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Resident, guest registration meant to increase housing security

By Kyle Szymanski
Staff Writer

A new program implemented at SJSU restricts access to certain areas and requires dorm residents and guests to check in between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. with the hall desk, said a housing coordinator.

"Sometimes in the night, it is a little more lively than in the day," said Kevina Brown, community relations coordinator. "We tried to target those areas that had the most activity and kind of isolate those times."

All residents living in Campus Village Building C, Hoover Hall, Royce Hall, Washburn Hall and Joe West Hall are now required to verify residency and register their guests with picture identification between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., Brown said.

Students without a valid identification will not be allowed to enter, she said.

Freshman kinesiology major Koji Jagust, said he doesn't like the new program, because checking in creates long lines.

"It's time consuming to have to check in," Jagust said. "I mean, we live here. We should be able to walk in and out."

Stefan Indaco, a freshman computer engineering major, said he has experienced the changes and that they are not an inconvenience.

"I think it is a good thing for safety, so you don't have random people coming in," Indaco said.

The implemented program, which ran as a pilot program from February to the end of last semester at the Campus Village Suites, increased safety and security and was expanded to all first-year buildings this semester, Brown said.

University Police Department Sgt. Michael Santos said the new policy will increase safety in the dorms.

"The program ensures that only residents and their guests gain entry into the building," Santos said. "One of the biggest problems about security in housing is when nonresidents, who often have no business in the dorms, gain access by tailgating behind residents."

The housing safety program was expanded to include access changes to certain areas of the halls, Brown said.

Some of the changes for Joe West Hall include denying residents access to Joe West Hall or the live here.

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Trojans crush Spartans



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

SJSU cornerback Chris Hill is pushed to the ground while attempting to tackle USC tailback Allen Bradford during SJSU's 53-6 loss to the USC Trojans on Saturday afternoon at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. SJSU allowed 342 yards rushing with 6 of the 8 Trojan touchdowns coming on the ground.

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UPD urges students to sign up for Alert-SJSU in light of to Skyline College shooting

By Suzanne Yada
Staff Writer

The SJSU University Police Department is taking precautions in response to a shooting last week at a community college just 45 miles north of San Jose, Sgt. Michael Santos said.

An 18-year-old man was shot Sept. 2 at Skyline College's parking lot in San Bruno, according to an article by the Associated Press.

He was treated in a hospital and released, the article stated.

Three men were arrested in connection to the shooting, but police said the motives were unclear and that it was an isolated incident, according to the article.

"I don't know what happened, if the shooting was gang-related," said Roshan Kika, a junior mechanical engineering major at SJSU. "But hopefully on this campus the police would know what to do in that situation."

Santos said that campus police review protocols any time there is a school shooting.

"If you don't review scenarios in your head, and you just try to wing it most of the time, it's not

going to be very effective," Santos said.

Police would respond differently depending on the known details at the time, Santos said, but standard protocols include securing the scene first, calling for backup if needed from other public safety agencies, and evacuating students from the classroom — typically with their hands in the air.

"We need to know you're not a threat," Santos said, "you're not the one going around shooting people."

Page 16 of the UPD's Annual Safety Report and Crime Statistics pamphlet contains a list of tips for students and faculty to know should there be an emergency, Santos said.

Santos said UPD has emergency response training programs in place and that the department has already led 25 to 40 sessions throughout the past year.

Santos said those training programs are available to any group on campus.

UPD is also planning a joint exercise with the San Jose Police Department, though no date has been set, Santos said.



[Joe Proudman / Spartan Daily Archives]

University Police officers enter MacQuarrie Hall during an active shooter simulation in April 2008.

Alert systems

Another part of UPD protocol in an emergency is to issue an alert to students and faculty, Santos said.

Skyline used a school-wide alert system after the shooting that notified students via e-mail and text about the school shooting, Santos said.

SJSU has a similar program in

place called Alert-SJSU, but only 17,000 students have signed up for it, about half of the student population, Santos said.

To sign up, students can log into MySJSU and click on the Alert-SJSU link in the left column, according to SJSU's Web site.

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Disabled student services face decline in support services

By Kyle Szymanski
Staff Writer

Fall '09 semester
budget crisis

The \$141,000 budget reduction made to the Disability Resource Center this school year will have painful effects on the estimated 13,000 disabled students who attend SJSU, its director said.

"It's going to have a huge effect on students with disabilities, because our numbers have been growing over the last five years," said Martin Schuller, director of the Disability Resource Center.

The center reduced the weekly operating hours of its testing facility by 37 hours and its academic lab by 41 hours despite serving the same number of students, Schuller said.

Soledad Rosas, a sophomore journalism major and president of the SJSU chapter of the Disabled Students Association, said the cuts are going to be especially difficult on those with disabilities.

"I am frustrated that they have to cut down the services, because people with disabilities are people with greater needs," Rosas said.

During peak testing periods, such as the week of finals, faculty members may be asked to accommodate disabled students in their offices or change the dates of tests,

Schuller said.

"I think this is a time for all the faculty, staff and administrators to work together the best they can," Schuller said. "The students are why we are here, and they are hurting."

All Disability Resource Center student services are now closed between noon and 1 p.m. daily and twice a month on furlough days.

The Disability Resource Center's Adaptive Technology Center, which is outfitted with specially designed computer hardware and software for disabled students on the second floor of Dr. Martin Luther King Library, now closes at 4:45 p.m. and is no longer open on weekends.

Senior English major Eleanor Lovinfosse said the equipment the Adaptive Technology Center provides is essential to student success.

"The Disability Resource Center is really important," Lovinfosse said. "The budget cuts are especially difficult for students who use the speaking computer programs."

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POETRY SERIES: Musician Jonah Johnson performs during the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center Word! Poetry Series on Thursday at the Market Cafe. See an audio slideshow of the event at spartandailyphoto.wordpress.com.

Whitmore challenges SJSU to lighten its environmental footprint

By My Nguyen
Staff Writer

A new initiative has been implemented that could potentially make SJSU one of the greenest and most sustainability conscious universities in California, according to a news release sent out by President Jon Whitmore on Aug. 25, 2009.

The Ecological Footprint Challenge is a new program at SJSU that will measure the amount of land needed to support our lifestyles, said Director of Sustainability Katherine Cushing.

Junior kinesiology major Jessica Yusico said the challenge will be a great opportunity for people to truly realize their ecological impact.

"It puts it in perspective for the individual to see their own impact," Yusico said. "Once you find out what you're doing wrong and how you're doing it, you can then fix it and spread the word."

The challenge will start in October and end in March. The

university will ask students, staff and faculty to take an online ecological footprint quiz, Cushing said.

The quiz will ask questions regarding the size of your home, energy sources used in your home and the number of miles you travel per year by automobile, according to the quiz.

In March, everyone will be asked to retake the footprint quiz, Cushing said.

Everyone who takes the quiz will be provided with mechanisms to create a plan to reduce his or her footprint through the school year, Cushing said.

The goal of the program is to reduce the school's impact by 10 percent come May, according to the news release.

Cushing said this is possible — especially if people take the ecological footprint quiz online.

In October, there will be a random drawing for those who took the footprint quiz. Winners can choose from a solar charging device or a \$100 gift card to the bookstore, Cushing said.

In March, student, faculty

and staff winners will be announced, Cushing said.

"The criteria for selection will be having the small ecological footprint or having reduced your footprint by the greatest percentage over the year," Cushing said.

The winner will be able to choose from three ecologically-minded prizes — a six-speed folding bicycle, a netbook or an e-book reader, Cushing said.

Julia Kamaroff, co-president of the Environmental Club, said the initiative will be an eye-opening experience that will encourage students to make changes to their lifestyle in order to reduce their impact on the earth.

She also said being sustainability-conscious will save students money.

"There is an environmental impact on your actions, as well as an economical impact," Kamaroff said. "There is definitely an economical advantage to most environmental changes to your lives."

According to Whitmore's

news release, the initiative can save the school money if it is successful.

"Studies have shown that the biggest resource used on most campuses is paper," Cushing said. "If we can reduce the usage by 30 percent, we can save thousands of dollars."

Students can reduce their impact on the earth by using alternative transportation, Cushing said.

Students can carpool, use public transportation and arrange their classes so they don't have to drive as much, she said.

Cushing also said she encourages students to take classes on sustainability.

SJSU offers classes such as climate change, green chemistry and solar home design, she said.

Jessica Yusico said she's an advocate for sustainability, and that she uses her Eco Pass and recycles whenever she can.

"I fill up a water bottle instead of buying more or separating plastic from paper," Yusico said. "It's really the little things that go a long way."

Ecological Footprint Challenge – Themes for each month

October – Theme: Energy & Transportation
The Ecological Footprint Challenge will start in October. All students, faculty and staff will be invited to enter into a competition to learn how much productive land is required to support their lifestyle. People will take the ecological footprint quiz online (<http://www.myfootprint.org/>) during the month of October.

November – Theme: Food
There will be a workshop featuring an organic food vs. conventional food taste test. Attendees will receive a bag of organic groceries to take home and eat that day.

December – Theme: Sustainable Economics
This workshop will provide people with information on alternative holiday gifts and the role that consumption plays in impacting the Earth's natural resources.

February – Theme: Water
There will be a workshop featuring bottled water vs. tap water taste test.

March – Theme: Social Equity
All students, faculty and staff will be asked to go online and retake the ecological footprint quiz.

[According to Katherine Cushing]

BUDGET

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The Disability Resource Center also lost dozens of student and staff members because of budget cuts, Schuler said.

Student workers served as test proctors, readers, lab assistants and scribes, Schuler said.

The number of students who served as office assistants was cut from seven or eight to two, he said.

Collectively, the 60 or 70 Disability Resource Center student workers outnumbered the 52 part-time and full-time center staff members last year, Schuler said.

"Without the student army, the center can't be open as many hours, so it is a very huge hit," Schuler said.

A \$46,000 reduction in the operating and expense budget means the center will have to forgo getting new computers and adaptive equipment, Schuler said.

Yaseen Matos, a junior health science major, said the closure is a real inconvenience for students because the Adaptive Technology Center is specially designed with equipment that cannot be found anywhere else.

"By cutting these hours, students aren't going to get the necessary resources they need," Matos said.

Schuler said that all essen-

tial services will continue to be offered to disabled students despite the budget reduction.

Schuler said it's very important for students to plan counseling appointments early and exercise patience.

"They need to be aware of their disability needs," Schuler said. "We will be there to see you, but don't expect it to be immediate. In other words, if you are having problems in a class, don't wait for it to be a crisis."

"Come set up an appointment, which could take a week or two, but get it moving."

Rosas said she has already experienced increased waiting times during drop-in counseling hours to set up her disability accommodations.

"I was in there for about an hour and 50 minutes," Rosas said.

Rosas said she is trying to use the budget reductions as a life lesson in the importance of communicating and learning to solve problems with limited resources.

"In our community at San Jose State, it forces us to think of different ways to solve our problems — to teach, to learn, to gather information," Rosas said. "We have to continue to run the programs that we have even under minimal resources, because we can't just cut out these programs during this budget crisis."

"We need to keep going and we need to stay alive."

Project tells the digital story of Latino culture

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

Students and members of the community gathered Wednesday night on campus to watch personal stories of triumph as part of the Latino Digital Storytelling Project.

One of the stories was that of Maria Perez, a first generation ex-gang member. Her story described life growing up in the East Side of San Jose and the shooting of her now deceased father.

"Every time I tell the story I think it brings back the reality — after 27 years, you're still far removed from the pain," Perez said. "Telling the story, you relive some of the memories — I lost my father three years ago, so to still talk about my dad it was hard."

Nine of the 12 documentaries were featured at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library as part of the California of the Past Digital Storytelling grant project. The grant is funded by California State Library and was put in place to preserve and share the memories of the communities.

Perez said she now advocates change and counsels others on how gangs and drugs impact families.

"It has been my passion to reach out to the gang members, to hurting families, to the addicted, to those that are lost," Perez said. "Just to be able to convey the hope, that if I made it, you can make it."

Another storyteller, Arturo Villarreal, narrated San Jose Lowrider Culture, (a Chicano automobile movement that dates back to the 1940s). Villarreal was one of Krystel Concepcion's Ethnic Studies teachers at Evergreen Community College.

"He didn't really talk about

that in class," Concepcion said. "It's a different view of everything, because you usually think the whole Cholo, Chola thing is a negative thing, but when they break it down into the Low Rider lifestyle it's cool to see that."

Ten libraries were chosen to receive funds, said Stacy Mueller, the California Room's lead librarian.

"If we got the grant, we'd have the opportunity to record our own history of the people who lived here, the people who spent their lives here, and remember what it was like 20, 30, 40 — beyond years ago," Mueller said.

"We were really hopeful to get the grant, and we're just thrilled we did it's a wonderful opportunity for the people who live here."

The stories were randomly split into two categories — documents of San Jose history and personal stories of triumph, Mueller said.

The California of the Past Digital Storytelling Project isn't yielded specifically to the Latino Community. The second phase of the project is open to anybody who lives, or works, in San Jose, and members of the collaboration have already begun the process.

"For the first phase of our project, we chose specifically the Latino community in San Jose, because we thought it was so important and made up so much of the makeup of the community, and we really wanted to tap into that," said Laura Hammond, a graduate student intern for the Digital Storytelling Project.

The grant funds \$15,000 for the project and is split into two phases. All the materials needed to turn stories into their digital formats are included in the grant, Mueller said.



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Junior business major John Naddy waits in the Disability Resource Center office for an appointment Tuesday afternoon.



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Angela and Eduardo dance in the cultural heritage center on the fifth floor of Dr. Martin Luther King Library.

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Mosaic's poetry series provides a forum for personal expression

By Regina Aquino
Staff Writer

About 50 people witnessed poets, musicians, and comedians at Mosaic Cross Cultural Center's first WORD! Poetry Series at the Market Cafe on Thursday.

Yuliana Andrukhi, a senior psychology major who attended the event, said the poetry series grabbed her attention while she

was at the Market Cafe.

"I didn't know this was going on, and I just decided to come by," she said. "I didn't know we had this on campus, so this is my first time here. I think that it's great that we have this."

"People can come in and express their ideas, their poetry, and what they have to say about things that are going on."

Fernando Marquez, a senior

political science major who performed a spoken word piece, said he is looking forward to seeing new talent at the next event.

"I'm happy with the turnout tonight," he said. "There's a lot of talent on campus, a lot of talent. There's lyricists, poets, storytellers, musicians."

"You never know who might be sitting next to you in class — they might rip a verse or might be

able to play the violin."

Serry Dumbuya, a senior political science major, said he didn't agree with some of the political and social content mentioned in the performances.

"It's good when people express themselves ... It's always a healthy environment, even if you disagree or agree with them," he said.

Sophomore English major Katrina Swanson said this poetry

series was a return to a familiar environment.

"This program is so awesome," she said. "I've been here before, last year, and I'm really excited to see where it's gonna go. I know Mosaic is really good about expressing diversity."

"They have so many different voices from different groups, and it's so interesting to hear everybody in our community, and not

just from your usual writer kind of types."

According to its Web site, Mosaic honors and celebrates diversity and the WORD! Poetry Series aims to showcase local talent "with an array of different flavors."

WORD! Poetry Series is held on the first Thursday of the month at the Market Cafe, according to the San Jose State Events Web site.

Campus Images



[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Dan Tran, a junior graphic design and marketing major, and Elizabeth Jewett, a junior pre nursing major, dance to represent the Ballroom Spartan's Dance Team at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Wednesday. The group meets every Wednesday at the Event Center from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



[Dave Cabebe / Spartan Daily]

Jonah Johnson, a former SJSU student who is on hiatus to pursue a career in music, performs one of his songs a cappella during the Mosaic Word Poetry Series at the Market Cafe on Thursday.

Workshop aims to help students talk about sex

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

Peer Health Education held its first workshop Tuesday, where 25 students discussed ways to communicate about sex.

Melinda Chu-Yang, a health educator at the Student Health Center, said the three goals of the workshop were for students to learn how to have a healthy relationship, how to communicate effectively with their partner and to understand that everyone's idea of sex is different.

"If you can't talk about sex, you shouldn't be doing it," Chu-Yang said.

Chu-Yang started the workshop with an ice-breaking activity — the class was split into four groups, and every group was giv-

en a reproductive body part.

The groups then came up with a commonly used phrase for each topic using common words that are regularly heard on campus, such as glove or Johnson.

Undeclared freshman Alvanny Guerra said she felt the workshop has helped her become more comfortable and open about discussing sex with her peers.

"I now feel like I can teach others the importance of safe sex and communication," she said.

Chu-Yang talked about how society obtains most of its sexual knowledge from the media.

Chu-Yang also discussed the five rules of relationships, which she said are boundaries, equality, communication, self-esteem and trust.

She said being vulnerable in a

relationship is OK.

"If you can't trust your partner, then the relationship cannot grow," she said.

Chu-Yang said having boundaries in a relationship can help a couple understand what they want from each other.

"Silence does not equal consent," Chu-Yang said.

She said that students need to become more comfortable talking about sex in relationships, and that they need to become more open to discussing sex with their peers.

She also said it could reduce negative, physical and emotional consequences.

Freshman history major Michelle Sohnlein said, "I learned it's alright to talk about sex and that it's not taboo."

Chu-Yang said talking about sex can lead to a more positive sexual experience.

She also said that a couple needs to find out whether they are being monogamous with each other, especially when it comes to getting tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"HIV will not show up in a blood test until six months after having sex," she said. "The health center gives away free condoms and free HIV testing if students meet with a counselor."

Chu-Yang ended the workshop by saying no relationship is perfect.

SHOOTING

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Lt. Frank Belcastro said SJSU's students should sign up for all three of the alert options—e-mail, text and voice mail.

"Don't sign up for text only, because text is limited," Belcastro said. "Some service providers may delay messages from a half-hour to an hour. Sometimes they cut the message in half. But voice is instantaneous."

Belcastro also said some mobile companies may flag SJSU's mass texts as spam, but e-mail and voicemail are more reliable.

Prateek Gupta, a junior electrical engineering major, said he signed up for the alerts.

"I think it's a good system," he said. "It lets you know what's going on if you're on campus, or in the library, or anywhere you are."

Erik Cutshaw, a senior business management major, said he hasn't heard of the Alert-SJSU system.

"I never really cared or paid attention to it," he said. But Kika said it's important for students to be notified in case an emergency on campus.

"I hope it doesn't happen here," Kika said. "You wouldn't want that to happen to anyone."



[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Ian Thorp, a freshman mechanical engineering major, Jonathan Nangle, a freshman sociology major, and Marcia Truong, an undeclared freshman, grab free condoms at the "Let's Talk About Sex Workshop" at the Student Health Center on Tuesday.

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Buddhist Lecture: Dreams and Reality 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Costanoan Room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Michelle at myoung430@gmail.com.

Center for Community Learning and Leadership 10 a.m to 1:30 p.m. at the Seventh Street plaza. For more information, contact Jeanette at jeanette.ramos@sjsu.edu.

Time Management at 3 p.m. at Clark 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

Tomorrow

Bible Study 7 p.m. at the Guadalupe Room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Stephen Hoang at A2CF_President@yahoo.com

Brown Bag Lunch with Dick Tomey 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater. Participate in the question and answer session with football coach Dick Tomey. Coach Tomey will preview the upcoming home opener against Utah. For more information, contact Lisa Vlay at lisa.vlay@sjsu.edu.

Friday 11

Adventure Race 2009: Pillage and Plunder Each team will be faced with different physical challenges and brain puzzles throughout the SJSU campus. This event is free for student teams of four and \$20 for faculty and staff teams. Team leaders should visit the second floor of Building BB before Sept. 8 to sign up their group. For more information, visit as.sjsu.edu/ascr, contact 408-924-6218.

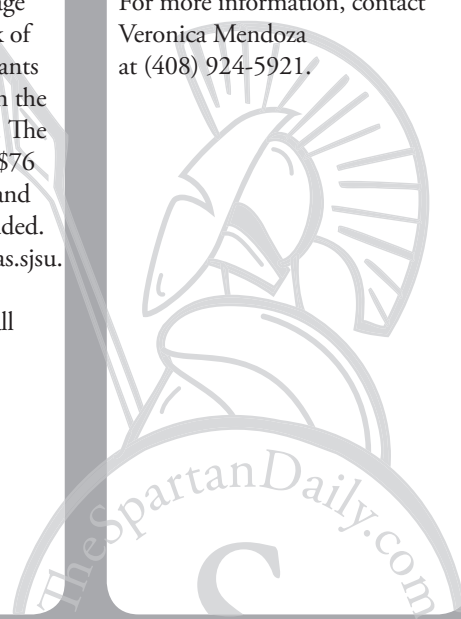
Raising GPAs 1:30 p.m. at Clark 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at (408) 924-5921.

Saturday 12

White Water Rafting. Students, faculty and staff are invited to join the upcoming White Water Rafting Adventure. The voyage takes place at the South Fork of the American River. Participants need to sign up by Sept. 9 on the second floor of Building BB. The cost is \$64 for students and \$76 for faculty and staff. Lunch and needed supplies will be included. For more information, visit as.sjsu.edu/ascr or contact Kristine Kirkendall at (408) 924-6218 or kirkendall@as.sjsu.edu.

Tuesday 15

All You Ever Wanted To Know, But Were Afraid To Ask About College 2 p.m. at Clark 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at (408) 924-5921.



SJSU Studies in American Language receives commission's accreditation

By Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

The SJSU Studies in American Language program received Commission on English Language Program Accreditation during a two-day meeting on Aug. 7-8, said a program coordinator.

Kim Chavis, the Studies in American Language Program Coordinator, said students come from all over the world to the Studies in American Language Program to learn English.

She said most students have the goal of going onto community college, SJSU as an undergraduate or graduate student, while some attend for their own professional reasons.

To earn this accreditation, Chavis submitted a written report about three binders long, and then went through a site visit, where volunteer teachers came to see if the needs of the students, teachers and staff were being met, Chavis said.

"We are already (members of) two organizations, and we wanted to go towards this third level because it's a more prestigious kind of accreditation," Chavis said. "It is accepted by the U.S. Department of Education."

Jay Park, a Studies in American Language student from South Korea, said the program is well-known in his country.

"(SAL) is the best language school — it is very famous in my country," he said. "Everybody recommends to me if you want to study English you should go there."

Chavis said there are about 70 language schools in the world that have this program, and SJSU is now the fifth language school in California with this designation.

"Some countries around the world will only send their students to this type of accredited program — particularly government scholarship countries will only send according to this level of accreditation," Chavis said.

Mina Weng, a Studies in American Language student from China, said there is a lot of homework and there are many activities in the program, but it

helps students learn English.

Weng said students' work involves preparation of presentations, research on the Internet and interviewing Americans about American culture, Weng said.

"I want to study some cooking skills, but it requires a TOEFL score," Weng said.

Marianne Wheeler, the Studies in American Language Academic Coordinator, said every international student must achieve a certain score on the Test of English Foreign Language in order to get into a university if they haven't gone to high school in the states, so it's crucial.

Firat Sekerli, a Studies in American Language student from Turkey, said that at the beginning of this semester, he realized how much his English skills had improved since he had started the program in the fall semester of 2008.

"When I came here I couldn't speak anything," he said. "(At the) beginning of this semester, I gave a speech to new students. So it was very amazing for me, because I didn't give a speech in front of people in Turkey in Turkish. It was first time to talk (in front of) people in English."

Sekerli said he has also seen himself improve in other ways.

"When I go to the store or when I go to the bars I can communicate with people, and I can start communications," he said. "We learn how to communicate with people and how to start conversations like, 'hi how are you?' and talking about interests."

Sherry Tseng, a Studies in American Language student from Taiwan, said she came here to learn English, but ended up learning more than just the language.

"In my country we don't need to say our opinion or our thinking to much," she said. "I learned how to express myself, and I think this will be useful for my job in the future, because I am a translator."

MinJung Chang, a Studies in American Language student from Korea, said she saw herself improve after she started the



[Photo courtesy of Parjinder Pannu]

Kim Chavis, Studies in American Language Program coordinator, shares a laugh with students in class.

program. "After I come to America, I couldn't order anything (at restaurants)," she said. "Now I can sometimes, I speak more to new students, so this is good for me."

Wheeler said there are extracurricular activities the students can participate in, such as Conversation Club, Language Exchange Partners, Film Club and Volunteer Club.

"For advanced-level students, we have a program called Semester at San Jose State," Wheeler said. "Within their 20 hours, students can drop one of their courses here that they don't need, and then take a course at San Jose State, and we help them enroll, and they pay the difference."

Sekerli said, "This is the advantage of SAL, cause of the connection with SJSU, you can experience the college life at the same time while you are learning English."

To keep the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, it will have to continue to be renewed every few years, Chavis said.

"We have to continue to write reports, and continue to be reviewed to make sure that we can have the same level of standards for the years to come," Chavis said.

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Concert Chronicles: Evolver World Tour

Audience gets lifted by a legendary concert

By Allie Figures
Staff Writer

The self-proclaimed ordinary person, singer John Legend more than lived up to his name, delivering a strong performance to a full crowd Sunday night at the Greek Amphitheater in Berkeley.

Men and women, young and old from all backgrounds were packed into the outdoor venue to be a part of the latest stop of the Evolver World Tour.

Opening act, India Arie, touched the audience with her music, which she describes as a prayer used to evoke healing and empowerment to all people.

She presented each of her songs with a brief anecdote and gracefully moved about onstage in her vibrant, patterned dresses and delicate scarves.

Her broad musical talent was displayed when she sat down at the keyboard during one song and picked up her flute for another song. During her most

popular song, "I Am Not My Hair," she surprised unsuspecting fans by throwing off a long wig she had been wearing the entire show in physical example of the lyrics, "I am not my hair / I am not this skin / I am a soul that lives within."

In the final appearance on the tour, Arie and her band received a well-deserved standing ovation in the Greek Amphitheater — definitely proving her star quality as more than simply an opening act.

But no star could outshine Legend in the darkened theater, when he surprised the audience by making his first appearance of the night in the middle of the crowd, singing his chart-topping song, "Ordinary People."

During this particular show, live DVD footage was recorded and fans were to abide by a strict "no camera" rule.

But as soon as Legend took the spotlight, every camera-toting fan flooded the scene



[Photo courtesy of artist official Web site]

John Legend performing in Pennsylvania in 2008.

with flashes. And, consequently, I was the only one in my entire section scolded by an irritated rental cop.

Not even a slap on the wrist could ruin my experience, as the excitement and energy Legend evoked swelled in the crowd around me.

Almost every fan stood up to "holler" during up-tempo songs with Legend as he sang his latest and greatest including "Used to Love U," "Save Room" and "Green Light."

True to Legend's style, he slowed down the show with provoking love songs. The crowd sat entranced during "Everybody Knows," Legend's latest breakup song that pulls heartstrings with words such as "I still can't believe you found somebody new / But I wish you the best, I guess."

For the song, "Slow Dance," one lucky woman became the envy of all as Legend pulled her onstage to get up close and personal in his arms.

During the two final songs, a couple of rebellious fans somehow slipped past security and ran across the stage to get their piece of Legend before being forcefully escorted away by security. Legend responded by saying, "They just wanted to be on the DVD."

After the show, Legend posted to Twitter, "Deleted the tweets about tonight's incident. Figured the perpetrators don't need any more shine. They did f' up my taping and it wasn't cool."

For a moment, it was an amazing experience to "get lifted" and escape into la-la-land with Legend. To sit back and see the man behind the smooth and soulful voice — singing of love and longing and every fantastical thing a girl wants to hear. Too bad it only lasted for one night.

Until next time, Mr. Legend, and maybe I will be the one chosen to slow dance, or the one to shimmy past security and lay a fat one on those lips.

Drink of the Week: Jones Soda



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

It's sweet, it's tasty and it comes in flavors such as raspberry and watermelon.

Yes! You guessed it — Jones Soda. If you love soft drinks and

cool labels, this is definitely the beverage for you.

When I first tried Jones Soda, I was 12 years old. I remember looking at the soda in the grocery store and immediately being drawn to the attractiveness of the bottle, aside from the

The perfect drink when 'jonesin' for a cold one

great taste. It comes in two of my favorite flavors, cherry and lemon lime.

The soda is refreshing and has a little bit of spice to it without the weird aftertaste.

The Jones Cherry is really sweet and is definitely for sugar lovers only, but nothing beats lemon lime, which goes down smoothly without the acid feeling in your stomach.

I was mostly interested in the cool pictures on the front of the bottle. The photos, black and white, are of interesting people and places, which is the best feature of the soft drink.

On the Jones Soda Web site, there is an ongoing contest that anyone can enter. The winner gets his or her photo on the famous Jones bottle.

It's interesting to look at the labels and connect a story to the photo. It could be something as simple as a man riding a motorcycle to a picture of a 1960s convertible that can make soft drink all the more appealing.

What's unique about Jones Soda is that sometimes it has creative themes for the flavors the company releases.

In 2009, to honor Barack Obama's inauguration, Jones released the Orange "You glad for change" colored cola that is available on its Web site. How

rare is it that you find a soda that is not only great tasting but also encourages youth to be supportive in a presidential campaign?

Right now, the company has an ad campaign called "Keeping it real," which means that Jones Soda uses high percentages of recycled materials in its containers.

This will hopefully result in more people going green and recycling as much as possible.

In addition to going green in San Francisco, Jones Organics has also been awarded "Best in the Aisle" by Gourmet Retailer in the 2005 Winter Fancy Food Show.

Jones Company released flavors some people might think

are impossible, such as jelly doughnut and applesauce.

Jones Soda also comes in sugar-free flavors such as green apple and root beer, just to name a few. Some of the flavors that are sugar free are not always available in stores, but you have the option of ordering it online.

I remember looking at the soda ... and immediately being drawn to the attractiveness ...

Normally, I can find other flavors, such as bubble gum or orange and cream in stores, but on the Web site they have flavors such as pineapple and cherry

pie soda, that was released in 2006, in its special anniversary pack promotion.

Jones might be the underdog when it comes to its competitors such as Coca-Cola or Sprite, but it's never-ending, changing flavors and unique bottle design gives it a leg up in the creative department. This drink is great if you're in the mood for something sweet and flavorsome.

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Trojans run away with victory

By Joey Akeley
Sports Editor

It took the Trojans an entire quarter to get their engine started.

But once they did, it was off to the races for USC in Saturday's win over SJSU.

The Trojans rushed for 90 yards and four touchdowns in the second quarter alone en route to a 56-3 drubbing of the Spartans at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

"For a while it looked like we could compete but obviously that was an illusion, because in the final analysis they were much better," said head coach Dick Tomey.

The Spartans held the Trojans scoreless in all five of their first quarter possessions.

"We had some bumpy first drives, but we put it behind us," said USC freshman quarterback Matt Barkley.

SJSU could only cash in on a Tyler Cope 41-yard field goal to take the lead.

When the second quarter began, the Trojans attack hit a new gear.

Barkley completed two passes for 21 yards and running back Joe McKnight rushed four times for 18 yards, giving the Trojans a first and goal at the 4-yard line.

From there, running back Stefan Johnson sprinted up the middle untouched for a touchdown, giving the Trojans the lead.

SJSU answered with a 28-yard drive that ended with a Patrick Perry fumble after he picked up a first down.

"That was obviously a huge play, because we had a first down," Tomey said.

After the fumble, Barkley completed two consecutive passes to Damian Williams that combined for 50 yards, and Johnson finished the drive with a two-yard touchdown, and the route was on.

Allen Bradford's 43-yard touchdown run two-and-a-half minutes later gave the Trojans an 18-point lead, and McKnight's 6-yard score with 23 seconds left in the half provided USC with a

28-3 halftime lead.

"Some of us got winded in the second quarter," said linebacker Travis Jones. "But that shouldn't matter."

Joe McKnight rushed for 145 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yard touchdown run on the third play of the second half in which the Spartans' defense missed several open-field tackles.

Tomey said the Spartans open-field tackling for the game was "horrendous."

USC took a 42-3 lead on Barkley's first career touchdown pass — a 5-yard pass to Rhett Ellison. Barkley was 6 for 6 with 93 yards passing on USC's sixth touchdown drive.

The Trojans' defense had 16 tackles for loss and held the Spartans to nine rushing yards. The Spartans started Kyle Reed at quarterback, and he threw for 44 yards in the first quarter.

Jordan La Secla played the entire second quarter at quarterback and threw for 43 yards, including a 29-yard pass to Kevin Jurovich with two seconds to go in the half.

Jurovich led the Spartans with five receptions and 64 yards receiving.

The Spartans would only gain four yards in the second half.



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Top: USC running back Allen Bradford, No. 21, stiff-arms Spartan cornerback Chris Hill, No. 29, during Saturday's loss to USC at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.



Right: Spartan running back Patrick Perry, No. 21, tries to run by USC safety Eric Robertson as SJSU wide receiver Marquis Avery, No. 9, attempts to block Robertson.

"I hate to go through something like that but sometimes it is necessary to get better."
Dick Tomey
Football head coach

"I hate to go through something like that, but sometimes it is necessary to get better," Tomey said. "I said to our players that I much rather have that happen first game of the season than beat somebody that can't play 30-0 and build a false sense of security."

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Reed said the USC defense had great team speed.

"There really fast, in all areas — d-line, linebackers and secondary," Reed said. "So, like I said, this is a great learning experience for us and this will probably be the best competition we will see all year."

USC rushed for 342 yards and out gained the Spartans by 499 yards.

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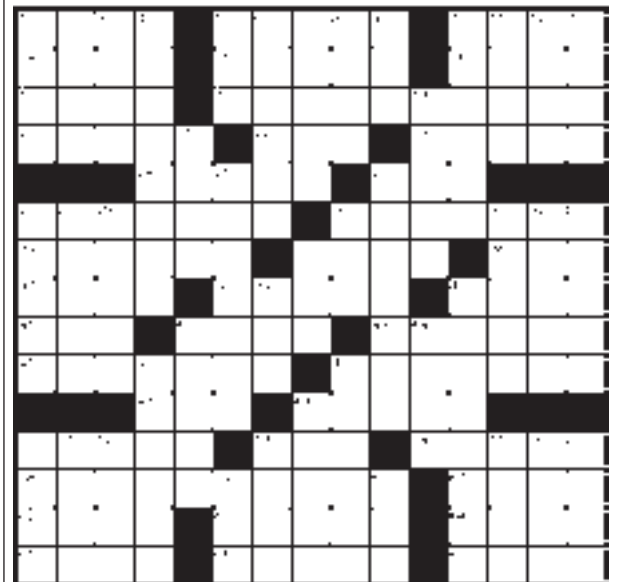
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Talk it over — solving problems without guns



Kyle Szymanski
Staff Writer

In honor of the fact that September is World Peace Month, can someone please explain something to me? What is the purpose of war? What is it good for? It makes no sense to me that a world that preaches peace settles its problems by fighting. Why do countries drop bombs when words will do, and hurt a lot less? Looking at war with common sense alone, and putting politics aside, it is unconscionable to me how anyone can believe that any-

thing good can come out of death and destruction. Take, for example, the two wars the U.S. is currently fighting. Let's begin with the one in Afghanistan. To this day, 816 U.S. soldiers have died in war, according to the Casualties Web site. The numbers are no better when looking at the statistics from the war in Iraq. In this supposedly purposeful war, 4,339 U.S. soldiers have died, according to the Associated Press.

Civilian deaths from the two wars combined are unknown, but reach into the hundreds of thousands. When soldiers or civilians are killed, it leaves their families with an irreplaceable absence in their hearts — an absence that feels like it was torn from their chests with a scalpel without the aid of painkillers. Hello, world leaders? Is it that hard to use diplomacy instead of violence to solve problems? Those lucky enough not to arrive home in a flag-draped coffin are sometimes so psychologically scarred that death seems like the only option. Take, for example, the story of Sgt. Jacob Blaylock of the 145th Transportation Company. He committed suicide in 2007, just months after returning home from his tour in Iraq, according to The New York Times. Blaylock's suicide was just the beginning of a devastating period for the 145th Transportation Company. Throughout the next year, three more members took their own lives, according to The New York Times. Other servicemen return home carrying obvious evidence of their time spent in war — scars, missing limbs and dented skulls. According to the American Free Press, from World War II to present, there have been 612,875 American casualties of war and 928,900 who have returned home from war with scars from the battlefield. When it comes to war, no matter who is involved or where it takes place, only one unmistakable thought rattles around my head — what keeps two disgruntled parties from meeting at a table instead of in an arena that precipitates death? Nothing, really. Not only would a civilized meeting save lives, it would save money. To this day, \$915.1 billion has been spent by the U.S. just on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Think about it, a small fraction of that ridiculous amount of money could alleviate all the budget problems we face here at SJSU — or go toward actually helping people instead of killing them. Hello, world leaders? Is it that hard to use diplomacy instead of violence to solve problems? Didn't you go to kindergarten, where they taught you to keep your hands to yourself? Were you not told to "do unto others as they do unto you?" I am not going to pretend I know how to solve all the world's problems. That is the work of experts who are highly educated and get paid lots of money to take the perceived correct action in the interest of the people. However, I have to wonder if the people running this world are lacking what no college education can provide — innate common sense. Kyle Szymanski is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Ruminations

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The cutting edge can turn dull all too quickly.

Dealing with the never-ending cycle of 'techno-stress'



Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

Cell phones, laptops, cameras and iPods — my bank account and I can no longer keep up with the new versions of these that seem to come out monthly. This past weekend, I had to purchase a new camera for a class, because my old camera decided it didn't want to work anymore. I also need to start thinking about getting a phone with Internet capabilities, so I can respond to e-mails throughout the day without having to lug around my ancient laptop. I've heard the BlackBerry Tour is nice, but I'm afraid if I get the Tour, they might come out with a better version of the BlackBerry Storm. All of these thoughts bring me back to a term I learned in a stress management class a few years ago — "techno-stress." The term de-

scribes the stress associated with having to keep up with or learn new technology. It's exciting to get a new BlackBerry or iPod, but the truth is, it is just too expensive to keep up. Even though everyone is paying more for tuition, and the economy sucks in general, the evolving technology is not going to slow down. As I write this, my boyfriend's laptop — that has been giving him trouble the last few months with the screen not working — finally died. Now he is stressed about finding the funds for a new laptop. "Techno-stress" isn't just about buying the new technology — it's about how technology makes a person constantly available. When I wake up in the morning I have a few text messages to answer, and an average of 10 e-mails to sort through. Usually three or four are important and need an immediate response, a few are junk and a few are spam. It takes time to keep up with all the different forms of communication, especially when you're available 24 hours through three different portals. The Web site Ezine Articles suggests a few tips on how to avoid getting lost in the world of technology. It is a never-ending cycle — get up, check text messages, check e-mails, check Facebook, respond, sign out and repeat. One rule the Web site suggests is to research before you buy new equipment, and to make sure you really need a new item — the old item might still be sufficient. That wasn't the case for my camera, but I can take that advice for when I look for a new phone.

The Web site also suggests setting time limits for Internet use and e-mail checking. I can see how these rules would help, but as a student I feel like I need to constantly check my e-mail in case that person from my group project responded, or my professor sent that assignment or maybe whether I got that add code for that class. And it gets worse. If that person from my group project didn't send me an e-mail, they might have sent me a message on Facebook. Then I go to my Facebook page, but I almost forgot to check my inbox because I get distracted by everyone's updates on my home page. It is a never-ending cycle — get up, check text messages, check e-mails, check Facebook, respond, sign out and repeat. For now I will have to just put up with the ever increasing "techno-stress." Jennifer Hadley is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Overcoming birth order expectations



Allie Figures
Figures It Out

I should have been born first — or maybe it is the Jan Brady in me talking. I am the middle child sandwiched between two sisters. Being that my older sister has nine years on me, she had a strong influence on my upbringing. And being that I am only three years older than my little sister, I had no such responsibility ... or so I thought. The oldest child tends to get more individual time and attention from parents and family, develops greater language skills and is often counted on as the responsible child. According to a 2007 Norwegian study, the oldest child is usually found to be smarter — with an IQ three points higher than younger siblings. The youngest is usually the most spoiled as the baby of the

family. Less is expected from the youngest as parents strive to keep them babies as long as possible. Then there is the estranged middle child. According to common birth order theories, the middle child is always playing catch up to the eldest, always being overlooked and never feeling loved enough. We are always seeking attention and approval in unhealthy ways. Marcia, Marcia, Marcia! Researchers have found this not to be the case in their studies on family dynamics and birth order. Ultimately, there is no "one-size-fits-all" explanation for birth order and personality. The Brady Bunch did not take into consideration factors such as socioeconomic, culture, temperament, spacing, family size and gender. What if Marcia was the shy

one wearing glasses and Jan was the blossoming beauty? So, who is to blame for this broad generalization of birth order? Point the finger at your parents. In the same article, Dr. Peter Gorski, a professor of pediatrics, public health and psychiatry, said parents' treatment of their children is often influenced by personal experience, identity within their birth order and preconceived notions. My mother is the middle child just like me. I believe she trained me to be her prodigy clone. Until I consciously began making decisions for myself, my mother's personality and upbringing mirrored my own. In my family I am the independent one just like she was. (OK, that's one point for you generalizers.) I am terribly competitive. (Two points.) But at some point my mom's puppet strings became tangled. I stole responsibility from my older sister and grew to be the leader of the family. At the same time, I admit that

I am terribly spoiled — more than my younger sister could ever dream. See, I have single-handedly disproved popular belief. In a New York Times article, author and scholar Frank Sulloway said, "Birth order doesn't cause anything. It's simply a proxy for the actual mechanisms that go on in family dynamics that shape character and personality." I agree with Sulloway. There is no way that birth order is some sort of template for who a person is destined to be. My older sister has turned out to have a free-spirited, childlike temperament while my younger sister is very rational and critical. Society leans too much on these theories, which can lead to false identification of our children. Parents may get caught up making the mistake of selling their youngest child too short or expecting too much from their eldest. See what happened to Michael Jackson ... Allie Figures is the Spartan Daily features editor. "Figures It Out" appears every Wednesday.

Letter to the Editor

Hello, I am writing because I am disturbed by the complete lack of material available for students to stay healthy during this flu season. I do not want to seem extreme, but SJSU does not seem to be preparing for this flu season at all. I was expecting to see posters urging students to wash their hands, stay home if sick, have hand sanitizer stations in the lobbies of buildings and the like. However, no such program exists. I was also wondering if this was due to a lack of funding. Can the University not afford to mount a campus-wide effort on hygiene? I am concerned about this because of the reported cases of swine flu on this lovely University where I am a student. I am also concerned because I am a mother of two young children. I would hate to be exposed to swine flu and bring it home to my family just because an infected student did not wash their hands or cough into a Kleenex rather than the air. Perhaps an article on hygiene will help increase flu awareness? Just a thought. Veda Urias

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Jordan La Secla, No. 12, is sacked by USC tackle Jurrel Casey, No. 91, in the Spartans loss.

Tomey to continue two QB system

By Ryan Buchan
Senior Staff Writer

For the second straight year, SJSU head coach Dick Tomey began the season by using multiple quarterbacks in the opener.

Both quarterbacks finished the game against the Trojans Saturday completing at least 50 percent of their passes, but neither player threw for more than 70 yards.

"I don't think either one of them did great," Tomey said. He said that he is still looking for somebody who can make better decisions on the field.

He added that USC is a tough team defensively, since they only gave up one touchdown at home last season.

Kyle Reed completed his first four consecutive passes of the game, while it took Jordan La Secla five attempts to complete a pass.

La Secla's first completion was to wide receiver Kevin Jurovich for a 7-yard catch. Jurovich said he thinks both quarterbacks are capable of being the No. 1 quarterback.

"They are great players and our team is behind both of those guys," he said. "I think our coaching staff wanted to give both of those guys a lot of reps and look at the film and see who the guy is going to be."

La Secla came close to leading the Spartans to a scoring drive as time was running out before the half. He completed the second

pass attempt of the drive to Kevin Jurovich for 29 yards. After a roughing-the-passer penalty, the Spartans had the ball at the USC 20-yard line, but La Secla could not spike the ball in time to stop the clock for a field goal attempt.

Reed led the only scoring drive and completed a 9-yard pass to Kevin Jurovich on fourth down, to allow the Spartans to continue marching downfield. The Spartans kicked a field goal a few plays later.

Kyle Reed started the game for the Spartans and played until 3:18 was left in the first quarter. He came back into the game after halftime.

Reed threw for 66 yards on 9-of-17 passes, while La Secla completed 5-of-10 passes for 43 yards.

"I thought we both did a pretty good job," Reed said. "There's always room for improvement, but I'm proud of both of our performances. ... We are working together and trying to put our team in the best position to win."

Last season, Reed started eight games for the Spartans and completed 162-of-253 passes for 1563 yards, nine touchdowns and six interceptions.

Quarterback Comparison

	Reed	La Secla
Pass attempts	17	10
Completions	9	5
Yards	66	43

Jurovich and Perry hope to help offense after lengthy absences

By Ryan Buchan
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Two Spartans, who have spent extensive time on the sideline due to injury and illness, returned to the lineup on Saturday against USC.

"It was pretty surreal," said SJSU wide receiver Kevin Jurovich, who returned to the lineup after missing most of last year because of mononucleosis.

"It had been a long time since I have played and I am happy to be out there with my guys — guys that have been working really hard since the end of last season, and I wanted to give it my best."

SJSU quarterback Kyle Reed said he was very happy to have Jurovich to throw to again.

SJSU running back Patrick Perry had not played a game since the 2006 New Mexico Bowl, when the Spartans defeated New Mexico 20-12.

Perry injured his knee in the 2007 offseason and sat out two full seasons.

The Spartans utilized both players in the game early, with Perry getting a carry on the Spartans first offensive play of the game.

Perry went straight up the middle, where a cluster of Trojans greeted him and stopped him for a loss of a yard.

Kevin Jurovich caught a 9-yard pass two plays later on third down for his first reception, but it was not enough, as his team was short of the first down.

"Kevin is going to make a difference for us."

Dick Tomey
Football head coach

Perry's biggest play of the game came with 10:54 left in the first quarter when he tried to go up the middle, but again the Trojans were waiting for him, so he bounced the outside and sprinted for a 25-yard gain.

Perry struggled in the second half, losing one yard on five carries.

Jurovich also had trouble after

halftime, not recording a reception.

Both Perry and Jurovich got off to fast starts.

Jurovich caught five balls for 65 yards before the half, including a 9-yard slant in traffic to pick up a first down on fourth-and-9.

"They called my number and I wanted to make the play and move the chains, and the o-line did well and blocked," Jurovich said. "Kyle (Reed) threw me a good ball and I just had to hold on to it, and I got the first down."

Perry went into the locker room at halftime with nine carries for 49 yards.

Before getting injured, Perry rushed for 454 yards off 102 carries and scored seven touchdowns in 2006, while splitting carries with Yonus Davis.

In Jurovich's only complete year as a wide receiver, he caught 85 balls for 1,183 yards in 2007.

"Kevin is going to make a difference for us," said SJSU head coach Dick Tomey. "He's a tough matchup for a lot of people."



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