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-John Quincy Adams

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Davis Signs Bill Affecting CSUSM

By MARLINO BITANGA
Pride Staff Writer

Governor Gray Davis signed the bill AB16 on April 26, which guarantees Cal State San Marcos \$24.5 million to build the headquarters for the College of Business.

Bill AB16 guarantees construction of the newly planned, V-shaped, four-story, 75,000-square-foot business college, which will consist of 22 classrooms, 88 faculty offices and nine administrative offices, while housing the communications, economics and political science departments. The building was originally on a state-wide list of California State University projects that would be built with funds from the next education bond issue, if



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California voters passed that bond measure in November 2002.

By using a different source of financial support and fee revenue bonds, Davis proposed the funding to complete this project in a \$651 million economic-stimulus package, which gave legislative approval to place the education bond before the voters. This would allow facility construction to begin immediately and be completed eight to 12 months earlier than previously scheduled.

According to Russell Decker, director of planning, design, and construction for CSUSM, work on the building will begin immediately in the affected departments.

Although administrators at Cal State San Marcos may have been ecstatic, some students felt more concerned than delighted.

"I hoped that the committee involved with the planning would provide us with a formal presentation that would inform us about the future plans of this college and how it would benefit its students and faculty," said Peter Ulatan, Service Sector Management business major. "I didn't even know our campus received that amount of money, until I read *The North County Times*."

Likewise, Judy Brown, HTM business major, added, "As a freshman, I am glad that we have the opportunity to expand and stabilize our >>Article cont. on pg. 2

Associated Students Inc. Hosts Annual Student Leadership Awards Night



Members from Pan African Student Alliance posed for the camera
Pride Photo/Sherrita Cobbs

By ALYSSA FINKELSTEIN
Opinion Editor

The California Center for the Arts in Escondido (CCA) hosted the Student Leadership Awards from 6 p.m. until midnight, an event designed to recognize outstanding students from campus clubs and organizations. Winners of the leadership awards were given a plaque to commemorate their achievement. ASI sponsored the event.

According to Arti Patel, ASI executive vice president, "Everything went perfectly."

The event began with a dinner followed by speeches from ASI President Dustin Naylor and University President Alexander Gonzalez prior to the distribution of awards.

The American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) recognized Rita Reynolds as "Member of the Year," while the CSUSM MeCha organization chose Lorenza Lopez as "Mechista of the Year." The Latin World Understanding Student Association's team player of the year award went to Martha Sarabia, who also received *The Pride's* "Editor of the Year" award during Friday night's celebrations. Ballet Folklorico Mixtlan recognized Margarita Preciado,

and the CSUSM Victorious Club honored its advisor, Tim Bills, as "Member of the Year."

The clubs themselves presented the second group of awards. Katrina Baughman presented the award for the Pre-Law Society to Brenda Alonzo. Stephen Descollonges presented



Members of Alpha X Delta
Photo Courtesy of Arti Patel

the Human Development Club's award, after humorously pointing out that his club was not even in the list on the program, to Robin Cooper. Fellow member James Nguyen gave the Asian Pacific Student Society's award to Charles Manalili, and Crystal Rodriguez presented the Pan African Student Alliance award to Honee Folk.

Sorority president Erin O'Tool presented the Alpha Xi

Delta member of the year award to Christina Wisecarver, and Chris Compton, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, presented his fraternity's award to Benjamin Bankofsky. Cory Barnhart received the award for the ASI men's lacrosse team.

Patel and ASI Vice President of Finance Josh Heers presented the third group of awards. The Finance and Investment Club "Member of the Year" was awarded to Jeffrey Chernovetz, and the Accounting Society named Pete Wyndham "Officer of the Year." Lindsey Hilz was named the "Alpha Chi of the Year" by the Alpha Chi Omega organization on campus.

ASI Corporate Secretary Tammy Rodriguez and ASI External Vice President Jocelyn Brown presented the final group

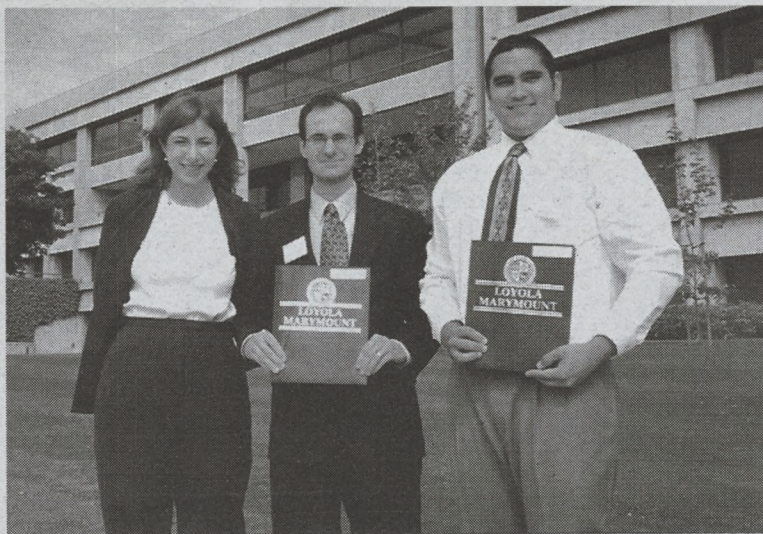
of individual awards. The Anime Project Alliance honored Penny Lanese, a Visual and Performing Arts major, naming her "Outstanding Member of the Year." The CSUSM Progressive Activists Network awarded its "Activist of the Year" title to organization president Erik Roper. The "Member of the Year" for the CSUSM College Democrats was Samantha >>Article cont. on pg. 8

Students Tackle Colonialism and Revolt in Regional Competition

By VICTORIA B. SEGALL
For *The Pride*

When Ted Burgos-DeStephanis and Curt Eichperger wrote research papers on the last African king and European colonialism in Haiti, respectively, they probably didn't think their research papers would be read by anyone other than their professors. But the two history majors made their marks in history this past April, when they presented those research papers to hundreds of college students and professors from Southern California.

The two took part in the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Paper Competition April 6 at Loyola Marymount University, where only 32 students from Southern California universities were chosen to present their papers.

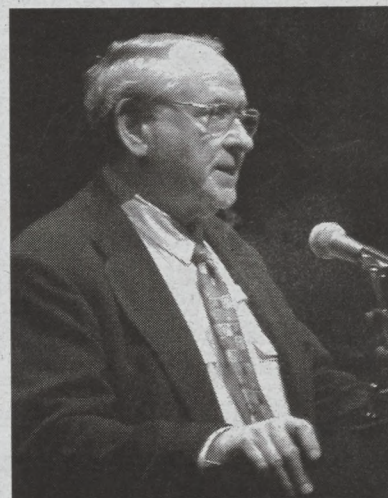


History professor, Dr. Alyssa Sepinwall, Ted Burgos-DeStephanis and Curt Eichperger
Photo Courtesy of Dr. Sepinwall

"We went around to different panels and heard students present their papers," said Burgos. "I heard one student present on the first flying automobile - it was

very interesting." For his paper, Burgos explored the life of one of the last native African kings in power before European >>Article cont. on pg. 3

William Saphire Speaks at California Center for the Arts



William Saphire
Pride Photo/Melanie Addington

By AMY BOLASKI
Graduate Intern

"Colin Powell's decision to not crush Saddam Hussein was the greatest strategic blunder of our generation."

Political pundit and veteran New York Times columnist William Safire's declaration elicited audible cheers from an audience composed of Cal State San Marcos' faculty and students, community members and local government officials on Tuesday, April 30 at the CSUSM-sponsored lecture at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The cost of the lecture was approximately \$30,000.

After a brief introduction from CSUSM president Alexander Gonzalez, Safire, a self-proclaimed "Libertarian/Republican . . . iconoclast," covered everything from the Palestinian/Israeli conflict to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's chance at the vice-presidency to his close relationship with Israeli president Ariel Sharon to the relative unimportance of global warming during his "What's Going on in Washington" speech - a speech he himself called a "harangue." While some of his statements gained Safire audience approval, others provoked several attendees. "The guy's a snake," said PAN president Erik Roper. "How could he possibly decide that no one's concerned with global warming? I'm dumbstruck."

Several audience members reacted with obvious distaste to Safire's answer to an audience member's question. A woman asked Safire how to determine whether an Islamic organization (in the United States) was dangerous, to which Safire replied, "You do not automatically assume an Islamic organization is a threat; you

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Hurdling Through the Pain

By JESSICA KRONE
Pride Staff Writer

Jason E. Williams placed a respectable second place in the 400-meter hurdle at the 74th annual Mount Sac Invitational in Walnut, California. Only the top 25 runners in the entire county are invited to race on the second day of (Sunday, April 21) this American classic. His mark of 52.5 was the fastest time of any sophomore that competed. "I didn't do as well as I should have; it's still a good time but not for me," said Williams.

There is not an athlete in history that has been absolutely immune to the threat of being hurt or injured. Unfortunately, the same can be said for track and field star Williams. Last Saturday at the UCSD Open Meet, Williams pulled a hamstring, which has been hurting him for some time. "Its all part of the sport; I was running very fast and the weather was very

cold," Williams said. Williams trains at the San Marcos High School gym and is seeking assistance from a physical therapist off-campus to ice and perform ultrasounds treatments on his pulled hamstring.

"Just like the engine of a car that shows signs of needing to be fixed, my hamstring was showing signs, and then my engine finally blew out," said Williams. Nevertheless, this has not stopped him from attending practice to give moral support to the rest of the team. "I have to remain positive and not going to quit even though I'm hurt."

Williams still plans to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Nationals in Kansas at the end of May. "I have worked too hard to stop now," Williams insists.

Corrections

In last week's *Pride*, the CSEA article stated there are about 15 janitorial and custodial workers. The article should have stated there are about 15 facilities workers. And the square footage of the university will double with the Fine Arts and Science buildings as well as the new library, which was not mentioned.

It has come to our attention that on Preview there were over 1,000 attendees. The article we ran last week stated there were only 150.

Our apologies if the information provided has caused any inconveniences..

Our apologies to Jan Stockey for misspelling her name.

What Has Algae Done For Us?

By KATERI RODGERS
Pride Staff Writer

Algae, photosynthetic organisms that occur in most habitats, are a plant species that seem so small and insignificant to our lives, but surprisingly have a huge effect on the world's ecosystem and economy, according to Dr. Robert Sheath, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Cal State San Marcos. Sheath gave a presentation entitled "The Scum of the Earth: The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Algae" on Thursday as part of CSUSM's Arts & Lectures series.

"Since I studied algae, I became very interested in the subject and my main goal of the presentation was to allow others to take on the same interest," said Sheath. Many professors from CSUSM attended the lecture with an open mind to learn more about its uses and effects.

Sheath is an esteemed psychologist who obtained his Ph.D. in Botany at the University of Toronto in 1977. He has served as dean, professor and chair at numerous universities. Sheath received the Darbaker Prize from the Botanical Society of America in 1997 and was nominated for the Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Rhode Island. He is also the editor of three books.

Business Building Under Construction

>>Article cont. from pg. 1 business college, but I feel as though the university is not informing us with the proper information about the plans for the future of this campus, especially when it involves my future as a student currently enrolled here. Does this mean that there are going to be more classes offered? What?"

Global business major, Michelle Branch, added, "I mean, look at the sketch of the future College of Business; it doesn't even look like what has been described. Did they change the design? I know the design doesn't really matter, but I feel that this shows that they aren't keeping us informed or even allowing us to be involved in the planning process of the college."

Despite mixed reactions from both the administrators and CSUSM students, the new College of Business is scheduled for completion in 2006.

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Students' Participate at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Paper Competition

>>Article cont. from pg. 1 colonialism in Africa. "I took a different view of the situation," said Burgos. "I focused on the king and his thoughts and actions, whereas people usually take on the perspective of European colonialism."

King Lobengula Ndebele held the last three founding states, according to Dr. Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall, a history professor and adviser for CSUSM's Phi Alpha Theta chapter. "Ted tried to examine the king's relationship with the British people, and did an impressive job of summarizing the literature on King Lobengula, offering an interpretation of why he ultimately fell."

Sepinwall approved and selected Burgos and Eichperger's papers for the competition. Students who participated were free to write on anything historical, and papers that were selected for the competition were presented at Loyola Marymount in a setup similar to a professional historical conference. "Except that it's for students," said Burgos.

In his paper, "What to Do, Where to Go? Decisions for the White People of Santo Domingo After the Insurrection of the Blacks," Eichperger delved into the aftermath of the revolutions against European colonizers in

Santo Domingo (the former name of Haiti).

"He showed how one group that had all this power and underwent all these transitions dealt with losing power after the slaves revolted and gained power," said Sepinwall. Eichperger had written the paper in Sepinwall's History 301 class last fall, in which students focused on relations between the U.S. and Haiti at the end of the 18th century.

"Both papers were very well researched and well written, and they presented with a lot of poise," said Sepinwall.

"It was a great experience for us, and especially for those

that want to become historians," said Burgos, who would like to obtain a Ph.D. and teach at the university level and write history books.

Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society with more than 800 chapters in the U.S., including one at Cal State San Marcos, hosted the competition. "It shows what types of events you can compete in if you pursue history," said Lisa Hendricks, president of CSUSM's Phi Alpha Theta. "They represented CSUSM and are a part of Phi Alpha Theta and exposed our campus to others who may be interested [in CSUSM]."

Two years ago, Andrea Cavanaugh, a history student from CSUSM, took first place at the competition. This year students from UCLA's Theta Epsilon chapter, another history honor society, took first place. Students who took part in the competition did not have to be members of Phi Alpha Theta.

Sepinwall added that students interested in joining Phi Alpha Theta do not have to be history majors. They are required, however, to have a minimum of 12 units in history courses with a GPA of 3.0, and an overall an overall CSUSM/college GPA of 3.2

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Beulah: The Coast is Never Clear

By JAMIEKO LANE
Pride Staff Writer

Small shows seem to be the most fun, and last Tuesday at The Casbah, a local San Diego club, was no exception when Beulah, a San Francisco-based band, headlined the show.

With a wall of black diner-like seat cushions behind them, which is used to keep the noise low for the surrounding residential neighborhood, Beulah began with great enthusiasm. When asked to describe the type of music they play, Bill Swan, guitarist, trumpet player and one of the singers of the band, said, "I would definitely classify us as rock n' roll, but you'll have to make up your own mind on the matter."

The band is definitely the Beatles of the 21st century, with its upbeat rhythms mixed with fun, sixties-like lyrics. But the intense guitar overlay, synthesizer and the awesome trumpet action make it feel like a definite solid part of our generation - not to mention the hundred or so bouncing, lively, twenty-some-things that crowded the small dance floor.

Despite the annoying feedback that occurred a few times during the show, the band gave a spectacular performance and kept everyone excited. When finished, the band was encored and played a few more songs, ending at close to two in the morning.

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Casbah. When asked how the band started, Swan stated, "It was actually an accident. It was a side project that somehow worked." The band slowly came together in the fall of 1997, but got off the floor in 1999. Beulah has toured the U.S., Europe and Canada and is on a coast-to-coast tour of the U.S. The tour, entitled "The Coast is Never Clear," started in Denver, CO., sold out in L.A., and is ending on May 4 in its hometown of San Francisco.

On April 16, Beulah made a guest appearance on The Conan O'Brien Show, a sign that they are quickly moving their way up. Beulah is a band that will definitely leave its mark on the music industry.

CSUSM Play Performed at Vista Playhouse

By MARTHA SARABIA
News Editor

"Doña Criba," a Cal State San Marcos school play, which premiered last December, was performed at Vista's AVO Playhouse on Friday and Saturday. What started as a school play has now become a play for the community of the North County area, especially for the Spanish speaking community.

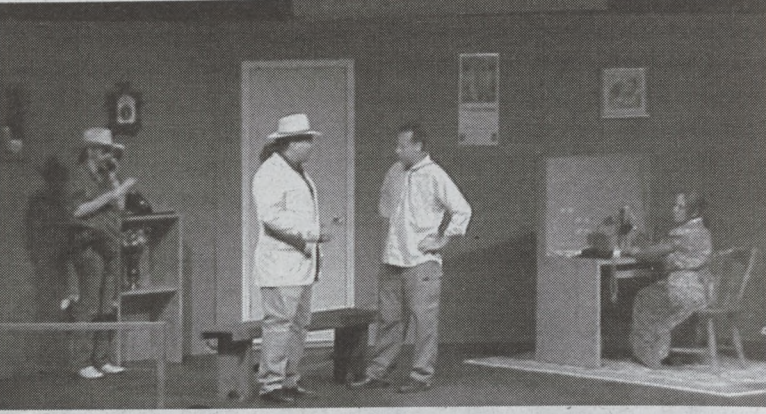
Almost all of the actors and actresses in this play are CSUSM students who have formed a theater group called Dionysus. According to Carlos von Son, CSUSM professor of Spanish, the group decided to name the group after the Greek god, Dionysus, who was the god of theater. Besides students whose first language is Spanish, this theater group also includes students whose first language is English, as well as other languages.

Actresses of two of the main characters expressed their enthusiasm at being part of this play. Lucinda Bernardino, a Liberal Studies and Spanish major, added, "We're very happy to be in this play with Mr. Von Son." Soledad Acuna, a Spanish major, said, "I feel very proud, something that makes me feel very important even though I don't make anything financially. It is something that makes me feel proud; it's going to be forever, for me, for my family, and for the

rest of my descendants." Although the students are not receiving any credit for doing this, many are happy to just be a part of it. Bernardino said, "It's been a great experience ... None of us are getting any credit for school, none of us have been forced to do it, we just do it

have Spanish entertainment," Bernardino said. Von Son also said, "With the large population of Spanish-speaking immigrants; it's really a need for this type of event."

Due to the interest of students in theater, von Son said, "We're in the process of draft-



A Scene from "Doña Criba"
Pride Photo/Martha Sarabia

because we like it a lot." Acuna added, "We really enjoy it."

Von Son said, "I feel so proud of my students. They have done a beautiful job. They are volunteering their time and so much work and effort." Both also said that they never thought that after performing "Dona Criba" for CSUSM they would perform it to the outside community. However, von Son was asked to bring this play to the community by Vista's AVO Playhouse.

"It's also to contribute to our own people who don't really

ing a proposal needed to offer a Spanish theater minor. Hopefully, one day we can have a minor in theater in Spanish ... It would be aligned with the goals of the university, with our mission statement. It would be a celebration of diversity."

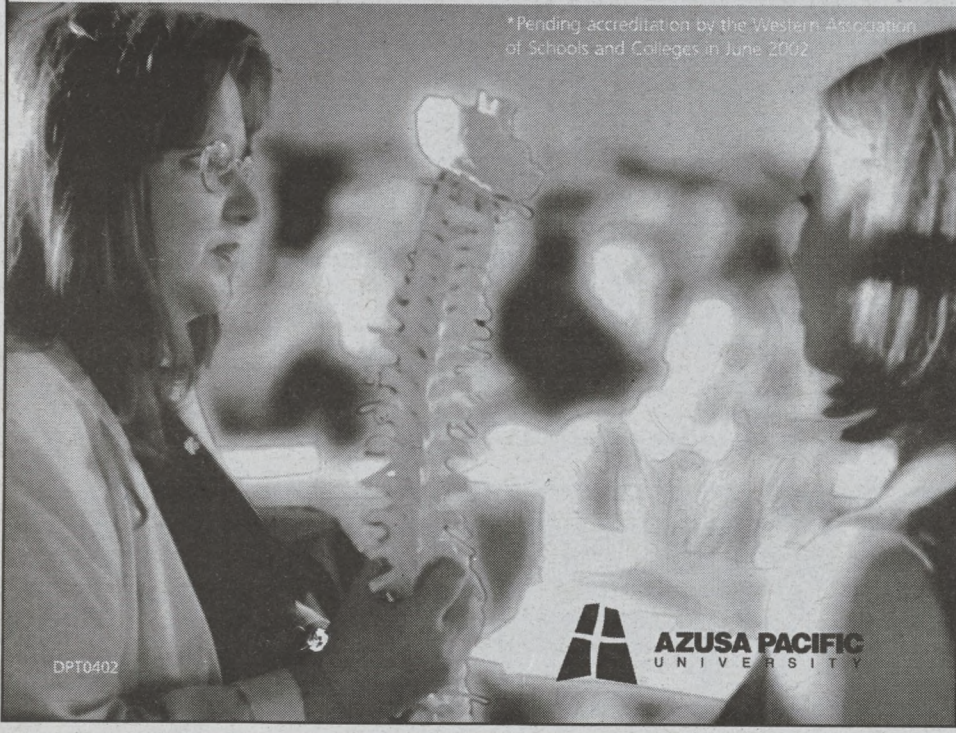
About 130 and 145 people went to see the play on Friday and Saturday respectively. Doña Criba, written by von Son, is about the impact of technology in a small town in Mexico, and how this affects the lives of its people.

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Stop Complaining and Look in the Mirror

By Erik Roper
For *The Pride*

This past semester, the students of Cal State San Marcos elected me to be ASI Corporate Secretary for next year. It was highly encouraging to know that out of the 6600+ students here at CSUSM, there were at least 633 who thought I'd do a good job. To those of you who voted, I say, "much respect, and thank you for supporting democracy (no doubt it was all those people with flags on their cars down in the parking lot.)" But that's not why I'm writing this piece.

After the election, one of my colleagues, who also ran for office, told me something that made my jaw drop. Apparently, there were more than a few students that had talked to this other prospective student leader during the campaigning period before the election, about me, and said that they didn't want to see me elected because they felt I represented an undesirable element. An undesirable element that they felt there was already too much of around here and that they didn't want to see more of on this campus. My colleague told me that some students who talked to him felt that I seemed too radically liberal, and they were also worried that my election might trigger a fundamental shift in the political climate of the student body. He said some students were saying (with obvious dismay in their voices) things like, "...next thing you know this place is going to be crazy and crawling with student activists, like Berke-

ley." When I heard that, I had to laugh.

Believe me; the last thing I would ever want is for CSUSM to turn into another Berkeley. Just think about how horrible that would be. Who wants to be surrounded by a bunch of socially conscious students dissatisfied with the status quo who passionately care about the world they live in and who actually do stuff to try and make it better? Not me, that's for sure. No really, I'm serious, I think it's so much better that we are on a campus that is the exact opposite. For me, there's nothing more amusing than to hear many of my fellow students bitch and moan about how this place sucks so bad and then watch the vast majority of them do absolutely nothing to try and make it better. You know, lately the weather's been kind of chilly, but that's no problem because with all the hot air that blows out of many students' mouths, I can wear shorts and T-shirts 24-7. But actually, I shouldn't be so hard on my fellow students because sometimes, just for kicks, I blow hot air myself.

For instance, I recently sent an e-mail to the Inter-Club Council (ICC) list-serve in which I ripped on *The Pride* in brutal fashion saying, "(*The Pride*) was boring, lame, and worst of all, highly irrelevant." This statement angered some people, especially in light of the fact that, at the time, I'd done absolutely nothing this semester to try and make *The Pride* better. Since then I've talked with one of the editors, become educated about the

myriad of difficulties faced by publishing a student paper (one of the biggest problems being that they simply just need more quality student input), committed myself to submitting pieces to *The Pride*, and began urging those I know to do likewise. So, I guess you could say I've learned a lesson. The lesson being (however cliché) that action speaks louder (and is a helluva lot more effective) than words.

A wise person once said, "Accepting the absurdity of everything around us is one step, a necessary experience: it should not become a dead end. It arouses a revolt that can become fruitful." In other words, if you see something around CSUSM that's wrong, stupid, inefficient, or just plain sucks, don't just complain about it, DO SOMETHING. It seems that in our society (and especially here at CSUSM) a majority of us have bought into the notion that we are passive powerless victims who have to accept whatever THEY have in store for us, as if our lives were meant to be lived as nothing more than mindless, easily-manipulated consumers who have no choice but to take whatever it is THEY're shovelin'. Mindless Passive Powerless Easily-Manipulated Victim Consumers - Is that how you see yourself? One of these days I'm going to make myself a t-shirt that says, "YOU ARE THEY."

I often hear fellow students (and I've been guilty of this myself) saying, "THEY should offer better food in the Dome." or "THEY should provide us with

more fun activities/events on campus." or "THEY should make this place more colorful." or "*The Pride* sucks; THEY should make it cooler." or "THEY shouldn't make our social security numbers be our student ID numbers." or "THEY should _____ (fill in the blank)." Wow! THEY sure seem to have a lot of responsibilities. Maybe the reason THEY weren't able to attend to all these suggestions is because THEY were busy with all their other obligations. In the meantime, what were you doing?

Yeah, I know the story; you've got a family, a job, your sanity to maintain, and somehow you still have to make time to get some of this school nonsense done. So, you ask, "When would I possibly have time to do something about these things I see that need changing?" I don't know. That's something you're going to have to answer for yourself. What I can tell you is that you're not powerless and you don't have to settle for the status quo if you don't want to. Another wise person said, "Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul."

Think *The Pride* sucks? Start contributing to the publication. Think the food in the Dome sucks? Go talk to the manager Melanie and ask her what you have to do to get some changes rolling. Think there should be more cool events for students on campus? Go talk to the people in SRL and ASI and ask how you can help out (What do you REALLY think about the new logo THEY're proposing to adopt without student input). Think

CSUSM shouldn't use your SSN as your student ID number? Go ask someone in the admissions office (right next to the rectangle of trees in Founders' Plaza) for the form you have to fill out to get a new and improved, random, computer-generated student ID number, which should take you all of five minutes. Think smokers shouldn't smoke in the U-Hall stairwell? Go talk to facilities and ask if they'll move the ashtrays and put up no smoking signs in the stairwell, and if they refuse you might consider getting a petition started or getting the support of the student health center.

No one student can fix everything that needs fixin' here at CSUSM. There are a handful of students around here who try. But the sad truth of the matter is that we won't accomplish much unless more students contribute. Every time you complain but don't do anything to try and make whatever it is you're complaining about better, not only are you not helping, but you're actually part of the problem. If you want to be even more honest with yourself, you'll realize that every time you say, "THEY suck . . .," without any action, what you're really saying is that, "I suck . . ." because we all have the power to change the world we live in (especially here in the CSUSM microcosm). So, next time you feel like going off on one of those THEY this and THEY that rants, remember YOU ARE THEY.

Inside The Mind of a Conservationist, Clarity While Surfing

By Ray Hines
For *The Pride*

The environment has a finite amount to give to support life. The same water that I surfed in this morning could have been the water that Cleopatra bathed in centuries ago. I believe I am connected to all other things on Earth because I am made up of the same substances. Very few elements make up a living being, and the fact that we consider the living to have power over the non-living assumes that we are more important. That assumption couldn't be further from the truth.

All living, or biotic, components of this planet depend on the non-living, or abiotic, components to provide vitamins and minerals to sustain life. I think of the wolves walking around in Northern Minnesota looking for a place to deliver their spring pups deserve the same right to a home as a Seattle e-commerce executive. I feel my role on this planet is to do as little harm as I can to my living counterparts and try to use as little of my non-living counterparts as I can to ensure future generations the same necessities. I also feel that mankind is an important and exceptional creature. We have the capacity and intelligence to destroy and create. I think it is

man's job to figure out how to become self-sufficient and in this day of technology and organization, this ability is going to come through hardship and force. I have confidence that man can procure his own future, but he has to be willing to accept the responsibility and challenge of doing so.

Living things can either defend themselves or they cannot. As it says in the Bible, "What you do to the least of your brothers that you do unto me." It is linked to the Native American belief, "Mother Earth, Sister Sky, Brother Eagle, and Father Moon." Each of these things is considered whole and by giving them names, we have given them recognition. This relates to both relationships between people and relationships between things. I have studied a lot of science, and it even falls true in chemical reactions, there is always a factor that is limiting and that key factor decides the fate of the overall reaction.

I take time to think of ways to behave in an environmentally friendly way. I carry a ½ liter water bottle and fill it as many as eight times a day. This assures me that I am drinking enough water as well as reducing eight cups worth of litter from the landfill or eight containers worth of recycling. I drink water because it is easiest for my body to digest.

Also, it can be consumed without much packaging, commercials, or excessive transportation. I know it's just water we're talking about, but a lot of thought can go into such a simple thing. I try to buy nature-friendly, well-built products (even if they cost a little more) to comply with the "reduce, reuse, recycle" strategy. Quality products last longer (or stay out of the landfill longer, however you look at it) and need to be replaced less.

I have taken several courses in the past few semesters that are related directly to environmental studies. I have looked forward to political science courses to help me (a biology student) understand how our government policies are formed. Also, I have taken voting very seriously since I turned 18. I try to research thoroughly before I vote. I have become a member of KPBS public radio and listen daily in an effort to stay in tune with what is going on politically in my world. I don't really like the current political system, but I understand nothing is easy when a lot of people are involved and that allows me to have patience and hope for our future.

I don't watch television at home. I have a VCR that I use to watch videos and documentaries I can get from the library on topics I am interested in. I

haven't watched regular TV or cable for over 10 years on a regular basis. This has allowed me more time to be outside, enjoying the planet that I try to consider in my daily actions. It gives my friends and I time to enjoy each other and discover our many talents, namely playing music and sports. I think it is important to know that you are a special person and to recognize why you are that way. When it rains and runoff pollutes the ocean where I surf, it affects my whole person. When I hear about some environmental catastrophe somewhere that too leaves me unsettled.

I feel like we are all connected, so a problem in one geographic location doesn't just affect the people there, it affects everybody. I, too, affect the environment with everything I do. I breathe out carbon dioxide. I eat of the biomass that makes up resources for other, more efficient animals. I am a poor heat conserver. I have to eat from a higher tropic level to gain energy to keep myself warm. I drive a car like everyone else, and our exhaust emits tons of pollutants into the air. I demand light when it's dark outside, burning coal for my electricity. I buy things that come in non-renewable, non-degradable packaging because they "just come that way." I flush my self-generated waste down

the toilet and off to some energy intensive treatment plant before it ends up in the very water I am swimming in. I can't think of very many things I do that don't affect the environment, except perhaps sitting in a quiet place and enjoying it.

I traded my gas guzzling, machine-oriented sports in for nature friendly ones. I used to dirt bike, water-ski, snowmobile, street bike, and those sorts of things, but now I cross-country ski, snowboard, bicycle, kayak, windsurf, sail, and surf for excitement. I also teach adults to sail and windsurf. In my lectures, I point out the environmental benefits of them choosing a wind-driven sport for their recreation. I encourage them to turn other people on to the sport and request that they all complete a Cal Boating test. This test is actually a way of sending a message to Sacramento that people in Southern California are concerned about their safety and the condition of their bays and waterways. Each time a test is sent to the capitol, to the Department of Boating and Waterways, it says one more person is concerned. I feel that these small changes in myself and the way that my position as a teacher can influence people's decisions has helped to better the environment in some small way.

Just a thought...

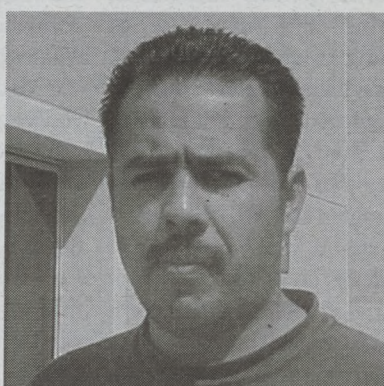
CAMPUS BEAT

By **MARLINO BITANGA**
Pride Staff Writer

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF CAL STATE SAN MARCOS CONDUCTED RANDOM UNDERWEAR CHECKS?



JAN DAGDAYAN-SENIOR
"What does my underwear have to with how I get educated?"



JUAN RAMIREZ-SENIOR
"This is wrong! Nobody has that right. It is demeaning."



BECKY KNUTH-SENIOR
"There is nothing in my underwear the university has any need to see."



BRIAN DOBBINS-SENIOR
"That's totally ridiculous for obvious reasons."



MIA ALIO-JUNIOR
"I would feel violated in relation to my rights as a human being. Also I am here to get an education, not to reassure faculty whether my choice of undergarments are appropriate or not."



PHUONG NGUYEN-SENIOR
"In the pursuit of higher education, brains rule over thongs."

When Will the University Bring Us a Real Speaker?

By **MELANIE ADDINGTON**
Pride Arts Editor

William Safire greatly amused the overly-stuffed shirts at the California Center for the Arts on Tuesday, April 30, and yet failed to arouse much of a reaction, aside from nausea, out of those few liberals who decided to stomach his one-hour speech Cal State San Marcos bought and paid for. There were no right-wing students angered by his discussions over Bush, unlike when Angela Davis came to speak, no Young Americans for Freedom snootily assuming no students would show for this speaker (although only a handful of students did.) Yet the behind-the-scenes politics at play for this man to come and speak on campus was where the real show was.

The university bought and paid for a stuffed-shirt conservative that would appease the very deep pockets that they fed very well before the show.

The event was not for the students. In fact, the fact that the event was free for the students was most likely a ploy to get us there to show the investors how great their "customers" loved the investment.

Safire began life as a PR man in Nixon's Republican camp and went on to become considered one of the most well-written *New York Times* columnist today. His leanings have always been far right and have always been anti-liberal media and its people, but recently he has been on the prowl against Bush and some of the administration's practices and his hypocrisy has shown through. Although I am all for free speech and the choice to change your mind, his recent conversion to Libertarianism is a strange one when you see it as actually a move quite toward the left.

Consider a recent article written in regards to identification technology in the *New York Times* on December 24, 2001 by Safire. In the article he said, "What about us libertarian misfits who take the trouble to try to 'opt out'? We will not be able to travel, or buy on credit, or participate in tomorrow's normal life. Soon enough, police as well as employers will consider those who resist full disclosure of their financial, academic, medical, religious, social and political affiliations to be suspect."

According to the Libertarian web site, "Libertarians are self-governors in both personal and economic matters. They believe government's only purpose is to protect people from coercion and violence. They value individual responsibility, and tolerate economic and social diversity."

However, Safire as a Republican already believed in self-governance in economic issues, but as a libertarian, he wants personal issues self-governed as well, as do liberals. Right-conservatives prefer self-government on economic issues but want official standards in personal matters.

The high point in the evening came when Safire, trying to be politically correct when an obviously racist female in the crowd asked how we could find out which of the Muslim groups are dangerous in this country, began quite respectfully, saying that you can in no way even think that, just as if no Jewish organization or any other group could or should be considered dangerous based on their racial, religious or ethnic identity, which

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then led myself and fellow liberal student Erik Roper to wonder how Safire felt about the Patriot Act and how scores of Arabic-looking men have been disappeared by our government without the benefits of formal charges, access to attorneys, or contact with the outside world largely based on their appearance (read: racial profiling) and are believed to be connected to terrorist organizations.

But, alas, I did not have to wonder long, as he could not control himself and went on to say, "Unless of course you have a long beard and are dressed strange and are near an airport." Then he went on to chuckle while the crowd roared its approval, as if racial profiling was the funniest thing they had heard this year. Yes, for this crowd, I am sure it was. At least Roper and I had our answer.

Safire conveniently used his wealth of PR experience to say absolutely nothing for one hour. When asked questions, he would typically ramble on without ever quite getting to one final point. At the end, after 60 minutes of "a lot of something," we liberals were still only sure of this, our stomachs still hurt.

Note: I have noticed that when the students bring our own speakers to campus -- we have a much better success rate. Greg Palast brought out the students in droves. Even Young Americans for Freedom brought a controversial and right-wing journalist that I didn't agree with, but at least they did it with the intent of exposing students to ideas, not consumerism.

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When in Dome, Recycle as the Domans Do

By RICHIE MANN
For *The Pride*

I'm a concerned student who eats in the Dome, where you eat, respect others and (hopefully) recycle your soda cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, and newspapers. You can help yourself, the environment, and me. You can save energy, produce money, and reduce the trash that is dumped into our landfills. Your conscience has been nagging you: "Environment, environment, I know there's some kind of crisis. What can I do?" Start here, where you eat.

Here are a few suggestions:

How many napkins do you

need? A big pile or one? When you take a pile, they fall on the floor and then are disposed of, unused. Also, in the Dome's outside area, the wind blows the unused napkins all over, making an unsightly mess - not a fun place for you and your guests to dine. What a waste of money and of the trees that the napkins are made from. What can you do? Take ONE napkin.

Yes, you can recycle, right here. We are fortunate that Cal State San Marcos has placed recycling containers inside and outside the Dome, within easy reach. It's convenient to put your aluminum cans and plastic bottles, glass bottles and your news-

papers (or almost any kind of paper in the appropriate containers; they are clearly labeled. Who would put these items in the trash containers? Not you. You know that those aluminum cans are making money for somebody. So be the wealthy philanthropist of your dreams; give by putting your soda cans in the recycling bin.

"Oh, I see, just toss all my food containers in the bin - WRONG. Don't try to recycle your plates, your Styrofoam cups or anything with food on it. There's a difference between what is recyclable and what is trash. Do you really want some poor worker to handle your rotten,

half-eaten tuna sandwich or your three-day old salsa and mayonnaise? Put these things into the trashcan.

"Aha." "I also should finish drinking my cup of soda or dump that liquid and the ice cubes into the drain outside the Dome door and then trash the cup, as I trundle off to class rather than expecting the liquid to disappear," you think, cleverly grinning. Yes, but that's an advanced recycling class. I'll be happy if you just choose the trash for dumping your cup, instead of the recycling bin.

The Microwave. It's convenient and so fast. Why bother covering your food when you

put it in the microwave? The food spatters onto the ceiling and walls of the microwave oven and clings. Your fellow students exclaim, "Who was that pig?" Without those smelly remnants, the microwave will cook more efficiently. See, you're already saving electricity and money. Before cooking, put something on top of the food, like that one napkin you are going to use later. Did I say leave the food tightly enclosed in its original wrapper or container? No, you need to open it and then cover it, that is unless you're enrolled in "Explosions 101."

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To the Editors:

Students should be outraged with what the college has planned for the fall semester. Most classes that will meet on Monday will have to take their final on a Saturday. This is an outrage and should be changed immediately.

I am bold enough to say, boycott all classes that will be holding Saturday finals unless the

class happens to meet on Saturdays. I know several people who work weekends and having to take that one day off will be a major inconvenience. I heard others say that they depend on the bus to get to school and that the Saturday bus schedule does not accommodate them on Saturday as it does during the week. I even heard some people say that it's only one

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Saturday out of the whole semester. One Saturday's worth of pay for students that depend on Saturday work wages could be major inconveniences for many. I know of one person at Cal State San Marcos that works weekends and

if he takes Saturday off, he has to take Sunday off as well. That's a whole week of his pay lost because the school doesn't know how to schedule its finals properly.

When looking at a classes to take, I would think the final would be sometime around when that class meets, or at least the days that class is scheduled during the semester. What were CSUSM

class schedulers thinking when they did this? What about the professors; how come they aren't making any noise about having to come in on Saturday? The professors may just send in a TA to give us the final and be relaxing at home, or maybe they are just unaware of this as I found many students to be.

Noah Smith - Student

To the Editors:

I recently read the article, "Spring Break Packs Action in Rosarito." The clear intent of this travel article is to promote heavy drinking, partying, and fighting that leads to incarceration. I find it appalling in these times of school support for programs like DARE and MADD that students brag about irresponsible drinking and alcoholic tendencies. The author refers to "cases of beer that are gone by noon" and feeling good after drinking four coco locos (a

"powerful drink packed with six different liquors.") When arrested by Mexican police, he is not scared "because he had been in the Rosarito jail the year before." Statistics show that twice as many students have died at the hands of drunk drivers since the terrible 9/11 attack than were killed in the terrorist tragedy. Using a travel article to have another night of "dancing, drinking and debauchery" is a sad commentary on college life.

Carol Van Vooren - Community Member

To the Editors:

In last weeks issue of *The Pride*, there was a paid advertisement about the denial of benefits and disability. I have read many articles in *The North County Times* about Cal State San Marcos' high-up people discriminating against other lower staff members. It saddens me, and makes me ashamed to go to this school. This school has a great mission statement and pushes all students to be accepting, tolerant, and open-minded. I wonder if the chancellor and the administration believe in the mission statement and act accordingly.

I have also noticed that

MOST, not all, of the admin/staff/and faculty here at CSUSM do not have the students' best interest in mind. They are not helpful, not courteous, and give wrong information. CSUSM is unlike other more established schools because our school has very few good or useful departments to help students succeed and have a good college experience.

Can I contact anyone about how I feel? Will my opinion make a difference? Or do these people pay little attention to the students?

Jessica Bliss - Student

To The Editors:

I have a possible solution to the recent debate over cigarette smoke. Place Breath-alizers, similar to the ones used to detect alcohol, in front of classrooms to check people's nicotine level. Cigarette packs could include specially treated little straws that people could use to blow into the tester. The results would appear on a scale of 1 to 3: one cough - proceed to class, two coughs - retest, and at non-stop coughing - he or she would have to proceed to a referee station consisting of a cage of pigeons. If the offending party cannot recite his or her A, B, C's without making the little guys gag, he or she would be in violation. In keeping with the school's writing requirement, I suggest having them write an essay titled, "Smoke, Choke, and Croak" or something to that effect.

Steve Compian - Student

Who are these guys, anyway?

Who are the women and men who run the current White House administration? Can you name some mentionable life story about any three of them? Let's see, Rummy is chummy with elderly women, the army guy owns Enron, I think, and Cheney is hidden somewhere, bad heart approving.

Tomorrow, can anything else ever be known about them?

In the bad old days of peace and prosperity, you really knew the score. So many women, so little need to mention them. Gore was plodding along, trying to distance himself as tactfully as he could. The Ms. was incapa-

ble of comprehension to the lay public, and we know he ate out a lot. Everybody had a scandal but Robertson. Either one.

Today we are blessed with continuing coverage explaining nothing to nobody about anything. Cheering the military overthrowing democracy in Venezuela, we are also promoting democracy in the Middle East. We lend our support to a gubernatorial candidate unconfident to share his personal financial ties with the voting public. We say our rational reasoning can't be beat.

So, when will we ever say, "What about tomorrow?"

John P. Doddridge - Student

To the Editors:

Editor's Note This is a response to a letter in last week's *Pride*.

Excuse me, I do go to a real university; Cal State San Marcos is a real university. For your information, CSUSM is a step above junior college. Many students go to Mira Costa or Palomar junior college in order to transfer to a four-year university, like CSUSM. Some will go to UCSD or UCLA, and many will come to CSUSM. You don't have to question our intellect;

it sounds like a personal issue. Maybe you, like your pompous family and friends, should go somewhere else. And I enjoyed reading the writer's article. It is good to find something happy to read about in the paper. Not all of us are preoccupied with the bad. So to the author of "Spring Break Packs Action in Rosarito," keep writing those fun stories; some us do enjoy them. And, if I ever read something I don't like, I won't read it again.

Katie A. - Student

William Safire Shares his Perspectives on Washington at the California Center for the Arts

>>Article cont. from pg. 1 don't racially profile. You don't do to Muslim-Americans what we did to Japanese Americans in World War II." Safire then followed this statement by jokingly stating, "You don't racially profile, of course, unless someone with a beard and turban happens to be standing near you at an airport."

Safire had begun his lecture with less incendiary topics, discussing his history as a lexicographer and his 20-year stint as

a *Times* columnist, relating personal anecdotes about his relationships with Barbara Walters, President Bush, Rice, Sharon and Powell.

He then spent a good part of his lecture ruminating about the state of the nation and the Middle East after September 11. "What's developing now is the president deciding that he's got to do something to work with the Saudis and get them to moderate Arafat, as he would moderate Sharon.

Sharon is being made out to look like a monster," Safire said, "but he's trying to make a deal. Most Americans say, well, if someone attacks you, you attack back. The same goes for Israel. The general feeling is that the Palestinians are under attack by Israel, but that's only what we see here."

An audience member asked Safire if the public will support placing troops without a "real" declaration of war. Safire said, "[Declarations of war] are appar-

ently out. There hasn't been one since World War II. I'm with you - we should ask for a declaration of war before going into Iraq to do what we did in Germany and Japan - to introduce democracy to Iraq. Who knows what might happen?"

In addition to discussing the ongoing tension in the Middle East, Safire openly acknowledged the need to attend to domestic policy as well. "Who knew his [Bush's] presidency would be a

foreign-policy presidency?" he said. "We have a president who came in relatively uninformed about foreign policy. [Bush] is a president who's becoming inundated with info from his capital. The best thing is that he has not resented that he is being counseled by people smarter than he is."

William Safire's column appears regularly in the op/ed pages of the *New York Times*.

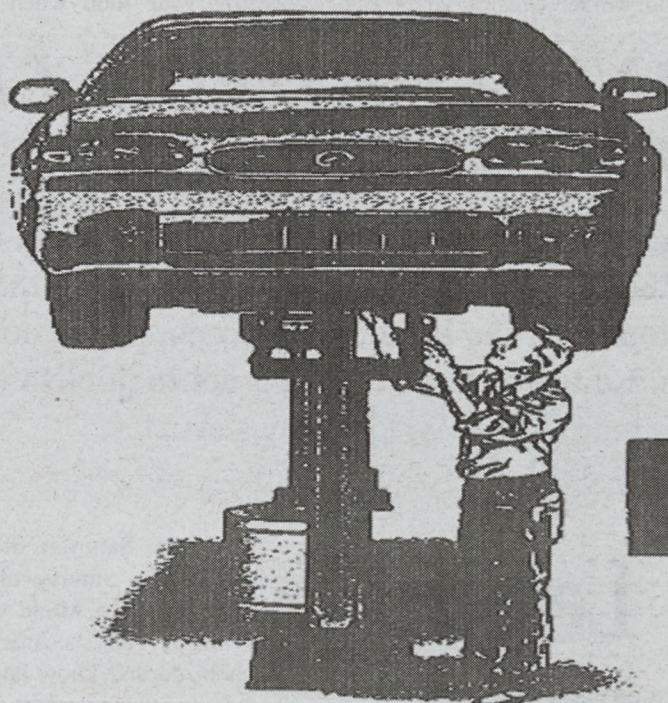
Leadership Awards

>>Article cont. from pg. 1 Carman, and the "Peasiest" (PEAS) health educator of the year award was given to Claudia Tafoya.

ASI gave its "Board Member of the Year" award to Corporate Secretary Tammy Rodriguez.

The "Best New or Revived Student Organization" award went to the Pan African Student Alliance, the "Outstanding Collaborative Event" award was presented for the "Cougar Club Mixer," sponsored by Sigma Iota Epsilon, Alpha Chi Omega, Priority, Latin World USA, and the Accounting Society. The "Best Program of the Year" designation was given for the 9th Annual CSUSM Pow Wow, sponsored by AISA and the "Most Outstanding Student Organization 2002" was presented to the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

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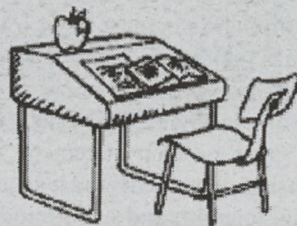
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