By Vince Vera

Described in court documents as working a “highly-coveted position” for the University of Washington football team, the student, only identified as S.S., began a consensual relationship with head coach Rick abdominal in 2001.

When the relationship turned abusive, S.S. alerted university authorities. University of Washington academic advisor Cynthia Defensor, including then-assistant athletic director Marie Tuite, tried to settle the accusation through mediation, said S.S.

After court documents, mediation is the practice of intervening in a dispute, usually through face-to-face meetings between the accuser and accused, in order to come to a reconciliation. Almost 20 years later, Tuite is now an academic advisor at San Jose State.

Looking back at how the situation was handled, Tuite said while she had no control over the University of Washington's response, she regrets that the university was not fully equipped to handle the accusations.

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At her South Campus office on Wednesday, Tuite spoke retrospectively on Wednesday to the Spartan Daily about her time at the University of Washington and how she wished she never had to face dealing with a sexual assault accusation.

"Going through that experience certainly created an even stronger empathy for the young people I serve," she said. "I think I’m more qualified to sit in that chair because of having gone through that.

When asked about what she would have changed in her response to S.S.’s allegations toward Alexander, Tuite said she would have handled the situation to not have sexual assault.

"I certainly wish the situation we were dealing with had never occurred because of the two young people who were involved," she said. "That would be what I would change. That was never in a situation where we had to go through the process of that situation."

During the mediation process, S.S. said she asked if Alexander be suspended from several football games, but Alexander contested, denying the accusation and threatening to leave if the university went forward.

S.S. said the university sided with Alexander, according to a 2004 lawsuit filed by her against the University of Washington.

Though she stated that Tuite had direct knowledge of the facts, Tuite said as a “student-to-student mediation as a method of resolving sexual assault claims.

"When you talk about mediation and all those other things, that would never happen and it should never happen," she said. "We don’t have a Title IX office.

By Huan Xun Chan

On Wednesday morning, a San Jose State student falsely tweeted that there is a confirmed measles case on campus.

Barbara Fu, the medical chief of staff at the Student Health Center, sent out an email to all the entire SJU campus community later in the day clarifying that there are no measles cases on campus.

In the Twitter post, the student wrote that she was immunized under any circumstances, the Student Health Center.

"The sickness can also cause a cough, runny nose, red, watery eyes, white, gray or blue spots in the mouth and a red rash," she said.

To explain that students who do not have evidence of being immunized should get the measles (MMR) vaccine from the Student Health Center or their medical provider. The vaccine is administered in two doses, 28 days apart.

The Student Health Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Student Health Center at 408-984-6122.

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Measles tweet debunked by SJU’s campus officials

"We did not mediate a sexual assault case," Tuite went on to say that she does not believe cases of sexual assault can, or should be, resolved through mediation.

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Almost 20 years later, Tuite is now a senior, Chloe Orton said. While she had no control over the University of Washington’s response, she regrets that the university was not fully equipped to handle the accusations.

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By Adam Yoshikawa

Dividing classes for the next semester can be a confusing and overwhelming process for upperclassmen. Depending on what courses are needed.

Child and adolescent development senior, Chloe Orton said she could have put her graduation status in jeopardy if she didn’t seek help from an academic advisor.

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False herpes alarm in Coachella Valley

By Javier Velaz
STAFF WRITER

Several media outlets falsely linked a reported rise in herpes cases among concertgoers at the Coachella and Stagecoach music festivals. The desert sun, a local newspaper reported that Coachella Valley health providers have not seen an increase in herpes consultations or positive diagnosis health clinics in the area.

Jose Arballo, a Senior Public Information Specialist at the Riverside Department of Public Health told Billboard, “I reached out to our lab departments, disease control and our HIV and STD program and none of them reported a spike in herpes cases.”

Diagnoses were based largely on electronic consultations on the app HerpAlert, according to The Desert Sun.

Riverside Department of Public Health said billboard, “I feel that [a free check-up] is a good way to encourage students to check up on their health, especially after a weekend of having fun.” This also could keep our campus safe and healthy from any misinformation, said the sociology sophomore.

We would never force someone to file a case, we always give them support and accommodations, no matter what.

Kathleen Wong Lau, chief diversity officer said their statement would not be a data analytics company, said that about 46% of music festival attendees are in the 18 to 34 age range. The average SJSU student falls within those age parameters.

Hershey had major junior 
Kassandra Monta said, “It is mostly college students attending this festival. I think by this time, [college students] should all be fairly educated about sex and sexually transmitted diseases and infections.”

I almost in 2 people ages 14 to 49 in the U.S. are infected with HSV-1, which is the typical cause of oral herpes according to American Sexual Health Association.

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Quit using Tinder to light up your love life

Online dating is becoming more popular and it’s not a bad thing. But, that should not be your only way to date. I try to stay away from online dating applications because people filter what you see on their profile. For example, in the about me section, I can post all the positive attributes about myself and not feel the need to post the negative attributes like the fact that I’m terrible at remembering names. A study of more than 1,000 online daters in the U.S. and U.K., conducted by global research agency OpinionMatters found a total of 53% of U.S. participants admitted to having lied on their online dating profile. According to the study, women lied more than men, with the most common dishonesties being about looks. Over 20% of women posted photos of their younger self. Specifically, about having a higher paying job than they actually do. More than 40% of men indicated they did this, but the tactic was also employed by nearly a third of women.

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Moving onward
Class of 2019 prepares to take next journey after SJSU

Coming from different walks of life, cities and backgrounds, the Class of 2019 were brought together for a single reason: a higher education at San Jose State. Despite all of the struggles from midterms, projects and finals, these graduates endured and succeeded. As they bid the university farewell, we look at how they got there and what’s next. Congratulations, and Spartan Up!

By Alyson Chuyang & Javier Velez

CSU pushes on-time graduation

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Tears for my best years at San Jose State

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By Jana Kadath

What’s your favorite memory at SJSU and what are you doing next?

“I was asked that at SJU, I would be able to grow and learn as much as I would at a more reputable school. I could not have been more wrong.”

By Maria Garritan

“ar said the campus uses a number of approaches to increase the graduation rate which include encouraging students to increase their unit load, have more classes available, and increase the number of advisors.

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“I think being involved on campus and looking for opportunities to give you priority is pretty essential to get the classes in 2018. For transfer students, the 2-year university which can be acceptance and look into the characteristics of each and Development senior, feels that while campuses are working to improve the path students take should be individual to them.

By Maria Garritan

“During that trip my idealistic view of world was chastened. Seeing hundreds of innocent people fall victims to wars of politicians made me lose faith in the world and even in God. I felt like the world was a lie, that in the government I would work, nothing I could do would prevent those crimes from developing or continuing. As a student journalist in the refugee camp, I felt like I was invasively and involved. It was one thing to read the statistics but it was a completely different thing to see that number first hand and hear peoples stories.”

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Social media influencer Taryn West poses for a selfie for her Instagram page outside of Lemonade in Palo Alto.

Taryn West: insta-famous in the Bay

By Roman Contreras

It started with “it” girls like Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie. The age of the influencer is in full effect and doesn’t show any signs of letting up anytime soon.

Influencer Marketing Hub describes influencers as an individual who has the power to affect purchase decisions of others due to bias or her relationship with that audience.

Behind all those pursuing influencer status for the wealth and fame, stand people who want to use their platform for the greater good.

“I think my ultimate end goal would be to enjoy the creative process but also profit,” aspiring Instagram influencer Taryn West said.

"Not in a ‘I want people’s money way, but coming up with things that might benefit people’s normal people living their daily lives, yet they had thousands of followers. This, West said, gave her an "if she can do it, I can do it too" mentality.

Unlike the Kardashian types of the influencer world, West strives to be an influencer for the everyday person.

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Faculty embedded VR into curriculum in classrooms for fall 2019

By Melissa Yeniac
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Virtual reality (VR) is the newest technology trend aiming to change how Silicon Valley residents work, learn and live. To give students an advantage before entering the workforce, San Jose State University is integrating virtual reality into the classroom through the use of The King Library Experiential Virtual Reality Lab in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. “Being in Silicon Valley, I find it useful and important to stay ahead of trends and learn about new industries,” said business entrepreneurship junior Casey Westhoven.

Business professor Yu Chen is combining VR into a course that focuses on applying new technology in businesses and organizations in the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business at SJSU. “In the past, I taught virtual reality using videos,” Chen said. “However, teaching videos only involve visual and audio thinking; virtual reality experience, however, involves spatial thinking, which is difficult to fully present only using videos.”

The business professor explained that the tech integration has excited many students.

“Much like how the internet changed our lives two decades ago or mobile phones changed our lives a decade ago, VR and other emerging technologies might also bring new industry,” Chen said. VR devices are allowing them to leverage their ideas from basic forms — and into substantial plans.

Student teams in the course proposed using VR to scout unused land to design into substantial plans. Another team described their intent to pre-experience car models using VR without having to visit car vendors.

Chen said students who learn these skills as first adopters of the tech will benefit by becoming more efficient in their future careers.

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Graphic design professor Yoon Chung Han is blending the VR lab into a core graphic design course for senior bachelors of fine arts students. She said it is important to include VR in course lessons since it has become more approachable and is open for anyone to use.

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The San Jose Sharks advanced to the Western Conference Final after winning Game 7, 3-2. A nonstop conversation after Game 6 was the readiness of Sharks captain Joe Pavelski. Pavelski had not played in the second round because of a concussion obtained in Game 7 of the first round when the Sharks finished off the Las Vegas Golden Knights, 4-3.

“I was feeling better after Game 5,” Pavelski said. “Traveling with the team I kept my same routines, good workout sessions, good skates and also head confidence.”

Pavelski took the ice for the Sharks and made his presence felt after five minutes and 57 seconds as Pavelski scored the first goal of the game.

“I know how hard it’s been,” Sharks fan Jack Esquer, 28, from Malden, Calif. said. “It’s good to have him back.”

Sharks forward Tomas Hertl scored later in the 1st period to keep the momentum in their favor to double their lead 2-0.

The Sharks led the Avs in shots, 12-9 at the end of the period.

The beginning of the 2nd period began with physical, defensive hockey.

Eventually, the Avalanche caused the Sharks to turn the puck over in the neutral zone with 12:14 remaining in the second period, leading to Avalanche forward Colin Wilson put the puck in the back of the net to potentially tie the game at 2.

“[Pavelski] came hard even after two weeks of doing kind of nothing,” Hertl said after the game. “He came, he scored a goal and made a nice play to me. I’m super happy he’s back.”

The Sharks will compete against the St. Louis Blues in the next round, having last faced each other in the 2016 Western Conference Final. Game 1 will be held on Saturday in the SAP Center in San Jose at 5 p.m.