Papazian discusses hateful acts

By Luke Johnson

San Jose State University President Mary Papazian held a press conference on campus last Thursday to address the recently reported attack on a female Muslim student.

"She’s a leader and she’s speaking against other people," said Atam Singh, a business administration senior who was born in India. "That’s not good, because it gives people confidence to do hateful things."

Singh added that the reported attack did not make her or less fearful for her own safety, because he already had a pre-existing fear of hate and the incident did not surprise him. "I think people have interpreted the election from all kinds of perspectives," Papazian said. "We’re always concerned with anything that causes upheaval for bullying." The San Jose Police Department is currently investigating the situation. The suspect was described as a fair-skinned male, wearing a dark "hoodie" with khaki pants. There are no security experiences, and we wanna make sure that all the students involved know the resources they need.

Two days after the female was attacked, a South Asian student was verbally accosted "verbally accosted" while studying in the Engineering Building according to Papazian, and was told "go back to his country." There has been an ongoing conversation and outreach in hopes to try to create assurances for all students who are concerned about their safety. Papazian said. "We recognize that those are unsettling experiences, and we want to make sure that all the students involved know the resources they need."

CRIMES ON CAMPUS

SELF-DEFENSE

UPD teaches a RAD lesson

By Karianne Sudyka

This past weekend, the University Police Department held a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense class to teach women how to strategically escape from attacks anywhere, anytime. Many of the participants were students or non-students and employees of the university. Employee of the SJSU research foundation Angelique Deyong found the course on the UPD website and said, "I thought it would be a great class to take as I have a daughter and if I show her that I'm interested in learning how to defend myself then it would become important to her as well."

Junior child and adolescent development major Magali Yance discovered the course through SJSU’s Aspen program and decided to enroll. Taking place over two days, the class went over how to be more aware of surroundings as well as how to use the voice to alert passersby of trouble. Both days contained hands on training as well led by Officer Rafael Vargas with others from the UPD. They taught the girls how to produce powerful jabs in front of them in order to get away from possible attackers. In addition, the officers would perform one-on-one simulations on a mat in order to turn students into experts.

"I'm going to be really honest, me and my friend at first we were just joking about it," Huerta said. "I told her let's just make a post and see where it takes us and if a lot people comment and show then we'll do it." The post blew up, and students planned to walk out of their classes at 11 a.m. and head to city hall. Huerta said her principal at San Jose High School was not happy about the protest.

Students chanted "si se puede" and "not my president" as they made their way to city hall. Cars honked and cheered as they drove by. "We've been discriminated and stereotyped our whole lives," Huerta said. "We do have a say in it, but we're in between. We don't really know how to do it, we're trying to express ourselves." Vice Mayor Rose Hewitt stepped by the crowd to speak and show her support to the high school students. "They're participating in democracy right now," Herrera said. "This is democracy in action. This is what our constitution allows us to do. Unlike other countries where if you go out and protest you might see tanks coming down the street."
San Jose high school students rallied up in front of San Jose City Hall to protest against the results of the presidential election. Students caroled signs in support of the Mexican, LGBT and Muslim communities. Other signs read “Trump out as a racist, militant and bigot.”

“Now is not the time to quiet our voices and to be heard,” said Haili Ortiz, an ACE Charter High School senior. “What he said, I believe, can destroy our country and dictate the fact that cannot have … We took one step forward with Obama and now it’s like two steps back.”

Students from different schools came and were dressed in black and chanting “Students!” Students’ speeches about the Mexican community and the rights of women were met with cheers and chants.

“Our families came here for a purpose. Our families came to give their children a future, a job, a life, a life they never had in the country that we came from,” said Dulce Tirr, a San Jose High school student.

“If we can do something to prevent us from being treated as we were, we’re going to do it and take back our dreams. It’s not right.”

Protests have continued throughout San Jose and all over the United States following Trump’s victory.

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Students assess future planning potential

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San Jose State University students from the Urban and Regional Planning Department will be hosting a Northside Neighborhood Open House meeting on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at Grant Elementary School in San Jose. The meeting will focus on conducting a neighborhood survey to better understand the community, and design/planning potential.

“The Northside neighborhood is bordered by E. Building St. on the north, Highway 101 and Coyote Creek to the east, N. 7th St. on the west, and E. Julian St. on the south, according to the city’s cyberspace. According to its website, the Northside Neighborhood Association (NSNA), formed in 1963, is the oldest neighborhood association in San Jose.”

“Students learn the techniques for assessing a community — that is, comprehensively documenting the current and future conditions of a community, including its demographics, assets and problems, transportation, and many more topics,” Kosk said.

Kosk said that the Open House for the students plan to show the results of their assessment work and to community members. Their assessment work will include maps, charts, graphs, photos, video and engage the residents in casual discussions about their findings and current neighborhood planning priorities.

“This includes planning, researching, gathering materials, communication, marketing, writing, and conducting the Open House,” Kosk said.

The Northside Neighborhood community meets monthly at Joyce Ellicott Library at 7 p.m. according to the San Jose city government.
Fountain Alley gets decorated and painted by the public.

Alicia Keys leaves her strong voice behind in ‘Here’

Alicia Keys’ newest album, ‘Here,’ leaves behind the classic vocals and ballads and takes on an edgier, urban and gritty sound while remaining on society’s edge. Keys’ eighth studio album takes on a fresh sound that navigates between edgy, powerful vocals and trades them in for an edgy piano-fusion vibe.

“Here” was released on Nov. 4, on all platforms including both Apple Music and Spotify. The album has yet to chart on any top list in the United States.

10-track album is full of deep messages on society and encouragement, but lacks memorability. With five weak interludes, it throws the focus at the rest of the tracks, which are quite lacking for the most part.

The R&B sound that Keys seems to aim for in these, but it does not suffice for the four-year break since her last album. Though her sound is disappointing, the messages within the lyrics cannot be ignored.

The second track, ‘The Gospel,’ has a worthy sound, as do you’re going to go to her older releases. Lyrics touching on Black history and a light rap on Keys’ part make it powerful.

“Paw It All” gets you excited for some of Keys’ boundless and catchy vocals like those found on the 2007 hit ‘No One,’ but dispoints with jaded notes. Though I came across that the spiritual lyrics touching on material things missing nothing without love.

Keys writes about other people’s struggles throughout her tracks. In ‘She Don’t Really Care,’ the first of multiple superfluous track, it throws the focus at the rest of the tracks, which are quite lacking for the most part.

These tracks help get Keys to the message she’s trying to send, which is touching on societal problems. This tactic doesn’t bring a normal development, connection with Keys, and instead brings focus to the issues, accompanied with solid lyrics. ‘Work On It’ is the tenth track on the album, and by far one of the best. Talking about the battles of a struggling relationship, Keys really embodies the right emotions, in my opinion.

The arrangement of the song blends well, alternating between the heartfelt sound and a essence of a conversation between Keys and multiple men discussing physical issues.

‘Holy War’ and ‘More Than We Know’ are the closest tracks that resemble Keys’ powerhouse vocals from tracks like her 2003 mega hit ‘If I Ain’t Got You’ and most recently, ‘Girl On Fire’ from 2012. With catchy choruses, powerful notes and heavy lyrics these tracks pull it right.

Though the new album isn’t what was anticipated, it still remains solid in the sound Keys wanted to reach. Her consciousness on society adds to the impact, but lacks the sound we know to be Alicia Keys.

Keys has been active in the R&B game for 15 years, coming out with catchy, emotional and heartfelt hit. She has earned the right to experiment with her sound, and the sound she came out with was alright. Though she make it apparent that she was going for heartfelt, the sound was fairly missing her powerful vocals.

People who wanted to participate in the art project got the opportunity to paint what they wanted on a canvas.

I feel a lot of people are finding this to be very therapeutic and also an expression on how they might be feeling about the election this year,” said Jason Su, an SJSU alumni, is the main organizer of the Fountain Gallery Alley, a pop-up art gallery that works closely with Salazar’s 100 block project as they support each other. “We’ve worked with each other before in other projects and we’ve done the same fellowship together… it always helps to have teammates,” Su said.

The Fountain Gallery Alley is part of Emerging City Champions, a partnership between the Knight Foundation and 880 Cities, two community-based organizations. The partnership is also supported by the Downtown San Jose Association.

Su hopes to organize it again.

“San José is the first one and after this event I want to get a download from everyone that was there and see what they thought of it,” Su said. “If they think is good and if we find additional funding for another one then we’ll do it again and the intent is that every time we do the event we leave the place a little better than we found it.”

Su said that one of the reasons why she chose Fountain Alley is to attract more people to Art

“It’s a space that most people don’t go through, most people have a bad perception of but when you really take the time to look at it at not a bad place, it needs more things happening in it,” Su said.

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The passing of Prop 64 is not a victory for everyone

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As a 22-year-old Bay Area native, it may come as a shock that all you reading this have never smoked weed. Yeah, and get ready because this one voted “no” on Proposition 64. Hate me yet?

Before you do, let me see that I am against the consumption of marijuana and don’t judge anyone who partakes in it. I did not vote no on Prop. 64 because I want marijuana to go away but there are ways of doing it without having to legalize and commercialize it. People know how to get their hands on it, obviously, and have been able to smoke it without a problem so there is no need to encourage it any further.

One of the benefits of the legalization of marijuana is that you’ll be able to grow it at home. For all of you “plugs,” you’ll now be competing against “Bud and Breakfasts” and other at-home growers.

Consumers will now be able to buy marijuana at pot shops but that won’t be happening until 2018, home growers.

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THINGS YOU COULD NOT SAY DURING A STUDENT WALK OUT IN PROTEST AGAINST DONALD TRUMP

I'll be taking my first puff now that I am against the consumption of marijuana and don’t judge anyone who partakes in it.

“I’m scared and I share in their [the student’s] fears as well.”

“I agree with the principal in expressing his feelings the way he did. The Nov. 8 presidential election left more than half of the country specification and checked. It’s only normal for anyone to express what they’re feeling without thinking about it. I do agree, though, that as an educator you need to have certain standards and language when talking to students.

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According to CNN, “Greater than 50 percent said they were very concerned about his comparison. He also made remarks about the Muslim community, he said he would consider surveillance of mosques and shutting some down and suggested establishing a national database to register Muslim Madrines, according to a CNN article. One time Trump said it was okay to assault women in a leaked audio from Access Hollywood. A history teacher once mentioned from Mountain View High School after he compared President-elect Trump to Hitler. A parent contacted the school via email to express concerns over his comparison. He has now received death threats, according to CBI.

It’s some that people get offended when people compared our President-elect to a dictator and people out the “F” word to express their nonconformity but they didn’t get offended when he attacked and insulted different groups of people.

Morales apologized and agreed his statement was not correct, but nobody should be offended and punished by using the “F” word. The fact is, a teacher or principal can’t undo all the harm he has done himself.
The San Jose State men’s basketball team started off its season victorious, ousting the visiting West Coast Baptist Eagles 109 to 70 in the Event Center on Sunday.

Sophomore guard E.J. Boyce was the leading scorer in his debut for the Spartans with 20 points, 18 of which came from behind the three-point line. Boyce came out of the gate strong in the first half landing four out of his five three-point shots.

“I was just trying to run a transition and my teammates did a good job of finding me,” Boyce said. “When the defense lost me in transition I was just knocking down the shots when my teammates were giving me the ball.”

Freshman guard Terrell Brown and junior guard Jalen James also came up big for the Spartans. Brown, who was also making his SJSU debut, finished with 14 points while James had 13.

“We all get together, we all play hard, play smart and we have fun games,” Brown said. “It’s really good.”

Three-point shots seemed to be the name of the game for the Spartans. The team kicked off the game with three straight shots from downtown — two by sophomore forward Ryan Welage and one by freshman guard Isaiah Nichols — before allowing the Eagles to get any points on the board.

“It is always important to start the game off well, I thought our guys did a great job at building the lead early,” said head coach Dave Wojcik. “We shot 12 of 29 which is 41 percent from three, I’ll take that anyday of the week so hopefully we’ll continue.”

The Spartans ended the first half with a 26-point lead over WCB shooting with great accuracy, landing over 60 percent of their shots while out-rebounding the opposition by 13 at the break.

In the second half, the Spartans looked to learn from their final exhibition game in which they built a 31-point lead only to be outscored in the second half.

“I think we definitely learned our lesson from last game,” Boyce said. “We talked about it in the locker room at halftime and made it a big key, everyone tried to focus on putting the two halves together.”

The Spartans did start the second half a little rocky, though, allowing the Eagles to score five points to the Spartans’ two in the first few minutes of the half. The Spartans cleaned it up shortly thereafter and held the Eagles at the same 35 points they managed during the first half before extending the lead to 39 at the final whistle.

“The game went pretty good, we all played hard we all played smart,” Brown said.

“If we stay disciplined, we’ll always have a good game, always.”

Moving forward the Spartans look to keep up their strong offensive game by passing the ball and continuing to hit their free throws.

Last year’s non-conference portion of the schedule didn’t go so well winning just 5 of 13 games.

The Spartans next game is at home on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. against the University of Portland Pilots who also opened their season with three straight wins.