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Conrad Scouton bashes through the lip with explosive force in Los Angeles County. Scouton and his teammates on the ASI/CSUSM Dream Team and Cream Team landed themselves a place in the state championship. The competition starts March 20 and 21 at San Onofre State Beach. See SURF, page 7

Cal Grants offered until March 2

By CLAUDE SAYF
Pride Staff Writer

Students in the CSU have a unique opportunity to get free money through the state of California's Cal-Grant system.

It is a program that covers financial aid, grants, and loans. It doesn't take much to find out if students qualify for a Cal-Grant; all that is required is that he or she be a Cal State student and then fill out a form.

The first thing to do is visit

"You don't have to complete 2003's income taxes to complete the 2004-2005 FAFSA form."

-Cynthia Silman, financial aid advisor

Craven 4204. Advisors will help explain how simple it can be to get a Cal-Grant. The only thing to do is fill out a FAFSA form in that office. Students have until March 2 to complete this form. Yes, all students have to do is fill out the FAFSA by March 2

and he or she could be looking at free money. FAFSA forms can also be completed online at fafsa.ed.gov. It doesn't get any easier than that. Some people find that they are unable

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CSUSM exceeds state recycling quota



Photo by Nicole Sullivan/The Pride

Lead Custodian Carl Hanson dumps plastics into a bin Feb. 5 as part of a successful recycling program at CSUSM.

By ROGER NARANJO
Pride Staff Writer

In accordance with a 1999 mandate, Cal State San Marcos successfully reduced the amount of solid waste it sent to landfills to 50 percent as of last month. In fact, not only did it meet the mandated goal of 50 percent, it exceeded it to a respectable 55 percent.

This is no surprise at CSUSM, however, where "The Green Team" has managed a recycling program on campus since 1992. "We feel everybody here on campus is part of the green team," Lead Custodian Carl Hanson said.

Signed by Gov. Davis Oct. 10, 1999, the bill AB75 (Strom-Martin) mandated that state facilities such as prisons,

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UVA changes recycling program to meet 50% requirement

By LORIANN SAMANO
Pride Staff Writer

The recycling program at the University Village Apartments depends on students to care about the environment and lend a hand.

According to the Assistant Director for Residence Life Angela Grundy, the UVA is required by law to meet a standard 50 percent recycling rate. That is, at least half of the waste from the University Village Apartments must be recycled. If this standard is not met, the UVA could be fined up to \$10,000.

Prior to Jan. 20, 2004 there were no recycling bins in the apartments as there are now. Residents had to lug their recyclables to the dumpster on their own, without any bins to remind them to do so.

This led to some students dumping their recyclables in with the rest of their trash. This was most likely the reason the UVA did not meet their last standard requirement and decided to place

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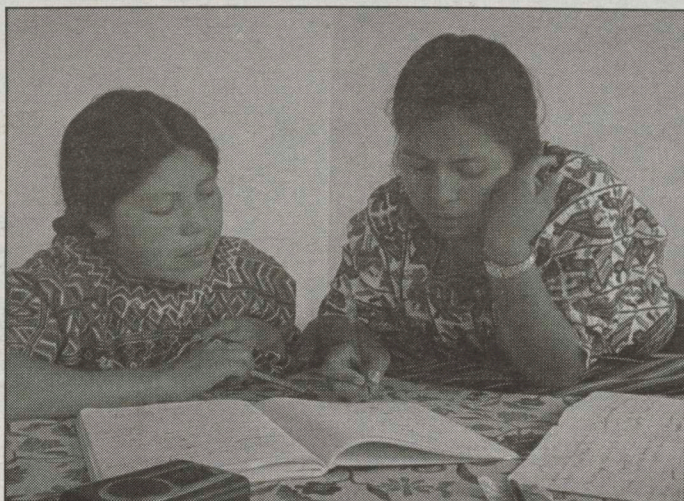


Photo Courtesy of Jule Gomez de Garcia

Two Ixil women look over notes. These Mayan women are part of an ongoing project to record their language; a project that takes CSUSM linguistics professor Garcia de Gomez back to Guatemala about every six months.

Guatemalan adventures

By ASHLEY RENZY
Pride Staff Writer

As the "ayudante," bus attendants, of the nearest bus scream out in the street: "Nebha, Nebha," "Guate, Guate," it is music to Jule Gomez de Garcia's ears, because she is about to begin her fifth two-week journey back to visit the Mayan Guatemalan Indians.

She watches the ayudante throw her "bultos" (travel bags) on top of the old chicken bus beginning a very long eight-hour windy and treacherous bus ride through the rough and dusty terrain of the

Guatemalan mountain-canyon roads. It is an experience not many have had, sharing an old U.S. elementary school bus seat in the hot, humid climate with two other people, just barely leaving enough room for one-eighteenth of your butt cheek, as you are shoved into an isle filled of about thirty other sweaty, crowded people.

Professor Gomez de Garcia, a social linguist here at CSUSM, focuses her studies on the uses of language and literacy. For the last 15 years she has been working with

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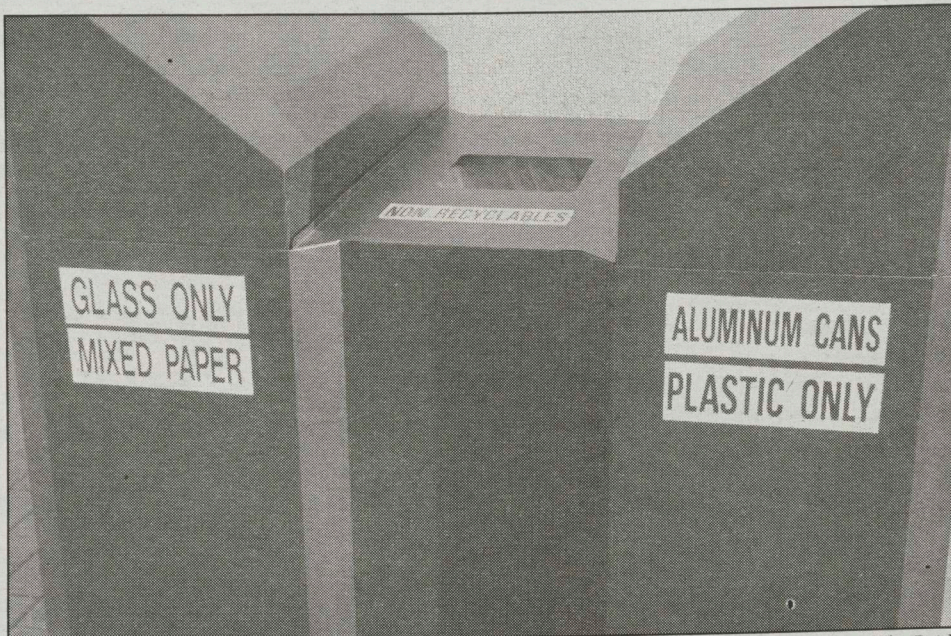


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Two of the new recycling bins in front of the arts building Feb. 5. The bins are placed in an effort to make recycling easier for students, faculty and staff.

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junior colleges and universities reduce solid waste sent to landfills to 50 percent by January 2004.

"It is costing CSUSM an estimated \$80,000 dollars a year to dispose of solid waste here on campus," said Facilities Manager Chuck Walden. "The more pure the recycling, the more money it makes."

As budget cuts and financial constraints

threaten CSUSM, students should be more aware of how we dispose of our trash, Walden said. "You're not just throwing a bottle into a can, you're saving resources and money." Walden added, "I would like to see us at 100 percent, but 75 percent is a more realistic target."

The accessibility and distribution of recycling containers, as well as cooperation on the part of students on campus is what has allowed the program to be successful. Clearly marked and color-coded containers allow students to get in the habit of

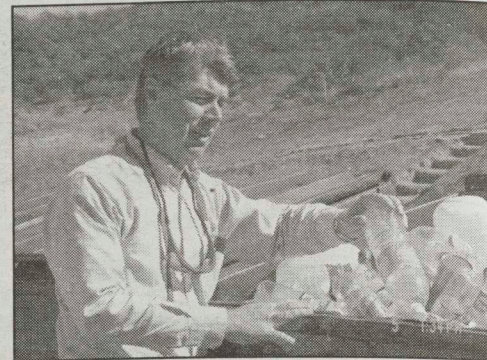


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Carl Hanson (above) turns over some plastic bottles Thursday.

recycling, making it almost second nature. These containers dot the campus and missing them is almost impossible.

"One of the problems we face here on campus are new incoming freshmen not in the culture of recycling," Hanson said. However, "once they get into the routine it's not so bad."

Another problem the Green Team faces are Styrofoam cups used in the dome for coffee and fountain drinks.

Adding to that, the paper cups used by Starbucks for hot drinks are not recyclable.

Recyclables are characterized by the small triangle symbol with a number in the symbol on the bottom of plastic cups, bottles and other plastics. The Green Team welcomes any ideas and/or feedback from students to enhance the program.

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the recycling bins in each resident's apartment.

The recycling program at University Village Apartments works like this: each apartment has one recycling bin. The trash is collected once a week from the UVA, along with which students are responsible to empty their recycling bin. Where the residents empty their trash there is also a place to empty their recyclables, should they choose to.

Carly Riley, a freshman at CSUSM, was asked if she recycled. "Sometimes, depending on when I think about it," Riley said. "Glass, cardboard or big boxes definitely." She also said that they did not have the recycling bins in the apartments before this semester, only bins by the dumpster, so they just threw all their trash and recyclables together.

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to complete the form because they haven't completed 2003's income taxes. Well Cynthia Silman who is a financial aid advisor said, "You don't have to complete 2003's income taxes to complete the 2004-2005 FAFSA form." Silman added that students could just estimate their income. So sound the horns because free money is possibly just a couple of pages or a couple of clicks away. And while at the Financial Aid Office, students can also check out how easy it is to get scholarships. Good luck and remember the deadline is March 2.

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55 Proposition 57 58

By JOHN ROBBINS
Pride Staff Writer

With the passing of Proposition 55, Cal State San Marcos would receive roughly \$9 million toward the renovation of Craven Hall, as well as the furnishing of the college of business.

If approved on election day in March, Proposition 55 would allocate \$2.3 billion to be used to fund major construction and renovation throughout California's higher educational system. California is experiencing rapid growth as a state, forcing administrators to find ways to accommodate such quick growth. Pressing enrollment growth over the past decade has made it vital to fix old and outdated classrooms, enlarge facilities, and construct new classrooms to meet existing student needs at CSU campuses—as well as California Community Colleges and UC campuses.

There is seldom an adequate amount of dollars in the state budget to fund large expansions of the higher education system such as this. School construction is a direct investment in the local economy. Studies show Proposition 55 will produce hundreds of thousands of new jobs and add billions in local economic activities all over California. Funds can only be spent to revamp or construct schools, not on administration.

Opposition to Proposition 55 states that California is already in debt and should not take more on. The bond requires that schools provide 40 percent of the total cost so schools without the funds will miss out. Also, Los Angeles, a city with 12 percent of California's students, would receive 25 percent of the money.

By KYLE OTTO
Pride Staff Writer

Over the past three years, California state spending has significantly exceeded tax revenues. Proposition 57, the "Economic Recovery Bond Act," to be proposed to voters on the March 2 ballot, initiates a \$15 billion bond in order to pay off the state's accumulated general fund deficit as of June 30, 2004. The measure will only pass if voters also approve Proposition 58, the "California Balanced Budget Act."

The recovery bond is designed to prevent drastic cuts from education and health care programs, as well as potential dramatic tax increases otherwise likely to cover the current debt. Proponents note that in addition to heading off budget shortages, the bond will consolidate much of the state's debt into one lump sum. Those in opposition to the bond claim that it will cost more than \$2,000 per family, and instead suggest that the legislature should be called upon to reign in spending they see as out of control.

Ultimately funded by the people of California, "The repayment of the bond would result in annual General fund costs equivalent to one-quarter percent of California's sales tax revenues," said the Secretary of State's Legislative Analyst. It would take between 9 and 14 years to pay back the bond.

Essentially, this proposition gives the state government a one-shot, large sum of money to be used now, in order to reduce the immediate budget deficit, as opposed to collecting it gradually over time, via annual taxation.

By JASON ROBBINS
Pride Staff Writer

Gov. Schwarzenegger called Proposition 58 "the never-again spending limit." If only it were that simple. Titled "The California Balanced Budget Act," Proposition 58 includes an arsenal of provisions aimed at achieving a higher level of fiscal responsibility in Sacramento.

Proposition 58 would amend California's constitution with changes that would not be subtle. While the governor is currently only required to propose a balanced Budget, Proposition 58 would force him or her to propose and enact a balanced budget.

Another budget-related provision under Proposition 58 compels the legislature and governor to act swiftly in times of fiscal emergency. Under such circumstances the legislature would have 45 days to complete a bill concerning the emergency. If the deadline were to pass without a bill, work on all other bills would be suspended until the emergency bill was completed and presented to the governor.

Appealing to those who own piggy-banks, Proposition 58 would establish the Budget Stabilization Account. Money transfers would be ordered from the state's general fund into the new account until a certain balance is met. Much of the money in this new account would then be devoted to deficit payments.

Proposition 58 would also prohibit the state from engaging in long-term borrowing arrangements. The proposition's opponents see this component as being rather useless in that it preserves the short-term borrowing arrangements they feel are troublesome.

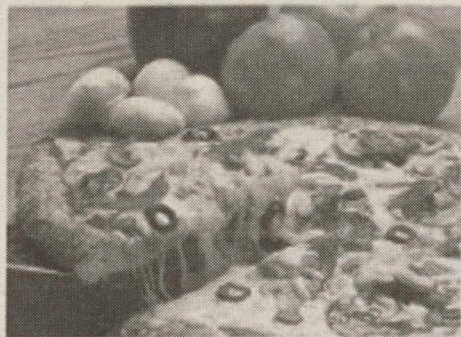
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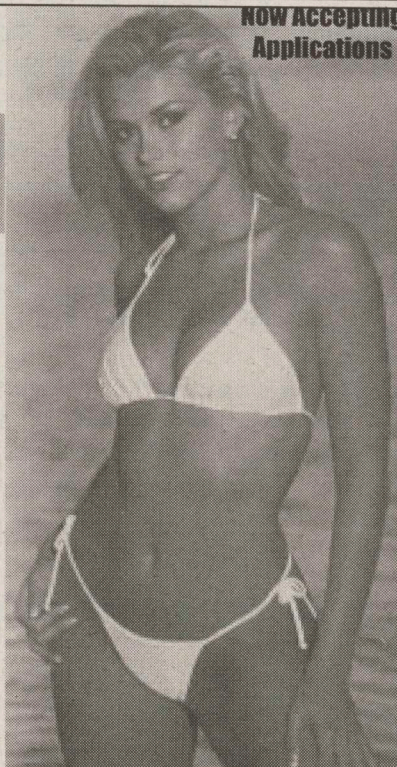
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Any questions related to this stipend can be directed to: Dr. Gilbert Valadez, co-director, Teacher Diversity Project, College of Education, X 8514, gvaladez@csusm.edu

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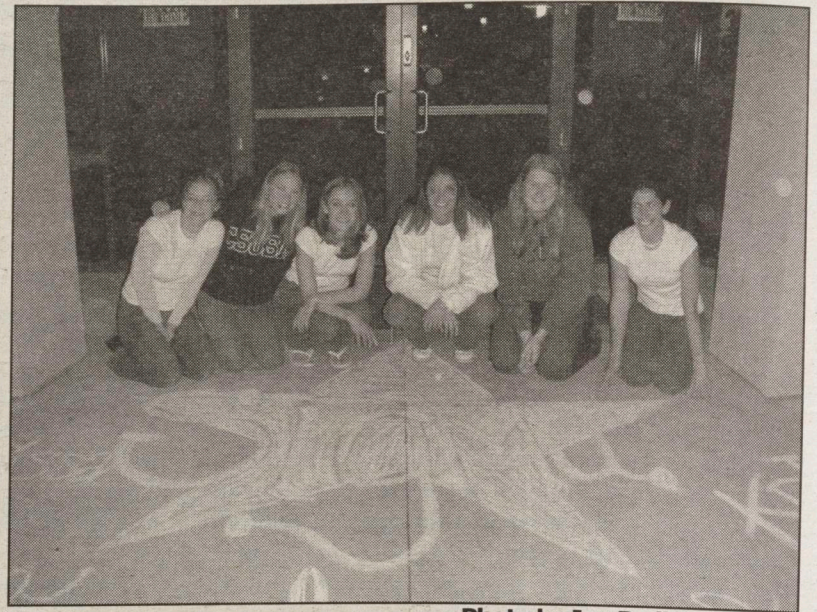


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Six of the new Alpha Xi Delta girls pose Sunday, (left to right) Caity Ries, Jessica Payne, Melissa Platero, Shannon Poling, Christine Greenlaw, and Kristin Guido. They are members of the Sigma class.

"We are
congratulating our
ten new ladies"

-Amber Dowell, Alpha Xi Delta

Commencement 2004 Auditions for Speaker, Vocalist/Instrumental

SPEAKER: To qualify, you must be a Fall 2003, Spring or Summer 2004 candidate for a degree or credential and have the ability to articulate a vision for CSUSM graduates attending the designated Commencement ceremony for your major. You must be able to vocally project as well as motivate and inspire the graduating class.

VOCALIST/INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: Students have the option of participating in the Commencement ceremony as a vocalist or instrumental performer. To qualify, you must be a Fall 2003, Spring or Summer 2004 candidate for a degree or credential.

- To audition as a vocalist candidates must have a strong, clear voice as well as a desire to perform "America the Beautiful".
- To audition as an instrumental performer candidates must have demonstrated skill and expertise in performance of a musical instrument as well as a desire to perform "America the Beautiful." (Please note that for logistical reasons accommodations cannot be made for large musical instruments at this time.)

For more information and to obtain application materials, please stop by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs in Craven 5306 or call (760) 750-4056.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2004

Commencement will be held May 15, 2004
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In celebration, Christina Wisecarver (left), Amber Dowell and Bree Daniels lay down their Greek signs in front of the Dome Sunday night.

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By ZELYNDA SMITH
Pride Staff Writer

En-large-ment ads leaving consumers limp

Penis. Dick. Weiner. Johnson. There are thousands of different names we can call a man's genitalia; and according to the recent wave of Internet advertisements, there are thousands of ways to add on inches.

These days, you can be sure that before hearing the words "you've got mail," various pop-ups for penis enlargement remedies on the computer screen appear. That is because there are over 18,000 products on the market catering to guys that want a bigger and better package. These products range from the \$20 penis pump to the \$300 bottle of Virility (one of many "all-natural" male enhancing supplements). To add to the list, there are also penis weights for those interested in the stretching technique and penis muscle exercisers for those guys who work out. For the man looking to increase the beast, these ads seem convenient; however, usage of any of these products may leave him unfulfilled and broke.

Dr. Steven Bates of student health services, said that many of the products related to the penis enlargement propaganda have not been medically accepted nor FDA approved. The products claiming to be "all-natural" supplements borrow a mixture of herbs with various functions (Ginseng for stamina, Yohimbe for weight-loss, etc).

These companies then stuff the list of herbs into a capsule and tell the consumer that his penis will grow about 30 percent within three to six months. Most of these supplements, however, will give the consumer a 90 day guarantee or refund

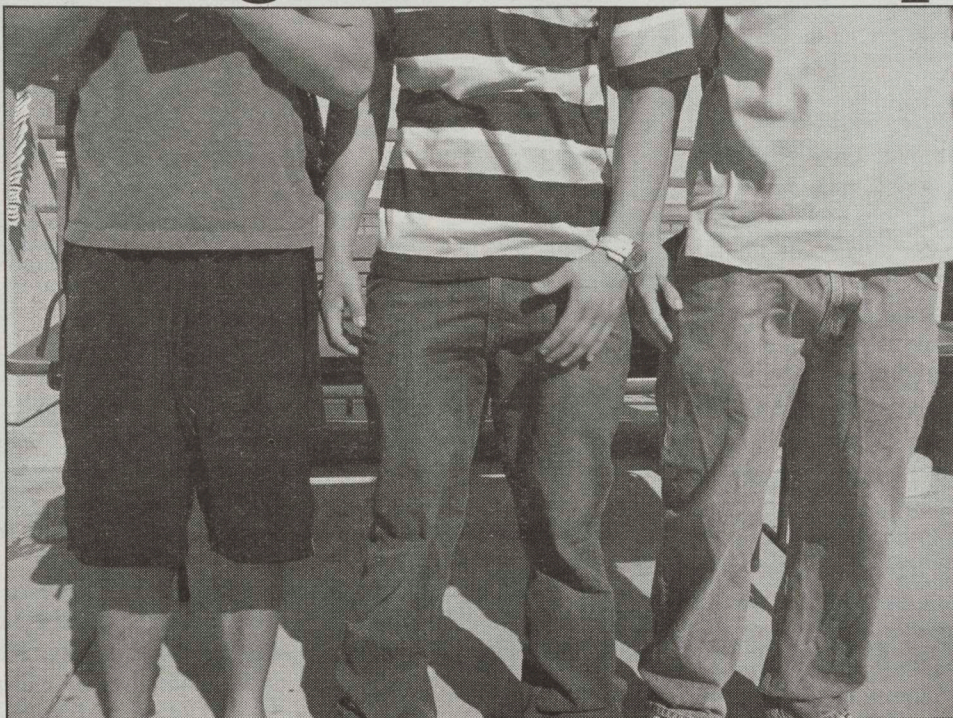


Photo by Sarah Carlin/The Pride

Penetrating e-mail accounts nationwide, male member enhancement advertisements may leave consumers a little less than satisfied.

your money. In other words, by the time he realizes that his penis has not grown an inch, the guarantee has expired, and the company keeps the money.

Besides the fact that this market lacks a promising warranty, an herb can react in an individual's body very negatively, especially when mixed with other herbs.

"Herbs can be the cause of hypertension, fatigue, and G.I. (gastrointestinal) problems — like diarrhea (side effects) can be present when mixed with one's

metabolism," Bates said.

Results vary from person to person. The only certain way to add on inches to a penis is through surgery. That would only be recommended for specific cases, cases that are not cosmetic, but reconstructive. But even surgery is risky, Bates said.

So what makes us, as a society, so fascinated with size? Sex sells. Media definitely plays an important roll with movies like "Austin Powers,"

which jokes about a penis pump, and associates Austin Powers as being a huge ladies man. We can also give credit to the adult film industry with all of the publicity that Ron Jeremy gets for his gigantic money maker.

Sarah Wymer, sophomore, said that unfortunately, yes, size does matter.

"Our society's obsession with size probably stems from women who are always supposed to be small with big boobs," Wymer said. "Men are depicted as being big, with a big penis."

Wymer said she does not think products on the market are credible according to their advertisements. She said, "I think they are just gimmicks sold to poor guys with low self-esteem."

Junior Jason Nichols said, "Bigger is relative to cold weather," and that bigger does not necessarily mean better, especially if the previous guy was bigger.

Nichols said, "If you want bigger equipment, lose the beer belly."

If you do decide to take the bait on these enhancement ads or even surgery, investigate the risk factors and know your motives. The American Urological Association and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery have surgical remedies for amputated penises, penises damaged by car accidents, animal bites, birth defects and other serious cases. They do have policy statements against cosmetic procedures.

For more information on this topic or topics on sexual responsibility please visit Student Health Services. Faculty from Student Health Services will be in Founders Plaza to promote sexual responsibility Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Wednesday, Feb. 11, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. They will be selling condom roses and passing out safe sex pamphlets.

Looking for romance in cyberspace may not be that weird

By CHELSEA GEORGE
Pride Staff Writer

As February 14 approaches, many single students are probably wondering just whose going to be their Valentine. Some are even turning to alternative methods, such as online dating, to find that special someone.

To some, the thought of dating someone met online may send shivers down the spine. Perhaps questions like how could I go on a date with someone I've never met? And what if they're lying about who they really are? might course through your head. Perhaps pictures of some scary psycho murderer hunched over a keyboard go flashing through your mind. Or as freshman Kaylan Bland said, "That's creepy."

Others may find online dating unnatural. They may miss that spark when eyes connect for the first time; the initial meeting leaving your head spinning for days.

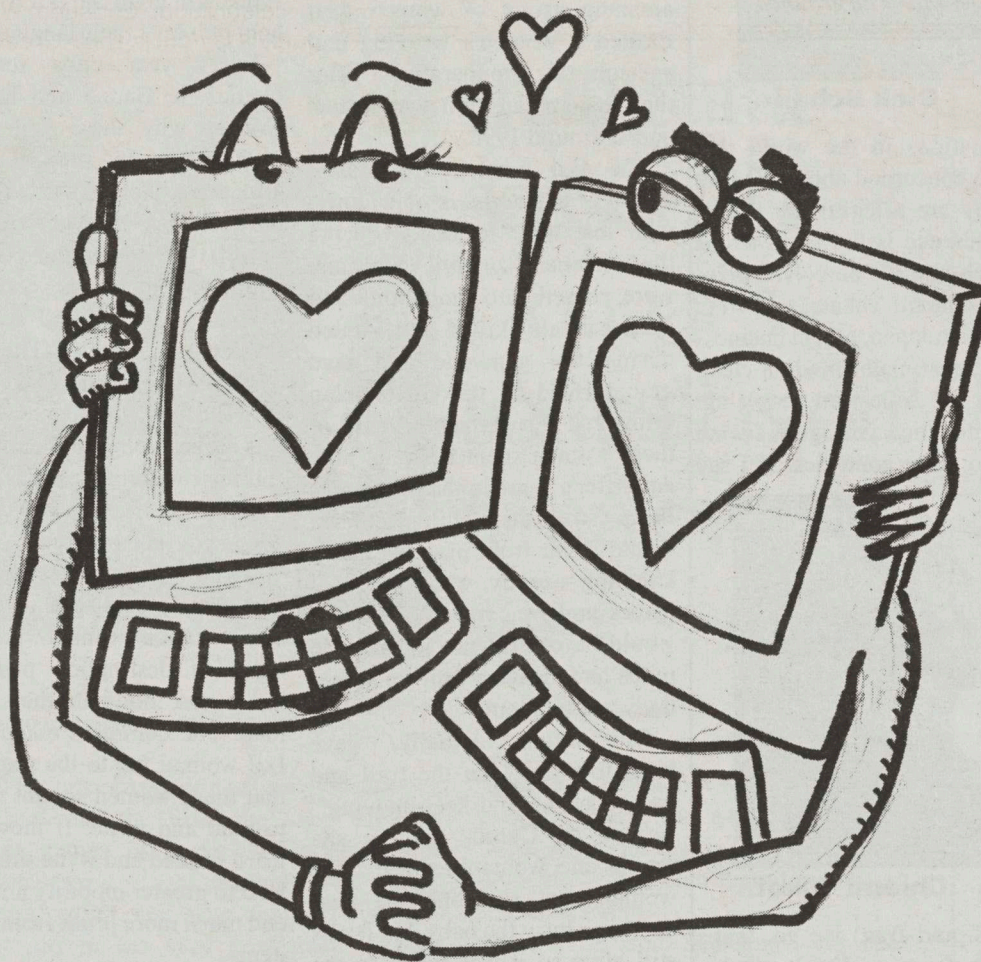
"When you meet someone it should just happen," said Elise Battaglia, sophomore.

And after all, there isn't a fairytale that reads, "and then prince charming put out a personal ad."

There are those who might feel that online dating is for the desperate and the unattractive. It's the only excuse there can be for not finding someone on your own.

"The computer takes away 150 pounds," said freshman, Tommy Hazelwood.

With outlooks such as these, one would wonder why someone would ever try to find someone online.



Cartoon by Chad Spinks/The Pride

The negative outlook was branded in my head too, until I heard my first success story.

"One of my mom's employees met someone and they got married," said sophomore

Danielle Anthony. "He lived in Canada and so she moved there."

Becca Schneider, senior, said, "My mom and her boyfriend met online."

With a brightened outlook, I decided to

give it a try myself. After making a new e-mail address on Yahoo just to be safe, I signed on to www.match.com.

There is no charge to browse through other people's profiles and make one of your own.

I searched for guys within 50 miles of San Marcos between 21 and 28 years old. I ended up with 50 pages of pictures and profiles to sort through.

Though the first couple pages were nothing special, I quickly found one guy whose picture made my jaw drop. After yelling at my roommate to come stare at the Abercrombie model wannabe, I decided to read his profile. It just so happened that we have a ton in common, so I put him on my favorites list and continued to search.

While skimming through the pages there were no scary creepy people to be found.

With only 20 pages down, I decided to call off my search with 5 potential guys on my favorites list. The next step is writing to them, which I'm still too weirded out to do.

The first 3 days on match.com are free, to sign up after that depends on how many months you want to sign up for. Signing up for 6 months costs \$10.95 a month, 3 months cost \$14.95 a month and 1 month cost \$24.95.

I think I'll need to hear a few more success stories before I start opening my wallet and typing in my credit card digits.

University Voice:

What do you think about WMD's?

By TOR FREED
Pride Staff Writer

Once upon a time, not too long ago, the three most dreaded letters in succession was STD, however, in a post 9-11 world, and thanks to the Bush administration's war on terror, STD has been replaced with WMD — weapons of mass destruction.

They are everywhere we are warned. Terrorists want them, certain countries in the Middle East have them, and if we're not careful, one day soon they'll be used against us. The hot list of the WMD club? It includes North Korea, Iran, Syria, and Libya. What about Iraq? Didn't they have them? We thought so, heck, everyone 'thought' so, but no one else was ready to invade besides the U.S. to find out. This past week, numerous experts have all come out and stated that there probably isn't any WMD's and even Colin Powell has stated that if he knew the intelligence was this bad, he wouldn't have been in favor of going to war.

Matt Hennessey, junior, communications major, said, "The number one inspector told Bush there were no weapons of mass destruction, its because Haliburton had so much to gain, Greenspan, (Federal Reserve Chairman)his company was given the contract to rebuild Iraq." Matt said he did not think we'd be finding anything and that this was a war about oil and big business. "Time magazine said that the west wing televisions were all fixed to Fox news, the worst resource you could have," Hennessey said.

Lisa Powers, senior, SSM major and Darlyne Gensel, senior, HTM major both supported the current administration. Gensel said, "I knew people from that country, they said we should have done it years ago, (removing Saddam)he was like Hitler." Many from both sides of the political spectrum would argue that removing Saddam was a good thing but the Bush administration went to war over WMD's so once again we posed the question of the missing WMD's. "They had plenty of time to get it out of their country,



Lisa Powers & Darlyne Gensel

you think they're stupid?" Gensel asked. "We just didn't know(in regards to WMD's) a lot of things need to be kept secret," Powers added. "There's a big difference between what's in the paper and what's going on," said Gensel, a former employee of the military industry. "We're on a need to know basis."

While Powers and Gensel's position is not favorable with democrats, there may be some truth about moving the WMD's. The common theory is Syria, laughable to some but a little more intriguing when one realizes that Iraq had an illegal oil pipeline into Syria in which Syria recieved crude oil for pennies on the dollar. We had the opinions of the left and the right, we needed a different slant, how about TKE? Dick Schaper, freshman, business major was our guy. Unfortunately, like last week, our topic wasn't popular. "Dude, I'm not the one to ask on that." One day soon, we're going to pick a topic where they will be the one to ask on that.

Like the polar opposite responses, this is a topic that splits the country in two, there are no centrists here. Usually, one either believes, there are or there never was. The funny thing is that both sides are right. Before the Iraqi invasion, there wasn't an intelligence agency in the world that would publicly deny Iraq's WMD's existence. There are



Dick Schaper

many nations in the world that are also concerned about WMD's and they are a legitimate threat, the difference is the Bush teams approach and it's perceived arrogance. Chiemi Yokata, a visiting junior from Japan, global business management major made it clear, "I think the American people are so capitalistic, you guys won't listen to other countries, If I say



Chiemi Yokata

go (U.S. and Iraq) we go, that's America for me. Don't get me wrong, I love Americans but the Government..." This is a debate that's going to continue into the election, one thing is for certain, unlike the previously feared STD's, this topic isn't going to go away with penicillin.



Photo Courtesy of Jule Gomez de Garcia

The Ixil women present weavings to Prof. Gomez de Garcia and her colleagues.

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a small research group, including a graduate from the University of New Mexico, Dr. Axlerod, and another graduate from the University of Texas, who just so happens to be her daughter Maria. Their study of focus is on the language preservation of the Native American language.

For the past five years, every January and again in June or July, Gomez de Garcia packs her bags for a two week visit to the Mayan Indians that live in Guatemala, who by now, after the fifth visit have become more like family.

The group of Mayans that she visits lives in the small, unheard of parts of the Guatemalan mountains, called Nebha (pronounced Nee- bauk). The group of women she visits is called the Ixil (pronounced ee-shil). The Ixil are an amazing group of women who formed a women's weaving and agricultural cooperative after the Guatemalan civil war, which ended around 1996.

The Ixil women are mostly widows, or daughters of widows, who lost their husbands during the "violencia," or civil war. Many were chased into mountains and systematically killed and hunted during the genocide and land grab formed by the Guatemalan army and government. Many of these women spent between nine and fifteen years in the mountains fleeing with their children. They would move from place to place, knowing exactly what types of leaves and tree roots to eat, but would be careful not to take too much as to leave a trail for somebody to find them.

One woman actually, "gave birth to a baby on the trail and had to get up and keep moving," Gomez de Garcia said as she retells one woman's story. "The woman sent someone the next day to go bury the baby, but it was still alive so it was taken to the woman's mother and is still alive and healthy today."

At the time of the violenica, there was no land ownership, so when the husbands of these families died the women lost all of their "milpas," corn fields, that have been passed down through

generations. The milpas for the Ixil are where they live and where they grow their food for sustenance. These women realized that they could not survive individually so they formed a women's "Mujeres de la Paz" cooperative. In this cooperative the Ixil women could learn to weave traditional patterns that they never had the chance to learn in their youth. Another accomplishment they are very proud of is a prosperous green house, housing tomatoes, cucumbers, red, green and yellow bell peppers, that they have designed and built.

The main purpose for Gomez de Garcia and her colleagues to keep returning every six months to this desolate area in the Guatemalan mountains, is to properly record and create a dictionary of the Ixil language. When finished, the dictionary, will hopefully be funded by the American Signs Foundation. The money from the funds will go to the Ixil women to help preserve their language.

Every year upon returning, Gomez de Garcia and her crew wonder why these Ixil women invite them to keep returning. The researchers knew what their purpose was, but were unsure as to what the incentive was to the women of Nebha.

Finally, during one study the mystery was revealed. The women of Nebha do not know how to read or write their own language, and this makes going to the market to sell their weavings very difficult.

"I am so envious of you that when you get on a bus or truck you know where it is going," one Ixil woman said to a researcher. The women cannot read the signs of destination posted on the buses, nor can they read a map. The comment made by the Ixil woman led to the realization that these women sought to learn to read and write. If they would learn to read and write this would lead to greater mobility and in the end much more profit from market items.

Gomez de Garcia tells of one encouraging story from another ongoing linguistic project that she is currently involved with working with a group of Apache women. "Sometimes in projects like these the participants learn to read and write slowly, deliberately

or quite accidental," she said.

One day as she was working hard to enter the new vocabulary into her lap top, an Apache woman by the name of Matilda sat and watched. After one particular word had been entered into the computer Matilda looked at it and then turned to her sister sitting beside her and said something in their native language. Matilda's sister turned to look at the computer and told Gomez de Garcia that she had misspelled the word. Until then Matilda had never been able to read or write.

In addition to teaching the women to read and write there has been a proposal to begin a literacy program to also fund the education for the children of Nebha. It costs \$100 to put a child through school for the entire year, including books and supplies.

"The literacy project will allow the mothers to work with us to learn to read and write," the professor said. "We will pay them \$10 per hour in education vouchers to allow them to pay for their children to go to school." The people of Nebha do not want our American money, but would do anything to give their children a better education and future. This incentive keeps the women of Nebha working with the researchers.

So far there has been a lot of progress with the projects mentioned, as well as some smaller community projects; such as a multimedia DVD of the greenhouse and of a traditional dish made of corn maza, called bóxból (pronounced boush-Bol). All of the projects with the Ixil women are fun and important, but fitting all of them into a two-week schedule is nearly impossible.

Before they know it the two weeks is up and it is time to say good-bye. The Ixil women have a good-bye ceremony called a "Desperido," an exchange of pretty words, with Professor Gomez de Garcia, her daughter, and their colleague. Which over these last five years of companionship now concludes with hugs and tears. They have each made a new family that will last a lifetime.

Gomez de Garcia said, "I learn so much from these women and cannot emphasize enough how truly fun and exciting it is."

Surf team hooks a place in state finals

By KEVIN BRABEC
Pride Staff Writer

After a strong finish this season, the ASI/CSUSM surf team must raise \$700 to cover the state championship fees when the team travels to compete at San Onofre state beach March 20 and 21.

The ASI/CSUSM surf team has consistently made great performances in the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) events. The season included two stops in Ventura (street pipes) Oct. 26 and Dec. 21, as well as an event at Black's Beach in San Diego Nov. 22.

The final event of the regular season took place Jan. 19. at one of the great surfing spots in Southern California, Huntington Pier (south side). The Dream Team qualified for the state championships with an overall season ranking of ninth.

"The Dream Team has a shoe in to qualify for nationals," said Surf Team Faculty Advisor Dr. Amber Puha.

To make it to nationals, the Dream Team needs to place in the top 12 at state.

In its first year, the secondary Cream Team also landed a place in the state championships. Cream Team member Conrad Scouton scored third place in the men's division, and Analia Carlsson, had a usually consistent performance. She is ranked sixth in the college women's division with 1530 points.

Vital contributions from other Cream Team members like Alex



Photo Courtesy of Conrad Scouton

Conrad Scouton turns on the crest of a wave in Los Angeles County. The ASI/CSUSM surf team qualified for a spot in this year's state championship competition.

Brust and Chris Parrinello also helped the team qualify. The Cream Team took seventeenth place in the rankings with 1748 points qualifying them for a shot at the title.

"I hope they can have a strong showing," Puha said. She added that coming from a strong performance at the last event in Huntington Beach, the momentum might just carry over to the state championships in March.

She also said that the talent that these kids have hasn't been seen at it's full potential yet. The student body of the CSUSM campus has something

to be proud of in these two teams. These guys and gals are a force to be reckoned with after posting their best finishes of the year.

The road to having a Surf Team at CSUSM is a very hard one. It takes a tremendous amount of work both by students who are on the surf team and advisor Puha who devotes both time and effort. The leadership on the team is outstanding and they are a great group, Dr. Puha said.

Alumni, ASI, as well as Hansen Boardroom all contribute funding to keep the team going, but the rest of the funds

needed for liability insurance, entry fees, and other costs have to come from fund raising by students.

One idea is to host a "surf flick" night at the Clarke field house. By paying a small fee, students can come and help the surf team reach their goal of \$700 to cover the state championship fees. People interested in helping can contact Laurence Bolotin, director of Student Programs.

Expect great things in the future with the ASI/CSUSM Surf Team, because as the campus grows so will this popular program.

Cougars baseball gearing up for spring

By JOSH SANDOVAL
Pride Staff Writer

With spring on the horizon, America's favorite pastime is almost upon us, which means the second season of Cougar baseball will be getting under way.

CSUSM offers three intercollegiate sports (Cross country, Track and Field, and Golf), but those are not the only sports available to students.

2003 was the inaugural season for Cougar baseball, which was a successful season by all standards for a first year team. There will be six returning players from last years squad, including one sophomore, one junior, and four seniors.

Head Coach JJ Koon said, "We are very excited about the upcoming season. We are building off a .429 winning percentage, with a record of six wins and eight losses."

Last season the Cougars participated in very high scoring games. The Cougars had the second best scoring offense, and allowed the third fewest runs out of six teams in the Metal Bat Division.

In the first game, of a 14 game season, they blew out the San Diego Black Sox with a 17-2 victory. The Cougars continued to put up big scores on their opponents all throughout the year; the team averaged 10 runs per game in the final six games, while finishing strong, winning four out of those six contests. The Cougars scored seven runs or more on seven different occasions throughout the year. The team finished the season tied for third place in their division, and this year the returning players expect only to improve upon last year's success.

The Cougars play games Sundays on Varsity Fields at various North County High School locations. The team is part of the North County section of the Men's Adult Baseball League (MABL). The North County section contains several independent baseball teams from other universities like San Diego State, and other independent teams in the greater San Diego area.

The Cougars are looking for athletic men to fill out the roster, which is currently voided by the eight seniors who were on the team last season. Try-outs will be held on February 21, at 1:30pm, on the campus of Mira Costa Community College in Oceanside. There will also be a team meeting that anyone is welcome to attend. The team meeting is tentatively scheduled for the second week of February in the Founders Plaza.

For detailed information regarding the upcoming team meeting, and/or information regarding Cougar Baseball, contact JJ Koon via e-mail at koon002@csusm.edu. Also, check out the Cougar Baseball website at www.csusm.edu/public/aaabaseball to view highlights from the success of the inaugural season.



Photo courtesy of Cougar Softball

Cougar's softball is 2-2 and preparing for a tournament, where the women will compete nationally. Many of the girls who had joined the team had been on hiatus from the sport.

By BRETT DAVIS
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM expanded its list of club teams last November when the Women's Softball Team formed itself and began pre-season workouts.

They practiced rigorously for nearly two months and opened up their inaugural season with a 15-2 lopsided win over Mt. San Jacinto College Jan. 12.

A blowout win against intercollegiate competition is a great achievement for any club team, and proved to be the ideal way to open up the season.

The next two outings weren't quite as glorious as the first; the team dropped both games of a double-header against International Hope of Faith. The losing streak didn't last long though, and was snapped in the very next game against Orange Coast College with a close 6-4 triumph.

The Women's Softball team now finds themselves at .500 with a 2-2 record.

"Not bad considering half of the squad hadn't played in nearly 5 years," said Head Coach Fermin Cardoza Sr. Cardoza has been coaching girl's softball for the last 15 years through Vista Girls Softball and

Inaugural season for Cougar's softball is off to an even start

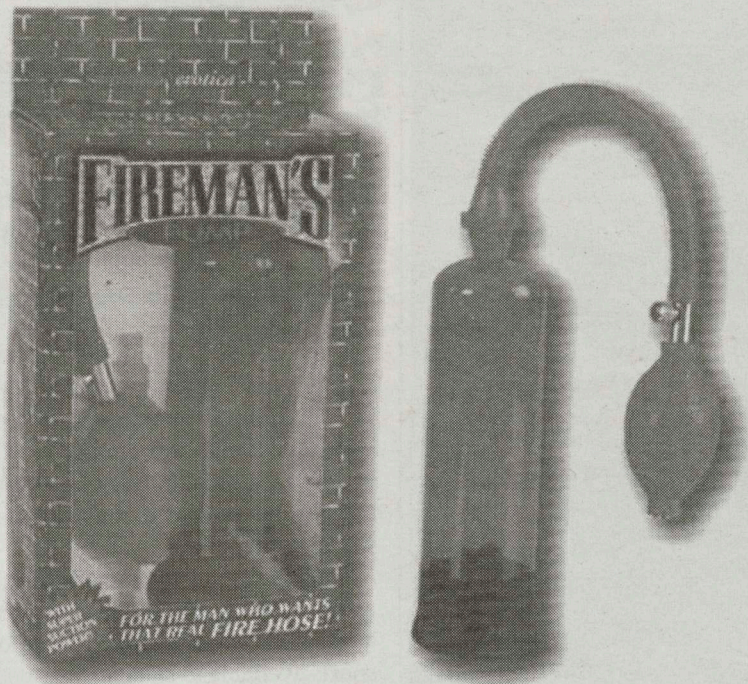
Travel Ball, and hopes to end the Cougar's inaugural season with a winning record.

The team is looking forward to the National Softball club team tournament at the end of April.

Catcher Alison Sansbury said she is looking forward to the tournament. "We are a young Cougar dynasty and this tournament will pit us against other club teams and will show just exactly how good we are," she said.

Cardoza said, "Definitely, they have come a long way since we first started practicing. "It's like night and day," he said.

The perfect package is now on sale



In 2001, the popular men's magazine, Maxim, surveyed 1000 women and asked them what they want in a man. The top answers given were: kindness, warmth, attentiveness, commitment, sense of humor, and shared values. Out of all the various answers in the survey there was not one woman who said they want a huge penis.

Maxim magazine is not a scientific medical journal; however, they are correct in informing men that the size of a man's package is of no consideration to women.

So if size doesn't matter, why are there approximately 18,000 penis enlarging products on the

"So, if size doesn't matter, why are there approximately 18,000 penis enlargement products on the market?"

market? Are our precious members shrinking? Or is this just a case of marketing genius?

Any person with internet access or e-mail can attest to the surge of pop-ups and spam ads, not to mention the late-night commercials for these products that have been working hard to create an epidemic of small penises in the United States.

Self diagnosed "below

average" men now have a wide range of products from lotions and potions to suction gadgets.

My personal favorite has to be Mindquest's Penis Enhancement Program, 12-weeks of hypnotherapy on CD for an unbelievable \$295. Wow, now you can think yourself longer.

According to an interview with Steven N. Grange, MD on WebMD.com, Grange

said, "Men in general did not have a distorted view of what's a normal penis size until a study published in Sept. 1996 Journal of Urology concluded that the average flaccid penile length was 3.5 inches, and average erect length was 5 inches."

It is as if the marketing and advertising industry has just been waiting for this information to create a complex in the male psyche just like it has been doing to women for decades.

If you are a women, you know you are bombarded everywhere you look with images of the so-called "perfect shape."

Fashion, cosmetic, and diet industries make billions of dollars each year off the insecurities they have created in women.

Now it seems they have the perfect recipe to do the same thing to men. Tell men that they don't measure up if they can't stretch out to a hefty 10 inches on a ruler; get a sexy women to say how pleasurable a big penis is, and then offer a must-have remedy.

Whether you are a man or woman, you can decide for yourself whether you think it is right, or even about time, that men are now being targeted by this type of marketing that feeds off the insecurities it creates in society.

Students need to recycle

By TOM PFINGSTEN
Pride Staff Writer

Would five dollars be enough to persuade you to recycle? Ten? If all it meant was tossing your bottles into one of the recycling bins dotting campus instead of the trash can, would the threat of a twenty-dollar-increase in student fees be enough?

Although these fee increases are hypothetical, it may benefit students at Cal State San Marcos financially to heed the "No cans and bottles" bumper stickers that are plastered on almost every trash receptacle on campus.

As reported in this week's issue of The Pride (see "CSUSM exceeds state recycling quota," front page) custodial workers on campuses all over California have been struggling to meet a law requiring that 50 percent of all waste be recycled. Under California bill AB 75, fines starting at \$10,000 may be imposed on state institutions that didn't meet the January deadline.

Here at CSUSM, the staff met that requirement by recycling 55 percent of the trash that students and staff produce by the beginning of 2004. Their job would, no doubt, be easier with increased student cooperation.

And why shouldn't we cooperate? Facilities staff here at CSUSM have made it easy enough to recycle

that it doesn't make sense not to, considering that state fines would likely result in an increase in student fees.

The benefits of recycling have widespread implications, from reducing the need for environmentally invasive landfills to providing "green" materials for use in manufacturing. With the motto, "Reduce, reuse, recycle," environmentalists have advanced public recycling programs for over a decade. Now, with CSUSM facing fines in the tens of thousands of dollars, students have a new reason to recycle.

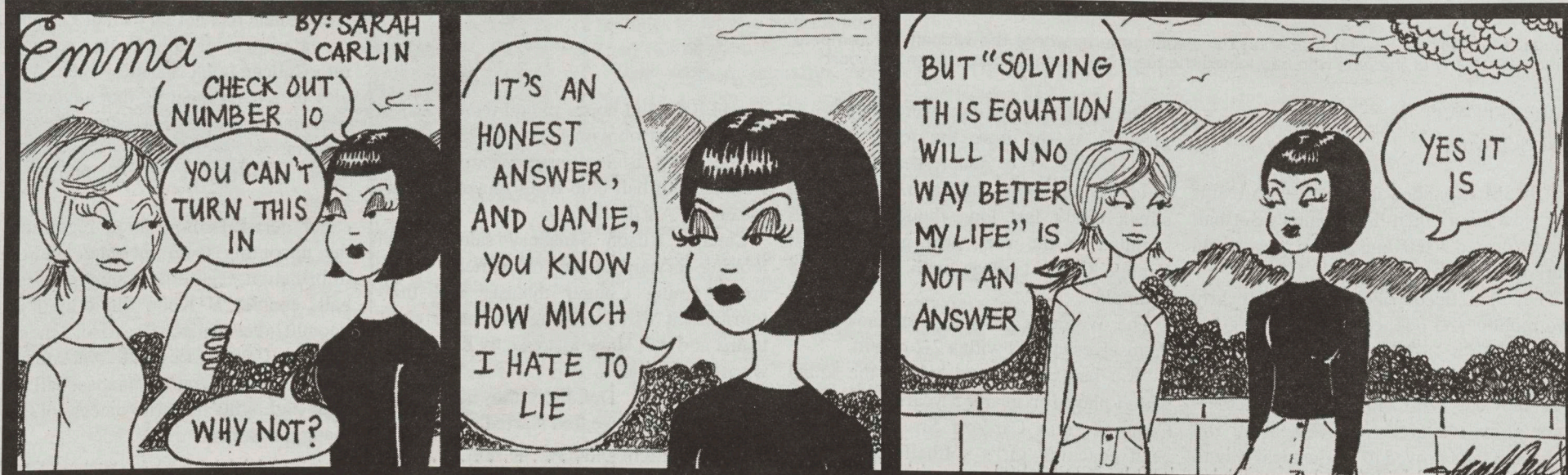
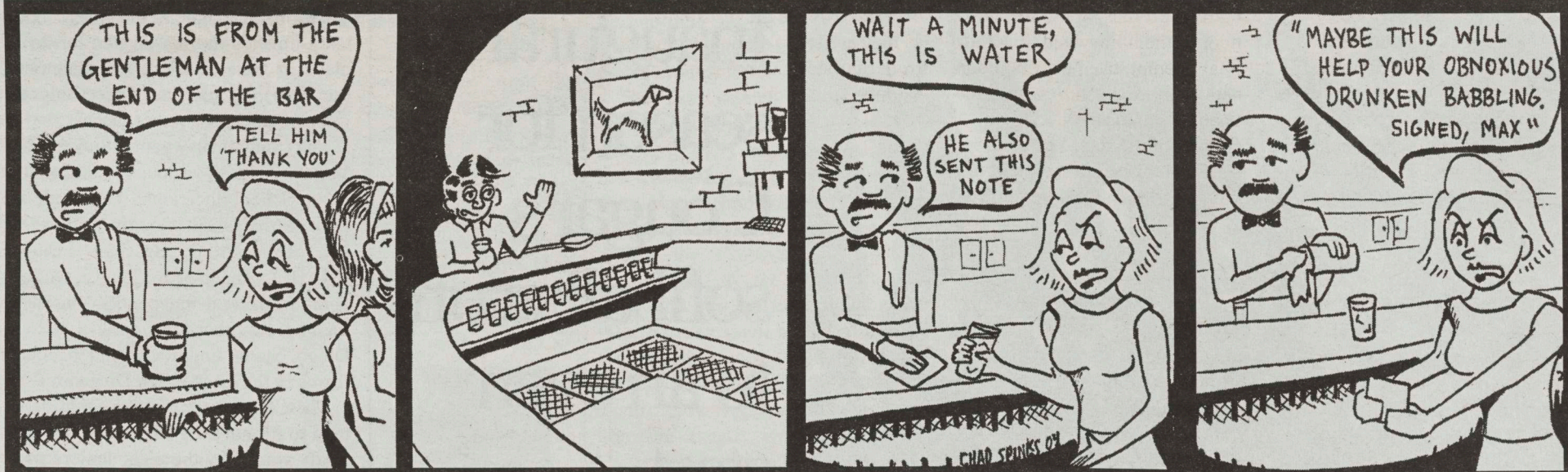
Universities have long been the staging ground for cultural change. While raising the recycling rate on campus may have been a matter of simple access and awareness, more com-



plex systems of government have many other factors to consider. If improvements in recycling don't start here, where it's easy and practical, we can't expect them to start anywhere.

The next time you review your student fees, don't forget to consider how the recycling choices you made on campus last semester affected or could affect those fees. And don't forget to recycle the receipt.

BEER NUTS By: Chad Spinks



OMBUDSMAN'S

notes

By MICHAEL DOLAN
Pride Ombudsman

An important consideration to keep in mind as you read through these first few editions of The Pride is that we are a class like any other on campus learning as we go along. Indeed, some of us from last semester are returning to The Pride this semester, but the majority of the class is comprised of new faces.

The reason that this is important to consider is that some of the harsher

critics of The Pride may feel that we are making the same mistakes we have made in the past without any effort to rectify these mistakes. This is not the case; rather, each issue of The Pride is a learning process for those who have been here before and especially for the new student reporters and editors. Does this forgive a mistake like excluding the quotation marks around a quote? No, but it should, at least, remind us all that we are on this hill to learn and that

mistakes, forgivable or not, will be part of this process.

I received an email this week asking why the online edition of The Pride has not been continued this spring. In all honesty, I did not know that it was not being updated to this point this semester. I have been assured that the online edition will continue again within a few weeks as soon last semester's online editor drops by to give instruction on this procedure.

The feedback is starting to roll in, but there is always room for more. Please keep reading The Pride. Also, do not hesitate to send your thoughts or criticisms about The Pride. My e-mail is dolan005@csusm.edu.

Corrections for VOL. XI NO. 16

In the article "EOP in limbo," paragraph three is opened with a quote in which the quotation marks were omitted.

The Pride apologizes for this mistake.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opening of Kellogg Library this semester has created a sense of excitement among CSUSM faculty and students alike. In fact, I have been so excited about the opening of the new library that whenever I am in the building I experience frequent urination. The first time this sense of urgency hit me, I was thrilled to check out the new bathroom facilities in the library. To my dismay, I found the experience to be less than mediocre.

I have visited three bathrooms in the new library, one on the first floor, two on the second. These bathrooms all have doors that do not properly latch—and when I have to go I don't have time to fumble with door locks. Consequently, I have been forced to relieve myself in front of classmates. To make matters worse, often times these bathrooms lack seat covers and toilet paper, too. So not only am I the girl who pees with the door open, I'm the girl who doesn't

use seat covers or toilet paper. I usually make a final sanitary attempt before I leave the library restrooms, but as I pump the dispenser for soap I don't even get a bubble, and when I go to dry my hands, the paper towel dispensers are jammed.

The other day, on the way to the bathroom I was really down in the dumps. I felt like things just couldn't get worse. And then I found a friend. Inside the first floor bathroom in the new library I met Karen, a quiet girl, head in hands, sobbing on the ground next to the sink. Scooping away days of trash and paper towels, I leaned down next to her and asked what was wrong. Karen told me she was having a feminine emergency and ran to both bathrooms on the second floor of the library and, in a third final attempt, tried the first floor bathroom for a vending machine to buy a product. Karen found nothing of the sort. You can find Karen in this same spot, because she vowed to me she wouldn't

leave the bathroom until someone recognizes the importance of such machines and installs one.

On a more serious note: I don't understand why these *brand new* bathrooms, in a state of the art library, have dysfunctional door latches and paper towel dispensers. Out of the three women's restrooms I have visited, not one has a feminine product vending machine, either. I find a more serious problem lies in the fact that these un-stocked restrooms are not cleaned on a daily or even bi-daily schedule, forcing us to use stained toilets while we stare at dirty pieces of trash on the floor that we first noticed days ago. The library is a new, beautiful facility—and students should be just as overjoyed to use the restrooms as they are to sip a Frappuccino from Starbuck's or receive a free Kellogg spill-proof mug.

Amy Granite, Junior
LTWR major

To Student Advocates here at CSUSM:

Our governor has recently proposed budget cuts which will directly target the Student Support Services and Educational Opportunity Program (SSS and EOP) in the Cal State system. These programs provide much needed support for low-income, first generation students through a wide variety of services while focusing on academic success, student perseverance and retention rates. EOP gives support to students who need all the assistance they can get. These programs are the key to promoting educational equality and access to higher education, essential issues the CSU system adamantly claims to protect. As a team teacher for the WMST 101 class for many of the first year EOP students on this campus, I work directly with

these underrepresented students.

As first generation college students, those involved in EOP often face obstacles that often include economic hardship, cultural and language barriers, and lack of support both in the home and at the university. Cutting the EOP program would be detrimental not only to those students who rely on the program to receive the education which they deserve, but also for the overall atmosphere of the CSUSM community as a whole, which prides itself on its diversity.

As a student advocate dedicated to the preservation of educational quality and access, I am outraged. Outraged at our governor's lack of concern for students who desperately need support services. Outraged that his budget cuts hit to the heart of the higher education

system. Outraged that he seeks to disenfranchise those whom have worked so hard to get where they are. Outraged that there are not enough of our voices being heard.

I support the CSSA resolution which protests these actions. I encourage all of us to remain steadfast in our dedication to petitioning to stop the elimination of the CSU Outreach and EOP programs. Please flood the governor's office with letters in protest. Call Sacramento and tell him how we feel. We must continue the fight for student rights and never give in- or give up.

In Cougar Spirit,
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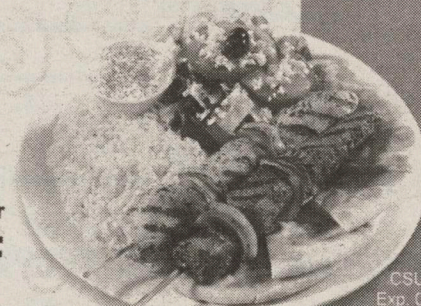
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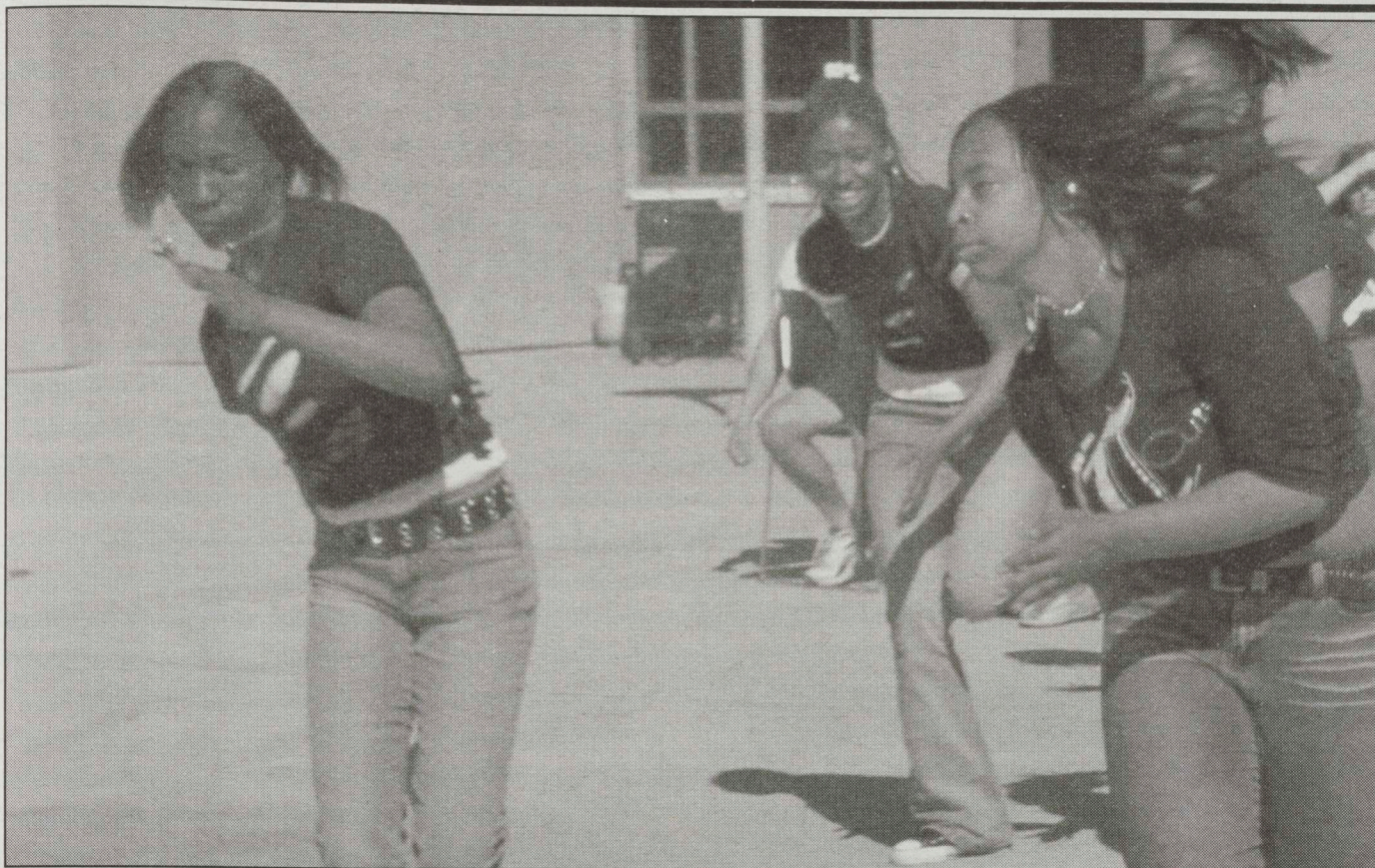
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A step troop of 12 girls from El Camino High School performed in front of the Dome for about 150 thrilled audience members.

Photo by Danielle Boldt/The Pride

El Camino Wildcats step up

*Audience members perform
in place of scheduled guests*

By DANIELLE BOLDT
Pride Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities from San Diego State University that were scheduled to perform a step show in honor of Black History Month failed to arrive Friday, Feb. 6 at the Dome Plaza. A troop of steppers from El Camino high school, who had attended the show as guests,

were asked to perform in their place.

The crowd of about 150 people was extremely appreciative of the impromptu salvation of the event and they expressed their gratitude by cheering riotously and giving the girls a standing ovation.

"Rhythmic stomping to demonstrate unity, talent, and organizational pride," said Dilcie D. Perez, associate director of multicultural programs and community outreach. That is precisely what the step show was all about.

The stomping and clapping which made up the dance created an infectious rhythm which accompanied by the

dancer's frequent shouts and cheers, such as "deep in Alabama" and "unity" had a very musical feel.

Observers became participants and everyone displayed a high level of enthusiasm and support with their laughter, applause and cheers.

At the conclusion of the event, Perez reminded students that change starts on a small scale. It begins with the student voice.

The unique exhibition of stomping tied together with the crowd's involvement achieved an important goal for Black History month: that of unity.

Eek-A-Mouse sells out The Blvd



Photo illustration by Roger Naranjo and Jeremy Long

Eek-A-Mouse entertained a full house at The Blvd, a new bar and grill in San Marcos.

By ROGER NARANJO &
ERIC MERCADO
Pride Staff Writers

The Blvd reported a sold out show Friday night hosting one of reggae's elite — Eek-A-Mouse. This was the first time the performer had ever played a venue in San Marcos.

Eek-A-Mouse, a.k.a. The Mouse, a.k.a. Eek, a longtime reggae artist with more than 25 years of experience entertained the crowd with his flamboyant dance, facial expressions, and a performance of a compilation of songs from variety of his albums.

With over seventeen albums under his belt and a new one coming out in March

entitled, "Mouse Gone Wild," The Mouse creates a style and voice that is different from most of the reggae world. It is not surprising why Eek has been so successful.

During the set of the opening band, the unexpected happened. The uni-stink bomber struck unleashing a devastating smell of rotten egg, and crowds of people including myself, overwhelmed by the stench, dispersed.

Sound technicians were equally disturbing during the sound check unleashing an ear-piercing cesspool of overly loud 80's pop. Once the sound check was finished, however, the place really lit up.

The main stage at the Boulevard allowed the audience a view from all angles of The

Mouse who was wearing his infamous top hat and a cool swagger.

He used the phrase "Bidi bidi bong bong" through out most of his songs as an interjected lyric with reference to smoke, and the crowd loved it.

If you were one of the fortunate people to get in to this sold-out show you know that The Mouse delivered a set that was up close, and personal.

Young and old moved their feet to the sounds of sweet reggae. Everybody seemed happy and jolly from the relaxing melodies.

Throughout the crowd, one could hear praises of the new venue. Great music, good vibes, and \$1 Red Stripes all night; nothing can beat that.

CSUSM Calendar

Feb 10-16

Wednesday

11:00am-1:00pm-Accounting Society Lunch and Lecture in ACD 408 contact Anita Bodde at bodde001@csusm.edu

1:30pm-3:00pm-Pre-Health Society Meeting in UNIV 443

5:30pm-Finance & Economics Society meeting. For info contact lucas011@csusm.edu

Thursday

3:00pm-4:30pm – International Club Coffee Hour in Commons 206

5:30pm-7:30pm-Marathon Reading of Shakespeare's Sonnets at the Kellogg Library 1108. For info contact getmedieval@csusm.edu

7:00pm- Priority Christian Challenge worship in Arts 240. For info contact trown011@csusm.edu

Friday

8:30am - Black History Month Breakfast at the Clark Field House Grand Salon

4:00pm-10:00pm- Alpha Kappa Psi BBQ and volleyball at the CSUSM Field House for info contact Jessica Franco: franc023@csusm.edu or call (760) 716-9227

Monday

6:00pm & 7:30pm -A&L Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio in Arts 111 Tickets available in the Univ. Bookstore \$5 for students with ID, \$10 for others. Tickets available at the University Store.

Register in the Field House for ASI Adventure Center Activities - Intramural Flag Football in the Field House, sign-up by Feb 11
Bowling at Eagle Lanes, sign up by Feb 18
Ultimate Frisbee, sign up by March 1

Submit your event schedule to The Pride at pride@csusm.edu, in the title type "Calendar of Events." All event submissions must be received by Friday before 2:00pm the week prior to publication. Publication is every Tuesday.



Photo courtesy of Suman Keshar Nayak

Suman Keshar Nayak performs a traditional Bharatanatyam dance in an elaborately decorated red, gold, and white costume.

Elegant Indian dance a cultural experience

By NICOLE SULLIVAN
Pride Staff Writer

Her hands clapped, the flute blew, the drum pounded and the cymbals clanged as Suman Keshar Nayak's danced a Bharatanatyam Indian dance Tuesday night in the Arts 111. The band sat with legs criss-crossed and instruments ready to accompany the dancer on a 12 inch stage. The two women were dressed in colorful cloth with their voices and cymbals ready. The two men in their linen long pants and long sleeve tops warmed up on the percussion and flute.

One woman started to chant as they began their prayer song, "Thdayam Shlo-kam," a song of praise to the creator, the teacher and the audience. Keshar Nayak came out dressed in a red, gold and white dress, with a shawl wrapped around her waist and shoulder with a pleated apron in front of her pants. Her hands and feet were painted symbolically in red paint, with a red dot in the middle of her palms. On her head sat a floral and gold head-piece, her long black hair was tied back

with a long gold ribbon, she wore gold dangly earrings and two gold necklaces around her neck, one longer than the other. She wore gold rings, gold bracelets and a gold belt wrapped around her waist. On her ankles she wore a piece of material with bells attached to it. She danced with emphasis and might as she praised her god. Her pounding feet hit the floor as the drum thumped and the flute blew. One dance was dedicated to lord Krishna and told of a boyhood memory. She balanced on one foot, with her arms raised above her head and her head bobbed from left to right. The potpourri of instruments and sounds filled the auditorium as she danced elegantly, as the instruments slowed so did her movements. They played with passion and she danced with triumph. She danced five songs, displaying history and thanks to their gods. Sophomore Justin Weiner said, "It was chill getting to experience a culture that we don't usually take the time to notice on a day to day basis."

'The Girl Next Door' not another chick flick



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Elisha Cuthbert and Emile Hirsch (above) play a future politician and ex-pornstar who take a chance on love in this romantic comedy.

A drugged up Emile Hirsch (below) makes a fool of himself at his scholarship competition while Elisha Cuthbert watches in dismay.

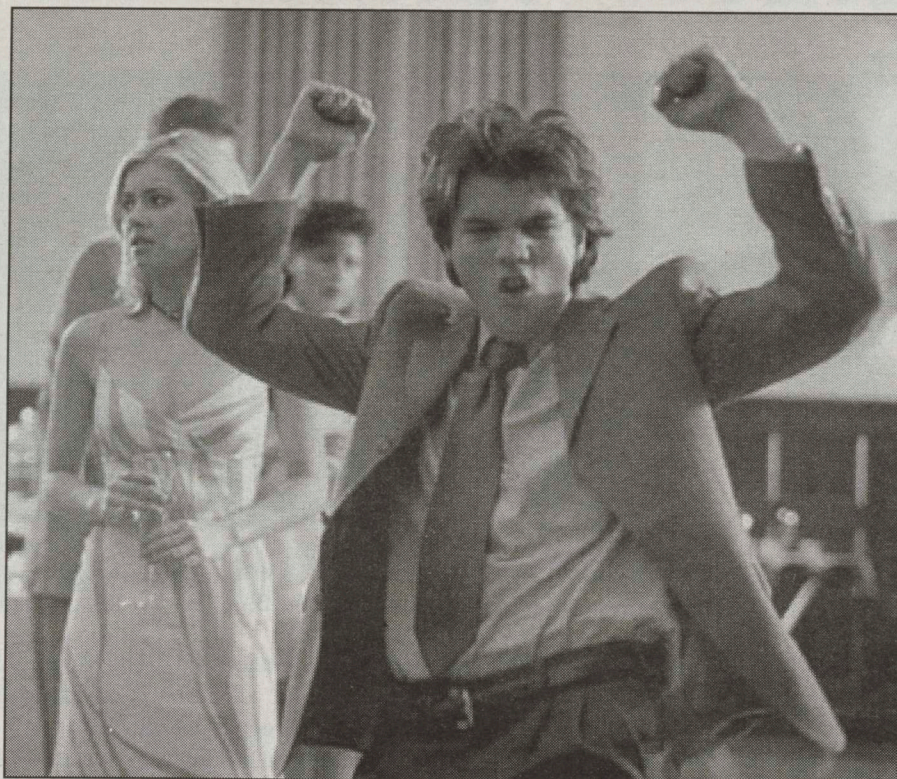


Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

By CHELSEA GEORGE
Pride Staff Writer

Twentieth Century Fox's upcoming movie "The Girl Next Door," directed by Luke Greenfield, had the theater echoing with laughter at a recent press screening.

The movie debuts March 12 as one of the few romantic comedies that I wouldn't classify as a chick flick. Guys can expect to see plenty of eye candy which you would

expect from a movie about a high school kid dating a porn star.

A senior at Westport High School, Matthew, played by Emile Hirsch, dreams of becoming a politician, and the most exciting thing in his life is his acceptance to Georgetown University. That is until he falls for the new girl next door, Danielle, played by Elisha Cuthbert.

She is gorgeous, she is fun and she brings out his adventurous side. She also happens

to be a former porn star.

Mathew has plans for a whirlwind of a week which includes senior prom, a scholarship competition and the arrival of an exchange student. Unfortunately, all these events are put on hold when Danielle's former director comes to take her back to the industry.

Their days are filled with random misadventures as Matthew realizes he's so in love that he would do anything to keep

Danielle and get her out of the business, even steal.

Although the characters in this film are your typical teen movie clichés, the popular crowd, the nerds and the in-betweens the plot was surprisingly unfamiliar.

If you want a feel good, goof-off movie to go hit up with all your friends I would definitely recommend that you see this film.