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## Republican Senator Dennis Hollingsworth on Campus

By MEG EPPEL  
Pride Staff Writer

The CSUSM College Republicans welcomed California State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth to campus last Thursday in order to discuss the state's current budget deficit and some possible solutions. Hollingsworth, a Republican who is in his first term of office, represents the 36<sup>th</sup> district, an area that spans from Temecula to El Cajon.

An audience of 15 to 20 club members listened to Hollingsworth's speech, which touched on how the budget will affect CSUSM and how California found itself in this position on the fourth floor of Academic Hall on Thursday afternoon. He also explained the plans that Republicans have for fixing the current budget situation.

Due to the current deficit, Hollingsworth was apprehensive to make any predictions about the future of education in California, including at CSUSM. He called such predictions "wild guesses." He explained that the state legislature has not yet pieced together the budget, saying that it is not usually formally drafted until July. Hollingsworth added that sometimes, such as last year, the budget was not finished until September.



Hollingsworth used another Republican's example, State Senator Tom McClintock, to explain the deficit. He said that in order to understand the budget, there are three numbers that people should know. The first number (21) represents the percentage of growth in both population and inflation that California has



Students talking to Special Agent Foxworth at her FBI career booth. Staff photo by Martha Sarabia.

## CSUSM Job Fair Copes With Crazy Weather

By MARTHA SARABIA  
Lead Editor

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual CSUSM Job Fair happened in the midst of the unexpected and changing weather. The campus was prepared for the fair at Founders' Plaza, as the event was set up a day prior to the event and stack parking made a comeback, but the cold weather surprised the attendees.

The event, which was advertised as the largest North County job fair, brought 90 companies and their 165 representatives to CSUSM. These representatives, students as well as community

members looking for a job, had to cope with varying weather that changed from sunny, to cloudy and windy, to even drizzle.

Cherine Heckman, director of the office of admissions, said laughingly of the weather, "We are just happy that it didn't snow."

Although Pam Wells, associate director of the career and assessment center and coordinator of this event, recognized the effect of the weather during the event, she did not consider it as affecting the fair's overall outcome. "I think it was successful. I think that people were very well natured with

regards to the weather," Wells said. She also added that the reason to have the fair every year was for the students.

Another booth attendee and CSUSM member agreed with Wells. John L. Bowman Jr., College of Education outreach coordinator, said, "Despite the weather, it was a good turn-out."

Nevertheless, some booth attendees described the negative effect of the weather on the job fair. Special Agent Erika Foxworth and FBI recruiter said that the weather had "cut the career fair short" but that she

was looking forward to coming back again. Also, David Fogelson, Peace Corps regional recruiter, said jokingly, "Maybe if you guys can turn the temperature down a little bit," there would be more people at the fair.

The job fair, which took place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, gave opportunities and ideas to many looking for a job or internships in the near future. "I like the idea... I wouldn't know where to start [to find a job]," said Amy Nikhomvanh, a junior accounting major, of the opportunities that the fair gave her. Nikhomvanh also said that she didn't have

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## Nominations Due for Outstanding Professor Award

By GABRIEL MARTIN  
Pride Staff Writer

Nominations for the Harry E. Brakebill Award Outstanding Professor Award are due by this Thursday, May 1. This award is named after a founding member of the Cal State San Marcos foundation board and former CSU executive vice chancellor, Harry E. Brakebill. The award has been handed out since 1993, and has replaced the outstanding professor award. Eight professors have been nominated so far this year.

The award is given every October to a faculty member who has made exceptional contributions to their students, discipline, and community. The teacher's record as an educator is considered above anything else, but the creative quality of their teaching, their service to the campus and outside communities, and the quality of their outside research is also taken into consideration. Typically, around 11 professors compete for the award. The nominees will spend the summer compiling a dossier, which is reviewed by the selection committee before a winner is announced in October.

A teacher can be nominated by a present or former student or by a colleague. The only teachers who cannot be nominated are those who have received the award in the past or sit on the selection committee. The person who makes a recommendation has to write a letter to the academic senate office,

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experienced since Governor Gray Davis took office in 1999. The second number (28) is the percentage of revenue growth in the past four years. The final number (36) is the percentage of growth in spending since 1999. The rest of his explanation rested on the belief that spending has created this deficit and that cutting both spending and

taxes will rectify the debt.

Davis was subtly blamed for the deficit at times, but Hollingsworth's speech mostly was focused on the Democrats' favoring of tax increases, which he believes are not a solution to the problem.

Hollingsworth handed out the "Budget Briefs" of the

Senate Republican office in order to explain how the Republicans hope to bring California out of its deficit. The handout, generated Feb. 26 of this year, shows both the governor's proposed budget and Senate Republican budget proposal.

The focus of the handout was on the Republican's

table breaking down the current budget. The table deducted Indian gaming revenues that Davis has claimed will produce a disputed figure of 1.5 billion in the general fund, deferring the payment of the transportation loan, a cut in a majority of proposed tax increases

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her resume with her but that she was gathering information in order to know where to apply for a part-time job at a later time. Another student, senior Lizel Bacuetes, said, "I think it's good because there are a lot of people who really don't look for a job because they are too lazy to do it but since it's out here they can get a job now."

Agency representatives also talked about the annual event. "Every year we are planning to come here," said Masako Kawasaki-Trevino, community resource specialist of Interfaith Community Services. Fogelson, also said, "It's a good fair for us." Fogelson said that this was the first time he had been

out to the CSUSM fair but was happy because many students were interested in joining his organization as soon as possible.

Even though resumes were not being taken in the booth, one of the most visited tables during the fair was that of the FBI. Foxworth said that several hundred people had visited her that day. "I think that a lot of people, because of the state of

affairs, are becoming very interested in the federal government and serving their country," Foxworth said of her booth's popularity.

CSUSM colleges and offices also had their booths out. This was the case for admissions and records and the College of Education, represented by Heckman and Bowman, respectively. Heckman said of the fair, "It's an excellent idea. It serves Cal State San Marcos students and also it serves the community." Bowman was recruiting future teachers and said that regardless of the budget cuts right now, there were many schools being built, which might open up future opportunities.

The cold made some recruiters and students leave earlier than expected, as many tables were emptied before 4 p.m. At times, the wind even tried to take down some of the tents. Nevertheless, students and companies seemed to have done the best they could to withstand the weather.

According to Wells, for the past 11 years CSUSM has had a tradition of hosting a job fair for the students. The last four years have differed from this tradition, as the fair has been open to the general public.

Sponsors of this event were CSUSM, *North County Times*, Geico Direct, North County Inland and Coastal, Enterprise rent-a-car, and the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce. The *North County Times* posted an advertisement to the outside community. Each company attending the fair paid \$75 for its booth.

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for 2004, as well as a "Seven-percent Across-the-Board Reduction." The across-the-board reduction refers to a 7 percent decrease in spending overall that can be alleviated through any combination of programs funded by the state government, not 7 percent in each program. Hollingsworth did not identify any specific programs.

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## CSUSM Celebrates Cesar Chavez's Holiday Despite Budget Problems



Ballet Folklorico Nanahuatzin -Chavez's celebration. Staff photo by Martha Sarabia.

By MARTHA SARABIA,  
Lead Editor

Regardless of budget problems that almost ended the annual campus celebration, CSUSM commemorated the day of the famous farm workers' leader, Cesar Chavez. Exactly ten years after Chavez's death and taking advantage of the inauguration of his commemorative stamp from the United States Postal Service in Los Angeles, the campus event took place on April 23 outside of the Dome.

Late last November, there was a \$57,000 grant for the campus festivities. However, the CSUSM Cesar Chavez Commemoration Committee, made up of students and faculty, were notified on Dec. 4, 2002 that the grant had been cancelled because of the governor's budget cuts. Therefore, the plans for having different workshops in order to educate people about the farm workers' leader were cancelled. Regardless of this, the committee found a way to celebrate the day with a very limited budget.

Celia Martinez, MEChA (Movimiento estudiantil chicano de Aztlan) secretary, and Olga Martinez, MEChA Cesar Chavez representative, described the organization of the event. Olga, who attended the weekly meetings in order to coordinate the event, said that the celebration was not held on March 31, which is Chavez's state holiday, because "we were on spring break." Besides, she said that this day was chosen because of the stamp inauguration. Celia also said that "things were going to be different; we were going to have workshops." Also, there were plans to bring in elementary and high school students as they did last year.

Nevertheless, the organizers found a way to bring a ballet folklorico, speakers, and a mariachi, as well as food, in order to celebrate. The ballet folklorico performed for free; MEChA paid for the Aztec dancers. ASI paid for the food and the mariachi.

The celebration started at 5 p.m. with the Ballet Folklorico Nanahuatzin, which performed many Mexican traditional dances such as "el sinaloense." This ballet group included children as well as adults.

Then one of the presenters and Chavez' niece, Leticia Maldonado Stamos, presented "A Tribute to Cesar Chavez." She said that Chavez was not a Hispanic leader but a leader for everyone. "He had goals that were global, not limited by religion, race, or ethnicity," said Maldonado. She also talked about the power of Chavez, who was able to influence so many lives and made reference to the way that many people see Chavez, as "a common man with an uncommon vision."

Tim Bills, assistant dean of students received recognition for his support of the annual event from Maldonado. Maldonado emphasized the work that Bills has put into the organization of the annual celebration and gave him a copy of the newly inaugurated Chavez stamp. Bills later said, "I want to reinforce what one of the speakers said today: Cesar and his movement sought justice for all backgrounds, for everyone." Bills also emphasized the importance of Chavez's values, which include service to others, sacrifice, a preference to help the most needy, determination, non-violence, tolerance, respect for life, celebrating community, knowledge, and innovation.

Although Bills' position in the administration might change with the opening of campus housing in the fall, he said, "I'll always be involved with Cesar's celebration on campus." In fact, he has been involved with the three campus-wide Chavez's celebrations. He also added, "My view is that the campus should be a celebratory community and should celebrate different values and different cultures." In addition, according to Bills, there is an ongoing effort to have the grant reinstated for next year's event.

Mariachi del Sol completed the musical component of the event. The mariachi performed songs like *El rey*, *Ana Maria se fue a la playa*, and *Amor eterno* between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., there was a candle light vigil at the Chavez statue. Mario Aguilar was the master of ceremonies and there were readings by Silverio Haro, Edward Pohlert, and Joseph Cordero. During the 2-hour long vigil, there was also an Aztec dancing performance.

MEChA, ASI, the office of the dean of students, CSUSM arts and lecture series, and the San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee sponsored this event.

This week, as an extension of Chavez celebration, Dr. Richard Griswold del Castillo, professor of Chicana and Chicano studies at SDSU, as well as writer of many books about Mexican Americans, is presenting his lecture, titled "Reflections on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cesar Chavez' Passing." This event will take place on Wednesday, April 30 at 4 p.m. in Academic Hall, Room 102, and is sponsored by the arts and lecture series.



# CSUSM CONTEMPLATING PILOT PROGRAM

## President Gonzalez's Suggestions Concern Faculty

By GAIL TARANTINO  
News Editor

Amid the rumors and speculation that are circulating among the faculty, the CSUSM Academic Senate is in the process of seating a task force in order to examine President Alexander Gonzalez's dream of having a pilot program that would result in more innovative academic programs at CSUSM. Gonzalez's suggestions of changing three unit classes to four units and of eliminating upper division general education courses in an Academic Senate meeting last fall have led to concerns and apprehension among the faculty and their union, the California Faculty Association (CFA).

The "Pilot Campus Initiative Task Force" is not scheduled to address any specific academic or pedagogical changes until the fall of 2003, said John R. "Dick" Montanari, chair of the academic senate and professor of management in the college of business administration (CoBA).

Rumors on campus that the pilot program is seeking to eliminate the language requirement and to exclude CSUSM from the CSU system are untrue. "The pilot program was Gonzalez's idea in an attempt to develop a means for making this campus distinctive," Montanari explained, adding that academic programs and teaching philosophies are areas in which to accomplish this.

George Diehr, CFA president and professor of management science in the CoBA, said that "Gonzalez's goal is to increase the faculty teaching load," and "even though there has been pressure, faculty has been able to resist, however the recent budget prob-

lems are being used as an excuse to push it." Diehr reported, "Initial faculty interest in the pilot program has waned as [the faculty] think through the impacts on programs and workload."

Gonzalez's original suggestion did have budget implications according to Montanari, who said the suggestions "killed two birds with one stone," and added "the programs would make the school distinctive and help the budget situation."

Montanari acknowledged the faculty's resistance to the pilot program, but feels that is partly due to the misunderstanding of Gonzalez's suggestions. He explained that the suggestions "were just examples of the possible changes [that] the pilot program could make, and nothing more."

Montanari explained that the university has "permission from the chancellor's office to submit proposals that make us distinctive." He also said, "The faculty would have a strong impact, if not the determining impact on any proposals," because any changes to the curriculum would need faculty approval.

When asked if the pilot program and task force would continue since Gonzalez is leaving the university, Montanari said it's up to the new president, "If the new president doesn't want it, it won't continue." He is hopeful that after Gonzalez leaves CSUSM, the faculty might think it safer to examine the program and its possibilities.

The chancellor's office views the pilot program as a test and, if it is successful, a possible model for other campuses. But Diehr

says that once a program, which increases the faculty's workload, is established, the administration would be reluctant to have it discontinued.

Diehr explained that changing courses from three units to four would decrease the number of classes required for some degrees, but it does not decrease the total number of units required to graduate. The increase in class units would come from the elimination of the upper division general education (UDGE) courses. The nine UUDGE units would shift to the major courses.

Diehr also said that this suggestion is not meant to be applied uniformly because the CoBA already has four unit classes, so there is some question as to which colleges and departments would adapt this model.

According to Diehr, increasing classes from three to four units increases the workload for both faculty and students, and "for the extra unit to be meaningful the faculty must be involved."

Some faculty members are understandably nervous about proposals that eliminate classes because of the threat to their jobs. Diehr pointed out that the CSU system would save a lot of money if they could increase the faculty workload and not have to compensate them for it. He said that CSUSM already spends four to six million less on faculty compensation than the CSU campuses of Bakersfield, Sonoma and Stanislaus, which are comparable to CSUSM in budget and size.

When asked about the department application of class unit changes and losses in faculty

compensation, Montanari said that each department would make their own decisions and adjust its curriculum so courses would retain their value. He repeated that increasing classes to four units and eliminating the UUDGE were just suggestions, and that unless proposed by the task force, they are only topics for discussion.

Montanari added, "Since this is an academic institution, most of the things to make it distinctive have to do with education," and the "changes could be pedagogical and not necessarily have to involve increasing units or changing content."

Montanari believes that innovative and distinctive programs would help the university recruit students and faculty as well as attract funding. He says the goal of the pilot program is for CSUSM "to become more inclusive not exclusive."

The members of the pilot campus initiative task force are Spencer McWilliams, Keith Trujillo, Gabriela Sonntag, Peggy Kelly, Wenyuh Tsay, Wayne Aitken, Sharon Hamill, Richard Riehl, Robert Sheath and David Barsky. A vacancy for a representative from student affairs is in the process of being filled.

Once the task force is complete, they will take over and the academic senate waits for their proposals. Montanari personally supports the pilot program and is excited about the opportunity to make CSUSM the "school of choice" for students and faculty alike. However, before the task force can begin exploring pedagogical and academic changes, the concerns and questions of the faculty need to be assuaged.

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stating how they know the nominee, why they deserve the award, and if the nominator is a student, any classes they have taken with the nominee. They also should help the nominated teacher gather the letters of support they need, as it can be awkward for the nominee to solicit these on their own.

Occasionally, a teacher decides not to participate, due to the amount of work involved in compiling a dossier. The dossier, due by the first week of September, is the only thing the selection committee looks at while making its selection. It contains the nomination letter, a statement of the nominees' teaching philosophy, their curriculum, letters of support from colleagues and students, and evidence of their contributions as educators, professionals, and members of the community.

The selection committee was chosen through election in the academic senate this spring and is composed of one teacher from each CSUSM college, one part-time professor, one former winner of the Brakebill award, one librarian, one student representative from ASI, and one administrator. The members of the committee are not allowed to nominate anyone. They review the dossiers and make their recommendation to the president, who announces the winner to the campus community during the first week of October.

The university provides funds to award the winner. The amount has changed over the years; last year it was \$1500. The winner will also receive a wall plaque. All Brakebill recipients' portraits are hung in the first floor of Craven Hall. The portrait unveiling and presentation of the award are held at an official ceremony on campus.

## Cal State Cares Week Shows Local Support

By JARED THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) sponsored a clothing drive last week as a part of Cal State Cares week, a Cal State University system-wide attempt to show a collected effort in community outreach.

After four days of accepting charitable contributions in the Dome and the ASI office, approximately 600 articles of clothing were gathered from the CSUSM community, including students, faculty, and

staff. All clothing will go directly to needy families, and not to a profit based thrift store.

Although as of today, ASI has not decided on an exact destination for the clothes, ASI President Jocelyn Brown says

that ASI will promptly decide "where the clothes will go, depending on what type of clothes" were contributed. Brown continued, "[ASI] will be looking for local shelters, battered women's homes, etc...All clothes will go directly to people

in need, for free."

John Gehris, a third year psychology major, and a member of the ASI programming board, views the week as a success saying, "I would say we did pretty good considering...the weather wasn't real

conducive to donations."

For those students who did not see the event's advertising, whether in the Loop or the flyers that were posted and handed out the week prior to the event, or who did not want to contribute

because of the poor weather conditions, ASI assures that once a decision is made regarding the destination of the clothes, the information will be provided for any students who would like to make additional donations.

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# North County Supports Its Troops

By MEG EPPEL  
Pride Staff Writer

Living in San Diego County, it is hard to deny the absence of many of the troops that have been deployed to Iraq in the recent war. Just as hard to miss has been the large amount of support seen around the community. From yellow ribbons to entertainment venues, and even here at CSUSM, North County has been making an effort to support those who have put their lives on the line.

When the war began, a few patriots were at the gates of Camp Pendleton to offer their support daily. Dressed in red, white and blue, these citizens were at the gates of the base as early as dawn. They were there for about a week – an innovative method of

showing support.

Also on base, there have been many groups that have been focusing on assisting military families. One such group, *Career Focus*, has been working to find employment for the spouses of deployed servicemen. Another group, *Financial Management*, is providing information to balance budgets and consolidate debts. *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC) and the YMCA are helping to find daycare for the children, both on and off base and to provide further aid for the families. Also, *Military Outreach Ministries* is providing information on obtaining food, diapers and other necessities.

A local church in Fallbrook, Grace Baptist Church, had about

130 attendees, one-third of which are now deployed servicemen. The church keeps pictures of their servicemen on the walls of the sanctuary, and began a membership drive in order to invite people to a place to pray and find fellowship during the war. The families also bonded together to pray for their loved ones fighting in Iraq.

*B Clear*, a business based in San Diego, donated \$23,000 worth of its products to the troops to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar. The company produces effervescent vitamin supplements, an energy product that claims to prevent jet lag, refuel and rehydrate. The company also has set up a support system for the soldiers' families by donating the product to the families. *B Clear* is

also encouraging other companies to provide donations to the deployed troops or their families.

The arts of the county have tried to support the troops as well. The California Center for the Arts in Escondido has set up several programs in order to raise money to provide entertainment for the troops and their families. Ten percent of membership contributions received between April 8 and June 30 will be donated to provide free tickets for families of Camp Pendleton Marines. Arts can be a therapeutic release during a stressful time. Alejandra Mulhern, a Marine Corps spouse, said in a press release, "For those few hours that my children and I enjoy live artistic performances, our minds will be transported from our daily lives to a tranquil

time and place."

Here at CSUSM, there has also been a noticeable change. In many classes, at least one student has either had to withdraw because of deployment or has had a loved-one overseas. Last month, the campus veteran's association set up a table in order to send letters to the troops to show CSUSM's support.

This community has used a variety of ways to support the troops. Whether through group support or entertainment, the support has been felt both by the families and the troops themselves.

[The North County Times contributed to this article.]

## San Diego Blood Bank: May Blood Drives

By ARACELI CATALAN  
Pride Staff Writer

Now is the time to give back to the community and donate blood for those in need. In the time of war and blood shortages, donating blood is something vital and yet neglected; people do not realize that blood is needed nationwide and around the world. While all blood types are sought for donation, individuals who have the blood types of O+ and ABO blood types are most needed. "We hope civilians will

rise to the call of duty, to help both their military troops and other civilians who need blood," said affiliated Colonel Michael Fitzpatrick, director of the armed services blood program office, in a quote from the San Diego Blood Bank brochure.

CSUSM Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) will host the bi-annual San Diego Blood Bank blood drive, which will take place at CSUSM on Monday, May 5, and Thursday, May 8. The

location will be at the Dome parking lot near the disabled parking area between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Students and faculty are encouraged to come out and donate their blood for a worthy cause. "The process of blood donation is very safe. The decision to donate is usually harder than the action itself. Prospective blood donation candidates will fill out a quick, pre-screening application prior to the actual blood donation. The

SD Blood Bank will have qualified nurses guiding individuals through the pre-screening process, to see if candidates are qualified to donate blood," stated Glay E. Glay, the CSUSM coordinator of the blood drive and vice president of external affairs of ASI. Glay also noted, "one donation can save up to 3 lives!"

All prospective interested donors should be at least 17-years-old and weigh at least 110 lbs. Identification verification is needed prior

to donation. A mini physical examination is required with the pre-screening process. Following the passing of pre-screening, the actual drawing facility is set in a safe and sterile environment in the SD Blood Bank mobile bus. For more information about the blood drawing requirements, please refer to the San Diego blood bank website at:

[http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood\\_donors/requirements.php](http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood_donors/requirements.php).

Refreshments are

available after the blood donation and a limited edition of "Fearless" t-shirts will be given away to donors. Please contact Glay E. Glay at (760) 750-4996 in order to schedule an appointment, or come into Commons 203. Glay also commented, "The act of giving is more sacred than receiving. We should be selfless by reaching out to people in time of need. We are blessed with good health, so one pint of blood is a huge difference. It will save a life."

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made up of 15 Republicans and 25 Democrats. In order for a bill to pass, these proposals need the support of 27 senators. In the assembly, which is made up of 32 Republicans and 48 democrats, 57 votes are required to pass a bill.

After his 30-minute

speech, the senator opened the floor to questions. The questions ranged in subject from the Indian gaming revenue to the idea that Davis' re-election platform was based on a surplus that was later proven to not exist, and the effect of President George W. Bush's tax cuts on California.

Hollingsworth explained that federal laws prohibits the taxation of tribes without their consent, and that the tribes could not produce the 1.5 million dollars that Davis attributed to the Indian gaming revenue. Hollingsworth also said, "Davis went into office in

1999 with a record surplus and has turned it into a record deficit." He clarified that Davis did not claim to have a surplus in his re-election campaign, but that the state has had a surplus while he has been governor. Finally, Hollingsworth said, when discussing Bush's tax-cuts, that California would

have to follow the same movement and commented, "People will avoid tax increases, [and] a tax cut will generate jobs and spending revenues."

The "Budget Briefs" can be obtained at [www.republican.sen.ca.gov](http://www.republican.sen.ca.gov)

## University Police Help On-Line and On Campus

By JULIE MYRES  
Pride Staff Writer

The CSUSM university police department offers emergency information and reference material on-line. This website offers in-depth information on emergency planning and safety tips.

The university police department encourages students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to print out a copy of the campus emergency plan summary for quick reference during an emergency.

The emergency information can be found on [www.csusm.edu/police/](http://www.csusm.edu/police/). The website provides information on campus crime statistics, crime prevention tips, and contact information for the CSUSM university police department. Students can

find out more about the university police by talking to the on-duty officers as they patrol the campus, stopping by the police department building located just off of La Moree road at the very east end of campus property, or contacting them through their website.

Students can also contact the university police by phone, in person, or the "blue light" emergency phones. "Blue light" emergency phones throughout campus and in the parking lots are available for students in order to contact the police in times of emergency and/or when they witness a crime on campus. Phones in most classrooms and other buildings on campus are also available for contacting the university police. In an emergency, one should dial 911. For non-emergency needs, call 750-4567 or simply x4567 if using a campus phone.

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# Better Luck Tomorrow for Asians in Hollywood

By JULIE MYRES  
Pride Staff Writer

MTV Film's latest purchased project is a film about Asian over-achievers. There are no subtitles, no Kung Fu, no gang bangers, and no street racing in this film. The main characters are good-looking, popular, and Asian!

Director of *Better Luck Tomorrow*, Justin Lin, is the man behind the first Asian American independent film that has been acquired and distributed by a studio and MTV. MTV Films distributed this film, hoping to reach a broad demographic that can relate to the challenges that these young Asians face in the film.

The all-Asian cast created quite a stir at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2003 with a unique twist on the average Asian American character in films. A question that was brought up at the press conference after the viewing at Sundance was whether *Better Luck Tomorrow* (BLT) was racist or not. The answer is no! BLT is about people and their struggles through life and making the right decisions to progress their lives. Yes, the cast is Asian and it does not always portray Asians in a great light, but it does make the audience think, react, and realize

that no matter the skin color, culture, or background, we all have similar challenges, choices, and triumphs in life.

In an interview that Lin gave to a member of the press he stated, "Making an Asian American film is such a struggle because we can't even make it on a level playing field. People complain about low budget films. We don't even get to make low budget films. We only make films that are a fraction of low budget films. When I finished the BLT script and took it out, I got a great response. People were excited."

BLT is about a group of Asian American high school students who grow up in the middle American suburbs of southern California and struggle to achieve acceptance among their high school peers, achieve educational perfection, and progress successfully through their lives.

Each character in the film portrays a different personality characteristic to which nearly everyone can relate. Overachievement, social acceptance, perfection, success, and overcoming racial stereotyping in society are all portrayed and relate to humankind as a whole.



**Better Luck Tomorrow features an all-Asian cast.**  
Courtesy photo.

In response to the choice of an all-Asian cast Lin remarked, "they kept on coming back to me to ask me if I could change it to a Caucasian cast, or a Latino cast, or an African American cast. If I went with an African American cast, changed the ethnicity, I could easily have gotten seven figures. At least a budget of a few million dollars to make it. I wasn't tempted at all. Writing is so hard anyway. I didn't want to change it for the sake of money. Many of these investors were Asian Americans asking for the changes. That's when I first realized that film was such a clash between art and commerce."

The opening night showing in Mission Valley on Friday night

April 11, 2003 was attended by an amazing number of college students, who turned out to view this unique masterpiece. Students from UCSD, USD, SDSU, and CSUSM were in attendance. Karin Anna Cheung, the main actress, was outside the theater after our showing to sign autographs and answer questions about the film.

News reporter for KGTV channel 10, Lee Ann Kim, was also present at the Mission Valley opening, and in a brief interview stated, "*Better Luck Tomorrow* is more than just a film to me. As an Asian American, I personally feel I have much at stake with the success of this film because of the opportunities it could lead to for other Asian American stories and

artists. It's also a social movement that all Asian Americans can embrace. That movement is simply sending a strong message to Hollywood that stories by Asian Americans and featuring Asian Americans (without foreign accents and Kung Fu) are marketable and in-demand. It's been more than a decade that an all-Asian American film has come out in mainstream theaters, and so it's been that long that our community has had a chance to grab a 'piece of the Hollywood pie' that African Americans and Latinos have so successfully carved for themselves. And while some may see the characters of "BLT" as negative, I see them as honest and real. The story also forces us to think and talk about the state of American youth across color lines."

The show first opened in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco the weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003. It opened this past weekend in ten other U.S. locations including San Diego at AMC Mission Valley 20, and Madstone Theaters - Hazard Center. It is also playing at Edwards San Marcos Stadium 18. Check local movie listings for more theaters that are showing this film.

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# American Idol or America's Most Wanted

By GERALD JONES  
Pride Staff Writer

And then there were eight, after American Idol finalist Corey Clark was kicked off the show Monday, March 31. Clark is allegedly being accused of attacking his 15 year old sister in October 2002 and resisting arrest. When producers learned of his misdemeanor charge of battery and resisting arrest they made the decision to remove him from the show. The 22 year old Kansas native, "withheld information

about a prior arrest, which had it been known, might have affected his participation in the show," Fox stated. "The producers and the network feel that Corey's behavior warrants his disqualification."

The news was leaked to the press by a website called "The Smoking Gun," which stated that Clark was facing trial April 15, 2003 for assault and resisting arrest. The smoking gun website also released the not-so-pretty mug shots of American Idol final-

ist Trenyce who was arrested in 1999 for theft charges. However, Trenyce revealed her past charges with the producers of the show so it was not a big shock when the photos were released.

Each one of the finalists goes through an in-depth background check in order to alleviate this type of situation from happening. The finalists are required to disclose everything about their past - good or bad. Clark slipped through the cracks because of a typo. The police report that was

filed had misspelled his name, so when American Idol did the background check, nothing was discovered about his pending charges.

Clark is the third contestant to be removed from the show. American Idol favorite Frenchie Davis was given the boot for posing topless on a porno site that had photographs of underage girls. Jaered Andrews, one of the former 32 semifinalists, was kicked off when FOX learned of his arrest on assault charges

in connection with a bar fight in Pennsylvania that ended with a man being killed.

Hopefully this will be the last interruption of the finalists, because if it's not, they might have to start pulling contestants right out of the audience in order to keep the show rolling. At any rate "Junior Idol," the spin-off of American Idol premiering June 3, most likely won't have to deal with these types of situations, since the age range is 16 and under.

## Music Lyrics as a Medium

By JAMAL SCARLETT  
Pride Staff Writer

Neil Young wrote a song once about the true meaning of rock and roll. It went like this: "Hey, hey, my, my, rock and roll will never die! There is more to the picture than meets the eye." This song rings so clearly in the ears of our world, considering that many find their identity in the music they listen to. Whether it is hip hop, rock, country or metal, blatantly obvious or hidden behind a beat, music lyrics as a medium to our social condition has had an undeniable effect on the way we live today.

However, what comes to the surface when the lyrics that we hold so dear become dangerous and acted out? When violent lyrical content's relationship to violent behavior creates such uproar, why do we put defunct laws in place and think we have done everything in our power?

Yet, kids as young as 5 and 6 years old are showing up to school with guns in their lunch pails. Many rant and rave, not knowing where this type of behavior comes from. It is unabashedly clear that the lyrical content in many of the songs we listen to puts our society at risk. Furthermore, radio stations are keen to understand this concept and to capitalize on the vulnerability of young listeners. Guitar guru Jimmy Hendrix once stated in a Life magazine article, "You hypnotize people and when you get them at their weakest point, we can preach into their subconscious what we want to say."

This being said, the effect of music lyrics are the medium for our actions as the brain is to the mind. Like the brain, lyrics are a physical apparatus. And like the mind, a medium is a use to which a physical apparatus is applied. In addition, the lyrical content becomes a medium as it employs a certain symbol or code (money, power, respect), as it finds its place in a particular social setting.

What is being transmitted to the masses through this medium gives witness to why much of everything is falling apart. The social construction of the family, our relationships, meanings of love, moral reasoning... where has it all gone? Since the 1960's, we have seen violence, teen pregnancy, and drug use escalate in the United States. Currently there are over 190,000 teen pregnancies each year. Over 10 million teens have tried cocaine, and there has been a 1,740 percent increase in knife or gun wound treatment at hospitals among teens.

With the assistance of media, music, and its lyrical content, these factors are not reviled, but accepted and practiced. Videos have become more and more deadly because they are created for youth and for the appetites of youth. They are produced with the most advanced technological eye-grabbers that weave in the current motifs of sex, anger, and rebellion against schools, parents and police.

The events at Columbine High School are a great example of how the lyrics of music affect listeners. Police reports show us Dylan Kliebold, before opening fire, was listening to a song by Ramstein that described going into a schoolyard and killing students. The song, "Weisses Fleisch (White Flesh) goes as follows:

"You in the schoolyard I'm ready to kill  
I hurt you and you cry out loud  
Now you're afraid and I'm ready  
My black blood soils your dress  
I'm getting more and more excited by your screams  
...hails into my sick brain  
now you're afraid and now I'm ready!  
My sick being screams for redemption  
Your white flesh becomes my scaffold  
There's no god in my heaven!"

When asked about their song having such of an effect on Kliebold, Ramstein stated, "There is no lyrical content that could possibly cause this behavior."

Nevertheless, if we disregard the lyrical captivation by the music industry, we appear to be left with the irrefutable fact that such language in music allows us to be increasingly primitive, fragmented, and largely aimed at invoking a visceral response. Plato once wrote about this, stating, "through foolishness they, the people, deceived themselves into thinking that there was no right or wrong in music, that it was to be judged good or bad by the pleasure it gave... a spirit of lawbreaking!"

## We Don't Care Who Men Are, We Care What They Do

By SARA COLBRESE  
Pride Staff Writer

Among a homey sofa, padded chair, and modest end table stood a solitary man with something to say. "We don't care who men are, we care about what they do," stated an ambitious Chris Kilmartin, the author and performer of "Crimes Against Nature," who took the stage of the Arts building last Tuesday evening in front of an almost full house of eager and enthusiastic spectators.

One hour and thirty minutes of honesty and hysteria portrayed Kilmartin's message loud and clear: "My goal is to give the audience an intellectual and emotional language for understanding the cultural pressures of masculinity and to leave them with an awareness that they can resist those pressures if it's important to them," mentioned Kilmartin.

Kilmartin energetically lead his audience on a personal journey through his life in order to drive home his message about the overall façade of "the masculine self" into the hearts and minds of his audience. His hysterical and emotional scenarios went from scenes about creeping through "Old man Hippensteel's" garage, only to find porn magazines in a cardboard box, to his best friend getting his first "ultimate sexual favor," to

his mother telling him to "join the army" because "it will make a man out of you." Kilmartin chooses to use this rhetorical device because he believes that "story telling is one way to make sense of our lives...I cannot tell your story for you, but maybe if I tell mine in a certain way, it helps you to tell yours in a different, perhaps more meaningful way."

Kilmartin followed these scenes with emotionally charged commentary that challenged the orthodox views of "maleness," such as how his mother had never told his sister to "go join a bake sale" because it would "make a woman out of her" as well as the utter ridiculousness of nude female models wearing high heels while naked.

The event was a part of CSUSM's "Health Awareness Month" and was supported by many organizations on campus, including Student Health Services, the Office of Student Affairs, University Police, Student Residential Life, and PEAS (Peer Education And Support). A table outside was littered with educational advice for the taking; including everything from "what to do if you're raped" pamphlets to "super door stop alarms" that function when wedged under the door to sound an alarm if an intruder attempts to enter.

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# Protestors DO Support Their Troops

By MEG EPPEL  
Pride Staff Writer

Since the Bush administration began to work toward a war in Iraq, there have been numerous protests against the war. The protestors have claimed that peace is the route to be taken. They have done this a variety of ways including the traditional peace walks and demonstrations but also through emailing Congress representatives and spreading the word about peace through concerts, flyers and emails. Many of these actions have stressed supporting peace. However, protestors have constantly been stereotyped as hating America and being against

the troops.

Each protestor has his or her own motivation for wanting peace and many have other interests, such as being active in other groups that are not necessarily peace motivated. Some may not like America and may not support the troops. But a large majority of protestors, especially in San Diego, do not share that opinion. The protestors believe that peace is the best possible way to support the troops, but those who are pro war believe that the protestors are against the troops.

In the San Diego area, it is difficult not to know a person in the military.

We all have friends and family who are serving and many us know of someone fighting in Iraq. Claiming that protestors do not support the military is ignorance.

America is privileged because it is protected by an armed force that consists of volunteers, not draftees. Therefore our troops have chosen to protect our nation. Protestors understand that, and they also support a country that does not invoke a draft. It is also understood that a military is needed in order to protect our country, and at the right time, to fight wars. Protestors do not want the troops to suffer,

therefore they support the troops when they protest a war.

It is as though the country is suffering from the opinion held during Vietnam. It is true that servicemen who fought in Vietnam returned home to protestors who spat at their service and treated them without respect, often in a very cruel manner. It is even sadder when many of those in the service during Vietnam were drafted and were not able to make the decision to join the military, and yet were still treated inhumanely. However, we are not fighting in Vietnam and it is thirty years later.

It also should be

recognized that veterans receive little aid and it diminishes as time goes by. There are ample examples of this limited aid. One is that veterans, for the past century, have had to pay for their disability benefits without government aid. Veterans also wait, on average, seven months for an appointment with their primary care physician. These are real issues. What kind of reward is that for men and women who volunteer to risk their lives for this country?

The protestors have tried to show that they support the troops while they oppose the war itself. In an article published in *Alternet.org*,

author David Lynch writes, "Both pro- and anti-war activists seem to agree that we need to support our soldiers. However, the two sides disagree on the best way to do it." It is unfair for the protestors to accuse the administration and pro-war activists of false behaviors and actions and it is equally wrong to accuse protestors of not supporting their troops.

Protesting the war does not equate hating this country. A large number of protestors realize that this country enables them to protest. Protesting the war also does not equate a lack of support for the troops.

## Where's The Booze?: Part 3 The Opinion

By DAVE WERTH  
Pride Staff Writer

It provides me with much needed relief to finally have the chance to voice my opinion on the topic of CSUSM lacking a pub. After going to great lengths to report my findings in a fair and balanced manner, I felt that it would only be fair to express my own feelings on the subject. It is my opinion that there most certainly should be a pub or alcohol licensed restaurant at CSUSM.

I believe that there is a growing desire among the student body to make San Marcos a more social and desirable place to obtain a degree. With the

emergence of fraternities, sororities, clubs, and now with the completion of the new student housing, it is obvious that CSUSM is blossoming into a prepubescent social being. CSUSM is slowly straying away from being classified as a commuter school, and is taking its place along side other established schools. Through this metamorphosis, I feel that there needs to be changes that cater to the desires of the student body, and not solely to the infrastructure of the institution.

Many students are likely to argue that a pub would not foster a positive tradition, nor promote a healthy social environment.

For some, a negative impression that a pub may make on the community, is of concern, while others simply just don't want a pub. It would be ignorant for me not to take these opinions into consideration, but ultimately, I would have to argue that I see it quite differently.

Growing up in Canada, for the better half of nineteen years, it is remarkable to me that alcohol provokes such a grand level of uneasiness among many Americans. Respectively, it is understandable that many people have had unpleasant experiences with it, on a number of different levels. However, at almost every university

campus that I have visited in Canada, there is at least one pub, or place, where the students can get an alcoholic beverage. These pubs and restaurants are great places that promote a wonderful degree of student and faculty interaction. Quite often these pubs are historic, and are home to the traditions of the school. In direct contrast, CSUSM has *The Dome* – a fairly stark haven for weary students that serves mediocre food and supplies a miniscule level of comfort.

I have a lot of pride in being a student here at CSUSM, and I believe that this is a great school with great potential. However, even with the incredible

growth rate of this school, I feel that there is a certain level of apprehension to move forward, and a sheltering of the student body. At 23 years of age, I am not looking to be sheltered or made aware of the dangers of drinking by the school. I understand that the school is committed to helping students make healthy choices, and does not want to promote alcohol abuse to its students.

In a previous interview, Jonathan Poullard made it explicitly clear that revenue from a pub would not aid in the lowering of tuition, parking fees, or book prices. However, I feel that is not unreasonable to suggest that the financial infrastructure

of a future pub could be built with the intention that a percentage of the pub's profit be put toward the building of a parking structure, or toward offering students a larger amount of money for their buyback books. Although it has been made clear to me that this is not how financial matters of CSUSM work currently, I rebut and say, if the pub isn't built yet, then why not make it that way? A pub would not become a "cash cow" for the school, but more so a way for the school to make money at the will of students, instead of in protest.

## Food for Thought

By JOY WHITMAN  
For *The Pride*

I have had a huge lesson in humility and introspection over the past few weeks. Also, with Earth Day having just passed, I have been thinking about a way in which I can help make a difference for the health of the environment. I have been using the public transportation system to get to and from school and walking to work. My car took its last plummet into total despair recently, and since I am independent from any financial support from parents and am not exactly tight with my wealthier friends, it may be a while before taking the big leap into buying or leasing another one. In the meantime, the bus, walking, and getting rides

from friends have been my alternative options.

As a result of this, I have experienced these bursts of inspiration to turn my misfortune into something positive. Like most students, I carry a full class load, work two jobs and try to maintain a decent social life at the same time. In no way am I complaining; my life is cake compared to others who don't even have these options. Although it has been an inconvenience for me, what has struck me the most about being in this situation is my realization of how dependent southern California is on vehicles.

Being a native of this area myself, I know that driving a car is the number one method of transportation to get where we all need to go.

I have found this desperation to be rather disgusting actually. For example, I consider myself and most people, fairly level headed but I never knew I had such a temper until I discovered road rage, and believe me; it exists somewhat in all of us. It scares me that both others and myself can become such terrible people on the road and then get behind the wheel of such heavy machinery. Oh- and then there's TRAFFIC issues, which you do not even want to get me rampaging on because I won't shut up about it.

However, my argument lies more so in the economic sense of the matter. In order to make it more effective, I have chosen to highlight the realities of driving a car. First and foremost, it's

expensive. Right now, I think it's safe to say that the average price of gasoline is \$2.00 per gallon for 87-octane fuel, which is the lowest level you can put into your car. For a 12-gallon tank, you're looking at paying about \$24 to fill it up. For all of you SUV owners out there, you are going to be paying more like \$60 for a 30-gallon tank. Now, I am not knocking SUV's because I think they are really hot looking rides but that HAS to hurt when you pull out that hard earned cash or credit card that has you paying more interest than the actual gas.

Also, you have to take into account that driving without insurance is against the law. For all you guys out there who have to pay more simply because of

the statistics that work against you, like getting more tickets and into more accidents than women; that sucks for you.

Then you have registration and maintenance. Registration in California also happens to be one of the most expensive around. In order to keep cars in good and safe working condition, one must maintain them, every 3 months or 3,000 miles, then you have your 30, 60 and 90K maintenance, tire rotations, new tires, if necessary, making small or large repairs because machinery goes wrong from time to time, despite regular maintenance, smog checks every year, and then everything in between.

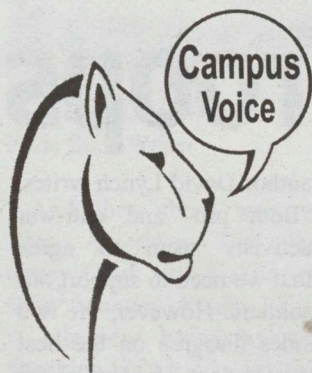
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"chrome" out your cars and do all that body work to keep that ever popular southern California "image" in check, you're spending even more money-whether you can do it yourself or whether you have someone to do it for you. Again, I'm not knocking any of you who do; it's simply a statement.

Now, I realize that many of you have very taxing schedules that require you to be extremely mobile and you cannot rely on something like the bus schedule to get you where you need to be on time. Also, I know that many of your commutes are longer than mine, which do not allow you to take a bus, walk, skate or bike to

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## POSSIBILITY OF LOSING THE PRIDE

Dear *Pride* Editors and Staff:

I am deeply upset about the possibility of losing *The Pride*. It disgusts me that *The Pride* is being oppressed and stifled—and may even be forced out of publication—under the guise of “budget cuts.” It is time we, the students, start having a voice in the priorities of Cal State San Marcos. Imagine, a student body impacting policy? One might think I was crazy just for suggesting it. The sad reality is that the administration of CSUSM has no interest in the student body, except as customers to be coddled. I am here to get an education and to be exposed to ideas and free thinking – and a student newspaper is the very lifeblood of such a campus-wide exchange of ideas.

So I say shame on the administration of CSUSM! To put it in language they might understand: this customer is *most* displeased. I am displeased that the last vestige of written communication on this campus is being bureaucratized to death. I am displeased that the administration considers *The Pride* no better than a

newsletter—how insulting! And I am displeased that I am supposed to accept my powerless position, indeed that we *all* are; that there is little to nothing we can do about it.

A student newspaper should be able to operate with impunity. The concept of a free press was easy for our forefathers to understand, why does the administration feel they have a duty to impose their narrow perspective and questionable ideals on the only outlet for free expression on this campus? You can't even post flyers at CSUSM without approval. I will stand for such repression no longer, not when it threatens a student run newspaper.

So I here pledge to *The Pride* and to the administration of CSUSM that I will respond to the termination of this vital, necessary student newspaper with all my power. Should *The Pride* be forced out of print, I will organize a walk-out and/or a protest on school property, and I will advertise such actions and encourage other students to participate. I will contact all local news media and tell them of our struggle, and I will invite them to report on our protest—it will make a story I am sure will hold the interest of the residents of San Marcos and indeed the San Diego community at large. I will write letters to the editors of all the major newspapers in the San Diego area. If such actions fail due to the summer break, I will reen-gage them in the fall.

I came to this school eager to participate in a meaning-

ful way. It is a shame I may be forced to create such a stink over something that should never be considered in the first place: ending a school published newspaper. I feel a great deal of loyalty to both CSUSM and my fellow students, and it is for this reason that I am determined to SAVE THE PRIDE!

Robert Woerheide  
Junior, Literature and Writing Studies

## SHAWN STEEL GETS BUSTED AT USC

Dear editors,

As a thinking member of society and student at CSUSM, I was shocked at the comments by the College Republican's choice of speakers, Mr. Shawn Steel. They were pretty extreme and conspiratorial.

After visiting our campus he spoke at a “pro-war” rally at the campus of USC. During his speech he said “The Islamic community has a cancer growing inside it, which hates Jews, hates freedom, and hates western society...The disease of Islam must be rectified. Its kill or be killed.” [www.commondreams.org/news2003/0415-08.htm](http://www.commondreams.org/news2003/0415-08.htm)

His comments were so inflammatory that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-CA) called on GOP leaders to repudiate his comments. Are these really the comments from an ex-lawyer and former chairman of

California's Republican party? His persona reminds me of David Duke and his intellect of Rush Limbaugh. His selection to speak at our campus does a disservice to College Republicans and brings shame to our campus.

In the end though, I can sleep well knowing, that throughout his ENTIRE tirade, I gave him a patriotic salute consisting of my middle finger standing at attention.

Shawn Harris  
Senior, History

## CONFLICTING VIEWS

Mr. Black,

What took you so long? I haven't written to *The Pride* in over a month. Obviously, you and I have totally different definitions of terrorism. It seems like you think anytime the U.S. gets involved in a conflict it is “Terrorism.” But I say: Deliberately attacking civilian/noncombatants to achieve one's socio-political goals = terrorism. And THAT is something we neither do nor sponsor. I don't like repeating myself, but as I said before, we sometimes sponsor hired guns in other countries to fight for our interests, that we don't think warrant American lives on the line. But our government does not tell them to take down civilians – as you might think.

In addition, you failed to answer my question, “When have the Israelis strapped a ticking bomb to a 10 year-old's chest before sending him/her into a crowded market?” You must understand the huge difference between terror victims and collateral damage victims. When Israel targets INDIVIDUALS who orchestrate suicide bombings, a problem arises that you fail to acknowledge: The way puppet masters of terrorist groups deliberately use civilians as human shields in hopes that we Israelis (and the U.S) won't come after them. Saddam did the same thing by putting his anti-aircraft missiles next to schools and hospitals.

He also put chemical weapons labs directly below mosques and schools, so he could ridiculously claim 400 kids were killed when our forces destroyed them. Fortunately, highly intelligent media figures like Roger Hegdecock explain the errors of people like Saul Landau whom you love so much. But then, whenever civilians do get caught in the crossfire, you automatically blame America. Even more amazing, is that you believe Saddam really planned to disarm.

You quoted Scott Ritter, saying that Iraq had disarmed to a level “unprecedented in modern history.” Well then why didn't Saddam show everything publicly? All he had to do was present his WMDs to the world – which HE agreed not to have – back in 91', and thus avoid getting toppled. Keep in mind

too, that he had 12 years and 17 UN resolutions to do this...and you still think peace never had a chance? Also, don't trust the UN these days. Any organization with Iraq heading the Disarmament Committee, and Libya heading the Human Rights Committee, has some real knuckleheads making key decisions...like the French. Furthermore, Saddam is gone now, and it makes me sad that you don't celebrate that. And as far as the economy goes, you failed to acknowledge that things started going south towards the end of 2000 (when Bubba was still in office).

Also, recovering from 9-11 doesn't happen overnight either. But I bet even you will be happy when gas prices start going down. And one more thing, don't worry about my veteran benefits. Plenty of your tax dollars are still going into my pocket, which pay me to be here. And now to the readers: I think this is getting old too, but I had to set the record straight.

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“They were really into it,” commented audience member Ashley Moses “you could tell these people were really dedicated to this cause.” “I thought it went very well,” commented Kilmartin, “especially considering that it's a commuter school and people had to come back in the evening to see it.” Commuter school or not, the mass of people cluttered around the display of cookies, brownies, and coffee at the entrance of the theater suggested much appreciation and engagement with the subject. “It was a very responsive audience,” said Kilmartin.

Although the majority of the audience seemed overly joyful and accepting of Kilmartin's performance, he warns that this is not always the case. People “sometimes say it's male bashing and disrespectful to them,” but to such comments Kilmartin's general response is “I don't want to take your choices away from you, but I do want

your choices to be conscious ones rather than merely going with the program.”

Overall, the evening was a success. Kilmartin mentioned that, “Despite the fact that I was very tired from traveling all day, I felt very energized by the audience.” The constant uproar of laughter and utter hysteria on the audience's part suggested that they felt the same about Kilmartin's performance. Heads shook in personal testament and hands covered blushing cheeks, all in unison and all in recognition of the honesty in which Kilmartin made his point. “I was leery at first when my girlfriend asked me to attend, especially as it was later in the evening,” said Moses, “but I left feeling refreshed and informed, he made some really valid and funny points about growing up as a guy.”

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work. I might have an internship over the summer in downtown San Diego that might require me to rethink my entire system right now, but, until then, I will do what I can.

Therefore, I am simply *asking* you to think about just what you need your car for. Think about if it's all that necessary to drive your car to the store up the street if you only need a few items. Can you wait until the following day when you have more time to do all you errands in one trip? Can you walk to the beach, to work, or to get your Starbucks fix? Do you know somebody that you can carpool with or that can carpool with you? For all of us (myself included) that have griped and complained about that parking fee increase, which will not be decreasing in the near future: think of the money you could save if you could use another method of transportation, or if there was someone helping you out with the cost.

Walking is going to keep me in great shape and since a huge criticism of the U.S. is our growing obesity problem, compared to that of Europe, you might think twice about getting in that car to go to the next corner where Burger King, McDonald's, Taco Bell and KFC and more all wait for your return. I am also put at a little more at ease knowing that I am doing what I can to help eliminate extra carbon monoxide and other dangerous pollutants into the atmosphere by being one less vehicle on the road.

I am in no way intending to preach and if I have made any untrue statements or judgments, by all means, let me know. These are just some things that I have noticed and that I wanted to make a social comment on. So since Earth Day was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April this year and you are all reading this after the fact, let this be a reinforcement that awareness begins every morning you wake up and try to do what you can **everyday**.