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## Campus equity week is set for Nov. 10-14

By DANIELLE BOLDT  
Pride Staff Writer

Campus Equity Week, an annual tradition and a week of action, is a time when staff, faculty and students have the chance to speak out against the exploitation of non-tenured faculty and the effects on learning. Due to the North County fires, the structured activities for Equity Week were postponed.

A campus lunch rally is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Equity Week is an international movement led by The Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL), California, a multi-campus coalition of California State University lecturers, faculty, and community.

From rallies to regional hearings, equity film festivals and public testimonies, more than 400 schools speak out across the United States, Canada and Mexico, including 23 CSU schools.

In support of "equity for contingent faculty," Elizabeth Hoffman, the California Faculty Association-

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## Presidential candidates visit CSUSM



**Karen S. Haynes**

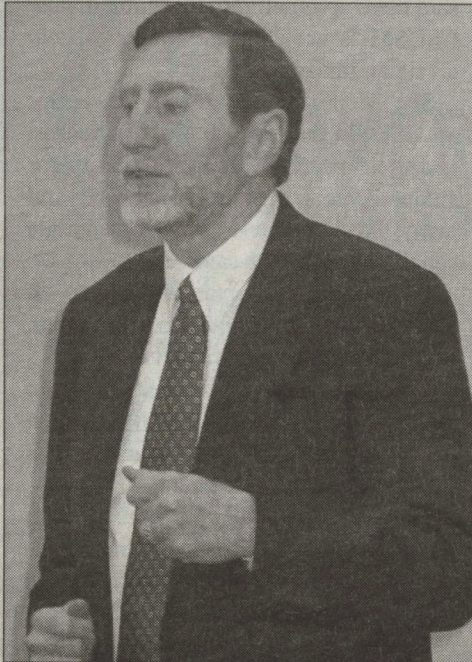
Stories By JONATHAN RODLEY  
Pride Editor

President of the University of Houston-Victoria (UHV) Karen Haynes, who once managed an institute for national planning in Cairo, broke the ice with CSUSM students and faculty last Wednesday.

Her introduction last week was part one of a three-day forum that CSUSM held for three possible candidates vying for the presidential chair at Cal State San Marcos.

Attendees to the event said she wore an electric fuchsia dress so she that listeners would remember her and the audience shared

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**Dennis L. Hefner**

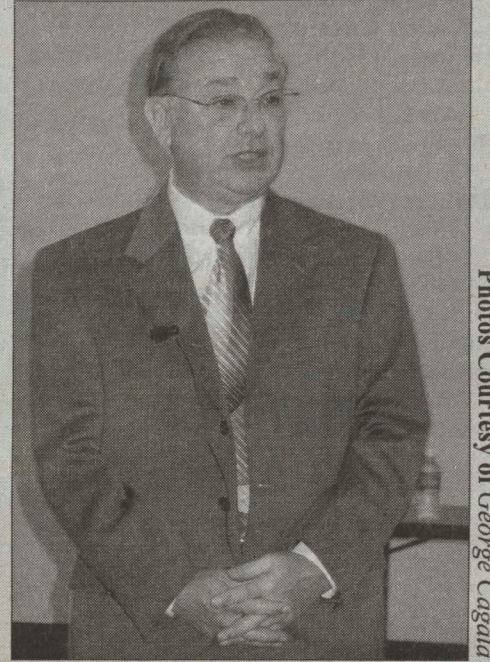
After presenting his wife, whom he met in a California State University library 36 years ago, Dennis Hefner contributed his thoughts to the eager ears of CSUSM faculty and staff at the Clarke Field House last Thursday.

Hefner, president of State University of New York (SUNY), engaged the CSUSM community during the second of a three-day forum series held for the presidential candidates for CSUSM.

Hefner spoke on a range of topics from personal philosophies to his priorities.

He said that he wants to develop a "culture of teamwork," at CSUSM. "Teamwork

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**Ephraim P. Smith**

With a Boston accent, the third and final presidential candidate, Ephraim Smith, introduced himself to CSUSM students, faculty and staff last Friday at the Clarke Field House.

During his 45 minute debut, faculty and staff quizzed Smith on a series of questions, one of which hitting his shift of allegiance from Cal State Fullerton to San Marcos.

Smith, vice president for Academic Affairs at CSUF, said that he is not switching allegiance; it is about the mission of higher education and working on the master plan of the California State University system.

"I would like to continue in my own way

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## Donations still needed for fire victims

By MICHELLE WILLS  
Pride Staff Writer

For those who wish to help out fire victims within our campus community, there are designated places where you can drop off goods or financial contributions.

The literature and writing (LTWR) department is accepting donations for

those who have lost their homes. Money is strongly needed, yet other things such as book donations, refrigerators and computer tables are also needed.

Drop off locations for LTWR recipients are located at the Writing Center, Craven 3106, or Anita Nix's office, Craven 6209.

"I'll take anything until the end of the semester," said Dr Robin Keehn, director

of the Writing Center.

For more information on how to help, you can contact Anita Nix in Craven 6209.

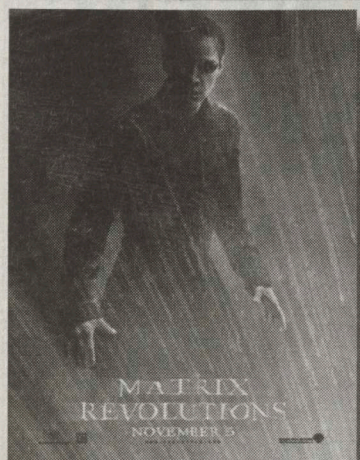
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Marcos Foundation Fire Fund.

"The money has been collected to help people who lost funds," said Rick Moore, director of communications.

Alpha Kappa Psi will be collecting non-perishable food items and used books in Founders Plaza between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 12 and Thursday Nov. 13.

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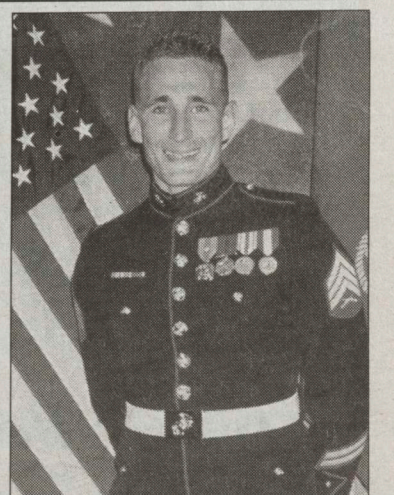


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-Louis Caliendo

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**HAYNES,**

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a laugh with her about her selection.

"The Cal State System ... appeals to me," Haynes said as she started a closed-door question and answer session with Associated Students, Inc. (ASI).

Haynes, who presides over UHV, an upper-division and graduate institution, said there is something intriguing in how CSUSM is growing and wants to help create an image for it.

She identified the top three issues at CSUSM as one, tuition increases, and their affect on the affordability for students; two, course availability; and lastly, "Trying to be the voice of a unique set of students," she said.

With freshman retention being an issue at CSUSM, Haynes commented on how she handles retention at UHV.

"We try to find why students drop out or stop out," Haynes said. UHV, which has a population of 2,183 students, has retention rates of 83 percent.

Another issue is that the vitality of the childcare program is in peril. In a previous year at UHV, Haynes had to close a childcare program.

"I think it was for the right reasons," Haynes said. She added that she is a working mother that understands the child care issues.

Haynes also talked with ASI about student involvement in decision-making, saying that at UHV, students participate in 50 percent of the committees. Students' voices are heard and they are given reasons for the decisions made.

Haynes, the author of several publications about social issues, earned her Ph.D from the University of Texas.



**SMITH,**

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to bring the strength back to California," Smith said.

Smith spoke on the importance of program development, growth, and fundraising among other issues. He said he wants to recruit the community to invest in the campus' development.

Smith also acknowledged the importance of creating campus life and staying up to date with the cutting edge of technology.

"It's very important to set out what values are the most important to the campus," Smith said.

Smith, who earned his Ph.D in accounting from the University of Illinois in 1968, said that the current budget cuts are part of a 10-year cycle for California and that in the early 90's he experienced a 25 percent cut at Fullerton.

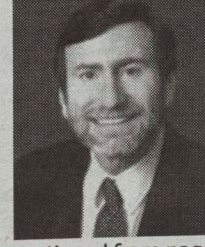
He said to save up during the good years, stop spending prior to the cuts, and do not make cuts that take years to overcome.

"The goal is to position the university so that it can make a rebound," Smith told reporters at a media conference.

At a meeting with Associated Students, Inc., Smith said that CSUF has students voting on all major voting committees and he checks to ensure that students represent themselves.

"Fullerton is a hotbed of shared governance," he said.

Smith said his priority is to make sure classes are available for students to graduate in a timely manner, and his most important role is to enhance student learning.



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is absolutely critical," he added.

Hefner also commented on budget concerns saying, "The most important thing about the budgets is you can't let it get your spirits down."

In order to help counter the budget constraints, he said that campuses must be entrepreneurial. He added that at SUNY he set a goal for raising \$8 million and reached \$12 million in a fundraising effort.

During a press conference, he told reporters that he plans to make CSUSM his last job on the CSU circuit.

Afterward, Hefner attended a forum with Associated Students, Inc. (ASI).

Hefner, who earned his Ph.D from Washington State University in 1971, told ASI that as a graduate of the CSU system he considers California his home, and he is excited about the campus and its potential.

He said he has an "open-door" policy and that he is available to students. At SUNY, a school with 4,900 undergrads and 400 graduate students, there are two students per committee and Hefner has a student cabinet.

"I want students involved in the decision process," he said.

Concerning childcare at CSUSM, Hefner said, "Having a child care facility close at this campus is unfathomable."

As for an academic blueprint, Hefner said there is a nine to ten month process to make a shared goal and develop a mission for the needs of the region.

"My overall goal is to develop a shared vision for the campus," he said.

## EQUITY WEEK

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tion's (CFA) associate vice president lecturer describes it as a panel of testimonies is given by faculty, students and the broader community.

Every year Cal State San Marcos invites speakers, a live band, shows films, and even displays a wall of shame in promotion of faculty contribution.

"In light of the budget crisis, it is our responsibility

as members of the CSU community to protect our students," said Mayra Besosa, CFA lecturer representative at Cal State San Marcos. Besosa's concern lies not only with the poor working conditions of non-contingent faculty, but also with the learning environment for the students.

"Eventually, second class education needs to be eliminated," Besosa said. "This kind of job insecurity is not good for students."

There are currently 215 lecturers on campus: 74 who

have qualified three-year contracts, and nine who are vulnerable to lay-offs. This instability for faculty greatly affects the quality of education that students receive.

The outcome for this semester is increased classroom size, team-taught classes, more non-tenured faculty teaching classes, and fewer options for availability of classes. The individual opportunities in conjunction with the small class size that Cal State San Marcos used to be proud of no longer exist.

In speaking out against the "war on education," Alice Sunshine, CFA representative said, the aim for Campus Equity Week is to pressure administrators to reverse policy decisions and improve lecturer status. CSU's quality of education is at stake, and a resolution can only be reached through small steps of action. Students and faculty will speak in light of these pressing issues Wednesday Nov. 12, and a campus lunch rally will be held at the Mezzanine from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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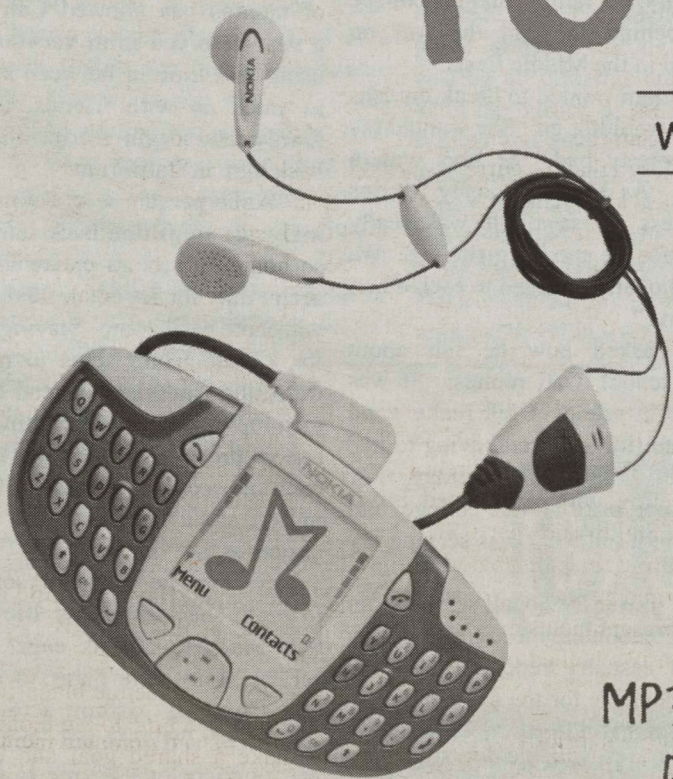
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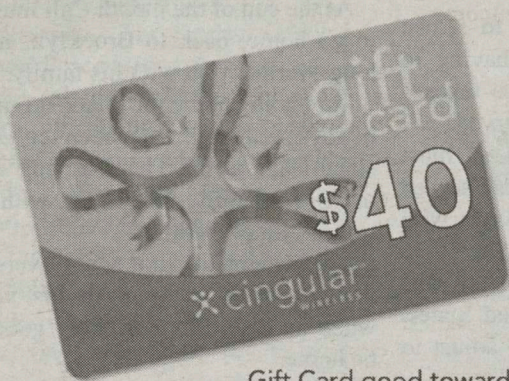
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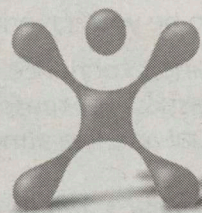


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
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# Local CSUSM hero, student, and soldier: Louis Caliendo



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By SHARON BAYRON  
Pride Staff Writer

"My friends call me Cali when I'm on duty," Louis says, extending his hand and smiling. "Actually, almost everyone I know calls me Cali." At 6'4" he towers above nearly everyone who walks by, but his hazel eyes are inviting, his tone is friendly.

It becomes hard to imagine this person in the midst of the recent war. Louis Caliendo, a third semester business major, transferred from Palomar Community College to CSUSM in the spring semester of 2002.

More recently however, he's just transferred back to the United States after spending six months serving as Sergeant Caliendo in the dusty deserts of northern and southern Iraq.

A Brooklyn native, Cali moved to California when he joined the Marines in 1993. "I like it here. It's something new," he says.

After spending four years on active duty in the Marines, Cali decided to serve part time in the reserves in order to attend college and pursue a career in business. As a reserve Marine, Louis' chances of serving in a war seemed slim. That was until Sept. 11, 2001. The possibility of war became a reality.

*"I knew war was inevitable, and I knew I would be deployed."*

"I knew war was inevitable, and I knew I would be deployed," Cali says shaking his head.

April 10 Cali left his girlfriend of eight years, his family, and his college career behind to fight the war on terrorism in the Middle East.

"My mom wanted to break my legs so that I wouldn't go. She wanted me to stay pretty bad," he says with a chuckle. As his face slowly regains seriousness he says, "It was really difficult for me and my girlfriend. We are emotionally attached to each other, you know?"

When asked how he felt about leaving school, Cali replies: "I was on a roll at school. I felt really good going into (it), and then having to just drop everything... it was crazy. My number one priority was college, and then all of a sudden it was serving my country."

While in Iraq, Sgt. Cali served in an Armor Reconnaissance Unit, taking personal casualty reports. He was also responsible for the accountability of several battalions. This meant that he would have to take thorough reports of anyone in his battalions who were injured or killed. He seems comfortable discussing this and luckily, he didn't have to report the deaths of any close friends.

Remembering his experience living in Iraq for six months he says: "The Iraqi people, the civilians over there, they respected us. Not because we had guns and weapons, but because we respected them."

Although Cali was glad to return home, he does not regret having to serve in the war; in fact, he takes a lot of pride in his time served. "I got to fulfill something that most military personnel strive for; I served during peace and war," he says with impenitent confidence.

The real challenge for Cali was returning home to the United States, to California, and trying to adjust to normal life again.

"When I stepped off the plane, it was like, too much, too fast. Time hadn't stopped here. Everyone keeps moving over here, but there, its no mans land. I felt so behind when I got back," he says. Fortunately Cali made it home in one piece. However, he returned on September 13, 2003, just after this fall semester had begun. Unable to start the semester so late, Cali was forced to postpone his schooling until the Spring of 2004. "It's kind of a blessing that we got back mid-semester. I needed this time," he says.

Indeed, much of the past couple of months has allowed Cali to take a well-deserved mini vacation. He's using this time in between semesters to catch up with friends, talk with family, and begin readjusting to life back here in California.

"Some people need counseling to make the transition back into normal society. There's an option to stay on active duty for 30, 60, or 90 days when you come back home. Staying 'active' for a little while helps to make the transition smoother, instead of trying to jump right back into things. It's a slow process, making the transition back into civilian life. But I talk with my friends a lot. It makes it a little easier for me," he says.

Now that he has had some time to settle back into his life here in San Marcos, Cali is eager to start school again. He plans to complete his schooling within a few more semesters, and graduate from CSUSM with a bachelor's degree in business, emphasizing in service sector management.

Hopefully the political climate will allow Cali to fulfill his goal, granted that he will not have to deploy again.

"I can't imagine going away again. And I could only imagine if I had kids, God..." His voice trails off and his hazel eyes look down, contemplating what he'd just uttered.

At the end of the month Cali intends to go home, back to Brooklyn, for a long overdue visit with his family.

"I'm going home for Thanksgiving," he says, beaming. "It's been ten years since I had a real Thanksgiving with my entire family. You know, with the turkey and everything."

The weight of time spent overseas is more than apparent in his voice when he says, "Its definitely good to be home."

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## Appealing your grades: It can be done

By DIDI LUND  
Pride Staff Writer

For the majority of students at CSUSM, the grades posted via Internet at the end of each long semester resound with finality. Many students breathe with a sigh of relief, but are shocked at the degrading value given to their work. Unfortunately, even for students with a genuine argument for receiving an unfair grade, the grade appeal procedure seems to be a lengthy, tedious, and frightening path, an avenue in which few venture down. Students at Cal State San Marcos hold the right to file an appeal for their grade. Confidential hearings take place in front of a small board within the Academic Senate named the Student Grade Appeals Committee. "The committee is a right (for) students to have recourse when they feel they've been wronged," said Iain Gould, a graduate student serving on this board. As currently written, the grade appeal process begins with a student seeking to resolve the issue informally, through discussion between the professor and the student. If no agreement is reached, the student consults various administrative officials from the department and eventually the dean or another director. If the student cannot resolve the conflict, he or she must file a formal appeal. This process begins March 15 for courses from the previous fall or Oct. 15 for summer of spring courses.

Last year, the Student Grade Appeals Committee received 10 appeals. All were rejected. According to the annual report, three cases were discarded on technical grounds, the committee did not find the evidence to be adequate enough for a grade change with the other seven cases. In past years, the success rate for grade appeals has rarely been over 25 percent. Various difficulties cause the low success rate. The Student Grade Appeal Procedures states that "the burden of proof is on the student."

"A difficult task," said Richard Karas, Chair of the Grade Appeals Committee. Another obstacle students face is that they often do not understand the policy and their appeals are rejected because they do not effectively argue and document their claims. "Traditionally students that have a strong case have not had their appeal granted because of procedural flaws on their part," Gould argued. According to Gould, students have been unable to change their grades because of their lack of knowledge of the specific steps needed to take for the grade appeal. Students overlook two essential components: for what reason an appeal can be granted and the deadline in which to file. Students are often skeptical of Administration committees due to the lack of student voice in those groups. For the Grade Appeals Committee, it is not a question of fairness because three students and four faculty members serve on the committee, an almost balanced ratio. Associated Students, Inc. Executive Vice President

John Gehris, who is in charge of finding students to work on committees, recalled that having the student influence and vote is essential, especially for grade appeals.

"The student voice and concerns are heard because students sit on the committee," Gehris said. "Students who want to change their grade feel much more comfortable appealing in front of a committee that has student members." Another obstacle with the process is the policy language is vague creating difficulties for students. "Certain language in the procedures can be written so as to be clearer and more compelling...the forms used to appeal a grade can be amended so that they guide students through the process of writing an effective appeal," Karas said. With the burden of the proof lying on the student and ambiguous language discouraging efforts, students find it difficult to appeal a grade. A proposal is currently being submitted to the Academic Senate to review the language of the documents. The committee is continuing its efforts to improve the effectiveness of the policy.

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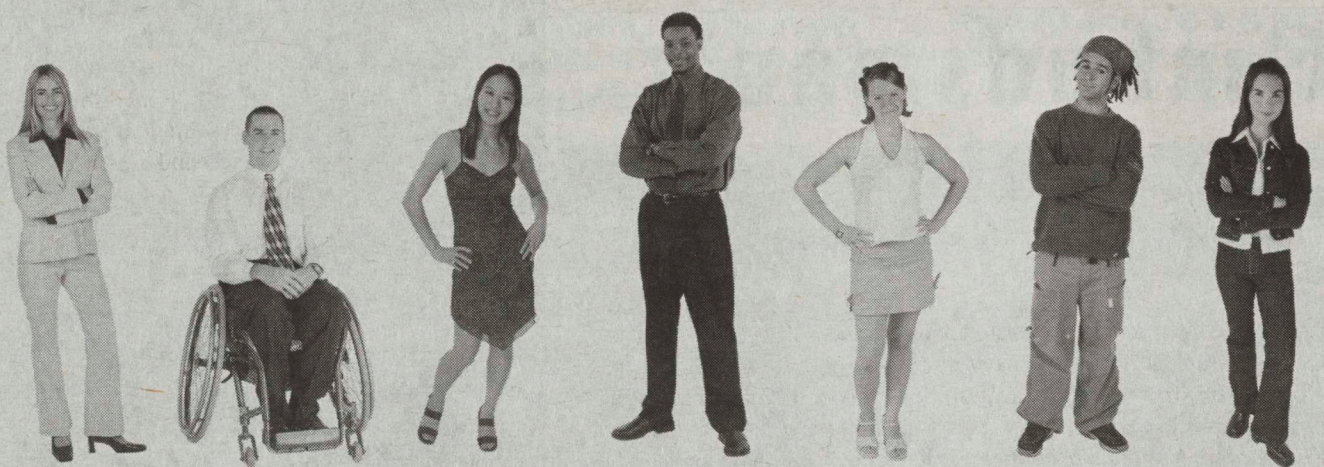
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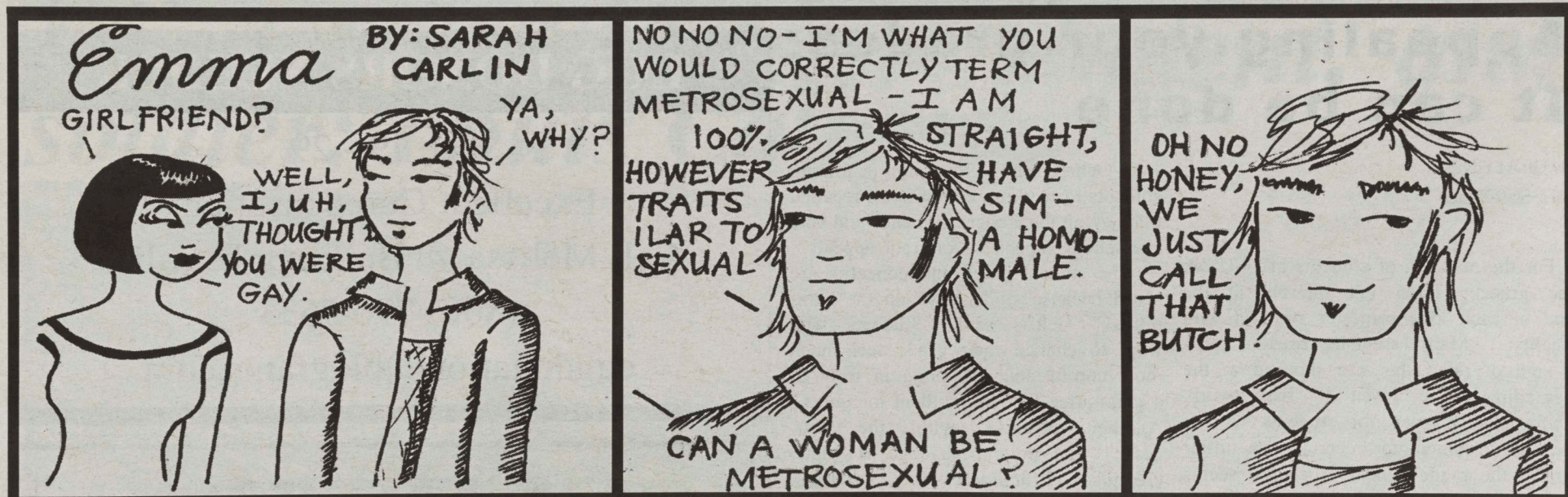


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## Strict Regulations Hinder Our Free Speech



By DIDI LUND  
Pride Staff Writer

Our right to free speech here at Cal State San Marcos exists as an administratively controlled privilege. From the militant posting procedures to the outlawing of vehicle leafleting, from the precious few bulletin boards to the lack of free speech areas, our campus epitomizes governmental suppression of ideas.

Under the Public Assembly Policy and Posting Policy, we students enjoy the right to free speech. We can participate in whatever administration-approved "student organizations" we choose. We can invite guest speakers on campus with the approval of administration. We can assemble in the designated free speech area which was

designed by the administration. We can even post administration-authorized flyers on the administration created bulletin boards. These Orwellian policies place our unguarded First Amendment rights under subject approval. It's like those telemarketers that call and promise you a free vacation: "restrictions apply."

Another setback to our rights is the nearly nonexistent areas in which students are allowed to express their opinions. Once a student gets past the approval of a flyer, the sheer lack of bulletin boards on campus destroys any hope for publicity. With only 15 or so places to post, the nightmare of restriction becomes a reality. It's a rape of our rights.

As far as free speech areas are concerned, the administration has designated one place on campus where we are permitted to protest. According to the Public Assembly Policy, "the free speech assembly area is the area located in

front of University Hall, 60 feet from the front steps of the building, during the hours between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m." Don't want to wake anyone up. Any protestors in violation of this policy are subject to the revocation of assembly rights, be asked to leave campus, or be criminally prosecuted.

This free speech area takes up about 60 square feet on a campus of over 13 million square feet. This is approximately 3 toothpicks lying on a football field.

In order to retain the prison-like setting here, the administration demands that any and all material to be posted be authorized by the Office of Student and Residential Life (SRL). Meaning any flyers students want to place on campus have to be approved through SRL, an office run not by students, but by the staff.

Administration's excuse for this unforgivable disregard to free speech is that they want the campus to continue looking clean and tidy. The infamous Posting Informational Material Policy "provides an avenue... (in which students can) publicize events, activities, and services while retaining an environment of order and cleanliness on the campus." This necessity for cleanliness includes restrictions on everything from the leafleting of cars to the material of banners. This anal policy goes so far as to dictate what type of tape to

use when posting - masking tape only, of course.

Basically if an innocent student wishes to post wisdom from a fortune cookie without approving the fortune with administration, he or she has some bad luck coming. The student risks having the posting removed, a fine imposed, posting privileges denied (whatever those are), and disciplinary action initiated - all this just for trying to improve the karma on campus.

The Pride exists as the only medium in which students may exercise their

First Amendment rights without penalty or censorship by the administration. Even in this setting, student editors reserve the right to place or not to place letters in the opinion section. With administration censoring flyers posted on campus and the lack of free speech areas, students are unable to truly immerse themselves in the exchange of ideas that defines a university. We shouldn't be toothpicks on a football field.

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## Ombudsman's Notes

By MICHAEL DOLAN  
Pride Staff Writer

This week, we try to return to normalcy on campus.

After a disaster closely intertwined with our community and our campus, is it possible to return to a normal school life at this point in the semester?

As I walked around campus over the past week, there was a prevalent feeling of exhaustion. Although a feeling of exhaustion is common at week 11, it seemed that perhaps this feeling was more than usual mental fatigue. After all, in the relative scheme of things at this particular time, it is hard to focus on education when there is still so much activity on the periphery.

Last week's edition of The Pride focused on the fires and their effect on Cal State San Marcos. I have received positive feedback on the coverage provided in that special edition. However, I would have liked to receive much more. In addition, I would like to know your thoughts on trying to get back into semester for the remaining few weeks. Please e-mail me with any lingering thoughts that you might have on that special edition as well as thoughts on the current edition. My e-mail is [dolan005@csusm.edu](mailto:dolan005@csusm.edu).

### Corrections for Vol. XI No. 8

In the article "Support available for students," Dr. Fritz Kreisler is incorrectly identified as a psychiatrist. Dr. Kreisler is a licensed psychologist.

In that same article, the Dean of Students Jonathan Poullard's office and phone number are incorrect. The correct office is Craven Hall 5306 and the correct extension is 4935.

The Pride apologizes for these mistakes.



# Never give up cross-country runner makes All-American

By TIM JOHNSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Cross-country is a sport with athletes who never give up, no matter what the circumstances are. Cara Rumble is one of those cross-country athletes who did not give up on the sport.

Rumble is a senior at Cal State San Marcos and an All-American cross-country runner. She was forced to take a year off from cross-country to have a baby. Rumble did not give up; she returned and is now a possible national titlist, placing second in the Vanguard Invitational with a time of 18:26 for the 5-k event.

"I had to get back into shape, I was in pretty bad shape, but the coach did not make me try out again," Rumble said. She got right back to where she let off. "I feel about the same, but

you could always get stronger," she said.

Steve Scott, head coach of the cross-country team, said that Cara is stronger. "Cara improved dramatically," Scott said. "She ran an 18:26, a lifetime best in the last cross-country race. She came back stronger physically and mentally because she used to have a distraction with boys, and now she is totally focused on school and running."

Rumble said, "I had one season that I red-shirted the first year and trained, and did not train during the second year while I was pregnant."

Scott said: "She was running with us last year and during the season I was telling her she was doing great. She ran o.k. times and I said 'Cara, you're doing fine.'"

With the hard work Rumble has put into cross-country

and the encouragement from her coach, she has succeeded in running and met the high expectations from her coach.

"The future is for Cara to win the individual title," Scott said. "There are four girls that have a good opportunity to win the individual title. Women are second in the (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes) NAIA and Cara will really help her team."

The NAIA Regional was held on Saturday in Fresno, and the NAIA Nationals will be Nov. 22 at Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville, Kentucky. With these meets, Rumble's hard work to get back into shape will hopefully pay off.

"I wanted to do it again because I missed it and it felt like it was something I needed to do," Rumble said.



Photo Courtesy of CSUSM Cross Country Team

Cara Rumble, right, pulls ahead of the competition at the Vanguard Invitation Oct. 11. Rumble earned 2nd place in the 5-k event with an 18:26 time.

# CSUSM Surf team crashes down on the competition

By ALEX ROSALINO  
Pride Staff Writer

As the waves crashed on the beach Saturday, Oct. 4, 16 students would realize they made the Associated Students, Inc. surf team while the other 14 would go home in hopes of competing next year. The ASI CSUSM surf team has grown in its third season from nine to 18 students.

The team consists of ten shortboard men, two shortboard women, two longboarders and two bodyboarders. Spots were reserved for the Team Captain, Thomas Gorman and Player Representative Martin Muench. This year, Hansen's Boardroom, Etnies shoes, Da Kine surf and snowboard accessories and Transworld Surf magazine gave out freebies to the contestants.

Jeremy Cannon and Conrad Scouton were the highlights in the men's shortboard competition. Each won all three of their heats credibly to take a seat on the team. Alex Freitas, Lucas Dalager and Sean Hastings were viewed favorably all day long because they pulled such high marks in their heats. Trailing them but making the team were: Brent Varga, Chris Parrinelo, Bob Hoste, Alex Burst, and Jon Graves. Jamie Tomei and Analia Carlsson maintained the women's shortboard competition.

When it came to the longboards, runner up State Champion Dustin Franks won hands down. Ryan James and Michael Connolly had to battle it out for second place. In the end, James pulled through as the most favored.

Eric Warner made the A-team in the bodyboard rounds, while Don Nguyen and Jeff Koval went head to head for the second placement.

Because of its popularity, unyielding competitive results and maintained participation, Gorman was able to persuade ASI into doubling the size of the

team this year despite the cost of try outs.

ASI CSUSM Dream Team surfers, Martin Muench and Jon Graves blazed through the competition of schools including CSULB, USD, UCSD, and UCSB who were among the 22 teams competing this past Sunday, Oct. 25 in Ventura.

Although they did not have a strong backing from their team members, their final score was 10<sup>th</sup> place with 61 points.

Faculty Advisor Puha said: "The ASI CSUSM Surf Team has the talent to be competitive, but suffered from first event jitters and off season injuries. The team must take the positives from performances of Muench and Graves and start preparing for the next event."

CSUSM students can watch the surf team Saturday, Nov. 22 when they compete at Black's Beach in San Diego.



Photo Courtesy of Dr. A. Puha

Jamie Tomei drops in with speed and style to secure a place on the ASI surf team Oct. 4. Tomei is one of two women shortboarders on the team.

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# Canoe girls get their country's longest water polo season

By [Name] [City] Staff Writer

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# "Matrix Revolutions" swarms local theaters

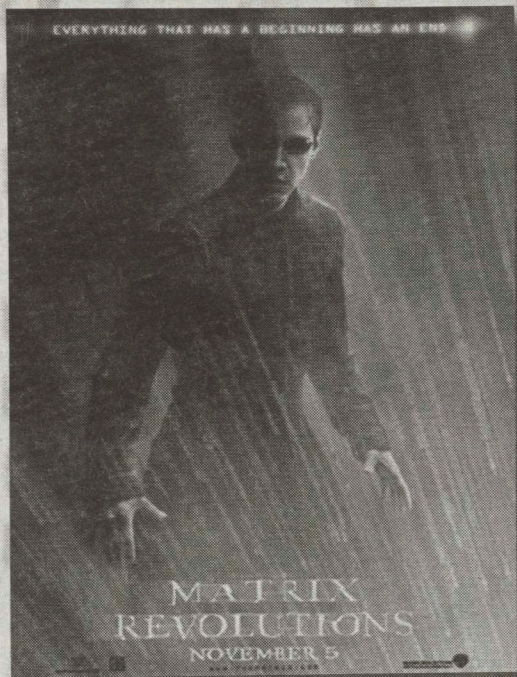


Photo Courtesy of Diana and Jon Gonello

An early eager crowd awaits "The Matrix" opening.

By DIANA K. CABUTO  
Pride Staff Writer

Last Wednesday at 4 a.m. dozens of people crammed into lines outside theatres waiting for doors to open for the release of "The Matrix Revolutions."

With shows starting at 6:00 a.m. in Southern California, 9:00 a.m. in New York, 2:00 p.m. in London, 5:00 p.m. in Moscow, 10:00 p.m. in Beijing, and 11:00 p.m. in Tokyo, the trilogy's finale of "The Matrix" presented an hour-to-hour release last Wednesday and collected more than \$43 million on its first day.

It was surprising to see so many people going to watch this movie,

critics smashed "The Matrix Reloaded," also after the early critical beating "Revolutions" took last week. Still, "Matrix" fans saturated theatres even during the early morning show last Wednesday. Some fans even dressed up as Neo, Trinity, Morpheus, Agent Smith or any of the rest of the Matrix characters.

"Revolutions" picks up where "Reloaded" ended, when Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, had just saved the life of Trinity, Carrie-Anne Moss, and had disabled the sentinel machines in the real world with his powerful mental powers, putting him in a coma.

Neo wakes up in a glowing white train station that seems to

be in the middle of nothing with trains that go nowhere. It is a world between the Matrix and the real world, where Neo waits for a train that would take him back to his beloved Trinity.

Meanwhile, the underground city of Zion is about to be invaded by the machines in less than 24 hours, where the last fortification of humanity is about to fight not only for their freedom, but also for their own lives and the future of their species.

The trilogy's final entry builds up a sense of the good science fiction the first "Matrix" had, but still is not as good. It continues its climax following the same path of interminable and unnecessary

fight in "Matrix Reloaded," which I admit are really good and entertaining.

The fans responded to this movie more negatively than positively. Although it lacked a good story line, many admitted to have enjoyed the action and effects on the second movie.

Despite the many different routes fans speculated for the story line, the filmmakers changed from "The Matrix Reloaded" to a more simple and logical path in "Revolutions." "The Matrix Revolutions" showed a fusion between the first and the second movie, trying to perhaps bring back the brightness of the original Matrix of 1999,

but still kept its similarity to the second one.

Neo wasn't flying around the city like superman and fighting hundreds of men in senseless fights just to get from one point to another in the movie. Many of the audience who loved the action of "The Matrix Reloaded" were disappointed. So were fans of the original version that hoped for the return of the original simplicity of the story. Regardless, the special effects and the amazing virtual war between the machines and the Zion citizens, like a good video game, are worth watching on the big screen.

## TIBET CRY OF THE SNOW LION



Photo Courtesy of Landmark Pictures

By MELISSA RODRIGUEZ  
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Tibet is a wondrous place; so inspiring is its beauty that it has been called the "altar of the world." Tibet's remote location, mysterious and colorful culture, and its people's search for enlightenment through the Buddhist religion all combine to give it a magical unearthly quality.

Tom Peosay's moving documentary film, "Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion," brings Tibet out from behind the mystique and teaches the reality of the political and religious oppression the Tibetan people endured due to the Chinese occupation of their land.

Beautifully captured images include a full spectrum of the Tibetan experience. Images span from jubilant festival celebrations and reverent religious rituals to the horrific destruction of Tibet's holiest places and violence against the Tibetan people.

This sad story is told by the people who know it best. His-



torians, professors, politicians, ambassadors, resistance leaders, monks, and nuns were interviewed for this film. The most shocking accounts are those of torture experienced by former prisoners of the Chinese.

The historical details of Tibet's hardships would be unbearable if it wasn't for the inspiration the exiled religious leader, the Dalai Lama, brings to the table. His belief in non-violence and forgiveness averts anger and cynicism and brings hope to his people that someday they will be free.

Students interested in becoming more aware of what is happening in the world can take the time to see this film. Films like this one can open sheltered American eyes to the big picture. It can bring some insight into the experience of people who live in occupied lands which has relevance far beyond the situation in Tibet.

Left: Cover art for 'Tibet' soundtrack courtesy of Landmark Pictures.