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CSUSM announces
this year's
Brakebill Award
recipient
CoBA Professor Jorjani
receives coveted award



BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
News Editor

On Nov. 18, the Office of the President announced Dr. Soheila Jorjani as the 2008-09 recipient of the Harry E. Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award, the highest award the university can present to a professor.

Jorjani is a professor of the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management in the College of Business Administration. CSUSM President Karen Haynes awarded Jorjani based upon recommendation of the Faculty Awards Committee.

In a letter from the President, Haynes states, "Dr. Jorjani exemplifies the true spirit of the Brakebill Award; she is an extraordinary faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to her students, to her academic discipline, and to our campus community. In every aspect of her 16-year career at Cal State San Marcos, she has shown tremendous dedication to academic excellence, and she has been an inspiration to her students and her colleagues alike."

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December, 01 2008 CSUSM honors World AIDS day



Above: CSUSM community holds candle light vigil at the foot of Chavez stairs monday night.

Photos by Jackie Carbajal



President welcomes open forum with students and faculty

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

The President's Student Open Forum occurs today, Dec. 2, during University Hour in the President's Boardroom in Craven Hall 5302. The forum opens the floor to all students. Students can ask any question and receive a direct response from President Haynes.

"I think ASI and students in general should attend the student open forum. These are the meetings where [students] can really learn something from the president and [students] can also teach her what campus life looks like

from [their] perspective," said Professor of Education and Chair of the Academic Senate Janet McDaniel.

The President's Faculty Open Forum occurs Thursday, Dec. 4, during University Hour in Markstein Hall 101. The forum takes place twice each semester. Similar to the President's Student Open Forum, the President's Faculty Open Forum opens the floor to all faculty members. Faculty members can ask President Haynes specific or broad questions and expect an immediate

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MIS Society holds first meeting at CSUSM Ground breaking meeting draws over 60 students

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

The first MIS Society meeting occurred this past Tuesday, Nov. 25 in Markstein 125. The meeting began at 6 PM and lasted until 7:30 PM with over 60 students and many faculty members attended the event.

Many firsts occurred for the College of Business Administration for the fall semester. This semester CoBA dropped the High Technology Management major option and added the Manage-

ment Information System major option. Some colleges have both HTM and MIS options while others have either or. The introduction of the new CoBA MIS major option quickly brought about the MIS Society.

MIS Society is similar to Accounting Society but deals with only MIS related information and content. The newly registered student organization intends to enable networking amongst students and MIS related organizations outside

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Bill of Rights The AFI awards are ridiculous

BY BILL RHEIN
Pride Staff Writer



The American Film Institute is an independent non-profit organization working to promote filmmaking and preserving film history.

Its charity work and education programs are commendable.

One of their biggest promotions is their yearly list of the 100 best films in a category. They also distribute honors on a yearly basis to what they consider the best films of the year. Though they do good work, these lists are a joke.

Since the AFI only focuses on the preservation and celebration of 'American' film, they are fundamentally prejudiced. Though the Academy Awards are as bad by often picking American film as the Best Picture, they at least

consider foreign films. The AFI loses credibility by only focusing on American films.

In 1997 and 2007, they released a list titled "100 Years, 100 Movies," which claimed to be a list of, "The 100 greatest movies of all time," according to their website. If they only

focus on American films, this certainly cannot be the definitive list. Though American filmmakers have produced some masterpieces, foreign films deserve recognition.

There are countless examples of foreign films that have influenced American works. One of the AFI's seemingly favorite films is "Star Wars." It appears on their list of 100 greatest films, and is second on their list of great Science Fiction films. Yet, they never mention the influences of samurai films by Akira Kurosawa.

They never have been able to

clearly define the ambiguous term 'American film'. It is confusing why some films are recognized and not others. There seems to be no reason involved in naming a film 'American.'

For example, in 2006, they awarded United 93 as one of the best films of the year. Yet, a British director, Paul Greengrass, made it. This year they awarded The Lord of the Rings as one of the best fantasy films, but American Peter Jackson made it in New Zealand. Therefore, it must not be the director or location.

This works until one considers The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. It was set in America and stars film star Clint Eastwood, and directed by Italian Sergio Leone. Though it is a majority of critic consider it one of the best films ever made, the AFI have never recognized it.

Though they do commendable work restoring film and inspiring youth, parts of the American

Film Institute are flawed. They fail to recognize foreign films despite how great they are or the influence they have had. Amidst this unfairness, they unreasonably award some films and not others. A film institute should give merit to a film based on quality, not on where the director is from or studio is located.



Photo courtesy of AFI.com

Goodbye from the Editor-In-Chief

BY VIRIDIANA PACHECO-ISAAC
Editor-In-Chief

The first thing I did when I first set foot on this campus—aside from locating where the good coffee was—was look for the campus paper. I was intrigued when I first set foot in The Pride's office, eager to participate, but I never imagined I would one day have the

pleasure to lead it. It has been a great and rewarding experience, but like any leadership role it has come with its share of bumps along the road. However, despite the stress of being in a leadership role, I am and will always be ever grateful for the journey that has been filled with learning, not just about the tasks at hand, but about myself and dealing with the people around me.

I would like to thank the editorial staffs who have come through the door of the Pride, who each and every weekend spend their time making sure the paper is presentable to our readers. To Ben, my managing editor with whom I butted heads from time to time and with whom I engaged in long and heated discussions about content, thanks. You never let me down, just as I figured you wouldn't. While it

is assumed that the hardest job in a paper is that of the Editor-In-Chief, it is not. It is the day to day editors, writers, cartoonists, photographers and sales representatives who truly make the organization function, and I thank you for all your hard work.

Now it is time for me to move on, and allow for other leaders to experience this wonderful journey. I wish you all the best.

Black Friday Holiday commercialization defined

BY KIRA LYONS
Pride Staff Writer

It is no secret that in the past few years holiday commercialization has reached its peak. It seems that the day after Halloween, Christmas decorations go up in stores and T.V. commercials start showing advertisements of the latest and greatest things to buy. Is the materialism of it all ruining the holiday season?

The answer to this question is a resounding yes. These days, everyone seems to be so wrapped up with gift giving and receiving

that they have lost the true spirit of the holidays.

No later than the day after Halloween, the T.V. is inundated by advertising from different stores. These ads insinuate that their product is the gift that you need to buy for that special person if you truly love him or her. Kay Jewelers exhibits this idea to a tee with their famous slogan, "Every kiss begins with Kay."

The most compelling example of holiday materialism is the morning after Thanksgiving; now starting as early as

3 a.m. Stores open their doors for the annual tradition known as "Black Friday." During this annual frenzy, stores offer a variety of sales and clearances on an array of products. On Thanksgiving, people spend the day with their family attempting to bond over food, football, and other family traditions. The next day, people wake up at the crack of dawn (or in some cases dawn has yet to arrive) to wait in line in front of a store, with the idea that they will get "more bang for their buck."

This thought process most

exhibits materialism, as people cut time short with their family and go to bed early in order that they can wake up the next day to buy things. While I do think that people buy presents out of love, I do remember a time where the best part of the season was getting a Christmas tree and decorating it with my family, while listening to Christmas carols over the radio.

I think it's about time for the true spirit of the Holidays to find its way back into everyone's home and for materialism to start making its way out.

Holiday humbug The heart of the matter

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

There is a lot of speculation about the economy and the holidays. Families and corporations fear the worse. From Google News to the North County Times, headlines are lining the pages with grim news and even more grim news about the current financial crisis. Looking at the holidays from the surface, most people think it will be miserable. Let us dig deeper, shall we? A lot

deeper. You might want to get on your work boots and safety goggles.

The holidays in their purest form, regardless of the holidays you celebrate or do not, revolve around spending time with your families, loved ones, and friends. Of course, spending money is also associated with holidays. However, money is not the source of the enjoyment and pleasure that holidays generate: the real feelings, the true feelings, the meaningful feelings. We have reached 2,000 feet. Keep digging.

When you look back on past holidays, what do you see? What do you feel? What do you think?

I remember the times that I have spent with my family. I remember waking up early and eating a generous portion of my mom's French toast and scrambled eggs with my brother. I remember gathering with my family and pets. I think about the times I spent watching old holiday movies at my nana's house eating her freshly made bread. I remember the time I woke up on Dec. 24th in Atlanta, Georgia, in my dad's house, and

was in San Diego, California, at my mom's house by night fall. We have not hit the bottom yet. Keep digging.

So I say to all of the naysayers, who say the holidays are going to be miserable because America does not have the money. Money was never the key ingredient anyway. Spending time with others is what was always and will always be important. We have reached pay dirt. Ba humbug I say to them, and to you, I say enjoy the holidays and be thankful for your families, loved ones, and friends.

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Budget-less students

CSU unfairly cuts future student enrollment

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Pride Staff Writer

It is no secret that our economy has fallen ill. The illness has spread to the banks, the automakers and now hitting closer to home, the CSU school system.

Chancellor Reed made recent headlines with the astonishing news that the CSU school system will be turning away approximately 10,000 eligible students for fall 2009 enrollment at all 23 campuses across the state due to overcrowding and insufficient funding, approved by the Board of Trustees, policy Title 5, Article 2.

Significant budget cuts have negatively impacted students' college experience. Currently, CSUSM and now Chancellor Reed's deci-

sion to give back \$31.3 million of the school's budget in the response to a Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's request to cut state budgets has students wondering if there is a chance they will receive a bailout.

As a recent transfer student to CSUSM, this news makes me greatly appreciative of my enrollment spot here and I can't help but think that it is extremely unfair to the new wave of recent high school graduates and transfer students that meet the academic requirements to be refused admission due to economic pressures.

"We cannot continue to admit more and more students with less and less money. Class sizes have increased, workload [for faculty] has increased, and services have gone down," said Chancellor Reed.

"Applications to attend CSU for fall 2009 are up 20 percent over one year ago. With no increase in state funding during the past two years, the pros-

pect

will be able to increase funding next year, the CSU must manage its enrollment down to its funded level to protect the quality of instruction for students," said the Chancellor's office of Public Affairs in a recent press release.

In a national financial crisis, secure jobs are scarce and the importance of higher education becomes a sought-after valued asset. Refusing eligible students in these times seems cruel and heartless.

But maybe, the ultimate price of our education will suffer if there is no change implicated to adapt to the current slumping finances of the CSU system.

The lack of budget has influenced CSUSM in a negative way. As if a college student's life isn't difficult enough with work, paying rent, and

trying to register for classes, now he must deal with the evident suffering of the CSU system.

Science labs were cut even when the class was already full and had wait listed students. Overall, fewer classes are offered, making it very difficult for graduating seniors to complete their last units.

A recent rumor has been mentioned that the number of faculty copiers has been limited, urging teachers to tell their students to print out class handouts at home rather than having teachers provide them in class.

Adapting to these changes is a necessity for the success of current students, but I believe a financial reform is needed before the refusing admittance to eligible, ambitious students.



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of deeper mid-year cuts and no expectation that the state

Farewell from the Managing Editor

BY BEN ROFFEE
Managing Editor

Dear Readers,

As we approach the end of the semester and the Pride's operations wind to a close, we are called upon to reflect on the events and stories that have come to define this past semester. In

just a few short months, our country seemed in quite a rush to make history and CSUSM definitely acted in part. Over the course of this brief span of time I have had the distinct honor and privilege of being a part of a team dedicated to reporting on this historic period through the perspective of a college campus.

Even with all of the passion for journalism in the world, it is impossible to have a successful paper without chemistry in the newsroom. The editors and staff here at the Pride are as much my colleagues as they are my friends, and without their support and comical distractions I doubt I could have ever kept my

sanity. There is no other group of people I can think of that I'd rather spend the countless frustrated and weary hours with than with the people I've been fortunate to call my coworkers for the last year and a half. Their tireless dedication to keeping this ship afloat deserves much more thanks than I can give and

should command the respect of all of you. A special thanks goes out to Viri, who filled some big shoes and taught me more than I could ever want to know about this craft. It is likely that I won't serve as an editor, but you can still expect to see me floating around the Pride. See you next semester, CSUSM.

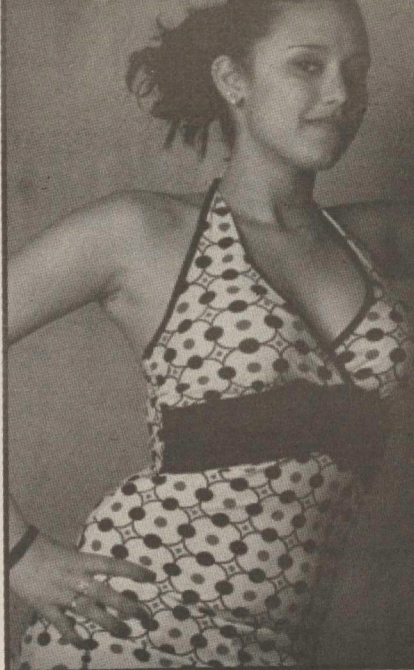
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With the economy in it's present state, do you think you will be spending the same amount of money during the holidays? Why?



"I'm not sure, because I get paid more at my job now and gas is cheaper. I guess it would be the same as last year but I'm going to be more cautious."

Hannah Kiesow
Sophomore



"I won't spend as much money as I did last year, because there's not as much money to go around within my whole family. Last year I had surgery so we're still recovering from that."

Heather Kane
Senior

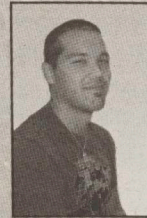


"No, I will not be spending the same as last year because I need to spend my money on tuition and books."

Catherine Coram
Sophomore

"I don't think I'll be spending as much money as I have before. I'm trying to find a job but with the failing economy I'm not able to right now."

Eric Julienne
Junior



"Definitely not. My family's doing a small Christmas with little gifts here and there. There's no reason to spend a lot."

Staci Edwards
Senior



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Lakers will win NBA championship Bandwagon fans sure to celebrate

BY BRIAN MANN
Pride Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA championship for the 2008-2009 season. Though the playoffs won't wrap up until June (the NBA has a hideously long season), I can see the inevitable on the horizon.

In the interest of full disclosure, I must admit I am what you call your basic "Laker-hater." As a life-long San Diegan, I have seen and heard the hordes of bandwagon Laker fans, with their flags and bumper stickers, wallowing in joy after championship seasons. These types of fans are the worst and they always seem to come out of the woodwork, in large numbers, when the Lakers are at the top of the basketball world, only to retreat when the Lakers are ordinary. You know the type. You ask them who plays for the Lakers and they say Kobe Bryant and then stare blankly into space trying to think of another player. Don't get me wrong, I realize not every Lakers fan down here is a front-runner and I respect that.

The real fans probably gaze in bewilderment at the bandwagoners the same way I do. Certainly, my view on their followers has little to do with the actual Lakers team, merely some obnoxious fans.

Nonetheless, Lakers fan or not, one thing has become clear: They are the best team in the NBA. Though the best team doesn't always win the trophy, they simply have too many things in their favor to be denied.

They have the most talented overall roster in the NBA, as well as the best individual player, Kobe Bryant. The collection of individual talent on the Lakers is remarkable. A quick thumbing-over of the roster reveals an embarrassment of riches. In addition to Bryant, they

have established veterans such as Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom. Gasol is a borderline star player and, though Odom plays a lesser role, he remains one of the more

of ability.

Further helping the cause of the Lakers is the utter mediocrity of the NBA. Looking around the league, there are only a handful of teams that can seriously compete for a championship this season. The Lakers, however, are superior to each. The team currently in second place in the Lakers division, behind the Lakers, is the Phoenix Suns. They'll fade. They made a bad trade for an aging Shaquille O'Neal and they don't match up well with the Lakers. The Houston Rockets have a nice collection of talent but one of their best players, Tracy McGrady, almost never plays an entire season because he is so injury-prone.

In the Eastern Conference, the only team that can even come close to stacking up to the Lakers

are the defending NBA champions, the Boston Celtics. Though the Lakers lost to the Celtics in the NBA finals last season, I don't foresee that happening again. The Celtics remain very impressive and have a star-studded roster themselves, but the Lakers trump card is Bryant. Yes, he did play in the finals last year when the Celtics won, but he was crippled by injuries and has since had surgery to remedy his ailments. He is much healthier now and, barring injury, will prove again that he is unstoppable at full strength.

Due to their impressive team, lack of competition and possessing the best individual player in the league, the Los Angeles Lakers will overwhelm the NBA this season. Their nearly flawless start to the season is proof of their superiority. Have they played weak opponents? No, so far they have simply dominated what is a mostly mediocre league.

From a "Laker-hater," a message to all the front-runners: Get those flags and bumper stickers ready.

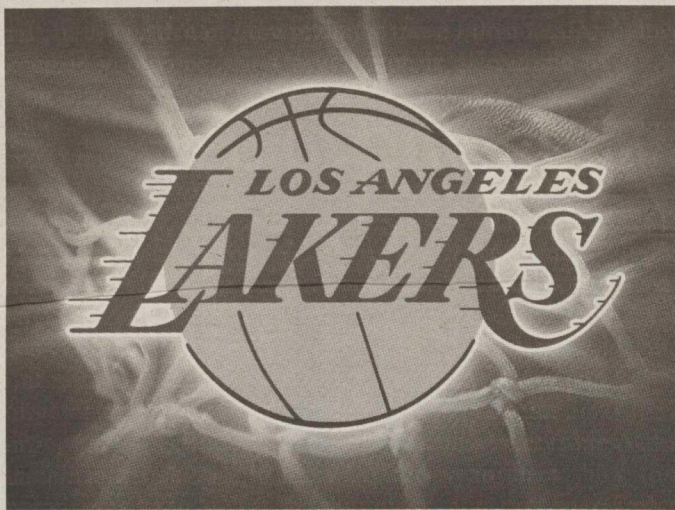


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talented players on the team. That in itself is a testament to how high-quality the roster is. Even native San Diegan Luke Walton, who is pretty good, can barely get off the bench. Clearly, their roster surpasses any other teams' in terms

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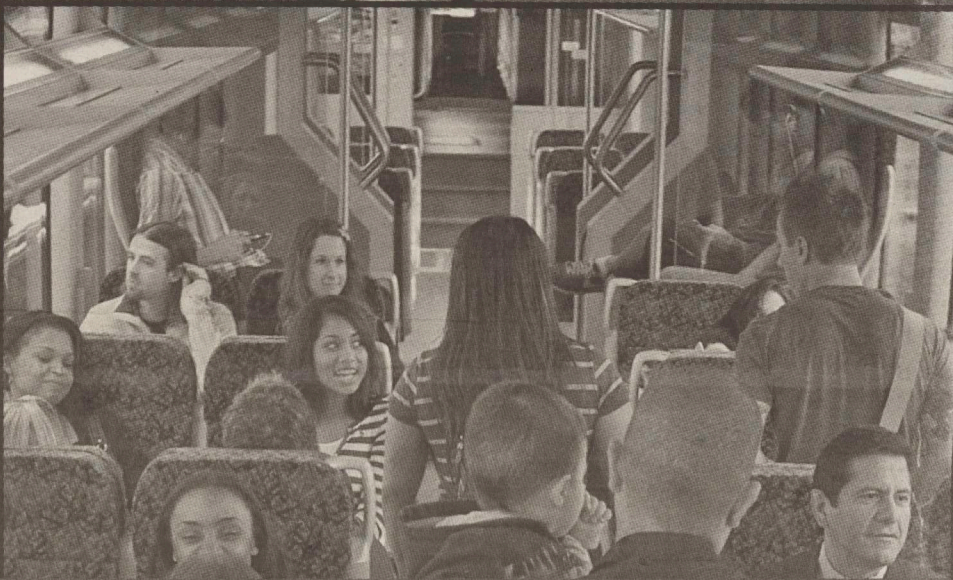
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The College of Business is proud to see one of its own receive the distinguished award. In his letter of recommendation on Jorjani's behalf, Dean Dennis Guseman stated, "We recognize professors who are outstanding in teaching, scholarship and service, but to me, the Brakebill Award is for those professors who are outstanding in all three areas. In my opinion, Professor Jorjani has distinguished herself in each of these areas."

Jorjani received her Ph.D. in Operations Research at the Uni-

versity of California, Irvine and taught at the University of Massachusetts Boston and California State University Fullerton before joining CSUSM in 1992. She served as the Chair of the MBA committee in the 2005/06 academic year and is currently serving as director of the MBA program.

Jorjani's accomplishments include program and curriculum development on campus. Jorjani assisted in the creation and execution of the senior experience program now in its fifteenth year. The senior experience program a

collaborative group project for all graduating seniors in which they tackle real-life projects issued by local businesses.

Some other awards Jorjani received in past years include the President's Outstanding Teaching Award in 2006, CoBA's Most Distinguished Professor Award in 1994, nomination for the Outstanding Teaching Award in 1997, and Most Outstanding Project Award for five senior experience projects.

While her career accomplishments are commendable alone, Jorjani's influence on her students

is a common compliment across the board.

"Soheila is extremely passionate in her teaching. Students said that she is extremely hard and has high standards, yet they quickly add how much they have learned in her classes," said Guseman. "Perhaps the best evidence of the quality of Dr. Jorjani's teaching is what I see and hear from our alumni. At various functions I have heard many alumni sing the praises of Dr. Jorjani and how much they appreciated her as an instructor. There is no doubt that Soheila is a master

teacher that has dedicated herself to her students."

The Letter from the President also addressed Jorjani's connection which her students, many of whom remain in contact with her well after graduation, "One of her former students, now a tenured professor at Cal Poly Pomona, wrote: 'Dr. Jorjani was the most influential individual that I have met in my academic career. I would not be where I am today had it not been for her guidance, support and inspiration... I hope someday I can be as influential with one of my students.'"

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reply.

Fifteen faculty members attended the last forum in October.

"The purpose of the event is to give faculty members a chance to address the president with any question, concern, or sugges-

tion. Many faculty don't have any structured contact with the president, so this is a place that allows them to be in direct face-to-face contact. President Haynes is very good about answering questions or commenting on concerns. If she doesn't know the answer, she'll make a note to find out the infor-

mation and get back to the faculty with it," said McDaniel. "Sometimes faculty need to express frustration, confusion, and even anger about something."

The financial crisis' impact on the California State University budget aims to be an important topic of discussion in the faculty

open forum.

"A good example is the current budget situation. The open forum is an invitation to express whatever you want to the president. She needs and wants to hear from faculty. It helps her to see the faculty's perspective, which may well be different from her own as the

chief administrator of the campus. It also allows faculty to hear the administrator's perspective. So it can be a great two-way learning experience," said McDaniel.

McDaniel also encourages faculty to attend the faculty open forum.

"No question is too big or too small."

From **MIS**, page 1

of CSUSM.

President of MIS Society and Business Major Richard Morris began the meeting.

"This is the first official meeting. I want to get the word out. MIS Society is here," Morris said. Morris described how Professor Fang asked a class he attended if anyone would like to help start the student club.

He then explained the long and tedious process of creating the organization.

Guest speaker Chief Information Officer Wayne Veres followed Morris.

"Everything is changing. Sometimes I dread or enjoy this part of my career," said Veres. Veres then gave a brief history of the Information Technology at CSUSM including the school's first three computers

nicknamed, Liberty, Justice, and Freedom.

One student asked Veres what some of the hot IT sectors that students should consider.

"That's a good question. This online offline thing is a good thing. I think [Enterprise Resource Planning] systems...I hate them even though I shouldn't say it because the CSU system has invested heavily on it are not the way to go. If

you can find companies involved in server architectures then you should be good," replied Veres.

Professor Leu then took over the meeting. He began by insisting that he only be called Jack.

"Get to know the faculty. There are only seven MIS faculty members and each of them should be able to call you by your first name," said Leu. He then explained MIS major requirements and other CoBA

related statistics.

The meeting ended with a raffle. The raffle included an iPod, external hard drive enclosure, laptop carrying bags, and even a woman's purse that several male students politely declined.

"MIS Society is a bridge to link MIS majors to potential employers and will be good for our school," said Senior Business Major Wei Ming Lin.

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North County Pregnancy Resource Center to visit campus next week

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
News Editor

Next Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 8-9, the Catholic Club is sponsoring The Pregnancy Resource Center of North County, as they will bring an RV to campus in Library Plaza to offer pregnant women the opportunity to view their infant in the womb at no cost.

The mission statement for the Pregnancy Resource Center is that they are "an integral part of the Body of Christ, which meets the needs of the community in a way that delights the Father" and serve "as experts in the areas of sexual health, unplanned pregnancies, abortion recovery, and offer hope through the love of Jesus Christ."

The Pregnancy Resource Center's vision for North County San Diego is "a community where people are so readily empowered that abortion is no longer in demand. Men and women who have been traumatized by abortion are set free. Our youth understand and accept the benefits of abstinence. Lives are transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Pregnancy Resource Center offers free and confidential services including pregnancy tests and verification, pregnancy options counseling, ultrasound and nurse consultation, community referrals and resources,

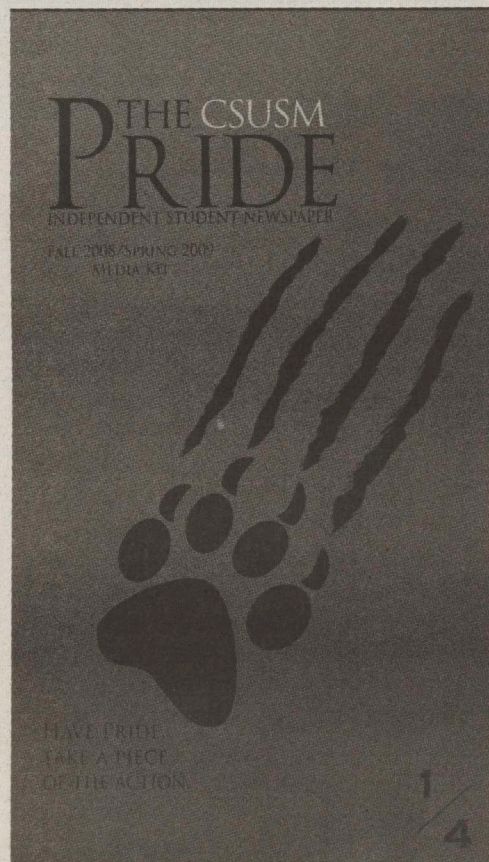
maternity and baby needs such as clothing, furniture, and supplies, abortion recovery help, sexual health awareness, classes on parenting, discipleship, abortion recovery, and sexual healing, education forums, and speakers

For more information on the Pregnancy Resource Center, visit their website at www.pregnancyresourcecenter.com or call (760) 945-HOPE or their 24 hour hotline (800) 395-HELP. The Pregnancy Resource Center of North County is located at 4095-B Oceanside Blvd in Oceanside.

President of the Catholic Club Phil Hoffman welcomes anyone interested in ultrasound technology or life at its earliest stages to attend if they have any questions or simply wish to gather more information.

"This is our big event for the semester and we want to be able to notify interested students of their campus opportunities," said Hoffman. "We want to be able to give pregnant women a clear view and opportunity to see their child in the womb. Life is so precious and to be able to capture life in the early stages of pregnancy is moving. We also hope any interested students will be able to come by the RV and get more information about pregnancy from a pro-life perspective."

For additional information about the CSUSM Catholic Club, contact Hoffman at CSUSMcatholicclub@gmail.com.



Black Friday starts off the holiday shopping season with deals

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Pride Staff Writer

Black Friday is an American tradition of crazed shoppers indulging in sale prices in the wee hours of the morning after Thanksgiving. This year, I embarked on a journey to find the lowest prices and best deals in town.

Stuffed with potatoes, turkey and pie, shoppers have made Black Friday an epic day where mothers buy video game systems for their children, men satisfy their craving for 62 inch LCD televisions and DVDs go for less than \$5.00.

Many of the retail stores opened at 6 a.m., while others, like Best Buy and Wal-Mart, opened at 5 a.m.

At 6 a.m. I found myself late for the sales at Best Buy in San

Marcos. Doors opened at 5 a.m. with alluring advertisements for "door buster specials" sent out in the day before. Advertised sales for Blu-ray DVDs starting at \$10, and some flat screen TV's going for

with the early morning midst cold on my face, it was the calm before the storm.

It felt like a crowded concert, people shoved, pushed and even kicked their way to the electronic section for the limited supply of 80 gigabyte Playstation 3 packages for \$399 and selected Wii games such as "AMF Bowling Pinbusters" for \$9.99. The check out line swiveled for what seemed like miles, and at every corner of the store there were Best Buy sale associates

sporting the bright blue signature color polo shirts to help direct customers.

Best Buy was for the amateur shoppers, the hardcore shoppers fought the brutal battles at Target in Escondido.

Target was a mosh pit; parents, children and grandparents all gathered together and swarmed the store, it was claustrophobic.

At Target, shopping carts were the weapon of choice. It helped keep people at a distance and also aided in pushing

others away as I dashed for chick-flick DVDs such as "Atonement" and "The Notebook" sold for \$3.98.

Despite the recession and the fear many businesses had that shoppers wouldn't show up to splurge as they had in the past the number of shoppers totaled more than 172 million, up from 147 million last year, according to a survey done by BIG-research, which was evident by the crowds.



Image courtesy of bestbuy.com

\$199. Special door buster

tickets were given to anyone in line up to two hours prior to store opening, yes that meant 3 a.m.

The Best Buy parking lot was full when I arrived and a place in front of Applebee's was the closest spot I could find. This event seemed a bit surreal as I took a hike to the store.

It was still dark outside, and

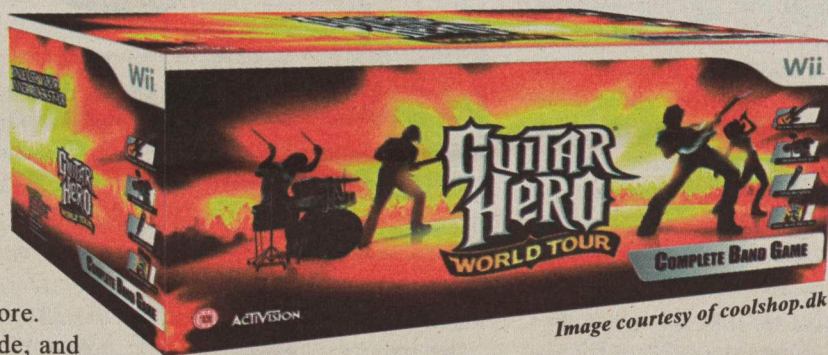


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Black Friday's top five best deals

1. Best Buy: Sony Blu-Ray DVD player for \$249
2. Target: Kodak digital camera with 10.3 megapixels for \$89
3. Circuit City: Toshiba 32 inch LCD HDTV for \$449.99
4. Best Buy: Transformers Blu-ray DVD \$9.99
5. Target: Guitar Hero World Tour bundle for Wii \$59

Students face major dilemma

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Pride Staff Writer

As students register for the spring semester, undeclared major students may face a harder time choosing classes and determining their career paths.

Some kids dream of becoming doctors or marine biologists, but for others the choice of a career may not come so easy. Childhood dreams can fade, new ambitions develop and the decision to declare a major becomes a dilemma that will determine the next four years of a student's academic life, and the will influence what they will do for the rest of their lives.

The continuous conflict

between following passion and interest versus following the herd of mainstream want-to-be CEOs and lawyers is a timeless struggle.

Parents are often the primary source of pressure in deciding what major to choose. Choosing between what may please parents versus following dreams can be another obstacle to overcome, and outside stresses don't make the situation any easier.

It is often frightening to feel small in a vast sea of students that seem to have their career goals settled, but CSUSM offers relief.

There are over 30 undergraduate academic programs offered at CSUSM that are sure spark interest.

The top ten majors at CSUSM are Business Administration, Liberal Studies, Communication, Psychology, Human Development, Pre-Nursing, Criminology & Justice Studies, Biology, Sociology, and Literature & Writing Studies.

Business Administration and Nursing majors are currently impacted, meaning that the number of applications of students interested in either major exceeds the number of available space. Impacted majors often require pre-major core classes before being able to apply for either major.

"Right here on campus, we have outstanding resources for all programs of study. In nursing, we have a state-of-

the-art nursing lab with simulators that promote learning in a comfortable environment," said Dr. Pam Kohlbry, as quoted by the Office of Communications.

New Majors recently added include Anthropology, Mass Media, Applied Physics and Global Studies.

The Mass Media major is centered on the creative works of film arts while the broad major of Communication offers access to become involved in public relations, journalism or advertising.

The Career Center on campus located in Craven Hall 1300 offers major exploration information that features brochures on "what can I do with a major in..."

For more personalized major advice the Career Center offers a wide range of resources to help students discover personal traits and potential career options.

"I want to find out what strengths I have," said Elizabeth Swanson, a junior who was considering changing her major but wanted to take a test offered by the Career Center first.

Both the Strong Interest Inventory (SII) and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) are tests offered at the Career Center that help students explore their interests and personality traits as they relate to educational goals and potential careers.

Vegetarian holidays can make for a new healthy holiday tradition

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Pride Staff Writer

Some of the best things about the holidays are family, gifts and food, but for others the traditional meal of turkey with mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce may not be the desired mouth watering festive meal for the holidays.

Vegetarians are transforming an ancient pilgrim inspired meal into a newborn culinary delight with new creative dishes that offer health perks. And in a society prone to obesity and hypertension, maybe a break from the heavy cholesterol meats for the holidays can be a wise step toward a healthier lifestyle.

Vegetarians do not eat any

meat products such as chicken, beef, or pork but do consume dairy products, not to be confused with vegans that do not eat any animal products such as eggs, cheese or milk.

During the holiday season, a dinner without turkey or a ham can seem bleak but a vegetarian holiday dinner offers great meat alternatives that any family can enjoy.

Carrie Kressor, a Kinesiology major, has been a vegetarian her entire life, "I choose to do it for health reasons and it is more beneficial for the environment, I personally don't like thinking about eating a dead animal."

A popular turkey substitute for vegetarians is tofurkey, a faux turkey made of tofu often breaded with a vegetarian stuff-

ing of vegetables and whole grains.

"We do have tofurkey but I personally don't like it that much. But we always have a ton of different casseroles and yummy recipes and of course we have the traditional cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie," Kressor said.

"Some of my family is actually vegetarians as well, but the majority are not. When we get together there really aren't any problems, they have their turkey, but we always have casseroles and other dishes that we can eat. It's still like anybody else's Thanksgiving...I just simply don't eat the meat."

Incorporating the vegetables of the season, like squash and pumpkin, as main ingredients

for side dishes or casseroles allows for creative alternatives to the traditional holiday sides.

"Thinking about all of the turkey disasters I've heard about definitely makes me think that preparing several casseroles is much easier than cooking a turkey for hours," Kressor said.

According to an article in *FDA Consumer*, data strongly shows that vegetarians are at a lesser risk for obesity, lung cancer, and alcoholism. There is also evidence that risk for hypertension, coronary artery disease, type II diabetes and gallstones are significantly lower.

The USDA dietary guidelines for Americans states; "Most Americans of all ages eat fewer

than the recommended numbers of serving of grain products, vegetables, and fruits even though consumption of these foods is associated with a substantially lower risk for chronic diseases, including certain types of cancer."

So when many are dreading the thought of consuming high calorie foods or high cholesterol foods, maybe a vegetarian dinner for the holidays can be a health alternative to keep the holiday weight off.

Jimbo's, Trader Joe's and even Costco now carry more vegetarian food that is great tasting and isn't too pricey.

For more information on how to make great vegetarian meals for holidays visit www.vegetarianimes.com

Disneyland

Southern California's magical retreat

BY KRISTINA LAWLER
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What better way is there than to spend winter break at the happiest place on earth? Disneyland transforms into a winter wonderland full of thousands of lights, a Christmas tree taller than you can imagine, and even snow. It's one of the few places in the middle of the sunny Orange County that "snows" during the winter.

The best part about being a Southern California resident is the chance to experience Disneyland's hidden treasures.

Being an annual pass holder for the last two years and countless visits to the park, allowed me to find innovative ways to spend my time there and lucky for you, I've decided to share some of them with you.

Spending the day walking around Disneyland can build up quite the appetite, which poises the question, where can you find really great food for a reasonable price at a theme park?

My friends and I were asking ourselves this very same question during one of our recent trips, when we stumbled upon Bengal Barbecue. We decided it was time to try something new because the same old corn dogs and chicken strips were

growing tiresome.

The menu was simple and offered an assortment of kabobs to choose from. With each option under \$4.00, you have the freedom to go ahead and try a few varieties in one sitting.

My personal favorites are the Chieftain Chicken Skewer and the Outback Vegetable Skewer, however if you are in the mood for something with a little more kick to it, then I entice you to try the hot and spicy Banyan Beef Skewer. Whether you are in the mood for a mid-afternoon snack or a full on meal, this is definitely the first secret treasure you want to check out.

If you aren't in the mood for something grilled, I encourage you to stop by the coffee shop located on the left side of Main Street when you are walking into the park.

You may be wondering, "If I'm hungry, why the coffee shop?" but I assure you, they have some of the best sandwiches ever. After walking in there one night for some coffee, my



The Bengal Barbecue in Disneyland's Adventure Land offers amazing Kabobs.

Disneyland's castle lights up during Christmas

friends and I stumbled across these works of art and each settled on the tuna sandwich.

Hands down, best tuna sandwich I've had in a long time. The corn dog cart is an honorable mention, with the biggest dogs in the area, after Pluto and Goofy, of course.

Enough food, now lets get to the fun stuff. Did you

know that California Adventure is currently undergoing a park-wide renovation that will not be fully completely until

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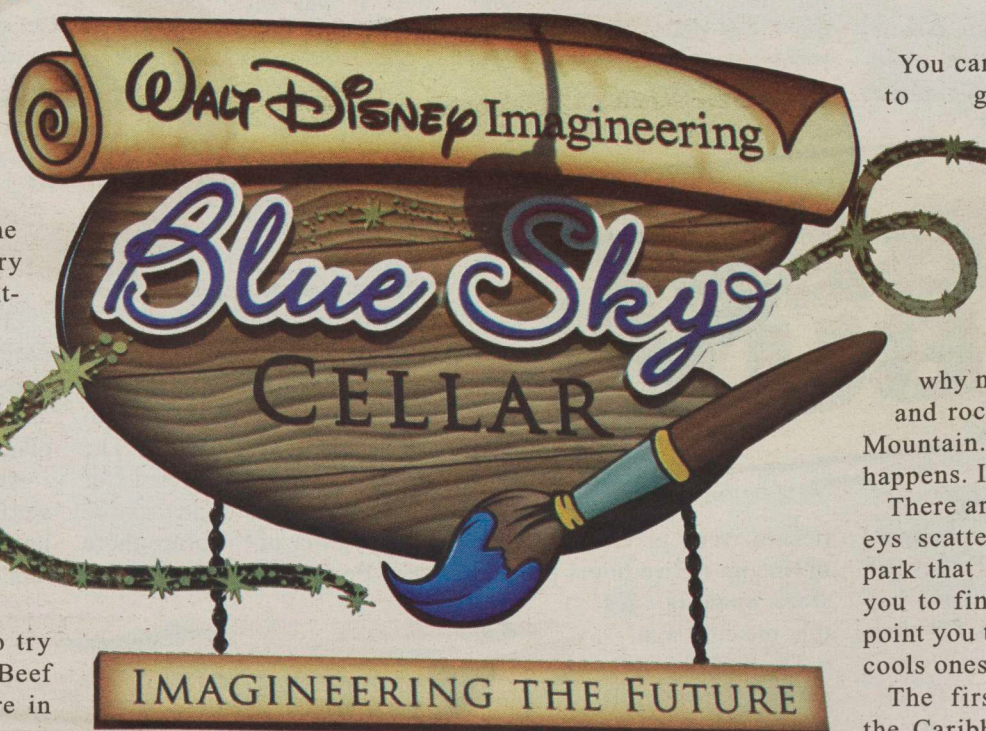
Before Christmas. I wait all year long for this ride, since it is only open from October to early January.

The best part is that the line is never too long, so you can go more than once in a day to make sure you enjoy it before it disappears for another long 8 months!

Lines too long? Why not take the time to go to places that are usually left unseen? The new Smart House in Tomorrowland is out of this world.

There are also hidden Micky- eys scattered throughout the park that are just waiting for you to find them. I will help point you towards a few really cools ones that I have found.

The first is on Pirates of the Caribbean, which for my



Disney's Blue Sky Cellar in California Adventure showcases plans for remodeling California Adventure

2012?

Now open in the park is a build- i n g called Blue S k y Cellar, where the sky's the limit w i t h i n n o -

there, it's a great way to talk about your day and wait for the most fun you will have all day. Toy Story took the Buzz Light Year ride at Disneyland to a whole other level and is definitely a new not-so-secret treasure at California Adventure.

The most amazing ride, however, goes to the Holiday Haunted Mansion, hands down. The Haunted Mansion ride is e n t i r e l y redone to T h e Nightmare



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(Clockwise from top-left) Spicy Banyan Beef Skewer, Outback Vegetable Skewer, Chieftain Chicken Skewer.

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You can also take the time to go to all the shows you haven't been to since you were nine. Believe it or not, they are still good after all these years. If you are in for a good laugh, why not break a few rules and rock the log on Splash Mountain. Do it and see what happens. I dare you.

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Hidden Mickey in CA Adventure

group of friends is traditionally the first ride we go on since it is usually the shortest line and a classic. In the room with the boat scene, turn and look towards where the cannons are shooting out from the stone wall.

You will see three holes that are supposed to be from the cannon balls, but are in the shape of a Mickey Mouse head.

The second is far trickier. Go to California Adventure and in the main area where the Sun Fountain is, you will find a very small hidden Mickey on the floor.

If you are interested in finding more hidden Mickeys you should definitely pick up *Hidden Mickeys: a Field Guide to Disney's Best Kept Secrets*, which only costs about \$10.

The best part about all this? It's only about an hour and fifteen minute drive from San Marcos. If you buy the season pass which runs you from \$129-\$169 for Southern California residents, you can have a whole year to discover your own Disneyland traditions and treasures.

Seeing as to the cost for a one-day park hopper ticket is now over \$90, you easily can see what an awesome deal this is. Enjoy your winter break everyone. Who knows, maybe I will see you there.



The Haunted Mansion turns into a Nightmare Before Christmas.

Volunteering at the Olympics in Beijing

The opportunity of a lifetime

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Former Editor-in-Chief

The entire world was in one room. Athletes, coaches and dignitaries from every nation competing in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games were about to march into the Bird's Nest with their flags, ready to greet the world.

Before defeat and success could further make their mark, opening ceremony night on 8.8.08 was meant only for celebration. And before that celebration would begin, before the athletes would

It was described as a "once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity" and no matter what the chances, I could not pass up applying for it. In December, a Missouri faculty advisor called to say, "I'm contacting all the students who will be going to Beijing."

From January until May, 60 of us met twice a week to learn about the Olympics, the venues, Beijing, and to listen to professional journalists who had covered the Games in the past. In April, BOCOG sent us our assignments, and I was set to work in

the Mixed Zone of the NIS, a room located just off the field of play where print journalists hailing from publications around the world would gather to interview the athletes and coaches after competition.

Arriving in Beijing

On July 1 we flew out of Chicago, over the arctic, and into Beijing. Our first sight of the beige sky showed us that what we had heard was true: pollution was still an issue.

Nine days later, Beijing would assign

all cars on the road alternate days to drive. License plates ending in even numbers could only drive on the even-numbered days, and vice versa. The city shut down factories, and during the Games we witnessed what Beijing calls "blue-sky days" and nearly a month into the trip, on a blue-sky day, we'd glimpse the city's surrounding mountains that we didn't even know existed.

Upon arriving, we moved into a hotel on the campus of Renmin University, just a 20-minute cab ride from the Olympic Green. For the first few days we attended lectures by the university's journalism faculty, visited Beijing's popular media outlets and acquainted ourselves with the city.

We saw the Peking Opera, eat Peking duck, see the Chinese acrobats and climb the Great Wall of China. We visited Beijing's historic sites, such as the summer and winter palaces, the Forbidden

City, and Buddhist temples. We took a rickshaw through Beijing's

old hutong area and saw pandas at the zoo.

As Olympics approached, the city buzzed with overwhelming anticipation.

Volunteering

Volunteer training began in mid-July. Half of us served as flash quote reporters for the Olympic News Service, working among professional journalists and gathering quotes from athletes. The other half worked in media operations, assisting journalists in press conferences or in press workrooms where stories were filed.

I worked with eight other Chinese students in the Mixed Zone of the NIS where we assisted journalists needing to interview gymnasts. We set the room up according to the journalists' languages, having up to seven interviews in seven different languages occurring at once.

We learned how journalists worked and how athletes responded to them, sometimes with pride and other times with heartbreak.

When controversy spread over whether the Chinese women's team was old enough to compete, the gymnasts' in-question made a beeline to the exit, evading all journalists.

Many of the European and Latin American gymnasts would greet journalists, who in turn welcomed their athletes with a round of applause, pats on the back, long handshakes and kisses on the cheek, regardless of their performance. The Americans were much more hands-off.

In training I became good



Photo by Kelly Corrigan

told reporters she kept a diary and when a reporter asked what she would write in it that night, she graciously said, "Well, it's personal. It's not like a blog or anything. I'll write whatever comes to my mind."

We were able to take advantage of free Olympic tickets that BOCOG set aside for us. Most of us saw a beach volleyball match in the first week of the Olympics and in the second week, we sat in the stands of the Bird's and watched Usain Bolt set a new world record on the 100-meter dash.

The most thrilling moment happened on opening ceremony night in another NIS hallway where athletes from nearly every nation gathered before marching. The NIS served as the athletes' meeting ground before marching in the ceremony. The athletes began arriving nation by nation behind Chinese volunteers with signs stating their name:

France, Angola, Ireland, et cetera. Three announcements of each nation followed: first in French, the second in English and the third in Chinese. As each cluster of athletes arrived, the volunteers clapped and cheered.

Before I knew it, I had taken suggestive orders from Li who said to stand in

front of the American entryway. Of all my American friends, none were told to come into work that night so they were watching the commotion outside while I waited for the Americans. A NBC broad-

caster waiting to grab an interview nearby looked somewhat impatient and bored, shifting her weight from hip to hip.

My friends stuck to the Chinese entryway directly across the way.

After several unrecognizable but thrilled American athletes walked by, the men's basketball team appeared. There was Kobe with Jason Kidd, LeBron James and everyone else.

Then the women's basketball team appeared. Having played basketball in high school, Lisa Leslie is my hero. Seeing Kobe was exciting enough, then she walked up the stairs. "Lisa. Lisa!" I shouted. She looked and I was stunned. She smiled and kind of laughed then asked me how I was. "Good!" I said. "Good luck!"

To see Lisa and Kobe within moments of each other was incredible.

Meanwhile, people from every nation competing in the Games began to accumulate. My Chinese friends on the opposite end of the stadium greeted, and in some cases touched and took pictures with, the Chinese athletes. I staggered in and out of the line of people, going around the stadium seven or eight times, until the announcing voice had called every nation's name and the line was ready, making its way to the Bird's Nest.

Later that night, my Chinese friends and I discussed how unprepared we were for that experience. When we woke up that morning, we thought we'd be watching the ceremony on television and then we saw it happen.

Of our two-month stay in Beijing, and the two weeks spent walking among the best athletes in the world while witnessing journalists pursue stories, that night in the NIS was euphoric beyond the word's own meaning.



Photo by Kelly Corrigan

friends with the eight Chinese students I worked with. They were journalism students, all from Renmin University, each in their early twenties.

Through long days of training, we got to know each other well. We discussed differences in our cultures regarding what we consider excellent food to be, what makes a good leader, a good government and an overall happy way of life. They were as curious about the U.S. as I was about China.

We saw the rush to file stories with some reporters only making it to the hallway before calling their newspaper to dictate quotes.

I held recorders for journalists as Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson spoke. Both were forthcoming and grounded. Liukin once



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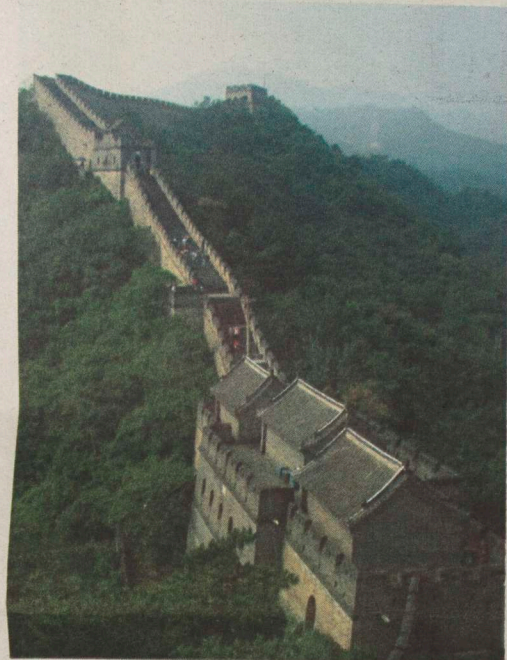


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march into the Bird's Nest, they would meet first in the National Indoor Stadium to take roll, of all things.

The National Indoor Stadium, or the NIS, was where I volunteered as an intern during the Games.

The "Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity"

After graduating from CSUSM in May 2007, I moved home and applied for graduate school in journalism at the University at Missouri. The same week I learned of my acceptance, I had been fooling around on the school's Web site and noticed a study abroad opportunity the school was offering for 60 journalism students.

The school had signed a memorandum with BOCOG, the Beijing Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games, and Missouri would send its students to Beijing for two months to become immersed in Chinese culture and to work side-by-side with professional journalists in five Olympic



Photo by Kelly Corrigan

venues: field hockey, road cycling, gymnastics, tennis and archery.



Website tracks purchases, helps with budget

Mint.com- Website of the Week

BY BILL REHIN
Pride Staff Writer

Mint.com is a unique Web site designed to help people with budgeting and debt management. The Web site offers a free service that tracks personal spending and helps manage money.

Any Internet user can register for a free account. To sign up users must choose a username and password and input checking account and credit and debit card information. Mint.com will track spending and creates understandable data on spending habits.

The site is an automatic way for a person to look at their expenditures. Mint.com forms the data into charts based on where money is spent or what the consumer buys. Unlike other budgets, which require data entry, this site is automatic and easy to use.

Aaron Patzer created the site in March of 2007, accord-

ing to Forbes. Patzer defends his site against claims that it could lead to identity theft. In an interview with Forbes he claimed that the site uses Yodlee, and independent company used by other financial groups to track spending.

Patzer states, "Mint is, in some ways, safer than online banking." Mint does not allow changes to a bank account, only a look at spending history. The site also offers text and email updates, so the user can constantly monitor spending and notice unusual purchases.

The site is very user friendly. It is visually appealing and easy to navigate. Mint also offers other benefits. The site can offer suggestions based on current spending on how an individual can save money.

These suggestions range from spending tips, to coupons, to new credit card offers. According to the site, "The most frequent change that experienced Mint users make in their spending is to dine out less and eat at home more."

Other options include setting up budget or savings

plans. Using these features, a user can use the site's automatic programming to create

a user goes over.

Though it may seem risky to enter banking and money

information, the security and features of Mint.com make it safe. The site boasts its secu-

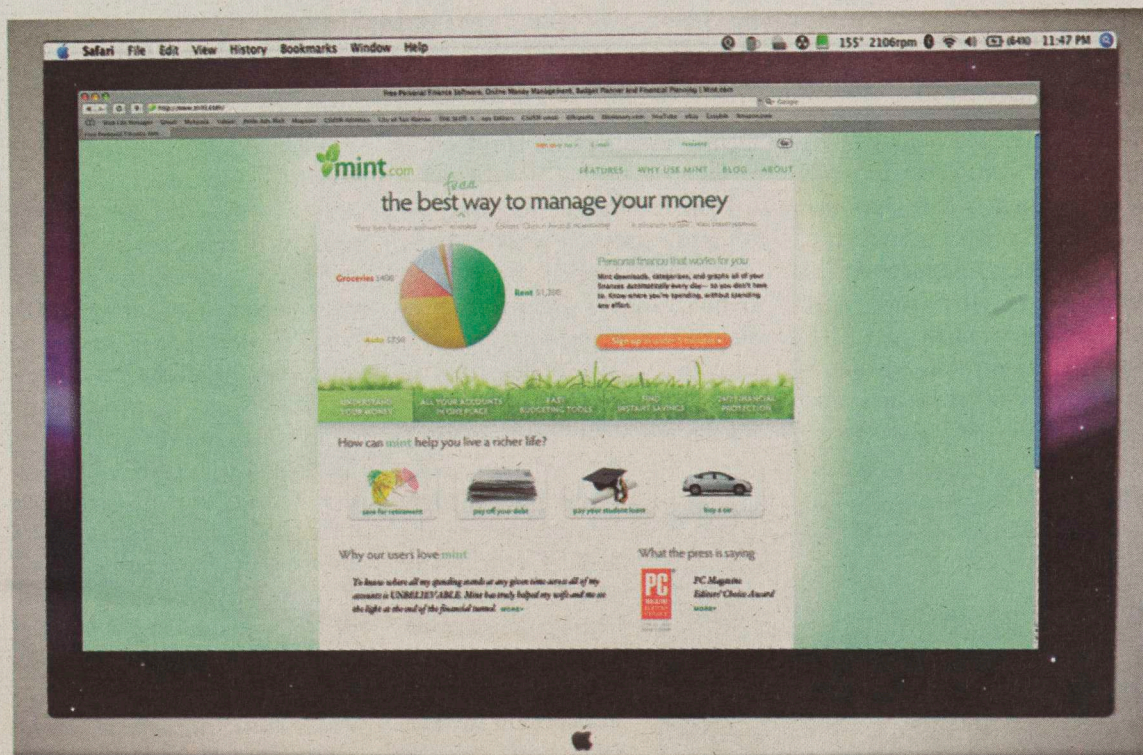


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goals for a savings account.

Users can set monthly goals on how much they want to spend on things such as food or clothes. Mint will send text message or email reminders if

rity features to assure users. Moreover, the budgeting tips and features on the site offer an easy and effective way to save money in troubling economic times.

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Press Release:

Cal State San Marcos to Host 2008 NAIA Women's Soccer Championship Opening Round Match

Are you ready for some playoff soccer? Cal State San Marcos will serve as host school for the 2008 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship Opening Round match between the Cougars and Benedictine College (Kansas).

The game will be played on

Saturday, November 22nd at the Mangrum Track & Soccer field on the campus of California State University San Marcos. Kickoff is at 2:00 PM and admission is \$8 for adults and non-students, and \$5 for students. Complimentary parking will be available in lot XYZ. CSUSM Soccer

and NAIA National Championship apparel will be sold at the game as well.

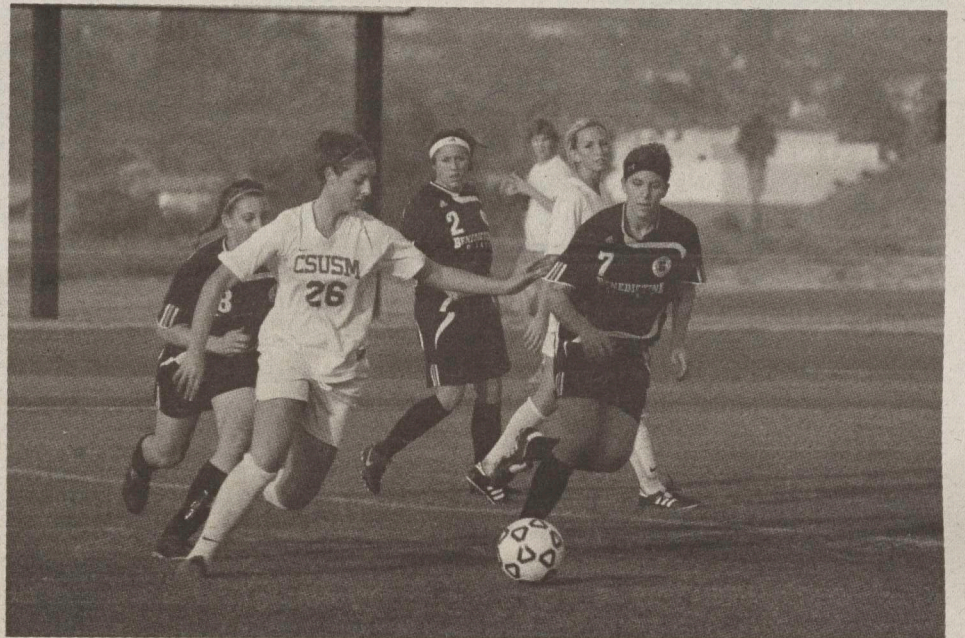
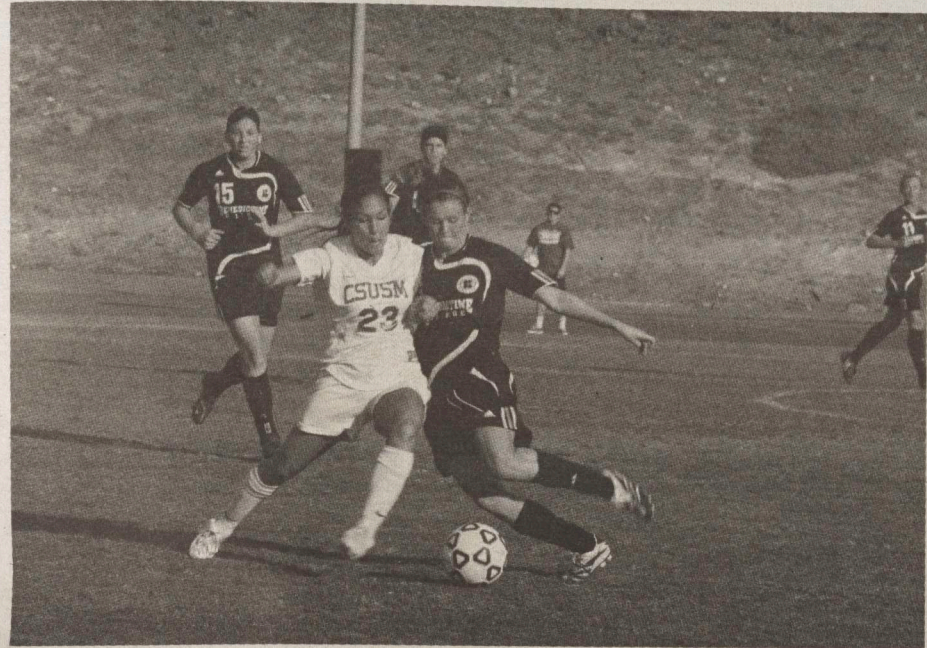
Seeded #13, CSUSM qualified for the tournament by winning the first-ever Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) Conference Championship this past weekend. The Cougars have a 12-3-4 record

on the season. Benedictine University, located in Atchison, Kansas, won the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship to earn its bid. The unseeded Lady Ravens are 13-4-2 on the year.

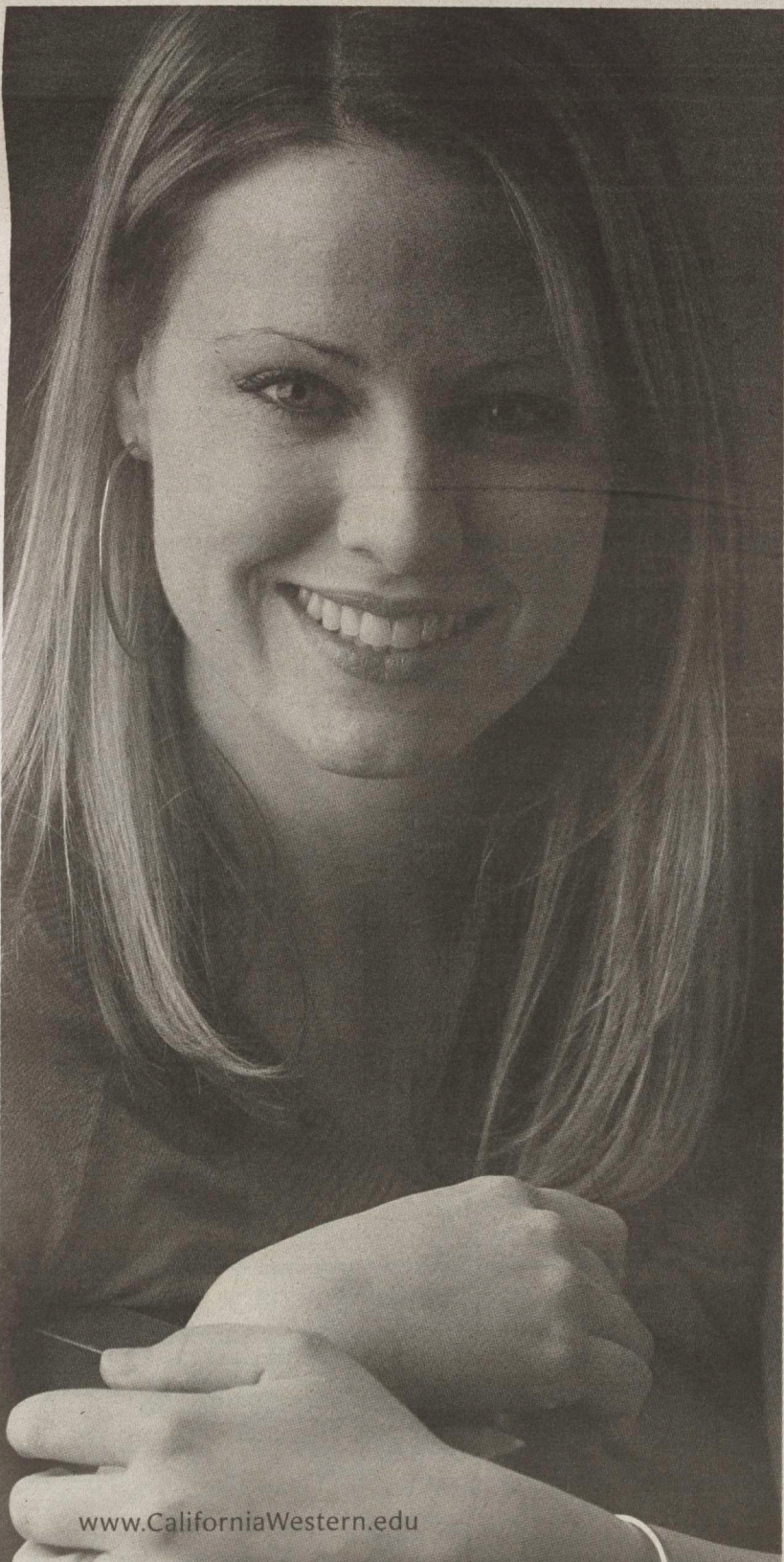
It is the first time that either team has qualified for the national tournament. The

winner of the match will go on to play at the final site of the National Championship in Daytona Beach from December 2-6.

Come support your Cougars in action as they make a run at a NAIA National Championship here on our very own campus!



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Interview with assistant soccer coach Bobby Renneisen

BY BRIAN MANN
Pride Staff Writer

Recently, *The Pride* met with Cougars assistant soccer coach Bobby Renneisen to discuss the men's and women's seasons, the women's playoff prospects, and the outlook going into next season.

Q: What are some specific challenges you have in coaching both the men's and women's soccer team?

A: I think the biggest challenge is just being able to interact with all the student athletes you know, just being able to give them a sufficient amount of attention. Obviously, we have over 50 kids so that's quite a bit. One instance is that we play a lot of double headers and so if some individual players want some feedback right after a game, we can't immediately give that. However, we have individual meetings at the beginning of the season as well as an open door policy so anytime a player wants to come talk to us, they can.

As noted in *The Pride* last week, CSUSM's women's

team won the first ever Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) Championship. Prior to that, Renneisen was asked about the teams in that tournament.

Q: Is having played Embry-Riddle previously helpful?

A: I think so; it's kind of a double edged sword. In one way it's good because we know what were up against, but you know they're going to be pumped up since they lost to us.

Q: Are you familiar with the other teams in the tournament?

A: Not particularly. I am not familiar with Our Lady of the Lake, but Simon-Fraser is a very good team historically.

(Note: CSUSM women first beat Embry-Riddle 6-0 in the tournament, then defeated Simon-Fraser 6-7 in penalty kicks after tying 0-0 in regulation).

Q: On the women's side, who stood out to you this year?

A: Just to name a few, Kaycee Gunion, our freshman goalkeeper, she's had

an unbelievable year. Lauren Hernandez has been arguably our best player and just consistent every game. I think at the end of the day our whole back four, Breanna Brenton, Hernandez, Alex Quindt, Michele Ramirez, and also Tiffany VanSoest, who has also filled in when Alex Quindt was hurt. We've had a lot of shutouts and I think that back four has had a lot to do with it. Katelyn Krauss has been our leading goal scorer. Kelly Wheery has also had a very good season.

Q: On the men's side, are you disappointed in not making the playoffs?

A: Yeah, there's some dissatisfaction in not making the playoffs simply because feel like we're good enough to be there. We lost some close games and that was tough. But we're close, we're getting there. We improved greatly this season from the previous one and that improvement will continue.

Q: On the

men's side who stood out this year?

A: Similar to the women's side, our back four really stood out: Brent Zuniga, Curtis Macikic, Troy Skomra, and Jordan Shadeed. We finished with nine shutouts. Arguably our best performer all year was Greg Reese, our captain. He was our leading goal scorer and our most inspirational player. Miguel Jacobo was also very consistent throughout the season.

Q: Looking ahead to next season, how do you feel?

A: Good, I mean right now for the women we only have one senior on our roster. It's going to be a pretty solid, experienced group. For the men, we graduate three seniors, so there will be a large nucleus coming back. We feel we have a very bright future ahead. Also, as far as

recruiting goes, we're always looking to get better and more and more players are interested in coming here. We're looking to bring in roughly five or six more players each for both the men's and women's teams.

Q: Are there any players on either the men's or women's teams who are interested in pursuing a professional soccer career?

A: I think that there are always some aspirations. I don't know of anyone in particular who is. We definitely have some players on our teams that have some pro qualities. I won't name anyone in particular. But it's hard to say. Pro coaches are often looking for different things than we might see. I mean, do we have someone who could sign a pro contract right now? My answer would be no.

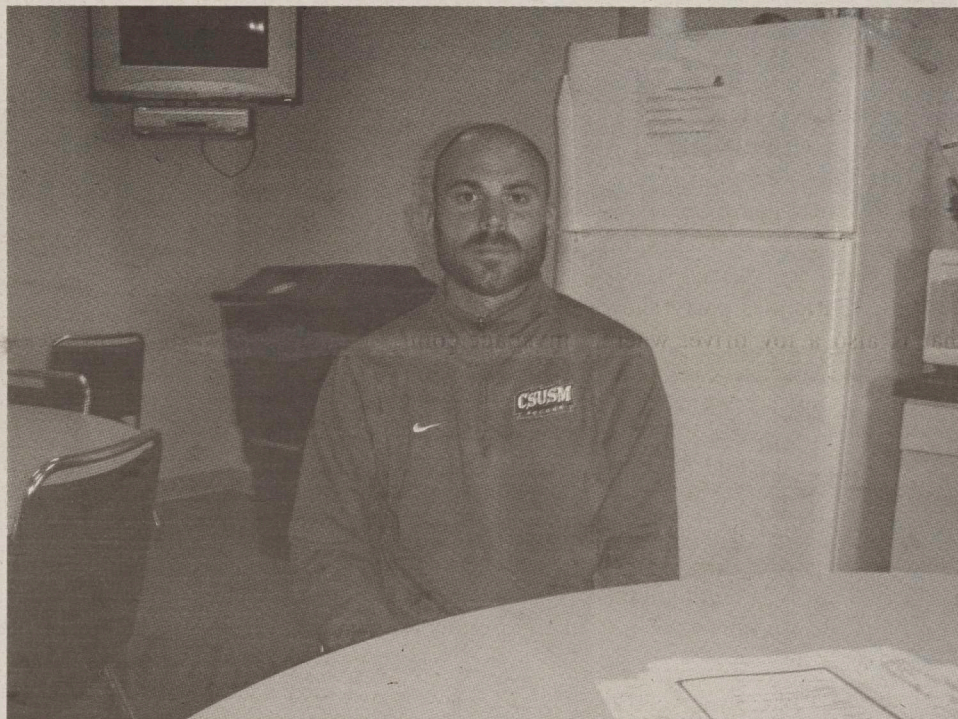


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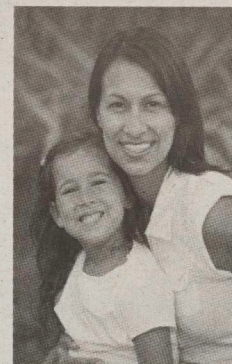
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Twilight Poem

BY KRISTINA LAWLER
Business Manager

Dear Edward,

You mesmerize me
With your pale, cold skin
With every breath you take
The smell luring me in
Too many thoughts clouding
my head
My heart starts to race
As you draw me near
Despite all I know
I have no fear
There's something about you
That's good and pure
Your touch drives me wild
Sends shivers down my spine
Loving you so much
Should be a crime
You tell me your dangerous
That I should run

But somehow the love that
binds us
Won't come undone
In the Twilight, your eyes
sparkle
A bright golden hue
Could this really be true?
This god-like creature
That no one could catch
For somehow I'm your perfect
match
There's only one problem
One I can't deny
There's a part of you
That craves for more than a kiss
Something I can't give you
Or I wouldn't exist
As you take me up so high
And welcome me to your world
I wonder if I'll ever go back

To being a normal teenage girl
You tell me that you've waited
A century for me
How can I compare to that
I'm merely seventeen.
One day I hope to be
Part of your kind
So we can be together
Until the end of time
The decision is made
My mind made up
Now I just need you
To realize it too
My life is nothing
If I can't have you.

Eternally Yours,
Bella

Image courtesy twilightthemovie.com

Argyle

BY CG

Argyle socks
scope
off heels
in upward motion

fingers have the run
of
working limbs
of
kneading
pockets of flesh

Ink-splattered chest
begs mouth
open onto
ring clamped
corner lip
deriving
metal contrast pleasure

hands work
belt
loop
zipper

arms thrust through
rough spun jean

lamp lit version of
altered space

where
severed senses
realign
to cover
a lust strewn thought
contrived in
fleece lined
demands.

The Gypsy Lounge

Toy Drive and benefit show for the Joyful Child Foundation.

BY ADAM LOWE
Pride Staff Writer

Christmas time is here again and that can mean only one thing – the annual Christmas party and toy drive benefit show at The Gypsy Lounge (www.thegypsyloounge.com) in Lake Forest, CA. For the last several years, The Gypsy Lounge has put on a Christmas party show that is also a toy drive, where they've had the proceeds from the show go towards a charity of their choice. This year, the charity is The Joyful Child Foundation.

On this night, December 20, 2008, there will be a toy drive at the door, so when you come, you can bring an unopened toy and it will be donated, along with all the proceeds from the door to The Joyful Child Foundation, a foundation in memory of Samantha Runyon. Her story is a sad but important one to hear and to know so as to help in the avoidance of such situations in the future. Visit the website, <http://www.thejoyful-child.org/>, to read more about how you can help.

The first artist is scheduled to hit the stage around 8:30pm at The Gypsy Lounge. There are going to be 15+ local artists playing short 3-4 song acoustic sets. Among the artists that will be playing at this Christmas show will be Joseph Denges, Chris Paul Overall, Cory Joseph, Jay Buchanan, The Pawnshop Kings and Chris Karn.

Joseph Denges, the front man of Hollowell, will be performing a few of his favorite Christmas

tunes as well as, if we are lucky, one of his own creations, all of which can be found on Hollowell's soon to be released Christmas EP. Check out the details at www.myspace.com/hollowell for more information on that, or visit Joseph's personal music

page at www.myspace.com/hollowretch for more information.

Cory Joseph is also going to be giving us a few of his greatest acoustic songs as well as some Christmas tunes. Cory (www.coryjoseph.com) is not one

to miss! A few years back, he gave the most amazing performance of the ever-popular Nutcracker Suite, so be sure to be there this year to see what he pulls out this time. Another great performer will be Chris Paul Overall (www.myspace.com/chrispauloverall). This man is one of the greatest artists to frequent The Gypsy Lounge and his performance at these Christmas shows is absolutely something to experience.

Of the other artists coming to play, you really need to see to believe how incredibly talented these artists are; Jameson (www.myspace.com/jameson) is an amaz-

Joseph Denges



Photo courtesy of Joseph Denges

ingly original artist to listen to and enjoy. Then there is Jay Buchanan (www.myspace.com/jay-buchanan). He is one of the most amazing local artists in Orange County. If you like Jeff Buckley, then you will absolutely love Jay Buchanan.

Needless to say, this is going to be one of the greatest nights in Gypsy Lounge history. All of the greatest artists that have walked through those doors will all be under the same roof on the same night giving us the greatest of their acoustic music as well as their greatest renditions of classic Christmas jingles.

So, if you have nothing to do, or hell, even if you have plans already, break them and come to The Gypsy Lounge and enjoy the greatest music you'll ever hear! You truly will be pleased with these artists and you'll be happy you came. Ring in the holiday season as well as the end of the semester with great music, friends and an amazing cause. Celebrate the holidays and help save a life – BE THERE!



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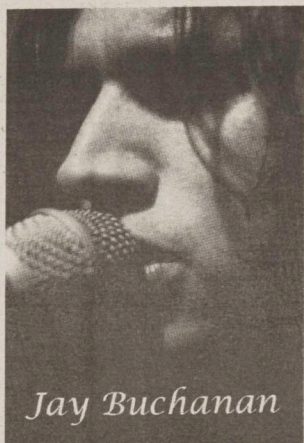


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Climbing

BY CG

Cracks find
footholds
between crevices
blunt creased edges
ripple
under hoist of muscle
stone solid ridges
trace
the joints of
outlined fingers

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Book Review:

The Dark Tower Series by Stephen King

BY LANCE ROSENBERGER
Pride Staff Writer

I've always enjoyed Stephen King, with the exception for *The Shining* which makes me weep in fear. But, without a doubt, his most famous book, and my personal favorite, is not one single book, but seven. *The Dark Tower* series is a fantastic piece telling the tales of Roland Deschain, a gunslinger traveling across desert, throw monster infested caves, over mountains and even post-nuclear cities, all in search of the legendary dark tower. If he can find this tower and make it to the top alive, he can fix everything that has ever been wrong. I know that's a broad and vague explanation, but I don't want to give too much away.

It's definitely for a mature audience, and some scenes in the books are grotesque, but you have to expect that with the 'King of Horror.' What you should know is that he wrote the first book, *The Gunslinger*, with no inten-

tion of continuing on to the other six. The first book is disturbing, slower than I would like at points, but an amazing story by the time you close the back cover.

The second book, *The Drawing of the Three*, has to be my favorite in the series. You are introduced to a new character and how he is introduced will leave you shocked and surprised with the creativity of it all.

The other five books, in order, are *The Wasteland*, *Wizard and Glass*, *Wolves of the Calla*, *Song of Susannah*, and finally, the climatic conclusion to the series, *The Dark Tower*.

Just to tempt you a little more, I'll share the most famous sentence from the series. "The man in black fled across the desert, and the gunslinger followed." If you have ever read anything by Stephen King before, you are practically required to read this series. You'll understand why the closer you get to *The Dark Tower*.

Photos courtesy of amazon.com

Online Video of the Week

BY AMY SALISBURY
Opinion Editor

YouTube is the ultimate Internet marvel. Though it's existed less than four years, this global, Google-endorsed empire boasts 13 hours of uploaded video every minute, and over \$1 million in bandwidth costs daily.

With these facts in tow, it's no wonder that on November 22nd and 23rd, YouTube produced a live show fittingly dubbed YouTube Live.

The revolutionary, live-stream show featured dozens of YouTube celebrities, including Fred, Obama Girl, and Michael Buckley

Video of The Week

Bo Burnham's YouTube tribute

of What the Buck.

YouTube Live's highlight unquestionably exists on Bo Burnham's channel, boburnham. The 18-year-old comedian's approach is mainly in song.

Surprisingly enough, his standard compositions of rather lewd material present an otherwise pleasant voice and musical talent.

His new song, Welcome to YouTube, packs the pop-culture punch users broadcast daily.

The tune begins modestly enough, with the enjoyably awkward Burnham essentially summarizing YouTube celebrities' lives post-discovery via homemade videos. "YouTube is a place for people to share their ideas," he continues. Blatantly revealing his point, Burnham sings, "...If by people you mean 13-year-old girls

and by ideas you mean how they love the Jonas Brothers. I'm just kidding, but let's be honest, that's a hefty majority." Hefty majority, indeed, as the Jonas Brother's official channel is the number one most subscribed musician ever.

Lyrically, Burnham proves his wit to be razor sharp, pulling odd rhymes out of the air while citing phenomena like Tay Zonday's Chocolate Rain and Britney Spears defender Chris Crocker.

The audience eats up every one-liner Burnham pours out. He also admits the more embarrassing aspects of becoming a full-fledged YouTuber, singing "Upload a video! You've got nothing to lose except all your friends and the approval of your parents."

Delivery and timing set Burnham apart from others sharing his

style. Anyone could come up with some rude remarks about Internet sensations, but only this developing performer could pull it off.

Burnham seamlessly proves how influential YouTube is within

international culture in this hilariously irreverent video. Not only have his videos received almost one hundred million views altogether, but he's even released his first EP, Bo Fo Sho, on iTunes.

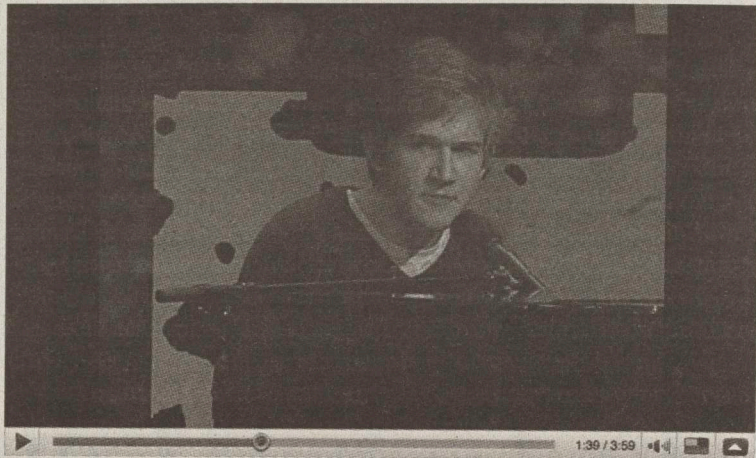


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Movie Review: Twilight

BY KRISTINA
LAWLER
Business Manager

The film adaptation of *Twilight* takes virtuous romance to a whole new level. In the first week's release, the movie generated nearly \$70 million in box office sales.

Twilight tells the story of young Bella Swan, who has just moved away from Phoenix, Arizona to live with her dad in the small town of Forks, Washington.

Being the odd one

out, she didn't expect her life to change much more until she met Edward Cullen. Edward is an unusually handsome boy who is unlike anyone that goes to her small town school.

It isn't long before the two are caught up in a passionate and forbidden romance; forbidden because Edward longs for something that Bella can't give him.

Edward is unnaturally fast and strong and finds himself coming to Bella's rescue a lot. He has been alive since 1918 and is immortal.

Bella soon figures out that Edward isn't like the other boys in town; he's a vampire.

This fact is still not enough to keep her away from him.

Although Edward and his family, the Cullens, have vowed a life free from human blood, Bella's unique scent drives Edward crazy and he is forced to control himself from going into a frenzy that could leave her dead.

But when some unexpected visitors come to town, Edward is forced to save his beautiful, fragile human and learn just how strong their love for each other really is.

Twilight is a modern love story with an interesting twist and the chemistry between the actors makes this movie worth seeing

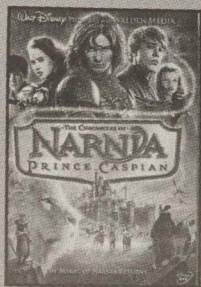
again and again.

The movie stays true to the novel by Stephanie Meyer and follows the story of Edward and Bella's ill-fated love affair exquisitely.

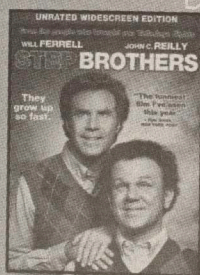
The actors cast resemble the characters one would imagine from the novel and all the actors portrayed their characters extremely well. This movie will leave you on the edge of your seat and wanting more.

Though eager fans will have to wait a while for the film's sequel, three other novels follow *Twilight* in the series, *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and *Breaking Dawn*.

DROPPING: DVD RELEASES



**"THE CHRONICLES
OF NARNIA: PRINCE
CASPIAN"**
GRADE: B-

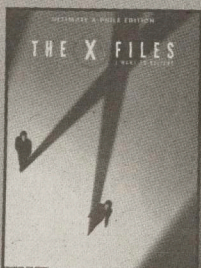


"STEP BROTHERS"
GRADE: C+

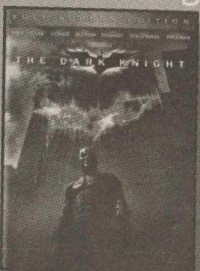


"WANTED"
GRADE: B

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**"X-FILES: I WANT
TO BELIEVE"**
GRADE: D+



"THE DARK KNIGHT"
GRADE: A



**"HORTON HEARS
A WHO"**
GRADE: B

December 16

Mamma Mia: The Movie: C+
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor: F
Traitor: C

December 23

Burn After Reading: B
Death Race: F
The House Bunny: D
The Women: F

December 30

Baghead: B+
The Duchess: C+
Ghost Town: B

Holiday recipe's

Explore the art of creating holiday treats over winter break

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER/ A & E Editor

Breakfast

Eggnog Pancakes

INGREDIENTS (Nutrition)

- * 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- * 1 cup eggnog
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat a lightly oiled skillet or griddle over medium heat.
2. In a bowl, mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Make a well in the center, and pour in the eggnog, butter, and egg. Mix until dry ingredients are evenly moist.
3. Pour 1/4 cup batter onto the hot griddle for each pancake. Cook pancakes until bubbly on top. Flip with a spatula, and continue cooking until lightly browned on bottom.

Recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

- * 1 tablespoon sugar
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 2 tablespoons clarified butter

Beverage

Easy Spiced Cider

INGREDIENTS

- * 1 qt. O Organics™ Unfiltered Apple Juice
- * 1/2 seedless orange, cut in 4 slices
- * 1 cinnamon stick (3 in. long)
- * 4 whole ground cloves
- * 1/2 whole nutmeg
- * 8 whole allspice

DIRECTIONS

1. Pour apple juice into a medium saucepan.
2. Add orange slices, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, and allspice. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes to blend flavors.
3. Ladle into mugs, leaving orange slices in pan. (You can filter out spices too; they're for flavor, but not eating.)

Recipe courtesy vons.com

Bread

Cranberry Orange Muffins

INGREDIENTS

- * 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 teaspoon baking soda
- * 1 cup granulated sugar
- * 1/2 cup milk
- * 1/3 cup canola oil
- * 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped
- * 2 teaspoons baking powder
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1 large egg
- * 1/2 cup sour cream
- * 1 tablespoon grated orange peel

Glaze:

- * 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- * 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- * 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 375°F (190°C). Grease and flour a 12-cup muffin tin or line with paper liners.

2. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl; make a well in the center.
3. In another bowl, mix sugar and egg. Add milk, sour cream and oil, blending well. Pour mixture into well. Mix batter until just moistened; do not over mix. Fold in cranberries and orange zest.
4. Fill prepared muffin tins three-fourths full. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until muffins test done.
5. Meanwhile, stir together glaze ingredients until smooth.
6. Remove muffins from cups to a wire rack. Place a sheet of waxed paper underneath rack to catch glaze drippings. Drizzle glaze over warm muffins. Cool completely before serving.

Recipe courtesy cooksrecipes.com

Dessert

Peppermint Brittle

INGREDIENTS

- * 2 pounds white chocolate
- * 30 small peppermint candy canes

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a large jellyroll pan with heavy-duty foil.
2. Place white chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave on medium setting for 5 to 6 minutes. Stir occasionally, until chocolate is melted and smooth.
3. Place candy canes in a plastic bag, or between two pieces of waxed paper. Using a mallet or rolling pin, break the candy canes into chunks. Stir peppermint into melted white chocolate. Spread evenly in pan, and chill until set, about 1 hour. Break into pieces by slamming pan on counter.

Recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

APPETIZER

Holiday Guacamole

INGREDIENTS

- * 1/2 white onion, minced
- * 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- * 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- * 1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
- * 1 cup pomegranate seeds
- * 4 serrano chile peppers, minced
- * 4 avocados - peeled, pitted and diced
- * 1 pear - peeled, cored and diced

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the onion, chile peppers, and salt in a bowl. Fold in the avocados and lime juice. Stir in pear, grapes, and pomegranate. Chill until serving.

Recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

Side Dish

Cranberry, Sausage and Apple Stuffing

INGREDIENTS

- * 12 cups white bread cubes, baked until slightly dry
- * 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- * 1/4 cup butter
- * 6 cups coarsely chopped leeks
- * 4 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- * 2 cups chopped celery
- * 3 tart apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- * 1 cup dried cranberries
- * 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- * 1 1/3 cups chicken stock
- * salt to taste
- * ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Saute; sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, crumbling coarsely, for about 10 minutes. Remove sausage to a large bowl with a slotted spoon. Empty pan of grease.
2. Into the same pan melt the butter. Add the leeks or onions, apples, celery and poultry seasoning. Saute until softened, about 10 minutes. Add the rosemary, dried cranberries and cooked sausage. Mix all with the dried bread cubes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Moisten with the chicken stock.
3. Stuff turkey with about 5 cups for a 14 pound turkey. Add additional chicken stock to moisten stuffing if needed. Remaining stuffing can be baked in a covered buttered casserole at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 15 minutes to brown top.

Recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

Happy Holidays

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer



Enjoy great tasting drinks

The semester is winding down yet again. For most students, winter break is a mere blip between semesters. While stu-

dents are going to spend their four week break doing various things, one thing is for sure, most will spend time with family and friends while enjoying great food and delicious drinks.

Students should look out for bargains. Most retailers offer huge discounts on food and beverages throughout the holidays. Good beers, wines, and champagnes do not have to rack up frequent flyer points

on the credit cards.

As responsible Cougars, please enjoy all alcoholic beverages safely during the holidays. Raise your glasses. Until next semester. Cheers!



Tott's Brut California Champagne

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

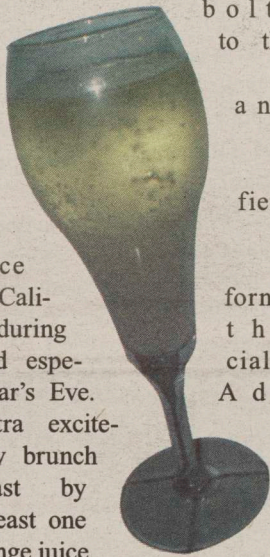
Tott's Champagne Cellars makes and bottles Brut California Champagne in Modesto, California. BevMo retails a 750 ML glass bottle of Brut California Champagne for \$7.99. The beverage retailer offers huge savings at various times a year such as purchasing a second bottle of the same champagne for five cents. The promotions allow shoppers to two bottles of great taste champagne for around eight dollars. Other champagnes are available during different periods.

The champagne bottle features a lavish color such as a deep red, gold, and white. The elegant flash depicts the company's name and logo. The cork displays caution when uncorking the champagne. Corks accidentally uncork

themselves if left unattended for a certain amount of time having the potential to injure sensitive parts of the body including the eyes. The champagne features a 10.5% alcohol by volume.

The champagne pours rough generating a violent bubbling head that quickly dissipates leaving a trace lancet. Hundreds of eager bubbles continually rise from the bottom of the glass to the top throughout consumption releasing a mild sour like tangy aroma. The champagne enters calm then unexpectedly Zeus appears and sends powerful lightning bolts of flavor to the mouth, taste buds, and cheeks. Nothing escapes the wrath.

Experience Tott's Brut California Champagne during holidays and especially for New Year's Eve. A little extra excitement to any brunch or breakfast by pouring at least one fourth of orange juice and three fourths of champagne into a champagne glass.



Donovan-Parke Chardonnay

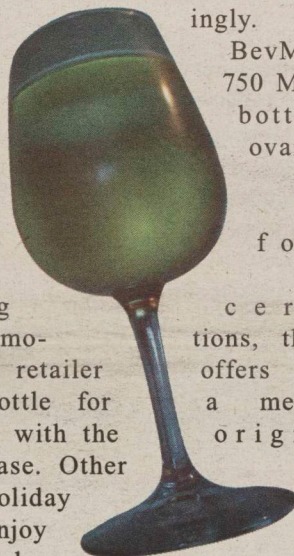
BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

Donovan-Parke vintages and bottles 2006 Chardonnay California in the famous Sonoma County, California. The well-known Sonoma Country features over 250 wineries located 30 miles from San Francisco. The wine achieved 88 points from Wilfred Wong. Wilfred Wong, a cellar master, is one of the top taste testers for BevMo. He samples roughly 8,000 wines per year for the company and rates them accordingly.

BevMo retails a 750 ML glass bottle of Donovan-Parke Chardonnay for \$10.99. During certain promotions, the beverage retailer offers a second bottle for five cents with the original purchase. Other great holiday wines enjoy the same sales discount.

Like most wine bottles, the chardonnay features a sophisticated label with the company's name and the type of wine in a cream colored label featuring reddish-purple and black hues with gold stencil. A maroon wrapper covers a cork featuring the company's name and logo sealing a wine with a common 13.5% alcohol by volume.

The chardonnay pours smoothly into the wine glass emitting a pure yellow hue. The wine has a simple flavor that washes away areas behind the mouth coating. The wine suggests the fish dishes, which makes it a perfect holiday wine.



Brown Shugga'

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

The Lagunitas Brewing Company brews and bottles their seasonal Brown Shugga' in Petaluma, California. Tony Magee founded the brewery in 1993 in Lagunitas, California. Like most start up breweries, the company outgrew available capacity and moved to Petaluma. Currently, the company distributes brew throughout 20 states. The brewery only uses water, hops, yeast, and malted barley to produce batches of beer.

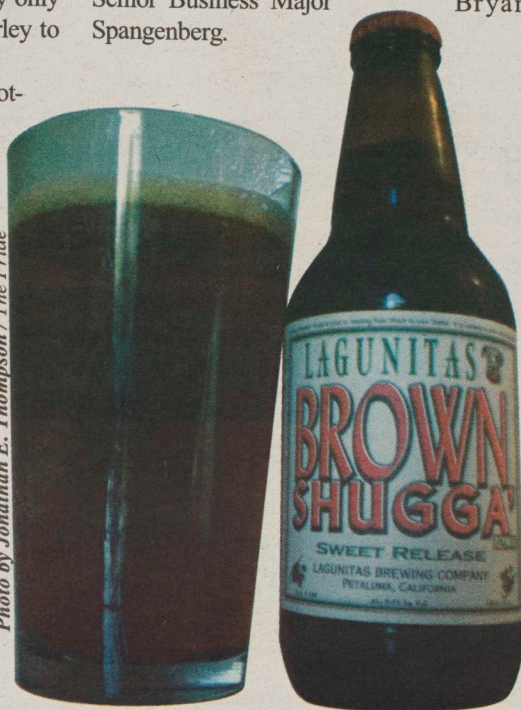
BevMo retails six 12 fluid ounce bottles of Brown Shugga' for \$9.99. A cream, red, green, and surprisingly black color comprise the packaging. The cardboard container features a dog and mistletoe. The bottles contain almost the same imaging. A metallic red bottle top, featuring the company's name and logo, seals the ale with a staggering alcohol by volume of 9.9%. The ale's ABV is almost twice the amount of normal beers.

The chilled beer pours like thin syrup generating a petite head that dissolves into a foamy frothy lancet. A rich brown color comprises the freshly poured ale as a sweet yet tangy aroma gravitates from the top of the glass.

The first sip sends a ravishing tidal wave of flavor to the taste buds and

tongue. The checks quiver in awe. The composition of the brew makes up for the lack of head in the original pour. The ale leaves a thick coating of wholesome goodness before descending below deck. The beer's boldness should pair well with spicy and flavorful foods.

"It's got a little bit of sourness to it. It's a good fall beer. It has enough taste for a complexity beer but it won't alienate you," said Senior Business Major Bryan Spangenberg.



Debbies Restaurant and Pie Shop

BY BILL RHEIN
A & E EDITOR

Debbie's Restaurant and Pie Shop is located on Nordahl Drive in San Marcos across from the Wal-Mart Plaza. The restaurant is in a tight spot in a strip mall with window's boasting festive décor. It is only a few minutes from campus and worth the short drive for diner and home-style meals.

Though it looks unimpressive from the outside, inside Debbie's is a fine place to eat. The inside is tan and pale and there is not a great amount of room. They also cater to an older crowd, as seen in their early bird specials and senior's menu.

Yet, despite what looks like an unassuming place to eat, the food at Debbie's is fantastic. They serve a mix of diner and home-style food all day long. Though they have limited hours, the food is a great value any time of the day.

First, breakfast classics done right stock the menu. Diners can enjoy a selection of combo plates or omelets that are very tasty. The hash browns are perfectly crisp and flavorful and go good with any of the morning meals served all day.

Also on the menu are a variety of sandwiches and hamburgers. Patrons can get just about any sandwich the proverbial mother would make. Though they are all tasty, any server will point out the specials

such as the Rueben and specialty burgers. Also available are classics such as turkey, tuna, and egg salad.

Amidst the breakfast food, sandwiches, and meals, the biscuits and gravy steal the show. For only \$5.95, plus tax, one can enjoy a choice of potato and fluffy biscuits covered in gravy. This small plate will fill you and is both delicious and a bargain.

The pies are also notable at Debbie's. Right as one walks in the door, the two pie cases are visible, including the traditional turning glass style. They have a wide variety of fruit and cream pies priced whole and by the slice. Though they are all tasty, be sure to ask which are the freshest.

Though it may not be the most gourmet food at Debbie's Restaurant and Pie Shop, the customers keep coming back for the restaurant's quality food and excellent service. The food is well done and the prices are fair. Debbie's is a great place to go for a taste of home and a quick bite that will not cost too much.



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