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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Herstory celebrates legacy with trivia questions

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BY BEN STEIN STAFF WRITER

Members from the Gender Equity Center hosted a Women's Herstory Trivia night on Wednesday in the Student Union in honor of International Women's Day.

International Women's Day was first officially recognized by the United Nations in 1975. In the United States, Congress declared the month of March as Women's History Month.

"Herstory' is to remind people that women have had something to do with history," Martina Panganiban, an event programming intern for the Gender Equity Center, said. "We want to show a different perspective of history."

There were over a dozen students at the event who learned about the women who helped shape history. Between bites of pizza, students played Kahoot, a app where questions about women in history appear on a screen and players

on a smartphone.

The Gender Equity Center wanted to educate people so they may become less ignorant to their peers.

"It is important for people to know what is going on around them," Sam Brechlin, Gender Equity Center education programmer, said. "My job is to educate them."

Questions asked during the game included "Who was the first woman pilot?" and "Who became the first woman to make more money than the Queen?"

In between questions, some of the resource center employees gave the audience information about what they were being quizzed on.

All week, the Gender Equity Center hosted different events to you always see men publicize the importance of International Women's Day. The events kicked off on Monday with "Good Vibes: Feminist Porn and Pleasure."

"Feminist porn is pretty much having consensual

have 20 seconds to answer sex and having that on screen," Kayla Harper-Alvarez, an event programming intern for the Gender Equity Center, said. "It is important for the actors and actresses to portray that."

> The Gender Equity Center, which is located in room 1650 of the Student Union, has a library of feminist works. It also offers free menstrual products and other beauty products.

> "We do lunch and learns, which are casual conversations that range from virginity to the f-word, like feminism," Harper-Alvarez said.

> The Gender Equity Center wants to remind everyone about the importance women play in society and in history.

"Everywhere you look, and their significance," Harper-Alvarez said. "Just having [International Women's Day] reminds us that women have conquered something."

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1975

International Women's Day was celebrated by the **United Nations for** the first time.

2017

The #MeToo movement encouraged people, especially women, to speak out against sexual violence and harassment.

Thousa Thousands of women went on strike and marched through New York City to protest their conditions as garment workers.

··· 1995

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a comprehensive framework, was adopted at the Fourth World Conference for

Women with a road map of actions to advance women's rights.

SOURCE: TIME, U.N. WOMEN WATCH, INFOGRAPHIC CREATED BY MARCI SUELA | SPARTAN DAILY

CONSTRUCTION RISK Softball diamond still in the rough

BY LINDSEY BOYD

Homeless fires stoke tension

San Jose State softball players sport diamondlike championship rings on their middle fingers for a reason. It's a fitting choice considering the real diamond they want - the kind that comes engraved in white chalk and plated with four bases — they can't have. Well, not this season at least.

An inside source told The Spear there is "no chance" the softball team will have a home field on South Campus this 2018 season.

After breaking SJSU history and advancing all the way to the second round of the 2017 NCAA Division I Softball Championship last season - without a field on campus - the team never thought it would have to chant the words, "no field, no problem" again.

But a curveball was thrown. The motto is expected to live on well into the 2018 season.

"Obviously, we can't play on it now," one of the softball players said, referring to the dirt lot on East Humboldt and 10th Street that has yet to turn into a grass field.

A sea of yellow bulldozers and construction can be seen across the site. A ping from a single hammer pounding away rings out, while stadium lights still in plastic lay scattered in the dirt like bodies waiting to be buried. Not one blade of turf is visible.

This graveyard is waiting to be brought to life by Blach



LINDSEY BOYD | THE SPEAR

Construction machinery sits idle as a worker takes a break on Wednesday. The field was scheduled to be completed March 1, but it remains unfinished.

> fact that the university said it would not happen again.

"We are scheduled for on or about March 1 to open up the softball field," Charlie Faas, SJSU Chief Financial Officer said on Jan. 31. "Those girls, they won the Mountain West and they were in the NCAA Tournament, and they were playing at Mission and they were off campus the whole time."

It is now March 8 and there is no field and a problem. Construction has been delayed.

The same source told The Spear that plans to install lights for the field are delaying construction.

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Recent clearings of homeless encampments lead to unintended consequences for SJ residents

BY JOE ROIAS STAFF WRITER

Residents from Herald Avenue in San Jose continue to deal with homeless occupants settling behind their home.

About twenty tents were set up in the area and residents fear for their safety. According to KRON 4, a fire in the homeless encampment in November burned down a neighborhood fence and other fires have threatened surrounding houses on different occasions.

The largest fire in the area took place in November, but that hasn't stopped the homeless in the encampment from lighting fires on a regular basis.

Maintaining a consistent body temperature during the winter months while living outside is no easy task, but the homeless have incidentally worried local residents in their attempts to keep warm at night.

"From a pure comfort level, it'd make someone agitated quite and uncomfortable to be that cold for that long," Allie Butzlaff, an assistant professor from Valley Foundation School of Nursing, said. "So you almost have to have some

kind of heat source... we just weren't meant to hibernate."

According to LiveScience, someone will freeze to death if their core body temperature drops below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. San Jose averaged a low of 43



It'd make someone quite agitated and uncomfortable to be that cold for that long.

> Allie Butzlaff assistant professor Valley Foundation

degrees Fahrenheit for the month of February, with temperatures dropping below 40 degrees 10 times, according to U.S. Climate Data.

The closing of The Jungle homeless encampment has forced more people out into the streets, and some of them have made this property near Herald Avenue their new shelter.

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Obviously, we can't play on it now. SJSU softball player

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wished to remain anonymous

Construction Company.

The reigning Mountain West Champions' original field was torn up and replaced with the Spartan Golf Complex in May 2016. The team had no other option but to travel off campus to play and practice last season.

Players traveled as far as 80 miles away to host games in Stockton, but mostly used the softball field at Mission College in Santa Clara.

With a home diamond in the rough, early stages of construction, softball will have to host games at other colleges again despite the



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Campus searches for answers to alert

BY ALEX MARTINET STAFF WRITER

A shooting threat written on the wall of a women's restroom in Dudley Moorhead Hall caused some hysteria on Feb. 28. The threat claimed a shooting was going to occur at 5 p.m. that day. It was later deemed a hoax by University Police (UPD).

UPD received a call about the threat at 12:49 p.m. and arrived at the scene 10 minutes afterward, UPD Captain Alan Cavallo said in an email. Cavallo also said local intelligence agencies were notified around 2 p.m.

News of the threat circulated on social media and between friends via text messages around 3 p.m. However, students did not

receive an official alert from UPD until 3:54 p.m.

Music education senior Kristen Redaniel said she would have appreciated being notified earlier because she didn't see UPD respond on social media.

"I feel like I should have called the police to make sure they knew about it," Redaniel said.

Cavallo said the delay in sending out an AlertSJSU was because the department had to process the information and assess the validity of the threat. The alert was sent out after consulting school administrators.

The alert said UPD was aware of the graffiti in DMH, was investigating the matter and asked people to call UPD or 911 if they noticed suspicious activity. Cavallo said he thought the information given in the alert was reasonable at the time.

"Panic is not a good thing," Cavallo said. "We need to do a better job of messaging the community."

Media Relations Director Pat Harris said the university took the threat seriously, but determined the threat was not credible.

"We decided that classes should remain in session and business continue as usual," Harris said. "Nonetheless, UPD took extra precautions by increasing police presence in and around DMH."

Music education senior Cody Scott said he believes if campus police notified teachers and students sooner, people would have freaked out. "I mean knowledge is power," Scott said. "But when all they get is a sentence on a bathroom wall, then there is not much to go off. Especially when there are lots of bathrooms and buildings on campus. We don't have any cameras in the bathroom."

Some professors cancelled their afternoon and night classes because they learned of the threat. Parking garages around the time were filled with students and faculty attempting to leave campus.

The Student Union was abnormally empty for a Wednesday afternoon.

Harris did not comment as of press time on the administration's response to teachers canceling class.

The following day, SJSU President Mary Papazian said in a statement to the university that, "During an incident like this, we always consider how to tell everyone what they need to know so that we can keep our campus community safe. This is a topic my leadership team takes seriously, and we will be further evaluating yesterday's actions."

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Cavallo said there are no leads in the case as of yesterday and it is still under investigation.

UPD offers Run, Hide, Defend, a nationally recognized training program that prepares specific guidance on what to do during an active shooter situation. This training is available to teachers and students from all departments on campus.

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Students discuss textbook affordability



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History senior Brenda Alfaro and photography junior Daniel Mitre grab breakfast during a #Textbookbroke Coffee & Snacks event on the fourth floor of the library. A talk and free lunch will be held Friday at noon.

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The women from the Gender Equity Center believe that the day is important because they wanted every woman to know that they have a voice and it is being heard.

They considered the #MeToo movement — a social media operation to bring awareness to the frequency of sexual assault and harassment — a good start, but they think more can be done.

"It is time for us to call upon our allies and for us to have a conversation about what is actually going on and to not be scared to have conversations," Harper-Alvarez said. "It doesn't have to come from a formal lecture. You don't have to take a class to learn about feminism. It can be things like fun facts or trivia that teach you about feminism."

Those in attendance believe a real change can be made if it comes from the top. Though they think not enough is being done, they think President Donald Trump is indirectly helping.

"I think the only positive thing that has come from [Trump's administration] is that we can finally see what type of country America really is," Panganiban said.

The group's next event will be "Deconstructing the Reproductive Justice" tonight at 6 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center. It is a workshop about reproductive rights.

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A homeless encampment near Herald Avenue was the source of a fire in November. Locals are frustrated.

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The Jungle closed in December 2014 because the city felt as if the homeless encampment negatively affected the surrounding neighborhood. This caused the homeless to spread out and create mini-jungles throughout San Jose.

"I can't really speak for all of us, but without The Jungle, all we want are a few basic comforts and to keep to ourselves," Greg, a homeless man living near Story Road, said.

Currently, there is no longterm solution in place for the homeless problem. Residents from the neighborhood continue to call the San Jose city government hoping it can find a new location for the less fortunate.

The property at Herald Avenue itself is deemed private, but it is replete with garbage. The neighborhood made efforts to clean up the streets, but found little success in sustaining it because of the increased amount of homeless people coming to the area.

"Because we live in a low income area, the city is stalling by not making this neighborhood much of a priority," Herald Avenue resident Rosario Ozuna said. Homeless sweeps were

supposedly ineffective in the past because they've only been a temporary fix. The homeless have tended to return a few days after a sweep was conducted, and families living in this neighborhood are frustrated with the growing number of tents and occupants.

The end of winter will most likely decrease the likelihood of future fires in the encampment, but that does not bring comfort to some residents in the neighborhood.

"People all throughout the night are walking back and forth by our homes and if you leave a valuable item in your car, sometimes they'll bash the window and take it," Ozuna said.

The community understands the homeless have little options and are only looking for shelter. Neighborhood residents also do not want to clear the homeless out because they will simply come back.

Residents want the city to take responsibility and create a plan that will safely and permanently relocate the homeless.

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TELEVISION SERIES REVIEW

'Atlanta' is all about the 'Paper Boi'

BY BEN STEIN STAFF WRITER

"Atlanta" starts the first season off with one man walking into an apartment building, where his friend is playing "FIFA," the soccer video game. The two men begin having a conversation about local rap and new mixtapes.

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"Atlanta"

Directed by: Donald Glover Network: FX Starring: Donald Glover, Zazie Beetz Genre: Comedy/Drama Rating: \star \star \star \star

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The episode continues with Donald character, Glover's Earn, receiving a call that his Uncle Willy had allegedly kidnapped his girlfriend and was holding her hostage.

Uncle Willy, played comedian Katt by Williams, is nicknamed Alligator Man by the neighborhood kids because of his consistent shouting of "I got an alligator! Don't make me let him loose!" Earn must play middleman between Uncle Willy and the police in order to keep peace.

The first episode was funny but serious at the same time. It accurately shows a relationship between an uncle and his nephew as well as showing the fear some people have of the police.

Season one follows the shenanigans of Earn, the try hard manager and cousin of rapper Paper Boi, and their stoner best friend Darius.

Episode one of "Atlanta" starts with

confrontation а between Paper Boi and a man who just sideswiped Paper Boi's car. Earn is forced to step in and mediate the situation before it escalates. The episode ends

with a loud gunshot.

Formerly homeless, Earn is living with his baby-mama and daughter while working a dead-end job that doesn't pay him enough to support himself, let alone his family. Once Earn realizes his cousin Alfred (Paper Boi) is an underground rapper, he tries to take advantage and asks to be his manager.

Paper Boi knows his cousin is an unreliable college dropout who he should not trust and doesn't want anywhere near his career. This forces Earn to go to a radio station and bribe the DJ to play Paper Boi's single "Paper Boi."

The single becomes an immediate hit locally. The rest of the season shows what it is like for a local rapper to try and make it in the hip-hop world.

Throughout the season, the crew continues to find themselves in difficult situations. First, they get arrested and have be bailed out of jail.

Later in one episode, Paper Boi has to deal with an internet troll who

talks trash about Paper Boi in order to get famous.

Throughout the season, it is noticeable Paper Boi is growing in popularity, however in another episode, he is outshined in a club by a famous basketball player. Season one had cameos from actual Atlanta-area rappers like Migos and Outkast and

now that the show has grown in

popularity season two s h o u l d provide much more of that. "Atlanta" won many awards in 2016. Donald Glover won two Golden Globes for Best Series, Musical or Comedy and Best Actor, and two Emmys for

Outstanding Lead Actor and Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series.

Looking forward to the rest of season two, there should be more shenanigans, more struggles and more rapping.

The first season ended with Earn shutting a door on the storage unit he was sleeping in and the first episode of season two ended with Earn being rejected from his cousin's couch. Earn's growing livelihood should be something to look for in season two.

Will Earn and Paper Boi finally make it big nation-wide? Or will they continue to fight for each day as just another couple of kids from Atlanta with dreams of stardom?

The show is very relatable and filled with hilarious commentary that makes you feel like you're watching a conversation with your friends.

You can watch new episodes of Atlanta every Thursday on FX and Hulu.

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continue

discuss a new neighborhood fast food

joint where "if you order

the number 17 off the

menu, they'll hook you up

with an eighth of weed." This dialogue shows the

everyday life "Atlanta"

wants to portray.



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The 408K Race to the Row benefits Tillman foundation

BY JOE ROIAS STAFF WRITER



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Th e 408K Race to the Row took place Sunday when the weather was cold, but spirits were high as almost 5,000 racers rallied in attendance for the 8K run. All of the proceeds from the race were donated to the Pat Tillman Foundation and the race generated at least \$15,000.

Pat Tillman was a San Jose native who played in the NFL for the Arizona Cardinals before leaving the game and deciding to join the U.S. Army in 2002. In April 2004, Tillman was killed in combat in eastern oundation w

The f generated \$15 million in academic support and 525 Tillman scholars throughout the country.

"This was built by folks who grew up in San Jose, who love San Jose and it's nice having everybody have a real hometown tie to the Residents within the Rose event," event announcer Garden Josh Muxen said.

San Jose Mayor Sam in support of the troops. Liccardo was also in attendance to show his support and run alongside races through Santana the San Jose community. Participants were guided by Tesla lead cars as they made their way through the wet streets of San Jose.

and a community feel in a run like this and it brings a sense of pride to the community and the city,"

Not only did adults run, but children participated in their own race in the 408K Race to the Row.

Afghanistan. Morantes said.

as The race brought then created and has together thousands of community members and gave friends and families a chance to get some exercise in a positive environment.

> The fourth mile of the race served as a Memorial Mile to honor first responders and veterans. neighborhood displayed American flags

The event concluded with a series of half-mile Row where kids under the age of 12 competed in races of their own.

It was an experience where the kids got to "There is a lot of energy have fun exercising while parents cheered on their little ones.

"It encourages people to be healthier and avoid San Jose resident Evonne a sedentary lifestyle while

running alongside their friends and feeling a sense of accomplishment," volunteer Zingy event Meng said.

The 408K Race to the Row has benefited the Tillman Foundation while also bringing people in San Jose together through running.

The women's race winner was 27-year-old Capitola resident Amy Schnittger, with a time of 28 minutes, 9 seconds. The male winner was 32-year-old Santa Cruz resident Jake Petralia. He finished with a time of 26 minutes, 27 seconds.

Another race will take place in San Jose on April 14-15 where racers can participate in the Silicon Valley Half Marathon.

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EVENT FEATURE



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(Above) Volunteer program manager Rosa Guerrero Contreras (left) bows after a morning announcement to new and old Veggielution volunteers in English and Spanish. (Right) Colin Campbell picks out produce with his girlfriend at Veggielution on Saturday.



Gardeners plant healthy habits into guests' lives

BY NICHOLAS GIRARD PRODUCTION EDITOR

Yoga class attendees executed sun salutation stretches far below snowdusted peaks of the Diablo Mountain Range early Saturday morning. A dozen attendees dressed in activewear waited hungrily for free meals prepared by a volunteer-operated food truck. This was part of the Veggielution First Saturday event.

Located in East San Jose right at the 680-101 interchange is the cityowned Emma Prusch Farm Park. It's where the nonprofit volunteer group Veggielution works the soil and has its headquarters. Many community volunteers spend the morning doing fieldwork and

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cooking lunch in the kitchen. Volunteers and attendees let their kids frolic in the gardens filled with peacocks and chickens.

These days, it can be hard to know exactly where your food comes from. Large-scale agriculture dominates most farmland. Additionally, the price of organic food leaves some communities behind, that's part of why some are joining Veggielution.

Veggielution started at San Jose State as a student project and has grown into a movement. Veggielution offers farmland and quality compost to volunteers.

"Here at Veggielution our mission is to connect people from diverse backgrounds through food and farming," volunteer program manager Rosa Guerrero Contreras said. "Food is an essential part of my life. I think food is the great equalizer amongst us human beings."

Contreras said she's been a vegan for two and a half years, and that has started an intense journey. Her family suffers from diabetes, obesity and Parkinson's disease, so she's trying to give herself the best habits she can to live longer.

Some had a higher purpose of connecting the community with quality food and the earth but others were seen just bringing their kids for a fun day out at First Saturday.

Community chefs and passionate members operate a food truck and served people free vegetarian food options. Attendees could choose between the lentil and pinto soup, and also got a citrus salad, dairy or vegan grilled cheese and a banana parsnip puree.

"It's important to have no pesticides," Richard Tejeda, a San Jose Open Space Authority employee, said. "It's organic and that's good for the bees, with no pollination we've got no food, you know?"

SJSU alumnus Colin Campbell has been involved with Veggielution for the last three months.

"It's been really cool," Campbell said. "The first time I came was for a public health program."

Campbell and his girlfriend want to work in the food truck and learn new cooking techniques while helping the community. "I came back for my birthday because I had so much fun I was like, 'I wanna spend my birthday here," Campbell said.

A free communal lunch was served just after noon by the cooking class. The class prepared a delicious mushroom risotto and surprisingly convincing vegetarian artichoke ceviche. It's no surprise because expert chefs taught the class, and the menu changes often.

Ongoing Veggielution events are hosted every first Saturday of the month and are open to visitors. The event feeds over 100 volunteers and all the plates and silverware used get washed and reused. Mel Charkhavi was an

attendee who is originally from Wellington, Canada. He said he's worked on farms like this before.

"I feel like I have something to contribute and be a part of something bigger than myself," Charkhavi said.

Musical originals and covers were performed by local musicians Marissa Muraoka and Chelsea Andon. The performance accompanied the communal meal and played on long after guests had cleaned their plates.

Veggielution First Saturdays are best experienced if you go and volunteer to reconnect with a very human desire to collaborate, be a part of something and get a little exercise.

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'Red Sparrow' shows unforgiving life of spies

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BY WILLIAM DELA CRUZ STAFF WRITER

Filled with brutal violence and twists, "Red Sparrow" is full of lies and deceit one would expect from a spy film without the heavy reliance of action-packed fighting and shooting scenes.

Released on Friday, the R-rated, 140-minute thriller film starring Jennifer Lawrence is definitely meant for adults only.

Lawrence plays Dominika Egorova, a top Russian ballerina whose dancing career soon comes to an unexpected and tragic end.

This also means the end of her life as she knows she has to find a new way to support her mother and herself, since her housing was balletsponsored and helped pay for medical care for her sick mother.

Dominika's uncle is a member of high ranked Russian secret intelligence and promises to take care of her mother and home, but in exchange she has to make herself useful to the country. She then reluctantly accepts the exchange and gets trained into becoming a spy known as a Sparrow.

Sparrows are not trained to become high level kick-ass spies, but to become masters of psychological manipulation and seduction. That way, they can do whatever is necessary to carry out the mission.

The Sparrows are basically trained to become sex spies and throw away their pride and body for their country and use sex in order to get the job done.

Throughout the film, Dominika is tied up, tortured and beaten. She is raped, forced to get naked on multiple occasions and almost killed. It's all for the sake of her country because she's told "her body belongs to the state."

These scenes were sometimes hard to watch but I felt demonstrated how strong her character is mentally and also makes you feel major empathy and sympathy for her because of how her life was before.

She did not willfully choose to do this but was forced to, so as an audience member, you are always on her side.

The film also features conflict between Russia and the United States where Dominika gets her first mission. She must find a U.S. CIA member, win his trust and find out the identity of a Russian spy he has been meeting with.

The rest of the movie revolves around her mission and the relationship between the two. The chemistry between the two was a nice little cat and mouse game at first.

The only thing I was thinking while watching the film was if it would have been possible to find an actual Russian actress to play Dominika because I think if someone is going to play a character from a specific country, someone from that country should play the character.

It is not that Lawrence gave a bad performance or anything but because her accent at times felt like someone trying to do a Russian accent.

Other than that, Lawrence's performance was great and the film was thrilling. It really pushes the boundaries and it's a film people should watch.

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OPINION

Equal Pay is about more than just gender



Kristel Rodriguez STAFF WRITER

Equal Pay isn't a real thing.

Earlier this year, Time magazine published an article on actress Jessica Chastain's demand for equal pay.

The equal pay Chastain refers to is the difference in pay the average woman earns compared to men for completing equal amount of work.

As it stands today, women earn 79 cents for every man's dollar, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There's a general argument that men earn more because they tend to take charge of their careers by negotiating for better pay, and are overall more aggressive about pursuing advancement and opportunity.

There is an element of truth to this, in that men tend to assert themselves in the workplace. But it ignores the structural scaffolding that made it possible – patriarchy.

Patriarchy is an idea that men have been given social leverage over women based on an inherent, social value placed on their sex.

It's not a catch-all for why women can't be equal with men, but it does provide a framework for how our economic and cultural understanding of work shapes how women are viewed in male-driven workspaces.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "LatinX women earn 54 percent [for every man's dollar] followed by black women at 64 percent."

The intersectionality of being a person of color and a woman further supports why equal pay is practically impossible.

Historically, women have been relegated to raising their families by providing the majority of emotional and domestic labor.

If it wasn't for Rosie the Riveter flexing her arm in the recruiting posters during World War II, women might not ever have working considered outside the home.

That's not to say all men are inoculated from poor pay, but it does highlight the pay disparity between men, women and people of color.

The same Time's article also talked about Chastain helping costar Octavia Spencer secure the same pay as her for an upcoming, untitled movie.

As it stands today, women earn 79 cents for every man's dollar.

If you're unfamiliar with the actresses, Chastain is white and Spencer is black.

conversation that about pay equity, we gotta bring the women of color to the table," Spencer said in an interview with Time.

negotiate five times the amount of Spencer's original salary. Meaning, had Spencer not spoken up, she would have earned five times less than the white, lead actress for the same amount of work.

to point out the gaps within groups of women in order to understand why equal pay isn't something that can be achieved with a simple pay raise.

Up until Chastain

spoke up, the implication was Spencer would work for considerably less than her white counterparts – 19 percent less.

All because Spencer is black and a woman.

The marginalization of women as a whole throughout history, and the limited opportunities they've been given to assert themselves in the workforce as a result, is the heart of the problem.

Can asking for equal pay possibly restitute the loss autonomy, agency, and authority these structural barriers have imposed for generations?

The answer is no because equality can't exist without equity, and in the case of equal pay it can't exist without some restitution.

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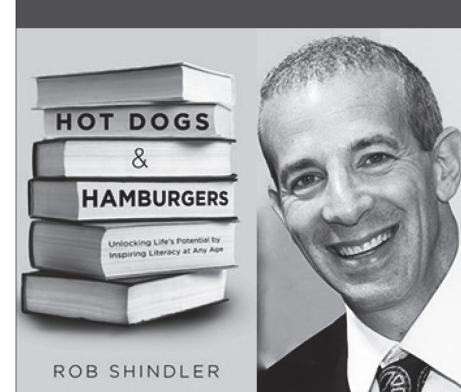
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GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



I can't be the only one get harassed online. who has noticed how mean people can be on able to hide behind the internet. Everytime a computer screen," arguing with each other Fried said. "When you they are in person.

to be a place for people to anonymous individuals connect, but it seems to express themselves in have turned into a place a rude fashion. But on for people to attack those Facebook, people are who have different beliefs less likely to be that than they do. People way because they're no can't seem to just agree to longer anonymous." disagree anymore

Everyone has to prove anonymity why they are right about internet gives people something. I've seen the courage to be mean people be harrased for posting a simple comment.

According to the Pew Research Center, in 2017, for being in an interracial 41 percent of Americans relationship. A random reported having been harassed online. "Harassment is often boyfriend just because focused on personal or he was Hispanic and physical characteristics; not black. I doubt that political views, gender, physical appearance and race are among the most common."

The Pew Research online, Center name-calling very offensive online, intentional efforts as well. to embarrass someone

Chioma Lewis STAFF WRITER

"People online are I'm online, I see people psychology senior Sarah over the smallest things think you're anonymous and constantly insulting it's easier to be more each other. I believe people volatile to others. This is are more mean online than especially demonstrated in YouTube comments The internet is supposed where you see several

> I think that the of the and disgusting.

I've received threats and insults online just guy online told me that he was going to shoot my stranger would have the guts to say that to my face. Along with people being just plain mean I've always considered noticed that people are unsympathetic

Someone can post and physical threats to be a video of how they some of the ways people got robbed or sexually

always find people in the comments telling them how they deserved it or were asking for it.

I've seen innocent videos of people with their children, and there always has to be someone in the comments telling them how they are a bad parent.

I've also noticed that people online love to team up with others to insult or make fun of someone or something. I've seen it many times where someone makes a rude comment on a post or a video and other people back them up and add even more rude comments.

"People are less sympathetic online because the internet desensitizes people," business junior Bianca Rideout said.

A study done by researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay found that people who engage with angry rants or people online tend to be more angry themselves. The study reported that writing or reading rants online resulted in negative mood shifts for most people.

It seems that people online can no longer just have debates or conversations without it turning into a huge argument with cuss words and threats going back and forth.

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Class size doesn't affect learning



Amanda Whitaker STAFF WRITER

career, I have taken many classes, each with a different number of students. I've been in classes with more than 100 students and others with less than 20. No matter what the number is, I do not believe that class size affects my ability to learn.

Large and small classes each have their own benefits. Larger ones are good because they allow students to meet and work with classmates from different majors and departments.

Students can also learn different perspectives and ideas when working together in big groups. If students are unable to attend class, they have more people to reach out to and ask what they missed.

It can be hard for intimate professors to help many students in class at once or be able to schedule office hours with every student. Because of this, a larger class might have teacher's assistants who offer students more help and information when needed.

"From the perspective an engineer, I of believe large classes the opportunity to learn can promote collective learning and thinking," engineering junior Katie Jetter said. "It provides

Throughout my college a voice for students who are less confident about engaging."

> Large classes may seem a little intimidating at first, but the size shouldn't affect your learning or the grade you receive. There will probably be multiple teacher's assistants and other students willing to help you in the class.

However, many students like to blame their in more conversations failure and bad grades on the large class size. As long as students are paying attention during class and completing assignments, there is no reason that large classes would affect their learning. If anything, large classes can be more beneficial in helping you the rest." pass the class.

Small classes can also work to students' advantage. They offer a more personal and learning environment, making students feel more comfortable. This could lead to them participating more or asking questions when they are confused. The professor will have affect time in the lecture to their ability to learn stop for any questions the material because of and make sure students all the resources and understand the material.

Professors also have their classes. everyone's names, allowing the building of relationships and making students feel comfortable in class.

"I believe that by reducing class sizes it will positively enhance students learning and eliminate self teaching," engineering junior Mirna Magdy said.

Also, small classes allow for better in-class discussions. Having a big class can make it hard to monitor what is going on with each student or make it difficult to ensure the students have a partner for discussions. Small classes give the professor more control to choose who the students are participating with and can walk around and engage with the students.

According to an article in Scientific American, "Class-size reduction does have one obvious drawback: it costs plenty. It requires more teachers and possibly more classrooms, globes, blackboards and all

Whether the class size is large or small, all students are capable of discussing assignments and midterms and going over lectures with one another. Professors and teacher assistants typically offer office hours for their students to receive additional help.

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Spartan Daily editors' favorite foreign songs

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How To Survive An Active Shooter or Mass Shooting



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Mass shootings and Active Shooter incidents have seen a steep rise in the US and across the world in recent years. To many people this is one of the most terrifying situations to imagine and prepare for. Most modern mass shootings seem to have an element of randomness and primal rage rolled into them which only serves to heighten anxiety. What can an average person do if they were in church, at work, and a shopping center or elsewhere when bullets suddenly started flying?

- **1.** Avoid high profile events if possible
- 2. Know your exits whenever going someplace new
- **3.** Practice situational awareness to get a gut feeling of any situation
- **4.** If a shooting occurs, evacuating the area should be the priority
- 5. Fighting back or sheltering in place are distant second options but may be necessary
- 6. If you choose to fight back look for an opportunity where the attacker is distracted or reloading
- 7. If you choose to shelter in place find something solid (preferably concrete) that you can hide behind and call for help

Tips:

Do not attack the shooter if they say they can see you. Unless they're looking directly at you, they're probably not telling the truth.

Don't take anything with you unless you are holding it or can grab it quickly on the way out.

If you are in the same room as the shooter, and there is no chance of hiding or successfully attacking, drop to the floor and lie flat. This will make you a smaller target, and may make the shooter think you are dead. However, only do this as a last resort; shooters have targeted the bodies of victims even after death.

Seek therapy afterward, if the event was deeply troubling for you.

Warnings:

Don't let the fear of a shooting change your life. Although it's worth preparing for, the chance of a specific person experiencing one is rare.

Don't take personal belongings or put yourself at risk to collect these items. Personal property can be replaced, but once your life is gone, it's gone forever.

Source: https://www.wikihow.com/Survive-a-School-or-Workplace-Shooting

SPORTS

SOFTBALL RECAP

Reigning Mountain West Champs expect to repeat



SJSU freshman pitcher Caroline Bowman winds up to throw a pitch in a game against Louisana State University on Feb. 22 at the field of University of the Pacific.

BY DOMINOE IBARRA STAFF WRITER

After facing tough competition from some of the top teams in the nation, the San Jose State softball team is still striving for greatness for the rest of the season. The team has high hopes of a repeat performance, winning the Mountain West softball title this year.

"We've lost only to almost all ranked teams so we just need to do the right thing to get over that hump and beat those guys," head coach

Peter Turner said.

With the softball field still under construction, after being told it would be finished by March 1, the team has not been given a set practice spot for the time being. Practices have either been at the batting cages, out on the football field, at Mission College or at San Jose City College.

"It's a disadvantage and an inconvenience but we'll be extremely excited when the new field is completed," Turner said.

Some players, including junior outfielder Kaelin

Amrein, feel not having the field available has added some difficulty to the team's practice for improvements.

"I definitely think it makes things a little harder," Amrein said. "As an outfielder I wouldn't say it affects us so much but for infielders I definitely could see how not getting a lot of dirt time could be difficult. Our real home field for the last two years has been the football field and it isn't anywhere close to what a real softball field is like."

The university expects construction at the softball field to be completed by the

first week of May.

Last year, seniors made up a majority of the team. Losing them put a strain on this year's team because it's a much younger group of girls. The team is currently made up of 12 freshmen, eight sophomores, five juniors and two seniors.

"We lost a lot of seniors last year so we are a very young team," junior infielder Madison Aurin said. "We're trying to improve on getting more people to take on the leadership role. We want to have girls not look at a single person as a captain but rather having the same amount of mutual respect for everyone else as you would a captain."

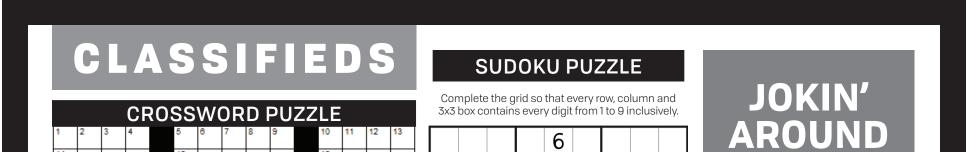
SJSU softball has been facing top ranked teams with a younger team this year so Turner has the girls practicing their hitting and working on scoring runs to prepare for what is to come at Mountain West Championship Tournament.

"Our expectations are to always win the league and realistically we are one of the top teams in our conference so I don't think it's a lofty expectation," Turner said. "I think this is what our program is about. That's our No. 1 goal, as well as returning to regionals like we did last year."

The team's record so far is 12 wins and seven losses with no games against Mountain West conference opponents.

The team's first home game is scheduled for March 14 against a non-conference opponent, Fairleigh Dickinson from Teaneck, New Jersey. The team faces its first conference opponent, San Diego State on March 16.

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FIELD

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The source added that head coach Peter Turner would be "lucky playing the final series of this season on the new field."

"I don't mind taking a hit for one year," Turner said to The Spartan Daily last May. "But outside of that, I will begin to lose my recruits, my support and that winning spirit."

Looks like Turner will have to take a hit for two years.

SJSU Athletics is well aware of softball's blanket frustration from playing without a field, but practicing and playing off campus is a song sung by several SJSU sports teams.

I personally do not have a date

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Lawrence Fan Athletic Media **Relations Director**

[of completion].

"You have the short term pain for the long time gain," Athletic Director Marie Tuite said on Jan. 31.

Tuite was referring to teams such as water polo, swimming and diving and track and field, which all lack on-campus facilities.

The softball team continues to channel that pain into its game, and put its rings where its mouth is to prove to SJSU that softball is worthy of a facility.

The good news for softball is construction is already in the process. The bad news is it's far from completion.

"If you were to go out and look, there's construction still going," Athletics Media Relations Director Lawrence Fan said. "I personally do not have a date [of completion]."

He also does not know where the team currently practices or if the team will schedule home games at Mission College again.

But according to Nick Adler, Mission College's Sports Information and Marketing Director, SJSU softball's rental agreement is already signed and set to last through the season until May 23.

"As long as space is available, we are happy to provide the facility," Adler said.

Looming in the near future is SJSU's firstscheduled home game of the season against Fa irleigh Dickinson College -

will be at Mission College

Consider the only work completed at the future stadium the scoreboard, it's safe to say Softball's first home game will not be played on South Campus.

Yet again words have been pitched out and SJSU Athletics has dropped the ball.

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six days away.

"We will determine if it as we get closer," Fan said.

(Top) Lights that are meant for the new softball field lie on the the dirt on Wednesday waiting to be put up. (Bottom) Blach Construction signs are posted on the fences outside the softball field construction zone.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans lose in

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first round by

BY CHIOMA LEWIS STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — The San Jose State Spartans lost to the University of Wyoming Cowboys in their debut at the men's Mountain West Basketball Championship on Wednesday night.

The Spartans won the jump ball and started the game with the first possession, but junior guard Jaycee Hillsman missed the jumper. The Cowboys took

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points in the entire game.

"It was definitely a confidence booster, playing well, seeing all the hard work pay off," Hillsman said. "But at the end of the day it's about wins. And I have to look onward and see what I can do better for us to get more wins next season"

A 3-pointer by junior forward Ryan Welage gave the Spartans their first points. Wyoming was already ahead 12-7 three minutes in the game. At one point SJSU

caught up and was only down by two points but Wyoming continued to lead.

The Spartans played hard to catch up but the Cowboys refused to back down and were up by ten at the end of the first half 40-30. The 30 points made by the Spartans in the first half were a total of Welage's 14 and Hillsman's 16.

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We outrebounded them by two, but couldn't stop them, so our defense let us down tonight.

Jean Prioleau head coach

"Sometimes your best defense is your offense. Sometimes," head coach Jean Prioleau said. "We don't live by that rule, our program is going to be based on defense and rebounding. We outrebounded them by two, but couldn't stop them, so our defense let us down tonight."

The second half started off with four baskets made by Wyoming. Cowboys pushed their lead from 40 to 50 less than two minutes into the half.

Meanwhile, SJSU struggled to make a basket in the first few minutes of the second half.

Welage made a 3-pointer at 16:44 giving the Spartans their first points of the half. Welage scored a total of 25 points in the game with five 3-pointers. It was the 14th time he had at least 20 points in a game this season.

"As far as for my performance, I think I played pretty consistently," Welage said. "Unfortunately I wasn't able to do enough to get us a win in this game. I just want to focus on the offseason. I'm going to work on becoming a better shooter, better ball handler, and getting stronger."

A dunk by Wyoming's senior guard Louis Adams brought the score to 58-37, with SJSU 21 points behind.

The Spartans struggled as the Cowboys showed no signs of giving up their more than 20 point lead. A layup by sophomore guard Isaiah Nichols with only 0:01 gave the Spartans a score of 61. Despite the Spartans efforts throughout the second half to catch up, Wyoming took the win with 74-61.

"When you get into this type of environment it comes down to being locked in and playing as hard as you can every single possession, a lot of energy," Prioleau said.

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