

Election 'Signs' of Controversy

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Disputes have arisen between the two "slates" of candidates ranging from charges of preferential treatment by ASI to one side over another to allegations of rules violations. A slate is a group of like-minded candidates who run together with similar positions and goals; they are not necessarily official. Anyone interested in recognizing who these slates represent need go no further than spotting the clustering of signs on campus.

The first dispute was over a mistake concerning the time signs could be posted to start the campaign. The Dean Manship slate posted signs on the quad and in front of Craven Hall before the Stacey Helton slate had a chance to do the same. The Helton slate claimed the Manship slate received special privileges, alleging that the slate was allowed to skip a mandatory meeting that was required of all participants in the election.

In response to the dispute, ASI

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Job Fair 2000 Successful

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Under a sparkling blue sky, Cal State San Marcos put on its shiny best on Thursday, April 13, for the 1,000 community members and another estimated 1,000 students that flooded Founders Plaza for the annual Job Fair. Sandra Punch, Director of Career and Assessment Center, remarked, "it was our most successful fair, ever."

For those of us who are used to the quiet of the Plaza on a regular day, filled only with students' conversations as they head to class or stop for a latte at the coffee cart, the carnival atmosphere of the crowded Job Fair came as quite a shock.

Shuttle service whisked visitors up from Lot "O" to the Dome

Plaza, where they were greeted by live jazz. Under the shade of several umbrella-covered tables, employers packed the plaza accordion style to provide enough room for each company represented.

The well-organized event pulled together many segments of the university to ensure its success. "We couldn't have done it without the cooperation from the entire campus community," said Punch.

Energized conversations buzzed around each table as students and interested visitors interacted with prospective employers. The walkways were difficult to navigate, but that seemed to contribute to the generally upbeat atmosphere of the Job Fair.

Students and visitors had a wide variety of businesses to

choose from. Large companies, like Target, were present at the Fair, but so were smaller companies, like Modern Postcard. The postcard company, located on Faraday in Carlsbad, had several positions available, including one for a graphics designer, to accommodate the quickly growing company, according to the representatives. Like many of the businesses, Modern Postcard provided a "favor" to attract visitors to its table. Instead of candy, the business gave away colorful postcards.

The open job market contributed to the success of the fair. For the first time in many years there are more jobs available than qualified applicants to fill them, leaving many businesses in the position of actively seeking employees. This situation, while encouraging for summer job seekers and graduating seniors alike, can be compli-

cated for students. The Career and Assessment Center teaches students how to find the right job. "They shouldn't just take the first job open to them," said Punch.

In addition to the fair, the Career and Assessment Center offered free workshops throughout the day, including one aimed to help prospective employees "dress for success," and another to help students draft an effective resume. All of the workshops were well attended, some to the point of overflowing.

Perhaps the only folks unhappy with the success of Job Fair 2000 were campus regulars Jed Smock and his family. At the height of the event, and unable to compete with the noise from the job fair, the confrontational reverend was observed sitting at his usual post, quietly sipping water.

Health Services Fee Increase

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The CSUSM Student Health Services held an open forum in University Hall on Wednesday, April 12 that no one attended. The forum was then moved from the classroom to a table outside of the classroom in an attempt to attract students walking by.

On April 25 and 26 students will have the option to vote yes or no on increasing the semester fee for Health Services from \$20 to \$35. Health Services hasn't increased the semester fee since the fee was established in 1994. The average yearly fee for student health services in the CSU system is \$108.

Dr. Karen Nicholson, the Director of Health Services, believes that students did not attend the forum because they are not aware that these Health Services exist. So instead of conducting an open forum, Nicholson passed out free bottles of water and pens to any student who walked by.

Reactions to the fee increase vary across campus. A student, who prefers not to be named, stated, "No way. It's just another fee. I never use Health Services." Elena Medina, another student, stated that she would support it as long as the increase was gradual and services would be provided with the increase. She stated, "Students are here away from home. They need these services. If the students live at home, these services are much cheaper."

CSUSM projects there will be 7,000 students attending the col-

lege in the fall of 2000. Nicholson believes that Health Services will not be able to provide adequate services for students if the semester fee isn't raised.

If the increase is approved, more physicians, nurse practitioners and front desk staff will be hired. Health Services would also remain open on Fridays with longer pharmacy hours throughout the week. Longer hours and more availability for the scheduling of appointments would be added so students wouldn't have to wait more than one or two days to be seen.

"It is essential to have more front counter staff so charts and patient information can be handled in a confidential manner," said Nicholson. The number of student charts has doubled since 1996. With more students enrolling at CSUSM, Health Services need the additional money to keep up with the increasing demand.

If the increase is not approved there may be cuts in the current services provided. For example, there are currently two Psychiatrists working at Health Services for a total of eight hours a month. If the increased fee isn't approved, this service may be eliminated.

Currently Health Services can contract out for laboratory services for a lower fee, but "we may raise the prices for the lab services to cover costs if the fee increase isn't approved," said Nicholson. There will be fewer available appointments, and a longer waiting period for those appointments, if Health Services cannot hire more providers. Currently there are two doctors and one nurse practitioner on staff.

ICC Fails to Reach Quorum (Again)

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After not meeting quorum on Friday, April 14, attending members discussed the growing need to punish the clubs that consistently do not attend the required ICC meetings. Of the 52 clubs on campus, 27 must be represented for the ICC to conduct business. This is the second consecutive meeting at which the ICC has not met quorum.

Robert's Rules of Order, the current guidelines by which the ICC conducts itself, requires that a majority of the members be present in order for any voting to take place. Will the Inter-Club Council have to start eliminating clubs on campus that do not participate in ICC meetings?

Though unable to vote on any funding, ICC members discussed other issues like creating a tough attendance policy. The ICC Attendance Committee, formed at the last St. Patrick's Day meeting, presented a plan based on the familiar "three-strikes" concept to council members that would help regulate violators of the policy. The exact action taken with each absence, or strike, is as of yet unclear, but popular ideas include: a verbal and written notice first, a 30 day suspension for the second unexcused absence, and the third time the club does not show up for a meeting, they could have their club status revoked. Some felt the possibilities were extreme, but all

agreed that action must be taken immediately.

Some ICC members are fed up with their peers. Several clubs on campus will be unable to obtain their needed funding for events they have been planning, because the council has been unable to vote on anything for over a month. Other groups, like the Odyssey Club, are waiting for the council to reach quorum so they can be officially recognized as a club. They have been waiting for weeks and were visibly agitated at the realization that they would again be denied club status.

Rita Reynolds and Reanna Wertz, who are both running for Executive vice-president of ASI, felt that clubs do not take ICC seriously enough. Wertz, president and co-founder of the Future Educators Club, sighted rapid growth in ICC as part of the problem. "The jump from 9 to 52 clubs has taken a dramatic toll on ICC. The policies are going to have to change."

"I am disappointed with the presidents of the clubs who do not attend," said Penny Lanese, Anime Project Alliance. "If you don't care about your club, you shouldn't have chartered it." Lanese went on to acknowledge those in regular attendance, "The ones who do go display praiseworthy dedication."

Reynolds and Wertz both felt that some clubs see ICC as simply a place to go when they need money. Reynolds, president and co-founder of the Victorious Club, insisted that ICC is "not just for funding. It is a place for clubs to exchange ideas, to support each other."

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Teacher Fair a Success

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Like Thursday's Job Fair, the Teacher Job Fair, held at the San Marcos Community Center on Tuesday, April 11, was a huge success.

More than 400 candidates visited the crowded fair, which had representatives from approximately 60 schools in attendance. Prospective teachers had a wide range of districts to choose from. Districts ranged from Burbank and Long Beach, both located in Los Angeles County, to local districts from Escondido and Oceanside, to smaller, private schools. San Diego Unified School District, serving 141,000 students, had the longest line of candidates at its table.

It's a good time for teachers. According to Sandy Punch, from the Career and Assessment Center, "The

labor market is more competitive now, and teacher candidates have more choices." Traditionally, districts do most of their hiring now through early fall, but this year many will be hiring year round to keep their positions filled.

The fair attracted prospective teachers from all over, including those from competitor schools. The Career and Assessment Center wanted to provide access to the fair to all interested candidates, who might not otherwise have a chance to attend a teacher fair. The Center advertised widely through direct mail, national publications, and websites. Candidates outside the CSUSM Education department were asked to pay a nominal fee for the opportunity to attend. Of course, most of the candidates came from the Cal State program. "Our candidates looked very good," said Punch.

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Executive Vice President Bobby Radovich claims that no special breaks were given to Dean's slate saying that, "Most of the slate (Manship's) could not make it to the meeting. I finished copying the rules Monday evening and gave it to them. They put up their signs Monday evening. I realized I make a mistake. I apologized to the other slate on Tuesday."

According to ASI Presidential candidate Stacey Helton, all prospective candidates had to attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 1:30pm that covered election rules or else they would not be allowed to run in the election.

According to sources familiar with the meeting, all of the candidates on the Stacey's slate attended the meeting while an only a few of Dean Manship's slate showed up to the meeting. Although candidates were prohibited from posting campaign signs until they attended the meeting, Dean Manship's slate posters were posted in the morning before the actual meeting took place.

In an e-mail, Bobby Radovich states that, "In fairness to all candidates, we the elections committee must enforce the rules at all times. Ignorance of the rules will not be an excuse so this meeting is crucial."

Asked why he did not ask them to take the signs down he said, "That it would be a waste of time. I asked for forgiveness. I just want to keep the election positive."

Dean Manship for his part denies that any special treatment was given to him saying that, "We have done everything right. We haven't got anything against the other slate." When asked if the large number of complaints against them were due to other factors he added, "They think we are a bunch of incumbents. It has nothing to do with ICC or club matters. We have good ideas. I want to have a positive campaign."

Another dispute between the groups involves the enforcement of sign rules. "You are allowed four mistakes. If you go over the amount you are not allowed to run," said Penny Lanese, a candidate on Stacey Helton's slate. She also stated that rules are not being enforced to the fullest extent. She claimed that Dean Manship's slate had violated the rules twice while she claimed her slate had not. Dean said that these charges were unfounded and said, "I don't want to say anything negative."

The person in charge of sign postings and citing violations is Gezai Berhane, Student Involvement Coordinator for the Center for Student Involvement. He contradicts the charges made by Helton's slate by saying, "I have heard complaints but no rules have been violated." He explained that there are strict rules for posting signs, but during election season the rules are relaxed. Despite this and other inside disputes both Dean Manship and Stacey Helton said that they wanted a positive campaign focusing on issues.

Women's Track at CSUSM

By Denaye Lakotich for *The Pride*

Two months ago most schools did not know that San Marcos had a track team; athletes from UCSD even asked if San Marcos was located in Los Angeles. Since then, however,

the team has quickly made a name for itself.

With 20 women, from as close as San Diego and as far away as Sweden, on the roster, the Lady Cougars track team is well into an impressive inaugural season. With over half the meets competed, the women have qualified five individuals and one relay team, with more individuals nearing the standard of their respective event every week.

In the program's first year, San Marcos competes in the NAIA Division. They have proven their ability to hold their own against bigger schools such as Cal State Long Beach, UC Irvine and UCSB.

The Lady Cougars have two of the top 400 runners in the NAIA in freshmen Amy Taylor and Luci Downey, both National qualifiers. Add freshmen Nina Tornquist and Frida Skarin, potential qualifiers in the 400 hurdles and 800 meters, respectively, and you have a qualified 1600 relay team that is ranked in the top 5, and only getting better. The talent

does not stop at these women either. Renee MacDonald is a top challenger for the Half Marathon, Jackie Campos recently qualified in the 3000 meter walk by nearly two minutes and Mirna Hernandez is ranked in the top five in the discus. Heather Garritson is currently under the provisional mark for the 3000-meter run—which almost guarantees her a seat on the plane to Nationals—and is expected to hit the standard qualifying time in the near future.

In a meet at UCSD on April 8, the women finished fifth out of eleven teams—an outstanding feat considering they were missing Downey in the 200 and 400, Laura Wilson in the 400 hurdles, and sprinter Jessica Walker in the 100 and 200 due to injuries and sickness. This finish only proves the strength of the team. It is a sign that they can look forward to an exciting second half of the season.

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Words to Live By June Hodges

Old wood to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.
- Francis Bacon

Love is an ocean of emotions entirely surrounded by expenses.
- Lord Dewar

Pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.
- John Ruskin

Trust in God. Believe in yourself. Dare to Dream.
- Robert Schuller

He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.
- Arabian Proverb

If there's a way to do it better . . . find it.
- Thomas A. Edison

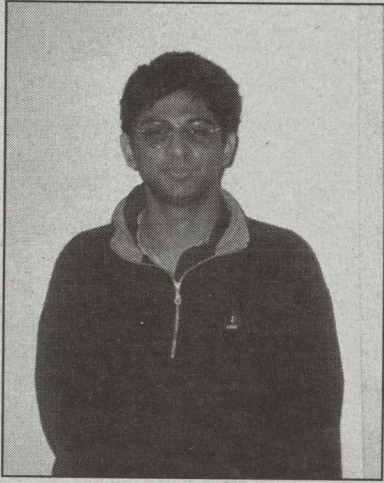
When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Never turn down a job because you think it's too small, you don't know where it can lead.
- Julia Morgan

Around Campus

By June Hodges

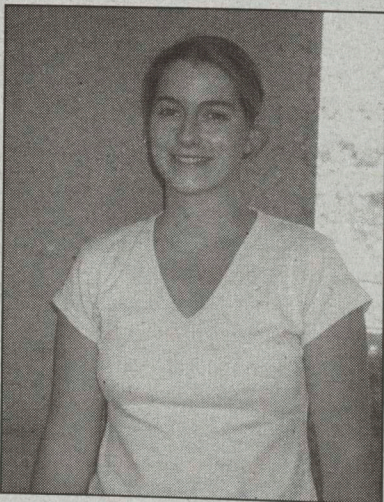
Do you think Elian Gonzalez should be allowed to stay in the United States?



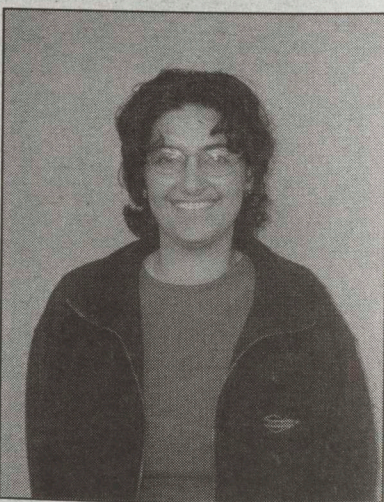
Ali Haris, MBA
"Although Elian might have more material advantages here, the best place for any child is with his parent. Elian should be with his father."



Jennifer Hart, Senior
"I think Elian should be allowed to stay in the United States because he does have family here who love and support him. He is happy. I am just thinking about what is in the best interest of the child."



Sue Sorenson, Junior
"I think Elian should be able live here in the United States with his father. If the father has to go back to Cuba, then Elian should go back with him."



Popeh Zeinali, Senior
"Elián should be able to stay here. The United States is a country that was built on immigrants and therefore, we should follow in the footsteps of our forefathers."

Academic Bulletin

Call for Papers
The Pride Literary Supplement

The *Pride Literary Supplement (PLS)*, an occasional publication of *The Pride*, the student newspaper of California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), publishes excellent student writing representing inquiry, research, and creative forms across the range of academic disciplines pursued at CSUSM.

Since its inception, California State University at San Marcos has committed itself to the cultivation of student writing. Across the disciplines, in every class, at every academic level, students are required to write and professors are asked to take writing seriously. The student newspaper thus assumes a literate student body and a faculty alert to writing as both a means to and as a manifestation of critical thinking. *PLS* accordingly takes the broadest possible view of the term "literary." Expository, critical, and theoretical writing is seen as no less and no more worthy than creative writing, poems or stories or film scripts.

The *PLS* considers manuscripts of up to 3000 words that both exemplify excellent inquiry and research in their discipline(s) and that able readers from outside that discipline to read with pleasure and understanding. The quality of research or creative writing is judged by appropriate faculty. Accessibility is determined by the editor(s) of *The Pride* or their designated representatives.

Submissions:

Submissions are currently being accepted for the upcoming *Pride Literary Supplement*. All forms of literary writing -- expository, critical, theoretical and creative writing -- are encouraged. The *Pride Literary Supplement* will be printed in the student newspaper before the end of the spring 2000 semester.

Authors should avoid highly technical language, critical jargon, foreign, or mathematical language. When technical terms are essential, they should be explained to the reader. References to critical literature, where necessary, should be parenthetical. APA, MLA, Chicago, and all other formats are welcome as long as the paper represents the appropriate academic discipline.

The *PLS* favors student writing and will privilege student manuscripts that are submitted with the recommendation of a faculty member who has pursued research in the student's field of study or published texts of a related kind. Staff and faculty contributions will also be considered.

For judging and layout purposes:

- 1) Submit three 'blind' copies, with **your name appearing only on a cover sheet** and essay title, your mailing address, e-mail, phone number, and major or graduate field of study to:

The *Pride* Mailbox
"Student and Residential Life" Office
Craven Hall 4116

Manuscripts will not be returned.
- 2) E-mail an electronic file attachment (MS Word) of the manuscript to pride@csusm.edu. Electronic copy on PC-formatted disk will also be accepted and should accompany manuscripts in the *Pride* mailbox.

Deadline for submissions: April 11, extended to April 18, 2000.

For further information, contact *The Pride* office by e-mail at pride@csusm.edu, or by phone at (760) 750-6111.

Call for Submissions for Young Writers and Storytellers

Lawrence Hill Books is planning to publish a paperback anthology of true stories written by young adults (15-19) that will shed light on Black teenage experience.

Deadline: May 15, 2000

We're looking for stories that focus on your experiences with history (both family history and general Black history), sexuality, gender, class, health, myths and stereotypes, or anything else that informs your understanding of your identity.

We're interested in the lives of young Blacks from all sectors -- from schools to prisons. We're interested not in representative stories, but unique ones.

Your story should include a lot of specific details and should make an argument about what it means to be young and Black in America. It may be written either in Standard English or in the vernacular.

Sample topics may include (but are not limited to):

- sex and sexual identity/orientation
- interracial dating
- biracial identity
- drug use
- relationships between Black women and men

beauty and image formation
violence and crime
generational ties between Black teens and adults.

Your story may be published anonymously to protect your identity or to allow you to reveal confidential information.

Each electronic or mailed submission must include your name, age, and address.

Submissions should be sent by email to jayfrazier@hotmail.com as an attachment (rich text format) or in the body of a message. You may also mail your essay along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the following address:

John Frazier
GDS, English Department
4200 Davenport Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
jayfrazier@hotmail.com

Deadline: May 15, 2000.

If your essay is accepted for publication, you may be asked to revise it with the help of the editor.

This new book is a great opportunity for aspiring writers and talented young storytellers to get published and tell the world what your lives are really like.

Attention Night Students

Public Safety is now offering SHUTTLE SERVICE Monday through Thursdays from 7:00pm - 10:00pm as of April 3, 2000.

Community Service Officers will park the van in front of the Dome during these times and are able and ready to escort as many as 8 people at a time.

Temporary Change in Financial Aid and Scholarship Office Hours

Friday
9:30am - Noon

In order to ensure the timely processing of aid applications for the 2000-20001 academic year, the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office will have the following temporary office hours from April 3 through May 26:

Monday/Thursday
9:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesday/Wednesday
10:00am - 6pm

On Fridays up to 3 pm, phones will be answered and individual appointments may be made.

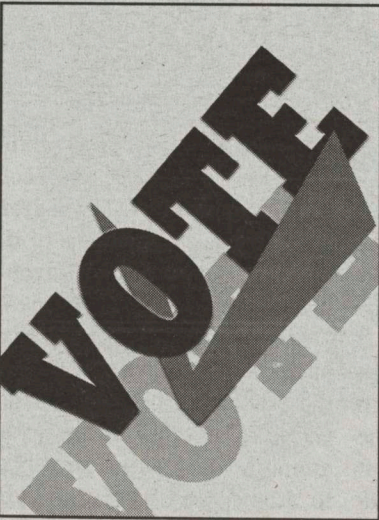
Students can also access their financial aid records via the SMART phone system or SMART web system, or communicate with the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office via e-mail at finaid@csusm.edu <<mailto:finaid@csusm.edu>>.

STUDENT FEE REFERENCE VOTE
Student Health Services Fee Increase

APRIL 25-26, 2000

All students at CSUSM will have the opportunity to vote on the above proposed fee on the dates indicated. Information will be available by mid-March and can be obtained in the following offices:

- Associated Students, Inc., Commons 203
- Cashier's Office & Student Financial Services, Craven



3107
Financial Aid & Scholarship Office, Craven 4204
Student & Residential Life, Craven 4116
Library, Craven 3300
Enrollment Services Information Center, Craven 5110
For further information please contact: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Craven 5306, (760) 750-4056

ASI ELECTIONS

My name is **Stacey Helton** and I am running for **ASI President**.

As a recent addition to the student body at CSUSM, I feel that I can present a fresh view to ASI. I believe that my diverse working experience, including management and customer service, has prepared me for the rigorous demands of ASI President.

I am currently the President of the German Club, as well as Treasurer for both the History Club and the Victorious Club, and Secretary for the American Indian Student Alliance (formerly AISES).

As ASI President, one of my goals will be to make sure that information is readily accessible to all students. This will help students to know what is going on and to voice their opinions before action is taken, not after the fact. I will also work to improve the Dome, with a wider variety of foods and extended hours. In addition, I am in daily communication with Rita, candidate for Exec VP. I will also hold weekly meetings with each of the executive officers to continue the vision of ASI Team 2000. To ensure that ASI is serving each and every one of the students at CSUSM! You, the students, will always be uppermost in our minds.
<http://change.to/asiteam2000>

My name is **Dean Manship** and I am running for the office of **President of Associated Students Incorporated**.

I have been involved in ASI for two years and am currently the Inter-Club-Council Chairman. I have been dedicated to promoting student life on this campus, which will continue to be my top priority for both day and evening students.

As your President, I will be committed to building lasting partnerships between the local business community and the campus community to enhance ASI's services to you, the students.

I am committed to representing the concerns of students, and promise to keep your best interests in mind in every decision ASI makes. Associated Students is a tool for all students to have their voices heard at all levels of the university and make our careers as students more enjoyable and productive. I WILL BE YOUR VOICE!!!

My passion as a student advocate will only enhance ASI and the student life at California State University San Marcos.

My name is **Racanna Wertz** and I am running for the position of **Executive Vice President of ASI**.

I came to this university in the Fall 1999 with experience in student government. I was the Interim Student Body President at Mira Costa College during 1998

and was elected as the Executive Vice President. I was also the president of the Future Educators Club and a peer educator in the HIV/AIDS Peer Educator Program.

Currently, I am the president of the Future Educators Club at CSUSM, and the ASI representative for the College of Education. I belong to the Student California Teachers Association, the International Reading Association, the League of Women Voters and I Volunteer at a local grade school.

As your Executive Vice President, I will build communication between the students and ASI through committee participation. I will work closely with the ASI President to enhance communication with the campus community. I will use technology to reach as many students as possible with information about what your student government is doing and what issues we are addressing. I bring the experience of a re-entry student, and I bring enthusiasm as I am new to this campus and look forward to a great senior year.

Rita Reynolds
Major – History
Executive Vice President

I have been a student at CSUSM since Fall 1998, and I have a passion for this campus and seeing all of the students here meet or exceed their goals, as well as having a memorable experience at CSUSM. I believe my experience working as a manager for many years has been excellent preparation for the position of Executive Vice President.

Additionally, I am the co-founder and seated president of CSUSM's Victorious Club, Treasurer for American Indian Student Alliance, and a member of the History Club. While at Palomar Community College, I was the first president of the Undeclared Club to serve for three consecutive terms. During my tenure as president, the Undeclared Club was considered the most successful club on campus.

If elected Executive Vice President, one of my goals is to bring a greater sense of community to our great school, so that when other CSU's look at us, they know who we are, we are CSUSM. We will not be considered just a commuter school or a group of students that use the same buildings on the same ground for our education. We will be CSUSM, in a united voice and mind.
<http://change.to/asiteam2000>

My name is **Penny Lanese**, and I know I will be an excellent **Vice President of External Affairs** because I have pride in this University, love to travel, and I love to learn from other people.

As Vice President of External Affairs I hope to help rid the University of the "Commuter Campus" label. Many people attending this University choose to attend, and have the right to

feel proud of their education.

Conferences and social gatherings do help the overall system, and it is a valuable tool to travel to other campuses to learn how to fine-tune our own University. Because the job of the Vice President of External Affairs is to travel to other California State University campuses, I aspire to talk and learn how the other campuses dealt with similar problems that we currently have, namely: parking issues, fee increases, and lack of courses and majors.

My name is **Robin Milch** and I am running for the office of **External Vice President** of Associated Students Incorporated.

I transferred to this university from Mira Costa College in the fall of 1999. At Mira Costa, I was the Administrative Vice President as well as the Vice President of Programming. Through each of these positions I was able to acquire leadership skills along with a vast knowledge of how student organizations operate. On this campus I am currently the representative of College of Arts and Sciences. Through this position I have been dedicated to promoting student involvement on this campus, as well as representing the concerns of students.

If I am elected External Vice President, I will be committed to building communication between ASI and students. I want to be your voice and to represent you and your needs on and off the campus with respect to the external community, locally and nationwide. Not only will I be able to bring experience to this position, but also I will be bringing my enthusiasm and dedication to student government. Together we can make a difference.

My name is **Newsha Digius** and I am running for the position of **Vice President of External Affairs**. I am a Communications major and I am planning to go to law school. I feel I would be an asset to the ASI for several reasons: my experience with ASI, my leadership capability, and my enthusiasm for

student government. My experience with ASI began last year as the College of Business Representative. My second semester in ASI, I was elected interim Vice President of External Affairs.

The knowledge and experience I have gained as the VP of External Affairs makes me the best candidate for this position. I am knowledgeable about current legislation that directly affects CSUSM students. I am also familiar with the California State Student Association (CSSA), the CSU Board of Trustees, and the CSU system.

I am an active member of Alpha Chi Omega, holding several positions including social chair, sophomore standards board representative, and the vice president

of intellectual development. I am the president of the Peer Education and Support Club. Getting involved with ASI has enriched my enthusiasm for student government. I will endeavor to represent my constituents as the Vice President of External Affairs.

Value-driven leadership is something that is difficult to instill, and I, **Scott Crossman**, would like to continue the changes that are being offered by the Associated Student Incorporated. I have been attending San Marcos for over three years now. My major is business administration - service sector management. I feel the position of **Vice President of Finance** is one that offers "real world" experience that will lead to nothing less than an enhancement of this campus. I feel that successful changes do not take place overnight and the position for which I am applying for will be challenging.

My leadership roles began in high school with various student body positions as well as core roles in sports. Continuing on in work, my determination, enthusiasm, and perseverance led to promotions and eventually to departmental leadership roles. The curriculum in my major, Business Management, is based on sustaining a successful service sector business. The service is attending to the student body here at California State University San Marcos.

The dedication and knowledge of this position, I feel, is in my horizon of success and education. The assets that come from this university are the same core values that I will take with me into office.

My name is **Samantha Beltram**, and I am running for **Vice President of Finance**. I will be an asset to the Associated Students because I have experience as a leader on this campus. I bring experience as the chair of two clubs- AISES and Student-Parent Alliance (which is a club that myself and another single mother founded to promote campus awareness of the existence and needs of this portion of our student population.)

I am experienced in how student government works as I have sat on the ICC representing AISES and served on the ASI's bylaws committee. Additionally, as I am raising a family while obtaining my education I have acquired life experience managing money via projecting and maintaining my family's annual budget, keeping accurate records, and maintaining a positive account status.

On a final note, I am a highly motivated individual who is very customer service oriented, money management minded, team oriented and dedicated to addressing diverse needs and issues of a diverse student population.

My name is **Jocelyn Brown** and I am running for the office of **Corporate Secretary**.

I am a Biology major, and next year will be my third year at California State University San Marcos. Because of the experience, ideas, enthusiasm and goals that I have, I feel I would be a great asset to you, the students, as your ASI Corporate Secretary.

I joined ASI late Fall of last year and currently serve as the Undergraduate Representative. I have been active in promoting forums for students to voice concerns, and I also serve on the Bylaws committee. I am familiar with minute taking and the duties and responsibilities of the Corporate Secretary.

As your elected representative, I will strive to do my best to represent the student voice of CSUSM. I love being involved in student government and working towards student involvement and the enrichment of campus life.

My name is **Ron Hawkins** and I am running for **Corporate Secretary** because I believe I can bring Honesty, Integrity, Knowledge and Experience to a position that is in extreme need of all those things.

I have numerous years as an administrator; I'm mature enough not to play childish games with your money; I am a dedicated and determined individual by nature that will pursue excellence in all areas affecting student life.

I will ensure that all information affecting students is available and is published in an efficient and timely manner. I will ensure that Agendas for all regular meetings will be published ahead of time. I will foster an attitude of service and openness that has heretofore been noticeably lacking. I will ensure that my vote will always be for what is best for the students, not for the ASI officers.

I will ensure professionalism in all publications that are the responsibility of ASI, thereby ensuring all outside agencies perceive CSUSM as an outstanding university.

Please Vote for Ron Hawkins for Corporate Secretary, and the slate of ASI Team 2000.

My name is **Tammy Conley** and I am a liberal studies major applying for the position of **ASI Childcare Rep**.

As a mother of a student at CSUSM, I hope to bring awareness to my fellow colleagues and surrounding community about the importance of student-parent support needed for those students who desire quality childcare.

Along with raising awareness, I hope to work closely with the ASI Childcare Center to provide as many parenting resources for both the parents and the staff who

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

are associated with the program. Because my daughter attends the Early Learning Center, I have a special interest in making sure that my child and every child that attends the ELC is involved in a fun, safe, educational, enriching, and nurturing environment.

I am currently the Vice President of the Parent and teachers Club and have participated in the ICC meetings and feel that the experience has and will help me achieve greatness in this position.

My name is **Roderick Frazier**. I am a Communications and Literature and Writing Major, and I am your candidate for **ASI Undergraduate Representative**. I realize the changes that are so desperately needed at our school. There is a need for better student life on campus. If elected as Undergraduate Representative I plan to dedicate most of my time to bringing more student activities on campus.

Ralph Ellison said, "It takes a deep commitment to change and an even deeper commitment to grow." As Undergraduate Representative I will commit to student life, and reach out to the incoming students. I plan to invest the time that it takes in order to make this campus grow.

I am currently the president of the yearbook club, a member of the ICC Board, a member of the programming committee, a member of the president's council as well as working at the University Store. I am involved on campus on a daily basis.

I will be an asset to ASI because of my deep passion for improving CSUSM for the students. I feel the it is my duty to improve the lives of every individual on campus, and to tirelessly improve the reputation of this school.

My name is **Wendy Meeks** and I am currently a junior, majoring in Communication at CSUSM. I am applying for **ASI Representative of Arts and Sciences**.

As an ASI Representative I would work toward increasing and enhancing communication between the department and the students. I believe that it is crucial to encourage students to get involved in campus issues.

As a student who is focused and committed to performing at the highest level, I understand the struggles and concerns facing students. Over the past four years I have volunteered for CSUSM's annual "Celebration of Service," and over the past three years have acted as a group facilitator during the selection process.

As a Study Abroad student in France, I learned how to adapt to new environments and still accomplish my goals. Finally, last semester I interned for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, in Washington D.C., where I faced new and

exciting challenges. While there, I had the opportunity to learn about the legislative process through my research of bills, attending committee meetings and responding to the concerns of constituents and contributing to the newsletter.

It is my goal to bring my experience and commitment to strengthen communication, thereby improving student and faculty relations.

My name is **Michael J. Miller** and I am a Visual and Performing Arts Major. I'm running for the **ASI representative for Arts and Sciences** position on the ASI Board of Directors. Currently, I'm Vice Chair and co-founder of the Pride Alliance and I'm also the founder and president of Student Artists Association.

Using my knowledge of student government, on and off campus connections and the skills that I have learned through various positions, I will commit myself to improving relations between faculty, staff, and students of the College of Arts and Sciences.

I will use this position to bring the concerns of the students to ASI and to support the College of Arts and Sciences in every way that I possibly can. If given this opportunity, I will do my best to bring prestige and respect to our campus and to our student government.

My name is **Edward "Tad" Goddard** and I want to be your **College of Business Representative**.

I am currently active within the ASI Board Meetings and have more insight than most into how things are done.

I've served on the Student Affairs Committee this semester. I've been a student here for four semesters now and have seen how our campus is changing. Some of these changes concern me. Are they taking our best interest into consideration? I want to make sure that they do. I don't want to see any needed programs bogged down in political filibustering or bad ones passed along without some thought.

We need someone who will look out for student opportunities and make sure we can take advantage of them. I can make sure this is done.

Jennifer Carroll

I am a twenty four year old transfer student from Mesa College. I am a business major, with an emphasis on high technology management. I am a junior and am currently in my second semester attending CSU San Marcos. I am a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, an honor society for business students. I desire to take an active role working with the administration for the benefit of students.

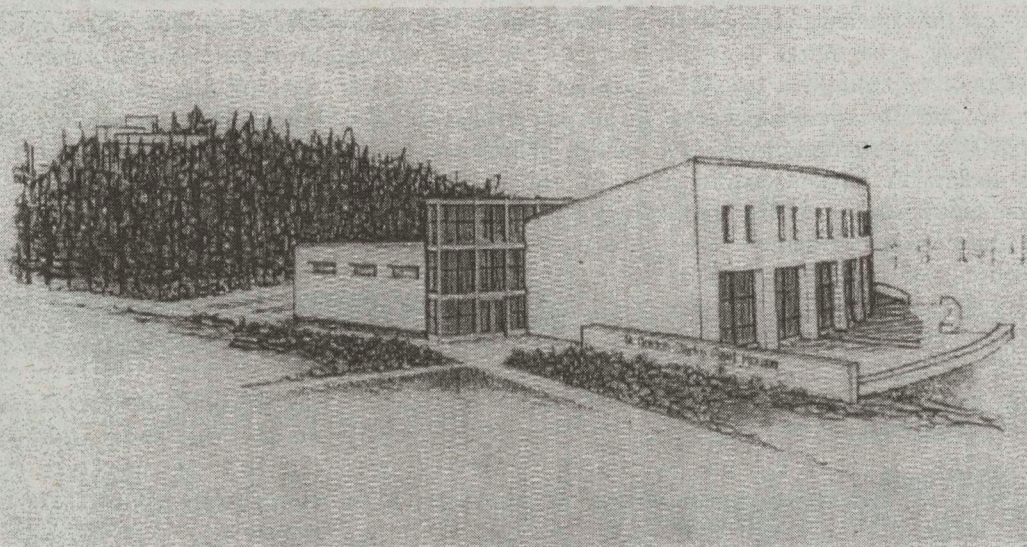
I see ASI as a good vehicle for me to hone my leadership skills.

As a **College of Business Representative**, I will conduct more open forums, establish direct communication between the College of Business Dean and its students,

focusing on their needs and concerns. I will also offer more literature and information about the College of Business to students enabling them to "get the most"

out of their experience here at CSU San Marcos. I am a hard worker, dedicated to achieving excellence.

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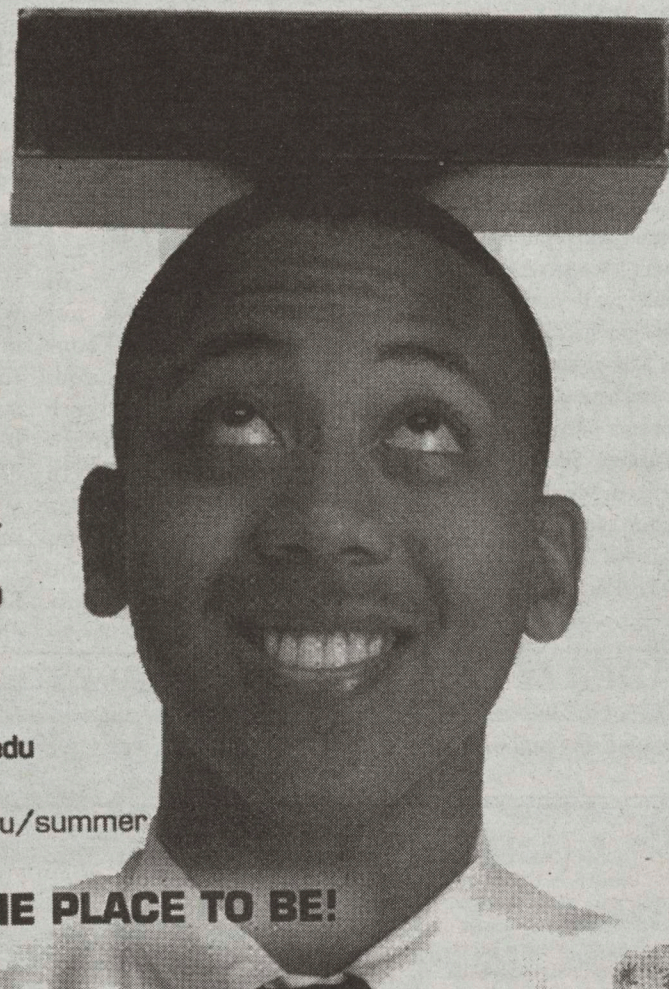
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Greek Life at CSUSM: A Message from Student Affairs

In the April 11 issue of *The Pride* an opinion piece was written regarding the perceived belief that the administration is blocking the expansion of Greek life for ethnic and culturally based organizations. This is written in response to that piece, and to provide CSUSM students with additional information.

The development of Greek life at CSUSM has been ongoing since 1992. At that time students indicated an interest in beginning to develop Greek opportunities to enhance the student experience. Through 1994/95 a selection process was undertaken, underscoring to interested national affiliates that the campus wanted to slowly begin developing a Greek community that would model and embrace a strong commitment to

the cultural, ethnic, age, and life-style diversity of our student body. Invitations to submit letter of interest were sent to all NPC, IFC, and NPHC nationally recognized social sororities and fraternal organizations, nineteen responded positively. Eight national organizations were interviewed and 4 were selected; 2 fraternities and 2 sororities.

What developed were very strong service-based organizations, participating in a variety of campus and community projects. As our campus has changed in the number of students, differing needs for campus life and in a more diverse need base for developing a sense of community, so have the expectations for Greek life.

At a recent student meeting held on March 23rd with the Vice President for Student Affairs, a concern was raised regarding “promises” made to earlier organizations that would preclude any addition of ethnic based chapters. This meeting prompted additional research and review of archival materials. A decision has been made by the Vice President for Student Affairs to review the level of current interest and to more assertively promote the process to grow our Greek community. A meeting with appropriate campus personnel to oversee this process has already been scheduled.

The opinion piece very strongly asserts that the administration is “blocking” the expansion of the Greek system. Other than the dissemination of informa-

tion suggesting that previous communications would not be overturned, there has never been an attempt to block the expansion of this community. In fact, over the past 2-3 years several meetings were held with interested students and the Center for Student Involvement staff (now known as Student & Residential Life) to assist them in understanding the process to bring new organizations to campus. Additionally, no proposal/plan for expansion has been presented to President Gonzalez for his consideration. In the absence of a proposal he has not communicated any disinterest or lack of support for expansion. Quite the contrary, he has sent a clear message to Student Affairs that the campus life/ student life opportunities for CSUSM students must be increased.

Critical to expanding Greek life on campus is the support of national Greek affiliates in this effort. National requirements are often more stringent than University requirements, and we will work with students to identify appropriate contacts to determine how these can be met. Students with specific questions are invited to contact any of us listed below:

Damon Bell, Greek Life Advisor and Assistant Director of Student & Residential Life(Ext. 4970), Sandra Punch, Director of Student & Residential Life (Ext. 4900) Cheryl Evans, Senior Director of College Success Services (Ext. 4863).

Public Speakers/ Annoying Preachers

Kimberly Valentini

Enough is enough! For three days Cal State San Marcos students were subjected to the rantings and ravings of two extremist preachers. Let me tell you, it got really old, really quick.

After listening to Mrs. Smock (the “little woman”, to quote her husband) for 30 minutes last Tuesday, I realized they were not worth my time.

Mr. and Mrs. Smock are two extremists, feeding off the fact that Cal State San Marcos students are fighting with them. All we are doing by listening and fighting back is proving them right. I am not sure that is what we want to do.

On Thursday Cal State San Marcos was host to a job fair featuring 135 companies. How humiliating was it to have Mr. and Mrs. Smock preaching their beliefs in the middle of this? What kind of message did that send out about our school? You might be thinking, “Well, it’s not my fault they were on campus,” but it is. Every person who stopped to listen and every person who shouted back only fed their desire to come back three days in a row. Believe me, I am as guilty as anyone. I stopped to listen. However, I also realized that this needs to stop.

My suggestion is that the next time Mr. and Mrs. Smock are on campus exercising their right to free speech—and let’s hope that is never—ignore them. Don’t crowd them. Don’t listen to what they have to say. Don’t give them the satisfaction when it is clear that the majority of Cal State San Marcos students don’t agree with what they have to say. Please do this. If not for your own sanity then for their poor, innocent, little girl who should probably be in school learning to read, write, and do arithmetic, not listening to the vulgar and shocking words being thrown around in front of Academic Hall.

Dear Editors,

My letter of April 11 was not meant as an aggress to Parking Services. In my letter, I made it perfectly clear that I thought the job of Parking Enforcement Officer was a difficult and thankless task, and that you are doing a good job. If I have offended anyone at Parking Services I do so apologize for that. However, I stand by my claims and so do all of the students who have approached me and said that they agree with me.

I will freely admit that I did no in depth research about Parking Services, and that some of my arguments were mildly inaccurate; but this was done for a reason. This reason was to highlight and draw attention to a topic that would otherwise have gone on its way like the two o’clock bus. It highlighted the issue so that people might stop and take a look at what Parking Services is really doing. I stand behind my letter, and will go through it again to prove it.

My opening statement about the improvements being a waste of time was not unduly cruel, and unnecessary, but quite the opposite. Changing shirt colors, buying a golf cart, changing job titles and descriptions are a waste of time because they do not achieve anything that will contribute to the common good. There is a Japanese proverb that says, fix the problem, not the blame. By improving in this manner Parking Services has not addressed the problem, which is lack of parking. Since it’s obvious that we both know what the problem is, but Park-

ing Services has no money to do anything about it, I suggest that there is where you should concentrate your efforts to improve.

OK, so Parking Services is not wasting my tuition. But you have given me the opportunity to begin another list: “Top Ten Ways to Waste my \$62 (or will it be \$66 next semester?) Parking Fee”. I will concede that I have not followed the shuttle (only 1 eight seater not two, a lie I must have made up to deliberately deceive the student body, and incite a riot) around, but since I have been attending school the most people that I have seen on the shuttle has been five. Since all 98 (not 15 or 16 like I said, another lie I must have made up) students do not take the shuttle at once, I think that one eight seater van is adequate. Yet Parking Services is trying to improve on it. Why? It would be OK to do so if they had nothing else to improve on, but they indeed do. So leave it alone, and BUILD MORE PARKING SPACES!

For the record, the distance from the furthest parking spot in the (northeast lot) to the closest classroom (ACD 102) is not 986ft (a lie you must have made up to deceive the student body and incite a riot) which is roughly 19% of a mile, but 608 meters which is roughly 2000 feet or 40% of a mile. Understand that this is to the closest classroom. I don’t know where you measured from but you did so incorrectly.

Now you say that Parking Services doesn’t have enough money for parking

lots, nor room to put them. This I don’t believe. If you don’t have enough money, get some. Have a bake sale, I don’t care. however created Parking Services figured that it could be self sufficient, if it’s not there’s a problem and it’s not mine. Fire your investment advisor, or make some cut-backs. And how could there possibly not be enough land? There is more land here than there is stuff to put on it. Look around. I’m sure that a place can be found. You have added on to lots N and E and built lot O. Great, keep it up! Don’t stop. The main focus or improvements should be BUILDING MORE PARKING SPACES! Period.

I don’t know what time you get here but unless it’s early, there are no available parking spaces. Also I did not say I walked a mile to class. No, I like many others have perfected the task of getting here 30 minutes before class and driving 12 miles around in a circle so that I might stalk departing students to get their spaces. Also, comparing the parking situation here to that of SDSU or UCLA is unfair. They both have three times the people. They actually have a space problem, and are warranted to have shuttles (or golf carts) because of it. Also, why do we think we’re OK because someone else is worse? Are we aspiring to fail? If the students don’t think it’s good enough then it’s not.

Taking our money is not a service. Neither is walking our appeals over to wherever they go. Those are duties. Look that up. As far as I can see Parking Services performs no ser-

vices. Now if you will permit me an aside: For those of you out there who are threatening to take the lives of Parking Services Officers, or are leaving nasty messages in the suggestion box, stop it. Saying things like that (besides being against the law) is stupid.

Now that I have reaffirmed my statements and restored my good name, I would like to add some things. First of all I do not lie, the truth is much too fun, and there are better ways to incite a riot

The arguments, the premise, and the theme of my original letter are all just and correct. OK, so 98 people take the shuttle, and you don’t waste my tuition, you waste my parking fee. I was wrong, not .32% of the student body take the shuttle, but 1%, we walk half a mile not a whole one, and you still waste our money. WOW. I stand corrected. My problem with Parking Services is that it tries to divert our attention from the parking lot to the golf cart. Who cares that we don’t have any place to park, we have a golf cart!

I wrote to tell you it’s not working.

I am just sick and tired of Parking Services doing anything it can to divert my attention from the fact that we need more parking. You say you are trying to get the money to build more parking spaces. Great. My letters are trying to get the student body behind you, not against you.

Warmest Regards,
Jonathon Cooke

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Spring Festival 2000

Giovanni Ferrer
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On April 15, 2000, Associated Students, Inc. held the first annual "Spring Fest 2000 at CSUSM's Mangrum track and field. Although held to promote student and community interaction, the event was sparsely attended. All proceeds from Spring Fest 2000 will support childcare services on campus.

Novelty games, such as trampoline jumping, sumo wrestling, and a blow-up obstacle course, provided fun for both children and adults. One favorite was "Cameron the Caterpillar," a huge plastic chute for kids to crawl through. Other activities for children included a human bowling game and a 26foot inflatable

slide. The youngsters were given balloons and could have their faces painted.

Two local bands named Klowfish and Handful provided live entertainment for the event. Campus clubs held refreshment booths to try help raise money for their perspective clubs. Circle K International sold lemonade and snow cones. Mr. Taco sold Mexican food for approximately \$3-5 per plate. The San Marcos fire department had a fire truck on display and CSUSM campus police showed off their vehicles as well.

The Mapapa Acrobats capped off the day with an exciting performance of leaps, flips, and tumbles. Originally from Kenya, the group began performing in Europe, and currently travel the U.S. performing their acrobatics.

The event ended with a hat contest where contestants won gift certificates to local businesses and free passes to Knott's Berry Farm.

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Every day from 3:00pm - 5:30pm, you can find women sweating it out as they do workouts designed by head coach Steve Scott and assistant coach Wes Williams—all in anticipation of stepping off the plane in Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada to participate at the NAIA Nationals May 24 - May 27.

So as you stress out about finals, think of these women and the prestige they are bringing to Cal State San Marcos. The women who round off the team are: Leslie Akers (800), Nicole Feehan (sprints, pole vault), Tara Hardee (throws), Denaye' Lakotich (hurdles, pole vault), Lorena Reyes (distance), Amanda Poniktera (throws) and Camille Wilborn (distance).

Keep up with the women and men track teams on their web page, <http://www.csusm.edu/track>, where results and pictures are posted weekly.

Javier Betancourt

Javier is a senior in Computer Science. His mother Constanzia Betancourt suddenly passed away unexpectedly on Thursday April 13, 2000. Javier has been fully involved in many campus service projects as a member of Circle K, Ballet Folklorico, and MEChA. As an ASPIRE/EOP student, he has been a mentor to entering students. He also works as a Lab technician in the university computing labs.

Several programs and groups on campus have rallied to assist Javier in raising funds for his mother's funeral fees. ASI, ASPIRE/EOP, Computing Lab, and the student organizations which he is involved with have all donated money to help defray expenses.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation to assist Javier Betancourt, please email rmora@csusm.edu or call Rosa Mora in the EOP office Craven 4107 at extension 4860.

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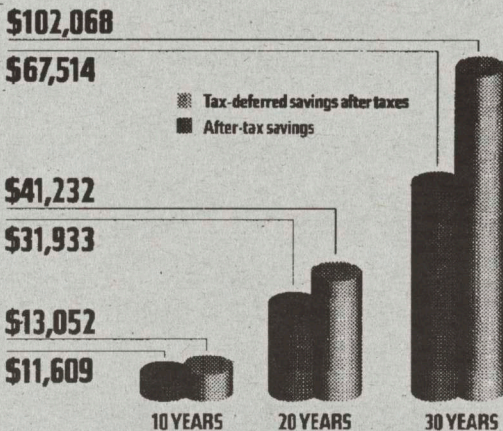
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MBRS Guest Lecture Series - Spring 2000 "Conversations with Scientists"

Dr. Elma Gonzalez from the Department of Organismic Biology, Ecology, and Evolution at UCLA

"Biochemistry of the calcifying vesicle of a marine planktonic alga"

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Academic Hall 404

Thursday, April 20, 2000

Anime Showing
4:30pm-10:00pm
ACD 102

Tuesday, April 25, 2000

ASI Elections
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Location: TBA

Thursday, April 26, 2000

Victorious Club Meeting
4:30pm-5:30pm
CRA 4110

ASI Elections
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Location: TBA

Friday, April 28, 2000

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California Center for the Arts, Escondido
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

This hilarious deconstruction of Mexican machismo will be performed in Spanish and will be directed by Dora Arreola.

CSUSM Psychology Research Fair
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

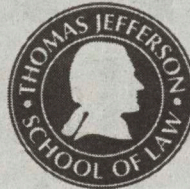
This year's keynote speaker is Marc A. Schuckit, M.D. He is a professor of psychiatry at the UCSD School of Medicine and the Director of Alcohol Research Center and Veteran Affairs Medical Center in San Diego. Dr. Schuckit's keynote address will be on "The Genetics of Alcoholism". Other notable events will include the presentation of posters and papers by students representing various universities in Southern California and panel discussions about careers in psychology and graduate school in psychology. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, go to CSUSM Psychology Research Fair website at http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/research_fair/ or e-mail Allison Tyra at tyra001@mailhost1.csusm.edu

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Here are two local events to check out:

Poway 2000 Earth Arbor Day, April 22-23, Old Poway Park

Earth Day Environmental Fair, Encina Water Pollution Control Facility,
6200 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad, April 22, 9 a.m. to 1p.m. free
refreshments, live music, games, prizes and more

For lots of information about Earth Day, check out their website at www.earthday.net.



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