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Associated Students start year with promise

by Michele Cecelski

It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game.

The Associated Students of CSUSM have grown tired of this adage. They want to start winning.

And with the new aces they have up their sleeve this semester, that just may happen.

For the first time since they came into existence, a budget has been approved for their use. That means each student pays an extra \$20 in fees when paying for tuition.

Many students wonder where that money goes and if they are simply throwing away twenty bucks.

But the Associated Students have not been idle with it.

Their first major project has been to tackle the problem of pay-per-print. According to David Alimi, vice president of finance, A.S. feels this policy is unfair and inconvenient.

However, they realized quickly that they

had no power to change the policy itself at this time because of a separate contract between the school and IKON. As an alternative, they are working on instituting a "computer work station program."

Through this program, CSUSM would become a vendor of reasonably priced computers. Two systems would be offered, one for less than \$900, to interested students. Even the less expensive system would have all the components needed for students to complete assignments. They come with a four-year warranty. Just about the length of a student's career.

Alimi and the rest of A.S. hope this can be an alternative to constantly being at the mercy of the school's computer rules and costs. It would also be an excellent investment, he said.

Not only does A.S. have a budget now, but they have someone to help them make

the most of it. Darlene Willis has been added as the executive director of the A.S.

Willis comes from Cal State Hayward and is hailed as a powerful asset by all in the A.S. Her job is to act as middleperson between the A.S. and the administration. When problems arise, Willis will be there to help A.S. (and as a result, all CSUSM students) get their voice heard and be taken seriously.

Willis is concentrating right now on getting the accounting fee lowered for A.S. If this happens, they will have more of the money we pay them to work with. That means more events on campus, more speakers, and more funds for important projects like child care and sports.

The A.S. looks like it's beginning to win already. And that means, ultimately, results for all CSUSM students.

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according to Dora Knoblock, assistant to the director of Public Safety Services. Plans for the spring semester include using the PPHS lot for overflow, with shuttle service to the main campus. Shuttles also are planned from student lots 106 and 10. An incentive car-pool program will be introduced next semester.

Long-term solutions include the construction of two new parking lots with a total of 600 additional spaces. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1998, with completion scheduled for the following fall.

In the meantime, Parking Services is keeping enforcement to a minimum, even including abstaining from ticketing red zones on some peak days.

Knoblock said the first four weeks of each semester normally is the worst time for parking overflow. But this year, she added that peak period could be extended since both the number of visitors and concurrent Palomar students have increased.

"With the younger student population, we are seeing more parents visiting the campus for the first time, and many students at Palomar are unaware that the North County Transit District now has bus service to CSUSM," she added.

Parking problems persist at Cal. State San Marcos

by Helen Dahlstrom

To say the campus parking situation is more challenging than ever this fall is somewhat of an understatement. With enrollment up by 400 this fall and no additional spaces to be had, it has become downright frustrating to most students.

According to the Office of Enrollment Services, CSUSM enrollment this semester is 4,647, up from 4,233 last fall. There also are 700 faculty and staff members.

Parking is limited to 1,399 spaces in student lots, 350 in faculty and staff lots, and 64 spaces for the disabled ... a total of 1,813 spots. But more than 3,000 parking permits have been issued this semester.

Some students have managed to develop new coping strategies. One is to arrive earlier. Angie Boswell, senior majoring in social science, says she "deliberately takes a 7:30 a.m. class in order to avoid the parking problem on campus."

Other students have been forced to prowl

the lanes in the parking lot, waiting to catch someone leaving.

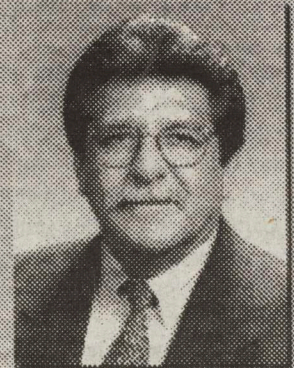
But it's not just students who are frustrated. Spanish professor Miguel Zapata complains that the overflow from the student lots is now impacting the faculty lot. "I ask my students if anyone is parked in the staff lot, and I know some that have already been ticketed," he adds.

Some students blame university officials. Aldene Yeo, a junior majoring in liberal studies, says, "They need to reassess their current parking lots versus their enrollment."

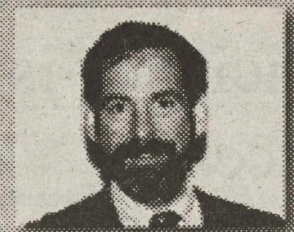
Dr. Alexander Gonzalez, interim CSUSM president, acknowledges that parking is a critical issue. At a Sept. 18 forum, he noted that the university is "looking into alternatives, such as using the Palomar Pomerado Health Services (PPHS) parking lot for overflow, until funding can be made available for new lot construction."

There are "glimmers of hope," however,

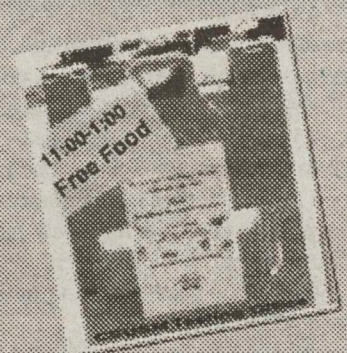
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Career center targets your future

by Kristina Seth

How will you learn to manage your career, whatever it may eventually be?

Maybe you can find out during the university's first-ever Career Week, Oct. 6-9.

Representatives from health services, business and finance, science and technology and education will be on campus.

"Each day is tailored to represent one industry," said Sandra Punch, director of the CSUSM Career Center. "The events scheduled for each day are much more involved than educating students on how to find jobs in their field of interest."

On Oct. 7th, Business and Finance Day, she added, "There will be opportunities to network with professionals in a variety of fields through 'Making Connections' night, where students can have employers and professionals critique their resumes, and learn what they specifically look for in an employee."

The four industries represented during Career Week will offer workshops on how

applicants can market themselves on paper. Speakers, including CSUSM alumni, will offer advice and hints.

For students interested in further study programs, there is a workshop Oct. 9th on graduate and professional schools. More than 51 such institutions including some from out of state and even out of country will be represented. The fields these programs will cover include chiropractic medicine, social work, dental, psychology, and law.

The Career Center also offers a mock test to help prepare those students interested in post-graduate study.

Oct. 6 is Health and Human Services Day, including a workshop on "Careers in the Gerontology field." A panel of professionals will be on hand from noon to 1 p.m. to answer specific questions.

Oct. 8 is Science and Technology Day, including a workshop on how to search for a job via the Internet.

The CSUSM Career center is making every effort to get the word out about Career Week. A counselor from the center will be available at a table in the Dome each school day until Oct. 6 to answer questions about the week. A full calendar of events can be picked up either at the center or at the Dome table.

"Please come by and ask us questions," urged Punch. "We are here for you." "This is a fantastic opportunity for students."

Efficiency is key to library's success

by Debbie holderby

Looks can be deceiving. Take the campus library, for example, which on the surface appears small, but operates with peak efficiency.

Walking into it for the first time, you may be surprised at the lack of space.

Indeed, its staff members say they often get phone calls from outside researchers, asking for material. The callers, they add, are usually surprised to find that CSUSM's library is so small. "Aren't you a university?" they ask, expecting a far bigger facility.

When the campus first opened, the library's location was to be temporary. But, as time passed and plans for a new facility were put on hold, it became semi-permanent and its space needs began to outgrow its physical limitations.

Originally, the library was intended to be totally electronic, with no books, periodicals, or paper. But, when studies indicated the goal of no hard copy was impractical, it was back to the drawing board. Plans for construction of a new home for the library are currently being reviewed.

But things are not always what they seem,

and the library is no exception.

While it lacks physical space, the need for services has created innovative ways of getting the job done. According to staff member Judith Downie, the library operates "lean, but not mean."

Because of the lack of space, what's available must be utilized as efficiently as possible.

The staff puts a high priority on service to faculty and students and, thanks to such high tech tools as Lexis/Nexis and the electronic catalog system, manages to find what most patrons need.

"There is no such thing as a stupid question," Downie says. "So ask!"

Those unsure of how to use the library system are invited to make appointments with its staff members, who can provide half-hour, personalized instruction on how to use its resources. Students are encouraged to do so.

There also is a suggestion box, located at the front desk, and all comments are periodically evaluated. Results of such reviews are posted on the bulletin board near the exit.

Hung jury on The Dome cafeteria

by Kristina Seth

The thumbs have spoken! The verdict: up for the variety of new pizza offered in the Dome cafeteria, but down for its higher prices and mixed on its taste.

The new Della Suprema Pizza from Aztec Shops has replaced that from Pizza Hut, a campus staple in the past. Why the switch to apparently more costly fare? Cafeteria officials refused a request for an interview by The Pride, but Laura Gropen, market-

ing director for Aztec Shops, provided a few suggestions.

Gropen also contended that the new pizza is actually a bargain.

Aztec Shops pizza costs \$1.79 for an 8-ounce vegetarian pizza (without cheese), \$1.89 for one

with cheese, \$2.19 for one with pepperoni and \$2.29 for a Hawaiian.

That compares favorably with last year's Pizza Hut price of \$2.39 for a 9-inch slice, Gropen said, adding that Pizza Hut planned to raise its price to "well over \$3."

"Our goal is to offer students the highest quality product at the lowest price," she said. "The perception that the

price of the new Bella Suprema Pizza is higher than the Pizza Hut's is a misperception.

Our gourmet pizza is made with three high quality California brand cheeses: real-

skin mozzarella, jack and cheddar. The ham and pepperoni is fresh Hormel meat. The tomatoes are fresh cut daily, and the dough is prepared fresh. The sauce is Heinz pizza sauce."

Unfortunately, the jury is still out on Gropen's contention. Most students interviewed rated taste more consequential than nutrition. Of 25 interviewed, only six liked the new pizza's taste. "Yuck!" was a common comment. "It was cold and it doesn't taste near as good as Pizza Hut's," said one student.

A Ramona freshman agreed: "The cheese had a weird flavor," he said. "It tasted like

the inside of a freezer."

A minority of those interviewed disagreed. "I love it!" said one. "I was going through pizza withdrawal over the summer."

More students were excited about the new House of Tsang assorted rice bowls, which range in price from 99 cents for steamed rice to \$3.59 for steak and chicken bowls. Vegetable bowls as well as fried rice with no meat cost \$2.49. By contrast, the Dome's

own steamed white rice costs 79 cents.

"Students were upset when we ran out of the rice bowls," said one Dome employee. "They are very popular. We had no idea they would be in so much

demand."

Some 20 of the 25 students interviewed liked the chicken and steak bowls. The steamed rice drew some criticism for being too sticky. "We're talking so sticky you couldn't even see the individual pieces of rice," complained one. "It was just an undefined mass of white stuff."

But, countered another, "Sticky rice is only bad if you don't like it that way. In some cultures the stickier the rice, the better. In China, for example, they like sticky rice."

The price of the rice bowls

was a different matter. "What are we paying so much for?" asked one student. "Rice is one of the least expensive foods you can buy!"

In addition, new foods in the Dome include nachos for \$1.99 and a pasta plate for \$2.49, available at the grill for order behind the sandwich bar.

Gropen said Aztec Shops is conscious of the growing desire for more vegetarian fare. Currently, the only truly new offerings are the veggie pizza and rice bowl.

When the cafeteria first opened, it offered only pre-wrapped sandwiches and salads and canned sodas.



Photos by Kristina Seth



The Pride would like to announce your upcoming events. Drop off information in the Pride's mailbox located in Student Activities, COM 203, or contact The Pride in the following ways:
EMAIL: pride@mailhost1.csusm.edu PHONE: 750-4998 FAX: 750-4030

Evening students left out

by Sharon Hamblly

Evening students are required to pay \$20 in student health fees for benefits that are difficult if not impossible to obtain.

And while the class booklet states that the health services are available to all



CSUSM students, the health center's days and hours are Monday through Friday, closing at 5 p.m. No evening hours or weekend services are offered. The center is not located on the campus but at the Palomar Pomerao building across

the street in Suite 100.

Executive Order 637 requires that the university system provide health services and also determines what constitutes health services.

Executive Order 661 gives the Board of Trustees the authority to govern the fees. The campus president implements how these fees can be changed. The general funding is then based on the student population.

Currently, CSUSM has the lowest fee in the state university system. Other universities are charging \$70 a semester.

Dr. Nicholson, director of health services

since June 1996, said he does not have the staff for extended hours. One medical doctor, two part-time nurse practitioners and two psychiatrists work at the center.

Evening students have complained about lack of evening services. The health center then attempted to extend their hours, but because of lack of use the extra hours were discontinued.

Many students are mandated to pay the health fee even though they have their own health insurance.

Here is a review of the health services:

- all services are confidential
- urgent care offered during regular hours
- general medical care by physician or nurse practitioner
- pharmacy service-prescriptions filled at very low cost
- routine immunizations
- TB testing
- allergy injections
- radiology services
- anonymous HIV testing with pre- and post-test counseling
- individual counseling for nutrition, cholesterol reduction, smoking cessation, family planning.

The above-mentioned services are needed by many of our students, many of which attend school at night and are thus unable to receive those services. Many believe that these services should be available to all students. This would mean that the hours would have to be more flexible.

And for those students who have their own health plans, there should be an exemption, some students argue.

an active member of the fraternity.

Leonard said when he initially heard of the death he was skeptical that the fraternity was to blame. The drinking allegedly was part of the acceptance process, he added. Leonard said he believes it was part of a bid celebration and the "allegation of forced drinking [was] untrue." He added that many fraternity members are big drinkers before they join.

Kevin Owens, president of SAE at CSUSM, maintains the fraternity already takes matters of safety seriously. Owens pointed out that during parties the fraternity has designated drivers, wristbands to indicate partygoers of legal drinking age, and security to "control the scene."

Owens added SAE annually elects a risk management officer, currently held by Winnjay Delacruz. Among other things, it is the responsibility of the risk management officer to remain sober and ensure that partygoers do not go overboard when drinking, Owens stated.

Owens and Delacruz both stated their

Students can trip out on language

Have you neglected your foreign language graduation requirements for this long?

CSUSM and Palomar College offer many types of programs for CSU students to study abroad. The programs range from two short weeks to a full academic year and most require at least a 2.5 GPA.

"The respect I gained for Italy combined with the educational experience of Europe as well as gaining a deeper respect for my own country was intriguing and forever memorable," said one student.

The CSU system-wide programs are affiliated with more than 70 institutions in 17 countries. Whether your desire is to fulfill your foreign studies or pursue another field of study, both colleges have specialized programs to accommodate your needs.

Whether you wish to learn French in Canada or France, Spanish in Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, or Spain, develop your artistic abilities at the Florence Academy of Arts, or pursue a broader education in agriculture or nutrition in New Zealand or Australia, your options are wide open.

The length of study depends on your schedule, what you want to learn and accomplish and your desire to have a life-changing experience.

belief that the bartender who served Wynne was responsible for the death. Delacruz mentioned he worked as a bartender at one time, adding that when you knew someone had too much to drink, "you would cut them off."

Owens said it is illegal to drink during rush, and as far as the role of alcohol in their fraternity, it is "part of celebration, not a major part."

Though all might classify the death of the student a tragedy, students at CSUSM disagree on where the ultimate responsibility lies.

"Obviously in a situation like that peer pressure plays a major role; however, you and you alone are responsible for your own decisions and actions," said Rebecca Brown, a student of the credential program at CSUSM.

Michelle Stuki, a senior at CSUSM, said, "Some of the responsibility has to lie on the bar for serving someone underage."

One student said, "Some real attention should be paid in this case and some serious questions should be asked. Number one, does the fraternity condone the consumption of alcohol by its underage members? And if so, what steps are taken to ensure the safety of the individuals who do so?"

While some programs are geared toward learning a language, most allow students to pursue their majors because students are integrated into the life of another culture. You do not need to know a foreign language to study in a non-English speaking country.

One student who experienced an academic year in France said, "After living in France for a few months, I felt comfortable and the first place I traveled to beyond France was Germany."

She continued to explain how she felt a little estranged or awkward not knowing German. While riding the train back to France, "I realized I could understand what people were saying again and that, alone, made me feel at home."

Whereas this CSUSM student studied abroad for an academic year, other programs consist of two weeks or a month.

Another fellow student went to Mexico this summer and she felt that she "learned more being immersed in the culture and living with a Spanish-speaking family versus strictly classroom courses taught by teachers who spoke her native language."

"CSU students are especially fortunate because they have a wide range of system-wide study abroad programs available to them at extremely low costs," said Pam Bell, the CSU IP coordinator. Financial aid is available to students who qualify and the costs vary depending upon the country and type of program selected.

If you still find yourself asking why, where, or how long you should go, attend a study abroad meeting listed below and ask questions. Students and faculty who studied in different countries will be delighted to answer and advise you according to your specific desires and needs.

The meetings will be held in COMMONS 206 on Thurs., Oct. 2 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Wed., Oct. 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 3 from noon-1 p.m.; and Tues., Nov. 11 from 2-3 p.m. Check it out, broaden your life by experiencing another country and culture.

Death of LSU student raises questions

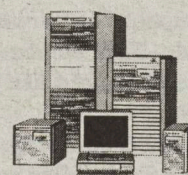
by Jenifer Jaffe

A 20-year-old student died last month following a drinking binge during pledge week at Louisiana State University.

Benjamin Wynne was hospitalized with a blood alcohol-level of .588 after campus police discovered him at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house, according to the San Diego Union Tribune. The fraternity's national office later suspended the LSU chapter pending an investigation.

Though SAE at CSUSM has not felt any major repercussions from the death, national did warn them to "tighten up on risk management," according to James Leonard,

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Features

The Unexpected Treasure

by Fritz Kreisler

A belated welcome from Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) to all students, and to the Pride! We know, from the Orientation sessions for new students as well as from countless conversations with 'old' students, that there are many reasons for you to be here.

Most of these are practical and worthy: to help yourself prepare for a career; to do your family proud; to get your parents off your back.

Many students, especially those who have their sights on a specific career, are also practical in their wish to

accomplish this education as efficiently as possible. "College costs money, and the sooner I can get my degree, the better." Not only that, but many students get frustrated at having to take classes, such as GE courses, that don't relate to their career goals in an obvious way. This

all ties in to the notion that students are the customers of the University, which is certainly true in the sense that students pay for this education. But as President

Gonzalez noted in his convocation address, at a University the consumer

and the product are the same, namely, the educated student. This fact changes the relationship of the customer and the service provider in a deep way. Unlike other things we buy, our education is full of mystery and surprises, many of which may not emerge for years. Unlike the plumber and the cable guy, our educators might know 'what we need' much, much better than we do, which calls for considerable faith on our parts.

Which is to say that if you really want to get the most out of your time with us, we strongly recommend that you cultivate a deliberate openness of heart and mind. Nowhere is this more true than in your relationships with your faculty (even your GE faculty). The relationship that might develop between a professor and a student is the secret treasure of the University experience. It is unpredictable. You don't know where or when it will happen, or what it's

exact nature will be. We have often heard, over the years, the story of a student who chose a whole new major and career because some professor, in an elective course, simply blew the student's mind and gave the student the sense that s/he was remarkable.

More alumni than you can imagine are where they are because they discovered this particular treasure.

We would venture to say that potentially, such unexpected treasures are here for each of you, waiting for you to discover them. We wonder what would happen if each of you completely believed that this was true: completely believed, as you drove to campus every day, or picked out your classes each semester, that there was *certainly* going to be at least one professor that was going to be the one for you, the one whose mind you'd feel you just had to get to know as completely as possible and who'd be interested in cultivating yours in return. What kind of attitude about the University would come from belief like that?

CAPS offers a quiet, confidential space for students to talk about any concerns or interests, personal or academic, at no charge for CSUSM students. We also like to help students cultivate good attitudes about themselves and their education! We are located in 5310 Craven Hall. For information or appointments, call 750-4910.

CSUSM welcomes Dr. Gonzalez... the new kid in school

by Val Knox

Have you ever wanted to meet the obscure people behind the impressive titles? The president or CEO of a frequently visited organization?

For most of us, we wouldn't dream of interrupting their busy schedules; besides, what would we say to them? What are we supposed to say to them? "Hello, there, and just what do you do here?"

I recently met with CSUSM's new interim president, Dr. Alexander Gonzalez, and wondered what topics I should ask him about.

My first fear was that I wouldn't be able to understand his "academese," regardless of the topic.

You know, the institutional language found in academic and medical journals: "Better evaluation of responses to treatment modalities depends on the standardization of an index allowing accurate descriptions of learning disorder behaviors" (Style, Fifth Edition, p. 4). Say what? If Dr. Gonzalez talked like that, I was in big trouble.

I'm happy to report that Gonzalez speaks in plain and simple language, just like you and me. And when I asked the question, "Just what do you do here?" without hesitation he said, "To quote Harry S. Truman, 'The buck stops here.'" There you have it in a nutshell.

In many ways, Gonzalez faced the same questions and fears that anyone would experience at the onset of a new semester or new job. The question, "Will I fit in and be accepted by the others?" is a reality for all of us, including college presidents. He wondered if he would be accepted by the faculty and staff as well as by students and the community.

By the end of his first official day, Gonzalez was impressed not only with the faculty, to him, you might start with WELCOME TO CSUSM!

but by the students as well. "A university is not just the bricks and mortar, that's just the physical part, and that's not the university. The university is the people in it. The students here have a freshness and vitality in them that is unusual to me."

Likewise, Gonzalez is impressed with the faculty's talents and would like to develop opportunities for those talents to fully mature.

So, what is a university president responsible for? He's our Leader: the university's operations and fiscal manager who is also responsible for the university's growth and conduct.

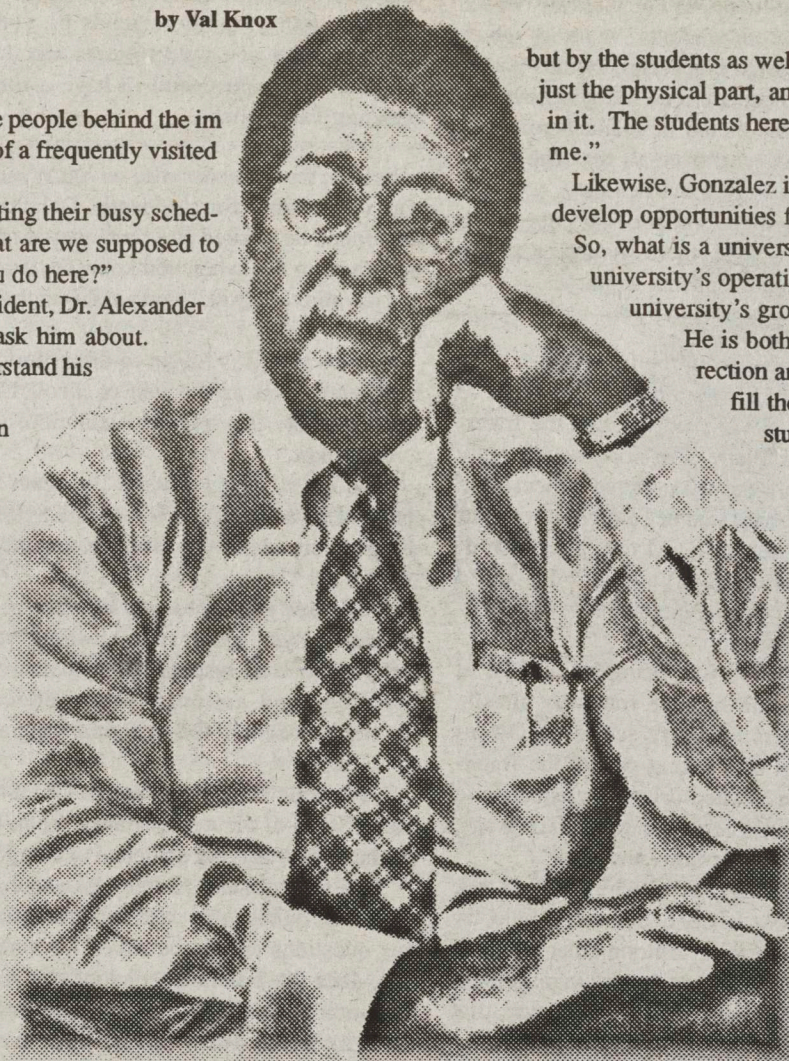
He is both a philosophical and academic leader who provides direction and help to faculty, students, staff and community to fulfill their potential while at this institution. Pretty impressive stuff!

However, he isn't stuffy. He eats in the Dome when he can. Don't be shy. Go over to him, introduce yourself and ask him if he minds if you sit down. He wants to talk with students, and remember, he is very approachable and easy to talk to. Moreover, he's new on campus and eating alone is a drag.

How will you know him, you ask. He has a presence about him. You'll just know he's not a returning student. (Tip: He's the one in the dry-cleaned shirt and wears a suit.) He's not particularly tall, but very solid and wears glasses. But the real giveaway is his gray mustache, which stands out from his dark hair. You really can't miss him!

If you don't happen to catch Gonzalez in the Dome or can't stop him in the hallway, he has a pretty neat web page hyperlink <http://www.csusm.edu>. Click on The President's (virtual) Office or another way to catch him is through his e-mail.

All in all, he is a very accessible man, enthusiastic and eager to talk about anything connected to the school. If you don't know what to say or write



Communication Department hires new director

by Frances Bernal

The Communication Department has hired Bud Morris as its new director. Morris was a professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock for 12 years. He taught communication courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Q: How did you hear about the position at CSUSM and why did you decide to leave Texas?

A: It was advertised nationally and sometime around the deadline I received a call from my mentor (who) told me about the opening. It was immediately appealing because at the time the department at Texas Tech wasn't going anywhere. It was a middle-aged department without too many challenges. The requirements for the position at CSUSM happened to be an exact match to my background and education. The San Diego area was also very appealing. The ocean is just minutes away. In Texas, it was a 12- to 13-hour drive.

Q: What are your plans for the department? Will there be more professors hired or new classes offered?

A: I can project a curriculum for the next five years. The plan is for the department

to grow with additional professors, more courses, growth around campus, and in the community. We are currently centered on the increasing number of students. We've tripled over the last year. Our success is contingent on having new students, and having communication as a special interest in other majors. In five years we will probably have seven professors if we continue to have growth, offer courses that students want, and if students do their part in getting involved.

Q: Why should students consider majoring or minoring in communication?

A: Anyone can say, 'I'm a good communicator' or 'I'm good with people.' But it's important to have some background in communication, and have schooling. It's important that you can say, with lots of truth behind it, that you can communicate effectively. Organizations want people who can communicate amidst turbulent changes, or who have background in difficult managing situations. Whatever position you hold, your communication skills and background will help you to prosper. I don't want stu-

dents to come to this major for the wrong reasons, who are not going to work, and not going to do their best. I want to have lots of the very best students on campus.

Q: How do you feel about starting a club on campus?

A: Fine idea, sooner than later. The key to a club are projects that students can work on together, and not just a line on your resume. A forum to share ideas, ability to interact with others, work with the community and the career center so that we can get our graduates working.

In one of Morris' classes, he proposed persuading local business persons to serve as mock interviewers for a "Practice Interview Event." This

would help communication majors with interviewing techniques.

Susan Garcia, communication major, thought of forming

contracts with businesses based on reciprocity. Communication students would exchange internships for participation in our event.

Many communication students have responded enthusiastically to "Bud," as he is known around campus, and the other changes in the department.

Amy Hudson and Dawn Knepper said, "We feel like the department is a big, happy family. We all know each other and have a great time."

"Anyone can say, 'I'm a good communicator' or 'I'm good with people.' But, it's important to have some background in communication, and have schooling."

Binge drinking down in America: Except among college students

by College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Heavy drinking is down in America, except for one notable place: college campuses.

That's according to a report from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, which calls binge drinking "a widespread problem" on college campuses despite a decline in alcohol use among the general population.

In 1994, 40 percent of college students reported binge drinking at least once within the previous two weeks of being surveyed, according to the triennial report. The NIAAA defines "binge drinking" as consuming five or more drinks at one sitting.

Gender seems to play a significant role in terms of binge drinking, with 52 percent of college men reporting such drinking as compared to 31 percent of women.

Across the board, nearly 70 percent of college students said they drank alcohol at least once a month and about 4 percent said they drank daily, the study found.

The report calls the findings for college students "quite high" in light of a decline in drinking among high school seniors. The authors suggest that college students, who report drinking less in high school than non-college-bound seniors, may be "catching up" and possibly surpassing their peers not in college.

The NIAAA, which has compiled previous studies on alcohol consumption, blames campuses for promoting a "culture of drinking" and praises alternatives such as alcohol-free parties.

Among the general population, alcohol use hit a 30 year low in 1993, after peaking during the 1980s. Increased health concerns, less tolerant attitudes toward drinking, and stricter laws against drinking and driving are possible reasons for the change, the NIAAA said.

More information on the NIAAA's "Ninth Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health" is available at the agency's website: www.niaaa.nih.gov

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Native-American Pow
Wow at CSUSM

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Craven Road from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Oct. 4 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 5.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 people traditionally attend the two-day event, which is sponsored by Nordstrom, CSUSM Arts & Lectures/IRA Funds, and the American Indian Student Organization. This year the university will include academic advising as part of the Pow Wow. High school students may bring an unofficial transcript and talk with an advisor about planning their courses to get on track for college.

Three related educational events will precede the Pow Wow. On Wednesday, Oct. 1 in Room 102 of Academic Hall, David Whitehorse, a member of the Lakota tribe and associate professor of education at CSUSM, will present a lecture/slideshow entitled, "To Live at the Center: Pow Wows in Contemporary Context." And on Oct. 2, Jane Dumas, a Kumeyaay elder, speaks on how "Yesterday's Healing Practices Enhance Our Lives Today." This will be held at noon in Room 206 of Commons Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

CSUSM will also hold a college motivation day for 60 Native American high-school students on Oct. 3. The workshops are designed to encourage the students to pursue a college education.

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CSUSM will hold its 5th Annual American Indian Pow Wow on Oct. 4-5. Celebrating the cultural richness of American Indians, the Pow Wow assembles tribal members from several western states and offers a program of cultural events including intertribal dancing, gourd dancing, drum competitions, native food, and American Indian arts and crafts.

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California State University, San Marcos is moving beyond North County San Diego. The CSUSM College of Education and Extended Education will be offering a fun and exciting class for educators that can fit into anyone's schedule. This new course to be offered in the Spring of 1998 is the first CSUSM Education class to be offered over the World Wide Web. This course is specialized in helping educators improve instructional strategies for learners who are difficult to teach. This three unit graduate course will help educators in adapting and accommodating their instruction to meet the needs of mainstreamed students with special needs. Special education teachers who wish to develop their Level II Education Specialists Credential may be interested as well. If you are interested in exploring cyberspace to use the Internet as an Instructional Delivery Model, please come check us out at web site www.csusm.edu/COE/faculty/ or call at (760) 750-4020.

Governor expected to approve a bill to cut student fees

If Governor Pete Wilson approves a bill passed by the State Legislature, LCSU students can expect a five percent reduction in fees beginning in the fall of 1998. The reduction, which Wilson reportedly supports, would trim CSU fees to \$1,504 a year from the current \$1,584. Community college fees such as those at Palomar and Mira Costa would also drop from \$13 to \$12. The cuts would apply only to state residents. Under the bill, introduced by Assemblyman Denise Moreno Ducheny, D-San Diego, the state would reimburse schools for the reduced fees. Thus, while students pay less, their colleges would not lose money. CSU spokesman Ken Swisher said the bill includes \$19.4 million to refund to the universities that reduce their fees.



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JAZZ PHOTO EXHIBIT OPENS OCT. 10 AT CSUSM

Michael Oletta is a professional photographer with a passion for jazz. And since the seventies, he has documented that passion by photographing some of the jazz world's legends as they immerse themselves into the musical magic. Starting October 10, a selection of these photographs will be on display at California State University, San Marcos in an exhibit entitled, "Moments Noticed: The Jazz Musician at Work."

The exhibit opens with a reception complete with a jazz trio Wednesday, Oct. 10, 3 p.m. in the library courtyard and continues through Nov. 30 in the library during regular hours of operation. The public is invited and admission is free.

"In between the requirements of being a professional photographer," says Oletta, "I find myself lurking behind my favorite lens, in corners and behind curtains of any jazz venue or festival accessible to me. Call it passion or hobby, there is something very satisfying about capturing the moments that make up the spontaneous communications and improvisation that we call jazz."

Oletta says he prefers to shoot with black and white film. "I've found that color film snatches the reality from these images and can distract from the emotion of the moment."

For more information, call the Arts & Lectures Series at (760) 750-4366.

PRIMASI PRESENTS EASTERN EUROPEAN MUSIC AT CSUSM

Eastern European music including Gypsy, Balkan and Flamenco traditions will be presented by the group Primasi Thursday, Oct. 9 at noon on the Dome Stage at California State University, San Marcos. The public is invited and admission is free.

The members of Primasi include classically trained and educated performers, recording artists and teachers. Members are George Svoboda, guitar; Chris Vitas, violin; Richard Tibbitts, flute; Tony Karasek, percussion and sitar; Gunnar Biggs, bass, and Fred Benedetti, guitar.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

This is a letter to the person who left an informative booklet on my car at the end of last semester. This booklet was a condemnation of homosexuality. It described in detail what the bible says about being homosexual and the punishments that should be inflicted. It tries to condemn homosexuality by quoting the words of God. Of course this works only if you have not taken the literature class, The Bible as Literature, where one would learn that the bible was written by men who believed they were writing God's words.

Whilst I might be grateful for your concern for my immortal soul, I have to point out that if you are going to target someone to see things your way, you have to learn the correct symbols. The symbol on my car does not identify me as gay, although if I was I would not try to change it just to please you. No, my symbol declares that I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Try and correctly identify your targets otherwise you could have some very irate gay people wrongly accused of being alcoholic and that just won't do!

Signed, Sober at San Marcos

To my fellow students,

On Tuesday, September 23rd, I left a red 3 1/2" disk in the computer lab, room 202. It had a label with file names listed, but not my name. When I checked the lost/found box it was not turned in by the person who found it in the computer or, if found and put in the lost/found box, was taken by someone else.

This disk has my class notes from BUS 305 and an assignment for BUS 304. It also has personal business letters, which I need to follow up.

I respectfully request that you return the disk to me. If you have looked at the files on the disk you will have discovered my home address on the letters. Please show a sense of decency and honesty and mail the disk to my home address.

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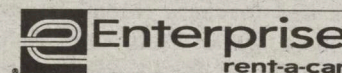
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