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Prof speaks out about women

Farooka Gauhari shares stories, artifacts from Afghanistan

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An Afghan woman visited Slippery Rock University to share stories and facts about how women in Islamic societies are treated compared to women in American society.

Farooka Gauhari, a professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke at SRU Tuesday in the Strain Behavioral Science Building auditorium about her memoirs, "Searching for Saleem: An Afghan Woman's Odyssey."

Gauhari said that the best way to help an Afghan woman is to give her a job, because a lot of Afghan women are not allowed to get an education.

Michele Fenstermacher, 19, an exercise science major said, "Afghan women are disrespected in the sense that they are not allowed to show their faces in public, as if they are an outcast, whereas American women can freely walk the streets wearing anything they want."

Afghan women were reduced from wearing close to anything they wanted in the 1970s, Gauhari said.

American women are also seen only for how they look and what they are wearing, said Jodiann Solito, director of the Women's Center.

American women are not viewed all that differently, Solito said, because they are also usually reduced to their reproductive abilities.

"Women today don't get equal opportunities (like) their male counterparts," criminal justice major Jared Rogers, 19, said, "due to the fact that the women's predominant role in society is (being) caring child-bearers, and employment to mothers is harder in this patriarchal society."

Afghan women are not to walk in the streets without a male companion, who is usually a family member, Gauhari said.

American women, though they have a voice and can walk alone, have to be careful not to



Farooka Gauhari, a professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke Tuesday in the Strain Behavioral Science Building about how women are treated in Islamic societies. Gauhari showed the audience artifacts from Afghanistan along with personal stories.

step out of the role women were taught, Alex McNeill, a 21-year-old political science major, said. A woman is taught to be submissive, seen and not heard, but if a woman is any other way, she is thought of as rude, annoying, and improper, McNeill said.

"I don't think women appreciate the freedoms they do have here because they're too afraid to express them; they just might be labeled a feminist," secondary education English major Amy Barch, 22, said.

Women have found ways to recognize their roles, regardless of the society in which they find themselves.

"Regardless of your race, religion, heritage or income, we are all women, and that is something that all women can relate to. I think that when women all over the world are still treated as second-class citizens, we need to unite with our similarities and learn about our differences," McNeill said.

Students push to have 'green' campus

By Cassidy Garvin
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Slippery Rock University has multiple obstacles to overcome before it can become a "green" campus.

"Universities can have a big impact on the environment, and recently there have been a lot of universities that are taking the initiative to become environmental leaders," said Michelle Czolba, 26-year-old graduate student in SRU's Masters of Science in Sustainable Systems Program.

One example of SRU's environmentally friendly efforts is its extensive recycling program.

There is a lot of energy being wasted on campus because of carelessness, Czolba said. In general, the public is not equipped with enough information and knowledge of the current level of SRU's sustainability, she said.

Slippery Rock purchases about 10 percent of its food from local farmers, which helps by stimulating the local economy and cutting down on food transformation.

SRU students started the "green bike initiative," which was put in place to encourage students to ride bikes short distances rather than driving. Both of these strategies reduce the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and reduce the burning of nonrenewable resources.

"The biggest issue concerning sustainability at SRU is land and land use," Patrick Burkhart, a professor in the Department of Geography, Geology, and the Environment, wrote in an e-mail earlier this week. "Once land is developed, it almost never reverts to a less-impacted status. Land is being consumed on campus and the landscape is being permanently altered."

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New organization sheds light on human trafficking

By Lexxie Shiring
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Americans for Informed Democracy is an international program and there is a new chapter at Slippery Rock University.

Rose Iksic, Slippery Rock University's AID chapter president, started the organization in the spring of 2006.

"The main focus of the organization is that we take world issues and try to spread the word to people who are not necessarily aware of what is going on," Iksic said.

Mark Daniels, the chair of the political science department, is the adviser for AID.

"We deal with global issues, and this week we are trying to spread awareness of human trafficking," Daniels said, "And not only is it an international issue but also an issue in the United States."

According to the U.S. Department of

State, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, where victims are swindled or coerced into being exploited.

AID is working in partnership with The Emancipation Network in order to make their "Sale to Save Slaves Sale" successful.

According to The Emancipation Network, the organization fights human trafficking with economic empowerment. They sell handicraft products made by survivors, in turn offering them a means for self-sufficiency and a chance for a new life.

"The Emancipation Network is a company through which AID is working for this collaboration," Iksic said, "and they buy these products directly from shelters that they know to be legitimate, and that is what we are selling in the quad."

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President and founder of the SRU chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy Rose Iksic is joined in the Quad on Tuesday with students to sell items made by survivors of human trafficking.

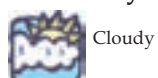
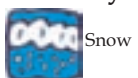
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High: 40; Low: 28

High: 41; Low: 25

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