Attendees wrote encouraging messages and advice on mental health issues. The presentation began with Krumm’s personal experiences dealing with family members she lost to suicide because they were depressed and did not want to be helped. “My uncle swore he would bring out the guns if anyone tried to get him help,” Krumm said. The Public Relations Student Society Association (PRSSA) put together this event and brought in Krumm to inform students about mental health and the pros and cons of mental health issues.

“The is the first event within this competition. We are partnered with Buttemer PR firm,” public relations senior Trevor Aldana said. “We got a month to raise awareness and this year we picked mental health and how to spark a conversation.” Krumm went on to talk about stigmas, social and perceived. The stigmas are discriminations directed toward those who struggle with mental health, which makes individuals feel ashamed and even overburdened.

“There are no obvious struggles with mental health,” Krumm said. Sometimes people struggle with mental health include personality change, agitation, withdrawal, poor self-care and hypochondrisis. People can distance themselves from their mental illness because they do not want others to know what they are really going on. There are many barriers that may prevent people from seeking help. “When someone hears the word mental illness, they just think bad connotations around that word,” Krumm said. “Getting rid of that stereotypism is the first step to be accepting.” Krumm made the audience interact with her by asking questions about how the audience felt and what they knew about mental health.

“The main way to reduce the stigma of mental health and illness is to change the climate around the stigmas,” Krumm said. According to the Feel Good Institute, normalizing mental health and sharing experiences will help others reduce false stereotypes about the topic. The thought of being able to say “I’m a person of a type of health”.

Film discusses ‘children of corn’

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A screening of the documentary film “SUNÚ” and panel discussion in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library Tuesday night featured Mexican farmers whose lives have been shaped by maize, or corn. “SUNÚ” shared stories of farmers who plant native corn through the traditional ways their ancestors had for thousands of years. It shared familiar harvesting ears by hand, leading horses with wooden plows and planting seeds by jabbing laddle-carved wooden sticks into the ground. Culturally-modified corn, however, is threatening their communities. “In Mexico, corn is not only a seed,” director and producer Teresa Camou Guerrero said. “It means everything. It means life. It means the economy. If we don’t protect it, it’s not going to be here anymore.”

The documentary included footage of farmer Héctor Fadda speaking directly to the camera, functionalities of maize, and images of sunflowers that have been cultivated on lands where corn is grown. The documentary ended with an appeal to the audience: “If you believe in justice, if you believe in the future, then you have to stand up.”

The screening was part of the National Basketball League’s Latina Heritage Night, which is meant to celebrate cultural diversity. The stadium was filled with audience members that were captivated by the performance. The event featured a panel where four CEOs of different Israeli based companies told their stories, what motivated them to become entrepreneurs and gave advice to students on how to start up a company.

Spartans host tech fair

By Kelly Burns
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Start-Up Nation Technology Fair presented local Israeli companies that showcased their technology and provided internship opportunities to a packed audience of San Jose State students last night in the Student Union Ballroom. Israeli Ideas and Hasbara Fellowships are a joint initiative making up Start-Up Nation Technology Fair. The company started in 2015 on two college campuses and has now expanded over 20 campuses coming to SJSU for the first time this year.

Start-Up Nation Technology Fair features Israeli startup companies in the area of the college campuses they are visiting.

“The purpose of the event is to present all the great technology coming from the Middle East,” said economics junior Yoni Feldman, the head student organizing the event. “Most students think when they hear about Israel is what they see on TV. The event was partly organized to give students a different outlook on the Middle East.”

Mark Cohen, the founder of Israeli Ideas, says Start-Up Nation Technology Fair will educate almost 3,000 students this year about Israel beyond the conflict. This is an effort to teach students about Israeli culture, which is creating serial entrepreneurs, ” Cohen said.

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Spartan Mambo dances at Warriors game

San Jose State University’s official salsa team Spartan Mambo performed a choreographed dance routine at the Oracle Arena for the Golden State Warriors’ halftime show on Tuesday. The performance was part of the National Basketball League’s Latina Heritage Night, which is meant to celebrate cultural diversity. The stadium was filled with audience members that were captivated by the performance.
In response to President Donald Trump's administration policy changes on scientific research, the March for Science will be pushing the data behind it for a day to demonstrate the importance of science.

The March for Science, planned for Earth Day, April 22, will gather scientists and supporters in Washington D.C. and at nearly 400 other satellite marches.

Kevin Krumm, a co-founder of the local organizing committee, said that people need to come together to communicate with science in an effective way," said meteorology lecturer Arthur Espinola, who is participating with his students. "I believe that the opportunity to network.

"I think there's a valid argument to be made in getting people to leave their house and show up and join a movement," said biologist professor Luke Miller. "It's a first step [that can] create future buy in." In an NPR interview at the University of Chicago Jerry Coyne argued that the March for Science "will turn it into a partisan event rather than a "celebration of science," as the March for Science website calls it. Some professors at SJSU disagree. "I don't think there's any danger in the scientific method becoming political," said physics professor Kristin Rasmussen. "It's a method to search for truth.

Trump has constantly denied any evidence of climate change. Later this week, Reuters announced that he is ending a signature exercise in order to roll back President Barack Obama's efforts to address carbon pollution. It will reportedly undo the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, an initiative that requires states to cut down on carbon dioxide emissions.

"It was forward as it was due to the brilliant efforts of Republicans challenging the initiative," the March for Science already has over 60 partnerships to assist in umbrellaing its reach. Partners include NextGen Climate and Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. Despite the seemingly large pool of support, the scientific community has been pressing for help for what seems like ages.

"As much polarization [is] in the country, there's a broad agreement in the world," Wharton said. "People want clean air and water, effective health care, no rising sea levels.

Protests erupted in Los Angeles in the 1950s and 1960s against air pollution by smog. "Silent Spring," written by Rachel Carson in 1962, documented the effects of pesticide use, among other things. "Everyone needs to know the facts and that's a big part of science," Eisele said. "They can ignore all they want, but it's only going to make things worse."
Caffeine lovers welcome DeVout Coffee Bar to SJ

BY SELINA RAMIREZ
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Downtown San Jose residents are now able to experience the caffeine-filled wonder that is DeVout Coffee. Setting inside the newly-purchased Forager Tasting Room and Eatery, DeVout coffee bar offers the downtown community the same quality artisanal coffee and trendy ambiance that is available at its shop in Fremont.

The DeVout coffee bar inside Forager offers specialty coffee in a variety of flavors that are all locally milled and prepared to result in the perfect balance of flavors.

Located just 1.2 miles away from San Jose State University, DeVout is a great place to get work done and enjoy a specialty coffee drink or pastry. DeVout was a high and craft-built Slayer espresso machine to extract their coffee beans. They extract all of their coffee in shops with the purpose of preserving the essential flavor of the coffee.

The menu includes the basic espresso-based coffee drinks: cappuccino, americano, macchiato, mocha, latte and their variations. They also offer a small selection of pastries to accompany your coffee.

For my first time there I decided to keep it simple and opted for a latte. It was served in a mug and the barista used the foam on top to design something that looked like a flower, an aesthetically pleasing touch.

The flavors of the coffee were well balanced, no one overpowering the other. Oftentimes some flavors in coffee can linger and have an acidic taste in your mouth. This latte did not leave a sour or bitter taste and was not too sharp or too sweet. It was easy to appreciate the subtleties of the flavors.

With a minimally decorated interior, the vibe is very laid back and tranquil. The walls are a combination of dark grey and white, small string lights adorn the ceiling and light the space well enough without being hazy or distracting.

Because of its large open space and ample seating area, DeVout is a great place to meet up with a group to do work or simply catch up over a cup of coffee. Customers can choose to sit on a stool at the coffee bar or grab a seat at one of the many tables or couches.

Devout first opened to the public in August 2015 at the historic Niles Boulevard in Fremont. Before that, brothers Jon and Stevie were working out of a garage experimenting with roasting their own coffee with a BBQ grill turned coffee roaster. Their goal was to create coffee flavors that are only found in specialty coffee shops.

These days it’s hard to find a coffee shop that offers both high quality coffee and the environment that is associated with a modern coffee shop.

Although there are many coffee shops around SJSU, DeVout stands apart from the rest because it offers people the opportunity to enjoy a specialty coffee drink different from other coffee shops for its quality and does so in a unique, work-friendly environment.

You no longer have to choose between a perfectly brewed latte and a space to get work done.

Students, faculty and community members came together Monday evening to celebrate black culture. SSU’s African American Student Success Taskforce put on the third annual Essence of Blackness gathering in the Student Union Ballroom.

The theme for this year’s Essence of Blackness was “celebrating our roots” with the goal of not only entertaining the community but also educating about the African continent and the Diaspora. The event was catered by Back A Yard, Jon Jon’s BBQ and Walia Ethiopian Cuisine.

Students and staff helped serve food alongside the caterers. Many of the students were not necessarily a part of an organization, but chose to volunteer for the event.

“I feel like just getting out into the community or being involved in concerts can be cool,” said communications studies junior Kiara Pitcher. “I was already coming so it might as well volunteer.”

Health science junior Jessica Iyase was among the multiple volunteers that helped serve food at the Essence of Blackness.

“I am a part of SSU’s Black Student Union (BSU) so it’s always cool to give back to the community,” Iyase said. “This is about black people so it’s perfect.”

BSU president Armani Bell received the Harambee Award at the event. This award honors people who have worked together for the success of the African American community.

“This is a yearly black event so for me to be honored with an award in front of the black populace for the work that I do with the community is important to me.” Bell said. “It’s nice to see the other people recognize me for doing things for the community.”

SSU lecturer Michelle Randle also spoke at the event. She has held the position as director of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts Student Success Center the past. She is currently the chair of the Harambee Committee and the organizer of the event.

“The Taskforce refers to its large community event as a Harambee. ‘Harambee is a Swahili word meaning pull together,’” Michelle Randle said. “So we want to pull together the African black community on campus faculty students as well as the larger campus community to support the success of black students.”

The food and music at the event was meant to represent the culture of African people throughout the United States, Africa and the Caribbean.

Back A Yard offered Jamaican and Caribbean style cuisine, Jon Jon’s BBQ provided soul food and barbecue and Walia had a variety of Ethiopian food.

Music by the Shabang! Steel Drum Band played throughout the event. There were also musical performances and dances from the Akoma Arts group.

Before the group performed they asked if any members of the audience were over 60, then they proceeded to ask for permission to proceed with their performance out of respect for elders.

Many of the audience were over 60, then they proceeded to ask for permission to proceed with their performance out of respect for elders. According to Michelle Randle, associate director of Academic Advising and Retention Services, over 200 people signed up for the event. There were approximately 200 people in attendance Wednesday evening.

Randle spoke on how the task force has worked to increase the retention rates of African American students as well as other demographics at San Jose State who previously had low retention rates.

“One of the goals of the African American Taskforce was to also engage students unaffiliated,” Randle said. The event was community based and although the focus was on black culture, anyone could attend. Administrative assistance to the AV Felicia McKee and advisor for Black Grad said that they put together the Essence of Blackness event for students.

“We do this for you so that you know you have someone here that supports you,” McKee said.
The “American Dream” does not include slavery

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On March 6, newly confirmed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson spoke to a group of students in his old department where he blatantly compared the American Dream to that of immigrants and slaves.

“The American Dream does not include slavery. That’s nice and all but isn’t birth control also an immigrant from a foreign country in order to make a baby, a child, so why is it looked down upon for having an unwanted child, why is it, so why is it looked down upon for them to be smart and make sure that they are not forced to come here and they did not have a choice. The difference is that my family was brought here by force, not because they were forced to come here and they did not have a choice. Not only would I probably not be here, I was extremely aggravated. The fact that this man compared slaves and immigrants is incomprehensible to me. The idea that housing and Urban Development should make everyone feel his pain of the land of opportunity where anyone can achieve his or her dreams is meaningless,” said Ben Carson did not pay attention in history class and misunderstands the concept of immigrants.

Time and tone, Carson again has showed a lack of wisdom and obtuseness regarding any issue.
Tonight, I’m going out with a guardian Angel

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College students endure constant stress throughout the week, so it makes sense that many go out and have fun on the weekend. It is here because many women find it uncomfortable situations when they are taking, especially when you are in a grave situation. It provides a sense of entitlement or maybe a man her number. After being asked to endure harassment from strangers. Men, if a woman says no to you, don’t take it as an insult. She’s simply not interested.

It seems some men get offended and spout harsh words to intimate her wounded ego. Sorry that your feelings get hurt but you have no right to intimate her to change her answer. It’s because of instances like this that the angel shot is needed. It provides a discreet way for women to get out of a possible life and death situation. Perhaps it’s not the best thing to get involved with an angel, but it’s still the best idea for a woman to get into an argument with an aggressive man with a 92 alcohol in his system, but at the same time one likes being taken advantage of or disrespected. One night my sister and I were on our way to the Lyft we ordered when a man approached us. He boldly asked if we wanted to go back to his apartment. He said, “I go out in numbers,” Andrews said in attempting to avoid this sort of situation. “Always be very vigilant, and if you’re drinking I make sure at least one of us can change her answer.

The best thing to do when you find yourself in an intimidating situation is to move on. If you feel uncomfortable because you like how you have to stand up for yourself.


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Dancesport gives its members something to waltz about

in school history going into Sunday's meeting, was not the Mountain West Women's Tennis Player of the Week last week. Klocker was happy to win the award. "It doesn't always happen in my game but it's great," Klocker said. "I hope we will be named again.

Klocker's win over Danielle Silva, 6-5 and 6-2 in straight sets, tied her for the most wins in the program's history with 152. "I am not worried, I will have many opportunities to do it [break the record] so fast," Klocker said. "That's great and first of all I won for the team so we won the match.

Klocker had nothing good things to say about his team, including last week's first set, but she thought they could be a tough out for anybody to beat us," said head coach Chad Skorupka.

is a tougher team to beat than their record implies. "It's the people. [That's] what has been the whole purpose of this team. We embrace the people who want to learn to dance. It's not us making them do it. It's them finding their own purpose in life by doing something they love," said Chen-Kai Wang, a SJSU alumnus. "It's about dance."

Dancesport team evolved from a group of friends into a small club of 10 people. He said he joined after watching the movie "Dirty Dancing" and has never looked back. "When you're at the end of your rope, when you're at the end of your rope, you get a lot of confidence."

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Although Dancesport is still a small club, it is a blossoming one. Members of the dancesport club practice their routines before the Berkeley Classic in early March. It has also founded its own competition, the SJSU Invitational Ball, that is usually held in the fall semester. From the university's own competition, the Spartans compete in two other college-level competitions — Stanford's annual 'California Classic' and the Berkeley Classic at the University of California, Berkeley. Performing at their best during those competitions can be a big deal for the club's members, but the perks and lessons that come with Dancesport seem to be just as enjoyable, if not more rewarding.

One of the biggest sells I like to make about dancing is that it last about 15 minutes to an hour," said student head coach Brittany Backhand. "A lot of students don't have a lot of time but they want to have a fun way of working out.

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