Spartans trade car keys for handlebars at event

BY KATYEE LAWLER

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“The ERC set up tents on the Seventh Street Plaza in front of the Student Union where students had the opportunity to play games and win prizes. Students then went to the Transportation Solutions and VTA tables to find alternative routes to school. After getting their bikes fixed, students were given pizza,” senior Maya Briones said. “Part of it is because we got pizza, so people were like ‘yeah! I’m so shocked too, this doesn’t happen all the time.’”

Briones and environmental studies senior Liana Hua said as director and co-director of the ERC, They started planning for the event just before the fall semester began. “There are a lot of different programs we have now on campus just for bikes, Hua said. “VTA programs we have now on campus just for bikes.”

Engineering student Foram Mehta poses for a picture from environmental studies junior Bethany Cashern.

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WEATHER

Explaining the birth of a thunderstorm

BY NOE MAGANA

Bay Area residents were treated to a rare light show in the sky on Sept. 12.

“I was shocked about it so I told all my friends guys, they’re amazing and thunder,” accounting junior Katherine Longo said. “I was waiting for the bus [and] I started talking to the people waiting for the bus too and they were like ‘yeah! I’m so shocked too, this doesn’t happen in California.’”

It might seem like California doesn’t see thunderstorms, but they do make an appearance from time to time.

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CAMPUS ASSAULT ENDS IN ARREST

A male subject was arrested in front of Dwight Bernell Hall between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, according to University Police Watch Commander John Laws.

Student employee. Laws said the suspect’s motive is still unknown, but he allegedly initiated contact. UPD did not identify the suspect, but said he was not affiliated with SJSU.

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that there is a fourth wave of feminism developing, because of new views about the movement. “The ocean is big but so are my waves of feminism,” said Brechlin during her presentation. “Meninism” was one of the many conversation topics of this new fourth wave. This new term’s recognition was proposed in two ways: men who are trying to stand against feminism and men who stand with feminism by using the term in a more inclusive way.

The term was originally coined from a hashtag on Twitter back in 2013. It focused on the difficulties of being male in the 21st century, according to a report from BBC News.

Brechlin was something pre-nursing freshman Sharon Dang learned from the discussion. “It’s amazing to understand how feminism lies along with men’s rights,” Dang said.

“And how the concept of masculinity and gender stereotypes for males are really damaging to them as well.”

The attendees continued to sit in a circle and talked about the male public figures they consider feminists such as former President Barack Obama and Anne Ayars.

As the discussion continued, attendees had a chance to discuss pop culture. They brought up events like Amber Rose’s “ Slut Walk ” where feminists attempt to take back stereotypes and call out derogatory shaming of women while fundraising money.

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“Brechlin during her presentation. “You can get hit by lightning when ground to somewhere up there and the storm is going to be eight miles up,” Bridger said. He said the Bay Area saw thunderstorms Monday because of a offshore hurricane created unstable atmosphere. The air mass around allowed the clouds to form and become severe.

Because thunderstorms are unusual in the Bay Area, some people don’t think of this phenomenon as dangerous. “It just went on with my day,” nutrition science sophomore Joseph Riccardo said. “It’s just lightning.”

Bridger said that, like many Californians, when she hears thunderstorms, she goes outside and looks around. On Monday she took the opportunity to watch the lightning with her roommates.

National Weather Service has a jingle that many Californians know. “When thunder roars, go indoors.”

Bridger said that standing under trees is the worst thing to do if you are caught outdoors during a thunderstorm. 15 deaths have been caused by lightning in the U.S. this year. Three of the victims were under a tree, according to the National Weather Service.

On Sept. 7, 1991 two farm workers were struck by lightning on a far near Chualar, Calif. One died from serious burns. Lightning struck a man and two women near Soledad, Calif. about a half hour later. The man died from serious burns when a lightning struck near them in an Ariz. Amateur.

“If you go to a place like Alabama and see people trying to put fuel and others that they had a place a fire, they don’t come out,” Bridger said. “Last year was pretty bad, but if it’s going to be continued like this it’s pretty awesome.”

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“I was parking my bike in one of the parking lots and a woman came up to me and gave me a pamphlet – it was just yesterday that I came to know about this computer engineering graduate student VinhTea said.

Tea said he only rides his bike and never drives his car to school.

“You don’t have to wait for the bus every time,” Tea said. “I can [come to school] whenever I want.”

Transportation Solutions had pamphlets and reading material for students to take. It provided maps of the stations around campus, timetables of Caltrain routes for long distance commuters, students, information on storing your bike on campus with a Ford GoBike and a flier with more information on the GoBike.

“We offer a lot programs and incentives to help promote alternative transportation for students and employees of the university,” assistant manager of transportation solutions Tiffany Rodriguez said. “We have the U-Lock exchange program just giving out some information about the services that are available to them.”

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Student’s enjoy their lunches as they learn about the concept of feminism on Tuesday.

“ERC has other events and services planned for the remainder of the semester “ERC does sustainability projects all over campus,” Briones added. Briones added that other events the ERC plans include “Take Back the Tap” which promotes the use of reusable water bottles and includes a food fair with local farmers.

Bicycle Express owner KarenClifford and mechanic and engineering junior Nicholas Grung were at a table working on students’ bikes and getting them ready for the commute to school.

“It’s refreshing to see this many people out,” Clifford said. “Last year was pretty in the smaller side, but if it’s going to be continued like this it’s pretty awesome.”

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Picture this: an older man with hints of white in his mustache and hair sticking out of his hat. According to Barragan, these stereotypes include stealing jobs, committing crimes and stealing from public funds.

The white walls of the gallery room were decorated with the portraits of farm workers on multiple pieces of cardboard. Among the pieces was a picture of a farm worker with her face covered from her nose down.

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**Pope robustly supports the DACA dreamers**

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A lot of celebrities and companies posted on social media promoting an organization or a cause. Many of them mentioned a percentage of their product sales to Harvey. It seemed as though social media was the biggest opportunity for themselves. Celebrities and companies were using their fame or talent to crowd or spread their prayers for Houston and gain a link to where people could donate.

I was reading a recent article about how companies on their social media accounts every day about how much they donated, but once I looked into his deal I noticed that they didn’t care about Harvey, but that they’d care about Irma. According to Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Harvey may have done more damage than Irma, but Irma was a stronger storm. The damage was too due to flooding and winds and some flooding caused in Florida. Their donations were not the same amount of relief given to Irma victims since it was a more severe storm than Harvey. It’s also upsetting that celebrities donated to certain untrustworthy foundations, such as the Red Cross. According to National Public Radio (NPR), the Red Cross will not clearly state what percentage of donations actually go to hurricane relief. Money that is not used for hurricane relief goes toward internal spending in the Red Cross.

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Next man up: Spartans move forward without Clarke

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Despite losing the best player and head coach this offseason, the San Jose State men’s basketball team isn’t making excuses. The Spartans lost their star Brandon Clarke last month when he transferred to Gonzaga University.

“As you guys know, we are missing BC who was a big part of our team, a team part and in some people’s eyes, the only part,” junior guard Jaycee Hillsman said.

The Spartans plan to replace a player who led the team per game in points (17.5), rebounds (8.9), assists (2.3) and blocks (2.6), “so by committee,” new head coach Jean Prioleau said.

Prioleau took over the Spartans’ program 25 days after Dave Wojcik resigned July 10. Prioleau inherited a team that demonstrated constant progress each year and is coming off its best season (14-16) since the 2010-11 (17-16) when it was knocked out in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational by Creighton University.

“Their’s not one guy that just gets the ball all the time,” Prioleau said. “We’re not built like that. We will never be built like that so the ball will move around. We will share the ball.”

A returning player expected to make a big impact is junior forward Ryan Welage, who averaged 13.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

The only player that averaged more than Welage in those departments was Clarke. With a roster that includes six freshmen, “the internal competition for playing minutes makes the team better,” Welage said.

“We are missing guys that I didn’t quite expect this year,” Hillsman said. “It’s a new system for all of us so we’re all just trying to pick each other up(l)ow) to make the team better.”

Host is the only senior on the roster and is viewed as mentor by younger players.

Host scored a personal-best 293 points last season – second only to the 192 he scored in 2015-16. He averaged 6.2 points per game.

“The guys that are defending and rebounding and being positive are the guys that we have to e on the floor a lot,” Prioleau said. “I know we have to score points at the same time, but our program is going to be built on defense and rebounding.”

The system that Prioleau is putting in place places special focus on the Spartans’ defense.

Akin Chukwue is the only returning center. He played 43 minutes in the first season last season – averaging three minutes per game.

“Oumar is really long, athletic kid who can block shots. Keith [Fisher III] is really athletic. [Oumar] Strong to the defensive charge. Akin does, a really good job just keeping up on eyes and feeling,” Welage said. “I think they are going to be really big for us this season.”

A returning player to watch is sophomore guard Isaiah Nichols, who started 11 out of 29 games last season. He averaged 4.3 points, 2.6 rebounds and 0.9 assists per game.

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