, but dating apps give us a sense of control in who we interact with from our own home. While I don’t deny the possibility that I may very well one day meet a loving partner in person, it was important for me to try online dating. We need to accept that online dating is the norm and that meeting people out in the open doesn’t always work.

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Baseball season starts against local rival SCU

By Javier Velez

Baseball season is back and San Jose State will face their archrivals, Santa Clara University, in a four-game series, if the weather permits. The series will kick off at home on Friday, Feb. 15 at Mountain Stadium. The Spartans will then travel to Santa Clara on Saturday for a doubleheader. Then, SJUU will come back home for the last game.

The Spartans currently compete in the Mountain West Conference, which includes Air Force, Fresno State, University of Nevada, University of New Mexico, San Diego State University and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The Spartans finished third in the conference with a 21-10 record in 2017 with a 20-10 record overall. They won the conference in 2018 with a 20-10 record and had a 39-21 overall record. The key for the Spartans will be to win the first game of the series and steal a victory on Sunday. That will set them up to take the series.

The Broncos and Spartans faced off twice last year in the 2018 regular season. The first game took place in Municipal Stadium on Feb. 20, resulting in a 4-1 victory for the Broncos. However, a few months later the Spartans got their revenge in dominating form, winning 9-3.

Senior left-handed pitcher Andrew Mitchel is a must-watch player this season for the Broncos. Mitchel was top three in the Mountain West Conference for his 3.72 ERA and 87 innings pitched last season. He was top five in the Mountain West Conference for his 12-15 record in 2017. Mitchel was also one of two players to lead the conference for strikeouts this season.

Solutions

By Jaylaine Aguilera

No. 6 caught my heart

Spartan softball player Kaelin Amrein and former baseball player Jack Veasey met at a concert and have been together ever since.

Mountain West Conference writer Eric Sorensen predicts Mitchel will win the ‘Pitcher of the year’ award.

The good thing about dating another collegiate athlete was that nobody also that understood exactly what I was going through like she did,” Veasey said. “Luckily we were in similar spots as we had done things together way before this had us as lead the team in six sacrifice bunts.

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Jack Veasey graduated from San Jose State in 2017 with a bachelor’s in interna- tional business, but was also a baseball player for SJUU.

He met his girlfriend, Kaelin Amrein, at a Luke Bryan concert in 2015. Amrein is a softball player at SJUU majoring in psychology and the two have been together for more than three years.

“Both being collegiate athletes had its good things and bad. The bad being sometimes having to see each other while traveling, either she was or I was,” Veasey said. “We sometimes had completely opposite school and practice schedules.”

“I remember when we first started dating, she would have weights at 6 a.m. for us to go to practice and I would have class from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He said, “We would try to meet up at a mall and then try to find dinner, go to bed and start the next day the same way. Even when we were together we were just athletic!”

Future plans for the low- leveled athletes include moving closer to family where Veasey can find another job in baseball. Amrein plans on pursuing psychology, possi- bly even interning for a pri- vate psychology department or a college professional sports team.

With the softball season starting, Valentine’s Day celebrations came early for Amrein and Veasey because she will be traveling for a game in New Mexico on the actual day.

“We’ve come up with a few different ways to celebrate spring and their other hobbies, including our birthdays” said Veasey.
Women’s water polo drops annual exhibition match against China

By Mauricio La Plante

Saratoga — The San Jose State women’s water polo team battled rain and wind as they lost to the Chinese National Team, 20-5, in an annual exhibition match at West Valley College.

“I thought our players came out and tried their best,” said head coach Gabor Sarusi. “We still have a long way to go, we played against a really strong national team, which is really good training for us.”

Freshman goalkeeper Sophia Reyes made eight saves during the game, but the Chinese offense was relentless. The shots from the Chinese team peppered in the net repeatedly.

By the end of the first period, the Spartans trailed 7-1. However, being pressed on by the opposing team did not mean immediate surrender for the Spartans. SJSU junior driver Sierra Painter fought the net all afternoon finding an opening in the Chinese team defenses.

“I really wanted to make sure I came out strong,” Painter said. “We not really drafted well together, had really good ball movement, did into the pocket using what one of their defend- enes was not in their correct place, and I just took the shot when I got it.”

But the rain and wind would stand as an addition- al barrier for the Spartans. “I wasn’t expecting it, I’m a Cali girl,” said junior driver Caroline Kevorkian. “I’m not a rain, wind kind of person, so it’s a new experience for me.”

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SPORTS
Spartans break down in second quarter

By Courtney Vasquez

San Jose State women’s basketball team challenged the University of New Mexico in the opening min- utes of Wednesday night’s game, but weak defense in the second quarter let the Lobos go on a 17-0 run.

SJSU lost with a final score of 79-60. The Spartans played through bright competitive qua- ters, but lighted-out shoot by New Mexico in the second quarter ultimately did the Spartans in.

“Hopefully we can learn from this game and create an even better game plan,” head coach Jan Craighead said.

The beginning half for SJSU was rough. The Lobos dominated the first half, 42-21. The Spartans actually scored 26 points, sophomore guard Megan Anderson started ahead after sopho- more point guard Danae Portell. She keeps her place as top scorer with nine goals so far for this season.

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