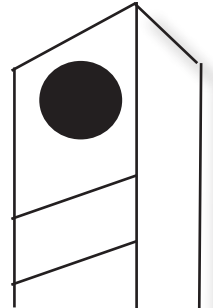


THE CAMPUS BUZZ



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Heard the Latest...

62% of San Juan College Students

Report Having NO Alcohol in an Average Week*

For Most SJC Students It's A SNAPP...



*Based on the 2010 New Mexico Lifestyle Survey

CORNER

CAREER

Part time Driver and counter sales for a paint company in Farmington. Summer will be 30 to 40 hrs. but will work around schedule when in school. Willing to train right person.

Part time Administrative Assistant in the medical field (20 hrs per week). Customer Service and computer skills are mandatory.

Local motel has opening for Front Desk Associate approx. 25 -35 hrs per week.

For more information on any of these positions visit Career Services in room 1414.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Free Family Nights:

Family Movie Night
Friday, March 11th
Tangled - Rated PG
6:00 p.m.
SJC Little Theatre



Family Swim Night
Friday, April 8th
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Farmington Aquatic Center
*Please bring SJC ID



Springalooza Events

Nicole Wiley, Student Ambassador

Spring is in the air and we want you to join us in our Springalooza celebration between Friday, March 11, and Thursday, March 17, as Student Activities will be hosting many different fun and exciting activities to celebrate the arrival of spring!

Student clubs or groups of individuals (4-10 people) may participate in a week-long competition which will begin with a weekend scavenger hunt. Wild and wacky games will follow, Monday through Wednesday, each beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Points will be tallied at the end each day to show

team scores. Team entry forms may be picked up in the Student Activities office and must be returned by Thursday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m.

On Friday, March 11, we will have a Free Family Movie Night where we will be playing the popular family-friendly movie, "Tangled" at 6:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

On March 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. we will be hosting a Prom for all senior citizens, though anyone is welcome. Enjoy live music by the *Grant and Randy Band* and free refreshments. You can also get your picture taken with your lucky date for only one dollar.

Are you an artist? Then I'm sure you will enjoy our Springalooza Chalk Art Competition. Any students, group of students or student clubs

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Student Ambassador, Shelbey Benfield, prepares flower arrangements for 2011 Senior Prom. This year's theme is Spring is in the Air.

SJC President Relieved of Duties

SJC -- On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, the San Juan College Board of Trustees were called to a special meeting by Board Chairman R. Shane Chance in order to discuss leadership and the direction of San Juan College. As a result of

this meeting, the Board of Trustees proceeded to executive session. Upon returning to an open meeting, the board unanimously voted not to renew the contract of College president Dr. Carol J. Spencer.

Chairman Chance stated, "The decision made by the Board of Trustees not to renew Dr. Spencer's contract

was difficult, but we are confident that the College will continue to meet the needs of the community and provide the highest quality education for our students. There will be no disruption in our day to day operation. Many people at the College are engaged in discussions about the strategic plan, the quality accreditation

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SJC Cosmetology

Janel Sanburg, SJC Cosmetology Student

The students of the SJC Cosmetology Department have been busy this semester perfecting their skills in esthetics, nail care and hair.

Several of the students are competing in the SkillsUSA state competition on April 7, 8 and 9, 2011. SkillsUSA is an organization that promotes the character, growth, and development of students in their chosen field throughout the state and country.

The Cosmetology department currently has coupon books available for \$35.00. These books contain coupons for many



Cosmetology students, Shawna Hagen (left) and Tyra Montoya (right) give customer, Dominic Puckett a new look with a set of dreadlocks.

Photo by Julie Burgess

services that the students perform, including haircuts, manicures, pedicures, facials and more. The proceeds will go toward supporting students who will be competing in the state SkillsUSA competition. Please take time to come enjoy some of the many

services this department has to offer and support our students in building their careers.

The department is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday and is located on the East end of the Trades and Tech Building. For more information or to make an appointment please call 566-4247. Hope to see

you there.

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are welcome to participate. Prizes are given to winners! (Faculty and staff are welcome to participate but will not receive prizes if selected as winners.) Chalk will be handed out free to all participants and each participant will receive a 4'4 space in the Learning Commons Plaza. The theme is "Spring is in the Air" and judging will be based on Representation of Theme, Creativity, and Artistic Talent.

On Thursday, March 17, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting our Spring Fling and Awards Ceremony in the Learning Commons. Trophies will be given to the winning teams that participated in the Springapalooza games. We will also be giving out prizes and the Chalk Art Winners will also be announced! So come join us for "Mocktails" (non-alcoholic mixed drinks) and appetizers and watch someone kiss a pig for our club Kiss-A-Pig fundraiser.

For more information on how to get involved please contact Student Activities at 566-3403.

PRESIDENT

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process, budget planning and more. I have no doubt that this good work will continue. Our primary responsibility is to our students, staff, and community."

Dr. Spencer is relieved of her duties, and will be compensated according to the terms of her employment contract.

Also at the board meeting, Mike Tacha was appointed acting president. Tacha served as the College's vice president for learning from July 2005 until he retired in June 2010. Tacha was president of Mohave Community College in Arizona from 1997 to 2002. A national search to fill this position on a permanent basis will begin immediately.

Dr. Spencer has served as president of San Juan College since July 2002.

Don't Miss: Farmington on the Fringe

SJC Theatre Department

From zombies and vampires to the Beat poets of the 1950's to the Gospel of Mark from the Bible, San Juan College Theatre Department will offer a gamut of theatrical events in *Farmington on the Fringe: A Festival Exploring the Edges of Creativity*, running in both the Little and Black Box Theatres from April 14 – 24.

Five one act plays will still be directed by students in the SJC Directing course this spring. Shannon Boettler will direct the drama *Springtime* by Maria Irene Fornes; Kimberly Cassals will direct *Women of Manhattan* by John Patrick. Edward Hasenbalg will direct the farcical comedy *Soap Opera* by David Ives. Bird Jacquez will

direct *Out the Window* by Neal Bell and *What She Found There* by John Glore.

Other directors of one act plays include Rebecca Krebbs who will direct *Nickel and Dime*, *On (Not) Getting by in America*. SJC Director of Theatre Theresa A. Carson will direct *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a drama by David Mamet.

Several instructors at SJC are involving their students in the *Farmington on the Fringe* festival. Instructor Danielle Sullivan's students from her Freshman Composition course will write short plays and dialogues based on the course themes of vampires and zombies. The Beat poets are the theme in Traci Halesvass' Advanced Composition course and her students will present a re-creation of a City Lights poetry reading, both Beat-like (student written) poetry and short pieces from Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and/or William Burroughs. We can expect to hear

more poetry from students in Kimberly William's Creative Writing course who will read their original poems.

Some local playwrights are getting involved as well. Debra Doggett has written, and will be directing, the play *Rage*. *Rage* is based on the trial of a young man who has been involved in a school shooting. It delves into the ways in which we are all connected and what happens when one of us becomes



Directing Students (left to right) Bird Jacquez, Shannon Boettler, Edward Hasenbalg, Kimberly Cassals discuss a script for the Farmington on the Fringe Festival.

lost. Melissa Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant for the SJC Volunteer Center, has addressed a similar theme in her play *The Best Day of their Lives*. Her play deals with the direct aftermath of a public shooting and its debilitating consequences it has on a high school teacher and his wife. Mark Burnham and Rexi T. Jones play the husband and wife respectively. English instructor Denise Hinson's play, *Phantom Pain*, takes place in a deserted cafe in New Mexico, where Emily works as a waitress and hides a dark secret from everyone. After a turn of events, Emily realizes she is no longer able to escape her past. The role of Emily is played by Rexi T. Jones and supported by Di Searle, Joshua Bounds, and Chuck Holmes.

Farmington's local community theatre Theatre Ensemble Arts will present a play written by local award winning playwright Judy Castleberry. *The Yard*

Sale is about the three mythological Sister Fates. Through the unlikely setting of a yard sale, these three sisters examine the threads of a woman's life and debate over her ultimate fate.

Local actor and playwright Charles Pike will perform *The Book of Mark*, the story of one man's journey into eternity. Ever wonder how to feed 5,000 guests who just happen to pop in for dinner? How to walk on water? Ever try to give swimming lessons to 2,000 pigs?

These are just some of the complex perplexities encountered in *The Book of Mark*. Perhaps there has been no figure in the history of western culture as controversial as the man known as the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. A return to the bare-bones of storytelling, this original "on the road" story moves this one man show featuring award winning actor Charles Pike, from its world premiere at The Garage in San Francisco, to the stages of San Juan College.

Finally, to celebrate SJC's inaugural year of One Book/One Community, there will be an evening called *Creative Voices* which will focus on the book *Montana 1948*. One Book/One Community is holding a writing contest for alternate endings to the novel. Entrants are asked to write a scene/short play exploring their view of what could or should have happened at the end of the novel. You can see the winners' scene/short play come to life at the festival. Accompanying Alternate Endings is *Memories of 1948*, an act of storytelling in which local residents share their memories of the year 1948. Don't miss this evening celebrating *Montana 1948*.

Be sure to catch all the events with *Farmington on the Fringe: A Festival Exploring the Edges of Creativity* with the San Juan College Theatre. Specific calendar of events is forthcoming. For tickets, call 566-3430.

Join this Fun Service Learning Opportunity: Spring Yard Clean-up
Mip van Suchtelen, Service Learning Coordinator

The Office of Retention at San Juan College will be hosting the yearly Spring Yard Clean-up project in partnership with the Horticulture Program on Saturday, April 9, 2011.

Volunteers will be comprised of San Juan College employees, Service Learning students, majors from the Horticulture program and community volunteers.

The Spring Yard Clean up is a great opportunity to help senior citizens in San Juan County, prepare their yards and/or gardens for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Last year about 50 students helped out, and we had a wonderful day together. You do not need to have gardening experience, just bring your 'good spirits' and gardening tools, if you have any.

The more students participate in this project, the more senior citizens we can help. By dedicating this one day, you can do something for your community.

You can use your Service Learning hours to do this, or participate as a volunteer. Participating in this project can be added to your San Juan College co-curricular transcript. Employers usually like to see how you have served your community, and this is a good example.

The project will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mip van Suchtelen, Service Learning Coordinator in room 1717, by e-mail at vansuchtelem@sanjuancollege.edu or by phone at 566-3120.



The Spring Yard Clean-up crew in 2010.

Present this Coupon for

1/2 Price Haircuts For the month of March



At the SJC Cosmetology Dept. Must present coupon to receive discount.

Call 566-4247 For Appointment

Expires 3/31/11

Present this Coupon for

1/2 Price Facials For the month of April



At the SJC Cosmetology Dept. Must present coupon to receive discount.

Call 566-4247 For Appointment

Expires 4/30/11

San Juan College Student Activities

SPRINGAPALOOZA
Week Events & Activities

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

Group Scavenger Hunt Begins
Student Activities
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Free Family Movie: *Tangled*
6:00 p.m.
Little Theatre

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

Senior Prom
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sun's Room

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

Chalk Art Registration Forms Due
12:00 p.m.
Student Activities

Group Games
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Learning Commons Lounge

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

Chalk Art Competition Construction
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Learning Commons Plaza

Group Games
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Learning Commons Lounge

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

Chalk Art Viewing and Judging
All Day
Learning Commons Plaza

Group Games
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Learning Commons Lounge

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

Spring Fling and Awards Ceremony
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Learning Commons Lounge
* Prizes Awarded
* Chalk Art Winners Announced
* Pig Kissing
* "Mocktails" Bar, and Appetizers

Be sure to form your games group and turn in registration form by Thursday, March 10th at 4:00 p.m.

For more info contact Student Activities at 566-3403.

A Spring Break Message from SNAPP

Dana Mazzagatti- Ashley

Mention spring break and you're likely to get differing reactions from different groups of people. If you're a college student, you are probably excited at the prospect of a week of sun and fun. For others it may be a reminder of something that is far less happy, the possibility of another promising young student that could die in an alcohol-related tragedy.

College drinking has become a national issue and often excessive drinking by college students is accepted as a rite of passage, especially during Spring Break.

Unfortunately the research points to the excessive use of alcohol by college students during this break. One study by developmental psychologist, Megan Patrick, and Faculty Research Fellow at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, "students who went on a spring break trip were nearly four times as likely as other students to engage in binge drinking." You are probably asking yourself, does any of this matter to me? When you have your whole life ahead of you, it should; all it takes is one time to change your life.

You should always remember that working hard and grasping knowledge is vital to future success. But trying to maintain a balance with school, work, and family, nevertheless, can produce

frustration and stress, which can lead to a variety of unhealthy behaviors, including increased drinking.

With Spring Break just around the corner, you have a chance to enjoy your family, hang out with your friends or even catch up on homework. So enjoy your holiday, but remember that if you choose to drink, do so wisely, and do so responsibly and never drink and drive!

For Most SJC Students it's a SNAPP!

SJC Chautauqua Series

Experience New Mexico's early days when Dr. Jon Hunner presents *New Mexico's March to Statehood*, Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m., in the Little Theatre, as part of the San Juan College Chautauqua Series.

Dr. Hunner, chair of the Department of History at New Mexico State University and former director of the Public History Program, will discuss the many obstacles New Mexico faced, both internal and external, to winning its official status as a state.

This lecture, illustrated with photos and documents from the time period, surveys the history of New Mexico's progress from a territory of the U.S. established in 1850 to a state in 1912. This lively presentation comes as New Mexico begins a three-year celebration of its statehood centennial.

The Chautauqua performances are free and sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, the New Mexico Humanities Council, the Teaching American History program administered through the Educator Support Center, the SJC Encore Program, and the School of Humanities.

For further information, call Dr. Jimmy Miller at 334-9325, or Sha Lyn Weisheit at 599-8771.



Iraq War Through Poetry

Iraq Veteran and soldier-poet Brian Turner will give a remarkable, first-person account of the Iraq war in a poetry reading, Monday March 14, at 7 p.m., in the San Juan College Little Theatre. The "Meet the Author" event is presented by the SJC Library in partnership with the School of Humanities and SJC Foundation.

Prior to the poetry reading, the public is also invited to a reception in the SJC Library Atrium at 6 p.m.

From his best-selling book of poems, *Here, Bullet*, Turner shares his experiences as a soldier offering a gracefully-rendered, unflinching description that leaves the reader to draw conclusions or moral lessons. The book is considered by some as a must-read for anyone who cares about the war, regardless of political affiliation. He delivers his work with penetrating lyric power, compassion, sensitivity and eloquence, while deploring the violence and acknowledging the grief and terror of war.

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Here, Bullet, won the 2005 Beatrice Hawley Award, the New York Times "Editor's Choice" selection, the 2006 Pen Center USA "Best in the West" award, and the 2007 Poets Prize, among others.

Turner also will read poems from his newest book *Phantom Noise*. In the aftermath of *Here, Bullet*, Turner continues with prophetic, osmotic poems that wage a daily battle for normalcy, seeking structure, while grappling with the absence of forgetting.

Turner served seven years in the U.S. Army, to include one year as an infantry team leader in Iraq with the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Prior to that, he was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1999-2000 with the 10th Mountain Division.

His poetry has been published in *Poetry Daily*, *The Georgia Review*, and other journals, and in the *Voices in Wartime Anthology* published in conjunction with the feature-length documentary film of the same name. Turner was also featured in *Operation Homecoming*, a unique documentary that explores the firsthand accounts of American servicemen and women through their own words. He earned a master of fine arts degree from the University of Oregon and has lived abroad in South Korea.

Following the poetry reading, a question and answer session and book signing will be held. Admission for the "Meet the Author" event is free. For further information, call the San Juan College Library, at 566-3249.

Outdoor Adventure Movie Night

Daring footage of thrilling outdoor adventures is what you'll find when the San Juan College Health and Human Performance Center shows three adventure film shorts *Roam*; *First Ascent: Point of No Return*; and *Nature Propelled*, as part of its Outdoor Adventure Movie Night series, Friday, March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Zia Conference Room.

Roam features mountain bike acrobats filmed in lush forests, harsh deserts and rolling hills. Go on an adventure as these "free range humans" roam the inner and outer landscape to find harmony of the mind, body and earth. The film is 25 minutes in length and is rated PG.

First Ascent: Point of No Return, is a special episode of the new Nat Geo Adventure series and follows Adventure Film founder Jonny Copp, his climbing partner Micah Dash, and Sender Films cameraman Wade Johnson on their fateful expedition to the unclimbed east face of Mt. Edgar, in western China. The episode documents the climbers' lives leading up to the expedition and features extensive footage of the expedition recovered from the massive avalanche that tragically took their lives. The film is 30 minutes in length and is rated PG.

Nature Propelled follows the historic petroleum-free journey captured in Seth Warren's previous film *Oil + Water*. Warren embarks on a new adventure with his nature powered fire truck named Baby, this time tracking the life cycle of water through the seasons. Featuring stunning and often daring footage, Warren's new film demonstrates the connection between the elements, renewable energy, adventure sports, and practical ways that individuals can use these elements to power their lifestyles. The film is 30 minutes in length and is rated PG.

Outdoor Adventure Movie Night is free. The series finale will be presented Friday, April 8.

For further information, call the San Juan College Health and Human Performance Center at 566-3487.

Thinking about running for AS/SJC Student Government for 2011/2012?

Pick up an election packet in the Student Activities Office in the Learning Commons (under the Library). We'll tell you how to get started.