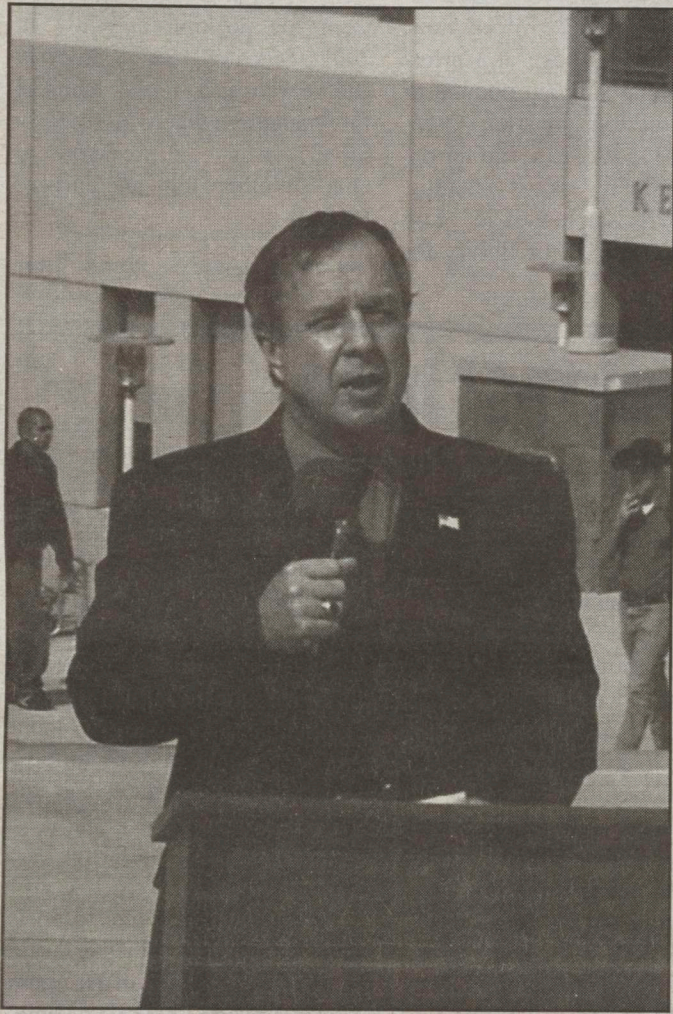


## Debate heats up on campus



Gerald Bunch, President of Veterans for Peace, spoke in favor of the election of Senator John Kerry.



Larry Greenfield, Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, advocated the re-election of President Bush.

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### Guest speakers come to CSUSM to support presidential candidates

BY DANIEL LOWE  
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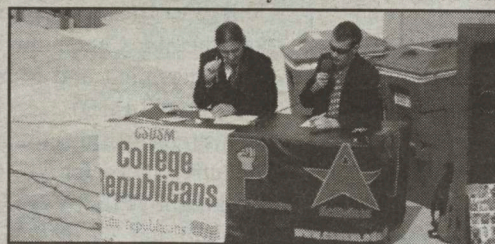
As students head to the polls today to decide the path of the nation, the issues of this year's presidential campaign weigh on their decision. In an attempt to inform voters and foster

active participation in the electoral process the Progressive Activists Network and the College Republicans sponsored a presidential policy debate in Founder's Plaza on Tuesday, October 26.

President of Veterans for Peace Gerald Bunch argued for the election of Senator John Kerry.

Bunch began with criticism of

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Nick Bonomi (right), Executive Director of the College Republicans and Felipe Robinson-Zañartu (left), PAN Vice President of Internal Affairs, facilitated the debate.

## Annual Tukwut Powwow cancelled

BY ALLISON SANDBURY  
Pride Staff Writer

This year would have marked the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Tukwut Powwow for many Cal State San Marcos students.

Reasons for the cancellation of this year's event include lack of money and participation.

The time change going into winter forces the sun to go down around five or six o'clock, so generators are almost necessary to have a true powwow. There wasn't enough money to power generators for this year's powwow.

"The total amount of members has decreased by an estimated 50percent over the past couple years," said AISA faculty advisor E.A. Schwartz. Student participation in the American Indian Student Alliance (AISA), the organization on campus that sponsors the event,



Photo courtesy of American Indian Studies Association. Illustration by Jason Encabo / The Pride Photo of Tukwut Powwow 2003.

has also been declining in recent years.

Schwartz says that the students who are still involved with AISA regret the Tukwut powwow cancellation this year, but that it was not a feasible task this year with the amount of people participating.

A similar type of situation has been occurring at Palomar College. Recently they have had to cancel their powwow due to a lack of student participation.

Cal State San Marcos Faculty mem-

bers David Whitehorse, Bonnie Biggs and Schwartz were the originators of this festival in the early 1990's; the first official powwow was held in 1992.

The initial name of the gathering was the American Indian Cultural Fair, which then became the Tukwut Powwow.

Tukwut, pronounced TOOK-woot, is the Luiseno word for mountain lion. Luiseno is a language native to Califor-

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## Student's arrest sparks open forum

BY CHEZARE MILO  
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday November 4, an open forum will be held regarding the CSUSM Police Department's procedures amid recent concerns following the arrest of a student. The forum will be from 4-6 p.m. in ACD 102.

According to the event's organizer, Professor Sharon Elise, the purpose of the forum is, "to find out what kind of special training the campus officers have so that we do not replicate the problems of racial profiling and harassment that those in my discipline have documented among police generally in this country."

The forum is being held in response to the October 20 arrest of African-American student Jason Williams on Campus Drive.

According to Assistant Chief of Police Aaron Woodard, Williams was pulled over by officers shortly after midnight for failure to stop at a stop sign. As a result of the traffic stop, Williams was arrested on felony suspicion of violation of penal code 626.10 which prohibits "any dirk, dagger, ice pick, or knife having a fixed blade longer than two-and-one-half inches upon the grounds of, or within, the California State University."

"I and several of my colleagues are upset by what we have heard regarding the details of the officers' conduct and the charges, based on our own very positive experiences with the student whose academic career stands threatened by this incident," said Elise regarding the arrest.

CSUSM Police Chief Tom Schultheis and Assistant Chief Woodard were unavailable for comment by press time.

Citing legal reasons Williams declined comment at this time.

University President Karen Haynes is scheduled to attend the forum. Professor Elise is hopeful that representatives from the NAACP and ACLU will also appear. According to Elise, CSUSM Police Chief Schultheis has been invited to the event but has yet to confirm.

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# Corporate leader visits campus

Richard Sulpizio of Qualcomm is in the executive chair

BY KARLENE WIEGAND  
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Richard Sulpizio

The College of Business Administration (CoBA) is bringing business leaders and students together to promote leadership qualities valuable in today's workforce. On Wednesday, October 28 current Qualcomm board member and former Qualcomm CEO, Richard Sulpizio came and spoke with the class in ACD 102.

During the discussion, Sulpizio's humble demeanor came through as he talked about an ethical leadership style.

Sulpizio spoke about the challenges leaders experience in management. He emphasized the importance of integrity and listening skills in effective leadership. He said managers should listen to their employees first and recognize situational differences when speaking to employees.

Sulpizio offered career advice to students with his "tumble weed" theory of career development. He explained this theory telling students not to plan their career totally, because most likely

it's going to change anyway. Sulpizio said that it is always important to stay honest with oneself and to make sure one trusts the company they work for whole heartedly, or start looking elsewhere for a job.

Sulpizio emphasized that he "puts on his pants one leg at a time" just like everyone else. He said giving back to his community has always been at a priority for him. Sulpizio pointed to the \$1 million donation Qualcomm made six years ago for the CSUSM library as an example. The contribution helped speed up the completion of the library for students.

Students in the class seemed to enjoy Sulpizio as a speaker.

"It was cool to see someone so humble and down to earth in that kind of position," said business major Lucas Dalager. Dalager said he felt that Sulpizio was the best speaker yet.

Sulpizio started working for Qualcomm in 1991 and he retired from his position as CEO in 2001. Since retirement Sulpizio has served as a board member for Qualcomm where he recently hired international presidents of Qualcomm in China and parts of Europe.

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nia and was used by a group of people who lived here long before European settlers arrived.

Initially, the Tukwut Powwow was a group of people sharing stories, thoughts, and ideas. It was originally called "American Indian Story-Telling."

The powwows were prepared and presented by the faculty until 1999. This is when the students created the American Indian Student Alliance. The Native Studies program at CSUSM was recently developed in 2002.

Biggs said that in the past these events were willed to happen, "because of love". She said it typically took about four to six months of preparing and planning to make past powwows go off without a hitch.

More information about the American Indian Student Alliance or the powwow can be found at the AISA homepage at <http://www.csusm.edu/powwow/aisa/>.

## Leadership breakfast held

Professors Pillai and Kohles speak about presidential leadership

BY AMIRA EL-KHAOULI  
Pride Staff Writer

Today as students head to the polls to decide who will be our president, leadership ability is one of the qualities they will be looking for in the candidates. Presidential leadership was the topic under discussion at the breakfast seminar titled "Charisma Under Crisis: Presidential Leadership Before and After 9/11" that was held on October 27 at 7:30 a.m. in the Field House.

Rain could not keep 50 student, faculty, and community members from participating in the fourth breakfast seminar put on by the College of Business Administration and the Center for Leadership Innovation and Mentorship Building (CLIMB).

This topic was discussed by the Executive Director of CLIMB Rajnandini Pillai as well as Director and CLIMB founding member Jeffrey C. Kohles.

Pillai and Kohles discussed the relationship of crisis in the com-

munity to a leader's charisma analyzing rhetorical leadership style, media portrayal of the leader, and a leader's public approval.

Information presented was based upon student surveys, analysis of presidential speeches, and analysis of media coverage.

Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the event.

"I thought both speakers were charismatic, though Pillai's usage of comedy made her a little more charismatic on a student level," said CSUSM student and President of the Accounting Society Daniel Dollar.

The seminar enticed a few local community members to get involved since it was advertised in local newspapers.

"I've always been interested in the subject of leadership," said Marine Corps soldier Michael Taylor. "This is just another venue I've come to see the matter discussed. One of the first things you learn in the service is what it means to lead. But honestly, leadership is common to other areas. There are common principles that can be applied to any situation."

Pillai was pleased to see members of both the university and community attending the seminar.

"In a nutshell, we are trying to reach our internal and external community," said Pillai. "We are trying to accommodate their needs by getting good speakers and identifying student leadership. We're trying to offer training leadership programs to local businesses and we hope to have mentoring opportunities for students."

CLIMB began offering the seminars last year.

"What we would like to do is have one or two a semester," said Dean of the College of Business Administration Dennis Guseman.

"They're really targeted for the local businesses, current students, and the overall community. We're very excited about CLIMB as a vehicle to reach out to the community as well as the university. I expect many great things to happen under the leadership of Dr. Pillai," said Guseman.

Guseman encourages the public to contact him with ideas about topics they would like to see addressed at upcoming seminars. He is also interested in getting more local businesses connected with the program and the college. Guseman can be reached by phone at (760) 750-4242 or via email at [dguseman@csusm.edu](mailto:dguseman@csusm.edu).

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# Study Abroad programs at CSUSM

BY PATRICIA GUEVARRA  
Pride Staff Writer

Only a mere 1 percent of the student population takes advantage of studying abroad. It is something that many students do not consider because it is perceived as expensive and/or time consuming for those who are on strict graduation schedules. Cal State San Marcos sends about 13 - 15 students per year to several countries such as China, Spain and United Kingdom.

Despite the costs there are benefits for students who participate in the program.

"It sets you apart on your resume," said Study Abroad advisor Jan Stockey during last Wednesday's Study Abroad informational meeting.

One of the most prominent programs offered on campus is CSU's International Program which offers a variety of 100 academic majors at 70 different universities spread throughout 18 countries. It is offered throughout the CSU system to give students the opportunity to experience learning in a different educational setting as well as learning a new culture. The program is a year long program that truly enables students to immerse themselves into a different culture.

Often students will live on campus for one semester in order to familiarize themselves with different people and the different customs; then live off campus next semester.

"People get nervous, 'Oh, I don't want to get an apartment,' but it's really simple," said former Study Abroad student Lily Chu who studied in China in 2003-2004.

Several other study abroad programs are offered on campus such as

the Exchange Program which allows students to "trade places" with other students from host countries such as France, Japan and the United Kingdom. Students of different countries are given a chance to switch places to learn about each other's countries. They have a choice as to whether or not they will stay for a semester or the whole academic year.

Cal State San Marcos also offers summer study programs, which are short-term programs of four weeks.

Students are also able to apply to other study abroad programs offered at other CSU programs as well as non-CSU sponsored programs. However, the program must be pre-approved by CSUSM.

Students studying abroad under an approved program receive full credit for the work.

The application process for studying abroad is intensely competitive requiring a panel interview, 2.75 GPA (some may require a 3.0), specific course work, as well as an essay. Fewer than 1000 students from all 23 CSU campuses apply for these programs each year.

CSUSM study abroad advisors offer a helping hand to guide students thorough the process. "We try to prepare you for the interview. We try to give you information in advance," said Stockey.

Financial resources are available for students who are interested in participating.

Most students who study abroad really enjoy the experience.

"It's so much fun, I want to go back," said Chu.

For more information on study abroad programs on campus visit [www.csusm.edu/uga/studyabroad.htm](http://www.csusm.edu/uga/studyabroad.htm).

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President Bush's policies on Iraq, the economy, and the environment.

"George Bush is an incompetent president and he needs to be voted out of office. He's misled this country into an illegal war. He's run up the largest deficit in the history of the world. He's got us on an ecological policy that has us on the road to disaster," he said.

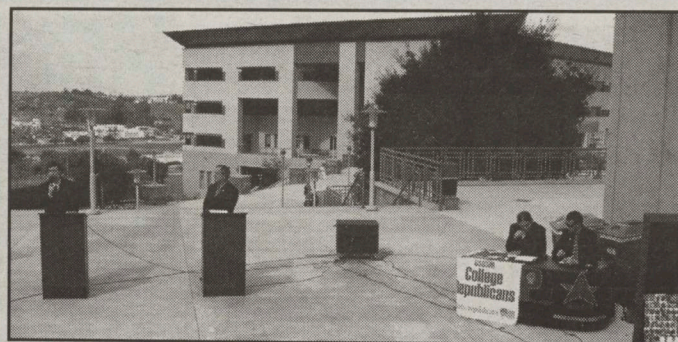
Bunch urged the audience to vote for Kerry by touting the senator's education and record of public service.

"John Kerry is a career public servant. John Kerry is a deep thinker. He's open-minded. A vote for John Kerry is a vote for the future," said Bunch.

Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, Larry Greenfield, argued for the re-election of President George Bush.

"The Bush doctrine said 'You're with us or against us in the war on terror.' Clinton knew we were going to need regime change in Iraq. You can't keep kicking the can down the street forever," said Greenfield about President Bush's foreign policy.

He disputed assertions made by Bunch about the war



Photos by Daniel Lowe / The Pride

in Iraq.

"You're wrong, my friend, about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We found sarin and anthrax, and we found the missiles which could deliver it," said Greenfield.

Greenfield also levied criticisms of Senator Kerry's activism during the Vietnam War as well as of his Iraq policy.

"While our troops were being tortured, he (Kerry) met with the enemy not once but twice in Paris. Then he came and testified on the floor of the US Senate and said that we were the army of the Genghis Khan," said Greenfield. "He now says he'll lead us to victory in a war he doesn't even believe in. I don't trust Senator Kerry."

At 11:15 a.m. when the debate began, there were approximately 50 people who

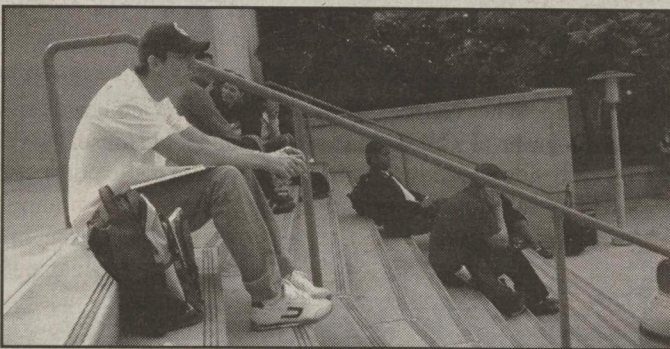
showed up to watch. By the time the event ended around 1 p.m. the crowd had grown as many on campus stopped to watch the debate as they were walking by.

The debate showed not only how divided Greenfield and Bunch were on the issue, but also how divided the audience was. Some audience members clapped enthusiastically for Greenfield, while others rallied for Bunch. A few in the audience had a hard time containing their response to speakers' statements.

As Larry Greenfield was speaking a person from the crowd yelled, "You trust Bush? You're nuts."

The heckler later identified himself as Mark Evereklian, an alumnus of Cal State San Marcos.

"Some say it is wrong to interrupt a speaker while he is speaking, but I disagree. I feel it is wrong to sit idly by and listen to what both the speaker and myself know are lies. Anyone who dares stand at a podium should have a story that at least comes close enough to the truth that the audience will be able to stomach his rhetoric without having uncontrollable outbreak of unwanted rage," said Evereklian.



Students observe the debate.

## Clubs promote voter awareness

College Democrats, College Republicans and PAN urge students to vote

BY ALFRED CHU  
Pride Staff Writer

Three clubs, one election.

No matter how much the views of the CSUSM political clubs differ, they all are promoting voter awareness and participation in this year's election. The three political clubs on campus are the College Republicans, the College Democrats and the Progressive Activist Network (PAN).

Each club has done their part to increase the number of voters from the 18-26 age group by handling out flyers and setting up tables where students can register to vote.

"No matter what side you're voting for, my hope is that people our age will stop being apathetic. Because I think we're under-represented and it's statistically shown," said Progressive Activist Network President Julie Bennington.

Executive Director of the CSUSM College Republicans Nick Bonomi is optimistic about the results of recent efforts to increase voter turnout.

"I definitely believe we (young

voters) will be voting more in this election and it's mainly from Sept 11. If I had to guess, it's possible a 20 percent increase just from our generation," said Bonomi.

The clubs have also promoted their political views about current issues to inform student voters.

PAN and the College Republicans have been the most active clubs this year, sponsoring two debates on campus as well as the showing of political films.

The College Democrats club is rather new on campus and is growing with the increasing number of student Democrats on campus.

"I was approached by a few people this semester willing to actively participate in the club and really wanting to get out the main message to the students of the Democratic Party. We've taken a very public role this semester within the campus because of the need to really inform and educate the campus community of the election and what could happen with the outcome of this election," said President of the CSUSM College Democrats Dustin Lacasse.

When asked which presidential candidate each club was supporting, responses primarily went along party lines.

"Our club (College Democrats) supports Senator John Kerry because he supports more equality within the states and has more distinctive plans on the outcome of Iraq," said Lacasse.

Most members of PAN also support Kerry in the election.

"Our club doesn't really support any candidate. We're comprised of a lot of different views. PAN doesn't endorse any political party. But in this year's election, the majority of our members support Senator John Kerry," said Bennington.

The College Republicans are advocating the re-election of President Bush.

"Our club obviously supports President George W. Bush because of his tax policy which would help the lower, middle and upper class people, he's rock hard as in he does what he says and he's a very compassionate person because he's a pro-life candidate," said Bonomi.

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## Don't stop the body rock

### Jam Control: CSUSM's hip hop dance team

BY PATRICIA GUEVARRA  
Pride Staff Writer

"Make sure you pop that shoulder!" guest choreographer Mark Montanillo shouted.

For the love of dance and hip-hop, Jam Control offers a student club experience and as free dance lessons with a taste of soul all at the same time. Dance routines range from jazz to hip hop depending on the choreographers' styles. Thus far, the group has learned one routine per week, six routines since the beginning of this semester.

The group was originally started by a couple of students looking for an outlet on campus. With their shared love for dancing, the group originally went by the acronym J.A.M. C.O.N.T.R.O.L (Justifying Artistic Movement Collaboration of New Talent Realizing Our Love) was given birth to in the spring semester of 2003. Now simply called Jam Control, the name represents the very essence of the group. Dancers from every step joined Jam Control to showcase the talent that existed on campus. Yet, like almost any other club on campus, the atten-

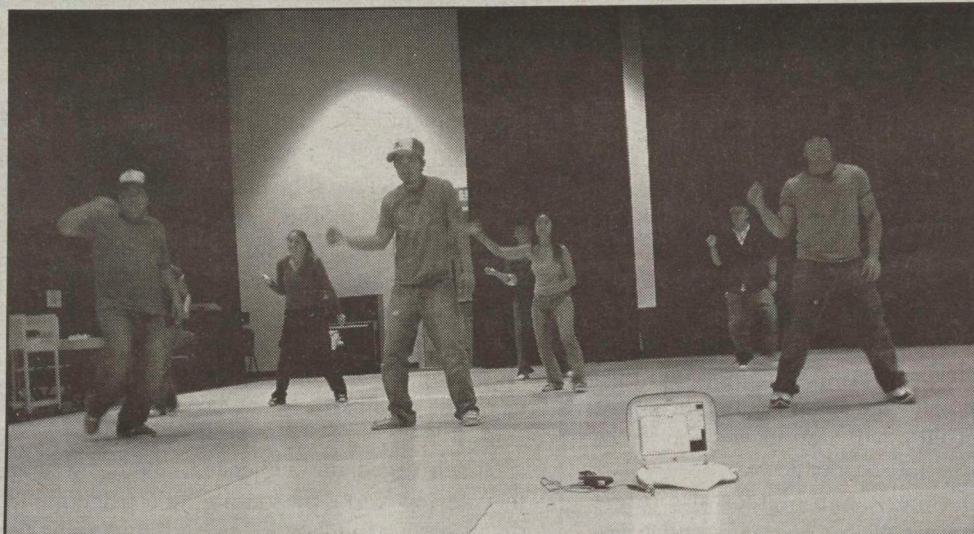


Photo courtesy of Jam Control

Edgar Agapay, Phil Hunyh and other Jam Control participants work on a dance routine.

dance just wasn't there.

Luckily, the group was revived by RJ Omabtang, Phil Hunyh and Edgar (Doodz) Agapay who have taken the group to higher heights with their continuous support and enthusiasm. For some apparent reason, regardless of how exhausted they are, the dancers and choreographers still are able to cheer when they learn new routines. It's just amazing to see at least 25 individuals share such passion and desire to learn fresh steps.

Yet, the routines can be a little intimidating, especially if you've never been in a dance troupe or your high school airband.

"You can be a person who can't dance or

you can be a pro, everyone gets love here," Agapay said. Regardless, the atmosphere is still welcoming.

The sessions are always open for instruction and questions. The choreographers are willing to go over the routine to make sure each person is caught up. Eventually, the group hopes to kick it up a notch and perform or join dance competitions.

Once again for the love of dancing and hip-hop, dancers from every step whether a beginner or pro, practice together every Tuesday and Wednesday night in Arts 111 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Earth, Wind and Wildfire exhibit

San Diego Natural History Museum educates a fire-dependent environment

BY JARED DEVORE  
Pride Staff Writer

Sixteen lives lost, 385,000 acres burned and 2,454 homes destroyed. These are just a few facts to describe the devastation of the fires that took place last year, October 25-31, 2003.

The San Diego Natural History Museum has put together an outstanding exhibit called "Earth, Wind & Wildfire." The exhibit utilizes objects, videos, photographs and interactive displays with the intent of educating people about the responsibility of living in a fire-dependent place. The importance of fire knowledge and fire safety was escalated last year.

The curator of the exhibit, Dr. Anne Fege, has done a wonderful job creating an exhibit that is effective for all ages. There are interactive exhibits where children can put on costumes of native animals, a mural of the fire cycle, and an exhibit that adults and children alike can learn how to build a fire-wise home and even rate their own homes for fire safety based on the materials used in construction.

Stunning images of our natural surrounding habitat line



Photo by Jared Devore / The Pride

the walls of the exhibit. It is reported that more than 2200 plant species and 490 bird species have been recorded in these diverse natural habitats affected by the fires. The exhibit gives us the opportunity to learn more about these affected species and knowledge about living in coexistence with nature where wildfires are a threat.

Moving images display the sheer power and destruction of

these fires. Images of communities burnt to the ground, breathtaking images from high above the burn areas and even original melted glass out of people's homes made into sculptures in remembrance of this event are a few things that you can expect to see at the exhibit.

A main feature of the exhibit contains an enormous projection screen that puts the power of the fires into perspective. The quickness with which the wildfires spread last year is testament

to the importance of this exhibit. Many students at CSUSM were directly affected by the fires and some indirectly affected by the fires with the cancellation of classes and the terrible smoke that permeated the sky.

There is really something for everyone at the "Earth, Wind & Wildfire" exhibit which opened on the anniversary of Firestorm 2003, October 26, 2004 and will run through October 2005.

## Peace picnic at CSUSM

Promoting peace in our own backyard

BY MARIBEL MAYO  
Pride Staff Writer

Three CSUSM students have taken the initiative to make a difference within our campus community. Julie Bennington, Sarah Leonard and Mark Weber are putting together a peace picnic for students, staff, faculty, and the community.

"The peace picnic is an effort to increase peace and equality in our diversity," said Sarah Leonard. "With all the built up controversy our campus has undertaken, bringing back a sense of

**"With all the built up controversy our campus has undertaken, bringing back a sense of serenity is just what we need" said Leonard**

serenity is just what we need. We want to promote peace and raise issues of equality, health care, gay marriages and genocides to inform and engage everyone's opinions."

The peace picnic will feature speakers from different clubs here on campus. Each club will be speaking about current topics that are affecting our community. Because people interpret peace differently, getting a glimpse of what others see will broaden our horizons.

"The goal is promote peace, and to understand the different interpretations of peace for different cultures," Leonard said.

The International Club, Black Student Union, Progressive Activist Network, College of Democrats and Republicans, Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender and Women's Studies Student Association are a few clubs and organizations that will be speaking about different aspects of diversity, equality and peace.

"We really want to break the barrier of being commuter school. We really want to reach out to the campus community," Bennington said.

The peace picnic was originally scheduled on October 27 but due to rain it will now take place on November 10 in front of the Kellogg library grass field. Free food will also be offered during this picnic. This event is open to all students, staff, faculty and the rest of the community.

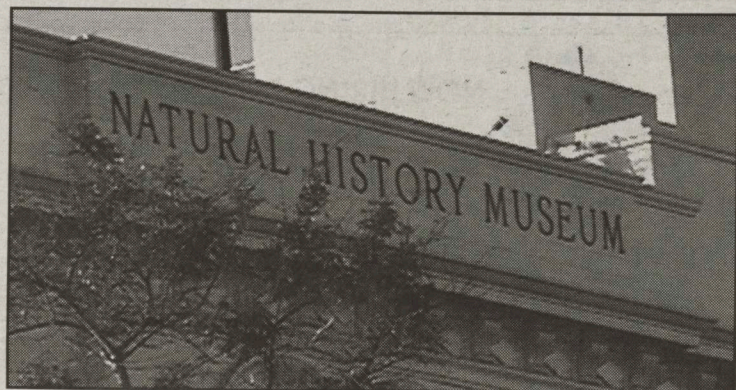


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# The good doctor: *Professor Schneider*

Once you're one of his students, you're one of his kids

BY SCOTT PHILLIPS  
Pride Staff Writer

If you're a sociology major here on campus, then you definitely know Dr. John Schneider. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting him, his classes are very interesting.

Schneider was born in Argentina, while his parents were on a missionary expedition. He spent his childhood in Billings, Montana. He lived in Montana until he attended Colorado State University to get his bachelor's degree and then master's degree in Sociology.

After receiving his master's, Schneider made the journey to southern California to go after his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California.

It wasn't always sociology in Schneider's educational path. He actually started as a pre-veterinarian student. He took an Introduction to Sociology class as an elective and knew right then that this was the field he wanted to study. He changed majors the next semester, even though this meant going against his family's wishes.

Schneider has been teaching college students since 1980. While getting his master's at Colorado State, he financed his studies by becoming a teacher's assistant. This is what sparked his passion for teaching. When he made the move to USC, he taught courses like Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of Sport as a medical student.

After receiving his doctorate in sociology he began to teach at CSU Los Angeles. It was in 1993 that Schneider first became aware of CSU San Marcos.

After leaving USC, he remained in contact with the head chair of the sociology department. She told him that a newer campus was underway in a small community in San Diego. Schneider called Teresa Baker, a former chair of the San Marcos sociology department, to schedule an interview. The rest is history.

Since his first day on the job, Schneider has remained in love with this campus. He has always believed in the CSUSM sociology department while sharing the same vision as the three chairs that he has worked with in his eleven years of service.

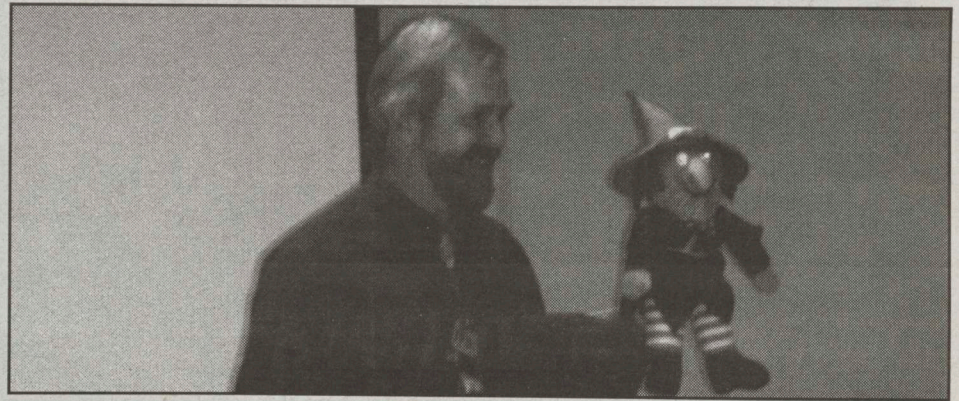
The quality of students on campus has always impressed him because of intellect here on campus. He has taught at different UC's and CSU's, but believes that the intelligence on campus is as strong as any place he has seen.

He loves teaching all of the sociology classes because they all satisfy a different niche. However, he feels that Sociology of Sport, Sociology of Violence and Death and Dying are unique to him.

Besides Sociology, Schneider has other interests. He is extremely zealous when it comes to his Denver Broncos. He and his wife are very much into equestrian activities. Schneider likes jumping horses, which is called the Hunter-Jumper discipline.

Upon his unplanned retirement, he hopes that he and his wife can spend even more time on equestrian. Being married to a vet, it is also no surprise that he has four horses, three dogs, two cats, one guinea pig and an assortment of fish. Another hobby that he really enjoys is cooking.

What makes Schneider so likeable?



Professor Schneider adds humor to his lecture.

Photo by Scott Phillips / The Pride

It's the fact that Schneider narrows the gap between professor-student relationships. How many teachers do you know who offer their home telephone number in case of school emergencies or just to talk about sports? Something he is very proud of is his continuing relationships with San Marcos students after they graduate. He

likes to see how CSU San Marcos has shaped their lives and how the university has helped them become successful.



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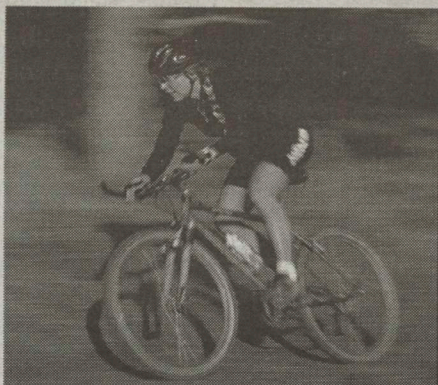
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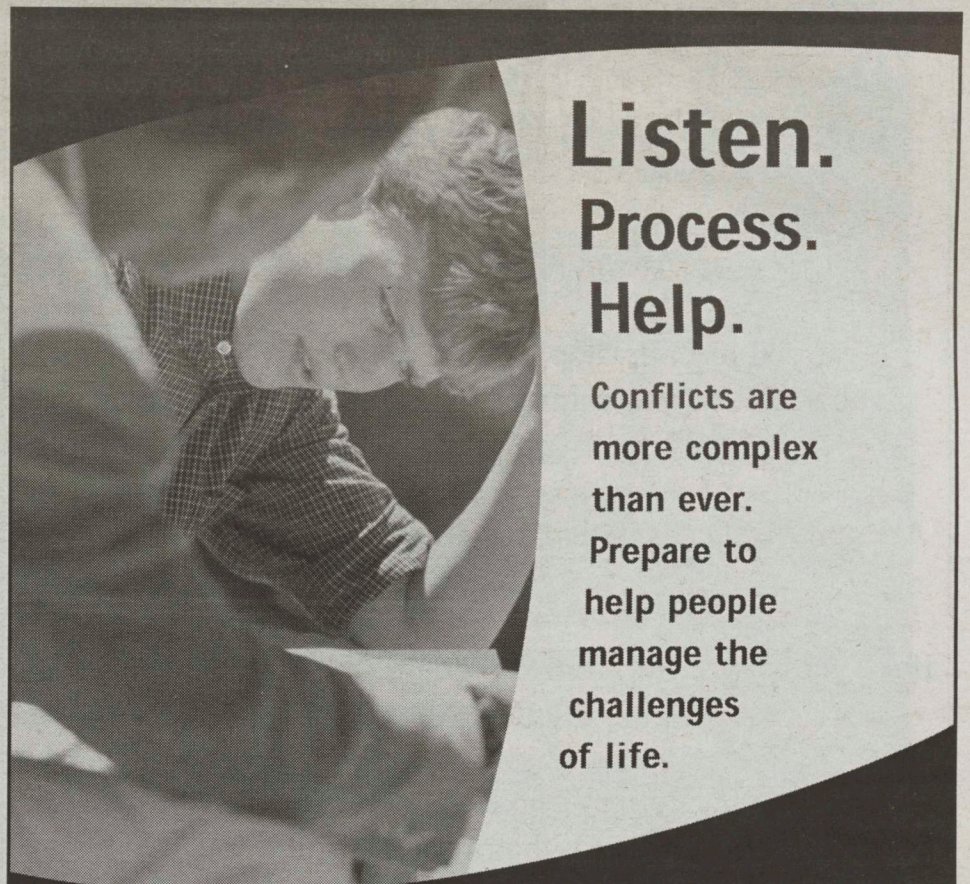


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# Jock Talk With Josh

BY JOSH SANDOVAL  
Pride Staff Writer



Apparently lightning can strike twice and for the Chargers it has struck even more than that this season.

The Bolts who were picked to be the worst team in the NFL by most publications have most "experts," including myself, eating our words.

The Chargers surpassed my expectations for this season when they won their second game of the year. Now that they have already equaled last years win total of four, people around San Diego think they are headed towards a championship. However I still think that the Chargers have about as much of a chance at a championship as Ralph Nader becoming the next President of the United States.

History will agree with me as the Chargers have been more disappointing than finding out Santa isn't real.

The Chargers are trying to reverse the trend this season as they actually went out and did something to improve their team during the season. They went out and acquired Keenan McCardell who is a pro bowl wide receiver. Making moves to improve your team mid-season is something that is usually reserved for contenders and not pretenders but I still think

they are about as fake as Ashlee Simpson's singing abilities.

First off, take a look at their schedule and you will see that they have only beat one team that had a winning record at the time of their meeting. Having an easy schedule like they have may be a good thing to get you into the playoffs but once you get there the competition and talent level is increased. Seeing that the Chargers only have one true test this season against the Colts I don't see how they could possibly win a game in the playoffs.

Secondly, their rookies and first year starters have been a huge reason for their early success, but it is well known that rookies always hit some speed bumps during the season. They have a phenomenal rookie place kicker in Nate Kaeding. Kaeding has only missed one field goal all season but hasn't really had to kick a field goal when the game has been on the line. Igor Olshansky is also a rookie starting at defensive end and has been superb but he has no experience when it comes to the rigors of a full NFL season. Nick Hardwick was the rookie starting center until he got hurt within the first month. Shane Olivea joins Hardwick on that offensive line as another rookie starter who has done a great job thus far but just like Olshansky, he has never taken the abuse of a full season.

Finally, the coaching staff of the Chargers is way too conservative.

The Chargers play "Marty Ball," a style of football that is focused on running the ball effectively and not committing mistakes which is given the name because of Marty Schottenheimer, the head coach. "Marty Ball" doesn't work in the NFL today. You have to be willing to take chances and not be afraid to make mistakes in order to be successful.

Playing conservative versus good teams this season has really cost the Chargers. They played conservative in the fourth quarter versus the Falcons when they went for a field goal rather than going for the first down on fourth and two. They wouldn't get the ball back as the Falcons ran out the rest of the clock and the Chargers lost by one point. They tried playing conservative versus the Jets and that cost them as they got down by a lot of points early and were never able to catch up.

There is no doubt the Chargers have been impressive but don't get your hopes too high because come playoff time the Chargers will be sitting on their couch just like you watching the Patriots and Eagles work their way to the Super Bowl.

Drop me an E-mail at sando026@csusm.edu if you think the Chargers are just going to repeat what they so often do or even if you think they will prove me wrong like my last prediction for the Red Sox.

## What's the NAIA?

CSUSM intercollegiate sports league

BY KARLENE WIEGAND  
Pride Staff Writer

The CSUSM's Cougar Athletic Program competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The NAIA provides athletic programs for 57,000 student-athletes that represent 333 institutions. Cougar participation marks a national arena for CSUSM athletes. CSUSM anticipates fielding competitive athletic teams for years to come.

The athletics program at CSUSM has various club teams, but currently CSUSM offers three intercollegiate sports with both men's and women's teams: golf in the fall and spring, cross country in the fall and track and field in the spring.

Student-athletes will compete in golf and track and field, traveling to competitions throughout the region and hoping to repeat and improve upon national successes from last year.

Last year, the men's golf team received fifth place nationally and the women's team received tenth place nationally. Track and field is doing just as well with many athletes being named All-American at NAIA nationals.

CSUSM offer scholarships for these intercollegiate athletes and hopes by expanding the athletic program, more scholarships will be offered attracting student's athletics to CSUSM.

At this time, a decision has not been made on which sport will be added next to CSUSM's intercollegiate athletics program (NAIA), but several are being considered. However, the expansion of sports programs revolves around many key factors including sustainable funding and availability of on-site facilities.

The athletics program is committed to offering lifetime sports to students and offers club team sports for equal participation. The following club sports are being offered from expansion: soccer, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

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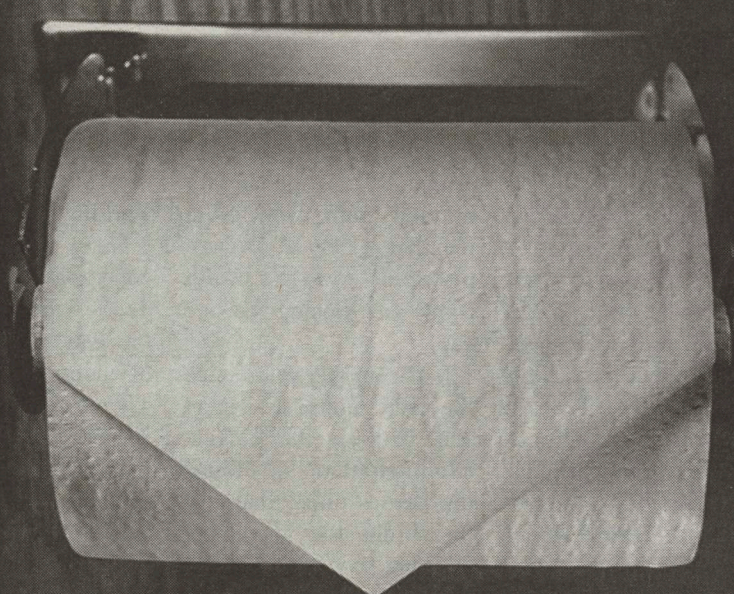
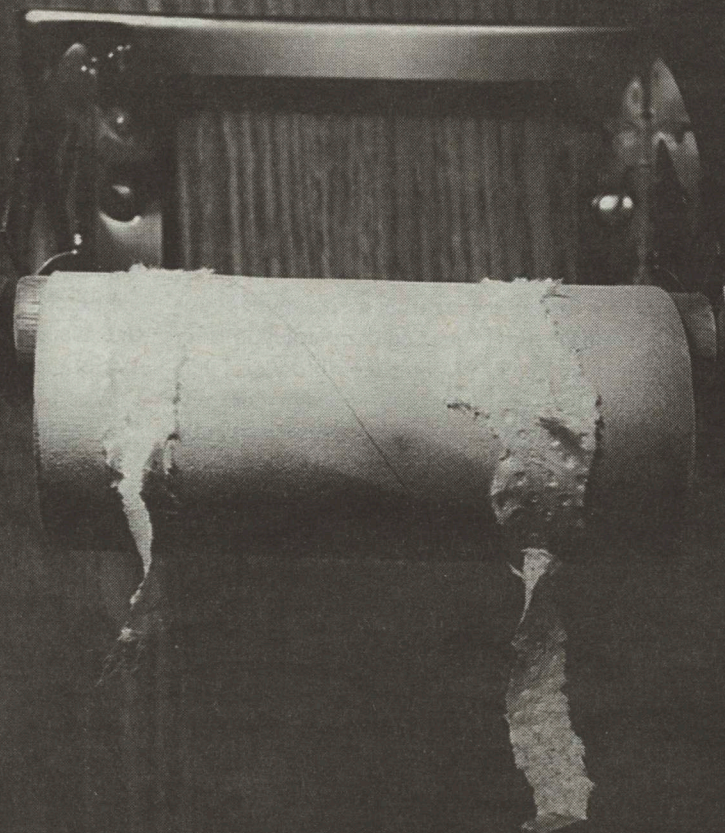
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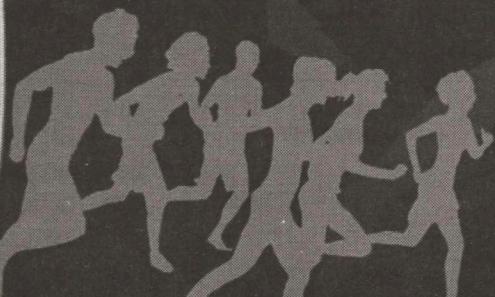
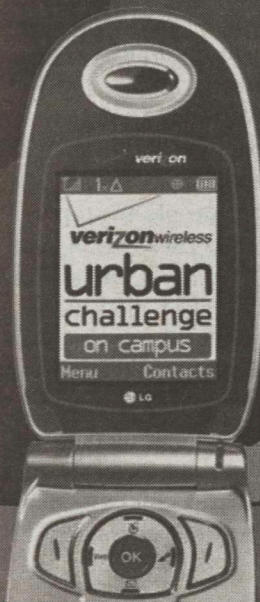
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## FROM THE LEFT

## FROM THE RIGHT

*I voted for John Kerry*

BY HEATHER HOFFMAN  
Pride Staff Writer



I voted for Kerry because it's time for a change. I can't even imagine what our world would be like if Bush is re-elected and nothing changes.

We have made a mess in Iraq. I don't expect things to get better immediately but I feel that Kerry will begin to clean things up. Kerry will start fighting the war on terror as it was intended to be fought; against terrorists, not oil-rich countries. He has promised to change the way the rest of the world views America and rebuild relationships with allies that Bush has destroyed.

We are living in an industrialized country that doesn't even provide basic health care for its citizens. I believe health care is a right every American is entitled to and that it is possible to keep quality health care and still make it accessible. Kerry has a way to cut the costs of premiums and prescription drugs and developed a healthcare plan that will be available to everyone.

As a woman, I feel choosing Kerry was important, because he supports women's issues as well as the right to choose. Although I may never choose to

exercise most of my rights, I don't think it is the government's responsibility to take them away from me. Kerry also believes in protecting woman's health rights and closing the pay gap.

It's been forty years since the civil rights movement and I think the current administration is working hard to undo many of the things the movement accomplished. For example, Bush ended affirmative action which not only benefited minorities, but also women. Kerry understands the benefits of affirmative action and will most likely reinstate it so that everybody is given a fair chance.

Bush is also trying to instate a constitutional amendment that will prohibit gay couples from having any rights. We cannot allow an amendment to be added that would promote discrimination and intolerance. Kerry supports domestic partnership which would allow gay couples, rights similar to that of a married couple.

The Social Security system is in trouble, and although Bush has a plan fix it, Kerry wants to change the system and develop something that will actually exist when I need it. I feel that Kerry is aware of the problem

and will insure that I will benefit from a system I've been paying into my whole working life.

Kerry also has a unique approach to the 'war on drugs' that will change the way non-violent drug offenders are punished. The current punishment is jail, but Kerry believes that prevention and treatment are a much more effective way to stop drug use. By treating drug offenders first, prisons will be less crowded and there will be a decrease in the number of repeat offenders.

I believe that voting makes a difference, which is why I voted for Kerry because I believe he will change things.

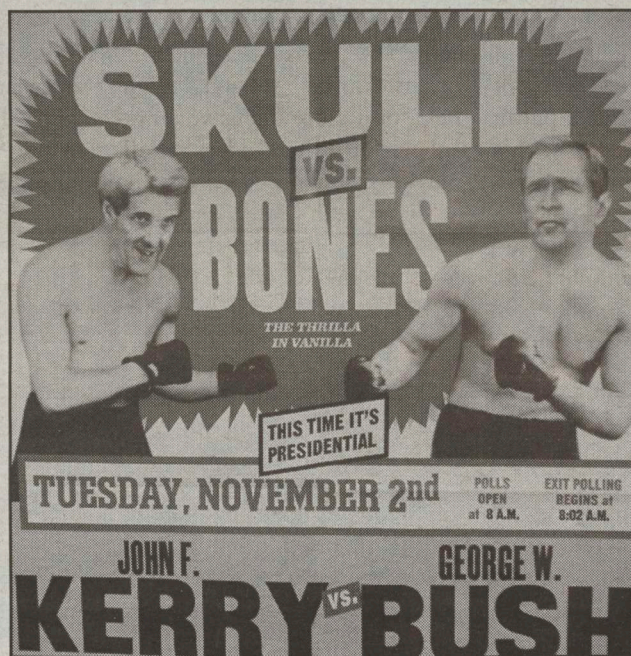


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*I voted for George W. Bush*

BY SCOTT PHILLIPS  
Pride Staff Writer



I voted for Bush for a number of different reasons. This is not to say I am a diehard Bush supporter, rather it is my feeling that Bush edged out Kerry for the following reasons. Let's take the most controversial issue first...The War! Do I think we should be in Iraq? No! Do I feel like our country is safer with Saddam Hussein imprisoned? Yes! Truly, whether or not we think we should be in Iraq doesn't matter at this point. The U.S. is so far into Iraq's affairs, that we are stuck in this situation

for the foreseeable future. I believe that Bush and his cabinet have much more experience in dealing with the Middle East, and have a much better chance of creating a sovereign country and democracy in Iraq. I don't feel that Kerry has a strong enough commitment or character to handle this situation correctly. I hear Kerry blaming, but I never hear him planning.

After experiencing rolling blackouts and \$2.50 gas, most Californians realize the importance of a good future energy policy. Bush has taken many steps towards securing America's energy problem and is promoting energy conservation and modernizing the U.S. energy grids. Bush has proposed an energy program that if passed by Congress will lower our future need for oil. Also by making energy an issue, Bush is addressing the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) to improve gas mileage in SUV's, vans and trucks.

Republican or Democrat, nobody could have predicted the September 11 tragedy that killed thousands of people and crashed our economy. It's been a long and tedious job to improve our economy, and if you look at the numbers, we are improving. In the past year, our gross

domestic product (GDP) has grown almost 5 percent. In just over a year, 1.5 million jobs have been created, and the national unemployment rate is at 5.4 percent which is below the average of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

When it comes to Vice President Cheney, I feel he is very intelligent and has more experience in business and foreign affairs than Kerry or Edwards. The Bush cabinet as a whole, in my opinion is strong and I feel they will provide excellent counsel to Bush in this very stressful and dangerous time in our history. In particular, I feel Bush and his cabinet are more capable of protecting America's homeland, and have more potential to resolve the problems in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In writing this, I know that the majority of students on campus are probably for Kerry. I think that's fine as long as you vote. What I don't like is when people regurgitate Michael Moore or Fahrenheit 9/11 and can't come up with other reasons to vote for Kerry.

The year 2004 has definitely been the year of bashing Bush, and bash away, as long as you have solid reasoning as to why Kerry would be better.

## Don't you hate pet peeves?

BY MICHELLE ROBINSON  
For The Pride

Last week it rained so hard that I couldn't even form an opinion. With what sensational media may dub as "Rainstorm 2004" underway, I was stuck in my room. Soon, I was stuck in my head. I was cleaning out the old memories, cobwebs of ideas that I started and gave up on, dissecting old boyfriends, and soon enough, I stumbled onto the pile of pet peeves that I swore I would never drudge up again.

As far as the rain goes, I've no complaints, except that people tend to "wear" the weather. It's raining, yes, so I suppose the scowl is all apart of the galoshes and scarf ensemble, no? Whatever happened to splashing

and enjoying what is a southern Californian rarity? One rainy morning, I decided that I had to go somewhere, regardless of the weather and I came across another pet peeve I have: people who lose their keys. My friend, a CSUSM graduate who is, in many respects brilliant and responsible, loses her keys as if every time she does. Brad Pitt kisses her and an angel gets their wings. It happens so much that I do believe I black out a little bit. I feel as if I'm Richard Gere in the movie Unfaithful. I say nothing the first time I hear the faint whinny of "Where are my keys?" as she sifts through her purse, shaking it, moving change from one side to the other. I mumble the words, "I'm not feeling well." I just hope that there are no snow

globes around because I dislike people losing their keys every time just that much. Once she finds her keys, we are off. Off to do some synchronized driving on

**Yes, I know that you can make right turns in California but not, however, when there is a huge sign that reads, "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED."**

wet gravel with people who have no regard for public safety. Don't honk at me. Yes, I know that you can make right turns in California but not, however, when there is a huge sign that reads, "NO

RIGHT TURN ON RED." Yet another pet peeve I forgot about.

At lunch, I ran into a person whom I had known for years. When in this situation, one has two options. Commit to the initial glance, wave, and do the 2-minute awkward catch up dance. The other is a self-loathing pet peeve that I routinely choose to inflict upon myself. The "I don't see you" game. Both aware of each others presence, we completely ignored each other. I hate when I do that to people.

After lunch we return home. I didn't pay. "Thanks for getting the check," my friend says. This passive aggressive forced way to get me to say "Thank You" doesn't sit well with me and I promptly flip her the bird. In doing so I make sure there is no

"kickstand." I hate when people do it with their thumb hanging out. Tuck it in. It's more punk rock that way. I head back up to my room to punish myself for being such a knit-picky pet-peeve complainy girl. I hate those girls. They whine and complain and hope someone is reading this, er, listening. Ah, yes, the pet peeve. I hate when people, say things like, "I hate that. That's my biggest pet peeve." Well, big babies, unless you have taken the time to prioritize your complaints into that list you wish every other human being on earth would follow for your living consideration, then how could one possibly believe that that particular complaint is your "biggest" pet peeve? I hate that.





By JASON NICHOLS  
Pride Ombudsman

# OMBUDSMAN'S *Notes*

I smoke, down lethal doses of Joe, and since my nasal cavity has turned into a leaky faucet; I took a couple of Sudafed. Let's see, that's nicotine, caffeine, and an over-the-counter drug that's used by meth labs to make eight balls.

Still, I'm looking over last week's paper and it's as stimulating as reruns of Full House. (I so hate Bob Saget.)

Jamarr had a great right-up on Kweli's CD, Phoenix came through as always, and Ms. Guevarra had a great one on four with professors from other lands that all seemed to say 'America needs to chill.'

So what's wrong? Why do I feel like I need a double shot of wheat grass with a squeeze of Viagra to get an arousal out of this collection of tree-skins? Then, I come back to the front-page, the news.

The Referendum that saved the ELC had a whopping 565 students vote, the ballot debate started with 100 people and dwindled to 20, 24 people hung round the FHM comedian, and let's not forget the excitement

of signing a beam for the new building atop the hill.

Our campus cannot be this friggin' dull. When the signing of building materials takes the front and center of a paper, something is seriously hosed up.

Coincidentally, the same week that produced this gala-of-the-dull was just after the heads-in-charge (the illustrious Editors-in-chief) demanded that all articles had to be in by Thursday afternoon. Keep in mind; the writer's get their assignments on Tuesday night. That gives a writer a whole Wednesday to get the stories. Now, the Editors would likely tell ya that this is a weekly publication and so the news can't be all that current. On top of that, the writers are assigned stories for the most part, and this is not a paper where 'journalists' find the news; they're told to pick from amongst the list (that the editors provide mind you) and write on the subject. Or, maybe they'd just say that this school is really that friggin' dull.

But, I'm not buying the hypothetical arguments that I put in their mouths. As I see it, this paper suffers from a lack of trust. Our two Editors-in-chief don't trust the writers to do research, sniff around and find

worthwhile stuff to write upon. They don't trust them to be journalists.

I suppose I don't blame 'em, I wouldn't trust anyone to find a worthwhile story by Thursday afternoon that's gonna be relevant on Tuesday's print. Hold on a tick! Maybe, that's the problem.

Why oh why do our writers get less than 48 hours to turn up a story, and our editors get 64 hours to put the paper together? That's counting 1/2 of Thursday, all of Friday through Sunday, and a sliver of Monday. Don't get me wrong, I know splicing this puppy and gettin' her ready for print is a tough job. Jason Encabo is our only layout designer (and he kicks ass), but there's gotta be something we can do.

When we end up with beam signing, I don't blame the people on the frontline, unlike the former Mayor of New York. I blame the Generals.

Mike and Elizabeth need to get off the horses and ask the writers what can be done? A brainstorming session might help, or a more inclusive atmosphere for writers' ideas. Hell, maybe just more time for the soldiers with pens and keyboards to practice being journalists. Mike and Elizabeth

were staff writers once, at times they still are, I'm sure they can relate. Hell, I inherited this job from Mike. (On the by-dee-by, I'm under the suspicion he don't dig my style.)

As proof positive of the irrelevance of the 'news,' I was informed in my evaluation that "some readers say [the] Ombudsman column is the first thing they read." I'm flattered, and saddened.

All I do is write about this newspaper, I ain't one of the people who make this a newspaper. The heroes that are subjected to carpal-tunnel are the names under the heading 'Staff Writers.' My name ain't amongst 'em. And they should be the first ones to be read every time. But, even with good writers, who wants to read about events that have less people show up than are in some classes? Please mon'generals, do something. Make the news newsworthy.

On a side note, in that same evaluation I was informed that my "use of slang, colloquialisms, and aggressive criticism" are what some people don't jive with. To those readers, I'd like to say 'gee, I'm sorry I have a pulse.' Maybe, I should utilize an esoteric vocabulary and write opinions in an 'objective' fashion; sing nothing but happy

la-las and give 'constructive criticism.'

Oh, that's right, I don't write like that cause its hella boring to read. Most of you get your fill of that blah-blah elevated elitist lingo plumm through \$100 textbooks. Plus, opinions aren't 'objective,' and if you believe criticisms are 'constructive,' than you're in dire need of a reality check. (At the very least, watch one episode of the Apprentice.) But, I am the 'Reader's Advocate,' the Ombudsman, the old guy muppet on the balcony, and every one of you (including the ones that don't dance to my tunes) have the privilege of sticking your arm up my unmentionable.

Too bad, so sad I've only had one of the discontents write to the Pride, and after asking him to print his letter in this paper (I was very nice about it), he chickened out. So now, I double-dog-dare the discontents to write me at nicho028@csusm.edu or pride@csusm.edu

This critic of the Pride is not above criticism.

Of course, if you like me style, I'm only too happy to read your stuff. It gives me the Telatubby warm and fuzzies.

## Letter from the editors

Dear fellow students, faculty and administration,

The Pride would like to thank each and every one of you for voting today. No matter what party you subscribe to, Republican, Democrat, Independent, etc., or no matter how flawed you believe our election system is we are still very fortunate to have the opportunity to vote.

Whether you cast your vote for the incumbent's certainty, or the candidate that claims "Help is on the way" or for Nader, your vote does count.

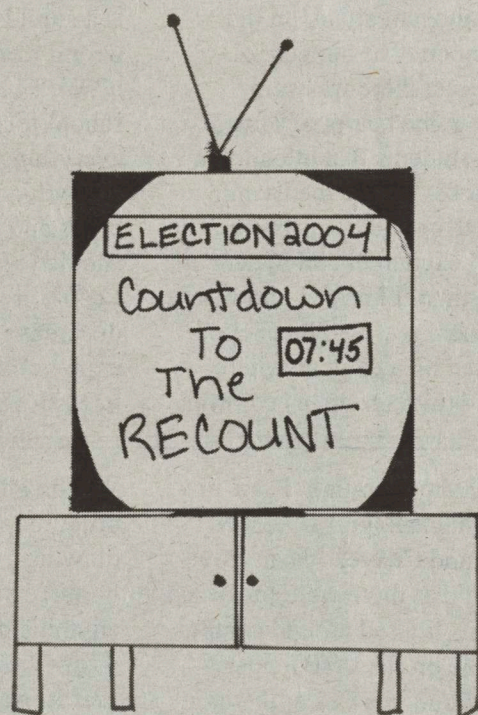
So now that the votes our votes are cast, we can start the clean up process; ie. Removing stickers from our vehicles; taking signs off our front lawns; and washing away the chalk. Let's all get back to normal. Please give your hippie-liberal or your right-wing-Hummer-owner neighbor a big hug.

So thank you, for participating our wonderfully free election,  
The Pride Editors.

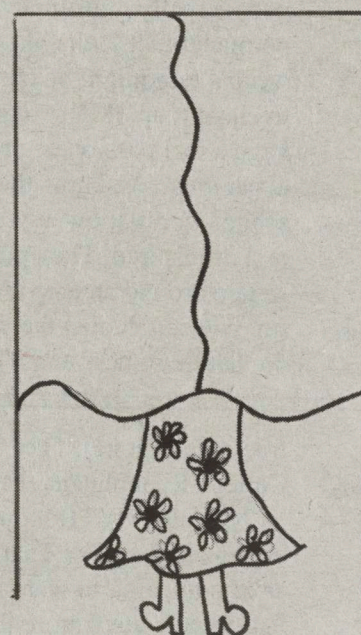
## Election Day

by Elizabeth Baldwin

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To The Students,  
I'm teaching English in Mexico City. On Election Night I'll be watching CNN at a bar. Don't worry though, I voted absentee and have been following election season developments at CSUSM electronically.

Last month I saw emails reporting that Republican Party operatives at CSUSM had been disseminating fliers mendaciously asserting that the Progressive Activists Network (PAN) was supporting Bush. Last week I learned that one morning the campus was covered with misleading chalk graffiti saying, "ASI Loves Bush!"

Some have suggested these lies were the work of the College Republicans (CRs). Others say that can't be proven. If it is proven true I say the CRs should be punished. Those more lenient than I say that even if it was the CRs no harm was done because they were just exercising free speech. The lenient say that if your non-partisan student government punished the CRs, ASI would sink to their level. The lenient say it does not promote human love and understanding to punish the liars.

Bullshit. Free speech is one thing – intentionally lying is another. Lies have power. Unless upended by truth, lies allowed to linger

long enough begin to be accepted as truth. Case in point – the manipulation of public opinion by Fox News. If these lies were spread by the CRs and they go unpunished, what is to stop them from lying again? And what's more loving, the parent who never punishes a child's transgressions, or the parent who disciplines a child to teach them that intentionally lying for political gain is not within the parameters of acceptable social conduct?

Whether or not the CRs spread these lies, the important thing to remember on Election Day is that these lies were spread by Republicans. Think about this! All we've been hearing from Republicans this year is

that Kerry is a liar who will say anything to get elected. Apparently two can play that game. This begs the question, "Who's telling the truth?" Obviously not Bush propagandists at CSUSM.

Here's another thing to chew on. Who owns the organizations feeding you, "objective news?" Liberals? I wish. No, very rich, very white, very conservative men (www.fair.org). What's their agenda? To perpetually increase profits. How? By sticking to just the facts and talking about policy specifics? No. By employing hyperbolist spin doctors who tell you what to think in between commercials by reiterating trivialities like how likeable Bush is

ad infinitum until everyone stops thinking about real news like the growing deficit, environmental destruction or how corporations are dictating government policy to their benefit and the average citizen's detriment.

If you want to live your life as a dupe keep believing the talking heads. If you believe truth matters – think for yourself.

And when you vote, remember one other important piece of news. Bush lied – and people died (and are still dying)!

Erik Roper (eroper@owl.csusm.edu)

Alumni, Class of 2004



Dear Pride, Students, and Faculty,  
In the last few weeks we have had a problem with what I call the vandalization of our school by the right. Bush supporters and anti-student organization activists have been plastering and chalking up the school with bogus messages in a desperate attempt to win your vote. By the time most of you will be reading this however, most of you will have voted. This action taken by the Republicans to spread their message is weak, immature,

destructive and out right nasty. I respect people's right to their freedom of speech, especially when questioning school policy, but tagging the school is unacceptable. When PAN, WSSA, College Democrats, faculty and students had a problem with the Michael Moore issue we didn't vandalize the school. We spoke out using the only platform of free speech we had left in this school. (Free Speech Area) I see a deep political slant in this school when action like these remains unpunished and there is little effort to clean up the mess. I thank Mother Nature

for the help in cleaning this mess made by the "W street team." Unfortunately we the people are always forced to clean up the mess the right makes, whether its foreign policy, the economy, values, almost anything. We as mature adults must speak out against these types of actions. The action taken by these the "W-street team" is illegal. There are certain ways and means to get permission to chalk or put up flyers. All one has to do is go to Student and Residential Life (SRL) and fill out some paper work. It's one thing that this action is vandalizing

the school; however the serious violation is that this action is illegal. If we don't catch these vandals what's to say they wouldn't tag the school like gangs. As mature adults we are better than that, and I hope the College Republicans denounce this behavior. If they know who did this, I plead that they please give the information to the proper authorities. I call on all students, faculty, and administration to condemn this action. Some student Republicans have gone on record calling actions like these satire, jokes, or politics. "Get over it!" Say what you

want, this is vandalism and it cost the school money. Money that can be used to help you the students get better classes and achieve a higher learning. I will not stand by while other groups get punished similar behavior that is minimal compared to last Mondays attack. What ever you, as readers' think of my option, don't forget to Vote November 2nd if you haven't already.

Felipe Robinson Zañartu  
Internal VP, Historian,  
PANews  
Progressive Activist Network



I just wanted to comment and respond to the "Vote Bush" graffiti that was all over the school this past week. I personally can not stand President Bush and to be truthful I actually look down on the people who want to vote for this moron but I want to commend these people, whoever they maybe, for taking the actions that they did. I know the

school must investigate and prosecute to set an example for futures occurrences like this but I do not agree. Did the people really graffiti anything permanent? It looks like this week's rain might be enough to clean it up. Is it wrong to have a real passionate protest at campus? We know the school won't allow anything real or inspired. They put a square around an area and say you can do this there and do that thing here and if you

do it this way we can't allow it and on and on. It made me happy to see this protest...this flamboyant attack on the democrats of our school. At least there was some fire in the hearts of some of the students that attend this school. We are the living dead around here. There is no real excitement anywhere at anytime. I know, I know, what is there really to be excited about on a campus where the buildings are as colorful

as milk, the people leave as soon as class is done, and the most exciting thing we have is a stupid clock that has the wrong Roman numeral on it? Well I like to blame the school for making sure that everything is safe and boring. Everything is not meant to be ok and I think everyone should start to realize that. People are different and have different views so let them express them. We should have stuff like this week's

graffiti and school pranks. We need life to breathe into this campus of ours. I want to give congratulations to the people who wrote the Bush statements and I hope you get away with it (but I hope he still loses). Finally I want to urge students to take a stand against the bland and act out sometimes.

Sincerely,  
Weston Rogers



Dear Editor,  
I have read some past issues of the Pride regarding to the Michael Moore event and the election. Sure at the Michael Moore there were protesters using their right of free speech at the intersection of Via de la Valle and Jimmy Durante Drive (the supposed

free speech zone). The College Republicans (headed by Nicholas "W" Bonomi) organized the rally. That is calm compared to what just happened a day before the debate between Commander Gerald Bunch (of Veterans for Peace) and Larry Greenfield (of the Republican Jewish Coalition) started. When I walked around campus on

Tuesday morning, I saw pro-Bush chalk graffiti etched around Chavez Plaza. I was told that there were pro-Bush signs littered around campus, some on the LGBT poster by Founders Plaza. It was offensive to PAN, the College Democrats, M.E.Ch.A. (they will go ballistic when they see what happened to Chavez Plaza) and the LGBT club.

When PAN did the anti-police brutality protest with chalk drawings, they were erased in thirty minutes. Nobody did anything about the pro-Bush graffiti. Also, the pro-Bush graffiti was scattered around campus, having invalid statements like "ASI for Bush". As a man of respect, I cannot point the finger on the College Republicans.

It could probably be some pro-Bush splinter group that has more zeal than the CR. Who knows? We'll see what Bonomi has to say about this.

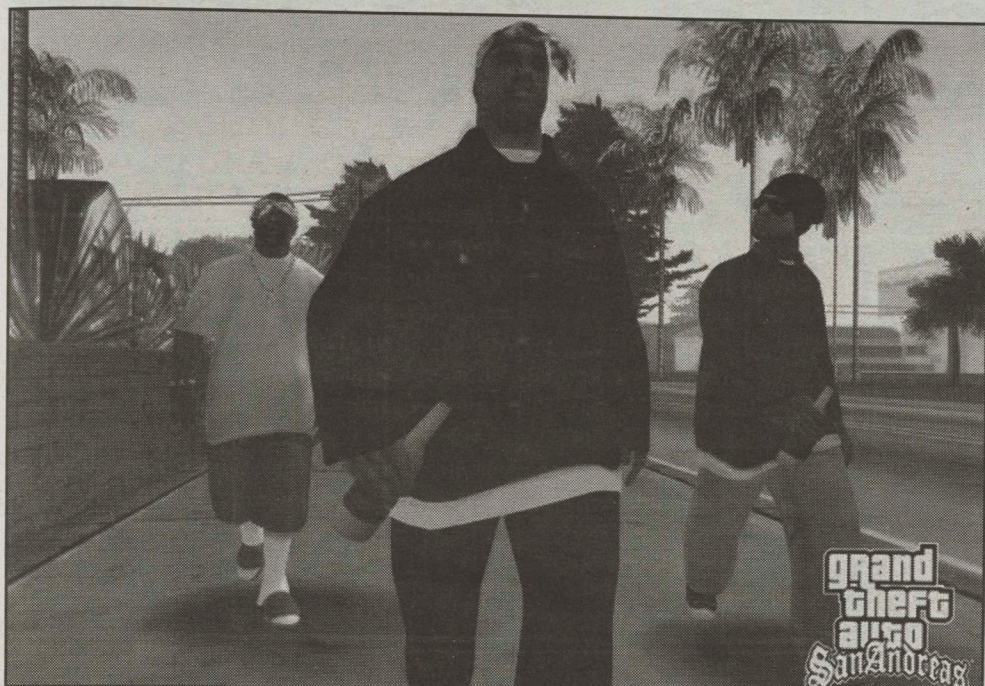
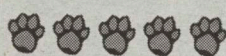
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# Putting the "G" in gangster

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas



Photos courtesy of Rockstar Games

BY JAMARR PATRICK  
Pride Staff Writer

"...Sex, murder, and mayhem, romance for the street. Man, I tell ya it would be the best seller" -Jay Z

That quote sums up the experience of "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" perfectly. The latest installment of the Grand Theft Auto franchise has hit shelves all across America and has given people, like yours truly, another excuse not to go to class for a few days. Anticipation was at an all time high in the months prior to its release, heck I even had to go to a couple of different stores just to get a copy (thank the lord for Target!).

Normally within the video gaming subculture, when a game is highly publicized and anticipated, it usually tends to suck. The good people at Rockstar Games and Rockstar North have created what could possibly be one of the greatest games ever.

"San Andreas" is roughly five times the size of the last game, "Vice City", and has three cities to roam instead of just one. There is the San Francisco based city of San Fierro, Las Venturas is a clone of Las Vegas, and Los Santos is modeled after the city of Los Angeles.

The game is set in the early 1990s in the California based state of San Andreas. You play the game as Carl "CJ" Johnson, a former gang member that headed to the East Coast five years prior to escape death and gang life in San Andreas. You are forced to return to your home city of Los Santos when you receive word that your mother has been killed. From that point, mayhem is only a press of a button away from your fingertips.

Your first order of business is not to bury and grieve for your mother (what kind of



game experience would that be?), but instead to meet up with your brothers and re-establish The Grove Street Families as the premier gang in Los Santos.

You would think that all that is required of you is to shoot this or steal that, oh no grass hopper, there are more wrinkles in this game than an 87 year- old man. For the first time in the GTA franchise, your main character is almost human. In the game you will need to eat to survive. Big deal you say? Well if you decide to chow down on burgers all the time then Carl will get fat, and I mean noticeably fat with a bloated face and body. So how do you remedy that? Just like in real life: you head on down to the gym and work it on out. Not just one workout in the gym is going cut it either. Depending on how big you are, it could take you three of four visits to the gym before you turn into a thug complete with prison muscles.

Another twist put in the game is the addition of purchasing full wardrobes and hairstyles. Buying different clothes, getting different hairstyles, and working out, all contribute to your Stamina, Power, and Sex Appeal bars.

The game is so packed with objectives that I can't possibly name them all, so you will just have go get a copy (if you can find one) and experience all the things that your parents told you not to do.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**11/02**

ELECTION DAY....DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!

Accounting Society General Meeting  
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. LIB 3010

Economics Club Weekly Meeting  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ACD 305

PAN Weekly Meeting  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNIV 444

College Republicans Club Meeting  
2 p.m. to 6 p.m. UNIV 442

Priority Christian Challenge Club Meeting  
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. ARTS 240

Jam Control Meeting  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ACD 101

**11/03**

Finance and Economic Society Guest Speaker Brian Brady of Loan Island 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Clarke Field house/Student Union 110  
Mr. Brady will speak about employment selling mortgage loans, and how technology has affected the financial services industry. This is your chance to learn about the business for real, and to stay current! For more information, contact James Brust, [brust003@csusm.edu](mailto:brust003@csusm.edu)

M.E.Ch.A Conference Meeting  
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. UNIV 451

College Democrats Meeting  
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. ACD 310

WSSA Meeting  
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. ACD 308

Jam Control Meeting  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ACD 101

**11/04**

PreLaw Society Meeting  
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. LIB 3010

Sigma Iota Epsilon Guest Speaker Patrick Kuhse "Thinking Errors That Put Me in Jail" 7 p.m. ACD 102  
Patrick Kuhse is one of the most frequently booked speakers in America today and is a favorite speaker for

universities all over the country. He will share lessons learned in his journey from prominence as a successful stockbroker in San Diego to his involvement in a financial fraud scheme, flight from the US to avoid prosecution, life as an international fugitive for four years and his subsequent self-surrender and incarceration for four years in both a foreign jail and U.S. federal prisons. He is uniquely qualified to share techniques on dealing with moral and ethical dilemmas as well as recognizing key warning signs and the critical thinking errors that lead to all forms of unethical behavior and criminal activity.

American Indian Film Festival "The Peyote Road" 7:30 p.m. Clarke Field House 113

The film addresses the United States Supreme Court "Smith" decisions, which denied protection of 1st Amendment religious liberty to the sacramental use of Peyote for Indigenous people. One of the oldest tribal religions in the Western Hemisphere. Examining the European tradition of religious intolerance and documenting the centuries old sacramental use of the cactus Peyote. (1993 / 59 min, Documentary)

Priority Christian Challenge General Meeting  
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. ARTS 240

Panhellenic Meeting  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ACD 301

**11/05**

Anime Project Alliance Meeting  
4 p.m. to 10 p.m. UNIV 100

**11/07**

Family Day Activities 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Arts Building  
Classical Music Performances by kids. Storytelling. Chinese Dragon Dancers. Latin Music. Participatory Chalk Murals. Puppet Performances. Session for moms wanting to help bring Visual Arts to classrooms and much much more! Come and participate, something for all ages.

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# Here we come to save the



BY KIM SCHLATTER  
Pride Staff Writer

Disney has done it again with another amazing animated cartoon. "The Incredibles" is the newest edition to the Pixar and Disney animated cartoon family.

The movie follows a typical middle class family who has super-

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for kids as well as  
adults***

hero powers; however, they are not allowed to use them. Once known as the world's top superhero, Mr. Incredible, along with his wife Mrs. Incredible, and another famous superhero were forced to abandon their famous lives in order to give their kids a normal life. After fifteen years of trying to be a normal family, Mr. Incredible is summoned to duty by a mysterious source. Itching for action, Mr. Incredible takes the dangerous assignment to try to regain the superhero life he misses so much. This secret assignment sends Mr. Incredible to a remote island where he realizes that his life and his family's lives are in great danger.

Back at home, Mrs. Incredible is not very happy that her husband has gone on a dangerous mission without

her consent. She goes after him, and then realizes that her two kids have come along for a dangerous ride. After the family reunites, they must work together as a superhero family and rediscover their true powers to save their own lives and the fate of the world.

This movie had me laughing the entire time. It's a great movie for kids as well as adults. Everyone should check "The Incredibles" out because they will enjoy every minute of it!



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**Photos courtesy of Universal Pictures**

# The legendary "Ray"

BY ALFRED CHU  
Pride Staff Writer

Ray Charles: Born September 23, 1930, died June 10, 2004. "Ray" is a heartfelt musical based on the life of the King of Rhythm and Blues and Jazz music, Ray Charles.

The film follows the life of Charles (played by Jamie Foxx) from 1930 to 1966. Throughout the film there are numerous flashbacks of Charles as a kid slowly losing his eyesight and the hardships that he had to overcome. There was a very symbolic scene

where little Charles is running and trips on the leg of a chair and cries for his mother. His mother is watching him struggle because she wants him to learn how to deal with his blindness for himself. He slowly gets up and begins to hear things. He hears the wind blowing through the grass, a horse pulling a wagon, even a grasshopper on the floor. His mother cries in joy as she witnessed her son take his first step into greatness.

"Ray" chronicles a period in Charles' life where he goes from being banned in the segregated South to becoming one of the

highest paid musicians.

Foxx gives the performance of a lifetime in this film. Not so much the singing but the physical movements attributed to Charles. I would have never guessed Foxx could play such a dramatic role, but after "Ray" I have a change of heart. This should earn Foxx at least an Oscar nomination.

We see a man who overcame odds and made history. We see Ray Charles not as a musical God but a man who is prone to certain things just like any of us.

Ray Charles was a father, brother, son, husband, musician,

addict, womanizer, etc. But he saw the world through a different light. Whenever I watch a true story film, I always wonder if the actual person saw it or has seen it. Blind or not, Ray Charles doesn't have to see this film. He lived it.

