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TRANSPORTATION

Battle over bike sharing companies leaves racks empty

BY JENAE MIMS

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Bike-sharing companies have been expanding all throughout the Bay Area. In early November, LimeBikes visited San Jose State to showcase an innovative way to manage bike-sharing.

The bikes are dockless, meaning they can be parked anywhere and are automatically locked once parked. By using the LimeBike app, people can locate the nearest Limebike and unlock it by scanning the QR code on the bike.

“The only problem with dockless bike sharing is that unless you have designated locations and a lot of bicycles, unlike the docking stations, you can come out of class and there’s no guarantee that there is going to be a dockless bike,” Danny Yu, Assistant Parking Manager of Parking Services said. “You will have to go on the bike app to look for one.”

According to Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, bike-sharing is an innovative transportation program that is ideal for short distances. It provides users the ability to pick up a bicycle at a self-serve bike station and return it to any other bike sharing location within the system’s service area.

SJSU had a trial day with LimeBikes where the company dropped off around 45 bikes throughout campus.

“In the first week with absolutely no advertising, no word of mouth, or anything, the bikes were used on average of 25 to 50 times a day,” Yu said.

In order for LimeBikes to continuously be on campus, they must have a permit and the appropriate paperwork must be filed with the university, according to Eddy Zomleer, Manager of Transportation-Solutions.

Since LimeBikes are dockless, the bikes were eventually ridden off campus by people and dispersed throughout the city.

Jim Ortbal, Director of Transportation for the City of San Mateo resident Marley Collins performs music on her guitar about her life experiences. S.A.S.H takes a stand against the university for not firing professor Lewis Aptekar and students advocate against sexual harassment on campus.

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Students Against Sexual Harassment (S.A.S.H) hold what it called a victory party in the Ball Rose Garden at San Jose State Tuesday night. Posts and activities from the Bay Area shared personal stories and connections to sexual assault at the event.

S.A.S.H. is a student-organized movement that same to give students hope that their voices can be heard. The group wanted to celebrate the work it, along with its allies, did to put pressure on former counseling education (EDCO) professor Lewis Aptekar to resign.

“This is taking a small local stand against the normalization of sexual harassment behavior that is exhibited on our own campus,” sociology junior AshleyRose Sanchez said. “College is supposed to be a safe place, classrooms are supposed to be a safe space for everyone.”

EDCO graduate student Valerie Lamb led protests against Aptekar returning to teach earlier in the semester. Lamb’s activism led Sanchez and other students to create S.A.S.H.

Aptekar was accused by several students of sexual harassment. He submitted a letter of resignation to the university on Sept. 30.

“It’s not fair for students to have to sit in a classroom where a teacher has been found guilty of sexual harassment,” Lamb said. “I decided to do something.”

The victory party was symbolic of S.A.S.H’s taking a stand and raising awareness about the safety of students and issues with sexual harassment on campus.

“I don’t think that we are taking case of students the way that we should,” sociology instructor Soma de Bourbon said. “Unfortunately, this has to be student led because the university isn’t doing anything. I’m sad that the university isn’t stepping up and saying that this is unacceptable.”

This goal of the organization is to prevent sexual harassment on campus and help students who are currently being affected or have been affected by sexual harassment.

“We wanted to make a stand that we are here and we aren’t going anywhere,” Sanchez said.

STUDENT ORGS

SJSU clubs build community

BY LOVINA PAVEL

Staff Writer

Having a diverse university allows for a multicultural environment to thrive on campus, but students still tied an attachment to their own cultural groups. San Jose State is home to 60 cultural and religious clubs of all different sizes and causes. Each club is different in what it believes in and what size it is. However, the one thing all clubs have in common is a place to call home.

“That’s the beauty of having a diverse community,” said Edina Abades, a Persian American Organization (PAO) member. “It brings people together that have different backgrounds and it creates a sense of belonging.”

PAO hosts an event called “A Night at the Persian Garden” every fall semester and it is the main event for the club. Many clubs have signature events to represent their culture.

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“From looking around I am proud to see we have such a diverse campus culture,” Edina Abades, PAO member said.

One of these clubs is Akbayan, a Filipino-American Organization. According to club officials, it strives to increase the knowledge of the Filipino and Filipino-American culture and share the beauty of its heritage.

“Our goal is to make sure people have a home away from home,” Treasurer Maria Ignacio said. “People come to Akbayan to feel at home and it would be nice for other organizations to provide the same feel. We’ve seen our club grow in numbers and the different types of people who join.”

Akbayan is one of the largest cultural groups on campus with approximately 700 members and 350 of them actively participate in club events, Ignacio said.

As of fall 2016, SJSU campus has a leading 42.1 percent of all students who are of Asian descent and 20 people who...
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are Hispanic, according to the Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics. Many students do not belong to a particular ethnic or religious group but want to learn more about it are encouraged to join cultural clubs. “Diversity is important for any club,” said Sara Manteghi, Persian Student Association president. “We have so many different student organizations to represent cultures on campus. It’s a great way to educate those who are interested in learning and being involved in a culture.” The Persian Student Association prides itself on celebrating Middle Eastern culture. One of the club’s most anticipated events is its annual celebration of the winter solstice. Shahab Yaldeh is an evening of festivities that celebrates the winter solstice. “Our club gives people a way to learn about a culture. We make great efforts to be inclusive and stand in line with SJSU’s mission toward cultural diversity.”

In a conversation centered around reproductive justice, Jimenez said, “If you don’t have access to clean water, you can’t eat clean food, you can’t have a picture-perfect life and [they] don’t want to talk to people about those kinds of issues.” Dunbar said. Reproductive justice, Jimenez said, concerns women’s rights to have or not to have children, and the rights to parent their children. She added that those rights have been diminished in the past by issues surrounding immigration and incarceration. The topic also covers a woman’s ability to say, “What matters to me is their own health.”

She asked people and be aware of who’s pointing you in which direction and why,” Jimenez said. Typically, she continued, health care providers have a tendency to push the idea of contraceptives to low-income women of color. Dunbar is a campus ambassador for One Love — an organization that addresses violence in relationships. “People [are] pressured to have a picture-perfect life and [they] don’t want to talk to people about those kinds of issues,” Dunbar said. Reproductive justice, Jimenez said, are students who are new to the country. Another portion are different minorities within the Iranian culture. “I am not ethnically Persian, I am Assyrian Iranian and very proud of it,” Atanos said. “We want to talk to people about these kinds of issues, and we are here to discuss and educate on how to deal with them.” The Spartan Daily also recently reported that Black Student Union’s membership has increased despite a lack of growth among the African-American student population over the last five years. The club’s members and is continuing to grow. “From looking around I am proud to say we have such a diverse campus culture making,” Atanos said.

Panel discusses women’s health and social issues

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- Must be checked out and returned to docking stations
- $3 for 30 minutes, $5 for a day
- 30 docking stations in Downtown San Jose
- Purchase a pass with a credit or debit card through the kiosk at docking station or through the mobile app
- Find Ford GoBike through the mobile app
- Can be checked out and returned anywhere in program area
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- Find GoBike through the mobile app

LIMEBIKE

- Can be checked out and returned anywhere in program area
- 50 centers for 30 minutes for students, 50 centers for 30 minutes for non-students
- Accessible through a mobile app
- Purchase a pass with a credit or debit card on the mobile app
- Find Limebikes through GPS on the mobile app

Diverse student organizations at SJSU, a large portion of the members

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Imagine traveling around the world creating dresses that represent cultures and women's issues.

These are no ordinary dresses, of course. In fact, they can be described as wearable and fashionable architecture.

The dresses are shaped like tents and wearable and fashionable architecture. Lasser and Pao said they are currently waiting on approval for funding to begin their next dress trend. They plan to create a 15-foot-tall tent. A sail is a dress typically worn by women in India, Lasser said. She added that the sail will be made out of 40 donated saris. It will focus on how women occupy public spaces and how comfortable women feel in them.

Lasser expects the dresses to be completed by September 2018. It will be displayed in the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

To help with the creation of the dresses, Lasser and Pao hired a crew to help them put the dresses together. They sometimes hired professional models to model the dresses but have used family and friends, SJSU students and even themselves as the models. Pao said, "Now" is his way of calling out George W. Bush, "I think the project is a really curious and I love listening to people's stories because people are awesome."
Americans shouldn't fear the phrase “Allahu Akbar”

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Contributing Writer

Is its direct translation in Arabic “God is great” and, in actuality, many Muslims use the phrase at any time during their daily lives. They say the expression to call one another to pray and during daily prayers themselves, which happen five times throughout the day.

Muslims say it all the time. If I’m in my car and there’s a lot of traffic, I can’t help but psychologically substitute it with the phrase “Oh God! Give me patience.” says Shehan Gerali, director of Persian studies at San Jose State.

Surely every day in these everyday situations, those in the Muslim community also use the expression in a number of celebratory religious traditions. Pre- parsing freshman Alaa Hassan said Muslims say it when calling someone who has completed reading the holy book, the Quran. Muslim Student Association President Quaco Rodriguez, that other fathers often whisper the phrase when welcoming their newborn children into the world.

Indiscriminately fearing this expression not only hurts your understanding of it, but also affects your understanding of the beliefs which continue when we look for what those that say “Allahu Akbar.”

“However, to surrender yourself to this fear and to use it as the only basis for your opinion on the phrase would be a rash decision.”

“I feel frustrated when I see people have such a的理解, how they feel about the situation on the internet and social media. I hope they know that,” statistics freshman Nouha Omer said.

It’s disturbing to see how easily we default to our instinctual fears and prejudices. Conservative news organizations like Truth Revolun slam leaders who defend the phrase. Yet, when Donald Trump’s phrase “Allahu akbar” will yield numerous how many leaders of different faiths have spoken out to explain their view on the phrase. It’s难道而言, allahu akbar” is an expression used to commemorate wonderful moments in life, to express triumph, to celebrate and to pray. Unfortunately, religious extremists also use the term when carrying out devastating violence.

To understand why attacks like the one in New York City occurred, our society must work to find the truths behind Islam and the sayings that come along with it.

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Potential energy of non-life

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The national anthem and sports do not belong together

The song, which officially became the national anthem in 1931, was played occasionally during baseball games until one week inside a luxurious hotel in Hangzhou, China.

For UCLA basketball players LiAngelo Ball, Jalen Hill and Cody Riley, that was their only punishment for shoplifting on Nov. 7 during an exhibition trip to play Georgia Tech.

The trio was accused of stealing sunglasses from a Louis Vuitton store in Hangzhou and was released on bail the following morning. “They should definitely serve their time, and maybe get a fine, too,” said John Rodriguez from UCLA State political science freshman John Rodriguez who do not see it as a big patent.

Noe Magana
Staff Writer

California law:
• Up to 3 years in prison

The national anthem, as it is used in an entertainment venue because it is used to hype up the crowd before players entertain us, is under review through competition.”

And if we think about it, it is disrespectful to play it in an entertainment venue because it is used to hype up the crowd before players entertain us—something that shouldn’t result in seeing his son sent to China, cleaning those shiny tiles and sunglasses in the Louis Vuitton store and getting four years in jail for shoplifting.

The only reason no one is being away from the team and Ball’s eyeglasses.

Bill and Riley remain suspended indefinitely from the team, but there were no charges filed against them in the Chinese government and President Donald Trump’s involvement brought more heat.

Trump took it too far by tweeting that “they were headed for 10 years in jail,” and when those waiting for LaVar’s response would be crushingly. A simple Google search of “breitbart allahu akbar” will yield numerous articles claiming that the term is used by the Muslim Student Association when calling into different shows on CNN to talk about the shoplifting incident and why he didn’t thank Trump.

The man they love by CNN and interviewer Chris Cuomo, and it’s doctored. Trump is going to be on CNN.

The two have since changed shirts, but Trump still wears his Son’s ZO2 sneakers to help “promote the brand through his basketball-playing son—something that shouldn’t result in seeing his son sent to China, cleaning those shiny tiles and sunglasses in the Louis Vuitton store and getting four years in jail for shoplifting. The alleged 1918 National Anthem Day in the United States.

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LaVar— or whether the other isn’t worried about political affairs.

Playing the national anthem, sacred to our country, in entertainment venues allows for people to disrespect it.

“I don’t have an opinion,” photography junior Jean Rodriguez said about removing allahu akbar from sports. “I don’t really care.”

There are many other people like Rodriguez who do not see it as a big deal if sports and the national anthem are separated.

But that was when waiting for LaVar’s interview with TMZ. I thought the players facing the media once again. Then the team thinks of “God be with you” in a video interview with TMZ.

Trump has many other things to worry and tweet about, while LaVar has built a brand through his basketball-playing son—something that shouldn’t result in seeing his son sent to China, cleaning those shiny tiles and sunglasses in the Louis Vuitton store and getting four years in jail for shoplifting.

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