

WELCOME BACK

Discount Campus Books shafted once again

By MICHAEL DOLAN
Pride Staff Writer

Discount Campus Books, an off-campus bookstore, once again has faced challenges in obtaining textbook information for the fall semester. The bookstore, which touts itself for its 10 percent used book discount off the University Bookstore price, has served the university with a lawsuit for violating the California Public Records Act due to the lack of information sharing.

According to the California Public Records Act, any record that is not confidential is public record said John Kilby, manager of the store located across Twin Oaks Valley Rd. from the university. Therefore, if the university retains a record of the books ordered each semester, then that information is public record.

"I think we should have the same access (to the booklist) as other entities," said Kilby. "The information is getting to Aztec Shops; it should get to us too."

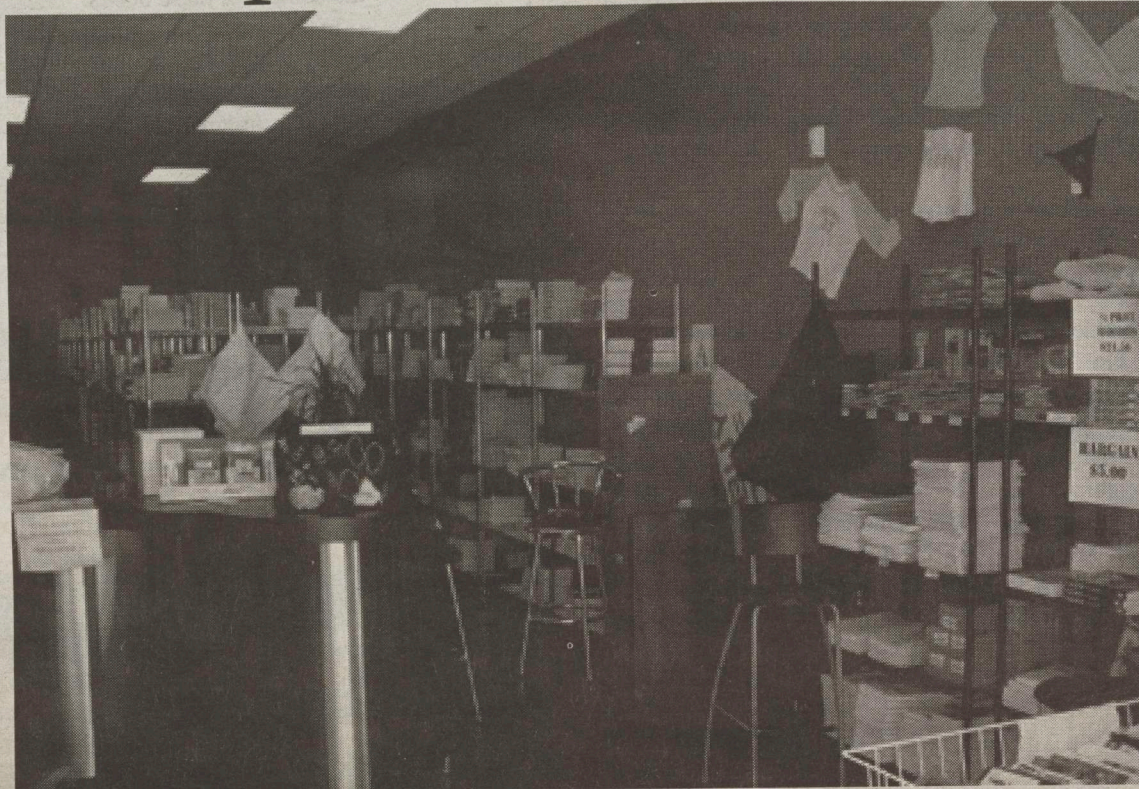


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Aztec Shops run the University Bookstore under a contract from the California State University San Marcos Foundation.

The Foundation is a separate organization from the university and therefore not subject to the California Public Records Act

said Deborah Smith, risk manager for Cal State San Marcos.

"The 'public agencies' of the California Public Records Act

does not apply to the Foundation," said Smith. "The information they have is not public information."

However, it is a question of how that information is collected—that is the issue of contention from Cal State San Marcos. The university maintains that Aztec Shops collect book information independently and there is no resource at the university level that collects or retains this information.

"We are not asking Aztec Shops for the information," said Kilby. "All we are asking for is the same access to the booklist as the (university) bookstore has." In the meantime, Kilby plays a guessing game of the books to order; in the back of the store are 39 cartons of books waiting to be returned. The cartons are filled with books that Kilby ordered based on booklists from past semesters, but that are no longer being used in current classes.

Kilby maintains that the book information must be directed

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- Arrive early for the best parking spaces.
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- If someone is on their cell phone, do not interrupt to ask directions to the library.
- Turn off your cell phone in class.
- Don't be afraid to go number 2 in the bathroom.
- Save money; buy used books.

Haynes focused on the future

By ELIZABETH BALDWIN
Pride Staff Writer

California State University San Marcos President, Karen S. Haynes, has prepared for her first full year by creating a new committee.

This new committee, which will include a position dedicated to the President of Associated Students, Inc.

"I am trying to assure student voices in cabinets and advisory councils and add more substance to the student role," said Haynes.

This new cabinet will meet monthly to discuss strategic planning issues, university policies, and any new directions the university will be embarking on.

"This cabinet will in fact take over the University Planning Committee," said Haynes.

These changes came about as a result of the Transition Team, which Haynes said, "It has been incredibly productive to me to have a group committed and focused on the universities goals helping the president."

The Transition Team is a group that Haynes appointed last semester to help her adjust to

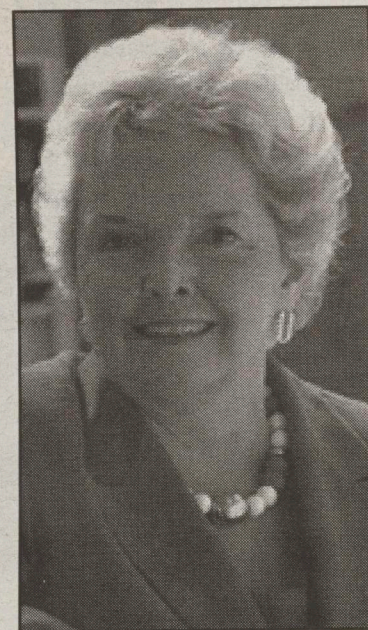


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The Transition Team conducted a survey to find out from students and faculty what the strengths and weaknesses of the campus are. There were approximately 500 responses to the survey. The 72-page report of the results can be accessed www.csusm.edu/

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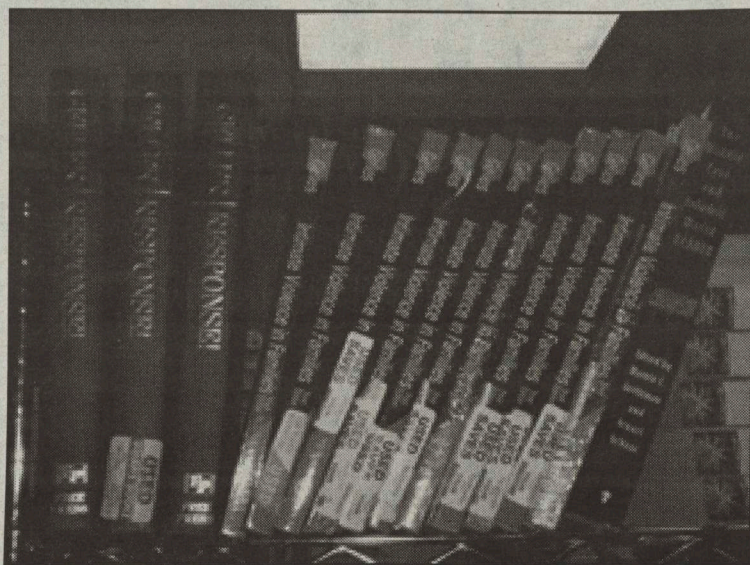


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from the university. He contends that it would be easy to require professors to submit booklist information to both Aztec Shops

and his store.

However, Smith denies there is a record of the book orders placed by professors kept by the university.

"(The university) does not keep copies of the booklist," said Smith. At this time, the university does not plan to implement a process to track the books professors order said Smith.

Cal State San Marcos President Karen Haynes affirmed Smith's statement.

"It is common practice where a third party runs the bookstore," said Haynes. "The university does not control the books used and we are not the provider of the books."

If what both Smith and Haynes said is accurate, then the university has neither knowledge of the books that are ordered nor the content of these books.

In the meantime, Kilby relies on the few professors that contact him directly to let him know what books to order. Also, book sales representatives pass the word on

to Kilby about the books to be used in the upcoming semester.

Student reaction to the limited options for textbook purchases has generally come out in favor of the off-campus bookstore.

"I don't think it is right," said Stacy Palchanis, a liberal studies major. "If students are using their own income (to purchase books), they should have a choice."

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president.

On November 3, President Haynes will be hosting an event, to which faculty, staff and the community will be invited, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of California State University San Marcos. This even will be a platform to show appreciation to the early founders of the

University.

"This will be a public event for a number of people to come together and connect, or re-connect, and show appreciation to the college's early founders," said Haynes.

Later on this semester, the president's website will be getting a make-over. "I am

excited that we will be adding streaming video to our website," said Haynes.

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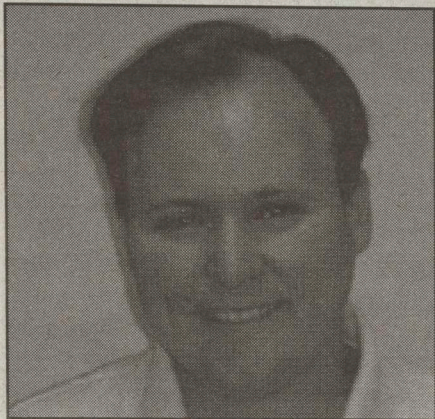
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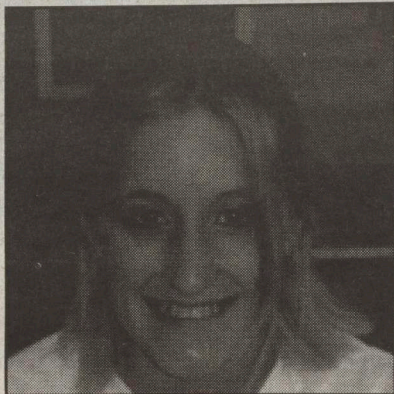
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Brian Dawson, Director of University Village Apartments



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Caity Ries, sophomore, liberal studies

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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.


By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he’s entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. “We’re totally committed to each other. We’ve never been happier.” When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. “It was partly a cost-

effective decision on my part, but it’s been really nice for us to spend more time together.” Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It’s an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. “Dang,” said Peterson, “if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn’t have settled down with someone so soon.”

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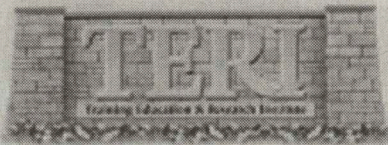


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University Village adds diversity to campus living

By ERIC MERCADO
Pride Staff Writer

University Village Apartments (UVA) opened its doors to non-CSUSM students for the first time this fall.

Entering its second year in operation, the UVA is filled to capacity once again with minor changes in who can be residents.

Since last October, CSUSM current students were encouraged to apply for a spot at UVA. It was not until May 2004 that advertising was made public for non-CSUSM students to join UVA. Advertising was aimed primarily at Palomar College students.

Housing for students is determined by date of application. Students that turned

in their requests early had a more favorable chance of getting housing.

According to Brian Dawson, director of UVA, capacity is once again at its limit. There will be a total of 460 residents with 15 of the students being from Palomar this year.

"The students from Palomar will most likely transfer to CSUSM," said Dawson. "This gives them an opportunity and little taste of what our campus is all about."

During the summer, it was estimated that over 50 students were on the waitlist to join UVA. Currently there are only 10 students still waiting for housing.



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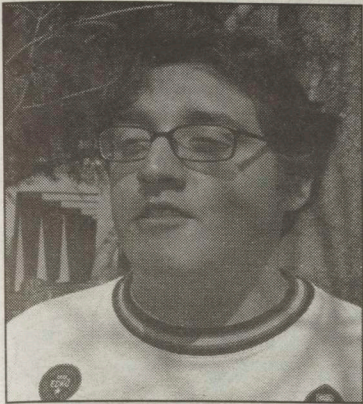
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Jock Talk With Josh

BY JOSHUA SANDOVAL
Pride Staff Writer



Every four years since 776 B.C., the entire world comes together to meet and compete at the Olympic Games. This year the world convened in Athens, Greece.

The Olympics always seem to grab the casual sports fan more aggressively than professional sports because in the Olympics the athletes are competing for their country rather than for themselves. During the Olympics you find people saying things like, "Wow, did you see the U.S. Men's rowing team win the gold the other day?" I mean, who gets excited about rowing? No one, it's just the fact that

these rowers did it for the country.

I was with my friend Karin last Thursday when the women's soccer team won the gold medal in overtime. Her mom called her just to ask if she heard the news about the women's soccer team. The Olympics are all about having pride for your country just like that.

These Olympics provided many discussions for Americans with a lot of them being centered on the disappointments. Tom Pappas had to drop out of the decathlon due to injury, and Rulon Gardner wasn't able to defend his title in Greco Roman wrestling. Those were two of the largest disappointments. However, the accomplishments by the U.S. competitors are what really stick out in most

people's minds. There have been many jaw dropping occurrences in these Olympics.

In the past 100 years the United States looked like they were dueling with small butter knives when it came to fencing. However, this year Mariel Zagunis won the first fencing gold medal for the United States since 1904 to end the drought.

One of the more remarkable performances in these Olympics was from the duo of Kerri Walsh and Misty May in beach volleyball. The duo beat up on every other country like there was not even another team on the other side of the net. Walsh and May did not even lose a single set during the entire Olympics to give the U.S.A. its first gold in



Gold, silver, and bronze medals.
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beach volleyball history.

The only team more dominant than the combo of Walsh and May was the women's softball team. The rest of the world didn't know what they were getting when they signed up for women's softball. The women's softball team won hands down every single game they competed in and outscored their opponents 51-1 during the entire tournament.

However, no one has been more interesting to the United States than the young 19-year-old Michael Phelps. Many people set unrealistic expectations for Phelps by saying that he would break the record for most gold medals in one Olympics which is held by Mark Spitz who won 7 gold medals in 1972. Phelps did tie an Olympic record by winning the most medals in one Olympics by capturing eight, but only 6 were gold. Going into the Olympics it

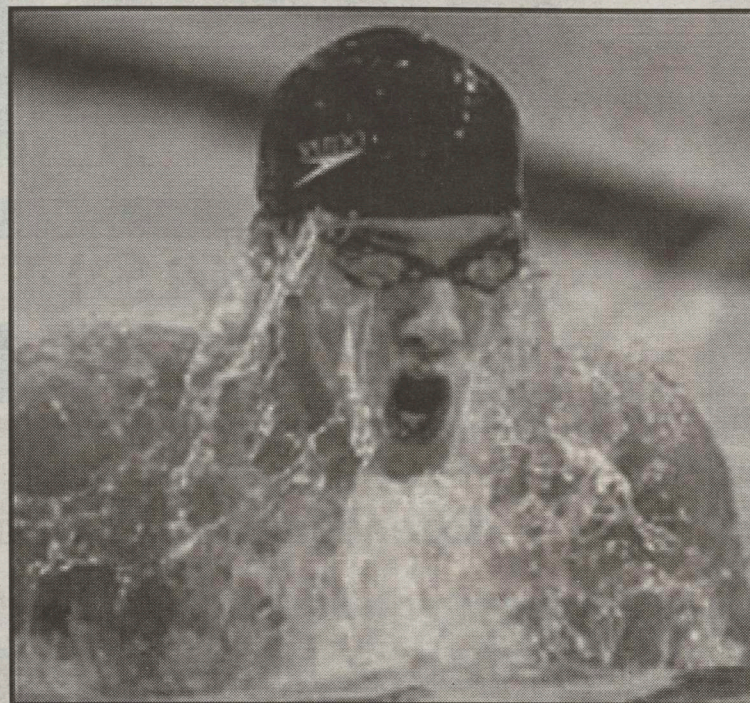
was thought to be Michael Phelps versus the world and by the looks of it, he literally defeated the world by capturing more swimming medals than 17 other countries. Since Phelps is only 19 the sky is the limit, and in the 2008 games there is no doubt he will be in China to go after Mark Spitz's gold medal record.

The U.S.A also showed off in gymnastics. The U.S. won both the men's and women's individual all around competitions. It marked only the second time in Olympic history in which one country has swept the individual all around. Carly Patterson, 16, won gold for the women and Paul Hamm took it for the men.

It will be another four years till the next summer games but hopefully you will keep that same pride for your country over that time.



Above: Justin Gatlin, bottom right: Michael Phelps, below: U.S. women's soccer team.
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By MICHAEL DOLAN
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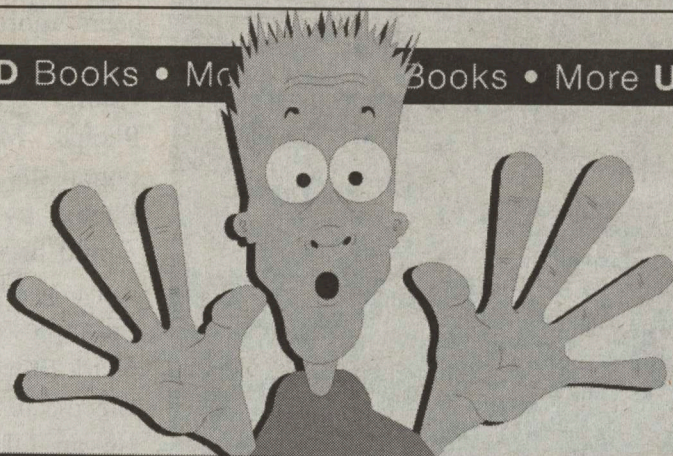
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9/2 - Priority Christian Challenge General Meeting

Arts 240 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

9/5 - Tau Kappa Epsilon General Meeting

Com 206 6:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

9/6 - Alpha Xi Delta General Meeting

UNIV 370 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

9/6 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

9/6 & 9/8 - Last two days of races at the Del Mar Race Track

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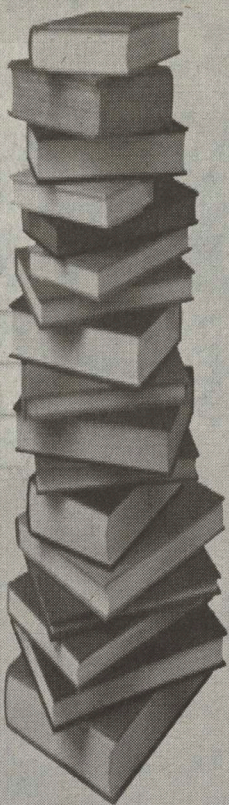
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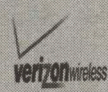
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