

A retrospective look at CSUSM Fever Week

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If you did not catch the fever during Fever Week, then you missed out! CSUSM students participated in a fun-filled, action-packed week. ASI presented the annual CSUSM Fever Week, showcasing five main events that transpired between October 2 and October 7. "Cougar Fever is Cal State San Marcos' Spirit Week, the week which ASI emphasizes cougar spirit and school pride the most. We want students to be proud to be a part of Cal State San Marcos," said Vanessa Mathews, Director of Annual Events and Traditions for the ASI Programming Board.

On Monday, during the Jazz Festival, music was played during University Hour. Mimi's Café of Oceanside also provided free gumbo for the event. Accord-

ing to ASI, the event was a success. Approximately 100 students enjoyed the southern cuisine, while listening to live Jazz music. "Students were sitting on benches and in the chairs provided in front of the musicians," said Mathews.

"Crash the Carnival" landed on Tuesday. The event was held in the Library Plaza. "Crash the Carnival" included a talent show, prizes, and free food and was coordinated by the ASI Director of Issues and Ideas.

Dance Fever shimmied on Wednesday, FM 94.9 provided music, prizes, and more free food and the Lady Cougars Dance Team performed during the event.

Mask making with the ELC (Early Learning Center) children during University Hour and Broomball at the Escondido Iceoplex created a Thursday jam packed with activities for students. "I thought the event turned

out well. The kids enjoyed making masks and interacting with the student helpers," said Samantha Bigonger, the ASI Director of Cultural Programming. "About 10 students participated in helping the kids make masks," said Bigonger. "Mask making at CSUSM has happened before. This is the first time that ELC has participated. I hope that it is a recurring event because the kids really enjoyed it," said Bigonger. Broomball is played in a similar fashion to hockey, except that players do not wear skates, a ball is used in place of a puck, and players use a rubber-tipped broom shaped stick.

The Sixth Annual Masquerade Ball finished off Fever Week on Saturday. "The Masquerade Ball is a huge tradition that most of CSUSM students look forward to every year," says Mathews. "The [Masquerade] Ball took place at the House of Blues in downtown

San Diego. The venue was huge and very appealing for our students. ASI had a total of 1,000 tickets for students and the tickets were sold out on Tuesday, October 3. It was very exciting for ASI. The Masquerade Ball was free for

students and only \$15 for guests. There were free hors d'oeuvres and drinks. A cash bar was available for students over 21," said Mathews. Fever Week will not happen for another year, so plan ahead of time. Go Cougars!



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ASI hands out free pizza during fever week.