"The pen is the tongue of the mind." -- Cervantes

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Oaxacan **Summer Study Abroad Program** Cancelled

By MARTHA SARABIA News Editor

After months of publicizing what would have been the first study abroad summer program in Oaxaca, Mexico, (sponsored by World Languages and Hispanic Literatures) the Office of Extended Studies cancelled the program on Wednesday afternoon, disappointing both professors and potential participants.

The cancellation notice posted to the Global Affairs web page reads, "Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Oaxaca program has been cancelled." On the same web page, which was updated the same day the program was cancelled, information was posted stating that refunds would automatically be sent to students. However, on Friday, refund request forms were made available for students to request their full refund online, or by going to the Office of Extended Studies personally. >>>Article cont. on pg. 3

The CSU Reaches Tentative Agreement with **Employee Union**

By JAMES NEWELL Pride Editor

As the deadline for the normal three-year cycle of contracts approaches, the Cal-State Employees ifornia Association (CSEA) and the CSU have reached a tentative agreement in negotiations.

Although a 1.5 percent general salary increase was agreed upon, the CSEA representatives still have about two months left in the contract cycle for more negotiations. The agreement still needs to be ratified by the CSEA and approved by

CSUSM Job Fair a Success Despite Minor Complications



Photo Courtesy of Cindy Pollack By ALYSSA FINKELSTEIN

The Cal State San Marcos Career and Assessment Center (CAC) produced the university's third annual job fair on Tuesday, April 23, with over 100 recruiters, employers, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The turnout of the general public was nearly double than that of previous years, and CSUSM tion Miramar and Marine Corps >>>Article cont. on pg. 4

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from the surrounding community with this year's success.

The Annaul Job Fair

toward the majors offered at CSUSM, and many government agencies answered the call. San Diego's largest employer is the federal government, with Naval Base San Diego and Naval Sub-

received phenomenal exposure Base Camp Pendleton all less than an hour's drive from the CSUSM campus. The FBI was The job fair was geared on campus, seeking foreign language students, computer science and accounting majors, as well as students with military backgrounds. The city governments also have lots of openings. Most of the employers were marine Base Point Loma, as so heavily inundated with jobwell as Marine Corps Air Sta- seekers they were unavailable for

Power Surge Says Goodbye

By MELANIE ADDINGTON. Arts Editor and AMY BOLASKI, Graduate Intern

For some it was a place of inspiration, as they wrote poetry, played music or met new friends. And for others, it was just a place to grab coffee. But for the past four years, Power Surge Café, on Twin Oaks Valley Road near Cal State San Marcos, provided a home away from home for quite an eclectic crowd, one which grew up with the café.

That all changed on Friday, April 28 at 5 p.m. when owner Mark DuBois closed the doors forever after losing his parking lot permit from the city.

"This is an overwhelming thing. I have realized how many lives we've affected -- we've watched so many kids literally grow up here," said DuBois.

The café threw a "goodbye party" on Thursday, April 25, with live entertainment from local musician Lisa Sanders and other musical guests. More than 100 people came to support DuBois and Power Surge. Others spilled into the parking >>>Article cont. on pg. 4

Writers Inspired by the Muses

Editor and LISA LIPSEY, Fea- Michael Hunter. ture Editor

Eighty-six students, faculty and family members gathered in ACD 102 for the first annual Literature and Writing Studies literary evening, appropriately titled "An Evening with the Muses." The event showcased the talents bination of words, sound and of CSUSM faculty and Litera- dance was inspiring. They were fessor and award-winning Slam >>>Article cont. on pg. 5

By CLAUDIA IGNACIO, Pride ture and Writing Studies student very creative," said student Jes- Poet and spoken word artist, read

The first performer was Branwho, along with Terry Sprangue, formed a poetry and motion.

the "Drought Buoy." The com-

sica Krone.

Hunter, a songwriter, shared don Cesmat, professor and poet, some of his favorite songs, like "Did You Ever." During his Gunnar Biffs and the other mem- introduction, Professor Heather bers of the "Drought Buoy," per- Hayton shared that his most be written on any topic, and is recent project was writing lyrics judged on both delivery and con-"I really liked Cesmat and for a new album by Robert Deleo tent. of the Stone Temple Pilots.

selections from a variety of her works. She also encouraged audience members to get involved in Slam Poetry competitions in the San Diego area. Slam poetry can

"She is awesome, I have Sharon Elise, sociology pro- every intention of attending a

Nancy Caine and Duff Brenna Received President's Award

sor Nancy Caine, Ph.D. "It's always a wonderful honor to be recognized by one's

By MICHELLE CONSTANT Pride Staff Writer

with his life story. "I was addicted to books from the time I was a babbling child, playing 'books' by pulling them from my mother's shelves and piling them up around me and pretending I could read them," he said. >>>Article cont. on pg. 2

the CSU Board of Trustees.

"For the first time I can remember, they (CSEA) have a tentative agreement two months before the former contract expires," said Steve Wiener, media production specialist and CSEA chapter vice president. In the past, negotiations have lasted up to nine months past the renewal date. "I'm suspicious that our (CSEA) bargaining team gave up early," said Wiener.

The contract renewal comes at a time that is also host to many California state budget issues and a slow economy. Although Wiener mentioned satisfaction with some of the stipulations of the contract, he >>>Article cont. on pg. 3



Professor Nancy Caine Photo Courtesy of "Tracks"

By MARTHA SARABIA News Editor

Cal State San Marcos' president, Alexander Gonzalez, awarded his fourth annual President's Award for Innovation in Teaching to psychology professtudents and professional peers," said Caine. "It gives me a renewed sense of purpose and energy."

She described her innovation in teaching as something related both to her teaching and her area of research. "My teaching is inextricably intertwined within my research. When I teach, I try to get students to understand the ways in which we gain knowledge in our field, which means appreciating the scientific method, the products of that method and the real-world applications of that method."

"I am lucky that my research program is one that allows me to introduce students to opportunities that are unusual and inter>>>Article cont. on pg. 2

For those of us who have experienced the teaching style of novelist and professor of Literature and Writing, Duff Brenna, the fact that he was the one of the recent recipients of CSUSM's President's Award may not come as a surprise.

"It's good to have the sort of 'at home' validation that the President's Award gives a writer," said Brenna. "The ultimate sense I get from the recognition I've received for what the [President's] award calls my 'creative activity' is both a humble pride . . . and a feeling of justification," Brenna said.

Teaching at CSUSM since its doors opened, Brenna has inspired students not only with his passion for literature, but



Professor Duff Brenna Photo Courtesy of "Tracks"

News "The Boycott Is Coming! -

By MARLINO BITANGA Pride Staff Writer

Although Ambercrombie & Asian-American groups nationwide complained that that the immigrant laborers." shirts were offensive and racist, the boycott is still coming.

"I feel a boycott is necessary, not just by Asian-Americans, but by all minorities, because California is a state of minorities and a reflection of the demographic future of America," said Yale Kim, HTM business major at Cal State San Marcos. "Such acts of ignorance and racism must not go unchecked because the future of our diverse country depends on an understanding and respect for all backgrounds."

Mary Baladez, a Literature and Writing major, felt the same way. "The images on the shirts are offensive because they continue to relive the prejudices between people's races, and people should not judge people based by association to certain images."

The controversy began when clothing maker Ambercrombie & Fitch released a new line of Asian-themed T-shirts, priced at \$25, displaying cartoons of Asians in pointed hats along with slogans like, "Wong Brothers Laundry Service: Two Wongs Can Make It White," "Pizza Dojo: Eat In Or Wok Out," and "Wok-N-Bowl: Chinese Food and Bowling" for the sole purpose of adding humor and levity to its fashion line. Not that many people were laughing.

"Regarding the now famous image and caption, "Two Wongs Can Make It White," people should understand that the laundry business has historically been one of the entrepreneurial enterprises to which Chinese were drawn because of its low overhead and need for minimum English language skills," said Susie Lan Cassel, associate professor and associate chair of the Litera-

ies Program at CSUSM. "When ogy from CEO Michael S. Jef-A&F makes fun of Chinese fries in the form of a one-page working laundries, they call to advertisement in all major news-Fitch's Asian-themed T-shirts our attention a history of legal may have been removed from all discrimination against Chinese, all A&F stores, the main page of of its 311 stores in 50 states after which, in addition, carries a pejo- the website, and in the next issue rative stereotype of Chinese as

Within the past week, numerous complaints have been sent to the company, hundreds of protestors stood outside A&F storefronts in various cities, and Asian Pacific American commu-Asian-American communities as well as student organizations from colleges throughout the United States have banded together to form a coalition to boycott A&F.

The schools participating in and facilitating this student movement include Stanford, Asian Pacific Americans and Northwestern, Wellesley, Rochester, Duke, Harvard, Tufts, Amherst, Boston College, Bent-University, Northeastern, lev Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brown, Ohio State, Columbia, Indiana University, University of Maryland, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine, Cal State San Marcos, and more.

"We, the Asian Pacific Student Society at CSUSM, feel entirely disappointed and offended in A&F's disregard for the Asian and Pacific Islander American culture and community. The shirt clearly is an insult on the history of our culture and past times," said James Nguyen, president of the Asian Pacific Student Society at CSUSM. "Even company must do more to prethough the damage has been done, the situation can be somewhat fixed as best as possible, given the guidelines and demands not just one but a set of are met to A&F's best abilities. We fully support the efforts of the boycott of A&F and feel that through countless design meetan apology is most needed."

The demands for this national boycott campaign, which have members (many of them probabeen consolidated by student organizations from Stanford, Boston, Columbia, and Northwestern, which represent students nationally, state that A&F must: 1) Permanently remove the is not humor; it's the tragedy of ture and Writing Department and entire line of offensive "Asian" missed (or ignored) education."

coordinator for the Ethnic Stud- T-shirts. 2) Publish a public apolpapers. 3) Post this apology in of the quarterly catalogue. 4) Restore public image and mend relationship in the Asian Pacific American community and consumers through increasing philanthropy and investment in the nity. In addition, we request that A&F work with us to create and hire a new Asian Pacific American consultant team to ensure sensitivity to minority issues. 5) Develop an educational and advertisement campaign with positive images of other people of color. This campaign should promote the diversity of our nation and encourage understanding of diverse cultures and histories. 6) Encourage consumers to return the "Asian" T-shirts and guarantee unconditional refund with incentives such as vouchers or discounts on future purchases. 7) Implement and improve diversity training for all employees and diversify minority representation in its workforce.

> Despite the verbal apologies made by A&F spokesman Hampton Carney, and the removal of the "Asian" themed T-shirt line, Asian-American activists, students, and professionals say the vent situations like this from ever happening again.

"The fact that those designs, stereotyped and derogatory images of Chinese, could make it ings, numerous executive discussions, and innumerable staff bly Asian) calls to our attention the need for continued education in the field of Asian American and Ethnic Studies," said Cassel. "As far as I'm concerned, this

CSUSM Holds Preview Day for Prospective Students

By: SHERRITA COBBS Pride Staff Writer

On Saturday, Cal State San Marcos held an event that welcomed prospective transfer students and high school seniors. The students were given a preview of programs that CSUSM has to offer. Several campus clubs and organizations were fundraising.

dent Residential Life, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity all attended the event.

(PEAS), sold baked goods and Snapple at their table, the Pan vided information on financial African Student Alliance(PASA) aid, admission requirements, and brought out the grill and sold homemade monster tacos, the ing project. Asian Pacific Student Society

sold Jamba Juice and the Latin World USA sold strawberry shortcakes.

Although the above mentioned groups seized the opportunity to sustain their groups by fundraising, there were other groups that focused primarily on recruitment and getting their names known.

The College Republicans, present, recruiting as well as ASI Men's Lacrosse team, the Progressive Activist Network The admissions staff, Stu- (PAN), the Faculty Mentorship Program, ASPIRE, EOP, SASOP, and Priority Christian Challenge, also attended the event.

Over 150 people attended, Peer Educators and Support many of whom participated in a series of workshops that prothe soon-to-come student hous-

Literature Professor Receives President's Award

esting," said Caine.

the Wild Animal Park to do meet their potential," said Caine. their labs, takes them to visit support groups and to treatment centers for mentally ill people, and encourages them to attend professional conferences with her when doing research with her. "I am also lucky I continue capacity have been wonderful, to be fascinated by the topics I get to teach, and when a profesfor a body of material, it is easy to put lots of energy into teaching about it," added Caine.

"Like most professors here

work very hard at my teaching. I'm known as a very difficult professor, and I know of my reputation for holding students to very high standards," she said and

classes, but have helped students rise to the occasion and even appreciate her for setting them, which means a great deal to her.

>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 great odds. It is enormously satisfying to watch Cal State She takes her students to San Marcos' students grow to "Working with my research teams, which always include undergraduates and graduate students, is the things I love best about my career. The students with whom I have worked in this and I owe a great deal to them."

Caine, who said she was not sor has that sort of enthusiasm even aware of her nomination for this award, will be awarded during the spring commencement ceremony on June 1.

The single criterion for this at Cal State San Marcos, I award is the faculty member's

> "I am lucky that my research program is one that allows me to introduce students to opportunities that are unusual and interesting,"

> > -Professor Caine

innovation in teaching. Anyone continued on to say that high can be nominated by the enrolled standards have not stopped stu- students, who are the only ones dents from enrolling in her eligible to make the nominations. Students submit a nomination with an attached letter explaining why they are nominating that particular faculty member. Then the nominations committee recommends at least two or three individuals from those nominated and sends those names to the president, who makes the final decision. According to the Office of the President's website, there is a \$2000, privately funded award for the recipient of the Innovation on Teaching Award. The purpose of this award, which started in 1999, is to encourage further innovation in teaching among faculty members at CSUSM.

Psychology Professor Receives President's Award

>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 at CSUSM. "What I found when From dairy farming to dish- I came here is that I was trusted were superior teachers) or can washing to rug cleaning, Brenna to know and do my job. LTWR match the education a student worked his way through school. is lucky in that it has had a series will get here. And the thing of After a difficult adolescence, of first-rate directors, none better it is, and I mean this sincerely, Brenna began his higher educathan Dr. Yuan, who is infinitely tion by taking classes at night supportive and encouraging." Brenna said that his secret to No matter how busy he was, teaching involves both knowing isn't anything new to Brenna, he always made room for lit- and loving the subject he teaches. "I've been lucky over the years in having, on the whole, students in 1988, 1989, and 1990 and was who were exciting to learn and nominated for CSUSM's Presireally wanted to talk about writ- dent's Award in 1995. Brenna ing and literature," said Brenna.

and working during the day.

erature. "I've never been without books, never gone a month since my adolescent years without reading at least one novel, and never considered for a moment living a life without my beloved shoulder on my shelves."

that he is grateful to be teaching teachers on its faculty (who were

authors lined up shoulder to at CSUSM versus another school, 1999 and the Associated Writing Brenna said, "I don't think there Program Award for Best Novel Speaking as a published is any other college in the state in 1990. author and lecturer, Brenna said system that has more superior

hired first of all because they we're getting better and better every year."

Receiving teaching awards who received the Outstanding Faulty Member award at SDSU has also received the New York When asked about teaching Times' Notable Book Award in

In 1992, Caine joined the CSUSM faculty, and currently teaches biological psychology, abnormal psychology and animal behavior lab. She said that the prospect of working in collaboration with scientists at the Zoological Society of San Diego and with the collection of animal species at the Wild Animal Park was very appealing to her, as was the opportunity to work with the diverse groups that attend CSUSM.

"At San Marcos, I knew I would have the opportunity to help students succeed against

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News

Study Abroad Program Cancelled

>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 The Dean of Extended Studies, Robert Stakes, who was out of town, said in a phone interview that the reason the program was cancelled was due to departmental issues, and referred The Pride to the Spanish department to find out why the program was cancelled. No further information was given by this office as of press time.

However, Robert Rider, interim assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; stated via e-mail, "We all regret the fact that the program was cancelled for this year. The problem we had this year was that it was never made adequately clear to all involved that the Oaxaca program, as proposed, would meet the students' needs (e.g. satisfy the language requirement) and departmental standards."

According to Rider, the World Languages and Hispanic Literatures Department is an excellent program and has established "rigorous and specific" guidelines and procedures for international programs. He contends that the student is best served by adhering to these standards. "We do not want to make promises to students that cannot be kept. We could not let the program go forward until all of these concerns and questions were fully answered. Given the time constraint we were facing this late in the year, it was best to cancel it," added Rider.

Regarding Extended Studies' decision to cancel the program, Rider said, "Although it was not my decision to cancel, I concur with Dean Robert Stakes' assessment. I publicly apologize to all of the affected students."

"I really regret that we were not able to make this program begin," said Carlos von Son, assistant professor of Spanish and the one who proposed the Oaxaca program. "We're sad that we couldn't do it because there were many students that wanted to go . . . We're sad that we upset many students."

Rider said that it is possible the program will be reinstated next year. "I have encouraged Professor von Son to resubmit his proposal but make sure that he fully addresses all of the concerns that were raised."



Summer 2002

World Languages & Hispanic Literatures



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Cost \$2,195.00 which includes:

- Tuition at CSUSM for 6 units
- Tuition in Oaxaca
- · Room & Board Airfare
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Level of courses: Spanish 102 & 201; Spanish 311 & 312; Spanish 350B & 400A

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This Flyer was Used to Advertise the Program

for the department [World Lan- sections, one section of Spanish guages], and for the Dean's 102 and one section of Spanish Office. But unfortunately, Extended Studies decided to cancel it." She made no com- hardship, we are adding ment about the reasons why the additional sections of Spanish program was cancelled.

Mayra Besosa, an adjunct summer," faculty member of the Spanish Although the original Oaxacan department, said, "As a non- program offered four upper-divitenure track professor, I would sion courses, no upper-division hope that the World Languages courses were added to the already Department offers us a clear established summer 2002 schedexplanation of why the Oaxaca ule. program was cancelled, since many of the students that are resulted in students trying to find

201."

"To mitigate some of this 102 and Spanish 201 in the Rider concurred.

The initial student turnout enrolled (originally 75) were out more about the cancellation

"Although the original Oaxacan program offered four upper-division courses, no upperdivision courses were added to the already established summer 2002 schedule."

affected, they have the right and of the program by contacting courtesy of an explanation."

that there was no official state- ment coordinator, said, "There ment addressing the reasons why were a few phone calls around the program was cancelled. She 4:00 p.m. yesterday [Wednessaid she was sure that a lot of day] afternoon asking if there thought was put into it. Dorado were going to be any more and Jane Zchatichy, business Spanish classes put up for the manager of Global Affairs, said, summer term because the Oaxaca "As a new program, many things program has been cancelled." have to be met: academic stan- Higuera added, "About half a dards, liability . . ." Dorado dozen [students] called." Howadded, "We really sympathize ever, she said as of Thursday with what happened to students, their situations and choices." Zchatichy also said, "Everybody is concerned with providing choices to students." courses were added to the the city of Oaxaca, located in CSUSM summer semester sched- the southern part of Mexico. ute. Rolle said, "As a depart- The cost of \$2,195 included both ment, in order to accommodate tuition at CSUSM for six units the needs of many students that and tuition for the Instituto Culwere enthusiastic and had signed tural Oaxaca, or Oaxaca Cultural up, not only did we make sure Institute, room & board (breakthat whoever put a deposit got it fast), airfare, medical insurance, back, but we opened two extra and administrative fees.

the Language Learning Center. Until Thursday, Dorado said Lucy Higuera, language assessafternoon, she had not been notified by the department about the cancellation. The Oaxaca Summer 2002 program was to have taken place To that effect, new Spanish from July 27 to August 25 in

The CSU and Employee **Union Reached A Tentative** Agreement

funds for larger pay increases, "which is why they (the CSU) are only giving us a pitiful 1.5 percent pay increase."

In addition to the 1.5 pernegotiated, which entitles family up to two classes free of charge is discovered that certain jobs as long as the employee is not are more budget conscious to already using the waiver. Also, a be contracted out, then it comes freeze on pre-tax parking

fees will maintain the \$14 price for staff parking.

The parking fee freeze is good news for employees of the CSU, but places the burden of funding parking lots and structures on students whose fees are subject to change when Parking Services deems it necessary.

According to Wiener, the worst part of the contract is a clause that allows the administration to hire emergency temporary workers without posting job openings or conducting interviews. As of July 1, employees may be appointed for six-month temporary jobs with the possibility of one renewal, which places certain jobs outside of equal opportunity for up to a year and is used "to fit into the administration's plans and opens up opportunities for favoritism," said Wiener.

In a system-wide press release, Jackie McClain, the CSU's vice chancellor for Human Resources, was quoted as saying, "I am very pleased that we have reached a tentative agreement on a three-year contract that provides many important benefits for our employees and their families. We (the CSU) look forward to continuing to work together in Sacramento and elsewhere on our shared priorities throughout this difficult budget year." Additional benefits listed in the new contract include: A \$10,000 life insurance policy for eligible employees, participation in the CSU Health Care Reimbursement Plan, and an increase from 32 to 40 hours in the maximum of catastrophic leave donations, an increase in funeral leave to five days, and an increase in maternity/paternity leave to 30 days.

>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 Marcos is no longer a small said there has been mishandling insignificant start-up campus." of money in contracting out tech- He explained that contractors nical work to companies such as have other interests and other PeopleSoft, an information man- contracts, and don't necessarily agement software system used offer benefits to their employees. by the CSU to support finance, Work contracted out places job student, and human resources availability away from the state operations. Wiener attributes and out of "in house control," mismanagement to the lack of said Young. "It is time for the university (CSUSM) to reexamine the situation, whether they stick with contracting out or not."

Young said it was a matter of cent pay increase, a fee waiver getting the jobs done or a quesfor dependents of employees was tion of whether the jobs could be done better if they were hanmembers of employees to take dled within the university. If it

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down to "improving contractor performance and accountability," said Young.

Currently, groundskeeping and night custodial work are contracted out at CSUSM and bathroom cleaning and grounds cleaning are partially contracted out to the Vista High School district, which supports and hires mentally challenged individu-

With the continuing growth of CSUSM, the total square footage to be kept up will nearly double as the new buildings open for occupancy this summer. In the last three years, the administration has hired only one extra custodian and last month it hired one more, which brings the total number of CSUSM janitorial and custodial employees to about 15

"With the new buildings coming, it is hard to estimate [how many total employees would be needed to alleviate contracting out custodial and janitorial work]," said Carl Hanson, lead custodian/head of recycling for Facility Services. "We could be more efficient; we could do the jobs well or better, but it is hard to know exact numbers. I'd like to have nearly as many workers as the contractors have." No response was received to an inquiry into the total amount of money being paid to outside contractors. The CSEA represents nonteacher public employees and is the largest school employee union, representing 190,000 employees statewide. All the representatives from the 750 local chapters are volunteers. Representation is broken into four separate units: health care: custodians, ground keepers and warehouse workers; clerical and administration assistants; and professional technical services and support.

The proposed program had been well received by students. According to Dulce Dorado, study abroad advisor, up until the day it was cancelled, the program had 67 students who had already paid their \$300 enrollment deposit. "These students were notified through an official e-mail about the cancellation," said Dorado.

Silvia Rolle, chair of World Languages and Hispanic Literatures Department, said, "We all worked very hard to make this program go through, I think that was the common denominator or the common goal for Global Affairs, for Extended Studies,

When asked what he would have liked to see in the contract, Wiener said, "I would have liked to see a 3-percent minimum salary increase, an extra day off and an extra holiday."

In an interview at the end of last semester, Brian Young, labor relations representative for the CSEA, said, "Cal State San

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>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 for only \$50. After the March some substancomment.

"We would have liked to see a wider range of companies. Some encounters were less than pleasant," said students Kelley Simmons & Elizabeth Philo.

The event was entirely selfsupported and nearly \$7000 was spent on production. Sandra Punch, director of the Career and Assessment Center, said, "Partnerships were key to maintaining affordability and keeping the charge to employers lower than many other campus job fairs."

Based on "early bird" rates for employers, third-party employment recruiters were charged a fee of \$200, general employers were charged \$100, and government agencies and non-profit organizations reserved booths

22 "early bird" deadline, prices tial expenses. were increased to \$300, \$150, and \$75, respectively. The prices t a b l e s, were increased due to the added umbrellas, expenditures of the CAC having chairs, and to add employers during the last tablecloths couple of weeks. were

Punch said that many of the rented, extra employers who called only days microphones before the event were unable to had to be reserve a booth because the fair provided for was already at full capacity.

The North County Inland additional and North County Coastal Career communica-Centers sponsored the breakfast tion for employers on Tuesday morning. The North County Times provided for provided advertising for the event security free of charge and Enterprise events personnel, and box lunches Rent-A-Car provided free use of for the employers were purchased two shuttle vans.

The event nonetheless carried cards before the event were an



Photo Courtesy of Cindy Pollack

and supplied with postage. The parking situation, consistently a touchy subject for CSUSM students, was aggravated on Tuesday by hundreds of addi-

tional vehicles. The employers were charged the university's standard \$3 fee for a one-day parking permit, and they were supposed to park

Photo Courtesy of Cindy Pollack

Center (SMAC) across the street

Parking for the event was free to the public, and Lot O was designated for public parking. Due to the huge attendance from the general public and apparent confusion on behalf of the employers, Lot O quickly overflowed, overwhelming Parking Services with more vehicles than they had spaces. Punch said that parking on the dirt construction lots was not allowed because of insurance limitations.

every single campus," said Punch. "[Parking Services] does a wonderful job with what they have to work with."

The California Center for the student Sean Sunda. in the satellite lot by the Arts (CAC) had been suggested

San Marcos Ambulatory Care as an alternative site, given the availability of both parking and facilities. The cost would have been the same for the job fair to have been held there, but Punch indicated that it was determined by the University and the CAC that CSUSM was a better location

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"People are realizing that CSUSM is here," said Punch. The admissions office had a table outside and was busy throughout most of the day with potential students.

"The Job Fair was put "Parking is a challenge on together quite well this year, It was huge! I see many of the same employers at the various job fairs I have been to and most of them do interest me," said Business

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The Power Surge Holds a **Going Away Party**

pg. 1 lot to participate in ally feeling really good poetry slam.

ironic. The first time I come to read [poetry] is the last time I'll have a chance butto. I'm feeling emotional something about it," said Honee Folk, original CSUSM student.

The spur-ofthe-moment poetry reading attracted many, including those who showed up regularly for poetry nights and those who were simply curious about the large g o o d group belting out in both friend song and verse. "We have Alexis to start up a new spot Hamilton, where the feeling is simi- also lar. It's up to us to initiate employee and a longtime it. This is magic, when we can bring it to this level, part-time poet and CSUSM closing, DuBois said he student who made himself was looking forward to café after moving to San and already has several months ago. A group of female ees will keep their catering employees, close friends as jobs, while others found well as co-workers, caught new work when they heard a moment's rest between that the café would close. customers on their last

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However, many of the impromptu sidewalk about it," said Jessica Hol- those loyal customers lowpeter, one of Power refuse to believe Starbucks "I'm sad. This is so Surge's original four had nothing to do with it, some going as far as call-"We're a college town, ing it a conspiracy theory are losing of sorts. "I still won't go to



Mark DuBois Pride Photo/Melanie Addington

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an friend of DuBois'.

While DuBois and his this is where it's at," said employees have mixed Phil "Elevated" Jerge, a emotions about the café's a welcome figure at the concentrating on catering Marcos only a few short jobs lined up for next week. Many of the employ-

Although his very night of work and remi- loyal customers blamed nisced about working with Starbucks, DuBois was DuBois. "I was here the adamant that the megafirst morning the café company had not been one opened and I closed the of the factors contributing

Starbucks," said CSUSM student and customer Jessica Marroquin. Christian Hendry concurred with Marroquin, albeit it in a far more dramatic fashion. "Independent coffee will never be freed until the streets run red with the blood of Starbucks," he said. While most loyal Power Surge patrons share a common distaste for Starbucks, it remains to be seen where people might turn for their daily fix.

Power Surge's landlord, Danuta Bala, has not yet decided what to do with the South Twin Oaks Valley Road property.

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Arts & Entertainment Murder by Numbers

By MIKE PARDINI Pride Staff Writer

"Murder by Numbers," the ories new movie starring Sandra Bull- murder, the ock as Detective Cassie Mayweather, is now out in theatres and definitely worth seeing. This movie takes place in Central California, mainly in San Luis Obispo and Los Osos. The movie is about two high-school students played by Ryan Gossling as Richard Haywood and Michael Pitt as Justin Pendleton. The two boys befriend one another after Haywood listens to a speech that Pendleton wrote about murder. The speech mainly delineates how easy it would be to commit a murder and not get caught. Pendleton thinks that this would be the ultimate act of freedom. While listening to this speech in class, the ultra-hip Haywood thinks it would be a good thing to confront Pendleton after school about his theories on murder. As Haywood has too much free time coming, which shows that on his hands and comes from a "Murder by Numbers" isn't the be a great one to rent at home

that murdering someone will be ending. The movie also explores the ultimate act of enjoyment.

of REVIEW

commit their own murder. They many great scenes and a plethora planned for months and both read of great actors. This is not the countless books on the subject. first movie for Gossling and Pitt, When the time came, they ran- but definitely their biggest. This

Detective Mayweather in great After discussing the the- detail and shows her inner worries as well as her day-to-

day struggles just to make highly unlikely pair set off to it to the next day. The movie has domly pick a girl who they think movie will bring them up with

"The movie takes many very unpredictable twists and turns that you definitely don't see coming, which shows that "Murder by Numbers" isn't the typical movie with the give-away ending."

will be the perfect candidate to the already large group of great murder. There is no particular reason the pair picks her, she just ock has been a great actress for seems to fit the profile for them many years now and can add as the perfect girl to murder.

unpredictable twists and turns ommend "Murder by Numbers" very well-off family, he thinks typical movie with the give-away when it comes out.

young actors and actresses. Bull-"Murder By Numbers" to her The movie takes many very list of successful ventures. I recthat you definitely don't see and, if you don't have the cash for the movie theatre, it will still

Simply Jeff Blends Various Genres of **Electronic Music**

By MARLINO BITANGA Pride Staff Writer

that it has the power to take you sounds of groovy, places you wouldn't expect to go. Simply Jeff's latest CD release lines; dirty, low fre-"Breakbeat Massive," on Moon- quencies that flow shine Music, reinforces this phe- with catchy vocal nomenon.

ducer of Breakbeat music, Simply build-ups and breakdowns; and feeling from this 18-track CD Jeff takes you on a musical an array of synthesizing effects compilation.

expedition through his blend of and delays

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breaks while incorporating the many sub-genres of electronic emanate from this collection can The uniqueness of music is music, which include: the various be explained, as one minute you'll

head-nodding bass

As a prominent DJ and pro- rhythmic drumbeats; aggressive a definite "Don't sleep" kind of

The unbelievable sounds that

be in a danc-

ing frenzy, and the next minute you'll

be expeririffs and scratches; up-tempo, encing a mental journey. I get

The Strokes Finally Pull One Off

By EMILY KELLEY Pride Staff Writer

Somewhere between my first Jack and Coke and my second beer, The Strokes hit the stage at 4th and B last Tuesday night. Their second San Diego concert in months, nouveau garage rock darling band The Strokes were widely panned by audience members at the original March date because of singer Julian Casablancas' failure to perform due to drunken foolishness. With the record label forcing the band to perform a make-up show and issuing free tickets to everyone who bought tickets to the first show, this time around they had something to prove.

While this show was by far more coherent, it had the distinct feeling of detention. The band clearly wasn't expecting to be back so soon and didn't show the verve of a voluntary musical release. Running through such radio staples as "Barely Legal" and "Try My Luck," as well as live performance favorites like "Meet Me in the Bathroom," the crowd was nonetheless very receptive. Cheering, screaming, and even "floating" fellow audisatisfied with the much-touted New York band.

With its hit single "Last Night" off the major-label debut album "Is This It?" local rock fans have been inundated with the catchy (if derivative) brand of strategically polished unpolished music. The Strokes have gained so much popularity in the past six months that radio stations such as 92.1 and 91X have What could go wrong?

been prompted to play the singles until even devoted listeners have felt that they are so great and fantastic that not only could they not live another day without owning the album, but that they will probably stick a knitting needle in their ear if they have to listen to it one more time.

The highlight of my night, however, came not from the raucous rendition of "Take it or Leave it,", or from my three Sam Adams' buzz, but when I actually hit guitarist Albert Hammond Jr. with my car. It was fantastic. This is what rock n' roll should be. Staring out the window of your car as a rock star yells obscenities at you while you are trying to make a slick getaway after your male friend has just flung a gigantic bra (borrowed, of course) at the singer outside of the venue.

I really feel like we bonded. I will never forget the look on that man's face as he stood with both hands on the hood of my Jetta and yelled "Hey ... %\$%*& ... " I can honestly say that that is one of the funniest things I have ever seen.

The Strokes put on a good ence members, San Diego was show (when Julian is relatively sober). I recommend seeing them the next time they come around, which, incidentally, is April 30 at the Remak arena with Tenacious D.

> However, and this is a big however, if you do go, I recommend: 1. Drink heavily 2. Understand that they are just a product, and 3. Take a huge, well-worn, grubby undergarment with you.

Audience Members were Amused by Performances



Left to Right: Michael Hunter, Brandon Cesmat, Duff Brenna, Judy Jordan, Sharon Elise Pride Photo/Brian Fisher

>>>Article cont. from pg. 1 Slam competition. It looks like so much fun," Krone said.

Duff Brenna, professor and novelist, read from his recently published novel "The Altar of the Body," which will soon be released in paperback. He also read from his earlier novel, "Too Cool," which was named a New York Times Notable Book of the Year in 1999. "If you write one page a day, you will have a 365-page novel by the end of the year," said Brenna as he explained to the audience his journey as a writer.

for which she has received awards, many including the Walt Whitman Award and the 2000 National Book Critics Circle Award She followed with some poems from her current book, still in the works.

Professor and poet Judy question and answer period fol- pate in a book/CD signing while be here among all of you . It has

"It has been very inspiring to be here among all of you. It has inspired me to continue with my writing." -Heather Moulton, LTWR graduate student.

Susie Shattuck for organizing the event. After the show, audience sors." The evening closed with a members had a chance to partici-

Surge Café.

Student said, "I really enjoyed this evekind of sad that

Jordan read from her first book of lowed by a "thank you" to the enjoying desserts and refresh- inspired me to continue with my poetry, "Carolina Ghost Woods," sponsors and to LTWR student ments provided by the Power writing," said Heather Moulton, LTWR graduate student.

> An "Evening with the Muses" Brandi Wharton was the inaugural fundraising event for Literature and Writing Studies, and a donation of \$5 was ning. It makes me requested. As noted in the program, donations will benefit the I am graduating Literature and Writing Student this semester and and Alumni Fund, which "subcan no longer take sidizes student learning opportuclasses from such nities and community outreach talented profes- events in the LTWR department at CSUSM."

"It has been very inspiring to

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Mother Hips Bring a Refreshing Brand of Music to Solana Beach

Editor

ative of the type of venue the slightly hunched, open-mouthed venue, but essentially it's a really time - more hippie than hoolibig bar - a place, ostensibly, where people come to drink. And drink they did. In fact, by the crowd, still teeming with booze time the Hips came on stage, at 11:45 p.m., the place had the volume and collective stagger of a senior prom

gone horribly REVIEW wrong.

would think, presents a problem for a band like the Hips, a band whose music relies far more on the subtleties of harmony, lyric and craft than the sonic bullying of its audience. After all, it's difficult enough to coax a drunken pal out of the flowerbed at 2 a.m.,

and JAMES NEWELL, Pride had displayed for us his model of the ideal concertgoer. "They look like this," he said, standing in the lent, beautiful "Del Mar Sta-The Belly Up Tavern is indic- middle of the room, adopting a tion." Mother Hips generally play; it's attitude, like that of child who's to see: That's how they get you. billed primarily as a concert had his nose stolen for the first It was 10 minutes into the show,

> gan. and bluster, I was hopeful, yet skeptical, of the band's ability to turn even a few of this motley

crew into the meek, enraptured fans Bluhm had described. If they could do it, they would This state of affairs, one have to do it delicately.

And yet, delicate is not the first word that leapt to mind as much of the same. In addition the Hips took the stage. Bluhm to songs from "Green Hills of was duded out in a satiny black Earth," the band performed some cowboy shirt and Top Gun-era of the new tunes Bluhm had mensunglasses while Greg Loiacono, tioned earlier. While adhering who shares guitarist/songwriter much less touch his soul in a stood confidently in bell-bottoms are known, new songs like "Deep

By BEN MASON, for The Pride, ist and songwriter Tim Bluhm sweet ode to halcyon days past, followed by the Kinks-inspired "Such a Thing" and the turbu-

> All right, I was beginning and I had already heard three songs - three gems, really. There So, as I looked out on the had been no excessive chatting between songs, no fussing or whining about technical problems, no Liam and Noel antics, no extended, free-form jazz odysseys to lull the natives to sleep - just superbly written songs performed soulfully and honestly.

The rest of the night offered the to the brand of surprisingly subspotlight, stantial pop for which the Hips



Tim Bluhm Pride Photo/James Newell

meaningful, artistic way. How and the sort of Velcro-bound then, does one try to convey intri- sneakers that might have warcate musical sentiment to a bat- ranted a beating in third grade. talion-sized group of strangers Despite appearances, however, nicely complimenting more rauwho, for the most part, are hang- once the set started it was clear cous covers like Neil Young's Although they focus their energy more even as the time neared the overs waiting to happen? What that these guys had an agenda.

Space Team," "Superscout" and "Feel the Rumble" were more contemplative and mid-tempo,



Tim Bluhm Pride Photo/James Newell

well-choreographed songs on built on deeply structured vocal harmonies, tight changes, and influences built through virtuover 10 years of constant touring.

nomadic tribe of musicians, who say touring is made up of a lot more driving than playing music, about five years ago John and has been keeping the band in time since. In addition to his tight, clean drum playing, Hofer usually writes the set list, which keeps the Hips rolling through the extensive sets they play. And after recently losing long-time bassist Isaac Parsons, the Hips have been joined by long-time friend and producer of some of the Hips early recordings, Paul Hoaglin, who, as Bluhm said, "is a freak and actually knows more Hips songs than we do."

"Right now we are playing from almost two albums of new material," said Bluhm, which is a the boy/girl squabbles, the tribute to their creative prowess as they released "Green Hills of Earth" early in 2001.

comparison with so-called "jam extreme diversity found on bands," Bluhm said, "We don't "Green Hills of Earth," specifever jam." The Hips instead focus ically "Take Us Out," which is a mellow, high-pitched harmonious song not unlike something Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys would be happy to sing and "Rich ous songwriting from multiple Little Girl," a faster-paced song personalities and a friendship that could fall into many a catthat has lasted and grown from egory of Rock and Roll, Bluhm commented with a slight grin that "not only were the songs written As for the rest of the 10 years apart, but they were written by different people (Loiacono wrote "Take Us Out" and Bluhm wrote "Rich Little Girl.)"

By the time the Hips walked Hofer took over on the drums off the stage, we had heard 25 songs in what seemed like 15 minutes. Don't let me give you the impression that the Hips played a Ramones-style, 90-second song, rapid-fire sort of set, though. They played for about two hours. It seems that they've become so adept at constructing songs, and then arranging those songs into a set for maximum effect, that time doesn't behave quite normally.

Neither, for that matter, does the audience, for sure enough, Bluhm was right. When I look over the crowd towards the end of the set, they are there. Between awkward male bonding and impromptu belly dancing, the people whom Bluhm described The Mother Hips play about are there, agape and intent, chant-200 or more shows a year. ing "Mother Hips" and crying for "Red Tandy" and The Everly mainly on the West Coast, they 2:00 a.m. witching hour. Some-

can a band possibly expect from They began by firing off Brothers' "On My Way Home tour all across the nation and have where along the line, they have three songs in quick succession, Again." such a mob?

Earlier, when asked what he starting with the falsetto pop of looks for in an audience, guitar- "Channel Island Girl," a short, their continued placement and

Earlier, when asked about the

napolis, and Oklahoma to their wouldn't have it any other way. arduous list of stops.

recently added Chicago, India- gone from soused to serene - and

When asked about the

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez of TLC Dies in Car Crash

By SHERRITA COBBS Pride Staff Writer

While on vacation in Honduras, a place she often frequented because of its serenity, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez (of the hip-hop trio TLC) was killed in a car accident while driving with seven others on Thursday. The death of Lopez was recently confirmed by public relations personnel at Arista Records. Lopez, was driv-

ing the vehicle and was the only Lisa's family and friends. Her licly and gained national atten- her longtime boyfriend, Andre fatality; none of the passengers were harmed.

"No words can possibly express the sorrow and sadness together and were as close as I feel for this most devastating loss," said Antonio "L.A." Reid, president and CEO of Arista Records. "Lisa was not only a gifted and talented musical inspiration, but more importantly, she was like a daughter to me. My

legacy will be remembered forever."

> "We had all grown up a family. Today we have truly lost our sister," said her fellow band members, Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozanda "Chilli" press

Lopez will be remembered thoughts and prayers are with as a diva who often feuded pub-

tion for burning a house down Rison, in June, and TLC had in a subdivision in Alpharetta, been working on an album that Georgia, called Country Club of was to be released this fall. the South.

Left Eye released a solo project Thomas, in a statement for the last year called "SuperNova" and Records.

Lopez was engaged to marry

Funeral arrangements in Left Despite various challenges, Eye's hometown of Atlanta are the group maintained its staying still pending. However, there are power. Before her untimely death, no reports about whether or not her funeral will be public.

*CNN.com and signed as a solo artist to Tha Row Hondurasnews.tv were used as sources for this article.

A Diet Worth of Your Time

By JESSICA KRONE Pride Staff Writer

If followed correctly, this choice of lifestyle will clean your system of impurities and give you a feeling of well being you never thought possible. After should be noted that the fruit only seven days of this process, you will begin to feel lighter because you will be lighter by at teen pounds, and have an abundance of energy. This seven-day plan can be used as often as you like. Continue this plan for as long as you wish and feel the difference in both medical and physical disposition.

Day One

consist of all the fruits you want carrots, diced to eat, except for bananas. For frozen string beans* all you melon lovers, this is the 2 cans of whole tomatoes day for you. Two fruits identi- 2 Green peppers* fied as containing fewer calories than most others are watermelon and cantaloupe. Should you choose the melon, your chances of losing three pounds in the first day will increase. As an added bonus, you can have all of the soup you want.

Day Two

Eat vegetables until you are stuffed with all of the cooked and/or fresh vegetables of your choice. Try to eat green, leafy vegetables and stay away from dried beans, peas and corn. These vegetables are good for you but not if you are trying to reduce your caloric intake. You may also have a large baked potato topped with a standard portion (one tablespoon) of butter. Once again, you may have all of the soup you want.

Day Three

Meals are the same as day cannot have a baked potato. Of mix. course, you may still have all of the soup you can stand.

Day Four

Mmmmmm, bananas. You can eat as many as eight bananas and drink as many as eight glasses of skim milk on this day. Bananas are high in tent; however, you cannot have potatoes.

Final Day

Brown rice, fruit juice and vegetables are the choice to finalize this quick program. Eat as much as you want of these. It juice should be unsweetened.

On each day, you may drink least ten pounds, possibly seven- all the beverages you wish such as coffee, black tea (unsweetened), and diet soft drinks.

Diet Food Ingredients:

- Vegetable soup -
- 1-2 Medium onions
- 1 large celery stalk

2 packages dry onion soup mix Your first day's meals will 1 head of cabbage, shredded *optional

> ** Can also add other vegetable such as okra, red peppers, yellow peppers, red cabbage, and red onion. Use fresh basil, oregano, garlic and cilantro to add flavor.

How to make the soup:

Mix the dry onion soup with water (the box will include exact measurements) into the big pot. Toss the vegetables into the big pot and bring to a boil. Simmer until all the vegetables are tender. This soup can be eaten any time you feel hungry. Eat as often as you like. This soup will not add calories, so the more you eat, the more you lose.

Low-Calorie salad dressing (1 quart)

1 pint of imitation sour cream 1 pint of low-fat cottage cheese one and two, except that you 2 packages of dry salad dressing

By JAMES J. SIMMONDS Pride Staff Writer

Food

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup olive oil 1 cup tomato puree 1 tablespoon chopped garlic salt and pepper 1 cup red wine 1 tablespoon chopped parsley a few leaves of sweet basil 2 dozen clams or oysters, or both 3 pounds filleted fish (cod or another white fish)
- 1 tablespoon chopped celery 1 pound shrimp 1 small lobster or crab, or both 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper

12 cups solid-pack tomatoes

Chiopino is a fish stew that comes from the region of northern California. It is served to many tourists. It is a seafood meal that will delight your taste buds. Originally it was an designed to be served as an outdoor dish along the coast.

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large pot. Sauté garlic, parsley, celery, and green pepper until lightly browned. Add solid-pack tomatoes and tomato puree. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and paprika, and add red wine and sweet basil. Simmer for one hour.

ing, wash clams thoroughly and steam in very little water, just until shells open. If you are using oysters, take them out of the shells. Strain the liquid from the clams and add to the sauce. Cut the fish into small pieces. Shell the raw shrimp and cut up lobster with shell or clean and break up a crab. After the sauce is cooked, add the prepared fish, shrimp, and lobster or crab, and cook until done. Add clams or oysters last because they cook quickly.

Serve the stew in bowls accompanied by red wine and plenty of French bread. This recipe serves about six.

Healthy Mexican Food

By MIKE PARDINI Pride Staff Writer

Ingredients: 10-oz can chunk chicken breast drained and flaked 15-oz can refried beans with green chile peppers 4-6-inch corn tortillas 1-cup chunky salsa

*Power Surge sometimes

employees and often-times

friends Melanie Addington,

Amy Bolaski and The Pride

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Mark DuBois and Power

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functions at The Pride, for

placing ads with us, for lots

and lots of coffee, for support

and for many laughs. It's

been an interesting two years.

Thanks for being there. The

university thanks you as well.

You were appreciated and

you will be missed.

2 cups shredded lettuce 3 sliced scallions ¹/₂ cup shredded low-fat Cheddar cheese

Start by preheating the oven to 400 degrees. Put the tortillas on a large sheet of heavy-duty Makes 4 servings. This Mexican foil, and coat them with cooking meal contains only 3 grams of spray. Bake for 10 minutes, turn- fat.

ing once. Dump the chicken, beans, and salsa in a microwavable bowl, stir and nuke on high power for 2 to 3 minutes. Slop the chicken mixture onto the baked tortillas and top with the lettuce, scallions, and cheese.

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Chiopin 2 dozen small octopus legs

carbohydrates and will lessen your cravings for sweets. Yes, you can still eat the soup.

Day Five

You can have 10-12 ounces of beef and six tomatoes on this day. Try to drink at least eight glasses of water in order to wash away the uric acid in your body. You can also have all the vegetables and soup you want. You may divide the meat between lunch and dinner. You may also have chicken, pork chops, ground beef or fish. All the meats must be lean and baked or broiled only.

Day Six

Eat beef, vegetables and soup until your heart is con-

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Tuesday, Apr. 23 marked Cal State San Marcos' third annual job and resource fair. The press release claimed this event to be "...the largest job and resource fair in North County." If you base this claim on one fact: the number of cars in our parking lots, then perhaps the news release is correct. The perfect slogan would have been '... the largest, most disorganized job and resource fair that we can possibly hold in the smallest space available in North County.'

It is no surprise that parking was a problem, we are all aware that parking will continue to be a problem until a formal parking structure is built or some other solution is proposed. The bigger issue at hand is the over-all plan-

ning of the Job Fair.

our tiny Founders Plaza? It was so crowded that people were constantly bumping into one another and on-campus clubs were forced clear, if the Univerto move down the staircase to the sity finds an event Dome Terrace. Maybe CSUSM should consider holding the job fair at the California Center for Their goal was to make money. the Arts, as was the case for the Each employment agency paid Teacher Career Fair held earlier \$150.00 to participate in this this semester. Or how about the job fair (non-profit agencies were Del Mar Fairgrounds?

point. If CSUSM can comfort- tive had to be fundraising. The Costa's lead. They may not host

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supply them with tables, chairs, chairs and brown bag lunches. could easily held on

campus. The message is to be profitable, the

Which leads us into our next planning this event one objec-

Why is CSUSM hosting an and umbrellas and invite all stu- Yet, there are many, many small event that is "free and open to dents and community members business and non-profit agencies the public" and includes "more to attend (as announced in local that are unable to pay such than 100 employment representa- newspapers), then a series of prices. The students are not the tives and company recruiters" in smaller Graduation Ceremonies focus. If they were the focus,

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CSUSM would not have charged such an outrageous amount of money. The goal should have been

University can make the space. to present the students with the greatest number of employment representatives. Fundraising should be secondary.

After looking into other charged \$75.00). Certainly, in North County job fairs, we suggest that CSUSM follow Mira ably and safely host "more than Career and Assessment Center the "largest job and resource fair one hundred representatives," needed to cover the cost of tables, in North County," but they are

clearly pro-student. They ask all employers participating in their Career Expo to "make a suggested donation of \$50.00 towards the First Impressions Clothing Fund. First Impressions Boutique provides gently used career wear at no cost to students in need of career wear for employment." Of course, the donation is tax-deductible. They will also be holding "student raffle drawings...[and employers] will be provided with a continental breakfast and boxed lunch at no cost."

We support the Mira Costa Career Expo, which will be held at their Oceanside Campus on May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (One Barnard Drive, Oceanside).

German Instructor (and students) DISSED

By ERIK ROPER for The Pride

Author's Disclaimer: I am the sole creator and instigator of the before class actually started, or anyone else she works with, following words.

The following is an excerpt your niche, taking your notebook been working yourself to the of a conversation I heard in my out, etc. During this time, I usu- bone for five years trying to do but about how people could be German class a couple days after ally just kind of like to daydream your very best at a job where you so MEAN, INCONSIDERATE, the Summer/Fall CSUSM course and put the finishing touches on rarely received optimal support and HURTFUL. How would you schedule came out: "Hey Frau whatever homework I'd procrasti- and they decide to "not rehire feel? Ronke, [German course instruc- nated doing the night before. But you" (read: FIRE YOU), and they Please don't misunderstand tor Astrid Ronke] who's this that conversation got my atten- don't even let you know about it? me; I'm not just spouting off like Hughes person who's listed in the tion. How would you feel? some anti-establishment yahoo. CSUSM Fall schedule as being Why? I'm so glad you asked. Would you feel HUMILI-It's just that, in the 10 or so years the one and only person teachthe ATED? Because the depth of how Ronke established of my life where I've maintained ing German next year?" a stu- German program as part of the badly you'd been DISSED had some kind of job, I've learned dent asked Ronke. "What are you World Languages department been laid bare right there in front that there are certain unwritten talking about? I haven't been told here at CSUSM approximately of your students? Would you feel rules of conduct in the social I'm being replaced," she replied five years ago out of nothing, BETRAYED? By a hierarchy of contract that we're all subject to, with a mixed expression of equal against all the odds and with little leadership here at CSUSM that which must be adhered to when would tolerate such disrespectful parts worry, shock, and confu- or no support in the beginning. dealing with people. Being civil, sion. The student did a double She is an instructor who is (and and unprofessional conduct on courteous, and professional are at least some small part in paying take, paused a moment (probably has been) dedicated, passionate, the part of its language departcritical ingredients needed to treat to assimilate the unanticipated and who constantly sacrifices her ment's supervisor(s)? (I'm not people with the respect they response Ronke had just given), own free time and energy for her sure how many were involved in deserve. In this case, Ronke and then shakily continued, "Um students. She is an instructor who this egregious oversight.) Would has not been treated with the an explanation to the students . . yeah well it says right here is highly respected and appreci- you feel DEFEATED? Knowing respect she deserves. She has of CSUSM. Furthermore, the in the new class schedule that ated by both her peers and her that ultimately, the reason you been DISSED in a most discour- administration of CSUSM, while just came out that some person students. In 2000, she was nom- were getting canned was due, not teous, egregious and unprofes- only indirectly responsible for the named Hughes is listed as teach- inated for the Brakebill Distin- to lack of merit or competence, sional manner. Personally, I feel indiscrete handling of this situaing German next Fall . . . and guished Professor of the Year but more than anything due to highly disappointed and angry tion (because whoever's in charge by the way . . . um, whatever Award. She is an instructor who the fact that the World Languages with whoever was responsible for allowed it to happen on their happened to German becoming a should be lauded with accolades department of CSUSM values this faux pas. I can say with minor?" Ronke didn't reply right and awards aplenty. Yet, she a piece of paper (a Ph.D) over certainty that there are a signif- the student body some sort of away, but sat there with a look of is not. Instead, she has been your ability to teach and inspire icant number of my classmates explanation as to how this sort of utter shock and defeat on her nor- DISSED so effectively (I use your students? (Ronke only has a (and not just those in my German disrespect could've been allowed mally indefatigable face. Finally, DISSED instead of disrespected Master's). Would you feel WORclass) who feel the same way. I to happen. she just shook her head, and, intentionally because I feel the RIED? That word of how badly can only wonder how terribly our I could go on and on, but sounding much like an air mat- latter word is too polite and you'd been DISSED by the powers beloved instructor "Frau" Ronke I'm sure everyone gets my point tress slowly deflating, her expres- doesn't adequately convey the that be might cause people to must be feeling. . . . sion instantly plummeted, and true level of, for lack of a better doubt your reputation, your com-All I'm saying is this: Ronke feel free to contact me at she resolutely expressed her frus- word, disrespect involved) that petence, and/or your character? got savagely DISSED and that roper004@csusm.edu.

it says ... well, I don't know ... been DISSED until weeks after about the fact that you'd have this is news to me."

during that unfocused nether time but by her own students! when you're just settling into

This conversation took place brought to her by her supervisor

How would you feel if you'd

the fact. The situation was not to land a new job ASAP to support your family, and that you'd already lost multiple weeks that you could have used to conduct that search. Would you feel SAD? Not just about losing your job

tration by saying, "If this is what she didn't even find out she had Or, maybe you'd feel WORRIED was utterly WRONG. I feel that whoever was responsible for this situation should be (if they weren't already) highly ashamed of themselves, should have a hard time looking themselves in the mirror, and should APOLOGIZE to Ronke IMMEDIATELY - via email, a real face-to-face talk, and a formal letter of apology to the editors of The Pride. If Ronke must go, then at the very least, those responsible for this situation should allow her to leave CSUSM with her dignity and stellar reputation intact.

> The reason I think this should happen is because not only was Ronke DISSED, but her students, and actually, all the students of CSUSM, were DISSED. The money students are charged to attend this institution surely plays the paycheck of the person(s) responsible for this situation. Therefore, those responsible owe "watch") also, I would think, owe

> by now. If you don't or disagree,



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Logos Courtesy of Joselyn Brown

By MARLINO BITANGA Pride Staff Writer

Is it just me, or does the new school logos (the Cougar) for Cal State San Marcos look like the logo from the cartoon

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show "The Thundercats?" I the identity of the school. It is as One of the biggest complaints by amount of the population comfeel like saying, "Thundercats if they are saying, "Ok here's our Hooooooo..." every time I look

Considering that our school has a visual arts program with very talented freehand and graphic artists, I wonder why the university decided to change this logo without even considering input or requesting submissions from students that go to CSUSM on how the new logo should look. And if they did, why didn't we know about it?

at it.

It is as if the administrators are dictating the way CSUSM students correlate themselves with

logo . . . if you don't like it, you have to live with it."

I feel that there could have been various ways of selecting the proper logo for our school. One idea could have been to create some type of contest, in which CSUSM students could participate and exercise the skills that we are paying for in contribution to the shaping of our campus identity. This would not only give students first-hand experience that they can notate on their sort of student life to our campus.

of ideas, I think this could be one of them.

failure to involve students in the with "nothing to do." decision-making process appears to be a precedent. How do you think these processes will shape the future characteristics of Cal State San Marcos? Next thing you know, our school colors will be hot pink and electric blue.

Be realistic. There are resumes, but it could bring some approximately 6,600 students at our school. This is one-tenth the

students about our school is that pared to other universities. Is there is nothing to do here. Well, it that hard to think of ways to if the university is trying to think get students involved on campus? As far as I'm concerned, one little drawing contest could make Furthermore, the university's a real big difference for students



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September 11 Revisited

By MIKE PARDINI Pride Staff Writer

released the horrific last strong in the future. What would moments of Flight 93. To refresh be the point to look back yet your memory, this was the flight again? It should always be in our en route to San Francisco from Newark. There has been much criticism lately whether to play the cockpit voice recordings or not.

I take a firm stance that they should not be played for many reasons. The first being that if 33 victims from the crash, we us don't know any of the victims affected by this tragedy directly, why should we pry our noses should America the King of sen- raise their ratings.

sationalism blow this up all over the news again?

Americans are strong right Just last week, the FBI now and will continue to be minds what happened on September 11 when America stood up for freedom. But we shouldn't sensationalize it merely for ratings or new gossip.

How would you like to be part of a victim's family and turn on the TV that night and we were related to any of the here your husband, dad, wife, or mom begging for their life for would have had our chance to the world to hear? That is just go to that N.J. hotel and listen simply not fair to bring the famito those last moments with our lies of the victims back into the loved ones. Since almost all of spotlight yet again. America as a whole has suffered enough over September 11, and the last thing we need is for the media to get where they don't belong? Why this recording just so they can



Communication Major "I thought it gave graduating students an opportunity to talk to companies; practice selling yourself. But the positions being advertised weren't what I had hoped for. It was frustrating trying to talk to recruiters and not get much feed back from them"

Angi Hardin & Ashle Baker

Psychology Major & Communication Major

"The job fair was very informative and pro-

vided and excellent networking opportunity for students."



Opinion CAMPUS BEAT

By SYBILLE HERWIG Pride Staff Writer

How did you like the job fair?



Ruby Vdeh Liberal Studies Major "The job fair was great! I had a lot of fun. The people were sure enough involved with the people who cared about the job fair. I loved it; learned a lot and even applied for help on my resume on Monster.com"



Jason Shenmon, Senior Business Major: HTM "I felt that there was not enough diversity of employers."

Racially Shabby Chic

By DAVID YANAGI Pride Staff Writer

Hip clothier Abercrombie & Fitch (A&F) has been taking some heat this past week over some racially questionable Specifically apparel designs. Can Make it White." It includes a caricature of two slant-eyed, conical hat-wearing Chinese men. My initial reaction to these items was surprise. I like to think that my finger is on the pulse of the fashion world by making a point to read Gentlemen's Quarterly (GQ) at the dentist's office. But this new fad caught me offguard. I felt foolish for being slightly offended by the designs, especially so when a CNN poll reported that nearly 70 percent of respondents thought the T-shirts were not racially insensitive. So, who am I to argue with fashion?

20's bigotry. So, before you protester. That is so uncool. And throw away the lava lamps, the uncool is unfashionable. Why Pat Benatar records or the out- else would Louis Farrakhan wear dated racial stereotypes, take a bowties? And on Thursday, it walk through the mall. You'll be was these un-enlightened fashglad to know they've all made a ion victims who eventually prescomeback. Don't worry, though; sured A&F to take the T-shirts in question are T-shirts depict- the A&F T-shirts aren't racist per off the shelves. But not before ing Asian stereotypes. One se, merely ironic - just a little sales of the product rose substansuch shirt reads, "Wong Broth- irreverent, tongue-in-cheek jab- tially. A few of the items made

70's clothing and, apparently, seen as an angry, overly sensitive ers Laundry Service: Two Wongs bing, all in the name of fashion, it onto eBay, where the top bid reached \$130. Maybe The Gap or Banana Republic can pick up where A&F left off, continuing to make racial stereotypes acceptable and even desirable. All of us who didn't make it down to the mall in time to buy one of the T-shirts will just have to remain a half step behind those trendsetters who did. But hey, fashion is fickle; maybe tomorrow racial harmony will be in vogue. But if style is ironic, I guess that would make it racist. Whatever the case, I'm sure that Abercrombie & Fitch will continue to keep my wardrobe on the cutting edge of fashion and ignorance.

It's Just a Matter of Perspective...

Compiled by JAMES NEWELL **Pride Editor**

Life reveals what is dealt through seasons Circle comes around each time I've been blessed with eyes to see this Behind the unwhole truth you hide Bite to remind the bitten, bigger Mouth repaying tenfold wide

I messed around as a little boy I grew up, made the blade my new toy Friends said boy with what you screwin' Around I said Don't concern yourselves and just Gimme another blast

Stare at me with empty eyes and Point your words at me Mirror on the wall will show you What you're scared to see

Arrogance is potent What I see is unreal I've written my own part Eat of the apple, so young I'm crawling back to the start

Artificial red, smoke, poison consumed In the House of Ill Repute Is this the way I spend my days

In recovery of a fatal disease? On a cloud of pink has turned to grey And I'm alone again Someone to hold against my own Alone, untouched is what I crave Artificial red, smoke, poison consumed In the House of Ill Repute Is this the place I search for love When my need is within me, a gift from above

> We chase misprinted lies We face the path of time And yet I fight This battle all alone No one to cry to No place to call home

Farewell Layne Staley (1967-2002)

These days fashion is all about irony. Kitschy and 'retro' are all the rage in style. It's all about 80's music, 50's diners,

If such a high percentage of people don't have a problem with the Asian T-shirts, maybe we can look forward to possible future designs, like, "Uncle Tom's Cabinwear: Be A Slave To Fashion." Or maybe "Spic and Span Housekeepers: Mi Casa Es Clean Casa." Better yet, why doesn't A&F just sell John Rocker baseball jerseys? After all, it's only satire, right? A&F representatives have said that the line of T-shirts was actually targeted to Asian consumers. I'm interested to see how other ethnic markets are pursued. African-American shoppers should be on the lookout for boxer-briefs emblazoned with the confederate flag.

Abercrombie stock was up The last thing I want is to be on Thursday. Ahh, irony.

Opinion

By DAVID YANAGI Pride Staff Writer

I'd like to take an opportunity to clear up a few things about "Did Muslim-Americans Pay Lip Service to 9/11?" (April 16), which has generated a heated response both in The Pride and with some students who have taken issue with me in person.

The intention of my article was not to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but rather to use it to point out what I see as a glaring contradiction in how Muslim-Americans have reacted to suicide bombings in the Middle East versus last September's terrorism in the United States. The aim was not to perpetuate a perceived 'bias' in the media against the Palestinians by avoiding injustices against them at the hands of Israelis. I did not explore such acts, as they had no bearing on the point I was making. Had Jews crashed airplanes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon in the name of Judaism and in retaliation for US foreign policies, then the angle of the article would have been reversed.

Whether or not many Muslim-Americans 'paid lip service to 9/11' is not something that I or anyone else can answer completely. The focus was meant to be on the validity of the question itself. And based on everything I've seen and heard these well-founded inquiry. Just last Monday, Middle

East Newswire, a popular news source within the Muslim-American community, ran yet another article justifying terrorism ("In Defense of Suicide Bombers") in which the author parallels suicide bombers with defenders of the Alamo and World War II D-Day soldiers. This isn't coming from extremist, underground journalists, just one of many mainstream articles supporting this philosophy. Have there been any letters from angry Muslims condemning such a stance? No. I wish I could say this was an isolated incident, but unfortunately the more I search, the more I realize just how many people in this country either share these views or are utterly indifferent to them.

I do not have any problems with Islam. The Koran actually has much in common with my own religious beliefs. My problem lies in the passiveness within of the Catholic Church's current the Muslim-American community. If Muslims in this country truly regarded all terrorism as evil and immoral, why do so few strongly speak out against those, within their faith, who continue to push such an agenda? They speak out to the non-Muslim public but not to each other. Why do anti-Semitic/ Zionist books and leaflets sit unchallenged on the shelves of mosques and Islamic bookstores? Many past months, it is a legitimate and Muslims remain silent while an the religion. Frankly, it was

grow.

Steven Emerson, terrorism expert and author of the book "American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us," spent years chronicling the thousands of terrorists living in the United States today. Terrorist cells and militant groups with connections to mosques all around the country are, apparently, not a big secret within the Muslim-American populace. As these extremists pervert the words of the Koran, why aren't the majority of peace-loving Muslims vocal in keeping these groups from recruiting and fundraising within their place of worship? If there are many who don't care enough to take a stand against these people, are we to believe they'd ever shed a tear over terrorist action that may eventually take. place because of it?

Just as those who are critical problems are not necessarily anti-Catholic, I am not anti-Muslim for taking issue with some of those in our Islamic population. I am close friends with a great many Muslims from around the world - a statement which is of course a cliché when defending oneself against accusations of prejudice. But I mention this only to make clear that I'm not merely reaching conclusions without an active dialogue with those within

pushed me to question public views I found in stark contrast to what was being said in private.

In his letter to the editors last week, Civan Erman Gokcimen accused me of using my article to "brainwash a few thousand college students" - an idea that is both misguided and insulting to the free-thinking people that embody this university. It was also inaccurately pointed out that Yasser Arafat is a Christian. For the record, he is Muslim, his wife is Christian. However, using Arafat's religion, or his wife's, as a basis for saying that it is "a very uneducated assumption to think of this dilemma [in the Middle East] as a conflict between Judaism and Islam" is naïve, though not completely incorrect.

More accurately, it could also be seen as a conflict between Israel and those who wish Israel to be erased from the map. The same anti-Semitism that could be stirred by the passage from an "interview with a commander in the Israeli army," which Mr. Gokcimen 'presumes' to be the words of Ariel Sharon. Mr. Gokcimen denounces "playing a cheap blame game," then continues with an extensive rant that does just that. If you are truly "sick and tired of hearing the same crap over and over about who is to blame" then why not refrain from producing more?

extremist minority continues to these conversations that initially "pointing the finger at a particular ethnic group" as Carol Stern stated in her letter. First of all, Islam is a religion, not an ethnicity; Muslims are not confined to a particular ethnic group. Otherwise, yes, I am pointing a finger in some regards, but not at the religion, rather at some of the participants. And the idea that we should "forget who is at fault" only puts us at a higher risk of letting history repeat itself.

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Within a week or so of 9/11, I noticed a great many Muslims with American flags attached to their cars. I had passed this observation on to a Muslim, expressing how great I thought it was that they show their support. He then told me of how it was common knowledge within his mosque, one of the largest in San Diego, that Muslims display flags - not primarily out of support but for safety reasons.

The idea that an American flag may dissuade someone from performing a hate crime, in light of some idiotic assaults against Muslims, I cannot necessarily disagree with such a plan. I mention this story not to make a case for Muslims being unpatriotic, but to illustrate that you can't always take everything at face value - otherwise, America owes the Taliban an apology, for they too condemned 9/11.

I also want to clarify my

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To the editors:

After reading the April 16 issue of The Pride, I is. had to wonder why I bother defending the intellect of the students in the CSU system to my friends and family who have attended more prestigious universities. I have only read our school newspaper a handful of times, and each time I expect to come away with some information of substantial content. Now, I'm not saying the entire paper is fluff, as some of the writers are obviously destined to be journalists, but do I really need to know what each member of a group was wearing when they went out at night during Spring Break? ("Spring Break Packs action in Rosarito") With both of this writer's (and I use this term loosely) articles, is to be ever considered a "real" univerthe moment by moment account of his experience sity, rather than just a step above junior seemed more like a postcard to a buddy than a true college for the local commuters, then we'd better

think the writers should realize who their audience

The student body at Cal State San Marcos consists of many age groups, with a large majority being over the age of thirty. Don't get me wrong. Community, legal, and campus cause-related happenings are all very interesting and enjoyable to read, but it would be nice to see some articles dealing with more serious issues happening on and off campus. There is so much going on in this big world that is or could ultimately affect each of us as adults, which I'm assuming we all are. How about some articles that tie in with some larger issues? If CSUSM

To the editors:

Did anyone miss half a class last Tuesday due to circling the parking lots like I did? Where were the traffic helpers directing the guests to the farthest parking lot? I had to park in Egypt, and when I finally got to class, I missed a pop quiz and discovered

that

I'd

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To the Editors:

probably be penalized for my tardiness. It's hard enough to maneuver through the freeway construction slow zones - must we arrive on campus to find the lots FULL? The job fair is really nice to have - but how about scheduling it on a Friday when the campus is not in full use?

Pam Doherty - Student

entertainment-based journalistic report. I realize start acting like one. Spring Break is an important event in many college students' lives, as it once was in mine, but I

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I have experienced secondhand smoke while going up to the fourth floor of University Hall. I have asthma, and when I cough, it is not fake. I cough or hold my breath, so I don't get the smoke in my lungs. When smoke gets in my lungs it stays in there for a while, and my chest starts hurting. Unfortunately, I can't hold my breath for four flights of stairs.

Why don't I take the elevators? Well, because I consider myself healthy enough to walk up the stairs. I leave the elevators for people who need them. it. I hope to hear from them by I have nothing against smokers, the end of the week. but when it affects my health, I get concerned. Yes, we all know

that second-hand smoke is bad for us, and I have no right to tell people to stop smoking. I think our generation has forgotten the word "courteous." Courteous characterized by consideration and respect for others.

Smokers should be courteous toward people who don't smoke. If smokers want to kill themselves, let them, but don't bring innocent bystanders with them. People walk up those stairs to get to class; they should not have to put up with all the smoke. I have actually contacted environmental health with this problem and they are checking into

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