President discusses future plans in welcome address

BY JOSE MAGANA
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San Jose State University President Mary Papazian presented her plans for the university and welcomed new faculty in her 2017 Fall Welcome Address at the Diaz Concert Student Union Ballroom on Thursday.

“We are reliant on outstanding, innovative [and] cumbersome procedures and protocols,” Papazian said in her address.

To better serve nearly 35,000 students, she added that the entire community must be open to change and innovation.

In order to help stimulate innovation, Papazian said the school should look into increasing liberal arts in the student curriculum. She mentioned a first-year student experience “steeped” in the liberal arts, a senior year project that demonstrates critical thinking, communication skills and “other forms of creative expression,” as well as adding coding to all offered majors.

“I could easily connect to what she was saying,” engineering management graduate student Sudarshan Grama Jayaram said. “Just knowing technology doesn’t really help you, but you should also know the human factor...to tackle the world.”

Papazian pointed out that liberal arts is already scattered throughout SJSU’s curriculum. Examples include the intersections of engineering and marketing, physics and animation, packaging technology and supply chain management and nursing with simulations of lifelike, hands-on patient interactions.

Wayne Wright, head coach of the gymnastics team, called Papazian’s speech inspiring. He thought the most important issue was about being innovative and taking advantage of the community’s diversity.

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People unite to celebrate LGBTQ acceptance in San Jose

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Silicon Valley Pride held its festival and parade this past weekend in San Jose.

Festivities began Saturday night where several booths regarding safe sex, religion and employee recruitment advocated for the LGBTQ community. Among with booths, a parade began at Plaza de Cesar Chavez and ended on the intersection of St. John Street and Market Street.

San Jose sports teams also attended the pride festival to show their support for the LGBTQ community. Along with sports teams, the West Valley Medical Center provided attendees with contraceptives. Groups also handed out besmudges and pamphlets regarding safe sex.

According to the city’s website, San Jose held its very first gay rights rally 42 years ago when local California lawmakers banned same-sex dancing in public.

“Our tradition affirms gay marriage... everyone is a gift from God.”

James Franzen
Presbyterian church Pastor

The festival was filled with many different colored flags that surrounded the entire park. People that attended were advocating for acceptance, love and equal rights.

“Toward the back of the park, a DJ entertained the crowd by playing electronic house music. Attendees danced in front of the stage during the night. San Jose residents Murray Wicks and Xander Abbe enjoyed the music and ambiance of the pride festival.

“It’s nice to be able to just enjoy the festival without having to work it,” Wicks said.

In the past Wicks helped organize the Pride parade in San Jose. His partner Abbe says he has enjoyed seeing what his partner has created over the years as an organizer.

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Students protest university’s decision

BY JOSE FRANCISCO GOVEA
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In response to professor Lew Aptekar’s sexual harassment case and his continued employment by the university, students protested professor Lew Aptekar’s continued employment by the university in the Sweeney Hall courtyard on Monday. An investigation by the university found him guilty of sexual harassment.

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“That’s what we’re doing here,” Lamb said. “We’re here to give a platform for students to voice their concerns.”

In order to raise awareness for Aptekar’s continued employment, students handed out signs with the sign that read “Prioritize Student Safety” and “Will Not Keep Calm” the Sweeney Hall courtyard.

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Counseling education graduate student Valerie Lamb helped coordinate Monday’s sit-in at the Sweeney Hall courtyard.

During the sit-in, students held signs in response to professor Lewis Aptekar’s continued employment at the College of Education.

“It’s easily doable,” hospitality freshman Hayden Houser said. “As a brother, I just feel that it would be very disheartening to have my sister enter a classroom where a man or a professor — who is 40 years older than her — telling her all this creepy stuff.”

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Students fear that they would not be graduating on time because of the class’s cancellation. During the sit-in demonstration, they expressed their discontent with paying for classes that were no longer offered to them.

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Should we kneel with or stand against Kaepernick?

Kaepernick is making America great or dividing Americans

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C ench Kaepernick should be advised for his bravery, not denounced for standing up for what he believes.

He knew he was going to face backlash, and he knew he would have to answer to the media in order to make his team understand what he was doing.

He also knew this could jeopardize his NFL career. As of now, no team has offered him a job.

A lot more than just he’s not on the team because he doesn’t want to stand for the national anthem,” said Bill Davis in an ESPN article. “That may have something to do with it, but I also think it has a lot to do with his play.”

McCoy is right. Kaepernick does not possess an accurate career that would make him an elite quarterback. This gives Kaepernick’s protest more credibility because he doesn’t have a high status in the NFL, which could make him practically invisible.

By switching from sitting to kneeling, he demonstrated that he understood he made a mistake by remaining seated because it could be interpreted as a refusal to be recognized by the flag and anthem. Kaepernick respected the critics and the public, which led to a more respectful way of protesting.

The big debate is whether it was okay for him to put his platform as a professional athlete and whether he was disrespecting the flag and anthem. Do not misinterpret his protest as a protest against our country. He is protesting the systems that allows people of color, who have the company come into San Jose, but make this country a united place, not a divided one.

So stand for your country, not with the man kneeling because he is as confused as his haters. #ESPN/Slice/Know/WhipKid

follow Jose on twitter @TheElamite

The dawn of gentrification in San Jose is approaching

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While Google is hurling over to San Jose like a dark cloud full of money, techies and engineers, people from our city are getting ready for this, thinking about the home we are building and packing boxes.

Here at KSHP, Google has bought land to build a 6,000,000 square foot office and social building. Whether we agree to its arrival, it is already coming.

Let’s keep Google as our search engines and far away from San Jose. As we’ve seen in many cities nationwide such as San Francisco, once a worker-city moves in and starts to buy land, rent and mortgage payments rise too.

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Violent protesters: the Bay Area is not your battleground

It takes daft ignorance to plan a rally stimulated by hate. It takes anti-American motivations to do it under a tainted definition of free speech. It takes a pair of motivations to do it under a tainted definition of free speech. It takes daft ignorance to plan a rally over the weekend a supposed pro-Trump group identifying itself as Patriot Prayer organized a similar event in San Francisco’s Crissy Field, only to back out at the last minute.

I guess all of the fair-right reckless abandon run out in the face of all of those scary liberals.

If nothing, it proved that no matter how hard the Bay Area may try to distance itself from Trump’s America, it can’t stop Trump’s America from both coming here and viewing this place as a liberal Scorpio on the country. This place has a target on its back and is the epicenter of the Trump backlash.

It’s no place for people like Breitbart editors Ben Shapiro and Milo Yiannopoulos to come and disrupt as much of the peace as they can, then run back to Fox News and cry “I told you so.”

The Bay Area, however, is more than a place to prove a point or back some crass political agenda.

People live peacefully here. We resist extremism here. Dreamers come and create their own stories here.

That’s why the violence that erupted this weekend was the wrong way to handle the rise of hate. We’re better than this.

The more violence that breaks out here will not only weaken our communities, but will continue to fuel the already toxic view Trump country has of the Bay. In the past peaceful protest will and will remain the most effective form of resistance we can practice.

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If you’re wondering where the commander-in-chief’s thoughts are in all of this, don’t bother. He’s busy either blocking people on Twitter or off campaigning for an election that’s been over for nine months in some crumbling room center, pouring more red meat at his snarling followers.

To these many out-of-towners who feel the bay as more of an ideological battleground than a community, take heed of Boston and the hundreds who gathered this weekend at Crissy Field, Alamo Park and around the city. You are peacefully outnumbered.

Despite what right wing propaganda states, the Bay Area will always welcome those who come here looking to live life to its potential.

But, like any other city in this country, I ask that you come here with dignity and respect for our cities’ traditions and each other.
Outside hitter Giulia Gávio was awarded Mountain West Volleyball Offensive Player of the Week after leading San Jose State to victories over Pepperdine University and the University of San Francisco to open the season. She contributed 38 kills, 27 digs and 39.5 points with 30 of those points coming from the Spartans’ first game against Pepperdine Friday night.

“When you see every teammate giving everything they have, it’s impossible for you not to give everything you have,” Gávio said.

An estimated 150 spectators packed “The Pit” in Yoshihiro Uchida Hall to witness SJSU face off with Pepperdine — a team which shared a similar record last year.

The match stretched to five sets ending with the Spartans taking the final set into extras, 18-16. “Pepperdine has some talented athletes over there and they’re well coached,” Shepardson said. “We have a big conference and we want to be pushed.”

The Spartans managed to flip the momentum for the next two games—winning 25-20 in set two and 25-23 in set three. However, both head coach Jolene Shepardson and associate head coach Aaron Shepardson received yellow cards for disputing calls with the referees.

“We are very passionate — we care a great deal about our players and our team and our program,” Jolene Shepardson said. “So I’m going to fight for them when I feel it’s appropriate.”

SJSU travels to Southern California this weekend to face UC Riverside Friday, then Cal State Fullerton and Howard University Saturday.