

## Former Lieutenant Sues CSUSM for Race and Gender Discrimination

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According to the Saturday, April 22, 2000 issue of the *North County Times*, former Lieutenant of Campus Public Safety, Alicia Smith has filed a lawsuit against CSUSM. In the article by Bruce Kauffman, Smith alleges she was fired because she was "female, single, and black, and because she filed a complaint against her supervisor" former Chief Arnold Trujillo. Smith received notice of her job termination on November 2, 1998.

The article stated, "The University did little or nothing to change a "hostile environment" on campus which includes, name-calling, posters, signs and "caricatures of bigoted illustrations" that she found racist and offensive." It was not made clear where the posters were found. The university has denied every allegation and has said that the case should be thrown out. The university has made a request for a judge to rule on the case; the hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2000, in Vista Courthouse.

The *North County Times* further stated that Smith alleges that during her tenure at CSUSM, her

sexual orientation was questioned and that her pay was not equal to officers of the same ranking throughout the CSU system. She also charges that term "monkey" was used in conversations about race, a term that offended Smith. Roy L. Landers, Smith's attorney, could not be reached for comment. According to the article, Landers notes that racial politics could be one explanation for the firing of Smith.

Smith began her position as Lieutenant for CSUSM's Public Safety in November 1995. At the time, Smith had twenty-three years of experience in law enforcement. She

was president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Patrol Officer in Los Angeles and San Bernardino County, Line-Sergeant for Southern Pacific Railroad's Police Force.

Currently, there are no women on the CSUSM police force, but according to Chief Tom Schultheis, "If all goes well, we will be hiring two women officers in the near future." In their need for full-time officers "around the clock," the University Police Department was unable to find available female candidates to fill the positions. Of the eight officers in the force, which

includes Chief Schultheis and Lieutenant Will Glen, two officers are African-American, two are Hispanic, one is Asian, and three are Caucasian.

Chief Schultheis responded to the *North County Times* article by noting that the events took place before his time at CSUSM. He hopes for more positive feelings towards the department and noted that currently, there are increased RAD training, the relocation of photo I.D.'s to on campus, things to make the roadways safer, and in the near future with better weather, officers on bike transport.

## CSUSM Awarded \$1 Million from Qualcomm

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CSUSM will receive \$1 million over a two-year period to support the College of Business Administration. Although in process, it has not been determined how the funds will be distributed. These funds may be used to help develop training programs for professionals seeking middle-management positions in high-tech and biotech firms.

CSUSM was included among a group

of educational institutions to receive part of some \$25 million that Qualcomm generously donated. Qualcomm agreed to donate the money to four universities including San Marcos, University of California, San Diego, San Diego State and the foundation for the improvement of Mathematics and Science Education in the San Diego Unified School District were also among the select group to receive the money.

"We're thrilled to have the support from Qualcomm," said Kathleen Watson, Interim Dean of the College of Business Admin-

istration. This money is expected to help expand the College of Business Administration. Although Qualcomm did not state specifically how the money should be spent, the University has discussed a need for training individuals involved in high-tech companies for middle management positions. "The idea would be to design the program based on the business community's needs," Watson stated. The program would benefit people who are fully employed and moving into management positions and seeking a MBA (masters degree) in biotech, high-tech, or business

majors.

The donation was part of a commitment connected to the "Digital Opportunity" tour by President Clinton. "Digital Opportunity" is designed to close the gap between those who can afford to access computer technology and those who cannot.

Because this donation is so new, definite plans for the money have not been determined. However, the overall attitude of the University and College of Business appears to be extremely excited and grateful for such a charitable gift.

## ASI Election Forum

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At the ASI Election Forum on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18-19, 2000, candidates for Associated Students Inc. offices met in an open forum to make remarks and field any questions asked by the students. The event, sponsored by ASI, limited all candidates to five minutes.

Bad weather on Tuesday discouraged student turnout to only a handful of students. However, sunny weather on Wednesday increased the turnout to around 35 students for the forum. Most candidate issues focused on ways to increase student participation in student government and addressed the need to lobby the administration, local and state government for student issues.

Supporters of the two competing slates in the crowd used the forum as an opportunity to ask difficult questions of the many candidates. Dean was not asked any questions regarding his issues, but defended his election slate's composition.

The high number of fraternity and sorority members on Dean Manship's slate was at issue. When asked why this was the case, he said, "I personally have been wanting to run since last year. Every person here is running on their own. Some are Greek and some are not but they all have good leadership skills." He added that his slate's candidate for Executive Vice President Raenna Wertz is not a member of Greek organization and has worked in stu-

dent government for years.

Dean Manship running for ASI President stressed the need to defuse the image of CSUSM as a commuter school. He stated that he would fight to make the students' voices heard during the development of the community and campus.

Stacey Helton, the other ASI Presidential candidate, also faced the same scrutiny. Her speech stressed the need for more student involvement saying, "ASI is for all students and not just a few."

She criticized ASI for having poor communication with the campus and said that all meetings and schedules in the future would be posted in *The Pride*. After her remarks, she faced questions regarding her leadership experience and conduct during the campaign.

One student asked her to explain the large amount of support given to her by many CSUSM clubs, and if these groups did so because of lobbying by her and her slate. Stacey said, "Those clubs that support us did so on their own."

She was also asked if the some of the election controversy would affect

ASI after the election. "No it won't. I can make positive changes."

Other candidates faced even harsher questions from the crowd. Penny Lanese, candidate for External Vice President on Stacey Helton's slate, was asked about her experience in student government and other organizations. She admitted that she had little experience in debating or lobbying.

Scott Crossman, candidate for Finance Vice President on Dean Manship's slate, was asked if any money from the budget went to finance "Spring Fest 2000" and if he thought it was a good use of money. He was unable to answer the question and deferred to current Programming Chair for ASI, Mbalaka Monololo. As the event progressed the questions became more pointed and the exchanges more heated.

Samantha Beltram, the candidate for Finance Vice President on Stacey Helton's slate, faced the most heated exchange of the day. In her speech, she criticized ASI for its finances and said it was not very open to the student body. Samantha said that certain clubs are favored over

others citing that some clubs have had ASI pay for club T-shirts. A supporter of Dean Manship's slate questioned her allegations and defended ASI saying that T-shirt requests are made on a case-by-case basis. The two began to argue back and forth and make other claims and counter-claims. It was only when an ASI representative told the two that they had to move on did the arguing stop. The final speaker, Rita Reynolds, candidate for executive Vice President, said only a few words and left the podium.

After the event Robin Milch, candidate for executive Vice President on Dean Manship's slate, praised the event saying that it was interesting and useful. However, Stacey Helton's slate was not as happy with the forum saying that most of the difficult questions were aimed at them.

"Look at the people here and look at who they support," said Ron Hawkins, candidate for corporate secretary on Stacey Helton's slate. Ron had no answer when asked why he thought tougher questions from the crowd were asked of their slate.

Dear Editors:

There's something about this school that's been bothering me for a while. You people are a bunch of lazy, over-reactive complainers. For going on eleven weeks now, I've been reading about nothing but the lack of parking on campus. What a farce! There is more than adequate parking for students. I have arrived on campus at all times of day every day of the week and have never had a problem getting a spot. Have you ever seen lots 'N' and 'O' beneath the Cesar Chavez statue? Save for the first week of classes, they are never full. I guess I never realized the extent to which North County is plagued by the Orange County syndrome: "Hurry, Hurry; Don't plan ahead; Please God, don't make me walk more than 20 feet; and The world should revolve around me." I'm glad I've never been around to see what happens when your cell-phone battery dies.

I hate to be the one to have to break it to you, but the world does not revolve around you. Other people have schedules, too. The traffic lights sometimes turn red because there are other cars on the road and some of them are going to the same place as you and will need a place to park. As one of the Parking Services officers (or whatever the PC term is for them now) said one time, "You can't arrive at the stadium five minutes before the Chargers kickoff and expect a front row spot." The truth is, the early bird catches the worm; the people with 8:00am classes are going to get the front row parking. The time you spend stalking pedestrians is what makes you late for classes, not the distance you have to walk. Some of you are even so bad as to get mad at me after following me to a parking spot that is 'too far away' for fear of being late for class. It's not my fault that you didn't allow yourself enough time to get here and walk ten minutes to the classroom building. If you want to see inadequate parking, try Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I used to go there and would keep my bike on the roof of my car because usually the nearest spot in the middle of the day was literally a mile-and-a-half away and sometimes even that was full and I had to park off campus. SDSU has some pretty serious problems too.

Parking Services has been more than generous in wasting our money on renting spots at the PPHS building, where I used to park because I didn't want to buy a permit (maybe that's why they did it?). They have provided plenty of spots for us and it's time for some of you yuppie-scum to realize that not everything is for your convenience. Someone mentioned valet parking (tongue-in-cheek, I hope). The reason for that is just to avoid hearing you bitch about parking so far away.

(Sigh) I'll stop now.

- Scott Weselis

Dear Editors:

After reading the April 11 article by Andrea Cavanaugh on "Marginalization of Adjunct Faculty", I would like to say that I agree with Professor Peters views and comments regarding the use of adjuncts. As Peters points out, "...she is disappointed with a system that...treats both faculty and students as products." One cannot help feeling disheartened knowing that the 'University' has become a business for PROFIT! Think about it. Isn't it scary to think of ourselves as 'products'? What kind of an institution is this anyway?

I thought that the educational institution was for the welfare of the people (students and faculty). One knows that when an educational system tends to worry more about 'saving a dollar,' it has less concerns about saving the 'future' of a wonderful mind.

I, too, am disappointed to see a well-respected professor leave the university. If she has been well liked and respected for her teaching and relationships with her students, then let the students decide what FLEXIBILITY is! This so called 'flexibility' (The Cal State Thrift Plan) hurts the students, and as Peters stated, "...it does not provide better service."

We are individuals with serious goals. We are what make this University work. We don't want to be products! It breaks my heart too, Professor Peters.

Juniata RM Greenlee

## Where are the Issues?

Bryan Clark

Where are the issues? What helps people choose one candidate over another? In most elections for public office, issues are the main ingredients in choosing an elected official.

It is apparent to me there is a severe lack of issues in our student election. Candidates have stated what they will do for our school, but what issues are important and critical to their campaigns? If you read the April 18, 2000 issue of *The Pride*, you would have noticed the main insert on ASI Elections: Candidate Statements. The statements did not provide our campus communities with adequate information about the types of issues that these candidates hope to solve, decide, or implement.

Clearly, the candidates statements in the April 18 issue of *The Pride* were homogenized, vague, and of no use to the voting campus members. After reading each of the statements of all the candidates, I felt no motivation or incentive to choose one candidate for an office over another. What did the Candidates for A.S.I. President offer?

*"As your President, I will be committed to building lasting partnerships between the local business community and the campus community to enhance ASI's services to you, the students."*

(Dean Manship: Apr 18, *The Pride*)

Why is Dean Manship stating this? Understandably, it is to our benefit to create a good partnership with local businesses; it would help our school fund more clubs, events, and improve our student body. But, has business in the past been conducted poorly? Does the San Marcos business community view its students as poor consumers or citizens? What does this statement mean? Stating the issues clearly, would create a rationale for choosing one candidate over another. If Dean Manship believes that we are in poor standing with the San Marcos business community, what issue does he hope to resolve?

*"As ASI President, one of my goals will be to make sure that information is readily available to all students. This will help students to know what is going on and to voice their opinions before action is taken, not after the fact."*

(Stacey Helton: Apr 18, *The Pride*)

Why is Stacey Helton stating this? Understandably, it is to our benefit to have information in our community as to campus events, political decisions, or even

student policies. But, what action is taking place that we don't have opinions about? Stating the issues clearly would produce a justification for casting your vote. If Stacey Helton believes that decisions are rushing along before students have a chance to be informed or create opinions, then why doesn't she state it clearly?

In closing, we can see that clear, thorough, and complete communication is being pushed aside for homogenized advertisements, vague statements, and a lack of issues - all which are of no use to voting campus members. Better communication would benefit the student community who has the need to differentiate between their candidates. I urge the candidates to speak out, clearly and concisely, about what issues they are working to solve, decide, or implement - through which they would be directly communicating to students, faculty, and the San Marcos community. Keep in mind that issues are important - name-calling, mudslinging, and finger pointing are not. Candidates of all positions should write in to *The Pride*, state the problems with our school, and the steps each of them would take to solve them. It would give students a reason to vote for a candidate based on campus issues - rather than being an available student for an election.

# Around Campus

By June Hodges

**Question: Do you feel that you can 'make a difference' in saving the environment for future generations?**



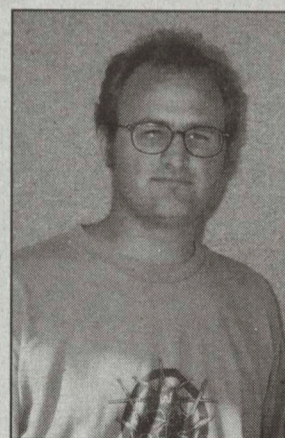
Gina M. LeVesseur

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." Read labels, plant a little grass in the yard and water when it's not raining. Turn off the tap when you brush and use both sides of paper. Don't just tell your kids to recycle, but take them to the store when you return your plastic bags.



Tameri Etherton

"I absolutely think I can make a difference! I have two children and together we recycle and learn about different ways to make a difference. It has to start at home and it has to become a priority for everyone."



Donny Van Zandt

"Yes! I can read the literature of watch-dog publications and avoid evil businesses like golf courses and McDonalds."



Sheryl Goto

"Yes! Each one of us makes decisions that affect the environment, such as "How many children we produce, how much trash we generate, whether we recycle, and to whether we support (though purchases of their products) companies that make good or bad environmental decisions."

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## Solis Update: Former CSUSM student Izabel Solis Fights for Father at Washington DC

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Izabel Solis, a former student at CSUSM, flew to Washington DC to challenge her father's continued incarceration and possible deportation. Government agents justify their case against Izabel's father with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, or IIRAIRA. The former Sociology major met with Senator Dianne Feinstein's assistant, LaVita Strickland, and Congressman Randy

Cunningham's assistant, Frank J. Purcell.

From April 6 - April 13, 2000, Izabel met personally with Brian Bilbray, California Congressman, who represents the 49th District. Overall, Izabel characterized the meetings as productive saying, "After the trip, I felt something would change. The politicians saw the real and unjust suffering the 1996 Reform law is causing for many families and individuals. Things may not change today or tomorrow, but this is a start." Izabel and other group members spoke to congressmen and voiced their opinions on how IIRAIRA goes against what the constitution represents in the United States.

Despite the trip, however, Izabel's father remains incarcerated at Camp Barrett, a county jail where the INS houses non-citizens awaiting deportation hearings. Izabel's family continues to suffer emotional and financial instability. According to Izabel, her younger siblings are particularly suffering due to their father's absence. Her sister,

Carmen, a senior in high school and her brother, Felipe, a seventh grader, are suffering in school. Izabel's youngest siblings question their father's whereabouts. "They think he's working," said Izabel.

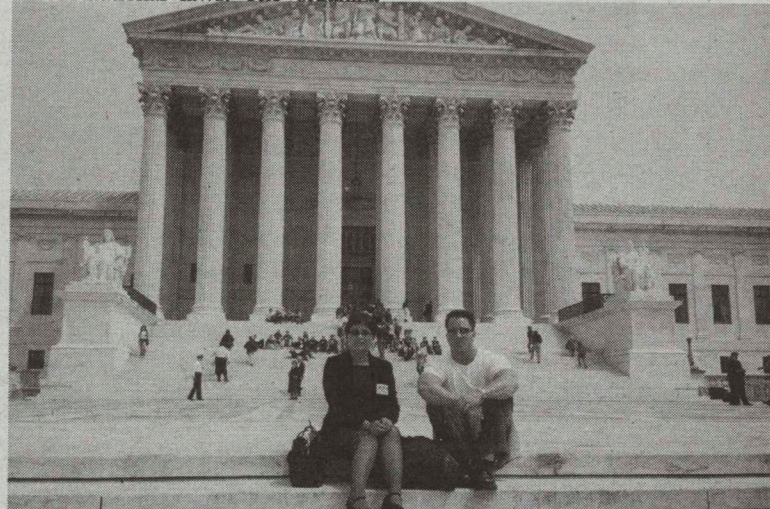
Currently, Felipe Solis's case is in appeals. Mr. Solis has been incarcerated for almost three months since his detention on February 3, 2000. His case has no resolution foreseeable in the near future due to the trial's extensive process.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a recognized national organization, focuses on fighting for immigrants' civil-rights, and Citizens and Immigrants for Equal Justice (CIEJ) focuses on broader immigration issues. CSUSM's Edward Pholert, Director of Educational and Achievement Retention Services (EARS), and Georgina Garcia, EOP's Assistant Director, referred Izabel to Roberto Martinez, Director of AFSC. Martinez and Luz Maria Gonzalez, Coordinator of CIEJ organized the group from the San Diego

area and Izabel went as part of a group of 30 individuals representing families from across the United States, who are currently being affected by IIRAIRA. Both AFSC and CIEJ sponsored the trip to Washington.

According to Martinez, AFSC aims mainly at raising awareness about unconstitutional laws. The organiza-

tion is currently supporting Bob Filner's bill H.R. 3272 "Keeping Families Together" that would repeal the retroactive part of IIRAIRA that tears families apart, such as married couples, where a spouse is a resident alien and the other is a US citizen.



Izabel Solis and fellow rights advocate in Washington D.C.

## CSUSM Greenhouse: Opportunities for Research

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Biology students recently harvested the corn and beans they had planted two months ago in the greenhouse located adjacent to parking lot C. Although built in 1992, the greenhouse has been non-operational until this semester due to funding problems. Now fully operational and being used by Ecology classes, finally, the greenhouse has been put to use for growing life.

The corn and beans study will show how the plants compete against each other for limited soil nutrients and light. The students have dried and weighed the plants, and are currently compiling their data in order to write up the results of this research activity.

Continually, more Ecology classes are being offered at CSUSM. But the greenhouse is not solely for Ecology students' use. It provides research opportunities for all students and faculty. "The greenhouse offers a new dimension for students [concerning] instruction and research aspects," says Dr. George Vourlitis, Terrestrial Plant Ecologist and CSUSM professor.

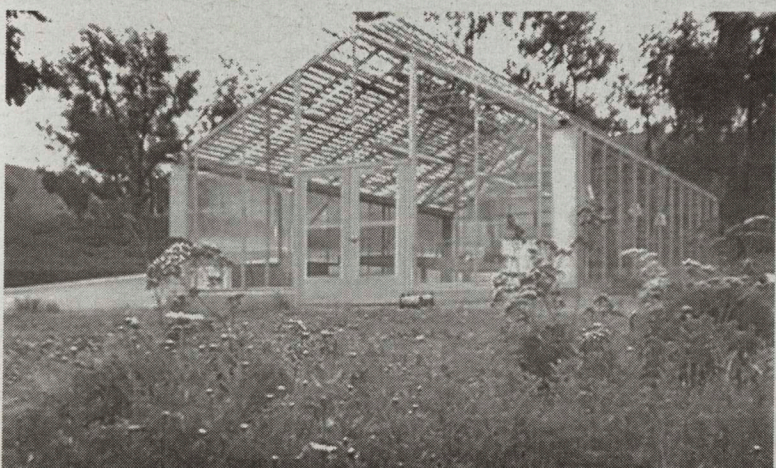
Undeveloped hillsides of chaparral adjacent to CSUSM are ideal for study - natural landscapes with native vegetation and ecosystems. The new Science Hall, currently under construction, is predicted to be complete in fall 2002, according to Bella Newberg, Financial and

Planning analyst at CSUSM. The building will have laboratory facilities, including a graduate research laboratory. But "it would be nice to have an area [of land] set aside for a natural laboratory," says Vourlitis.

The Biological Sciences Department has within it the Ecology concentration where students work in the greenhouse under the class Biology 354, "Principles of Ecology". Various fields of study fall under ecology, which is the science of the relationships between organisms and their environments. In fall 2000, a Terrestrial Ecology class will be offered that is ecosystem-focused, and studies soil and the interaction between carbon, nutrients and water cycles. Terrestrial Plant Ecology studies the plant as a main unit, focusing on its growth and nutrient synthesis, according to Vourlitis.

Currently CSUSM only focuses on general and "Terrestrial Plant" ecology, although there are plans to develop an Environmental Sciences program in the future.

Graduate students can use the greenhouse to conduct research to fulfill their theses and under graduates can use it to conduct research for Independent Study course credit. For further information on research opportunities utilizing the greenhouse, contact Dr. George Vourlitis at (760) 750-4119 or georgev@csusm.edu.



*"Kiss today  
goodbye, and  
point me  
towards tomorrow..."*

Cynthia Woodward  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you mix an audition, sixteen fresh-faced wannabe stars, an ego-inflated director who insists on using pop psychology to make his choices, and an empty stage? You get *A Chorus Line*, of course, the overwhelmingly popular musical that took Broadway and the rest of America by storm. Touted as the most successful Broadway show of all time, you can now see *A Chorus Line* at the Welk Resort Theatre through June 10, 2000.

Originally conceived, directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, with music by Marvin Hamlisch, the Welk production of *A Chorus Line* remains true to the original. Director/Choreographer Ray Limon and Music Director Justin Gray almost perfectly recreate the visual and musical effects of the mid-70's hit.

For those of you who, like me, remember the 70's version of the show, it's all there, from the angst-inspired, let-it-all-hang-out "confessions" of the characters to the wrap-around leotards. Somehow Limon managed to find cast members who looked and sounded like exact replicas of the originals. In fact, if I didn't know better, I would say he took a time capsule back to 1976 and kidnapped Krista Pigott (who plays Val) right off the stage of the Pantages in Los Angeles, where I saw the show for the first time. Pigott's pigtailed, curvy frame, pink-stripped crop-top and spunky rendition of "Dance: Ten; Looks: Three"

(otherwise known as the "Tits and Ass" song) left me with a weird feeling of deja vu.

Nevertheless, the Welk production works. The then-cutting edge issues that drive the story line—women must be young and beautiful

to have value; homosexuality; and multiculturalism—while still relevant, are treated in such a way that the show plays like a rather gentle period piece (contrast these issues' treatment in the current Broadway hit *Rent*, for example). When represented as an historical moment in time, *A Chorus Line* refuses to be over-sentimental; instead, it seems true to its time and place.

Some really good performances help. I've been disappointed with the spotty casts of some Welk productions in the past, but I was pleasantly surprised by the all-around excellent acting and singing skills exhibited in this one. Some highlights include local high school senior Jennifer Rias (Diana), and college students Athena Espinoza (Judy) and Lyndsey Wood (Kristine). These young performers added real vitality to the show, as well as a lot of talent. Rias' moving rendition of "What I Did for Love" brought calls and whistles from the audience.

The veteran actors added much to the show, as well. Blane Savage (Zach), Tracy Powell (Sheila), and Tabitha R. Andrews-Colmary's (Cassie) more experienced demeanors provided a nice contrast to the young actors. The production does a fine job of accentuating the different stages of an actor's life—from the fresh exuberance of a first callback, to the sometimes-painful ups and downs of a career, to the moment when an actor must decide if she is too old, or too tired, to continue the hectic and ego-deflating pace of life on the stage.

You won't be disappointed in the Welk production of *A Chorus Line*. In fact, I for one particularly prefer this one to the original. The close seating and the comparably cramped size of the Welk stage added an appropriate intimacy to the show. That intimacy was lost in the vast sea of the Pantages of 1976.

Ticket prices range from \$28.00 to \$38.00, with some including an uninspiring luncheon or dinner buffet. Students

can buy tickets for \$20.00, minus the buffet, depending on availability. You must show valid student I.D. Matinee performances are held on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and evening performances are held Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through June 10, 2000. For more information, call (760) 749-3448 or 1-800-802-7469.

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**Thursday, April 27, 2000**

**Albert Bandura - "Self Efficacy: The Exercise of Personal Influence"**

Internationally known for his research and theoretical contributions to the field of psychology, Bandura has been on the faculty of Stanford University since 1953. Bandura's appearance is co-sponsored by the Human Development Program and the National Latino Research Center at California State University San Marcos. Additional information is available by telephoning (760) 750-4117.

Open to the public free of charge. Academic Hall 102 1:30pm - 3:30pm

**Le Grande Illusion - 1937 French anti-war film**

Presented by the History Club. Commons 207 5:30pm

**For next week, Thursday, May 4, 2000 "The Story of Ah Quin"**

Pioneering member of San Diego's Chinese community. University Hall 270 7:00pm

**Friday, April 28, 2000**

**CSUSM Psychology Research Fair**

8:00am - 4:00pm  
Keynote Speaker: Marc A. Schuckit, M.D. — "The Genetics of Alcoholism"

Other notable events will include the presentation of posters and papers by students representing various universities in Southern California and panel discussions about careers in psychology and graduate school in psychology. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, go to CSUSM Psychology Research Fair website at [http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/research\\_fair/](http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/research_fair/) or e-mail Allison Tyra at [tyra001@mailhost1.csusm.edu](mailto:tyra001@mailhost1.csusm.edu)

**Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2000**

**Spanish Language Comedy Deconstructs Mexican Machismo**

"Entre Villa y Una Mujer Desnuda", described as a "hilarious deconstruction of Mexican machismo" and performed in Spanish. Written by Sabina Berman; directed by Dora Arreola. Successfully produced in Mexico City with a "run" of more than a year. Sponsored by the

Spring Arts & Lectures Series of California State University San Marcos and the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. For more information, contact Dannis Mitchell at (760) 750-4366.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Free and open to the public. 8:00pm

**Thursday, May 4, 2000**

**MBRS "Conversations with Scientists"**

"Biochemistry of degenerative temporomandibular joint Disease" - Dr. Gustavo Zardeneta of the Dept. of Oral & Maxillofac. Surg., Univ. Texas Health Science Center  
Join us in exploring the biochemical mechanisms underlying temporomandibular joint disease. Dr. Zardeneta will discuss current studies investigating the steps leading to this diseased state.

University Hall 270

Reception - "Meet the Scientist" (An opportunity to talk one-on-one with our distinguished guest.) Light refreshments provided.

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