Spartans discuss human trafficking

BY KRISTIN LAM Copy Editor

Spartans against Human Trafficking and the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking hosted “Out of the Shadows: Facing Modern Day Slavery,” a half-day conference in the Student Union.

“Several students and myself presented a motion assignment by business management senior Shaw Cichowski and three other students in the business. Business 300 JW also was instructed by English professor Linda Landa, they sent a combine forum prepared on campus to the cell of the Department of College and Career readiness.” Finding out how the Silicon Valley works to combat human labor trafficking inspired them. “It made us really want to teach people, San Jose State students especially, to look out for our neighbors,” Cichowski said. “We know people weren’t educated enough about it because we didn’t know anything about it when we started as well.”

California state penal code defines human traffickers as someone who “deprives, injures or violates the liberty of another to obtain forced labor or services.”

According to the brochure prepared by the conference informed marketing and outreach team made up of 44 percent of Landau’s 100W classes this summer, 43 percent of California’s human trafficking occurs in the San Francisco Bay Area. The large immigrant population and proximity to the coast contribute to the issue. Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Coalition has identified 5,415 cases in California alone. Peta Flores, a chair of South Bay Coalition and division director of community solutions, gave a presentation on victim services for the survivors of human trafficking. Services include medical and mental health needs and collaboration between social work case managers, legal providers and law enforcement.

“The philosophy that we promote in working with survivors is being trauma-informed, victim-centered and empowerment based,” Flores said. “Whether you’re an advocate, prosecutor, attorney, investigator, everybody can and should recommend work under that philosophy. It’s less traumatic for victims and it’s better in the long run for cases.”

Flores said that the coalition formally formed in February 2005 because in members recognized that agencies acting alone cannot provide for all the needs of victims. It is to follow the state department’s AWARENESS...}

SUSPECT who groped women on campus arrested after groping five people on campus

BY SATIVY SAINI Staff Writer

San Jose State University Police Department is looking into an assault that occurred on Monday night at approximately 7:40 p.m. According to police, a male suspect approached a female victim near the Campus Village B building. One of the suspects grabbed the victim around the waist and lifted her off the ground trying to kiss her.

The incident that occurred on Saturday ended with the suspect being arrested after groping five people on campus. These incidents occurred at the end of the Admitted Spartan Day, an event held to welcome new students. Suspect Cesar Pineda, 32, is now in custody. “He didn’t know that it was Admitted Spartan Day,” said Capt. Alan Cavallio. “He probably just saw a large crowd and walked through campus.”

Pineda strolled through campus approaching victims grabbing and touching them inappropriately. The victims included four women and a 17-year-old boy. “Last year we had several sexual battery incidents but this was one person five victims,” Cavallio said. “We’ve had contact with him before but nothing like this.”

Pineda has a record of lodging, but nothing that deals with sexual assaults or battery. Lodging is a violation given to someone who is inside of a building or place and does not have permission to be there. Pineda stated his motives for the incident to authorities in a statement.

“The day before the incident he was on PCP, but he didn’t believe he had any effects of the drugs,” Cavallio said. “He told us that he came on campus and wanted to find women to touch.”

Many sexual battery incidents that occur take place around campus in the evening. Pineda walked onto campus on Saturday around 2:30 p.m. after the event had finished.

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Many students gathered around the boards, asked several questions and voiced fears and concerns of going abroad.

"You have to be ready to conquer that homesickness and having that affect my experience abroad is what I fear the most," said design sophomore Alycia Low. "Also the classes — I'm not sure how hard they are, but I'm sure that we have to use teamwork and come together as a big concept as well.

Environmental studies junior Kaili Hovind was more worried about the havoc going on in other cities in the world.

"I'm a little nervous about all the unrest that is going on in Europe," Hovind said. "There's a lot of bombings and terrorist attacks going on around the world, but there's just a little bit of pause, but then again I don't want that to stop me.

Students also mentioned why they wanted to experience living and studying abroad and how it would make them a better person.

"I want to go and explore and get to know the whole world while I can while I'm not held down by mortgages or any responsibilities and get that adrenaline rush before I have to really get serious about my life," Hovind said. "Studying abroad will help me be more open-minded and give me a perspective on other people's views on my major and career.

Several students believed that going abroad would be a great experience to obtain more knowledge about other cultures, as well as gain insight about themselves.

"When I first came back, it was really tough," said liberal studies senior Elizabeth Silva. "A lot of my friends really didn't understand what I had been through. Friends really didn't understand that you become a changed person when you study abroad.

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"It's a unique experience going abroad around the time of the presidential elections in United States," said Low. "I really taught me how much other countries look to America and are constantly paying attention to us. I had no idea how much impact we have going on in America versus their own country!"

Adjusting both home and abroad is sometimes a bit difficult, but changes a person for the better.

"I'm a little nervous about all the unrest that is going on abroad," said health science senior Ana Ahmad, who studied in Scotland. "I learned a lot about different cultures and met a lot of different people."

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BOOK REVIEW

‘Out of the Easy’ promises an exhilarating escape

BY TIANA WALKER  

Staff Writer

“Out of the Easy” by Ruta Sepetys is a classic coming of age story with an unexpected plot. This New York Times Bestseller who also wrote international bestseller “Between Shades of Madness” writes a story with a unique setting. This book is definitely relatable for dreamers and for those who are more connected than she thought when she recognized Charlotte’s rich uncle as a frequenter at the brothel.

Moraine later learns that people who grew up in the brothel have more than her fleeting mother ever did. She has besides the characters she reads about in books, is the closest thing to a father figure she offers to pay for her education as long as she goes to school at Loyola or Newcomb, both in New Orleans. I was always intrigued by how fans open and they’re so graceful and also useful,” design studies senior Sandy Lee said in regard to her “East Meets West Fan” ring. “This reminded me of me an income fun that my grandmother gave me when I was younger, which I still have and I kind of modeled my ring after.”

The entire process of conceptualizing and designing the prototype to the actual fabrication of the ring presented many challenges the students had to overcome. Some of these challenges included determining the exact measurements, crafting metallic parts to these specifications and then linking all of the parts together to create the functional movement on the piece.

“As true to try to make something moving and beautiful and to actually make it fit on my finger was a pretty big challenge,” design sophomore Mykala Castro said of her “Ice Queens’ Carriage” ring. “Just trying to keep the aesthetics the entire row through was a big challenge, but it ends up being really worth it in the end.”

Students interested in art and creative expression can learn how to hone their skills to work with metal and create beautiful and complex works in ART 147. The Department of Art will be showcasing the jewelry created by students on the first floor case in the Hall of Art Building 116 from May 1 to 12.

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HUMANS OF SJU

When I was little at my first birthday, I guess I was really hungry and I started eating paper and my mom got it on video.

Stephanie Miranda

Undeclared freshman

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As an older student, sometimes I feel out of place, but I've definitely had a bunch of different experiences that I had to figure out about myself.

Jeff Stanley

Finance senior

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On Sunday, a United Airlines passenger who was dragged from a flight because he was overbooked, is shown in a video. "The struggle is a natural response to being bullied. There are many reasons that lead to suicide by someone who has been bullied. These reasons usually consist of depression, substance abuse and violent behaviors."

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ot whether you are growing up being bullied or being the bully, the truth is, reasons can be shocking. Being bullied is a childhood school yard. I look back at it now and never understood how much of an effect it had on my life and how those little children could be so mean to me. I used to get my pigtails pulled, had rocks thrown at me and was told all sorts of horrible things which while growing up lead me to not make nice friends or trust people.

According to PACE's National Bullying Prevention Center, students who are bullied have low self esteem, are more likely to fail in school, and are more likely to turn to drugs. Many people say that bullying is no big deal because an airline overbooked its flight. The airline defended its decision by saying that the dress code violated the employee's rights. United Airlines could have dealt with it "passengers. A teenage girl was removed from the flight because the airline was discriminating and wrongfully removing people. A teenage girl was removed from an United Airlines flight because she was wearing "black face." The airline's decision was justified by the company or business as well as outside of it. If you're not a paying customer who booked a flight should not make customers leave directly from an overbooked flight.

United Airlines needs to care more for its passengers.
Removing gender labels from awards does more harm

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Staff Writer

feel conflicted with MTV’s decision made last Friday to remove the gender label to its best actor categories from the Movie and TV Awards.

At first, I felt inclined to praise the decision because of the implication that gender-neutral categories will place male and female talent on a level playing field.

Considering a male actor’s performance alongside a female actor’s performance for the same role does not mean they are being treated equally at all.

Instead, it opens the door to further underrepresentation in awards.

Sure, putting men and women against each other for the same award category underrepresents women in awards.

The actual even playing grounds, this is one of the times when separating categories by gender is actually a way for men and women to be included in the nominees as well as in the selection committees.

The same opportunities as their male characters were female.

According to a study in 2014 by the University of Southern California analyzed 11,306 characters in 43 major films released in 2014 and TV shows released between September 2014 and August 2015 and found that only 33.5 percent of speaking characters were female.

This is despite the fact that women represent over half the population in the United States.

Getting rid of the gender distinctions in the award categories paves the way for less representation and reduces the chances of having men and women represented in equal amounts.

In a statement to New York magazine, MTV president Chris McCarthy said, “This audience actually doesn’t see female mobile dividing lines, so we said, ‘Let’s take that down.’

Sorry McCarthy, but some of us do.

We are all for more inclusivity,” Melissa Silverstein said. “But caution that this could severely affect female nominees in the future.”

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Plethora of pitchers doesn’t pay off for Spartans

BY SANDEEP CHANDOK
Sports Editor

It was the fourth go-around for the women’s water polo programs of San Jose State and University of California, Berkeley and this match ended just like the previous three did — with a Golden Bears victory.

A final score of 12-6 on Saturday in Saratoga saw No. 16 SJSU (9-15, 0-3 MPSF) drop its fourth match in six games.

Cal (14-6, 2-3 MPSF), ranked No. 5 in the country, has now outscored SJSU 52-21 in a combined 160 minutes of pool time this season.

Sophomore driver Michelle Taikeff led the ball from the outside in which allowed us on the perimeter — that can get mentally taxing,” Taikeff said. “When we make a mistake on offense, Cal capitalizes on that mistake — that’s when they’ll usually score.”

San Jose State’s Michelle Taikeff looks for an open teammate as a Cal player defends her.

Spartan head coach Gabor Sarusi said despite having played Cal three times beforehand, the Golden Bears are a top team for a reason, are physically imposing and were clicking against his team at the right time.

“This is the end of the year,” Sarusi said. “This is when teams are peaking and playing their best.”

SJSU found the back of the net early in the game with a goal by junior driver McKenna Yates.

Five unanswered Golden Bear goals later found the Spartans down 5-1. SJSU called back with three straight goals in the second quarter to bring the match to a 5-4 deadlock at halftime.

It was the second half that depleted the Spartans, however, as they managed just two goals in the final 20 minutes of the game.

“We had a great first half,” said senior driver and team captain Cara Robinson.

Taikeff, a San Jose native from Pioneer High School, also commended Cal’s combativeness. She noted the team’s ability to prevent the Spartans from effectively moving the ball.

“They’re really good at being aggressive consistently throughout the entire game,” Taikeff said. “So pressing us on the perimeter — that can get mentally taxing.”

Unlike SJSU, Cal was able to maneuver the ball from the outside in which allowed it to get higher-percentage looks at the goal and find the back of the net.

The Golden Bears also controlled the ball for much of the game and Sarusi gave them the upperhand for tough play.

“They’re physically a little bit of a stronger team than we are,” Sarusi said. “We’re still getting stronger — we’re still a young team … but you know, it comes out when you’re playing four Olympians.”

It is not four Olympians, but three, as the 2017 Cal roster is decorated by 2016 Rio Olympic athletes including Dora Antal and Anna Ilies of Hungary and Roser Tarragon of Spain.

Golden Bears freshman head coach Corin Simmons also has an Olympic background.

She won a silver medal at the 2000 Summer Olympics as a player.

Having experience of that caliber on a college-level team is an advantage for any program.

SJSU, despite losing the game, battled until the final buzzer. Taikeff admired her team’s effort after the game.

Regardless of the score, that is the most positive we’ve ever been about an entire game,” Taikeff said. “That’s the hardest we’ve ever fought for a result.”

Another top-five matchup awaits the Spartans as they are scheduled to meet No. 4 Arizona State on Saturday in Tempe, Ariz. at 6 p.m.

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With no outs, he then walked the next batter giving the Cardinal a free run and making the score 1-0 in favor of Stanford.

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Golden Bears drown Spartans with stingy defense

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