

Faculty move into Markstein Hall

BY CHRISTINE VAUGHAN
Pride Staff Writer

Faculty and staff officially relocated and nested into their new offices in Markstein Hall, the College of Business Administration building, on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Markstein Hall is situated between Academic Hall and University Hall, just south of Palm Court. This new addition was made possible by a \$26.8 million bond approved by CSU Board of Trustees back in Spring 2001, allowing for the construction of 75,765 square

feet that will be utilized to house 22 classrooms, 88 faculty offices and nine administrative offices.

While the final touches are being completed, faculty members are preparing for a new semester, fine-tuning course syllabi and finding time to organize their new spaces.

"It has a window; there's natural light and it's clean," said Associate Professor of Literature and Writing Studies, Lance Newman. "The furniture is much nicer. When the univer-

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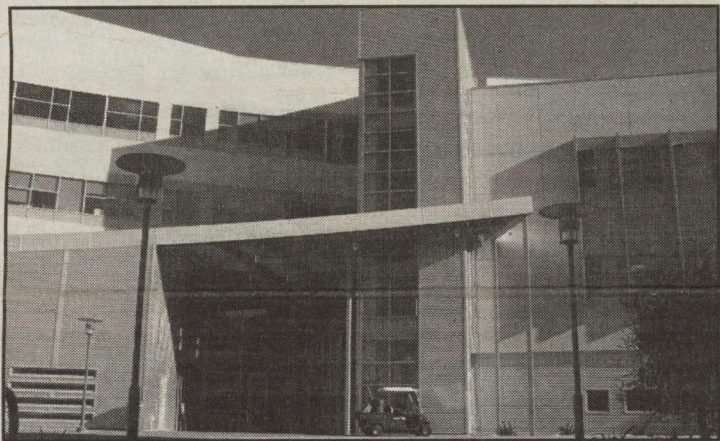


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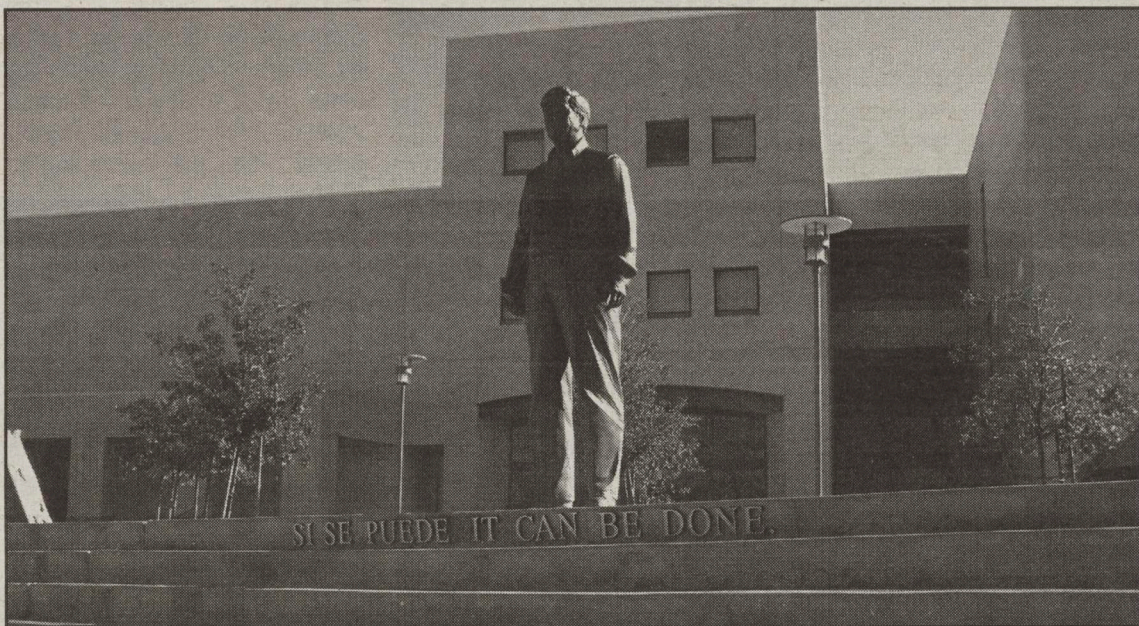


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When students reach the top of the stairs leading to Chavez Plaza, they will see a life size bronze statue of labor leader and human rights activist Cesar Chavez in the northeastern corner of the plaza.

According to the web site www.csusm.edu/chicanolatinoweb/statuecerdits.htm the

statue was unveiled on March 31, 1997 in a public ceremony honoring Chavez. The statue was created by artists T.J. Nelson and Jim Dixon. The artists involved made a point to consult the Chavez family when designing the statue.

The statue is of Chavez carrying a book and wearing a simple ensemble of long sleeve collared shirt, sweater vest, and slacks.

Rather than being placed on a

pedestal, the statue stands on the ground.

Bronze letters beneath the statue spell out the United Farm Workers union slogan, "Si se puede. It can be done."

A plaque near the statue carries this quote from Chavez: "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned

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University Police report

BY CHRISTINE VAUGHAN
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University Police prepare for the spring semester, highlighting crime alerts, offering students sound-advice and welcoming three new members to the department.

"The area, not only the campus, is growing," said Chief of Police, Aaron Woodward about the concerns of a growing campus in relation to the growth of the department. "Our concern is that we are allotted 15 officers; base staffing is only what is budgeted. We would like to get ahead of the game, in terms of staffing."

Over the holiday break, the Police made four arrests; two alcohol related incidents, one drug possession and one drug possession with the intent to sell.

A male was arrested after driving past campus on Twin Oaks Valley Road, where he made an illegal u-turn, on Friday, Dec. 30. The simple traffic violation led to the discovery that the driver had over one and half grams of methamphetamine in his possession. The driver was arrested and taken to jail.

Two days later, on the first of the year, a male was taken to jail for being drunk in public. Another alcohol related incident

occurred on Jan. 8, when a UVA resident notified the Police Department that her inebriated boyfriend was attempting to drive off, despite her pleas. There are also allegations that the boyfriend damaged UVA property when throwing a rock at a window, but Police are still investigating this case.

University Police also arrested a known San Marcos gang member on charges of drug possession with intent to sell. During a routine equipment violation stop, an Officer noticed that a passenger in the backseat of the vehicle had marijuana. After further investigation, the police were able to find evidence suggesting that the male had intentions on selling the ounce and a half of marijuana. The affiliated gang member, a parolee, was arrested and booked in jail. The driver was cited for an equipment violation and driving without a license.

In addition to the Police Department's focus on crime activity, the department also promotes community involvement and education. In December, the department participated in the Teddy Bear Drive for the young patients at Children's Hospital. CSUSM's University Police Depart-

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Resolutions at 'The Clarke'

BY CHRISTINE VAUGHAN
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"The Clarke" fitness center is experiencing an influx of membership use with the dreaded New Year's resolutions still lingering into the third week of January 2006.

"We experience a substantial spike in use for the month of January," said Nicholas Tyerman, M. Gordon Clarke Field House employee and Kinesiology student. "It must be everyone working on their New Year's Resolutions. However, it typically slows down as the semester continues with students becoming more involved in classes and assignments."

Membership to the fitness center is covered in the University Student Union fee of \$50, which is included with CSUSM mandatory student fees. Membership is available to faculty and staff at a competitive fitness center rate. Guests are also welcome to utilize the services of "the Clarke", with options of daily, monthly and semester rates. When considering that 24-

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Alumni invite congressional debate to campus

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California State University San Marcos' Alumni Association is sponsoring a congressional debate for special election candidates replacing former House Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham. All registered candidates will be invited to participate in the debate, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the M. Gordon Clarke Field House/University Student Union.

The 50th Congressional District seat was vacated on December 1, 2005 after Cunningham pleaded guilty to accepting more than \$2 million in bribes in a criminal conspiracy.

"He was a good friend to the campus," said Charles D. Guthrie Jr., executive director of the Alumni Association, about former Congressman Cunningham. "He was the first

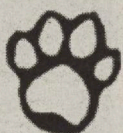
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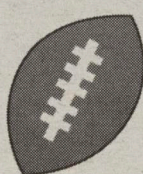
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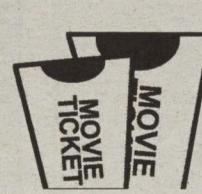
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A special opportunity

A closer look at the steadfast recovery of a CSUSM student

Ivy Kensinger, a former CSUSM student, was driving to get to her classes on Dec. 9, 2003 when she was cut off by another driver. Ivy lost control of her car and skidded off of the Interstate 15 freeway. Ivy has spent the past 15 months confined to a hospital bed. Recently, Zachary Simon was able to contact her for an interview.

BY ZACHARY J. SIMON
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It was December of '03 when an old friend of mine began giving updates on a new friend of his, each one giving little opportunity to do more than gape and quietly send out a little anonymous hope. When, a few weeks ago, he handed over his T-mobile Sidekick, "here, Ivy speaks French too," I was more than a little pressed for the right vocabulary. That any student here could have passed her in the hall stirs an amazing interaction between curiosity and compassion. There's nothing sensational or exclusive about being able to email Ivy an interview, save that she is that much closer to recovery and that much more able to show us a person who refuses to be lost.

So, I think the first thing we better start out with is the website you mentioned, not just the address, but who set it up, who maintains it, etc.

www.thebookofivy.com was set up by my dad. He does all the work for it, he set it up, and he keeps it going. The web space was given to him by The Reef. I'm not sure what The Reef is, I just know it is a website. My website has a link to my benevolent fund, which is used to help pay for all my horrible medical expenses.

Could you describe your high school experience for us in some detail? Where did you attend, what was it like academically/socially?

I went to Temecula Valley High School, and it was the worst time of my life. I was surrounded by a bunch of immature idiots who were too busy trying to look

"cool" in front of their other loser friends to give anyone who was a little different a chance. I was a good student who had a 4.0 through my entire senior year when most students were slacking off. I had a very small group of close friends and then a bunch of little wannabes who idolized my best friend (Chase) and I. I think a lot of students felt a little threatened by me because I am a lot smarter than them and I was never afraid to speak my mind, stand up for the underdog and tell people when they were stupid.

What was the state of your college plans when you graduated?

My dream was always to go to Berkeley. Unfortunately, my father was out of work and we couldn't afford it. My plan was to do my general education at a less expensive school and then transfer to Berkeley for my major. I was planning on majoring in either music, photography, or French.

What made you choose CSUSM?

Quite honestly, the cost and the fact that it was close to home and I could easily drive there.

Do you like cougars? (just kidding)

The animal? Why yes, yes I do. The mascot? Couldn't care less.

Did you begin as an "undecided", or did you have a field of interest, if so is that still your field of interest? Why?

I was undecided because CSUSM doesn't offer my major and I wasn't planning on finishing my college career there.

Before your accident, had you known anyone who had needed to be hospitalized, who was kept in critical care? Ever thought about what you would do or how you would react if on the other side of a similar situation?

I had known a few people, in

fact. My grandmother on my father's side had a very rare form of cancer, my best friend spent time in and out of the hospital, a few friends were in the hospital... If I were on the other side of a similar situation, I would be there for that person, I would visit them any chance I got. I would send them cards and letters and offer support to their family. About 7 months after my accident (I was still in the CCU) another young woman was brought into the hospital with similar injuries. Her family was all the way in Florida, so I asked my mom to go be a mom to her as well and I sent my dad out to get her a cuddly teddy bear to hug. She ended up losing her leg, but because of all the doctors and nurses learned from me, her life was saved. She and I are still friends to this day.

Did any classes, high school or otherwise, give you any insight into either side of the experience?

None at all.

If not, do you think it's something educators should address? Any suggestions?

Absolutely. People don't know how to act in these sort of situations. I'm not saying educators should lecture on proper etiquette or anything, but maybe if they put books in their lesson plans that dealt with similar situations, people would have a better idea of how to handle this sort of situation.

Is there anything in particular you like about the school/college experience, any memorable teachers?

I hate school, but I love to learn. However, Dr. Veronica Anover and Dr. Karen Schaffman are wonderful professors with big hearts and a love for their students. Both of them visited me a lot in the hospital and they held a Benefit Concert for me.

What can you recall about the accident? (Mundane things are okay, but feel free to go into

personal detail). Is there anything you want to share about your hospital experience?

I really don't remember much about the accident. I remember I was driving between 70-75 MPH in the fast lane. Some jerk wanted to go faster, so he cut me off. I swerved to miss him and lost control. I went over a cliff and was thrown 150 feet. I landed face down in a bush, which crushed my chest. All ribs were broken in multiple places. I broke my sternum which ruptured my spleen, lacerated my liver, and bruised my heart. My lungs had collapsed and were filling with fluid. The paramedics had to place an emergency chest tube in the field (which is almost never done). I was flown to the hospital with less than 1% chance of survival. You will have to be more specific about what you want to know concerning my hospital stay. It was almost 2 years, after all.

Is there anything in particular you feel you might have 'missed out' on?

I missed out on a lot. I didn't get to see my brother graduate because I was too sick. I spent both my 20th and 21st birthdays in the hospital and with sepsis. AFI (my favorite band of all time) called me on my birthday, but I was too sick to talk to them. I missed out on 2 years of my kitty's life, which may not seem to be that big of a deal, but she is like my child. I missed out on concerts I wanted to go to, the opportunity to sing with AFI, and social events with friends.

Do you have any advice for someone who finds a friend or family member in your situation, for someone who finds themselves in it?

Go and visit them any chance you get. Send them cards and letters. Let them know you are there for them and thinking about them. Continue to visit them even after they make it home. If you find yourself in this situation, fight like hell and don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something. Prove them wrong.

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sity first opened it was low-end prison industry. This is certainly much nicer."

Markstein Hall will be the new address for many departments, including History, Literature

and Writing Studies, World Languages and Hispanic Literatures; however, telephone extensions and emails will not be affected by the move, and will remain the same as before. Complete listing of new office locations can be found on the first floor of the

building.

"I like the installations," said Dr. Michael Hughes, assistant professor of German and Spanish. "Look how cool my desk is. Everything's new." Yet, among all the new additions, the most appreciated new change for Dr.

Hughes has been having the opportunity to mingle with colleagues.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to happen Thursday, April 27, and classrooms are expected to be in use for the Fall 2006 semester.

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Escape to the Library Reading Room

Room inside Kellogg Library offers a place for students to unwind and read a book

BY CHRISTINE VAUGHAN
Pride Staff Writer

Nestled behind the stacks of Kellogg Library's fifth floor is a comfy and tranquil room equipped with all the needs of a modern-technologically savvy Cal State San Marcos student. The Reading Room, located in room 5400, offers students the rare opportunity of comfortable silence, ideal for studying or simply enjoying a moment without interruption.

This room is equipped to support the laptop computers for the more studious student, while others may chose to take advantage of the available outlets to recharge their cell phones, i-Pods and other like electronic devices.

Fulfilling Kellogg Library's goals for the facility, the Reading Room complies with the intent to

"create an intellectually stimulating environment, supported by adequate space and appropriate technology," according to the Library website.

With an exquisite yet calming interior, the room features seating for over 40 people with two leather couches, eight plush reading chairs and ten study-tables. This haven, however, offers more than an array of cushioned objects to rest a bottom cramped from hard student-desk-chairs, as the view overlooking the west region of the campus can be quite picturesque, particularly at sunset. In addition, the room is air-conditioned for our typically warm climate and equipped with a stone-work fireplace to combat more windy, rainy days that will be frequenting campus in the upcoming months.

Many studies have reflected

how quite moments of meditation or relaxation help reduce stress and lower blood pressure. While most students may not suffer from hypertension, a few moments of silence may help recharge energy and increase classroom focus.

"It's theorized that meditation lowers blood pressure by affecting the part of the nervous system that responds to stress, leading to lowered levels of stress hormones such as cortisol and norepinephrine, relaxing the muscles in your blood vessels and lowering your heart rate," reports Healthology, Inc.

The Reading Room is open to the general public and is typically kept available Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. correlating with student presence on campus. Weekend hours and holiday exceptions can

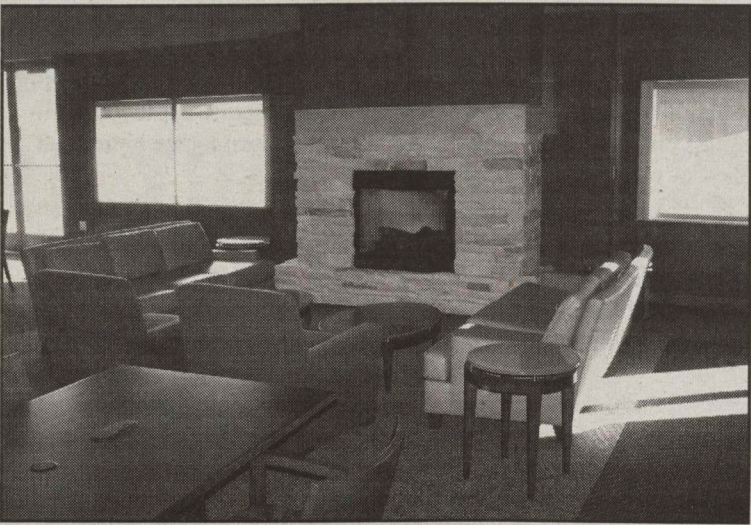


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be found on the library website at <http://library.csusm.edu/about/hours.asp>.

A visit to this little refuge offers an escape from the hectic buzz of campus life, giving students the opportunity to regain sanity and

replenish their intellectual focus without having to go off-campus. Whether it's the answer to reduce stress or an opportunity to tackle study sessions and homework, the Reading Room remains a 'quiet' treasure of our campus.

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to occupy the 50th Congressional seat 15 years ago after redistricting, so we grew up together so to speak. Since he's been in office, he has paid the campus a visit each year. Mr. Cunningham was proud of our library, center for books on Spanish and the nursing program and was able to bring federal attention to them.

Lastly, he was involved with our outreach programs and we gave him an award."

Replacement candidates must submit the proper paperwork with intentions to run, no later than February 1. The 50th Congressional District spans across the coastal and inland regions of northern San Diego County, including Del Mar, Encinitas,

Carlsbad, San Marcos, Escondido, Rancho Bernardo, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Claremont, southern sections of La Jolla, and parts of Pacific Beach. The primary special election will be held on Tuesday, April 11, with the runoff election scheduled to coincide with prescheduled statewide elections on June 6, 2006.

A good size turnout is expected,

according to Guthrie, since the event is open, free of charge, to the public and approximately 100 parking spaces will be allotted for free guest parking. Students, staff, faculty, and community members have the opportunity to get involved by submitting questions to be considered for debate to alumni@csusm.edu. Kent Davy, editor for the North County

Times, will be the debate moderator and will have some additional questions and topics on hand for the candidates to discuss.

"The Alumni Association feels a sense of responsibility of leadership in the region to promote discussions of important issues," said Guthrie. "Who ever is elected will have visited the campus and know about us."



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to read, humiliate the person who feels pride, and you cannot oppress the people who are not afraid any more."

The web site www.answers.com/topic/cesar-chavez?method=6 states that Chavez was born in Yuma, Arizona, on March 31, 1927 and died of natural causes on April 23, 1993.

Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association and the United Farm Workers union, promoting non-violence during

his strikes and leading a five year boycott against California grape growers. He protested against farm workers' poor working conditions and the use of harmful pesticides. Chavez was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and in 2000 California's Legislature approved a bill to create a paid state holiday in his honor.

The holiday is celebrated on Chavez's birthday, March 31 and is the first holiday for a Mexican American and a labor leader in U.S. history.

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ment, with the aid of students, faculty and staff, were able to successfully collect over 400 teddy bears. The University Police are anticipating making the drive an annual participation, according to Lieutenant Douglass Miller.

A new change for this semester is that the parking enforcement will now be reporting to the University Police Department; however, all fees collected through parking violations will still go toward Parking and

Transportation Services. Also, the University Police have welcomed three new additions to the force, including Police Officer William Pryer, Dispatcher Esther Cerda and Dispatcher Erik Keene.

"The best advice I can give, being a community oriented department, is to encourage students to take part in programs to learn about citizen rights and how to prevent them from being a victim of crime," said Chief Woodward. "I encourage students to familiarize themselves with our services."

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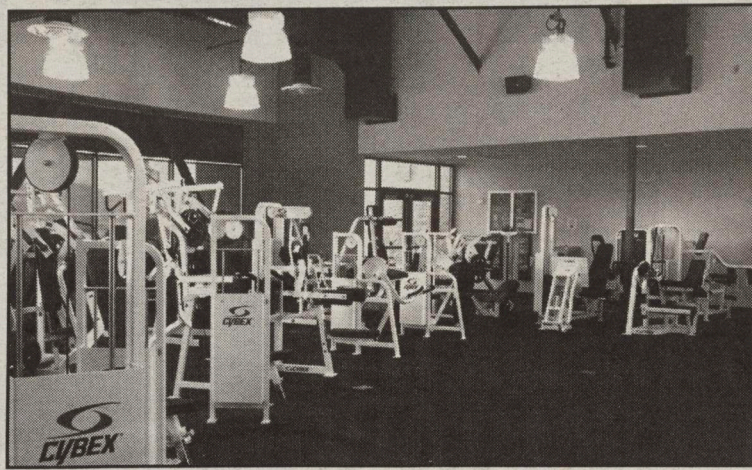


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Hour Fitness, according to their website, charges a \$49 enrollment fee, an \$80 processing fee and an ongoing monthly dues of \$32.99, a gym membership can exceed \$250, making "the Clarke" rates seem exceptionally reasonable.

A Fitness and Wellness Coordinator was recently hired and will be on staff to assist members with proper use of equipment and advise those seeking to target problem areas, tone muscle or help build stamina. Fitness Center hours are Monday - Thursday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

In order to access the state-of-

the-art fitness and cardiovascular equipment, students need to obtain a Scan Card from "the Clarke" front desk. With a student ID and a completion of the Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release from Liability form, students have access to all equipment, daily lockers and gymnasium use.

But not everyone that uses the fitness center is trying to adhere to a resolution; some are simply there for daily exercise or to pass the time.

"I don't believe in resolutions," said Matt Saucedo, a freshman Biology student lifting weights on the south-side of the fitness center. "People never go through with them. Everyone just gets

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For more information, visit "the Clarke" website at <http://www.csusm.edu/cfhusu/>.

Become a 'friend of Arnold'

BY PATRICK B. LONG
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Some lucky "Friends of Arnold" enjoyed a lunch with their hero on Tuesday, January 10.

No, the host was not the action star and current governor of California, but a lovable canine.

Arnold's handler, Toni Schaffer of the College of Arts and Sciences, offered the lunch as a prize for the Bree-Tinney Auction Scholarship fund, which was held last fall. The bids placed on the luncheon raised over \$500 for the College of Arts and Sciences' scholarship fund, which is named after a former staff member who passed away from cancer.

"Members of the campus put up various items for bid and the money raised goes to the scholarship fund," stated Toni in an

email. "Many of the administrators put up private lunches for auction. Some of Arnold's friends suggested he also put up a lunch for bid."

All participants who bid on Arnold were able to attend the luncheon.

"I adopted him about a year ago from the San Diego Humane Society. Shortly after getting him, I enrolled him in a program called Love on a Leash (<http://www.loveonaleash.org/>). The program is run through the Foundation for Pet-Provided Therapy," stated Toni.

"A therapy pet's primary function is to brighten someone's day," states the love on a leash web site.

Therapy dogs work in multiple functions. They provide emotional support in areas such as nursing homes and hospitals and

also work to help patients "work a little harder." Therapy dogs also benefit in crisis prevention, providing a comfortable, non-threatening environment.

"Arnold is currently assigned to the Children's Hospital in San Diego," Toni informed us. "Additionally, he has a few Alzheimer's patients who he visits regularly."

Arnold is even a great companion to those with reading disabilities. The Reading with Rover program provides a canine to children. The children then have an attentive listener who creates an environment to ease the stress of reading out loud.

Arnold's loveable personality has gained momentum at Cal State San Marcos. Toni is a current staff member and brings Arnold with her to campus where, she informed us, he "also holds regular office hours for his



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Friends of Arnold."

"He's lovely," said Katherine Brown of the Communication Department. She went on to say that Arnold is great at relieving stress and lowering blood pressure.

Vicki Golich, the dean of College of Arts and Sciences, commented on how Arnold's involvement in raising the money for

the scholarship "brings focus to camaraderie."

"I'm happy to say that I rarely have marginal days, but when I'm having one Arnold never ceases to make it better," stated Dr. John Schneider from Sociology in an email.

"Arnold is very lucky to have so much love in his life," reflected Toni.

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Jock talk with Josh

BY JOSHUA SANDOVAL
Special to The Pride



Most things aren't 100 percent guaranteed, but for 34-straight games a USC football win was more of a sure thing than the sun rising

in the morning.

Losing to Texas in the rose bowl national championship was not a surprise to me. I was one of the few people who thought it was going to be a close game. I figured USC was going to win. However, when they lost I wasn't upset even though I have watched every USC game over the past five years. Even though Reggie Bush is someone I have seen play since he was at Helix high school it didn't hit me that they had actually lost. Even though USC was on the verge of becoming the first team to win three consecutive national championships I still didn't believe that they lost a lead in the fourth quarter.

It really didn't hit me until last week. I guess I was in shock. Every sports fan has some games that replay in their head over and over and they won't ever forget them. For me this is one of those games. I give a lot of credit to Texas for getting things done and I don't second guess any calls by Pete Carroll. However, I do wonder about a couple of things.

I want to know why there was never

a spy put on Vince Young. If there was a spy designated to just watch Young then there is no way he would have been able to rush for 200-yards. Also, he ran to his right the majority of the time. How many times does someone have to punch you in the face before you put your hand up to block it?

I also want to know why Matt Leinart threw into double coverage in the end zone which resulted in an interception. Texas had an incredibly solid defensive back crew and a Heisman trophy winner should know better. It looked like Leinart was saying, "Screw it, I am the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner. They're not going to intercept me."

I would also like to know why Reggie Bush was not used in more screen plays. Bush is the most elusive player to ever play college football and they didn't take advantage of that. Instead they chose to rush him against eight men in the box.

I also want to know what was running through Bush's mind when he tried to lateral the ball backwards to his teammate. He was being tackled in the red zone. That was a guaranteed three points that he gave up on the fumble. I think he was also buying into his own hype. He probably figured, "I am the 2005 Heisman Trophy winner. I can't do any wrong. Somehow this ball will find my teammate."

There are two misconceptions about the game that need to be cleared up. First of all USC did the right thing

by going for it on fourth-and-twenty two. They were trying to put the game out of reach. They also used a play that had been effective not just the entire night, but a play that had been effective for three years. They rushed LenDale White up the gut. White didn't get the two yards and he is the best power back in college football so I really doubt anyone else could have. Hindsight being 20/20 USC could have considered an alternate play such as the one that USC used against Notre Dame on fourth-and-six where Leinart baited the rush and found Dwayne Jarrett in one-on-one coverage down the sideline.

Secondly, this was not the best college football game of all time. That's all I have been hearing about for two weeks now. It was an awesome game, maybe top 10 of all time but certainly not the best. Yes, this game did have two Heisman winners, two undefeated teams, and a bunch of future NFL players, but the 2003 national championship between Miami and Ohio St also had a ton of future NFL players like Craig Krenzel, Willis McGahee, Ken Dorsey, Chris Gamble, and Drew Carter. The 2003 game also went into several overtimes and included an even bigger upset than the Texas game because everyone thought Ohio St. would not be able to score possession for possession with Miami.

Now that USC is no longer a guarantee hopefully the sun doesn't let me down.

CSU system prohibits alcohol at sporting events

BY ERIN YOUNG
Pride Staff Writer

A new order was issued on Dec. 23, 2005 "prohibiting all 23 CSU campuses from engaging in any sale of alcoholic beverages at any intercollegiate athletic events held in university owned or operated facilities." According to the alcohol policy released by the office of the Chancellor Public Affairs "this policy will also limit the alcohol advertising of beer and wine at all campuses."

"The CSU believes that service of alcoholic beverages at intercollegiate athletic events in university owned or operated facilities is contrary to its systemwide alcohol policy and to its purpose of promoting a safe and healthy learning environment for all members of the university community," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

With the new alcohol

policy in full affect it unfortunately conflicts with preexisting contracts that include the sale of alcohol at athletic events including football and basketball games. Although these policies will remain established until there contracts expire they will have strict limitations and most likely not renewed.

"I believe this policy is the logical and appropriate next step for the CSU to take," said John D. Welty, President of California State University, Fresno and chair of the CSU Alcohol Policies and Prevention Programs Committee.

"The CSU system believes that students under the influence of alcohol cannot perform at their full potential," states the alcohol policy release. The pressure of alcohol abuse in any form contradicts the positive contribution to the learning environment and public image that the CSU system is striving to accomplish.

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Survey shows students support change in campus food options

BY DEBRA DOERFLER
Special to The Pride

Ever wondered if your thoughts about the campus food options were shared by other students? Well find out here: A survey of the student body was conducted in November of 2005. The survey addressed the attitudes of CSUSM students concerning the current food choices being offered on campus including its quality and price.

In addition, information was gathered on what substitute food choices they might prefer over the current offerings.

The information obtained from the survey indicated that most students are dissatisfied with the food options on campus. The primary reason behind the dissatisfaction is the price; most expressed that the prices charged are too high and the available options too limited.

Over half (64 percent) of the respondents indicated they felt the value of food was only fair or poor.

When questioned about eating on campus 21.9 per-

cent of respondents indicated they brought food to campus from home while another 8.8 percent actually went home to eat.

Another segment chose not to eat campus food but purchased food off-site and ate off-site (18.4 percent) or purchased off-site and returned to campus (7 percent).

Despite the apparent dissatisfaction with food options available on campus 27.2 percent of respondents indicated that they do purchase food on campus.

When questioned about the categories of food purchased most often on campus the majority of respondents indicated that they purchase beverages.

The next most frequently purchased food types were sandwiches and pizza.

On overwhelming majority of the respondents indicated, they were aware of food options at "The Dome", "Campus Coffee", "Starbucks" and the various vending machines. However, not many were aware that food is available at the "Cougar Den".

Students named 23 unique food vendors they would like to see on campus, all but one being "fast-food".

Given the option of having new food choices on campus students were three times more likely to suggest a burger type eatery (Wendy's, Carl's Jr., etc), a deli style eatery (Subway, Quizno's, etc.), or a Mexican style eatery (Mr. Taco, Del Taco, etc.) vs. pizza, chicken specific, or oriental type eateries.

Slightly less than 10 percent of respondents indicated they would like to see a pub style eatery (with beer) on campus.

What does all this mean? For you, the student, it means if you want to see some changes you (we) need to unite our voices, start a letter writing campaign, let our dissatisfaction be heard by the administration!

The survey was conducted by Marketing 442 students, Debra Doerfler, Albert Orozco, Matt Leventhal and Nick Villarino, as part of a class project.

Debra Doerfler

Letter from the editor

We have set some hefty goals for ourselves here at The Pride. We have pulled together an eclectic team of writers and editors who have brought you, the Cougars of Cal State San Marcos, a pretty darn good newspaper. Now, we want to go beyond last semester and bring forth a paper worthy of the city of San Marcos. I do hope that you, the readers, will continue to email us at The Pride (pride@csusm.edu) with how you feel we are doing.

First, I will give you an update on our staff. The four main editors are returning. Zachary, Christine, and Erin will continue to bring the articles in. The Ombudsman from last semester really kept us in check, so I promoted him to Managing Editor. Let us know if he does a good job. If you emailed him last semester, please continue to do so.

Our layout and design will be our biggest change. Jason Encabo, who should never be forgotten when talking about editors, has moved to the position of business manager. So, you will probably be seeing a new look for The Pride in the coming weeks as the new layout person, Jason Saumur, will be taking the helm.

We have a new staff of writers starting this week. The first class is tonight at 5 p.m. and we should see some new names in the paper in the coming weeks.

Last semester, we saw the birth of some reoccurring themes and columnists. Robbins Report brought some controversy and Cash Corner had some good advice. We hope to continue these columns this semester with a long time favorite Jock Talk with Josh.

We are still looking for more. Believe it or not, good writers are not easy to find.

So, we are looking for a few good writers who are interested in beats. A beat is a journalism term that refers to writing for a specific area. For instance, we are interested in a business beat, something that might coincide with Cash Corner, a medical beat, and a political beat. Plus, we could always use a good movie critic.

The journalism class will help students write in all sections of a newspaper, like News and Features. So if you are interested in newspapers, I highly recommend it.

One of my favorite sections in our newspaper is the opinion section. Students can put down on paper their frustrations and concerns about a multitude of subjects. Politics, food on campus, and even The Pride are all topics that can be covered by you, the student. Please air your frustrations with us, just have you facts straight.

Patrick B. Long
Editor-in-chief

Robbins Report

BY JASON ROBBINS
Special to The Pride

According to our President, defeatists are those folks who refuse to see anything that is right or positive. Mommy, I don't want to be a defeatist.

Given the opportunity, our President might have labeled me a defeatist last year. I trashed ASI for serving our needs with a sex-worker advocate, questioned those categorically opposed to fee increases, and plowed over the idea of a border fence.

This year, I'm going to play nicely.

Scratch that plan. Jason to base, over: There are still Charlies in the trees.

I'd like to speak to our freshmen and new transfer students. As for the rest of you, go ahead, put "The Pride" down and start wiping (classy huh, that's what it's about this semester).

Place the stressors in your life aside for a moment, and follow me to that clarity out yonder. I reckon that many of you are unsure about which major to pursue. I also bet that some of you who are sure today will feel unsure again at some point in the future. The point is that you may need some advice. The less obvious point is that you deserve mine.

Please understand that I cannot form a conclusion about which department has the better pro-

gram and such, for I'm a lifelong Social Science fan. Fortunately, I can tell you which department I might avoid irrespective of the prestige it possesses. The "no thanks" check on my ballot would sit next to the Women's Studies option.

That option sounds cool right? I mean, many of us recognize the struggle that women have endured throughout history and the barriers that they still face. Many of us swoon over ideas like gender equity. Many of us even fall in love with actual women.

But here's the "but". My fear (and it's only a fear) is that this program may nurture one into accepting some very poor values.

Exhibit A: Last semester, a prominent/active Women's Studies major (and friend of mine) argued that it was wiser to abort a baby that was destined for a life in poverty, than to bear that life into this world. It seemed likely that this statement was related to this person's studies, for some feminist thinkers also seem to support shortsighted preemptive strikes. And no, I'm not a fascist. This person has a right to hold such a value; I have a right to deem a value to be poor.

Exhibit B: The same prominent Women Studies major (and friend of mine) argued that African Americans shouldn't vote for Republicans. Again, I feared that

this statement was related to this person's studies. I reasoned that a scholar doesn't formulate such a bold claim without some real help.

If my help doesn't help and you don't hold these values to be poor, then move on to A&E.

If this testimony does help, it would still be wise to hold off on making or changing your decision on a major. The Women's Studies Department deserves a chance to speak for itself. If these are values that the Women's Studies Department does not nurture, then I urge a representative of the department to write in and let our freshman and new transfer students know. These kids have important decisions to make.

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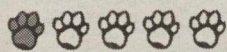
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'Grandma's Boy' falls short



BY DAVID GATLEY
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Regrettably, I made the mistake of seeing Adam Sandler's latest production "Grandma's boy". I have to admit, however, that I was excited to see it.

At first.

Yet upon walking into the theater 10 minutes late to find only four

seats taken, my excitement quickly turned into concern. After another 20 minutes, I actually started to consider walking out of the theater and bashing my face repeatedly against the theater's stucco exterior.

Alas, I remained to see just how bad it could get. For some absurd reason I felt as though the movie would break from its underdevel-

oped characters and terrible jokes.

It didn't.

I then thought maybe some crazy stoner would chime in with an unforgettable one liner that I could spin off in my review for some cheaply stolen laughs out of my readers.

Again: no dice.

My last hope was that the karate trained monkey, introduced entirely too late in the movie, would get into an epic battle with Bob Barker from the Price is Right, but no. If anything, I can give Happy Madison Productions credit for at least being consistently not funny.

Written and directed by Adam Sandler's buddies, and starring a few more of them, the film is about a 35 year old video game tester named Alex (Allen Covert, one of the writers) who gets evicted from his house and moves in with his grandmother (Doris Roberts) and her two housemates, Bea the crazy pill popper (Shirley Knight) and Grace the semi-retired mistress (Shirley Jones). I'm still not sure where the middle of the movie

was, or how it ended, even finding the beginning is somewhat of a stretch. There was a sort of climax somewhere, and I'm pretty sure it was when one of the 20 something characters lost his virginity to one of the 80 something grandmothers.

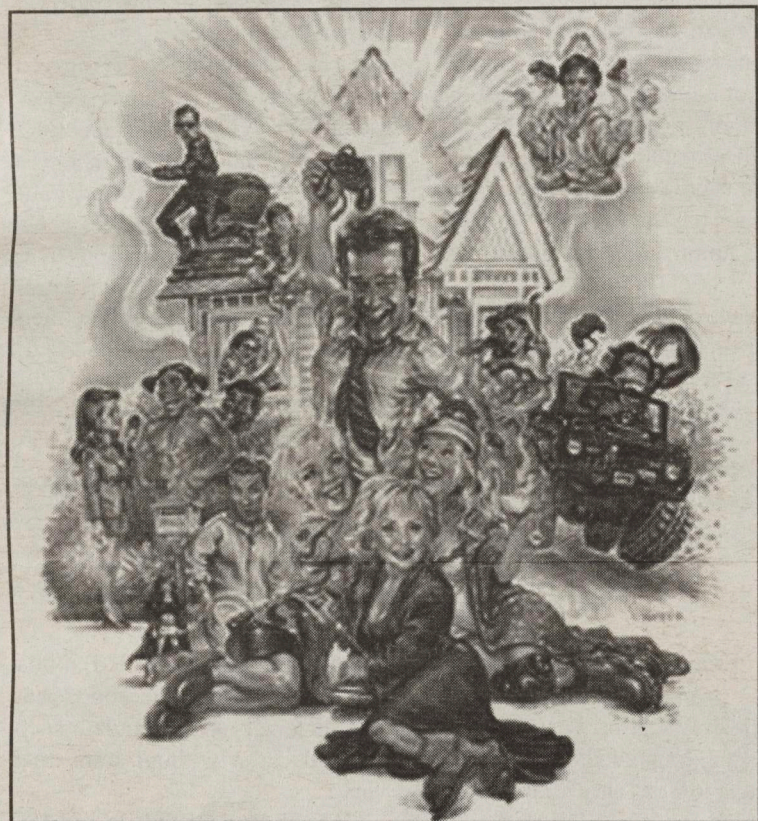
Between the cliché lost love story, the lack of plot, the empty characters and the absence of a timeline I'm not really sure if this qualifies as a movie. I feel like I just paid nine bucks to watch some

of my idiot friends hang out, play Xbox and eat munchies until the sun came up. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy mindless humor, but this was beyond not funny.

All I can offer in return is a message to Adam Sandler, who in all fairness still fell well short of his usual hilarity: "We are all now dumber for having listened to you. You are awarded no points, and may God have mercy on your soul."



Images courtesy of Happy Madison Productions



How To ... Squash Jealousy

BY ERIN YOUNG
Pride Staff Writer

"A man without jealousy is like a ball without bounce." Ok, so we all get a little jealous sometime. Big deal, it's only natural. But how far is too far?

I want to clear the smoke about jealousy. It's highly normal – the fear of losing the one person you love most is an overwhelming emotion. But when your emotions are centered around reading your partner's mind and if you can't read their mind you take it upon yourself to look through their cell phone (outgoing, incoming calls and text messages) it's gone abnormally too far.

When you suffer from jealousy you're letting your emotions and insecurities get the best of you, it can change who you are as a human being. You become aggressive, excluded and honestly crazy. A common misconception about unhealthy jealousy is the belief that it measures your partner's interest and love

in the relationship, when in fact it is only the measurement of the insecurity level.

The first steps to cure your jealous ways are to: recognize and admit it. As long as you know you have a problem you can work on it.

Take your insecurities and 'squash' them. Be comfortable in your own skin and most of all: be confident. Yes, easier said than done, but find that inner fire that drives you to be who you are, no one or any amount of jealousy can take that away from you.

Get to the core of your jealousy – are you scared that your partner is going to cheat? A word of advice, if someone is low enough to cheat on their supposed loved one there is nothing you can do to prevent it, you might be able to delay it with words and actions but sooner or later it's bound to happen, and wouldn't you rather have it be sooner than later so you stop wasting your time?

According to webmd.com "to overcome or at least dilute jeal-

ously you most know your own strengths, what do you specifically bring to the table?" Everyone is exceptional in their own way so what's different about you? Also, "don't compare yourself to anyone else because you're only sabotaging your own uniqueness."

"It's important to remember that jealousy has a purpose, all emotions try to tell us something about ourselves, jealousy is a fear of losing power."

Jealousy is compulsive, snooping and violating another's privacy is only going to harm your relationship and torture you with unanswerable questions? The best way to 'squash' jealousy is dealing with it directly, before it causes your relationship to self

destruct.

For more information about jealousy on WebMD visit <http://www.webmd.com/content/article/101/106460.htm>.

