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Student dies in car accident over break

Sociology major hoped to become firefighter

By Julia Cooper
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University junior Alexander Valencia died Aug. 22 from injuries received in a car accident, according to Jose Escobar, chapter president of Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity.

"I feel like our chapter, and Nu Alpha Kappa as a whole, has lost one of its best members ever," Escobar said. "We suffer his loss every morning."

Valencia, 22, was heading home from Reno late at night Aug. 12 with his sister and a friend when an allegedly drunk 51-year-old male driving a Dodge Ram in the wrong lane of a two-lane highway collided with Valencia's vehicle.

Valencia, who was asleep in the back seat and not wearing a seat belt, received major head trauma and was flown by helicopter to UC Davis Medical Center. He was taken off life support last Tuesday.

Valencia's sister and a friend received nonfatal injuries and have been released from the hospital. The other driver sustained minor injuries and was arrested. The driver has posted bail, Escobar said.

Valencia, known as "Alex" to friends, was a sociology major and an aspiring firefighter who recently registered for the fire academy. The San Jose native, born Feb. 21, 1984, joined Nu Alpha Kappa, a primarily Latino fraternity, about two

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Cal State Fullerton freshman Oscar Monjaras strikes San Jose State University junior Ben Hofstetter in the back of the head, leading to a confrontation between the teams that resulted in four red cards.

Four players ejected after soccer brawl

SJSU loses 3-2 on penalty kick in overtime

By Heather Driscoll
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University men's soccer team was shut down, 3-2, in an intense overtime battle against Cal State Fullerton on Sunday at Spartan Stadium, where a total of six individuals were ejected and one player was sent to the hospital.

The first regular-season game for both teams ended after a penalty shot was made by Titan midfielder Michael Farfan.

The Spartans led the game 1-0 during the first half after defender Jacob Morrison scored his first goal of the season off a rebound attempt assisted by teammate Hiroki Akiyama.

"Gavin (Wenyon) had a nice throw-in, and Hiroki (Akiyama) worked hard," Morrison said of his goal. "I was just in the right place at the right time. I just picked up the scraps. It was all Hiroki."

When the game reached the second half, there were two lengthy delays. Titan forward Eugene Brooks was injured after a head-on collision with another player near midfield. Brooks was carried off the field by the San Jose Fire Department approximately 20 minutes later and taken to Regional Medical Center of San Jose, where he was later released with a mild con-

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Campus expects a projected record-high jump in student enrollment

Final tally to come after Sept. 20 census date

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University will be flowing with more students this fall in comparison with last year. With enrollment still ongoing, the amount of students attending SJSU is at 26,416 as of Aug. 21.

"Students are constantly enrolling up until the census date, so we will not know the actual number of enrolled students until the time," said Fatima Jackson, direc-

tor of visitor relations and admissions counseling.

The number of enrolled student in Fall 2005 was 29,044.

"If we stay on projections, we should be between 29,500 and 30,000," said Marshall Rose, associate vice president of enrollment and academic services.

Organized recruitment efforts with the community, increased recruitment from Southern California and working with alumni have

been the main contributing factors to the rising number of students at SJSU, according to Jackson.

With the growing number of new students attending SJSU, returning students have noticed an increase in population on the campus.

"I've noticed an increase in parking lot traffic since last semester and I have started riding my motorcycle to avoid the parking lots," said Sam Rivera, a student majoring in marine biology.

Students also said that finding

seats in classes and parking have been difficult.

"Duncan Hall seems more crowded, and some of the Biology classes seemed to be packed with students. I didn't know you could fit that many students in a classroom," Rivera said.

Rose thinks that the growing number of students is a positive impact for SJSU.

"The best seller is word of mouth; we're going to continue to grow, and that is a positive thing," said Rose

Rose said SJSU's outreach efforts have been greatly enhanced with the Campus Visit program, in which new students and prospective students have the chance to take a campus tour, at its highest participation level ever, as well as with having more participation by colleges and departments in open houses and admitted-student receptions.

The final numbers for enrollment for Fall 2006 will not be known until the Sept. 20 census date.

Series of events planned for Welcome Week 2006

By Teresa Hou
Daily Staff Writer

An ice cream social, an international mocktail party and a community service project are all events that will be taking place this week to kick off the start of school at San Jose State University.

Welcome Week 2006, according to the SJSU Student Involvement Web site, began last Tuesday, opening with a welcome address by SJSU President Don Kassing.

Events that were held last week included a Welcome Week Job Fair on Thursday and an All-Greek Pool Party that happened on Friday.

"Welcome Week is a whole series of programs," said Richard Kelley, director of student involvement. "It's about welcoming new students to SJSU."

Events for new students include Welcome Week discussion groups, which are being held today and Wednesday starting at 11:30 a.m. at Tower Lawn, and a Student Success Faire, which starts today at 10 a.m. along Paseo de Cesar Chavez.

According to Kelley, much

of Welcome Week is tailored toward first-year students and new students who just transferred, but there also are functions that returning students can attend as well.

"There are events that are geared toward specific students," Kelley said, "but events such as the Associated Students and student organization events are for everyone. This week is for all students."

Events such as the A.S. Moonlight Movie Night showing "The Benchwarmers" will be held at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, and the "Bears that Care" Service Project is open to all students.

According to the Welcome Week guide, "Bears that Care" is a project in which students can make felt teddy bears to be distributed to children in local shelters.

On Monday afternoon, there was an open house hosted by the Student Health Center and the school of nursing, where students could receive free water bottles by filling out a short survey.

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Group protests marijuana arrest in front of police

By Mary Beth Hislop
Daily Staff Writer

Although the scheduled demonstration by the Silicon Valley Cannabis Patients Union sparked the limited interest of just a handful of onlookers, this did not prevent union President Jim Lohse from igniting a pipe full of marijuana outside of the San Jose State University Police Department at 4:20 p.m. on Friday.

Lohse said the 4:20 start time for the demonstration was a direct reference to SB420, which outlines provisions for distributing medical marijuana.

"It's actually legal for me to stand here and smoke," Lohse, 32, said.

The protest was organized by Lohse's union in response to the arrest of Christine Flora, a homeless woman, who was arrested on campus by UPD on July 26 on suspicion of possessing nearly one-half ounce of marijuana, even though she had a medical marijuana identification card.

However, campus police Sgt. John Laws said it is often difficult to determine the legitimacy of the identification cards.

"I can tell you the ones I've seen in the past ... they're not very official looking," Laws said.

Lohse and fellow union member Chuck B., 52, who asked that his last name be withheld, were arrested and cited by campus police on Aug. 4 when they smoked marijuana outside of the police department.

Lohse said he and Chuck were trying to educate law enforcement officials that smoking is legal if a person has a valid medical card. Lohse



DANIEL SATO / DAILY ONLINE EDITOR

Jim Lohse, 38, lights a pipe outside the San Jose State University Police Department during a demonstration Friday in favor of medicinal marijuana. Lohse is the president of the Silicon Valley Cannabis Patients Union, also known as Area 420.

said both of them do.

Chuck said the police confiscated his marijuana, took away his heart medication and left him handcuffed in a holding cell for at least 45 minutes.

Lohse said he doesn't understand why marijuana is so maligned.

"One bottle of alcohol will kill me," Lohse said. "Fifteen hundred pounds of marijuana

would kill me."

Lohse said he is frustrated by law enforcement agencies that do not honor California law SB420, which prevents arrests of qualified individuals for possession of a specific amount of marijuana and requires police to comply with these provisions.

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Ours is a world where people don't know what they want
and are willing to go through hell to get it.
— Don Marquis

CRUNCH TIME

Authorities disregard evidence when looking for scapegoat

The mystery continues — John Mark Karr, who led authorities to believe that he killed JonBenet Ramsey, was let go by Colorado prosecutors without charges being filed.

It turns out, that despite the media frenzy in Thailand where he said the 6-year-old beauty queen's death was "an accident" and that he loved her, his DNA doesn't match the samples collected at the crime scene.

So, after parading this man in front of journalists and leading everyone to believe this was the answer and that the decade-old mystery was solved.

It seems a bit surprising that it took this long for the Earth-shattering revelation to come forth.

Just think about it. There is this guy, albeit creepy, who claims to have committed the most infamous crime to come out of Boulder, Colo. Then again, for anyone who has visited or lived in Boulder, it is not exactly a town that produces much in the way of national news headlines.

A further look into this guy reveals that he has been obsessed with the Ramsey case for years and has immersed himself in the facts of the case.

Some reports have claimed that he was telling people that he was writing a book, and doing research to that end.

One way or another, Karr had become heavily engrossed with the details about the murder and managed to concoct a reason for him to have done it.

It hardly seems surprising that Karr didn't do it. How often do police get false tips or false confessions about high-profile cases?

Then again, this was the same Boulder authorities who completely bungled the initial investigation.

There are some in the media, and analysts who have been extremely critical of the Ramsey investigation, and this latest blunder seems to have added fodder to their arguments.

In their haste to bring in a suspect, officials didn't seem to notice that the family swears up and down that he was with them when the murder took place on Christmas of 1996. But then again, it could have just been the family trying to keep their loved one out of prison.

But that is a potential alibi that needs to be explored, even if it seems obvious that he was lying.

So now they have wasted a ton of money to bring a questionable suspect to the United States from Bangkok, Thailand and it turns out he wasn't the guy.

The prosecutors were reluctant to release what evidence they had that would lead them to take more than Karr's word for it that he committed the crime.

If what they wanted was to get his DNA, then they need a better reason than he said he murdered her.

Get his statement first. See if his story matches the

evidence at the scene, then waste money bringing him back to the United States.

Most police departments will hold back information on crimes so they don't have crazies claiming they committed the crime.

It seems that there was a break down in the system in this case. Karr, in some people's eyes, became too involved in the facts in the case and either convinced himself that he committed the crime or thought he knew enough to get publicity for confessing.

This case serves as an example for us all.

It seems that the frenzy surrounding this led people to jump on a bandwagon and convince themselves that this atrocious crime had been solved.

Too many times situations seem to take lives of their own. As students, it is our job to look past the flashy nature of the situation and go beyond just someone's word for something.

While the Boulder County district attorney's office has not released all their data in the case, it is clear that they didn't critically examine the facts of the case.

Our professors pound into our heads to do the exact opposite of what occurred in this case. We have to look at the facts surrounding the situation and not be afraid to ask questions.

In some cases, political pressure forces someone to act in a manner that they may not otherwise under normal circumstances.

The Ramsey case has been a media nightmare for Boulder officials, and pressure is high for them to solve the case. Karr offered potential closure, but there were significant flaws in his story.

The district attorney jumped the gun and, once again, this case is a complete mystery.

If they thought critically about the situation and realized that Karr may be just looking for publicity or completely crazy, they could have saved themselves some aggravation.

Only Karr truly knows why he led police to believe that he may have committed the murder. Only Karr knows why he made those statements in Bangkok. Only Karr knows why he never said he was innocent from the beginning.

What we have to learn from this is that there are times when we need to look at the facts and go beyond what people say.

Perhaps one day there will be an answer to the murder, but it won't come from Karr.



CHEETO BARRERA

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Spartan Financial Aid Fair

See what services the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office has to offer with presentations on financial literacy and entrance loan counseling in the Art Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Carolyn Guel at (408) 924-6083.

Welcome Week Discussion Groups

All freshmen should attend one of these sessions designed to help smooth the transition into college at Tower Lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Wolcott at (408) 924-5950 or e-mail gwolcott@sjsu.edu.

Living Right: Tips on Roommate Relationships

Communicate with your roommates and others by creating an effective living agreement, recognizing and communicating conflict, enhancing your listening skills and understanding how to successfully communicate your needs at Campus Village, Building B from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Elizabeth Rembert at (408) 924-5699 or e-mail at mediation@sjsu.edu.

School of Art and Design

The School of Art and Design begins its Tuesday night lecture series with Spectral System: Civil Counter-Reconnaissance Marko Peljhan at Art building room 133 from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at (408) 924-4328.

School of Art and Design

The School of Art and Design's student galleries art exhibition, 2, 3, 5, 8, Herbert Sanders and Black Gallery in the Art and Industrial Studies Building from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the gallery office at (408) 924-4330.

WEDNESDAY

Disc Golf Club

Come attend the club's first meeting in the

Student Union Ohlone room from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cody at (831) 588-4295 or e-mail codybressler@yahoo.com.

Television, Radio, Film and Theatre Welcome Party

A welcome week event to see films, actors and meet with the KSJS 90.5 disc jockey's at the University Theatre from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Adams at (408) 924-4530 or e-mail adams@email.sjsu.edu.

Summer Dance Series

Learn how to dance and get healthy for free with line dancing lessons from Kico Lin and coaches from the California Line Dance Association of America outside in front of the campus entrance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lorena Mata at (408) 808-2392 or e-mail lorena.mata@sjslibrary.org.

Mosaic Cross Cultural Center

Mosaic will have light snacks and drinks available for a come meet the staff and friends welcoming event at the Mosaic Lounge in the Student Union from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Hyon Chu Yi-Baker at (408) 924-6245 or e-mail hyonchu.yi@sjsu.edu.

Spartan Squad Kick Off Social

Join the squad, pick up a free t-shirt, dessert and find out about upcoming fall athletic events at the Campus Village Courtyard from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Duncan Lange at (408) 924-6226 or e-mail dclange@as.sjsu.edu.

Associated Students Moonlight Movie Night

Come and enjoy a free movie showing of "The Benchwarmers" under the stars at the Associated Students recreation lawn from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, contact Duncan Lange at (408) 924-6226 or e-mail dclange@as.sjsu.edu.

GUEST COLUMN

The road to adulthood is difficult for students when living at home

It's the longest tunnel you'll ever walk. It's like a bottomless pit full of fears, worries, triumphs and sorrows.

Yes, it is the tunnel of life.

And at the very core of it, all I can hear is, "pick up your room, do your laundry, get more hours at work ... you're not trying hard enough ... hey, where do you think your going?"



HEATHER DRISCOLL

These sweet sounds of nagging are what I have the pleasure of waking up to every morning.

I know, lucky me.

As if life weren't already hard enough with school, jobs, extracurricular activities and other daily stresses, managing to deal with mommy and daddy just becomes another fork in the road.

For all you students living at home still, you know what I mean.

There is the occasional, "well if things are so bad then why don't you just move out?"

Trust me, I would if I could.

If I had the money, had more hours at work to make the money and if I actually had more time in a day to work more hours, then there would be no problem.

It's just one big vicious cycle and the only way out is to finish school, get a real job and get a place of my own.

Besides, whoever can afford to live in the Bay Area either has four roommates, works three different jobs or sits on a load of money.

And since I don't fit any of those categories, I reside at home sweet home where getting from the kitchen to the living room without being bashed by

all the side-effects from the ongoing menopause, mid-life crisis and work stress becomes the highlight of my day.

But, at the same time, I have to give my parents credit where credit is due.

I mean after all these years, they have provided for me, taught me how to do my taxes, made all my dental appointments and knocked out all the bullies that continued to call me a metal mouth.

Without them, I probably wouldn't be where I am today even though I, like many other young adults, feel as though I could have done without the criticism, stress and pressure generated by parents. It may just so happen to have been the one thing that pushed me in the right direction.

The key is to pick up after yourself, steer clear of the occasional mood swings and when they've got something to say, have a listen. It might be worthy of your attention. And if it's not, then tune it out. Afterall, it's the one thing us youngsters are capable of doing.

Parents may be stubborn, intolerable, moody and critical, but someday we'll be there too.

The bottom line is, whether we love them, hate them, wish they would drop dead, or know that we would drop dead without them, it matters not because whatever they are to the world, they are everything to us.

And if that doesn't help, at least you can take satisfaction in knowing that at the end of the day, you're the one who picks out the retirement home.

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Some students could see a raise in their minimum wage

By Sara Spivey
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Students and other people working low-paying jobs may see an increase in their paychecks come Jan. 1, 2007, if a bill to increase the California minimum wage passes in the state legislature early this week.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and top democratic leadership struck a compromise on Tuesday to increase California's minimum wage from the current \$6.75 per hour to \$8 per hour over a two-year period.

Emily Feucht, a junior majoring in photography, makes \$7 per hour at the Market Cafe working for Spartan Shops. Feucht said that because she only works 10 hours per week, the increase would not make much difference in her wages, but it might make an impact for other people who work more hours.

"I think it's great," she said. "I don't think anyone can actually live off of minimum wage."

Jessica Jones, a sophomore majoring in history who works at Jazzland Coffee in Hugh Gillis Hall, makes \$7.25 per hour, which she

says is "enough," but she said she made minimum wage at her last few jobs.

**"I think it's great. I don't think anyone can live off of minimum wage."
—Emily Feucht,
SJSU junior and
Market Cafe employee**

"It was too much work for my pay," she said. "It may be good for certain jobs, but if you go home tired at the end of the day, you deserve more."

The agreement came just in time to make the last week of the 2005-06 legislative session, which ends Thursday, but not everyone thinks that the wage hike is a positive development.

Vince Sollitto, the vice president of media relations and affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce, said a 20 percent increase in labor costs within a 13-month

period might be problematic for some small businesses.

He said some businesses may be forced to reduce workers' hours, lay workers off or may delay creating new jobs.

"A minimum-wage increase for some workers results in a reduced opportunity for others," Sollitto said.

The compromise that may allow the bill to pass through the legislature included the elimination of wage-indexing, a process where minimum wage is annually adjusted for inflation.

Sollitto commended the governor for not agreeing to indexing, saying that Schwarzenegger has said it puts "the private sector spending on autopilot," and that the compromise represents an important victory for the business community.

"When you increase wages you increase costs, which increases prices and increases inflation," Sollitto said.

California minimum wage is already higher than the federal minimum wage, which has sat at \$5.15 since 1997. California's last increase was to \$6.75 in 2004.



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California legislature will vote on a proposed minimum-wage increase by Thursday. Minimum wage could increase 75 cents by January 2007 and another 50 cents by 2008, if approved.

Sollitto said the disparity between the federal minimum wage and California's minimum wage makes California less competitive.

"The less competitive California businesses are, the harder it is for businesses to locate here," he said.

Although Kari Paden, a cashier at The Dog House on South First Street who makes \$8.25 per hour, said she does not make enough money to support herself and her three children without federal assistance, she agrees that when wages go up, the price of living goes

up. Paden said she was working for Baskin-Robbins when the California minimum wage was last increased.

"When they bumped it the last time, they raised the price of ice cream," she said.

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'And it's too late to leave this life behind/
Everybody's speaking using words they can't define'
— Streetlight Manifesto, 'That'll Be the Day'

Gisli offers mixed bag of treats

By Kris Anderson
Daily Staff Writer

Gisli, the one-man power-pop machine from Iceland, is nothing like fellow countrymen Sigur Ros. He sounds like the result of Beck and Cake breeding.



The album "How About That?" is head-bobbing, poppy, flingy, catchy, raw, dull, black, white, techno, rap and acoustic all in one powerful package.

The album's title track is a fun-filled romp through a pop revival meadow. While raw and filled with plenty of parallelisms, "How About That?" only suffers in a lyrical sense.

With gems such as "a lot of hip-hoppers/used to like rock 'n' roll or a lot of overweight bankers/used to be studs," the album shut me out initially.

The songs chorus ties together a descriptive grouping of has-beens, claiming, essentially, that people are not as they seem.

But the thing about this album is, well, it's like trick-or-treating: while you certainly will get lots of chocolate, there's always an old lady giving out handfuls of pennies.

The second track sounds great, blending strong percussion and a catchy riff into a great pop anthem; a bit of the chocolate.

The third track, "Go Get 'Em Tiger," crafts comparisons to Cake; again, a bit of the chocolate.

The fourth track, on the other hand, carries the weightless analogies a bit too far.

"Worries," leads poor parallelisms down a beaten path. He sings, "If you could tell the future/you'd worry about the past."

Continuing with: "If you married a millionaire/you'd worry about his stock/and if you worked in radio/you'd worry about all the rock."

Listeners should not be subject to a lyrically driven album where the lyrics sound like they were lifted from a kindergarten songbook.

Unfortunately the bad metaphoric language pervades most of the album.

For instance, in "Can You Make Me Right?" he says he's "an action film without all the heroes," and that he's "like 'Heat' without Robert DeNiro."

The theme of antithesis lasts way too long and in some ways overshadows the musical quality.

The album is incredibly confusing. With the dullness and lack of lyrical quality, the music is frustratingly catchy.

I want to cover my ears, but bob my head in rhythm at the same time. Unfortunately, that's exactly the sort of polarity Gisli sings about from start to finish.

So, if success were measured on physical reactions, whether they be the oft-used "HUH?" or the bobbing of the head, the album sounds great.

The anthemic track "The Day It All Went Wrong," besides being perfectly suited for an opening scene in "One Tree Hill," is arguably the album's best song.

It opens with some acoustic riffs a la G-Love and Special Sauce, and paints a picture that's synonymous with Chad Michael Murray realizing all his wrongs and thinking about reclaiming his lost love.

So, with all the back-and-forth, the pop and the rock, the rap and the techno, with all of that, Rasputin could sell the album under every rack.

But most of all, it screams indie. Give it time, because it will grow on you.

I would gladly have snapped the CD in two and gone back to my iPod, but for the purpose of journalistic quality, gave it due diligence. Once I got past the incredible lyrical redundancy, the music is great.

But should you decide to buy it, eat the chocolate first, and save the pennies. They just might come in handy down the road.

*All reviews are based on a five 'star' rating system.



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Week of Aug. 29

San Jose

Wednesday:
'American Idols Live'
— HP Pavilion

Saturday:
Zoo Station: The Complete U2 Experience
— Britannia Arms

Little Charlie & The Nightcats
— JJ's Blues Lounge

'LoMcXimo de la Musica',
Frankie J, Jeannie Ortega, Luis Fonsi, Nina Sky, Orishas
— Mexican Heritage Museum

Gemini Soul Featuring Ajamu Akinyele (Cyber Jazz)
— Santana Row

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VALENCIA- Friends raise funds to pay for medical bills

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years ago. Andrew Martinez, a fraternity member who knew Valencia for five years, was shocked when he heard about his friend's death.

"He was a nice, caring, giving person that didn't deserve what he got so early," Martinez said. "He had a lot to live for."

Valencia enjoyed hobbies such as playing soccer and working on his silver Camaro. Martinez said Valencia changed his major three times before discovering a passion for firefighting.

"He finally figured out that that's what he wanted to do," Martinez said. "He wanted to help people and save lives."

Escobar remembers Valencia as quiet, focused and a reliable friend in the fraternity who never hesitated to come to another member's aid.

"I was struggling in one of my classes, and somebody told Alex I was struggling," Escobar said. "There Alex was with the books, ready to help me out. Ever since then, I had a lot of respect for that guy."

Valencia is survived by his parents, brother and sister. A rosary will be held Wednesday and a funeral on Thursday.

Nu Alpha Kappa members have banded together to raise funds for Valencia's family to help pay for medical expenses incurred in the accident. Fraternity member Arnold Melgar said members feel a duty to support Valencia's family.

"We're all taking it pretty bad," Melgar said. "We're finding ways to come together to celebrate his life. It's just a tragedy."

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Flying the flag



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San Jose State University senior Allegra Maruoka, a member of the SJSU color guard, practices near the Art building for a performance at the half-time show at a professional football game between the Oakland Raiders and the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 29.

WEEK- Organizers plan 51 events for incoming freshmen, first-year students

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"We're here (at Welcome Week) to market ourselves and have students be aware of the Student Health Center," said Julie Murotsune, an administrative support assistant for the Student Health Center. "We're also letting students know we're available to them and what our services are."

By having the open house and the free

water bottles, Murotsune said they hope more students will know and use the services that they are paying for with their tuitions.

"This is the fourth year of Welcome Week," Kelley said. "It's slowly growing each year. We have 51 events this year, while last year, there were only 35."

According to Kelley, this is the first year they are linking all the events together with the first year programs.

While Welcome Week is geared towards new students, not everyone is planning to attend.

"I'm too lazy to go to the events," said Mindy Fong, a freshman majoring in business management. "Plus, I have better things to do, like hang out with new friends."

Fong said that while she enjoyed freshman orientation and meeting new people, she doesn't feel the need to attend any of the events.

"(Welcome Week) is a good idea," Fong said. "At least there's something for people to do."

Kelley said he hopes that Welcome Week will build a tradition at the school.

"We want to help build a sense of community," Kelley said.

Welcome Week ends next Thursday with a student reception for Latino/Chicano students being held in the University Room.

"We want to help build a sense of community."

—Richard Kelley,

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Students find diverse options when buying textbooks for school

By Michael Geslani
Daily Staff Writer

Prices for textbooks have gone up twice the rate of annual inflation over the past two decades, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

The College Board has reported that students spend \$801 to \$904 on textbooks and supplies depending upon the type of institution attended per school year. While prices for textbooks rise, more and more San Jose State University students are searching for more options for purchasing textbooks.

"I buy them at the Spartan (Bookstore) but check Roberts and Beat The Bookstore for cheaper prices," said Paul Linggi, a student majoring in aerospace engineering.

Though there are several options on places to purchase textbooks, one has to look at the cost, condition and the option of going to a store or having them shipped out. Amazon, an online retailer, has an option of purchasing used books from other Amazon users but lists that the shipping may take up to 21 business days for standard U.S. mail.

For SJSU students, textbooks are available at the Spartan Bookstore, Roberts Bookstore, Beat The Bookstore and several Web sites. The stores who deal with its customers face-to-face, with the exception of Beat The Bookstore have the option of

purchasing online.

"I have been buying from Amazon and usually can find them cheaper there than the bookstore (Spartan Bookstore)," said Allan Harris, who is majoring in history.

The Spartan Bookstore has an option of purchasing books online and picking them up at the store.

"I have been buying from Amazon and usually can find them cheaper there than the bookstore."

—Allan Harris,
history major

Another option the Spartan Bookstore has to offer is electronic textbooks, e-books, where students can download selected titles for a cheaper price than hard copies. E-books have the option of access from any computer, text searching and printing multiple copies.

Roberts Bookstore has the option of both purchasing online or visiting the store, which is located across the street from campus on South 10th Street. The store may or may not have the books students need, but its Web site will inform students when books arrive.

Beat The Bookstore is a new textbook store that opened last fall and is located at 110 Paseo

de San Antonio, near the U.S. Post Office. Most on the books there are used, because they are buybacks. The store may not have the particular book students need, but students have an option of searching the store's 19 other locations across the United States.

"Beat The Bookstore has been treating me well, they go above and beyond making the student experience a lot easier," said Osvaldo Mendoza, a Mexican American studies graduate student.

Two other options that stick out for some students are eBay and Amazon.

Purchasing textbooks on eBay can be less expensive, but the difficult part is finding the right editions and the condition it may in because some auction listing may not have photos of the textbooks.

Students can search for the text they need but may have to wait days to weeks for their textbooks to ship, depending on the transaction.

Amazon's other option if a student doesn't want to purchase a new book from Amazon is to purchase it used from the Amazon Marketplace. On each textbook page, users can find this option where other Amazon users sell the same textbook through the Web site with user-specific prices. The transaction is done through Amazon, but the users will ship the item specifically from where they are located.

Prosecutors drop case against Karr

By Jon Sarche

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Prosecutors abruptly dropped their case Monday against John Mark Karr in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, saying DNA tests failed to put him at the crime scene despite his insistence he sexually assaulted and strangled the 6-year-old beauty queen.

Just a week and a half after Karr's arrest in Thailand was seen as a remarkable break in the sensational, decade-old case, prosecutors suggested in court papers that he was just a man with a twisted fascination with JonBenet who confessed to a crime he didn't commit.

"The people would not be able to establish that Mr. Karr committed this crime despite his repeated insistence that he did," District Attorney Mary Lacy said in court papers.

The 41-year-old schoolteacher will be kept in jail in Boulder until he can be sent to Sonoma County, Calif., to face child pornography charges dating to 2001. An extradition hearing was scheduled for Tuesday.

The district attorney vowed to keep pursuing leads in JonBenet's death: "This case is not closed."

Karr was never formally charged in the slaying. In court papers, Lacy defended the decision to arrest him and bring him back to the United States for further investigation, saying he might have otherwise fled and may have been targeting children in Thailand as well.

Lacy said Karr emerged as a suspect in April after he spent several years exchanging e-mails and later telephone calls with a University of Colorado journalism professor who had produced documentaries on the Ramsey case.

According to court papers, Karr told the professor he accidentally

killed JonBenet during sex and that he tasted her blood after he injured her vaginally. But the Denver crime lab conducted DNA tests last Friday on a cheek swab taken from Karr and were unable to connect him to the crime.

"This information is critical because ... if Mr. Karr's account of his sexual involvement with the victim were accurate, it would have been highly likely that his saliva would have been mixed with the blood in the underwear," Lacy said in court papers.

She also said authorities found no evidence Karr was in Boulder at the time of the slaying. She said Karr's family provided "strong circumstantial support" for their belief that he was with them in Georgia, celebrating the Christmas holidays. JonBenet was found beaten and strangled at her Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996.

Defense attorney Seth Temin expressed outrage that Karr was even arrested.

"We're deeply distressed by the fact that they took this man and dragged him here from Bangkok, Thailand, with no forensic evidence confirming the allegations against him and no independent factors leading to a presumption he did anything wrong," Temin said.

In an interview Monday with MSNBC, Gary Harris, who had been spokesman for the Karr family, said he knew the DNA would not match.

Karr has been "obsessed with this case for a long time. He may have some personality problems, but he's not a killer," Harris said. "He obsesses. He wanted to be a rock star one time. ... He's a dreamer. He's the kind of guy who wants to be famous."

Earlier this month, Ramsey family attorney Lin Wood pronounced Karr's arrest vindication

for JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, who had long been suspected in the killing.

On Monday, the attorney said: "From day one, John Ramsey publicly stated that he did not want the public or the media to jump to judgment. He did not want the public or the media to engage in speculation, that he wanted the justice system to take its course."

Wood said he still has great confidence in the district attorney. Patsy Ramsey died of cancer in June.

JonBenet Ramsey's aunt, Pamela Paugh, said she was disappointed there won't be a prosecution of someone in the case, but added: "I think our justice system worked as it was supposed to."

"We asked the DA to do her thing. She did it," said Paugh, who is Patsy Ramsey's sister. "My disappointment came about the end of December 1996 when we didn't have the killer then. We've had 9 1/2 years of disappointment and waiting."

Nate Karr, John Karr's brother, said he was elated by the news. "We're just going to be celebrating with family," he said.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens blasted prosecutors for wasting thousands of taxpayer dollars to bring Karr to Colorado given such a lack of evidence. The district attorney "should be held accountable for the most extravagant and expensive DNA test in Colorado history," he said.

Scott Robinson, a Denver attorney who has followed the case from the beginning, said prosecutors may now be back at square one in the JonBenet case. He said Karr may be charged with lying about his role in the case.

"Seems to me there should be some criminal consequences," he said. "He has cost the taxpayers an enormous amount of money."

Karr was arrested in Petaluma, Calif., in 2001 on charges of possessing child pornography but fled before he could be tried. Colorado authorities said that after the Boulder case against Karr was dropped, California officials asked that he be turned over to them for prosecution.

In court papers, prosecutors said Karr began exchanging e-mails with professor Michael Tracey in 2002, signing them "D" and later "Daxis." The meaning of "Daxis" was not immediately clear.

At first, Karr seemed to be just someone with an intense interest in the case, but he soon claimed responsibility for the crime, and provided more and more detail about that night, according to court papers. He claimed that he accidentally killed JonBenet during sexual activity that included temporarily asphyxiating her, prosecutors said.

He began telling his story in hopes of being included in a book Tracey was planning to publish, according to the court papers. Authorities eventually traced his calls and identified Daxis as Karr, prosecutors said.

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SOCCER- Spartans and Titans spar in second half

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cussion, according to the Cal State Fullerton Athletic Department.

Shortly after, a brawl broke out between the two teams, which involved fist-throwing and name-calling.

As a result of the incident, match officials issued a total of four red cards. Two red cards went to SJSU team captains Ed Brand and Daniel Perez, and the other two went to Titan players German Moreno and Gabriel Farfan.

"Instead of keeping our composure, we kind of lost our

"We should have been smarter as a team."
—Keven Azevedo,
SJSU defender

heads for a little while. We should have been smarter as a team," said Spartan defender Keven Azevedo of the dispute.

Both Brand and Perez will not be available for Thursday night's game against Saint Mary's College, as a result of the ejections.

The second half went on as Michael Farfan from Cal State Fullerton made a long-distance shot from midfield past Spartan goalkeeper Richard Mann into the net, to even up the score.

The Spartans took back its lead when Azevedo scored a header off a corner kick by teammate Wenyon.

"(Head) coach (Gary St. Clair) had us working on set pieces during practice, and are very organized on them ... I got a chance at a great ball by Gavin and I think all the practice worked out for us," said Azevedo of his goal.

The Spartans lost another player, Eric Cross, after receiving a yellow card and later on a red card, leaving the Spartans with eight players to Fullerton's nine.

Fullerton fought back to tie the game for the second time when Amir Shaffi scored a goal inside the near post, assisted by teammates Reid Baker and Skyler Thuresson.

As the game went into overtime, a foul was called on Spartan defender Oscar Monjaras, resulting in a penalty kick made by Michael Farfan which gave the Titans their victory.

Spartan goalkeeper Richard Mann had an all-time high of nine saves compared with his previous record of seven against Fullerton back on Sept. 11, 2005.

"I was just doing my job," Mann said. "We were short players for some time and it was up to me to keep the ball out of the net."

SJSU vs. FULLERTON BOXSCORE

Scoring breakdown	
1. SJSU, Jacob Morrison	1-0
2. CSF, Michael Farfan	1-1
3. SJSU, Keven Azevedo	2-1
4. CSF, Amir Shaffi	2-2
5. CSF, Michael Farfan	2-3

There were a total of 12 yellow cards and six red cards, one of each accredited toward SJSU head coach Gary St. Clair, for apparently being strongly verbal with the officials.

Coach St. Clair was unavailable for comment.

The next game will be against Saint Mary's College on Thursday at the Spartan Stadium.

"There are always little things we could work on," Mann said. "We played with a lot of heart. Going from this game, I think we should be OK against Saint Mary's."



San Jose State University junior Jacob Morrison kicks the ball during Sunday's game against Cal State Fullerton at Spartan Stadium. Morrison scored a goal later in the game.

GAVIN MCCHESENEY / DAILY SENIOR STAFF

WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK: THE CORNER KICK

SJSU women's soccer team opens season with tie against Lions

By Kris Anderson
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University women's soccer team battled Loyola Marymount University to a 1-1 double-overtime tie Friday night.

The Lions jumped ahead early, scoring in the ninth minute on redshirt freshman goalie Marissa Dayton.

Dayton, however, held LMU scoreless through the rest of the game, including both overtimes.

"She made one mistake," said head coach Dave Siracusa. "Then she made a brilliant save to make up for it."

Dayton admitted to starting slow, but said, "As a goalkeeper, you have to learn ear-

ly to not let (goals) affect how you play."

She said that while the girls playing in front of her are somewhat new, they all gained valuable game experience together.

"Marissa played awesome," said senior co-captain Nicole Martinez. "All of her saves could have been goals. She definitely stepped it up."

Beginning on the road in a conference that boasts four nationally ranked teams — including the national No. 1 and No. 2 teams — proved difficult for the Spartans at first, but they rallied to tie on a Martinez goal in the 42nd minute.

"(Sophomore midfielder Kaila Waitley) played in the long ball, and (sophomore midfielder Jennifer Guadagnolo) chal-

lenged the goalie, then I put it home," Martinez said.

Siracusa said the team played well, noting the challenge of coming from behind on the road early in a season, but he said, "We probably should have won."

Assistant coach Craig Winans agreed. "It easily could have been a win. I think we really dominated," Winans said.

LMU out shot the Spartans 17-12, with four coming in the second overtime.

But, Siracusa noted, the last few shots were mostly slow rollers and discounted them as challenging.

The Spartans are gearing up for another difficult away game this Friday, facing Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"I don't think we've ever beat them," Siracusa said. "I think they'll take us lightly."

Siracusa noted that the bulk of the attack in the LMU game came from the outside midfielders and would like to focus on involving the centers in the offense.

This year's squad plays with a slightly different system, essentially fielding three center midfielders, Siracusa said.

"We need to get them to attack more," he said.

During practice Monday, Siracusa oversaw a series of competitive drills, including a four-on-four drill that focused on isolating the forwards against defenders.

"Craig worked on combination play with forwards on backs," Siracusa said.

"Today was a great session."

Martinez, one of only three seniors this year, thinks this team can do well.

"We are way better than we were last year," she said. "We need to play hard and keep up high-intensity practices."

One area Siracusa wishes to change from last season is increasing corner kicks, which he said relates to a better attacking offense.

Last year, opponents had 100 corner kicks to the Spartans' 59, pointing to the fact that opponents spent a lot of time playing in the Spartans' half of the field.

"I would like to switch that stat around," he said.

The Spartans next play at 7 p.m. Friday at Cal Poly.

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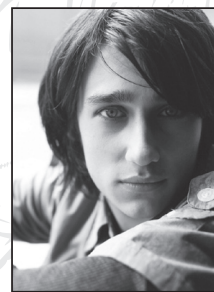
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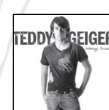
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