Sustainability program manager Katie Exceller and Raymond Luu, SJSU associate director of commercial services, discuss ways to practice sustainability in business and education.

Alumni talk about job paths through green sustainability

By Olivia Wray

Students eagerly listened to the advice of five environmental sustainability professionals at the San Jose State Career Center Panel. Hosted by the SJSU Office of Sustainability and the Career Center on Tuesday, the panel featured speakers from the Bay Area who shared their experiences of how they started their careers.

Eric Ahnmark, a sustainability program manager at BOBA, said, “I love being here that really, every single company needs to have someone who'll lead or a degree of that to unwind,” Liccardo said.

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The city of San Jose supports affordable housing on campus, Faas said. In April, California’s Department of General Services released a report identifying vacant parcels owned by the state, including a county-by-county map.

Although SJSU plans to build more student housing on campus, Faas said housing on the Alquist site will be used for faculty and staff only.

“I would be difficult to recruits new faculty and staff without an affordable housing option for newcomers to the Bay Area,” Faas said.

“State considers faculty housing

SJSU talks with CA to reappropriate land for retail and employee housing

By John Bricker

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associate director of commercial services, said he attended the panel in the hope of learning more about sustainability opportunities and practices that could be used on his own campus. "I work with contracts at SJCS, like Spartan Shops and whether its marketing supplies — anything, I want to educate myself on ways to incorporate sustainability," he said.

The panel also encouraged students who attended to help spread awareness of the growing need for careers in sustainability. Career counselor panel co-host Kristen Keller said for undergraduate students: "This is a crucial time to start thinking about their careers and we want to provide them with the resources."

Keller and Vonderman wanted students to hear from professionals who have unique career journeys because they believe it is easy to get discouraged about what comes after graduation. "Don't assume that you need to find all the answers yourself," said Keller. "Make connections who helped him or her get started.<

Excoffier, the path toward a long-lasting career journeys because they believe it is easy to get discouraged about what comes after graduation. "This is a crucial time to start thinking about your career in sustainability. The word didn't even exist, " Excoffier said. "Don't assume that there is a straight career path."

Without any sustainability experience on her resume, Excoffier found it difficult to get a job in the field. She found an internship at Genentech and after two years, she was working full-time. "This is my second career — sustainability. The word didn't even exist before. I don't think, when I was [in college], " Excoffier said. "Don't assume that there is a straight career path."

Even though Excoffier didn't start out in the sustainability field immediately after graduating, the advice students need to worry about their future is: "Don't stay the same and continue to be curious and learn about more and more things," Excoffier said. "Don't assume that you need to find all the answers yourself."

Transportation specialist Nick Danty said that students should never get discouraged if they didn't find their dream career. "Just stay flexible and continue to be curious and learn about more and more things," Danty said. "Don't assume that you need to find all the answers yourself."

He continued to talk about the importance of having a good, social act and conversation with other things. "I think, for me, art is a social act and connects to other things outside of myself."

Baralaye said during his lecture: "Our relationship with materials is so important that we get to know them, to understand them in order to talk and develop later intentions among different views."

"Our relationship with materials starts with our relationship with space and our environment," he said. "He looks to simple concepts of standing in front of things to create his artwork. The idea of human comfort has let us create. He makes connections to outside of myself."

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Buttigieg causes shock and awe in debate

The race for narrowing down which Democratic candidate will challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 election took another step closer following the fourth primary debate in Ohio Tuesday night.

During the third hour of questioning the 12 candidates touched on major issues facing Americans, including Medicare for all, gun control and women's reproductive rights.

The three candidates throughout the primary debates have been former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Bernie Sanders, but last night’s two candidates, South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg stole the show.

Buttigieg did not have the most screen time in Ohio, but the moments he was given came with thought out counter-attacks and fresh ideas on a stage filled with similar suggestions in problems.

Buttigieg started off strong in the beginning of the debate when he challenged current polling leader Warren on health care for all plan.

Warren was quick with a response, and said that Buttigieg’s policy was “Medicare for all for who can afford it.”

Buttigieg was able to brush the sentiment off and was able to stick to his policy, which is to “purity test” and that focusing on background checks and other solutions to the issue would help with the problem more effectively.

Buttigieg used his experience as a Navy veteran to call out President Trump on how the Syrian crisis was handled, and said that the slaughter that occurred to the Kurds was a consequence of betraying American allies.

Not only did Buttigieg criticize how the Trump administration handles foreign affairs, he also set the framework for restructuring the U.S. Supreme Court to depoliticize the appointment of judges.

The idea would be to make the Supreme Court have 15 seats rather than nine to make each vote have less power, theoretically preventing an uproar every time a seat opens up.

In contrast to the stellar performance by Buttigieg, Warren was attacked viciously on stage and could not find her footing on a majority of her policies.

Aside from failing to present an answer on how her own healthcare plan would affect middle class taxes, she was also reminded by entrepreneur Andrew Yang on how automation is affecting the American job market.

Warren had said prior to the debate that automation should not be blamed for job loss, but rather trade policy.

Yang did not agree with her theory and posed the statistic that truck driving is the most common job in 29 states and employs 3.5 million Americans across the nation. If automation takes over then these drivers will be out of jobs.

Warren had another mishap when women reproductive rights were discussed and candidates were asked how they would prevent states from blocking access to these types of resources like Planned Parenthood.

The majority of candidates referenced the Supreme Court and Roe v. Wade as the best possible way to protect women’s rights, but Warren said the democratic process is more important than the Supreme Court.

Warren said that three out of four Americans support abortion and with that much backing, the democratic procedure should prevail.

However, this neglects the fact that states like Mississippi have a full ban on abortion despite the large amount of support across the nation.

Sen. Kamala Harris came out as a shocker in this debate, displaying an assertive passion for issues when in the past she has been accused of reversing her ideals.

Harris had fire behind her words when discussing Syria and gun violence in America.

Additionally, Harris discussed her anger when men make laws about what women can and cannot do with their bodies.

She also came equipped with policy to discuss with her income inequality plan coming off clear and thought out.

Harris plan would create a tax credit system that would give Americans a $6,000 credit each year to help with expenses.

The idea did not cause much backlash from her opponents and fit in well with others on stage who are running on universal income for all.

The next debate will be held on Nov. 20, giving plenty of time for voters’ minds to shift, and perhaps a new frontrunner to take the lead in polls.

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Pass interference reviews set bad precedent

Brendan Cross

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If the NFL continues to make penalties reviewable, it will send the league into a rabbit hole it cannot escape.

A Mutually missed call in a key championship game set the NFL ablaze, and eventually prompted a rule change during the offseason.

This season, head coaches and fans alike had to challenge offensive and defensive pass interference calls, as well as non-calls, if the coach believes a penalty should have been called for the play. The penalty was made in place for the 2019 season, according to the NFL.

"When you get to the third and fourth quarter, that's the time people play their game," said Peppers senior wide receiver, a referee or not a flag should be thrown, "Fumbles got a bigger lead.

Two minutes after that, Waves sophomore attack Marc Sprute scored the game-winning goal after an apparent touchdown reception was overturned. "The NFL can't operate under that, regardless of the gravity of the missed call."

"Thankfully, this rule is only in place for the 2019 season and is in a trial basis. If NFL owners have their wits about them next season, they'll get rid of this rule. If they decide to expand it and make even more penalties reviewable, then it'll be a challenge for me to ever watch another snap."

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NFL COLUMN

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88rising put my ‘Head in the Clouds’

By Erica Lizarrago

Record label 88rising continues to assemble Asian and Asian American artists, placing them high on the charts. Unlike other albums, “Head in the Clouds II” is a compilation of artists from the label under the collective name, 88rising.

The album showcases the group’s ability to freely move outside their comfort zone with reflective and dreamy hip-hop.

Following the release of their first successful family album, “Head in the Clouds II” collectively conjures up a romantic, trancy feel with 16 tracks that nod to the groups evolution as Asian and Asian American artists.

The sophomore album opens with the single “Three Nights,” featuring internet star Rich Bruns and South Korean popstar Chung Ha. It’s the perfect song to kick off its dreamy vibrations that continues with the remaining tracks.

It follows a classic upbeat R&B beat and a catchy tune, leaving me to question why the group would utilize this song as a single. “Tequila Sunrise,” following AUGUST 08 and GoldLink, compliments the album with beach trip vacation vibes. It’s easy to imagine sipping a piña colada or driving down a street with the top down on a summer night.

Its beat and tropical aesthetics easily make it a favorite on the album, adding an impeding influence from Hong Kong artist Wisdom Wang. “Need is Your Love,” is a groovy, pop-like song that’s easy to dance to and perhaps one of the catchiest beats on the album.

The album has a heavy influence from Joji in all of its songs, considering his role as executive producer. It’s clear he is the mastermind behind the project, with many songs bearing his unique mumbly hip-hop style.

He’smeld tremendously from songs like “Breathe,” which showcases his unique vocalizations and hypnotic dream-voiced signitures beats. Lyrics like “Hold My Breath / Until You Call My Name” emphasize the aura Joji presents which is supposed to drive the distinctive diversity among its labels artists.

Rich Bruns is one of the main featured artists. While he’s featured in these songs, you can feel his authority in the making of other song.

The album does feature the distinctive stylings of others, but it can seem like its production has injected much of his imprints.

This is an aspect listeners can either love or hate, considering the family album’s marriage is supposed to drive the distinctive diversity among its labels artists.

“Head in the Clouds II” is contemporary and its commitment to the incredible diversity of Asian and Asian American artists, continuing to put them on the map for future releases to come.

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APARTMENT ANIMALS

Grad student rescues homeless hound

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those animals, about 3.9 million are dogs and 3.4 million are cats, according to Best Friends Animal Society.

As a dog owner, I take care of them anymore. I was irresponsible or couldn’t take care of them anymore. John Tello currently studies history in graduate school at San Jose State. He’s also attending a graduate program in San Francisco studying education.

Tello adopted Scout in Spring 2018.

His parents are contracted with a rescue program called Golden Gate Basset Rescue, an organization located in the Bay Area.

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Below: Scout pauses during his evening walk with his owner on the Smith and Carlos lawn.