Hacker breaches student account

By Evan Reinhardt

Content warning: mention of gun violence.

A mass shooting threat targeted the San Jose State main campus Friday night through a hacked student Discord account.

The hacker threatened to imperil the university on Wednesday in the student’s profile description, according to a Discord profile screenshot.

“I was panicking. I was trying to rush home to see how it got hacked. I wanted to cry because I’ve never said anything like that in my life. I was in such shock. I didn’t know what to do.

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Cultural groups embrace Indigenous traditions

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CHANCELLOR PICKS INTERIM PRESIDENT

By Christina Casillas

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**THREAT**

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software engineering major and SJU Discord moderator.

Saile, who is connected with other SJU members through the Discord account mentioned on multiple university servers.

“Our inbox is really bad,” one message read. “We have messages from people, Patrick Calvert, the class of 2023, and some student wellness director,” Saile said in a Discord message.

A campuswide email alert regarding the threat was sent to all SJU community members Saturday afternoon.

The UPD worked with other law enforcement agencies to investigate the post and stated the threat is “not deemed credible at this time,” according to the SJU alert.

UPD Capt. Frank Belcastro said the department’s investigation found no reason to deem the account owner as suspicious.

“Whether [Perez] decides to participate in the process as a candidate or return to his previous position at Sac State upon conclusion of his interim appointment will be at his discretion,” the email read.

The email also stated that Perez will assume the SJU interim president position on Jan. 3, 2022 after Papazian’s temporary take charge after Papazian’s resignation.

**COMMEMORATION**

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The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee Defense Committee is a group dedicated to freeing Peltier from imprisonment, according to the committee’s official website.

Peltier is serving two life sentences for the murder of two FBI agents.

The committee holds events to raise awareness about Peltier’s case and to encourage highly qualified candidates to apply for the position of president but Castro met with various SJSU stakeholders including the Academic Senate executive committee, the Joint Labor Council, the Staff Council and the President’s cabinet.

President Papazian continue until a new president is appointed.

**APPOINTMENT**

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To student success and passion to create collaborative faculty, staff and students made him poised to continue a ripple effect throughout the state and the world by driving the Silicon Valley, creating jobs for the future generation.

Mike Uhlenkamp, CSU senior director of public affairs, said Castro appointed Perez.

“Perez is the only one who has the historical, personal, political and professional experience to drive the Silicon Valley, and to be me, the meaning of being Chicano,” Uhlenkamp said.

“Along with all the other leaders, we want to make sure my name was clear and that they knew I wasn’t involved in that.”

The chancellor did visit SJU in early November to meet with student leaders, and they told him that SJU is seeking the widest possible net to encourage highly qualified candidates to apply for the position.

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**IN BRIEF**

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A committee of CSU trustees and an advisory committee, which includes SJU community members, will be conducting the search for the new president.

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Kylan Wells said she first encountered the threat on the SJU Class of ’25 Discord server and took screenshots to warn other students on the SJAM’s app.

“I decided to take a picture of it and spread the word to people I know hoping that it would gain awareness,” Wells said in an Instagram message. “We’re very thankful that the UPD took it so seriously as we did, and managed to inform every student via email on the situation.”

Although law enforcement declared the threat not credible, Wells said she still feels nerve-wracking to come to campus.

“I would absolutely not feel comfortable going to class… Unfortunately, with being the last few weeks of the semester some of us students will feel like we have to go to those classes,” Wells said. “I fortunately do not have classes that day, but my friends do, and I’m really scared for them.”
**Year in review: 2021’s best albums**

By Saumya Monga

**“Absolutely” – Dijon**

Date: Nov. 5

Genre: pop, R&B

Former American Idol participant Rimi Wolf has always had a distinct style with her bubbly personality. On her debut album, she's sure to become one of the most prominent artists in the coming years.

**“Letter Blue” – Hayley Williams**

Date: Feb. 5

Genre: pop, electronic

With her third album sounds like you've underneath crystal-clear water. The lead singer's vocals float over the crisp and fresh instrumentation.

**“FLOWERS for voices descansos” – Hausky Williams**

Date: Feb. 12

Genre: folk, country

“A touch of the beat gets you up in your feet and you run and then into the woods,” he writes in the opening track. **“ROADRUNNER: NEW LIGHT, NEW MACHINE” – Brockhampton**

Date: April 2

Genre: alternative hip-hop

“Nurture” – Porter Robinson

Date: April 2

Genre: Electronica, synth-pop

When a song becomes a hit, there’s doubt of how artists can keep up with that initial success. DJ Porter Robinson and Maluuida 2017 song “Shake” has received popularity but then disappeared. For about two years, no one heard from Robinson. His fans wondered when he would pop up and why all of a sudden he stopped releasing music. When Nurture came out in April, fans rejoiced at his return. The lyrics of Nurture revolve around the expectations he put on himself and the doubt he lived with about himself while creating music. It’s a relatable dilemma that many artists face trying to satisfy not only yourself but the rest of the world. Robinson lived up to his initial fame by being vulnerable and honest. Instead of running away from his feelings, he channeled it through his music and created a profound album.

**“Still Over It” – Summer Walker**

Date: November 5

Genre: contemporary R&B

“Lately, I feel everything,” Walker sings on “Still Over It,” an R&B ballad from her upcoming album. Walker has always had a distinct style with her upbeat music. Their voices soar on every track as they sing about the ups and downs of life. The album feels as though you’re walking through the woods. She sings quietly but somehow her stories still speak loudly.

**“Rated R” – Kehlani**

Date: Jan. 29

Genre: pop-punk, emo, alternative rock

In 2021, Kehlani's music is truly otherworldly. Her voice is airy and it dances over the minimalist production which includes harps and Lang guitar melodies.

**“Amen & Goodnight” – Arlo Parks**

Date: Oct. 29

Genre: indie, rock

This past summer was no doubt much different than previous years. It took place during the pandemic season when many beaches were replaced by movie dates with a few bottles of wine. Arlo Parks released an album that will make you want to dance your heart out and sit on a patio and watch the sunset at others. While many may remember the “sunrise, sunset, same day,” and “tracing the right sky,” Aly & AJ from childhood shows including "Phil of the Future" and "Cow Boy Bills" the duo has certainly continued to give their followers memories through their upbeat music. Their voices soar on every song as they sing about the ups and downs of life. The album feels as though you’re walking through the woods. She sings quietly but somehow her stories still speak loudly.

**“Happier Than Ever” – Billie Eilish**

Date: July 10

Genre: pop, electronic, electropop

When Billie Eilish debuted album “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?” in 2019, many critics were impressed with the young teenager’s bold voice and her older brother Finneas’ edgy production. It was an innovative album that illuminated what it means to be a pop star. The song about dark themes from buying a firearm to antidepressants. With Happier Than Ever, she continues that trajectory but has instead gently given in to her more carefree side. Funk songs such as “Lost Cause” are mixed with darker anthems such as the title track “Happier Than Ever,” proving that the world doesn’t actually know Eilish and she still has so many more in her wheelhouse.

**“Nevermind” – Lil Nas X**

Date: Sept. 17

Genre: country, pop

“F*ck a$$” – Dijon Song, Remi Wolf, Adele and More

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Artissa Grande (pop)
Selected by Madelynn Medina, fall news editor, spring executive editor

Snow Flake
Jim Reeves (country)
Selected by Madison Fajin, fall executive producer, spring opinion editor

You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch
Tyler, The Creator (hip-hop/rap)
Selected by Bryanna Bartlett, fall executive editor, spring production editor

Christmas Wrapping
The Waitresses (new wave / christmas)
Selected by Evan Henderson, spring assn. news / multimedia editor

Mistletoe
Justin Bieber (pop)
Selected by Isa Gallo, fall sports editor

Fa La La
Justin Bieber & Boys II Men (pop)
Selected by Estefany Lopez, sports editor

It Doesn’t Have to Be That Way
Jim Croce (folk / rock)
Selected by Christina Casillas, fall news editor, spring managing editor

Father Christmas
Bad Religion (punk-rock)
Selected by Mike Corpo, Production chief

Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)
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Selected by Samantha Herrera, fall managing editor, spring social media editor

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Spartan quarterback Nick Starkel throws a downfield pass in the final game of his college career during a Thursday game against the Bulldogs for the Battle of the Valley Trophy.

By Sandra Santos-Cruz

The San Jose State football team was crushed 40-9 by Fresno State in the Battle of the Valley Trophy Thursday afternoon at CEFCU stadium. The Mountain West Conference loss also means the Spartans failed to qualify for a bowl game this season.

“Lots of big opportunities missed for us, and the biggest missed opportunity was not having a chance to make the postseason again,” SJSU head coach Brent Brennan said during a postgame conference.

Despite Fresno State dominating the first quarter, SJSU running back Kairee Robinson ran for 21 yards and also had 40 yards receiving. Matt Mercurio that left the Spartans down 25-9. The scoreboard remained steady for the rest of the game as the Spartans offense failed to gain the upperhand but the Bulldogs’ tight defense held firm.

The Spartans couldn’t stop the relentless Bulldog offense attack led by quarterback Jake Hauser as he carved up the Spartans secondary with his third touchdown pass, putting the score at 33-9.

After winning the Battle of the Valley Trophy last season, the Spartans failed to repeat the success of last year.

“We brought a lot of the same guys, tools, and weapons,” Starkel said. “I don’t like to compare last year with this [year] because it is totally different.”

Thanking night was the last game of the season for SJSU and many students’ college football careers, including Starkel.

A senior, a player for the Spartans, finished his final game for the Spartans ranking second in the National Collegiate Athletic Association for total tackles with 134 tackles and many students' college careers, including Starkel.

Thank you to the seniors who are leaving this season and for putting their heart and soul into this program, we will keep raising the standard, we all have a job and a responsibility and our plan is to keep moving forward.

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