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BREAKING NEWS
The San Jose State Police Department was alerted about a stabbing victim on campus at about 9 p.m. Wednesday, according to Robert Noriega, an officer of the University Police Department.

Noriega said the victim, who was in his late 20s to early 30s, was sitting on a bench between Tower Hall and the Science building when he stopped a student and asked the student to call the campus police.

The victim had a wound on the right side of his torso, which Noriega said he received at Plaza de Cesar Chavez.

Noriega said it was unclear to UPD why or how the victim came to SJSU.

Homecoming festivities foster student fellowship

ALEXANDRA RUIZ-HUDDOBA
Staff writer

Bringing back old traditions and creating new ones — this is what Homecoming 2010 aspires to achieve and much more, said the executive director of the SJSU Alumni Association.

Paul Richardson said Homecoming is about Spartans, recognizing past students and celebrating present students. “We want our students to take ownership over their week,” he said. “It’s their week and alumni’s week, too.”

Junior psychology major Michelle Avendano said she just transferred from a junior college and isn’t sure what she should expect in regards to Homecoming week. “I’m excited but I don’t really know what it’s about,” she said.

The Homecoming festivities started off Monday with free muffins handed out at parking garages along with a schedule of homecoming events and will end with the Homecoming football game, Richardson said. He said Intermountain President Kassing brought back the tradition of Homecoming four years ago during his initial term.

Kassing then brought together a team to create a strategic plan that would enhance the student body experience and its success, both inside and outside the classroom, Richardson said.

“And as part of that, looking at the homecoming experience and engaging alumni back out and providing a series of events for our students,” he said.

“Two of the old traditional Homecoming events were brought back, Rich- ardon said.

“Back in the ’80s and ’90s they were called pushcart races, he said. “It’s part of Greek Week now.”

Greek Week, actually, does Greek Olympics and depending on the year, they do a similar type of pushcart race, they say chariot, or I think this year they are going to do skateboard races instead.”

Another old tradition that has been brought back is the old bonfire, which Richardson said will be done differently.

“We are not going to be able to build this huge bonfire in the middle of Tower Lawn, so there’s a huge ‘bump’ this year that they bring in,” he said. “There’s a main stage and fire also bring in the dance and it’s all sponsored and coordinated by A.S.”

Brittany Erickson, director of program- ming affairs for Associated Students, said the Fire on the Fountain is a great way to celebrate Homecoming. “(Homecoming) brings students together and reminds them that it’s not just about the football game,” she said. “It’s about the tradition and it brings parents, students, alumni and faculty together and shows them how SJSU has grown and how SJSU will continue to grow.”

Junior business major Sandy Ardian said she doesn’t care much about the Homecoming game, but will be attending Fire on the Fountain. “I went freshman year,” she said. “I didn’t go last year, so I’m going to go this year. It’s fun.”

On Wednesday, SJSU student union and sororities participated in the Greek Olympics, taking place on Paseo de Ca- sear Chavez at 4 p.m. on the grassy area near the barbecue pits.

Starting at 4 p.m. today on Tower Lawn, students can participate in cer- tain games, juggling lessons, dice cupcakes, and have salsa dance lessons hosted by a variety of student organiza- tions and different departments on cam- pus, according to the the SJSU website. According to the website, Spartans

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SJSU receives federal stimulus money

University officials work to allocate last installment of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds

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Staff writer

SJSU now has $6.7 million to work into the budget thanks to the final installment of federal stimulus dollars for all 23 campuses in the California State University system, said the director of media relations for SJSU.

Pat Lopez Harris said SJSU is still in the process of trying to figure out how that money will be used.

One option is using the new funds to increase spring admissions, she said.

“Right now we don’t have enough funds to admit any new students in the spring,” Harris said. “These federal stimulus dollars open up the ability of admitting new stu- dents in the spring.”

But, the university needs to find a fair way to admit the growing number of appli- cants, she said.

“If the $8.7 million will only pay for half of the number of students that qualify for admission,” Harris said. “We are going to need to figure out half of our numbers. We are going to admit.”

She said this is a difficult situation and decisions to make because SJSU is commit- ted to admitting everybody who is minimal- ly qualifi ed in Santa Clara County.

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**Professor urges collaborative solutions to social problems**

**ALEXANDRA RUIZ-HUIDOBRO**

As temperatures soared above the 90s outdoors, about 15 people attended the event, which was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29. More than 300 employer representatives and more than 100 employers were present and the atmosphere was friendly and inviting, said Susan Rockwell, assistant director for employer services at the SJSU Career Center.

Tawne Sutton, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said he came to the fair with the intention of talking with other people.

“Resumes, writing, interviewing skills and job fair success workshops...those events were all designed to help students be prepared,” she said.

Bhuv Ral, a Peace Corps regional recruiter, said he was interested in informing students and graduates about the opportunities and to get them to the career center.

“We are looking for people from various backgrounds to fill thousands of positions that we have opening next year,” Ral said.

Drabble said she was looking for students who are persistent, proactive and show genuine interest.

Financial analyst Natasha Makovskaya is a recent SJSU graduate and has come back to the fair to recruit for her current employer, National Semiconductor, she said.

She said the fair is looking for someone to fill a position that will become available in December right after fall graduation, and they will begin to set up interviews in November.

Makovskaya said she attended some career fairs while she was a student at SJSU.

“I came to a few career fairs and although this is not how I got my current position, I had some doors open up to me and I had some people calling me and asking me for interviews,” she said.

Beata Nagy, a senior business administration finance major, said she is hoping to start her financial career after her full graduation and found the recruiters to be approachable and friendly.

“I feel like I had some positive feedback and I think I am going to contact me,” she said.

Makovskaya said one company was only offering an internship, but when she told them that she was graduating, the recruiter made a note of her expected graduation date on the resume for potential future employers.

Edna Shamouni, a junior electrical engineering major, said she stood in a line of 20 people, waiting to speak with a representative in Advanced Micro Devices.

“I had a mock interview with them last week and they suggested that I come back to the fair and see them next time,” she said.

“Are there a lot of people, and it’s hard because there are so many applications and so many people. I’m going to keep my fingers crossed,” Shamouni said.

Since SJSU is located in the Silicon Valley, Rockwell said there are many employers that represent the financial and engineering industries.

“However, there were other industries present. This fair is open to anyone...there are lots of opportunities for students who are from a wide range of majors, not just business and technical,” she said. “But we do have about 25 percent of the employers that are open to all majors and about 20 percent of them were looking specifically for liberal arts majors.”

The Career Center will host its next Job & Internship Fair in the spring.
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Clifford Lacer, a junior hospitality and management major, said he looks for this money to benefit the students — new buildings, space for classes and cheaper tuition.

"Every little bit counts," he said. "They say the recession is over but we are still feeling it.

Lacro said he sympathizes with students who have been trying to get into SJSU during spring semesters — he dealt with that firsthand before being admitted as a transfer student this semester.

"It is kind of unfair," he said. "I'm here already, but I guess I should stop thinking about myself and think about other people. That's fine with me. Let them in."

Stefani Villela, a sophomore occupational therapy major, said tuition should not be increased if SJSU is receiving funds.

"I feel like the money should be used toward classes now," she said. "Definitely not going to more people because if this school is trying to have us get out of college sooner, they need to have more classes available for us with less students in them."

Senior art major Rachel Acosta said SJSU has to make sure there is stimulus dollars, Harris said. "Which is to say the administration now has to look at and figure out how to process in a fair and effective manner that reflects the intention of the federal stimulus dollars," she said. "Which is to create jobs, which is why we hired faculty."

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JAIMIE COLLINS
Senior, photography major

Greek mythology claims that the month of April belongs to Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. In the basic sense of the word, “chase” means to follow or seek something. Combine the two ordinary words and you are left with a saying that roughly means “swoon over.”

This is what five local musicians had in mind when they set out to perfect the craft of playing music, creating a band and dabbling at April Chase.

“Our motivation right now is our fans and the people who are listening,” said lead guitar player and vocalist Tim Ferguson. “It’s always fun to go out to play a show and have people singing your lyrics. You can see them mouthing the words to the song—it’s awesome.”

April Chase currently boasts five extremely talented members: Ferguson, Carina Valdes on vocals, Roderick Sajor on the drums, Brian Walker on bass and Mark Sahagun on guitar.

With an average of 20, the up-and-coming indie-pop band has experienced exceptionally fast-paced success, performing more than 60 shows in the last year and releasing their first album in January.

Combining catchy lyrics with outstanding vocals, their record is titled “In the Midst of Storms” and is an extended play (EP) record, written mostly by Ferguson, with additional vocals, their record is titled “In the Midst of Storms,” containing simple yet addictive melodies, and alongside well-known acts such as The Higher and Story of the Year.

The group released their first album with a popular song is titled “Turn It Down” and tells meaning it is shorter than a full album and contains only five songs.

Out of its first five tracks, the band’s most popular song is titled “Turn It Down” and tells the story of loving a lost beloved.

“We’re all the things I can’t ignore / I need to leave you for now,” Valdes sings. “And it’s break ing me under the floor / but I think I’ll be fine in time.”

“Sometimes people get addicted to music, the majority of the band’s music focuses on the subject of love.

“ ‘It is the easiest thing to write about,’ she said. “It’s relatable to other people and it correlates with our band name.”

All of the songs on the album contain lyrics written by Ferguson, with additional help from Valdes.

“And just to portray something that is honest for me and make it into a song,” Valdes said. “Hopefully it will mean something to other people who have had similar experiences as well.”

The music, Ferguson said, is a hobby and that each member is in it for the passion and to experience all of their songs.

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Emphasizing that music is more than a hobby and that each member is in it for the love of it, Ferguson said the rush he experiences from playing motivates him to pursue music, especially when fans come out just to hear the music.

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Congressional photojournalist TIM FERGUSON plays lead guitar and writes songs for band April Chase during their performance at Left Coast Live in San Jose, June 25, 2010.

Ferguson had joined with the other three members of the band to form April Chase and was auditioning singers when he filled in for the guitarist at Valdes’ church. The two musicians quickly became friends and when Ferguson heard Valdes sing, they both left the group and devoted their passion to April Chase.

That was about two months ago, and in the meantime they have been attempting to produce a different type of music. “We wanted to make music that would appeal to a larger audience,” Ferguson said.

While Ferguson said it is hard for the band to be classified within one particular genre, April Chase loosely fits into an alternative, pop-rock category, with indie traits and influences from groups similar to Paramore and Phoenix.

With strong motivation and determination, the group is currently in the process of releasing a new EP. Even though it doesn’t have a release date yet, the new album will most likely be recorded and mixed by the end of the year. The new tracks will express a shift in theme, taking on more of a dance feel than the first album.

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“We want everyone to experience the full April Chase and experience all of our songs,” she said.

Before the pressure of schedules and adult responsibilities took over their lives, the members of the band practiced as much as they could—even on a week on average—in the bandmates’ garages and bedrooms.

“Sometimes you’ve got to put something aside and put your priorities first,” Valdes said. “A lot of people give up easily and don’t keep pushing, but you get where you want to go if you keep trying.”

April Chase plans to perform at Morris Day Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 7. They will also be showcased as part of the Dave to Love benefit concert at the Korean Community Center in San Francisco at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8.
The Spartans will face the UC Davis Aggies for the third time in the past four seasons in the SJSU Homecoming football game Saturday at 5 p.m. in Spartan Stadium.

“They are a very good football program,” said head coach Mike MacIntyre. “They have a history of winning, 32 seasons, I believe, of a winning record. Coach Biggs has been a great coach, they have a good team.”

After the Spartans’ 56-3 loss against No. 13 UCLA last Saturday, MacIntyre said the team is preparing for its next opponent by understanding what went wrong in last week’s game.

“We’ve got to get from our mistakes we make and correct some things we didn’t do the last time,” he said. “We’re not going to look at beating the University of California, Davis, as a simple task.”

“Last week it was a tough game for us,” Hunnsucker said. “We came out and played hard, but we just made mistakes here and there and playing a good team like Utah, they’re going to capitalize on those mistakes. So this week we really have to minimize those mistakes and execute to the best of our abilities.”

Hunnsucker, who previously served as running back, will be switched to safety for Saturday’s game, since the Spartans are dealing with the loss of senior safety Duke Ihenacho.

“Pretty much my whole career here I’ve been flipped around a lot, just according to the team, and this is a different position,” he said. “Coach has asked me to step up and play more than they have asked in the past. I’m excited about it.”

Returning this game will be senior offensive guard Ailaos Elpano, who has been out from an injury he suffered during the first game of the season.

“A couple of guys who were injured have more serious injuries — some got a few more,” Elpano said. “So I’m just thankful that I get the chance with our team to have a good opportunity to do that.”

Senior quarterback Jordan La Secla said the team is excited about playing a real competition, “we’re not trying to overachieve UC Davis, they’re a really good team,” Elpano said. “Coach is preaching to us — ‘It’s not what they do, it’s what we do.’ So right now, on both sides of the ball, with different guys stepping up, we’re trying to build up that swagger and come out here and compete. All we need is that chance. It’s all we can do.”

Senior safety Dominique Hunnsucker attempts to take down Alabama’s Trent Richardson during the Sept. 4 game in Tuscaloosa. Hunnsucker, who started as a running back, will be moved to safety in the Spartans’ Homecoming game against the UC Davis Aggies.

Mark Hubbard wins Mark Simpson Invitational golf tournament, men’s golf team takes fourth

Staff Report

In the first round of her college career, Tiffany Nichols led the SJSU women’s golf team by shooting one-under par. But like the rest of the team, her scores suffered the following two rounds because of what head coach John Dormann called, “a very difficult walking golf course, kind of side of a mountain type of thing.”

The Spartans finished 12th of 18 teams, “I think thinking set in for a lot of players,” Dormann said. “I think that pressure really shows the scores now for pretty much everybody over the second and third days.”

Nichols tied with junior Madeleine Zillmer at 230 for the tournament, good for 40th of 90 golfers. Junior Jedy Hino placed 61st with a score of 240 in three rounds.

“Nichols might have gotten a little head of herself after shooting 71 (in the first round),” MacIntyre said. “I thought she started thinking a little too much,” Dormann said.

He said the team has been struggling so far this season.

“We need to take advantage of our birdie opportunities, we need to make the birdie puts,” Dormann said. “We have to stop thinking about pressure. We need to aim at those two things out.”

SJSU made it in the NCAA National tournament last year, which he said means the team has a higher level of competition at tournaments this season.

“Our team is going to have to rise to the challenge,” the coach said.

Melissa Sable

Colorado air stifies women’s golf team in Golfweek Conference Challenge, finish 12th

Staff Report

For senior Mark Hubbard, a Denver, Colorado, native, the best part of winning the Mark Simpson Invitational in Eric, Colo., was playing for a home crowd.

“My dad, growing up, came to every one of my sporting events, and my mom too, but this was different — I grew up here,” he said. “That was the first time he had seen me play in college so it was super cool to do it in front of him.”

He finished 12th in the tournament, which was good for third individually. The two seniors led the team to fourth of 14 teams overall.

“Actually played pretty good, I wasn’t sure that our- ness was at all during the tournament,” he said. “I feel like the tournament was easier than prac- tice because I’ve been practicing at such a high level.”

Hubbard’s best hole of the tournament was in the second round, when he shot an eagle on the seventh hole — a hole after a double bogey. Hubbard birdied both holes one day one, and stroked for par on each in the third round.

“My coach was there to get me through the tough spots,” he said.

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SJSU Homecoming Events

**Sept. 30**

**Fire on the Fountain:** SJSU’s Homecoming Pep Rally
**Place:** Lower Lawn
**Time:** 6-11 p.m.

**Greek Week Service Day**
**Place:** N/A
**Time:** 8 a.m. -5 p.m.
**Place:** N/A

Oct. 1

**International Quiz**
**Place:** Borras Hall, Student Union
**Time:** 12:30-4 p.m.

Oct. 2

**Homecoming Pre-Game Party**
**Place:** East Field, Spartan Stadium
**Time:** 1-4:30 p.m.

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Oct. 3

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Oct. 4

**Greek Week Service Day**
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**Time:** 8 a.m. -5 p.m.
**Place:** N/A

Oct. 5

**Greek Week Service Day**
**Place:** N/A
**Time:** 8 a.m. -5 p.m.
**Place:** N/A

Opinion

JEN NOWELL

The intake of excessive amounts of caffeine from soda, energy drinks and diet pills have led one man to admit to a murder he now says he didn’t commit.

It took jurors only 1.5 hours of deliberation on Friday to reject Wood Will Smith’s claims of caffeine intoxication and to convict him of murder.

The jury convicted Smith and recommended a life sentence. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 20.

Smith’s attorney argued that his client had ingested so much caffeine that it left Smith temporarily insane and unable to consciously know what he was doing, let alone commit a crime such as murder.

Prosecutors, however, have said their expert witness can testify that Smith tested negative for having any diet pills or energy drinks in his system soon after the killing occurred.

But wait, this is not the first time the caffeine intoxication excuse has been put to use. In 2009, a man in Washington state was cleared of charges for running down two pedestrians with his car.

Each victim survived a broken leg but Daniel Noble of Idaho, aside one morning, left his house in his pajamas and slippers, went to Starbucks and downed two large coffees and then drove the eight miles to Hailey where the two men were hit.

There is a slight catch in the scenario, however — Noble was diagnosed with a rare form of delirium that is triggered by extremely large amounts of caffeine. Two large cups of Starbucks’ overly strong coffee will surely do the trick.

But back to the Smith case, Dr. Roland Griffiths, a behavioral biology professor at John Hopkins University, has stated that caffeine intoxication can cause nervousness, excitement, insomnia and rambling speech.

In the weeks prior to the killing, Smith said he hadn’t been sleeping, was downing five to six soft drinks and energy drinks a day and was taking diet pills.

He ingested more than 400 milligrams of caffeine a day, while the American Psychiatric Association defines an overdose as consuming more than 300 milligrams of caffeine a day.

Smith’s insomnia was apparently caused by his fear that his wife would take their two children and leave him. If you ask me, that sounds like more of a motive than some caffeine defense.

Smith strangled his wife with an extension cord, brand her with the same cord and used another electrical cord to strangle her hands.

All that work combined with the fear of losing his kids, and I am being told that he wasn’t aware of his actions.

Smith had a close personal relationship with his victims, while Noble’s was random.

I can believe Noble’s caffeine defense more than I can comprehend Smith’s.

If Smith had gotten off with his caffeine defense, next thing you know everyone would be using the too-much-caffeine defense, especially in today’s society where Starbucks’ coffee and No Fear energy drinks are running rampant among an overworked and overstressed population.

A day doesn’t go by on SJSU’s campus where I don’t see at least a dozen students with their hands on their faces. Just last week, the Monster energy drink truck was parked outside the Seventh Street parking garage, giving away free samples of its energy drink.

Are the people involved in the Smith case trying to tell me that the Monster Energy employees handing out free drinks are lending to society’s next crazed killer?

Look out college students, beware of any cars that are heading in your direction and quickly gaining speed, and double check your roommates’ electrical cords to make sure they haven’t gone missing.
A friend of mine who fell ill with all the symptoms of chicken pox in touch with me after years of no contact. He called me that nickname, and he been using it for six years — it had been the name of my band for many years before that.

One hot summer day, I was working on a very fast job, a 40-page job that a fellow got angry with and called my "pink-faced motherf**ker".

Sometimes my checkbook will be so sensitive that I'll stay that way for quite some time. Hot.

I've had a hard time feeling who I am, and maybe you're having a hard time feeling who you are. I was 15 at the time.

I remember being a kid and looking at my acne, and having tons of freckles across my nose and cheeks.
GO SPARTANS!