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Global Village Promotes University’s Cultural Diversity

The annual street fair called Global Village took place on Sunday afternoon at the intersection between Market Street and The Alameda. The event’s theme, “It’s a Small World!,” sought to bring people of all backgrounds, lifestyles and cultures together for a day of activities, music and food. Santa Clara’s Multicultural Center hosted Global Village, which featured over 20 different Santa Clara organizations and clubs.

Sweatshop Laborers Discuss Conditions

**Inferno victim recounts horrors, requests assistance**

Nicolas Sonnenburg
The Santa Clara

Over 150 students filled the Chaparral Lounge last Thursday evening to hear the moving stories of two Bangladeshi garment workers, one of whom survived the infamous Rana Plaza factory fire that killed over 1,000 people last April.

Aleya Akter, 20, who began working in sweatshops at age 14, and 29-year-old Aklima Khanam, who started working when she was nine years old, bravely recounted the hardships they endured and continue to face in the oppressive environments of Bangladeshi sweatshops.

Akter, who suffers from a physical handicap as a result of the April 24, 2013 fire, spoke calmly and quietly, looking to her feet and rarely to the audience throughout the talk as she described some of the horrors she witnessed firsthand that day.

“I worked from eight in the morning until midnight. Sometimes until two or three in the morning. I made only $31 per week,” said Akter.

“I had to support my family with that poor wage.”

Many of the sweatshops in Bangladesh are structurally unsound. On April 23, the workers of the Rana Plaza factory found that the building was severely damaged.

“When (we) came to know that the building was unsafe, we did not want to enter into the building,” said Akter.

“But company management beat us and forced us to enter.”

The next day, the building suffered from a power outage and an issue with the emergency generator sparked a fire, causing the building to collapse.

The roof fell, trapping Akter under her machine for 12 hours. As she lay waiting for rescue, Akter saw coworkers around her injured and dead.

“I am not able to work anymore and did not receive any compensation from the brands,” said Akter.

She ended her presentation with a passionate plea for university students to pressure American clothing manufacturers to join the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh.

The Accord is a legally binding contract that corporations enter into voluntarily. Signatories, however, are then required to perform safety inspections of 1,200 factories and pay for safety renovations that are deemed necessary by inspectors.

A representative from United Students Against Sweatshops, the organization that brought the two speakers to the university, spoke at the beginning of the presentation about the important role universities play in this issue. Because so many clothing brands have large contracts with university bookstores, college students can make a big impact.

The Labor Action Committee at Santa Clara, an affiliate member of USAS, has encouraged university administrators to cut any contracts with clothing manufacturers that refuse to sign the Accord.

“We are running this campaign on our campus to get the bookstore to agree to only sign contracts with companies that are members of the Accord,” said a representative from United Students Against Sweatshops.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

1. More “pinning” raises hopes flight 370 will be found: After a news ship heard more signals from deep in the Indian Ocean, the head of the search for the missing Malaysian jetliner said Wednesday he believes the hunt is closing in on the “final resting place” of Flight 370.

The Australian vessel Ocean Shield picked up two signals Tuesday and an analysis of two other sounds detected Saturday showed they were consistent with a plane’s flight recorders, or “black boxes,” said Angus Houston, the Australian official coordinating the search for the Malaysian Airlines jet.

“I’m now optimistic that we will find the aircraft, or what is left of the aircraft, in the not-too-distant future,” Houston said. “But we haven’t found it yet, because this is a very challenging business.”

Finding the flight data and cockpit voice recorders soon is important because their locator beacons have a battery life of about a month, and Tuesday marked one month since Flight 370 vanished March 8 on route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

From AP Reports.

Abandoned Bicycle

4/5: An abandoned bicycle was found in the bushes on Franklin Street and was taken to the CSS storage for safekeeping.

Alcohol Related Medical Emergency

4/6: A female student was reported intoxicated and without any clothes on Lafayette Street by Dunne Hall. CSS, SCU EMS, SCPD and SCFD responded. She was transported to O’Connor Hospital by paramedics. Notifications were made.

Drug Violation

4/7: Marijanna, paraphernalia, empty alcoholic beverage containers, prescription bottles containing a small amount of codeine/promethazine and fake identification was found in a resident’s room. All items found were confiscated.

Informational Report

4/7: Two campus residents were caught playing April Fool’s Day pranks by moving each other’s mattresses to the basement.
4/8: A student reported that she had driven over tire spikes on Santa Clara Street, damaging all four of her vehicle tires.

Medical Emergency

4/2: A campus resident requested medical assistance for her injured ankle that she suffered at an off-campus location. CSS and SCU EMS responded.
4/2: A student injured his ankle while playing basketball in Malley Fitness and Recreation Center. CSS and SCU EMS responded.
4/3: A student injured her knee while playing Frisbee on Bellomy Field. CSS, SCU EMS and SCFD responded. The student was transported to O’Connor Hospital by paramedics. Notifications were made.
4/3: A student reported having chest pains while attending a class. The student visited Cowell Health Center for medical assistance. CSS and SCFDF responded. The student was transported to O’Connor Hospital by paramedics.
4/6: A student injured her ankle while dancing during the Global Village event. SCU EMS responded.

Student Behavior

4/6: Two underage students were observed drinking alcoholic beverages and were tampering with the barricades that were set up for the Global Village event. They were asked to dispose of the alcohol and were documented for tampering with the barricades.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

2. Bomb blast in Pakistani capital kills 22: A bomb ripped through a fruit and vegetable market on the outskirts of Islamabad on Wednesday killing 22 people and wounding dozens more in a new attack in the Pakistani capital. Until recently the capital had remained relatively removed from shootings and bombings.

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University Shows Appreciation for Donors

Volunteers spread awareness about benefactors

Eryn Olson
THE SANTA CLARA

November isn’t the only time of the year to give thanks. Students celebrated the second annual Sprinksgiving outside of the Harrington Learning Commons on Wednesday to raise awareness about the benefits of philanthropy for the university.

The event, hosted by the Student Philanthropy Committee and the Development Office, gave appreciation to donors who provide students with opportunities including scholarships, immersion trips, athletics and new campus buildings.

“It’s goal is to raise awareness within students and to give them a chance to thank the donors that make so many activities at Santa Clara possible,” said sophomore Christine Peters, one of the public relations and marketing coordinators of Sprinksgiving.

Drawn in by the music, balloons and energetic volunteers, students signed a large board to express their gratitude and spoke on camera for a video that will be presented to donors at the end of the week. Students who stopped by also received free turkey sandwiches and pumpkin pies as part of this springtime Thanksgiving.

“I think it’s super important for students to be aware of the generous support from all the alumni and how it impacts their everyday experience here,” said sophomore Charlotte Van Noppen, who also signed the board.

Volunteers wore shirts that read, “We are thankful for our 9,739 alumni donors who make possible, scholarships, great facilities, small class sizes, beautiful campus, awesome professors.”

According to Jim Cunha, an alumni donor and a member of the Board of Regents, last year’s Sprinksgiving, especially the video, was a powerful way for students to show acknowledgement and thanks.

“You can’t say thanks enough to donors,” said Jim Cunha, class of 1971. “It makes donors feel good because that’s a way for them to see that their gift makes a difference.”

Cunha, who was a highly-involved student throughout his year at Santa Clara, realized that as a senior he could benefit from many people and believes it is important to return the favor.

“One of the reasons I donate is to make their experience as good as what I had,” said Cunha.

Cunha encourages graduating seniors to consider what role they can play.

He said that they should give back, either through time or money, to something familiar, comfortable and meaningful to them.

“It’s really to maintain an experience for somebody that’s going to come behind you,” Cunha said. “Kick off Sprinksgiving, the Student Philanthropy Committee went around campus on Tuesday to thank donors and faculty face-to-face.

Sophomore Mary Sarbaugh said, “It’s crazy to think about how much the donors make a difference.”

This year’s thank-you board and Sprinksgiving video will be presented to donors and the Board of Regents on Saturday.

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Committee Discourages Sweatshop Use

Nonprofit sponsors campaign for low-cost living

Sophie Mattson
THE SANTA CLARA

Sophomore Jessica May will be spending her summer biking across the country to raise awareness about accessible affordable housing in America.

May and 30 other young adults will begin their journey on June 17 in Portland, Maine. The ride is sponsored by Bike and Build, a nonprofit organization that focuses on the affordable housing crisis in the United States. After traversing through 13 states, the team will finish in Santa Barbara, Calif. on Aug. 30.

According to a press release from Bike and Build, the team will bike for an average of 71 miles per day and will raise funds for affordable housing organizations and build homes across the country with 12 different programs, such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together.

May is currently in the process of fundraising a goal amount of $4,500 for low-cost living.

“The large majority of the funding goes towards affordable housing organizations across the United States, and mostly for Habitat for Humanity,” May said. “We get to impact not only communities that we are close to, but also immerse (ourselves) in other communities.”

According to May, each rider is to raise between $500 and $1,000 and will pick one organization to receive the donation money.

The community that Bike and Build will assist are to provide the hikers with places to sleep. In addition to building homes, the team will be giving presentations about affordable housing in America from the locations at which they will be staying, such as churches or schools.

May, who rarely drives and instead uses road cycling as her primary means of commuting, was inspired to participate in Bike and Build by both her previous volunteer experience with Habitat for Humanity and her friend’s glowing recommendation of the program.

While on the cross-country trip, May hopes to inspire others.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Network Error Causes Security Issues

All members of the Santa Clara community are encouraged to immediately change their Santa Clara University Network IDs and eCampus passwords due to a bug in communication systems utilized for online transactions on 500,000 websites.

According to The Wire, the username and password that you use to log into a website are typically encrypted using a Secure Sockets Layer.

Approximately 66 percent of websites encrypt their data using OpenSSL, an implementation of SSL. OpenSSL protects sensitive information such as usernames and passwords on secure websites.

Security bag “Heartbleed” was recently discovered as exploiting a vulnerability in OpenSSL. Heartbleed allows hackers to decode anything sent to the site’s server, such as information contained in emails, business documents and passwords.

According to a Santa Clara press release, sites affiliated with Google are not vulnerable to Heartbleed. The Santa Clara community are also encouraged to change their Santa Clara’s technical staff is currently working with vendors to determine and subsequently resolve any security issues present in other Santa Clara systems.

Due to the prevalence of sites that utilize OpenSSL, members of the Santa Clara community are also encouraged to change their pass- words on all of the sites on which they conduct both personal and work-related business. In addition, individuals are encouraged to keep a low profile on the Internet.

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Scene
Thursday, April 10, 2014

Love Jones Lights Up the Stage

Acts highlight diversity of student talent on campus

Summer Meza
The Santa Clara

Broncos enjoyed one of Santa Clara’s most popular events last Thursday — Love Jones. This student talent show, hosted by the Multicultural Center’s Igwe-bulike, featured acts like spoken word, musical acts and dance performances. Love Jones takes place every quarter and strives to create an atmosphere where students can showcase their talents and be appreciated by their classmates.

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New Event Has Students On the Hunt For Art Appreciation

Sophomore Piper Thomasson, one of the student leaders of the team, voiced her concern about the lack of the student body’s art appreciation on campus.

“I wish more people saw (student work) because so much time goes into making it,” said Thomasson. “So even if people don’t get involved in the arts after this, at least they can support other people who are doing things.”

While student art itself often flies under the radar on campus, the Fine Arts Support Team may be even less known.

The club is very small, with a core group of about eight members. However, the club is always looking to expand and bring in new people, whether it be to club meetings, or by liking their Facebook page to get more information about upcoming arts events on campus.

The club, although small, has a big mission. FAST hopes events like these will draw attention to some of the less-publicized artwork on campus.

Thomasson believes that the scavenger hunt will be a good way to accomplish that goal and create a fun activity in which students can participate with their friends.

“We figured the scavenger hunt would be a good low-key, not high-stress event to get people exposed to the arts here on campus,” said Thomasson.

The scavenger hunt, which will take place Monday through Wednesday of Week 3, will send students all across the campus in search of different artwork on display.

Throughout Week 2, students in teams of four or fewer can sign up for the event in Benson Memorial Center between 2 and 6 p.m. Then, on Sunday night, the teams will receive a series of clues guiding them to different locations.

During the first three days of Week 3, students will take pictures of the various answers they find and submit them to FAST by next Thursday morning. Afterward, FAST will hold a concluding party where the winners will be announced and various prizes will be awarded.

“Just give it a try,” said Thomasson. “Even if you send us one picture, we’ll be happy that you learned something that you didn’t know before.”

If you find some time, some friends, a camera and an interest in learning more about student art on campus, be sure to sign up for FAST’s scavenger hunt.

Contact Dan Hanower at dhanower@scu.edu or call (408) 554-4852.

Advocacy group encourages education and awareness

Dan Hanower
The Santa Clara

Creativity is everywhere on Santa Clara’s campus, yet many do not seem to know much about it. The Fine Arts Support Team will be hosting a three-day arts scavenger hunt in an attempt to draw more awareness to the arts, especially student art.

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**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Baseball**

- Santa Clara @ Gonzaga - Fri. 4/11 6:00 p.m.
- Santa Clara @ Gonzaga - Sat. 4/12 6:00 p.m.
- Santa Clara @ Gonzaga - Sun. 4/13 12:00 p.m.
- San Jose State @ Santa Clara - Tue. 4/15 6:00 p.m.

**Softball**

- Santa Clara @ Utah Valley - Thu. 4/10 3:00 p.m.
- Santa Clara @ Brigham Young - Fri. 4/11 4:00 p.m.
- Santa Clara @ Brigham Young - Sat. 4/12 12:00 p.m.
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- Santa Clara @ California - Tue. 4/15 3:00 p.m.

**Women's Water Polo**

- San Diego State @ Santa Clara - Fri. 4/11 3:00 p.m.
- Santa Clara @ Sonoma State - Sat. 4/12 1:00 p.m.

**BRONCO BRIEFS**

**Women's Basketball**

Santa Clara has named JR Payne as the new women's basketball head coach. For the last five seasons, Payne served as the head coach at Southern Utah University.

Payne led the Thunderbirds to a school-record 23 wins this season as well as reaching the postseason for the first time in program history.

Payne was an assistant coach at Santa Clara for the 2008-2009 season.

"I couldn’t be more excited to come back to Santa Clara and the (West Coast Conference) and the sky’s the limit as far as potential," Payne said. "I feel very comfortable and so welcomed by everyone. I think it’s going to be a very smooth transition."

She lauded Santa Clara’s previous coaching staff of men’s basketball, women’s volleyball and women’s water polo.

"I just hope to build off of what they started but really just establish a culture of toughness, grit and tenacity," she said. "That’s kind of a stepping stone to being successful."

**Triathlon**

Over the weekend, the club triathlon team competed in the USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals in Tempe, Arizona. Derek Lewis finished first on the team, followed by Jordan Jue, Averey Turzanshi and Jared Shimada. Rick Shultz was unable to finish.

Lewis came in 234th place out of 715 male athletes. "Our team chemistry is very good and we are all always looking to expand," said Jue, the team captain.

"Hopefully people that participate in the Iron Bronco this year (and are not on the team) will be interested in coming out to join the team and come practice with us whether that be running, biking (or) swimming."

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**Volleyball Rallies at Nationals**

**Broncos return to campus with championship hardware**

Brendan Weber

Santa Clara's men's club volleyball team took home the Bronze Division title after three days of constant action at the National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships last week in Reno, Nevada.

"The by the end of the tournament, everyone was so tired, but we really came together and just said 'Hey, this is the last game, possibly the last match, for a lot of our seniors so we got to really put it together for one last run,'" said team captain Lowell Tong.

"The squad came through in the clutch, controlling the second game 25-19. In a championship-deciding third and final game, the Broncos defeated the Quakers 15-9 to claim the Bronze Division title at the National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships.

"I thought we did well," said Tong. "We didn’t fully meet expectations but ending the tournament winning the Bronze Division was definitely satisfying for us."

After two action-packed days of Division I competition, the Broncos advanced to compete in Saturday’s win-or-go-home Bronze Bracket against 15 other challengers, using numerous tests in the process.

In the first round, the Broncos overpowered the Northern Illinois University squad in three games, followed by another three-game victory in the quarterfinals against California State University, Chico.

Entering the semifinals, the Broncos came face-to-face with James Madison University. With a championship match berth at stake, Santa Clara was not phased by the pressure. They cruised 25-19 and 25-10 to top the Dukes, securing the Broncos’ spot in the final.

"We have a taller team so when we get a good blocker up there, we usually take care of business pretty well," said outside hitter Blake Leamy. "We were a lot taller than James Madison so that helped a lot I think."

Santa Clara captured the Bronze Division crown later that afternoon.

The Broncos will look to improve this season in order to reach their ultimate goal of playing in the Gold Division.

"We have a good, strong core," said Leamy. "If we can keep this momentum rolling into practices in the spring and then fall, and bring it to the winter season, we should be good."
Title Shot Ends in Controversy

Santa Clara freshman stunned by split-decision loss

Sydney Sanchez
THe SANTA CLARA

Described as an “uncrowned national champion” by her head coach, freshman Cameron McCarthy is still the first All-American female boxer to represent Santa Clara in the National Collegiate Boxing Association’s Championship event despite losing the championship bout last weekend in West Point, New York.

“I’m not sure how I didn’t win,” said McCarthy. “There’s no really good answer to why I lost.”

The championship fight came down to a split decision that ultimately favored McCarthy’s opponent, Kellise Pence from the University of Washington. McCarthy previously faced and defeated Pence in a regional championship bout.

“You just can’t bet on college boxing,” said Head Coach Pierre Moynier. “I would have bet my house that (McCarthy) would win.”

Santa Clara’s head coach was perplexed by the result based on how the first bout ended in the freshman’s favor.

“(McCarthy) beat (Pence) up worse than last time,” said Moynier. “Definitely better defensively and in the middle and every punch, every time. Pence was bloody and bruised and (McCarthy) didn’t have a scratch on her.”

The Santa Clara freshman expressed similar opinions, unable to fully grasp the ultimate decision made by the judges.

“I thought I fought her better this time than last time, since it was a rematch,” McCarthy added. “Last time, I threw one or two punches. This time I was throwing combinations and blocking her shots.”

Also confused by McCarthy’s loss was three-time NCBA champion and Santa Clara alumnnus Andy Bean, who was in her corner at West Point in place of Moynier.

“She did all of this with unfamiliar coaching in her corner, a bad chest cough and the misfortune of being the only Santa Clara boxer there, with no teammates to lean on,” said Bean.

Bean graduated in 1992 with three national boxing titles under his belt, an experience that he holds dearly in his memory.

The former Santa Clara student noted that boxing was a memorable and fulfilling part of his college days. In addition to building physical and mental strength in the ring, Bean also embraced the camaraderie that the sport offered, something that he said has continued to this day.

“(McCarthy) is still the kind of person who has the feel that much cooler to me. Going forward, McCarthy will shake off the loss and continue training. “She’ll be back,” said Moynier. “She’s a very determined person. She trains hard and has improved tremendously since she started and in the last couple weeks. The coaching staff and I couldn’t be more proud of her. She’s going to be a true leader on this boxing team.”

Cameron McCarthy competed at the National Collegiate Boxing Association’s championship event on Saturday but was defeated after a split-decision verdict crowned her opponent. McCarthy is the first female boxer to represent the university at the competition.

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World Cup Tune Up Goes Awry

After drawing 2-2 in its international friendly last week against archrival Mexico, the United States Men’s National Team still has a lot to work on prior to the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

The Americans had a favorable 2-0 lead in the first half, but proved unworthy of maintaining the advantage. The United States owned the first 45 minutes of play. Toronto FC’s Michael Bradley blazed in a header following a corner kick in the beginning stages of the match. Shortly thereafter, the San Jose Earthquakes’ Chris Wondolowski increased the lead with a goal in the 28th minute.

The match seemed promising for the United States. They dominated the Mexican side both in terms of ball possession and overall skill. Their passing and play creation looked solid thanks to Bradley’s play.

The American midfield had a stellar first half. Not only was he able to score, but he also created dangerous offensive opportunities while maintaining a defensive edge. From top to bottom, the team looked compact and potent. Clint Dempsey added heavily to the attack while Omar Gonzalez and Matt Besler looked formidable in defense. Jurgen Klinnsman and company walked into the locker room at halftime with their heads high.

However, they did not come prepared for a response from “El Tri.”

Mountain devil back Marqués put his side on the board, scoring off a corner kick in the 49th minute. Alan Pulido was the man in charge of scoring the equalizer in the 67th minute, tapping in a shot that caromed off the post.

The Mexican side seized control of the momentum, but the Americans reacted with a better defensive scheme to keep the score level.

United States fans’ hearts raced when forward Eddie Johnson netted the ball in the 80th minute. The celebratory crowd grew frustrated after realizing that the referee had nullified the goal because of an offside violation. Replays from different angles showed otherwise. But the match ended without a clear victor.

The U.S. played well in the first half of action and seemed to have a promising start going into the second. But they were unable to retain it. This lack of coherency and consistency is important to work on, especially with the World Cup being right around the corner.

Once in Brazil, the Americans will be situated in the so-called “Group of Death,” forced to play against challenging opponents in Germany, Portugal and Ghana. If they are to be one of the two teams that advances out of the group and into the next round, Klinsmann’s squad must fix defensive and consistency issues that were prevalent in the recent friendly. That is the only way they will be able to make a serious run.

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