

## CSUSM Students Speak On Schwarzenegger CFA Urges Change, Budget Management

By MELISSA RODRIGUEZ  
Pride Staff Writer

Ever since voters decided to hold California's first ever recall election everyone has been talking, debating, predicting and being entertained by all the media chatter.

The whole nation was watching.

Would Gray Davis retain his job as Governor? Or would voters choose one of the 135 candidates running against him?

Now the election is over, when the official results are announced, Davis will hand the reigns of the state over to Gov.-elect, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Now, election buzz is dying down and CSUSM students hope that Gov. Schwarzenegger will do right by them.

"I really hope that he does well, not because I like the guy, but because I'd like to see the conditions in California improve," said James Nguyen, a third year political science and economics major. Nguyen was against the recall and did not support Schwarzenegger as a candidate.

"I hope things will change, I hope

schools get funding and that they don't cut classes because education is important," said Angela Morgan a business major who voted for Schwarzenegger.

CSUSM students had differing reactions to the results of the election.

Some students are confident that voters have made the right decision in voting for Schwarzenegger.

"I think he's well qualified to govern. I think he can step up and battle the issues, he has the charisma, he is forceful and able to do what he wants," said student Mike Markarian.

"I'm glad he won because California is so far to the left any movement towards the right is a positive" said Mandy Schatzinger, a communications major in her junior year. "I don't think he's the sharpest tool in the shed but he's what California needs."

Some students feel that the success of Schwarzenegger's career as governor will be dependent on whether or not he surrounds himself



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By JONATHAN RODLEY  
Editor in Chief

While budget cuts gouge the California State University (CSU) system, students and teachers are on the lookout to make sure their needs are met.

Classroom instruction, class size, and funding are now protected by provisions made by the California Faculty Association (CFA).

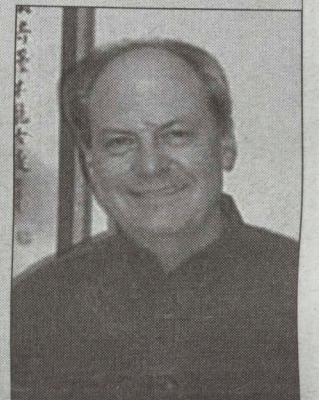
The CFA created a document in July 2003 to direct how the brunt of the budget should be assigned at campus facilities.

Along with the 2003-'04 budget, the CSU chancellor sent the document to campus administrators before the fall semester started. If need be, the chancellor said he would investigate and correct administrators that didn't follow the guidelines.

At CSUSM some teachers think that administration isn't doing enough. "They really haven't come to grips with the severity of the cuts," said George Diehr, CSUSM chapter president for the CFA.

The CFA's document, called the Supplemental Report Language (SRL), protects undergraduate and graduate instruction. It was adopted by the legislative budget committees and promotes cooperation between the CFA and the CSU.

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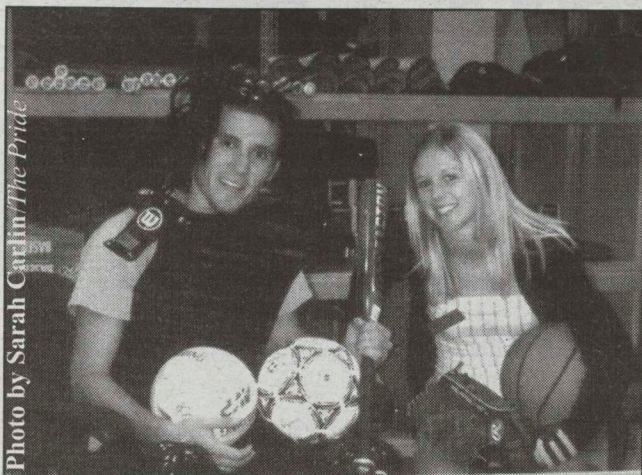


George Diehr

## Adventure Center has fun... Wanna Play?

By DANIELLE BOLDT  
Pride Staff Writer

With the opening of the M. Gordon Clarke Field House, the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) made getting involved and staying fit more accessible and affordable for students. The goal of the Clarke Field House is "To enhance the California State University San Marcos community by



Asst. Manager Robby McClendon and Assistant Amanda Papandrea are prepared to rent equipment and provide information to students.

providing recreational equipment, organized outdoor excursions, within a fun and outgoing atmosphere," said Laurence Bolotin, coordinator of student programs and services.

Each month, the adventure center hosts a campus trip. Other activities sponsored by the Adventure include: kayaking (this month), paintball, rock climbing, and trips to concerts. Students are encouraged to sign-up for programs in advance and all suggestions for the center and future trips are welcome.

The ASI Adventure Center is open to all students, faculty and staff. Located in the Clarke Field House, leisure and group fitness classes are also offered. The classes include: Ashtanga yoga, circuit training, hip-hop, kickboxing, cardio classes, turbo abs/jump rope, and African dance. Students may take these classes free of charge. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for faculty and staff.

For student convenience there is also an entire inventory of equipment rentals available. Volleyballs, baseballs, footballs, as well as soccer balls may be rented and for a small price, baseball mitts, camping equipment, sets of golf clubs, tennis racquets (and much more) is available.

Sign-ups are available at the Clarke Field House Adventure Center. For more information, contact Laurence Bolotin, the center's coordinator at (760) 750-6001 or e-mail asiadventurecenter@yahoo.com.

## Clubs Hindered By Copy Right Laws

By DANIELLE BOLDT  
Pride Staff Writer

Various clubs show documentaries on campus in order to attract and inform students of issues that they represent, however, because of Copy Right Laws and budget cuts these film showings have been impacted. The documentaries are vital to the livelihood of these organizations on campus.

"It cost an estimated \$400 to buy public ownership of a given film. The question becomes which clubs will receive money, and how much?" said Jonathon Poullard, dean of student affairs.

Because of the cost of distribution rights and Student Residential Life's (SRL) indecision to allocate funds, campus organizations have not yet shown a film this semester.

"It is the students' responsibility to come up

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with their funds," Poullard said.

Due to the effects of California's budget crisis, there is a continual impact on student involvement at Cal State San Marcos. With the large cut backs to California State Universities, there is not enough money to pay for the distribution rights of these films. Pollard added that SRL can only supply a limited amount of money to fund

these films.

Erik Roper, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) vice president and external vice president for the Progressive Activist Network (PAN), mentioned three ways to get approval of a film's copy rights. Roper said, "SRL told us that we can do one of three things: --Pay each company the \$400 to show a movie; --Get a letter of approval from each company; --Have professors list films as part of their syllabi. Poullard, however, says the films would (legally) only be made available to the students of

those classes, not to the entire campus."

These measures will cost students ample time, energy and money. Roper said that Swank Motion Pictures sells distribution rights of movies to various institutions and colleges for a minimal cost.

Roper and others would like to see Cal State San Marcos get an institution pass with Swank to show films at a reduced price. Poullard agrees that there may be a better solution that will help to eliminate the tedious phone calls, large bake sells and car



washes.

Until something can be accomplished, though, clubs like P.A.N. will only be able to show movies in a reduced form.

## Budget Management

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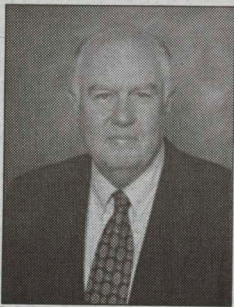
"It puts primacy on education and requires administration to report on these issues," Diehr said. The SRL gives priority to the needs of classroom instruction while requiring reduction in administrative costs.

In California, the general fund for the CSU decreased 11 percent for the 2003-2004 budget, according to the CSU website.

"There's going to have to be trimming," said Interim President Roy McTarnaghan. "The needs of student courses are our number one priority – getting them to graduate on time is number one."

McTarnaghan said that despite limitations on enrollment, CSUSM has more students and less money.

"None of us are thrilled the states economy is in the situation it's in, but we're all working effectively," he said.



McTarnaghan

Diehr, however, reckoned the effects of budget cuts and thinks changes need to be made in handling the budget.

The CFA urges staff and students to monitor their campus to ensure that the CSU complies with the SRL. They provide a "to do" list on how to monitor budget compliance at the CFA website.

At CSUSM, among other things, the budget forced student fee increases, class size increases, and also part time lecturers were laid off.

The CFA is very concerned about the effect on lecturers Diehr said. "Many of these teachers need to pay the rent and pay for food."

Although the budget has had numerous impacts on students and staff, the CFA recognized efforts made by administration. "We're pleased with some steps, but we believe much more needs to be done," Diehr said.

Diehr is also a professor of management science for the college of business administration. He said he sees the potential for improvement in how the college of business manages their estimated expenses. He said that officers

"have not touched the administrative part of the budget."

Regina Eisenbach, associate dean for the college of business administration said, "It's premature to draw that conclusion at this point. We have just received our fall 2003 budget so no prior decisions have been made."

The SRL states that prior to reducing classes, student services and library funding, colleges must reduce administrative costs.

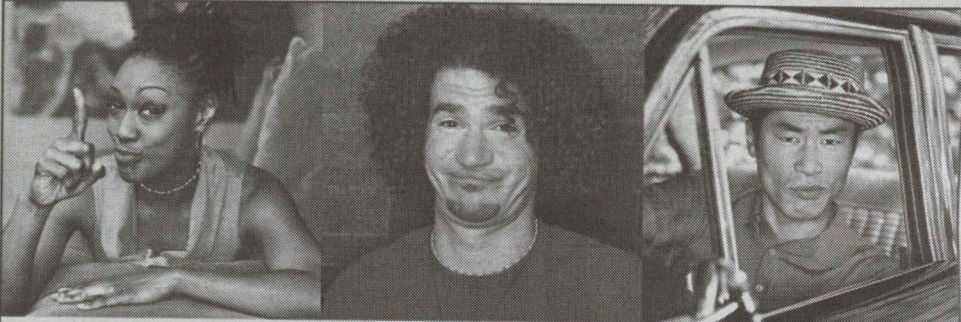
"The college of business is sticking to the supplemental language report to the best of our knowledge," Eisenbach said. She added that the college of business may or may not be representative of other colleges.

At this point however, Diehr said that there is "need for real substantial changes." He said that administration hasn't realized the severity of the cuts and that the structure and size of management must be changed.

"San Marcos has too many mid level managers," Diehr said. "They're still trying to make changes at the margin – increasing class sizes and terminating lectures."

Diehr also said the foundation could be doing more fundraising to address the budget crisis. Another goal of the SRL is to use alternative funding to help lessen the impact of budget reductions. Diehr said that the foundation should be borrowing funds and looking for more people to donate to CSUSM.

"There is no magic bullet for this budget situation and we can expect increasing costs if not more budget cuts," Diehr said. "This is not going to be over at the end of this academic year."



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# FLU SEASON IS UPON US

By RYAN MOCK  
Pride Staff Writer

As the cold winter months of fall and winter approach, the cool winds and short days bring with them the ominous threat of flu season. Notorious for dripping noses and aching sinuses, it is again that time of year.

Fortunately for the students of Cal State San Marcos, student tuition pays for free health services just down the road. Health Services being a luxury that few students are aware of, or for that matter, take advantage of.

With a growing student body on a growing campus, it is much easier to contract such a virus through harmless contact. San Marcos still being very much a commuter school, much of the student population has other obligations, such as work, family, community, friends, and the list goes on. So the last thing on one's mind is to stay healthy and protect oneself from a flu or cold outbreak.

At the Student Health Center, many health services are offered to students at whole sale prices, or even free. Such free services include flu vaccinations.

Encyclopedia.com characterizes the flu

as, "an acute, highly contagious disease caused by any one of at least three types of virus; it can be distinguished from a cold, by sudden fever, prostration, weakness, and sometimes severe muscle aches and pains."

Because influenza is easily contractible, people can run into many complications, including but not limited to: severe fever, pneumonia, bronchitis, or other ailments. In most circumstances these are curable, but for the most part, not very comfortable.

One very simple way to avoid any and all sickness this winter is to stop by Student

Health Services, and have them administer a free flu vaccination.

A vaccination works by injecting a healthy subject with antigens, who in response develop antibodies to battle the foreign threat. Thereby, your body produces immunities to the more dangerous version of the antigen, the pathogen itself.

Usually vaccinations are constructed to take care of A or B strains of the sickness. But as the Influenza virus mutates or alters over time, it is necessary to get a new vaccination every year.

To contact the Student Health Services, please call (760) 750-4915.

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with advisors that will help balance his inexperience.

Nguyen said, "Arnold lacks political experience...his moderate politics made him electable. I expect Arnold to be asking for a lot of consultation because he has no idea what he's getting himself into."

Another student, Erin Sullivan said about Schwarzenegger, "I don't know if I can take him seriously because he's an actor, we'll see what kind of committee he comes up with."

Student's concerns regarding budget cuts and rising tuition costs are not yet being directly handled by the governor.

Although the eighth step of Gov. Schwarzenegger's "100 Day Agenda" listed on his website [www.joinarnold.com](http://www.joinarnold.com) is to "Streamline the bureaucracy and send more money to the classroom." there is no way to know exactly how the governor will address funding issues facing the California State University system.

The Young Voters for Arnold website, [www.arnold4gov.com](http://www.arnold4gov.com) does contain a quote from the new governor regarding this situation, he says, "There is currently a leadership vacuum in Sacramento. With college tuition fees skyrocketing and classes being cut, young voters are paying the price for career politicians' mistakes. I intend to change all that."

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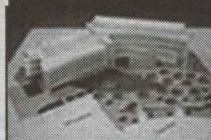
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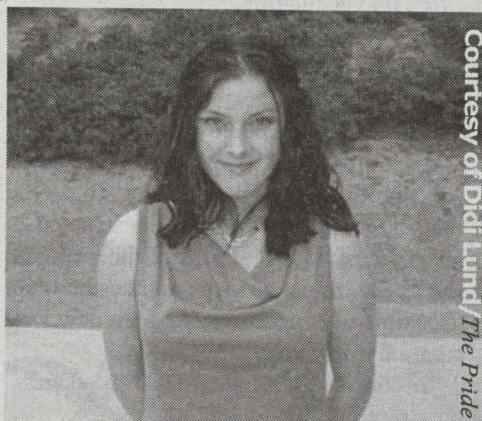
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# Her Perspective: The Frustrations of a single female at Cal Sate San Marcos



Courtesy of Didi Lund/The Pride

By DIDI LUND  
Pride Staff Writer

Like so many other young females before me, I discovered the complete lack of campus life at Cal State San Marcos during my first semester here.

That was after the first several men I approached told me about the significance

of the gold band on their left hand. After trying my hand at meeting people during discussions and classroom interactions, I looked for life after class. But it was not to be found.

Ultimately, the problem lies within our environment, which for the majority of the students here is non-conducive in encouraging interpersonal relationships. Besides those of us living in the dorms or involved in the Greek system on campus, there are few, if any, resources for meeting new people and developing lasting friendships.

In an effort to promote campus life, the programming board put on a speed dating event last Tuesday. Unfortunately, the turnout was poor and the students who did show their faces were the same ones you see at every on-campus event.

These students acknowledge the lack of a social scene on campus. They see this not as a problem with the atmosphere here at Cal State, but rather within the student

body.

"I look out and see people sitting in their cars during breaks on campus and that is ridiculous... This is a time to meet people and make lifelong friends; this isn't accomplished by removing yourself from the campus community" said Brett Gladys, student coordinator of the Programming Board.

Gladys mentioned that it is essential to build a community on campus, but that students refuse to involve themselves in the activities and programs here.

Besides a lack of activities on campus, women have noticed that many of the single men here are unapproachable.

Men on this campus often objectify women and go for those who are pretty, shallow, and generally subtract from the bank of human knowledge when they speak. This dynamic of male personality influences women to act the part of the easy superficial girl in order to get the

guys. It's a never-ending circle with the result being that the singles here develop shallow relationships with equally shallow partners.

Many singles on campus worry about pretensions, styles, impressions, and putting on fronts. What we really need to be concerned about is constructing a campus community and opening ourselves up to meet new people. Our goal should be creating a sense of belonging here at Cal State San Marcos. Albeit disappointing in attendance, the speed dating event did offer a solution to the crisis.

Through more activities that promote relationships we will have life on this campus. Through more effort from the students we can create a campus spirit which encourages interaction. As Gladys said, "be the spirit you wish to see on campus."

# His Perspective: The Frustrations of a single male at Cal Sate San Marcos



Courtesy of Adrian Cundiff/The Pride

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF  
Pride Staff Writer

Have you ever been on the date from hell? The Associated Students Incorporated Programming Board put on an all-inclusive Speed Dating event last Tuesday night to encourage singles to find dates for the Masquerade Ball.

Due to a lack of social scene here on campus singles at CSUSM struggle with

their disappointment and frustration because they are without a setting which fosters meeting new people and developing enduring friendships.

## His Perspective

Being single at Cal State San Marcos is a difficult task. Trying to find a girl with a naked index finger is a chore in and of itself. Is it just me or are more and more people finding their lifelong partners at an earlier age?

Whatever happened to dating? To me dating helps to find out what I really want and what I don't want from a woman. Dating also helps me find out more about myself. How can somebody find out what they want from their partner if they have only dated two or three people? If a person ate hot dogs and hamburgers everyday they may never learn how juicy steak is.

It is true that a juicy burger once in a while is fun. When it comes to lifelong partners and you have to choose between a steak and a hamburger I assure you that I

will not settle for anything less than a juicy steak.

People need to be more stern when picking out their lifelong partners or those whom they are about to spend a year or more with. One year is a long time, especially if you are not with your ideal mate. If you want a nice guy that looks good and has brains, don't settle for the guy who has one but not the other. Being mainly a commuter school, it is hard to get people together because we are always trying to beat the traffic and go home.

## Where to meet single ladies

Speed dating was a great start for Cal State San Marcos in trying to establish a network where singles can meet other singles.

The problem is that there is poor advertising for campus events and there needs to be more of these types of events in order for singles on campus to meet other singles. Having more events for singles will not only benefit us, it will also benefit stu-

dents who are committed to others. It will get us single guys off of their backs.

The singles scene in San Marcos is virtually non-existent. There are no quality dance clubs. Even though that may not be the best place to find a quality woman it would at least give us a place to interact with each other. The only meeting ground for singles at Cal State San Marcos is in classes, dorms, or yoga classes at the field house.

Speed dating at the Field house last Tuesday was a great idea even though there was only enough time to meet four girls out of about 20. In order for speed dating to be effective there needs to be more time so that all participants can meet each other.

According Business major Eric Anderson it was a little shorter than expected. "It (Speed Dating) was a good opportunity to meet people and have fun at the same time."

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# Tips for those living single: Student Survey

By ROB TOWERS  
Pride Staff Writer

Seeking your match — or do you just want to hook up? Are you looking for love?

Or do you have a case of licentious hunger that only that hot babe in your math class with the Britney Spears pants and body could satisfy? Or perhaps you're a female with the same shameless -- and proud of it -- cravings of the guy in your sociology class who looks exactly like that British soccer star, David Beckham, except this one's not taken by Posh Spice and you know he can satisfy your every sensual longing.

Whew, is it getting hot in here? And can we publish such a torrid intro to an article on the singles scene at CSUSM? After all, isn't there some kind of rule that Feature Articles can't be erotica? Allow me to downshift this article from an R rating to PG-13.

That's much more comfortable.

Now then, if you are single and reading this you know dating is fun, that blind date with that nerdy Chemistry major aside.

If you were only semiconscious last week, you know Mardi Gras and Homecoming took place, which means it was a great week to be single at CSUSM. For example, last Wednesday at 7 p.m., ASI put together a five minute speed-dating shin dig. Additionally, the Masquerade Ball is expected to sell out by the time this goes to print. Finally, last week The Pride conducted its first Singles Scene Survey and here are some highlights culled from the survey.

12 CSUSM males answered the survey. Their ages ranged from 18 to 53, with most of them around 23 years old. 8 were single. All of them agreed that the best places to meet quality singles are: at school, through friends, at work, at parties, at bars/clubs. Seems like common sense. Less frequent responses were: at the

mall, at bookstores, at the library, at coffeehouses, at the beach, at concerts, at church, and finally, at the gym.

17 CSUSM women answered the survey. Their ages also ranged from 18 to 53, most of them were 21. Like the men,

**"This one's a winner, just ask them out on a date."**

8 were single. Women agreed with men regarding the best places to meet quality singles. Women, however, indicated a preference for meeting singles online and while in chat rooms. When asked what steps these people take to meet singles, their responses were: say hi, wink, give them a good smile, ask their name, make lots of personal introductions -- it's all about odds

gentlemen --, ask where they're from, be friendly (as opposed to hostile?), use friends to make the introduction, this one's a winner, just ask them out on a date.

You might want to make some small-talk first because some singles asked said this approach was too abrupt, but on the other hand, some said it was fine — so use your finely honed intuition on this one. Finally, there's the Babewatch question: ask them if they want to go surfing this weekend. The women's strategies were similar to men's, i.e., smile, wink, say hello, and so on. Have we stumbled upon a fundamental human truth that applies to both sexes — or have all these people read Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*?

When asked what makes it hard for these men to meet singles, their responses were: lack of time, lack of quality females. Okay, maybe if you're holding out for Charlize Theron -- come on,

now guys there are many quality women at CSUSM. Shyness, and lack of single females were also among the main gripes. This is a misconception: out of 17 women approached for the survey, 8 were single, and of those 8 at least 4 were easy on the eyes — those are 1 in 2 odds, gentlemen, or 1 in 4 if you're picky.

Women reported similar difficulties in meeting singles.

Finally, and in unanimous agreement all men and women, with one exception, agreed that a proposed ASI Singles Club with an active events calendar and CSUSM Singles Events, both on and off campus, like a Singles Cruise would be a fun and great way to meet other singles.

Before you start to think that meeting a quality single at CSUSM is hopeless, look to the left and right of you. Look around and notice that person in the back of the class, he/she just might have an eye on you.



# Ronnie's Wild Life: *Running around as a CSUSM student and getting things done; don't forget to sleep*

By MICHELLE WILLS  
Pride Staff Writer

Have you ever been sitting next to people in class and stopped to wonder about their lives? Who are they? Do they share the same interests as you? What is college like for them?

For the next few issues, I plan on interviewing random students here at CSUSM and asking them those very same questions. You will get a chance to see what a normal day is like for other college students and how they cope with their own home and college lives.

Ronnie Swaim is an eighteen-year-old freshman here at CSUSM and one of the pioneer dorm residents on campus. He has many hobbies, including snowboarding, wakeboarding, motorcycling, and go-cart racing. One of his favorite hobbies is making new friends. "I love to talk," he explained to me, "I used to be really shy, but I'm not as shy right now, because I don't know anybody at school, but I'm still shy around girls at first."

It was Monday night and Ronnie had agreed to his interview in my dorm room on the floor below his. Already an acquaintance of my roommates Erin and Ashley, he and his own roommates were on their way down to hang out with them. With a room full of noisy roommates, we agreed to grab some chairs, and sit on the far side of the kitchen, a little out of the range of noise. I asked him about his day and this is how he began. Ronnie woke up at 8:30 Monday morning and was really tired. He stayed up late with other dorm residents and was finding it very difficult to wake up. He had been up since 1 a.m. dancing with his roommates and friends. Ronnie talked about it: "I was hyper and really in a dancing mood because I'm excited about the (Masquerade Ball). We started listening to music and two girls came over, so I started dancing and they were dancing and everyone was laughing because we were moving to the beat and I started dancing with them."

"A couple of my favorite dance songs came up and we had a contest about who could dance the smuttiest. Michael Jackson came on and I started doing my Michael Jackson impression and we ended up getting three noise complaints."

"We stopped playing the music so loud, but we began running around because we were all on a triple dose of coffee. After that we settled down and watched 'The Recruit'. Around 1 p.m. I went to bed and everyone left."

Still recovering from that night's events, awake, but not ready to get out of bed after seven-and-a-half hours of sleep, Ronnie went back to bed and slept fifteen minutes longer. He took a shower and picked out his outfit for the day. "I was going to wear a collard shirt, but chose a t-shirt instead," he said. He went on to explain that he likes his collard shirts, but they're not as comfortable as his t-shirts and when he's tired, he feels more relaxed in a t-shirt. In a hurry, he grabbed a Gatorade and a nutra-grain

bar and rushed out of his dorm room. On his way to class, he met up with his friend Mike Flores and they walked together to their psychology class. When asked about the class he said "It's cool and it's easy for me and it's fascinating sometimes because it opens up my mind to new ideas."

After that, he met up with new friends and went on to his calculus class, where his lack of sleep was beginning to catch up with him. "She (his teacher) writes fast and I was falling asleep. I didn't get any sleep in the last week," he said.

Back in his dorm, Ronnie made chicken quesadillas, worked on homework with his friend Mike and watched "Porky's" with his roommate Aaron Koop. He walked to his last class of the day with his friend Mike, turned in his homework and went to the ASI Homecoming celebration outside. He saw his academic advisor and went back to his dorm room. Gratefully Ronnie slept for twenty minutes and went to work.

Ronnie works at a convenience store on campus. At work, he danced to the music in the store and made his fellow

employees laugh. After work, he went to Home Depot with his roommate Aaron and bought plants and appliances to decorate the float that was being designed for the Dorms. He worked on homework and then came to my dorm to visit my roommates, where he began his interview with me. After the rundown of his day, I felt like

I was in a whirlwind. "You did all that in one day?" I asked him. "Yes," he answered, "and I have two papers due tomorrow for class!" He looked at the clock in our kitchen. "It's 10:15 and I still have to write them," he said. I asked him if he would be starting on them soon. "Maybe" he answered.

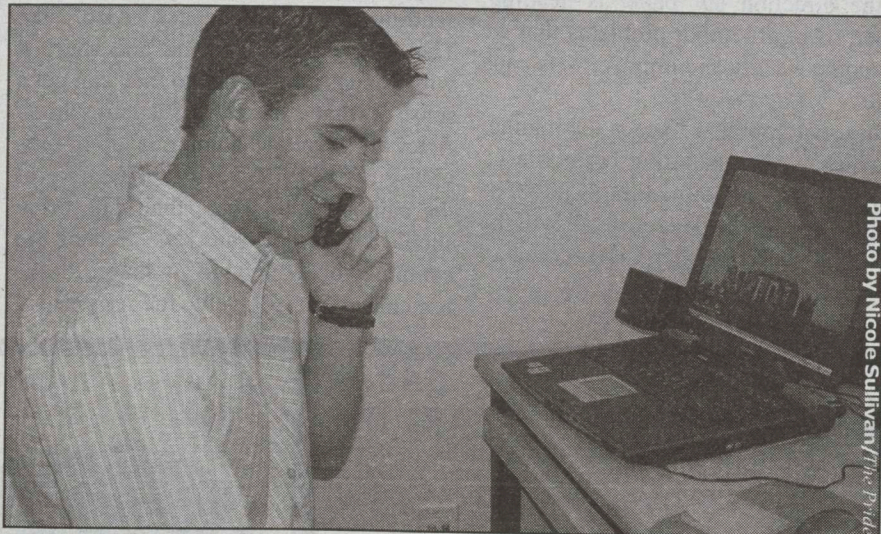


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Cal State San Marcos student, Ronnie Swaim, is constantly busy with homework and social life in his freshman year.

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# Hail To The OMBUDSMAN

By MICHAEL DOLAN  
Pride Ombudsman

One of the interesting aspects of the position of Ombudsman is that I am not required to necessarily agree with what our paper is doing. As such, I am not terribly distraught over our content or the direction our paper is heading; rather, there are minor problems that we overcome weekly and improve with each issue.

One such problem I see is the manner in which we are handling corrections - all of them are not making it into The Pride each week. Therefore, I will be including the corrections at the end of my column from now on.

The corrections that will be submitted will come from my own critique, the editors' observations and from reader inquiry. From the onset of the paper's distribution this semester, I am aware of two corrections that were overlooked last week that will be included this week.

As always, I would like to encourage everybody to keep reading The Pride and sending me your feedback. Also, take The Pride home with you and share it with friends and family so they can get a sense of what is happening at your school. After all, if we are doing our job of providing a newspaper that is indicative of the campus as a whole then The Pride should be an accurate reflection of the campus worthy enough to share. Please remember that I do value the responses I

get from you all and include them in my considerations for this column.

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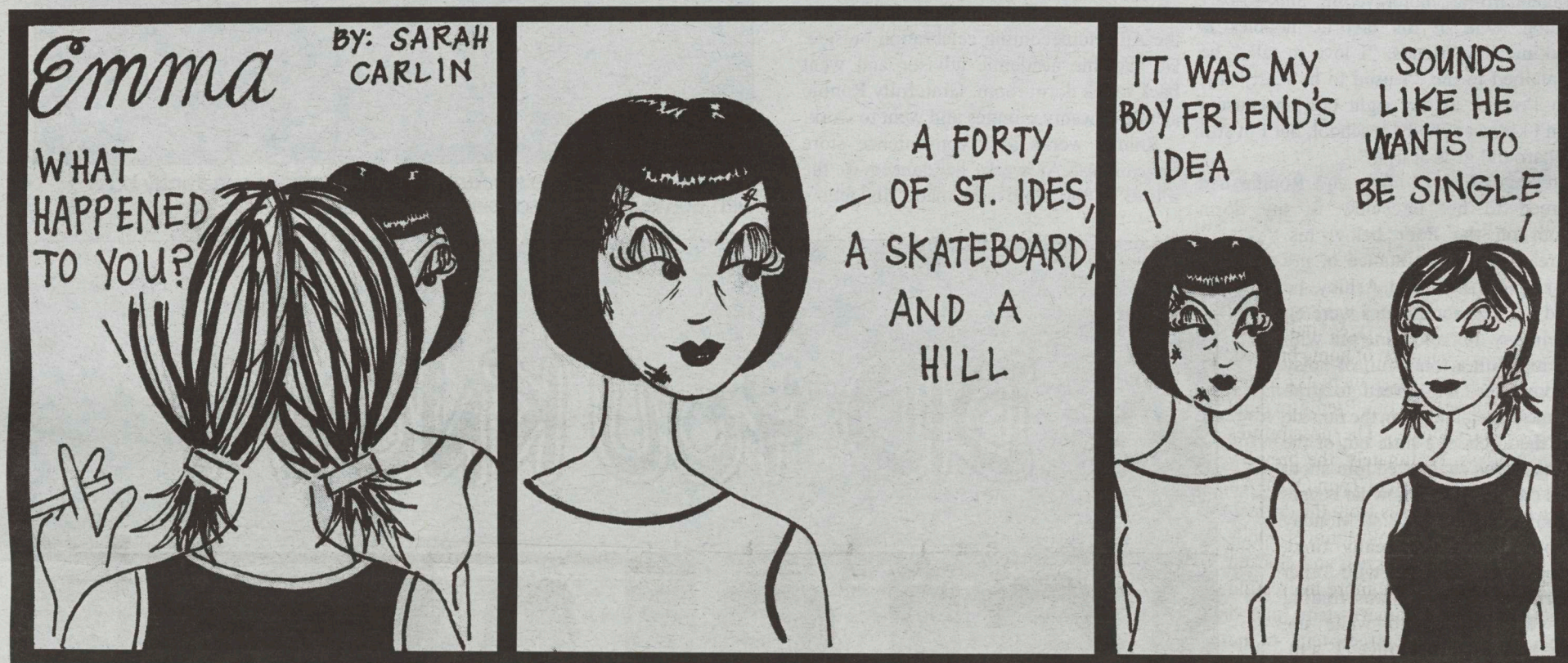
Vol. XI No.3. In this issue, in the caption accompanying the photograph with the article "Coffee Hour," the country of Colombia was misspelled Columbia. The Pride apologizes for the spelling error.

Vol. XI No.4. On the front page and on page two in the article "Meet the Dean, Or Not," Vicki Golich is incorrectly identified as the dean of students. Jonathan Poullard holds that position. Ms. Golich's position is interim dean of the college of arts and sciences.

# Note to the Editor

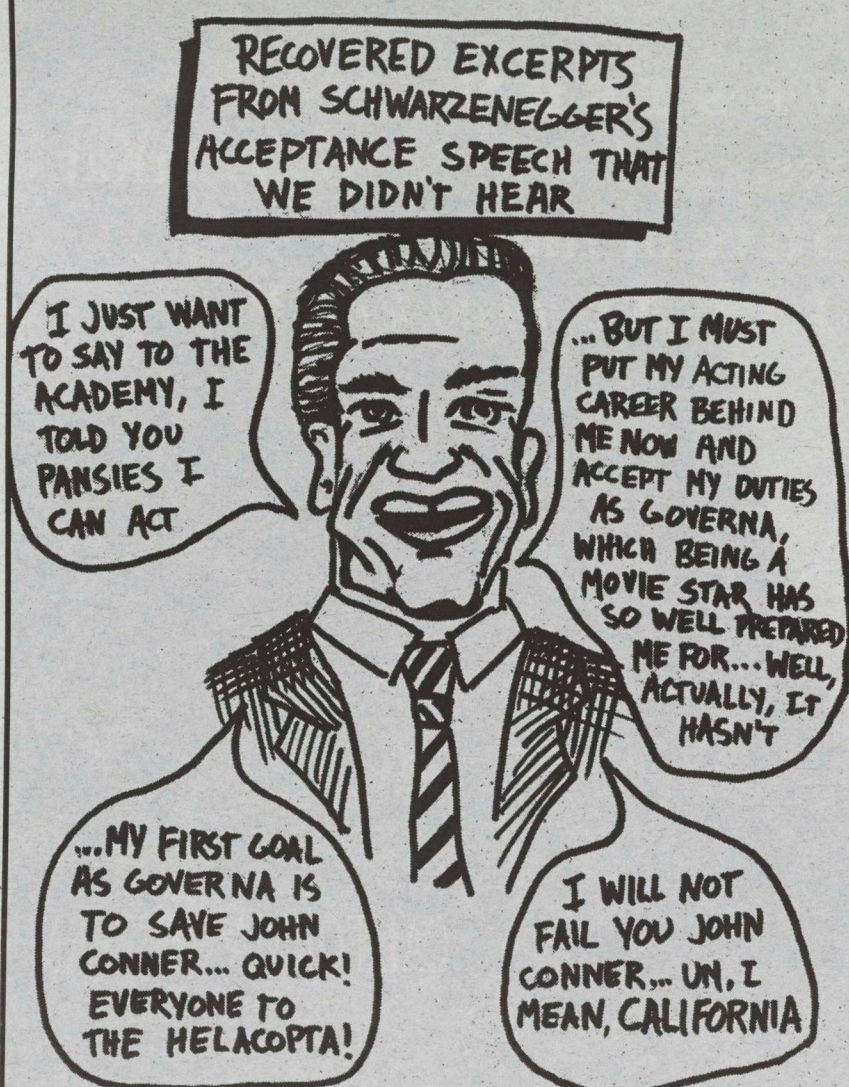
By ALEX ROSALINO  
Pride Staff Writer

I believe that it was stupid for the powers that be to increase the student fees. That is a very direct statement and may seem harsh, but I feel there is no other way to state it. Other people and I registered in late June for this fall of 2003, but learned that we had been dropped due to a sudden student fee increase. They could have warned all the students about what they were going to do by sending out e-mails. My friend received a little card in the mail stating the financial change and said "I barely noticed it." When I did go to their office to ask why, they claimed they did send out e-mails. I wish I would have got one. Did you? Luckily I was able to re-register for classes.



## That's Our Govern

By CHAD SPINKS



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# LETTER TO THE EDITORS

By Chris Martin  
CSUSM Student

As the writer of the article in question, 78 magazine's "Get It On In The Dorm" and a current student at CSUSM, I feel it pertinent to inform readers that the so-called "opposition" to the article, or rather the violators of our civil rights, failed to confront 78 magazine directly about their apparent concerns pertaining to the magazine's content and still remain anonymous.

The premier issue of 78 was summarily rounded up and exiled to the bowels of the circular file for what could be construed as a protest to my evident lack of morality. This act strengthens our view point that we must all be vigilant if we are to maintain our civil rights on our college campuses.

To Cathy Nguyen of Student Health Services I ask - what article were you reading? Like it or not, it is legal for the majority of University students to drink and have sex. Having a drink with a member of the opposite sex to blow off steam and possibly engage in an act of protected consensual sex is quite different from "taking advantage of inebriated girls (which) could lead to sexual assault."

Contrary to your opinion, the message of "Get It On In The Dorm" was the following. Here are some stereotypes, let's laugh at them, and by the way, if you're going to have sex, be responsible. This was primarily a humor piece with a few crassly presented common sense pointers. For those of you who recognized it as such, congratulations.

Furthermore I find it offensive that you assume our student body is incapable of making rational decisions regarding their sexuality and that a few sarcastic remarks will lead educated adults to commit sexual assaults.

Your objections make sense only if we blatantly refuse to acknowledge the use of irony and take items out of context. Those trained to read critically can clearly see that the article was carefully constructed to address both genders. Any perceived "gender biases" are a result of careless reading and the injection of the readers' own preconceptions. I suggest you read the article again - this time analytically.

78 is alternative media - meaning we don't have to be for everyone. It also means we don't care if we ruffle a few feathers with the ultra-PC crowd. After all, that's the point of free speech: -To have free and open exchanges of ideas regardless of their popularity -The freedom to have a voice, to disagree, be disagreed with, and to trust people's competency to make up their own minds based on all the arguments. Deciding what information others can access is best left to fascist regimes. To produce media in any other manner would be considered a journalistic travesty not only by the publication I represent but by me as well.

Finally, though we disagree, I want to thank Cathy Nguyen for participating and offering her opinion publicly and I hope more people will lend their voices to the forum - that's what 78 and The Pride are here for.



# May I Take Your Order?

## Restaurant Row

By JOHN P. SCRIPPS  
Pride Staff Writer

Where do we go to eat? Whether out on that first date, hanging out with friends, or that special occasion, it's a question that plagues us all. It is a question that begs an answer. I took upon myself to find one. I picked what I thought were the best restaurants in the area to fill out three basic categories: 1) a place to go with friends to socialize, 2) a place for a first date, and 3) the five-star anniversary special.

If you are looking for a social atmosphere that allows for your underage friends to sit with you, you'd probably choose a place like TGI Friday's. Unfortunately there are no TGIF's in San Marcos. The closest one is in Oceanside. Most of us do not want the hassle of another long commute but, luck is just around the corner.

There is a place that serves alcohol, but still allows for your underage friends to sit with you. They have great meals and delicious finger foods. The social setting will allow for you to get a little loud without offending other patrons. Drum roll please.

The answer to all your problems is the San Marcos Brewery & Grill. They have a whole selection of home brewed, non-pasteurized ales, such as: honey ale, a rich oatmeal stout, Premium Gold and a Weizenbock. The possibilities are limitless. Fortunately, the brewery is only one exit West of Twin Oaks. All less than two minutes from the dorms!

They have the typical finger foods like nachos, potato skins, and chicken fingers, but also some more interesting items such as calamari strips and a sausage sampler. Entrees tend to be American, but there are a few things that stand out as being different like the Cajun chicken bow tie pasta and the ale battered shrimp (fantastic!). The prices are comparable to TGIF, with an average amount of \$7 to \$9 a plate.

If you ever find yourself hungry while sitting around and watching television head over to San Marcos Brewery & Grill. They even have a take out menu. You can contact the brewery at (760) 471- 0050.

If you're looking for a place to go on the ever important first date, look no further than The Old California Mining Company. They nicely blend sheik with affordability, which is great considering you'll need to purchase a parking pass next semester.

The décor is reminiscent of an Old Mine. The inside consists chiefly of mining paraphernalia with wooden beams, mining carts, lanterns and shovels. The ambiance is quiet enough for you to talk. There are enough conversation pieces on the wall to help when there's nothing left to say. Just think; where else could you say things like, "Wow. Look at that ax!" or "Look at that lantern. By the way, can I light your way home?"

There is a really good selection of steaks. The food, aptly put is American. If you decide against the consumption of meat there is a selection of salads and pastas. The servings are not too big.

The Old California Mining Company is a great place for a first date. It's not too loud, not too bold, and it has pretty darn good food at a price that will still let you pay for your books. You also have the option of ordering your food for take-out.

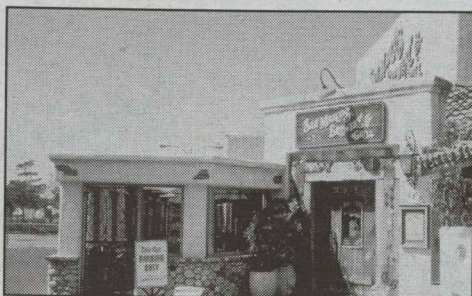


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San Marcos Bar & Grill is a popular dining hot spot on Restaurant Row.

Unfortunately, there are not 5-star restaurants in San Marcos. However, there is one located in Old Town off Interstate 5 south, just before you get downtown. It is a bit of a hike, but a worthwhile trip especially when celebrating an anniversary or the like. The restaurant in question is called El Agave. It is an unsurpassed hole-in-the-wall Mexican restaurant.

I have taken many friends there to prove my point and have yet to take one that disagreed with me once they'd finished their meal. The International Wine & Food Society, La Jolla Chapter (of which I am

a member) awarded it their blue ribbon in 1998, which is no small achievement. It has a bar that contains over three hundred tequilas, something else which makes them famous in San Diego.

In regards to the food... there are no words. The sauces, which make or break any five-star meal, are incredible in their variety and depth of flavor. The food is strictly Mexican. Some of the dishes have a unique twist imparted by the chef. For example, the filet mignon is smothered in a traditional peanut sauce and filled with goat cheese. It is a sort of Mexico meets the 21<sup>st</sup> century steak. It is extremely delicious. This restaurant lacks one of equal comparison.

So for that big anniversary, show your loved one that you care. Take them downtown; buy them a shot of tequila for a \$150 bucks -- just kidding. I guarantee that they will love El Agave. The restaurant is small and not well known which means you should still call ahead and make reservations. It may cost you an arm and a leg. Prices range from \$25 to \$33 a plate. You may even have to borrow money from

your parents to pay for parking and books. Anniversaries only happen once a year, so live a little and enjoy a nice evening at El Agave.

Whether you decide for a place to dine with friends, a place to take that special someone or a place to celebrate

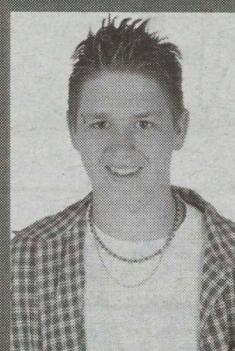
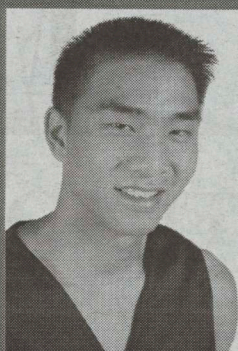


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Old California Mining Co. is a great place for a first date in San Marcos.

an anniversary, all of the aforementioned restaurants are great for whatever your needs are for the evening. Bon Appetit!

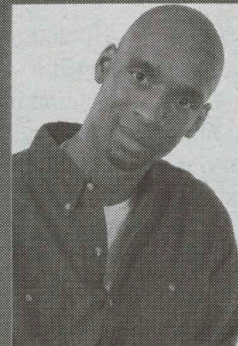
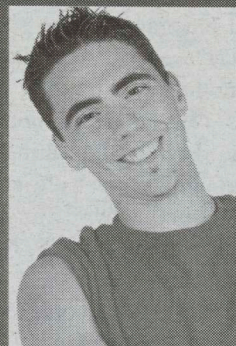
## DID YOU KNOW?



85%

**The Majority (85%)  
of Cal State San Marcos students  
think people risk harming themselves  
if they consume alcohol prior to being  
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Based on data collected from the Spring 2002 CORE survey of 585 student respondents

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# Play Review:

By  
**SHARON  
BAYRON**  
Pride Staff Writer

Immediately after entering the Hearsh Theater in San Marcos, everyone knew they were in for a different kind of performance of Hamlet.

The seats were set in an open diamond shape forcing the audience to sit across from one another, staring at each other until the play began. There was no stage, just the open space in the middle of this offset seating arrangement.

At 8 p.m., the lights went out and the Unnamed Ghost came drifting through the middle of the audience wearing a trench coat and gas mask. It was an interesting entrance and it set the stage for the innovative props and costumes that were to come.

This classic tragedy by Shakespeare is performed by the Poor Players Production Company. Its cast consists of Richard Baird as Hamlet, Max Macke as Claudius, Tara Denton as Ophelia and Brandon Walker as Horatio, to name a few.

Hamlet is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, perhaps because of its timeless themes. Hamlet is a troubled teen dealing with the recent death of his father, his mother's

remarriage, his tumultuous love life, and his quest to find substance and meaning in his existence. These topics are aspects of life that many teens today can identify with.

Richard Baird gave new life to Hamlet's character through his passionate, vivid performance. The script seemed to be written solely for him for he was incredibly convincing in his portrayal of Hamlet. Throughout the play, he speaks directly

to the audience, and occasionally, convinced by his authenticity, audience members have responded to him in the middle of the play.

"Once this guy in the audience thought that I wanted him to come up here with me," Kennedy said. Because of the stage design, audience members are level with the actors and at several points in the play cast members are literally at the feet of the spectators. The innovative stage set-up

brings the audience further into the play and creates energy between the actors and the audience. "I really like this set-up," Kennedy said. "I always felt like I was talking down to the audience on a traditional stage. This (stage setting) allows me to move and engage the audience, to talk to them."

Though the play was written during the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Kennedy decided to translate the play's setting into modern times.

# HAMLET

A digital video camera is set up in one scene and is used by Polonius' character to show that he is spying on someone. Haratio, Hamlet's friend, wears Converse tennis shoes and Dockers, adding a non-threatening look to the loyal character.

Claudius' character sips on a bottle of Crown Royal bourbon throughout the entire play, visually relaying the distasteful aspect of his character.

"Each cast member got to pick their props. If it helped them in some way, then I let them go for it," Kennedy said. "But, I also had to edit out a lot of the ideas that the cast had. I wanted to stay true to the script; I didn't want this production to be all about props."

Indeed, the cast carried out the script admirably, and the mixing between old and new proved to provide an amazing performance. "Aside from everything, we just want to convey the overall theme of the play the best way we can. This play asks (its audience) questions. So if people leave here thinking, then we did our jobs."

The Poor Players Production Company will be performing *Tis A Pity She's A Whore*, by John Ford in December. For more information on this and other performances, check out their website at [www.poorplayers.com](http://www.poorplayers.com).

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This alteration served to highlight the similarities between the dilemmas of early 17<sup>th</sup> century society and modern day society. "We wanted to try and give modern feel to the play," Kennedy said. "The contemporary costumes and props used all were used as tools to help the audience relate to the message."

## COME FLY WITH THE BLUE ANGELS

By NICOLE SULLIVAN  
Pride Staff Writer

The Miramar Air Station will hold its 48<sup>th</sup> annual air show this weekend at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar.

The show will run Friday, October 17 through Sunday, October 19. The show is free and open to the public. Gates open at 8:00 a.m.; the show starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

A twilight show is scheduled for Saturday night. It will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will feature pyrotechnics, flare drops and fireworks.

The three day shows will offer: Over 100 military and civilian aircraft displays; simulation rides; the U.S. Navy's world famous Blue Angels -- they will only perform at the day shows --; the Marine Air/Ground Task Assault Force; the U.S. Army Parachute team Golden Knights; fireworks; a jet powered vehicle; aerobatics from famous civilian pilots; and much

more.

There will be an area for kids called the Kiddie Korner. There will be areas to purchase food and beverages and a sit down restaurant -- The Oasis. Memorabilia items such as shirts and hats will be sold.

Parking is free as well as admission and blanket seating. Preferred seating can be purchased through the website at [www.miramarairstation.com](http://www.miramarairstation.com) or by calling the Marine Corps Air station at (858) 577-1016 or at the day of the show.

The air station expects 600,000 people to attend this weekend's event. More than half a million people attended last year's show.

The Marine Corps Public Affairs office advises long sleeve shirts and pants be worn at the event. They also suggest sunscreen, hats and/or sunglasses to be worn and to bring your camera. They will have designated areas for water.

Strollers or wheelchairs will not be available for rent. Any rollerblades, scooters, bikes etc will not be permitted



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The Blue Angels flying high above the Miramar Corps Air Station.

beyond the gates. They ask that you don't bring backpacks, large bags, ice chests, or coolers. And no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles will be permitted.

Directions to the event: take Interstate-15 or Interstate-805 to the Miramar Road exit. For more information please call (858) 577-1000.