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Students Create "Espacio literario" at CSUSM

By: Victoria B. Segall
Pride Editor

While many students are busy writing papers and preparing for their final exams, a few students and faculty took time off from their busy schedules on Thursday, December 7, to read their Spanish poetry and prose in the Library Courtyard.

The audience of approximately 20 people, both native Spanish speakers and students learning the language, gathered at noon in the shade of the courtyard for the public reading titled, "Espacio literario," or "Literary Space." As acoustical guitar music played in the background, both students and faculty read their own compositions of prose and poetry.

The purpose of the event was to open a literary space where students and faculty would be able to share their creative literary works with the public.

Professor Carlos von Son read his prose composition, "Tu Ropa." Guadalupe Canseco and Carmel Burrel were two of twelve student participants to read their own prose and poetry. Canseco's "Abuela Soledad," revealed her memories of her grandmother, and Burrel's "Homenaje a los padres chicanos," praised her Chicano parents.

Students also read their favorite works from other writers, like Pablo Neruda and Antonio Machado. Some of the more timid non-native Spanish-speaking students in the audience found the courage to read their own writings during spontaneous moments throughout the relaxed event.

Student Patricia Caballero organized the event, along with students from the Latin World USA Club. The idea for the public reading came about when students learned about one professor's poetry "contests" held at the end of each semester. Students expanded on this idea and began planning the reading a few months ago, according to Caballero.

"It creates a space where students can present their literary skills," commented Dr. von Son. "We probably haven't had something like this in five years," added CSUSM Spanish Professor Stella Clark, "I was impressed by their [students'] choices and the high quality work."

Student Soledad Acuña said they plan to have another poetry reading in the spring, but hopefully towards the beginning of the semester. "It's an exciting way to give opportunities for people to express themselves. Sometimes they're afraid, but they may start a new generation of literature and open new opportunities for talent," said Acuña. For more information on future Spanish public readings on campus, send e-mail to darshan@home.com.

Holidays Come Early for Two CSUSM Students: Winners on "The Price is Right"

By: Nathan Fields
Pride Staff Writer

On Monday, December 4, two CSUSM students won combined cash and prizes totaling nearly \$60,000 as contestants on the CBS game show, "The Price is Right." Marty Jimenez and Honey Folk were chosen to compete on the 28-year-old daytime television spectacle that many college-aged students grew up watching. Their televised experiences will be aired on January 19 on KFMB-TV.

The two women were selected from about 30 other Cal State San Marcos students who traveled together to the Hollywood-based live studio production. The Student and Residential Life program on campus sponsored the outing.

Honey Folk, a junior Communications major, said her good fortune hasn't affected her much except that she feels "like a celebrity." As the rumor of her winnings has circulated around campus, many people have approached her to confirm the story at the campus coffee cart where she works.

While Marty Jimenez never expected to be called up on stage by Rod Roddy, the announcer who famously commands contestants to "come on down!", Honey Folk said she knew she would be chosen before the group ever reached CBS's Television City Studios. "I just knew that, yeah, I'll probably be chosen," recalled Folk. "Still," she says, "when I heard them shout, 'Honey Folk, come on down,' I was stunned!"

Folk was among the first four contestants picked, and went onstage in the fourth round after having the closest bid on a ping-pong table, which she won. She tested her quick thinking in "Beat the Clock," where she won a mini sail boat, a day bed, and \$1,000 cash. "It's fun and high energy," Folk recalls. Among her parting gifts were an autographed photograph of host Barker, a program



Honey Folk won a ping pong table, sailboat, and other gifts on "The Price is Right." Folk smiles while working at the coffee cart on campus.

Photo by Nathan Fields

pin and her nametag. Folk also works on campus at the Office of Academic Affairs.

Marty Jimenez, a senior Liberal Studies Major, was more cautious with her assumptions of being selected. "I never thought I would be chosen from so many other contestants," she said, "and even when I won the closest bid on the metal detector, and the lights above my name were flashing, I waited until Bob Barker called me again to go up onstage—I didn't want to look stupid!"

Ticket holders are admitted to the studios beginning at 7:30 a.m. on a first come first serve basis, and they are briefly interviewed with the show's producer after entering. "We knew they wanted people who were enthusiastic with outgoing personalities," said Folk. Jimenez believes she was chosen based on her energetic description of herself during the interview as "everybody's sister-friend."

Jimenez played her way successfully through the various prize challenges all the way to the final "Showcase Showdown," where she estimated prize package prices against a student from

Arizona State University. In the Showcase, Jimenez estimated a travel package around the world at \$18,000. The ASU student bid incorrectly on a 2001 Mustang convertible. Jimenez's bid was within \$100 dollars of the actual package price and according

to game rules, she won both Showcase prizes: the travel and the car. She won vacations to New Orleans, Niagara Falls, Rome and Bali, Indonesia.

"I'm still in shock," Jimenez says, "All my friends from Cal State San Marcos were on stage with me at the end of the show, sharing the moment with me, and I remember saying 'This is for my mom and dad because they've given so much to me.'" She says she's ready to trade in her 1989 Buick Century and get behind the wheel of the new Mustang. Jimenez is a Fellow in The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and is in the Faculty Mentoring Program at Cal State San Marcos.

Both women made observations concerning what surprised them about participating in the show from the inside of the television screen. "Bob Barker was wearing a ton of make-up," said Jimenez. Folk commented, "When I kissed Bob Barker and he put his arm around me, I saw that he was wearing a long back-brace beneath his suit." Both Jimenez and Folk noted that the flashing number wheel that contestants spin to enter the "Showcase Showdown" was much heavier than they expected and difficult to spin. Neither student was able to offer advice to individuals wishing to increase their skill at estimating prices of colorfully packaged consumer products.

One aspect of the students' winnings they find disappointing is that the prizes are subject to federal taxation. Even though Marty Jimenez did not win any actual cash, she still has to pay 7.75% of \$52,000 in taxes to the government. Jimenez said she probably wouldn't be thinking of that while on the beach in Bali.

American Language and Culture Institute Offers Study Abroad Programs

By: Kevin Frisk
Pride Staff Writer

While eating lunch in the Dome or while typing your paper in the computer lab, it is common to hear a variety of languages being spoken. Many students may realize that these fellow students are visiting from a foreign country, but few really know exactly what these international students are doing on campus.

The American Language and Culture Institute (ALCI) offers study abroad programs for students wishing to study in universities in the United States, like CSUSM. Currently CSUSM hosts 125 students from over 30 different countries. Like many other CSUs and UCs that have a study abroad program for foreign students, ALCI is separate from the university both financially and academically. ALCI offers a number of program options for non-matriculated foreign students; these students' main program, however, is the Intensive Academic Preparation (IAP) program.

IAP students are prepared for entry into U.S. universities and colleges as graduates or undergraduates. This program provides students with a strong background in writing, reading, conversation, and an introduction to American culture, which will be helpful for success in universities and colleges beyond the ALCI program.

The average ALCI student is around 21-22 years old, but there are exceptions. One student, Nobu Tsune Orimo, from Japan, is only sixteen years old and currently attending the IAP program. Nobu, who studied English while in Japan, has been here already for seven months. Nobu said, "Reading is difficult, but writing is fun to learn. I hope that with my experience that I learned at ALCI, I can maybe someday attend UCSD as a biology major."

Out of every group of foreign students, one or two students per semester remain at CSUSM. Students in the IAP program pay \$3,675 per session and they have the option of living with an American family or renting an apartment on their own.

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Marty Jimenez won both showcases recently at "The Price is Right." Photo by Nathan Fields

Religious and Cultural Celebrations In December

By: Steve Kerrin
Pride Staff Writer

During this time of year, living in a predominantly Christian society means that the holiday we hear the most about is Christmas. The truth is that there are many religious and cultural celebrations in December. Here is a brief summary of five of them:

Ramadan (Islam): Ramadan is the holiest of Muslim holidays. Ramadan is viewed as a time of atonement, similar to Lent (Christianity) and Yom Kippur (Judaism). This holiday occurs in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Muslims celebrate this month by abstaining from food, drink, and sexual intercourse from dawn until dusk each day. They believe that fasting is the third pillar of their religion and teaches many virtues, not the least of which is self-control. The period is concluded on Eid-al-Fitr, or the Festival of Fast-Breaking, in which Muslims spend the day in prayer and celebration.

Hanukkah (Judaism): Hanukkah is a Jewish festival

that lasts for eight days. It begins on the 25th day of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar. It is a celebration of the victory of the Maccabees over Syrian ruler Antiochus IV in 165 BCE. According to the Talmud, a book of Judaic law and tradition, when the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem, only one day's worth of sacred oil for the temple lamps was left. According to Judaic tradition, this oil burned until more oil that was fit for Temple use could be obtained, which did not happen until eight days later. Jews commemorate this miracle by, among other practices, lighting the menorah, which holds nine candles, one for each day of the miracle and one called the "servant light" from which all others are lit.

Winter Solstice (Pagan): The Winter Solstice is celebrated on the shortest day of the year, the day in which the sun is directly over the Tropic of Capricorn. In ancient times, people feared that the days would continue to shorten if they did not perform ceremonies and have celebrations. As a result, many pagan holidays

were centered on this time of year. As later religions developed, they often replaced pagan holidays with their own. In the case of Christianity, approximately 1,600 years ago, Pope Julius I declared



that Christmas would be celebrated on this day.

Christmas (Christianity): Christmas, from the Old English words "Cristes maesse," meaning "Mass of Christ," is the celebration of the birth of the Christian savior, Jesus Christ. The exact date of his birth is not known, but it has been celebrated on or about December 25 for over 1,600 years. The season begins on the

first day of Advent, a season of preparation for the coming savior, and ends on the feast of the Epiphany, when, according to tradition, Jesus was visited by three wise men from the east who had seen a sign in the sky telling them of the birth of a savior. Christmas has become a secular holiday in many parts of the world. The exchange of gifts is a common tradition for both Christians and secularists.

Kwanzaa (African-American): Unlike the previous four holidays, which are religious in nature, Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration. It begins on December 26 and ends on January 1. Created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga, its purpose is to celebrate the history of African-American culture and to help strengthen familial ties. Karenga chose seven ideals that are representative of the culture to be incorporated as themes. They are: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Each day of Kwanzaa is spent in reflection on one of these ideals. Seven candles are used to

represent the seven ideals, three red, three green, and one black. The red candles symbolize the struggles of African-Americans, the green candles symbolize their vision of the future, and the black candle represents the African-American people.

As mentioned, these are only five of the many religious and cultural celebrations that occur during or around December. Many other religions have their own celebrations, some of which are rooted in traditions that date back hundreds or even thousands of years. Though the traditions have changed somewhat through time, their original spirit is still practiced in many parts of the world.



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International Students

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IAP also offers a class for the preparation of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

This test is a requirement for all international transfer students for colleges and universities.

IAP students have sixteen-week courses that coincide with the universities' semesters and

attend twenty-five hours a week of class time. Class sizes are small and the individual student receives direct attention. While most ALCI students are enrolled in the IAP program, the language

school also offers other programs such as communication, American culture, and a TOEFL intensive package designed to prepare the student exclusively for the difficult test. Communication

and American culture courses are designed for students who wish to improve their understanding of American culture and further develop their ability to communicate with native speakers.

Pride Radio Debut

By: Melanie Addington
Pride Editor

The first taping of Pride Radio was Thursday, November 7. Although the format for Pride Radio will include a mix of music, news, and sports for the spring semester, the first show was a debate between Kathleen Hash and Dean Manship. Hash, president of the Literary Society Club, had recently written an opinion piece pointing out what she believed to be errors in the Inter-Club Committee and the workings of the student government. Manship, ASI President, discussed the problems faced by Hash and spoke on behalf of ASI and ICC.

"I wrote the letter to the newspaper just because I'd tried some other avenues to get assistance," said Hash during the debate, "I think that the amount of time required with paperwork and bureaucratic functions of ICC and ASI really makes it difficult for clubs to function on campus."

Dean Manship rebutted Hash's statement by saying, "We really need to find open lines of communication with the students and find ways we can make as many people happy as possible with that. It's difficult to do that sometimes. Like you say, ICC has changed its focus a little bit. That was why ICC was originally established."

The new show will be web cast at www.csusm.edu/pride.

An Ascent to Double Peak

By: Benjamin Wayne
Pride Staff Writer

Minutes from Cal State San Marcos' campus lies an oasis of nature, a trail to the gates of heaven, a hiker's dream.

Double Peak is the second highest peak (elevation 1644') in the Cerro de las Posas Mountains of San Marcos.

Built by the California Department of Forestry and paid for by contributions to the Friends of San Marcos Parks and Trails, this hike offers 2.5 miles of winding mountainous trails and spectacular views.

The moderate-to-difficult hike begins at Lakeview Park, on the corner of Poppy Street and Foxhall Lane, and ascends via a paved road towards the water tower, high above Discovery Lake. After passing the steel behemoth, the trail turns into a conglomeration of rock, dirt, and ruts as it winds more than 1000' above the water tower.

The trail climbs up the mountain, hugging the hillside as you spiral your way up towards the peak. Proper hiking shoes are a must as the beginning of the trail is rocky, overgrown, steep, and usually no wider than five feet. After 15 minutes of making your way through what feels like the Kenyan outback, you will begin to see how the trail is laid out. There are many forks in this footpath, most of which look like the road less traveled. Follow the

trail markers, whichever way they may turn.

Experiencing the beautiful scenery is a must for every hiker. Much of the trail passes through previously scorched areas of the 1996 Harmony Grove fire. Since the blaze, wildflowers, grasses, and coastal sage scrub have returned to beautify the hillside that is a stark contrast to the skeletal remains of the tallest trees that cast their blackened shadow upon the landscape.

Rabbits, lizards, and roadrunners all dance in the distance, alerted by the pitter-patter of your feet. As you climb higher and higher up the mountain and, as the wind picks up, so does your olfactory sense as you take in the smells of California Lilac, Black Sage, and Laurel Sumac.

From high atop Double Peak, patient hikers will be awestruck by the spectacular 360-degree view of the Pacific Ocean, Palomar Mountain, Mount San Jacinto in the San Bernadinos, the Cuyamacas, Harmony Grove, and the San Dieguito River Valley.

In the upcoming years, the Friends of the San Marcos Parks and Trails hope to raise enough money to build a 200-acre park, high atop the ridgeline. Plans for the park include: campsites, an equestrian area, a museum, and an amphitheatre.

Proper directions to the Double Peak can be obtained from the city of San Marcos at www.ci.san-marcos.ca.us/cs/trails/mainframe.html.

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Controversial Author Visits CSUSM

By: J. Ryan Sandahl
Pride Staff Writer



Vietnamese-American author Le Ly Hayslip gave a short presentation to Dr. Dawn Formo's Film and Other Genres class on December 7, in ACD 102. Hayslip discussed her two novels, *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places* and *Child of War, Woman of Peace*. Oliver Stone's film *Heaven and Earth* was based on her two memoirs.

"I am pleased Oliver made the movie," said Hayslip. Even though the film was not very successful, she was happy the voices of the Vietnamese villagers were heard through the film. Released in December of 1993, *Heaven and Earth* was defeated at the box-office by Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, which was out at the same time.

Both Hayslip's books and the film have sparked some controversy in Vietnam. "Vietnam was not very accepting of my book," said Hayslip, "They think I work for [the] CIA or something."

In 1988, Hayslip devoted her time to help build the East Meets West Foundation, which promotes for peace between the American and Vietnamese people.

On a recent visit to Vietnam, Le Ly Hayslip met President Clinton when they both attended the same performance

of Vietnamese dance. Clinton sat right behind Hayslip. "He's a very fun guy to be with," commented Hayslip.

When asked of the future of Vietnam, Hayslip said, "It will depend on who becomes president in the next two months." She explained that there is peace in Vietnam and that the people are always looking for help from the United States.

Hayslip has spoken at several universities across the nation and she plans to write a third book.

Her close friend was also the subject of another Oliver Stone film, *Born on the Fourth of July*. Hayslip cited her friend's life as an example to live by, leaving the students with a personal message: "Don't expect your government to help you out if you ever have to go to war for your country. Learn, instead, to fight for yourself."



Le Ly Hayslip and a scene from Oliver Stone's film *Heaven and Earth* (above). Photos by imdb.com



Ryan and Crowe courtesy of imdb.com

Proof Of Life

By: Brian Fisher
Pride Staff Writer

Proof of Life, directed by Taylor Hackford, delivers the expected, but still offers little disappointment. A long list of stars carries the film, which includes Russell Crowe (Terry Thorne), Meg Ryan (Alice Bowman), David Morse (Peter Bowman), and David Caruso (Dino).

The action sparks when Peter Bowman, husband of Alice Bowman, is kidnapped and held for ransom by a South-American revolutionary group. Terry Thorne, a kidnap and ransom negotiator/consultant, is assigned to the Bowman case and ensures Alice that her husband will be brought home alive.

Complications arise when Thorne's company encounters insurance problems with Peter's business. Thorne is withdrawn from the case because of the conflict of interest, leaving Alice to

have to deal with government-appointed kidnap negotiators. The government negotiators, however, fall short of Thorne's promise of a safe return for her husband.

Excellent humor and realistic action sequences make the predictability of the film more bearable. Dialogue exchanged by the revolutionaries is crude, comical, and appropriate for the advancement of the story. Action scenes contribute a sense of realism within the humor and construct a climax worthy of multiple applause.

In a nutshell, this is a good "shoot 'em up" with plenty of twists and humor to keep you strapped to your seat for the duration. Crowe, Ryan, and Morse will have you laughing, cringing, and crying (if you're so inclined) throughout *Proof of Life*.

Now one might ask, "Is this one worth the evening price, or should I go with the matinee?" As Terry Thorne says, "A figure is a figure, mate."



Geoffrey Rush and Kate Winslet (far right) star in *Quills*. Photo courtesy of imdb.com

Quills

By: J. Ryan Sandahl
Pride Staff Writer

"I've a naughty little tale to tell," are the first words of Philip Kaufman's latest film, *Quills*.

Quills is the story of the Marquis de Sade, (played by Geoffrey Rush) the mastermind behind some of the most raunchy and pornographic manuscripts of the late eighteenth century. The Marquis has been confined to a cell in a mental institution though being locked in a cell is far from punishment. He sits at his desk with his quills, paper, and ink, and writes; his manuscripts are smuggled out of the asylum by a chambermaid named Madeleine (played by Kate Winslet).

Coulmier, a priest (played by Joaquin Phoenix), is in charge of the asylum and considers the Marquis his friend, regardless of his dirty nature. Both the priest and the Marquis are in love with Madeleine (or, in the Marquis' case, in lust).

Michael Caine's character, the evil Royer-Collard, goes to

the asylum with hopes of censoring the Marquis. The Marquis promises to change his ways, but another dirty manuscript appears. The priest is forced to take away his quills and his paper. The Marquis simply pricks his fingers and writes his next story on his clothing using his own blood. There is no stopping the Marquis.

The film is well directed and filled with many phallic symbols and sexual one-liners. Incidentally, Kaufman was the first man to receive the NC-17 rating for his film, *Henry and June*. This film is definitely not for children. There is some sexual content but it is not shown. Full of greed, lust, sexuality, and some foul language, the film will probably be seen as best picture material by the Academy. I would hope, however, that films of more moral standards and meaning would easily defeat a film such as *Quills*.

Quills, due out December 15, is rated R and has running time of 124 minutes.

Winter Break Destinations

By: Kevin Frisk
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM students are very active in off-campus sports like skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding, and skiing. With the winter season coming into full swing and winter break just days away, it is important to know where to go to have fun in the snow. It is also good to know where to get a cheap ride this year, especially for students, many with minimal funds.

Within a few hours drive are places like Bear Mountain, Snow Summit, Mountain High, and Mammoth (a somewhat longer drive, but one of the best mountain resorts in California).

Bear Mountain

Bear Mountain offers the highest lift terrain in Southern California. At over 8,000 feet, the snowfall is usually a little heavier. As long as conditions are cold and there is dry snow, the capability of 100% of the mountain to be covered with manmade snow is all but guaranteed. There is state of the art technology at Bear Mountain, along with water from Big Bear Lake and local reservoirs, and the mixing of compressed air to make snow at Bear Mountain. The resort also offers a sports shop with equipment, clothes, and accessories, a repair shop and lockers for personal storage. Tickets range in price from \$29 for a half-day pass, to \$35 for a full day adult lift pass. Holidays are \$46 for a full day adult pass. For reser-

ventions or directions call (909) 585-2519.

Mountain High

Only two hours from San Diego, the Mountain High Ski Resort has runs starting at 6,000 feet and going up to almost 8,000 feet. Mountain High has 220 acres of ski terrain: 25% of the terrain is for beginners, 35% for intermediate skiers, and 40% for advanced. Mountain High resort has the snowmaking capabilities of covering 95% of its slopes. Right now most of the slopes are open with 12-24 inches of snow. Only two of those inches, however, are natural snowfall, the rest is manmade. Mountain High has a total of 12 lifts (two of the lifts are high-speed quad person chairlifts). Like Bear Mountain, the base area of Mountain High offers ticket windows, restaurants, sports shops, and ski and snowboard rentals. Mountain High offers a flexible ticketing schedule that allows for the purchase of slope time in four-hour blocks. Night Skiing is only \$25. Mountain High directions and tickets can be found at the local number (760) 249-5808 ext. 241.

Snow Summit

Snow Summit is another resort that is within a few hours drive of San Diego. This resort currently offers up to seven chairlifts in operation and two high-speed quad lifts. Snow Summit is especially good for its wonderful snowboarding park. The park includes Westridge Park,

Ego Trip, Zzyzx Park, and Zzyzx Halfpipe (all are currently open). Westridge offers over a mile of jumps and jibs. Ego Trip and Zzyzx offer a variety of terrain features, as well. Right now snowfall is almost entirely manmade and coverage is only excellent on some of the open runs. Similar to Bear Mountain, the snow pack is anywhere from 12-24 inches. Call (909) 866-5766 for more information on Snow Summit. For ticket purchase or for current snow conditions call 888-SUMMIT-1.

Mammoth Mountain

Mammoth Mountain, one of California's premiere ski resorts, is a much longer drive from San Diego than Bear Mountain or Mountain High. Located in the Eastern Sierras, Mammoth Mountain truly lives up to its name. It is all about big mountain skiing with 28 lifts open, 150 trails, and 3,500 acres of ski terrain, all with a 3,100 foot vertical drop. Mammoth also offers three terrain parks for snowboarding. These runs offer many wide-open bowls and rolling intermediate trails, to steep chutes and advanced bump runs. Flights can be booked for those who do not wish to drive at 1-888-GO-MAMMOTH. Tickets are a little more expensive with \$54 for an all day adult pass, and \$43 for a half-day pass. Night skiing, however, is relatively cheap at \$20. Call 1-800-MAMMOTH to purchase tickets or to get snow reports.

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Dear CSUSM,

I would like to apologize to the faculty, students, public safety, and the cross country/track team for my actions on Monday, November 27, 2000. What I did was wrong and irresponsible. At that moment, I thought it would be funny. Now I reflect on my actions and I realize I violated their rights. They had every right to be on campus and preach their message. What I did reflects badly on myself as a person, but it also reflects badly on the team I participate on, and most importantly it reflects badly on the school.

I hope all parties involved can accept my apology.

Sincerely,
Joshua Wing

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a graduating senior. I am upset and baffled by the fact that finals week has been omitted from the school calendar. I do not understand why or how this decision was implemented. I am able to find no logic behind the decision. How is it that students are being expected to attend class, complete regular course work, write papers, give presentations, and study for final exams all at the same time? It is obvious that the students' best interests have not been taken into consideration! I hope that after a more thorough analysis of the situation this policy will be terminated and finals week reinstated.

Sincerely,
Natasha Koelkebeck

Dear Editors,

This letter is in response to David Ludwig's article regarding Fee Payment Deadlines (*PRIDE* 11/28/00). We adjusted student fee payment schedule because we must comply with State regulations that require fee payment at the time of registration. The changes were approved in late April and begin with the Spring 2001 semester.

We recognize that earlier payment will be problematic for some students. However, we think the new plan will make class scheduling more workable. Our former practice allowed students to "reserve" many seats, blocking enrollment in those classes for other students. As our enrollment grew, and the availability of spaces in classes became tighter, we discovered that a growing number of students were pre-registering for classes that many never intended to attend. The new arrangement more directly connects payment with registration so we can all depend on the outcome (or "results").

Our new payment deadlines provide registration for students who pay on time, and allow for later reservation of courses by

Sincerely,
Roger Herzler

students who wish to pay closer to the start of school. As before, Financial Aid recipients are not required to pay prior to the start of classes, because the fee payment is guaranteed by respective funding agencies.

We did our best to let students know of the change. Starting in mid-October, students were notified in a variety of ways:

- 1) Priority Registration appointments, mailed to all students on 10/16, referred to the new fee payment information posted at the CSUSM web site.
- 2) On 10/16 the SMART web and voice response (phone) systems indicated the new payment deadlines as well as the amount due.
- 3) Prompt payment flyers were posted on campus bulletin boards on 10/20.
- 4) Class Schedules, the primary source of campus registration and payment information, were available beginning 10/27 and explained the payment process and deadlines.
- 5) Posters were placed around campus on 11/30.
- 6) Email reminders are being sent to students just prior to payment deadline

We have also tried to make it easier for students to pay

their fees. In conjunction with the prompt payment transition, the University Cashiers worked with a College of Business Senior Experience Team to implement recommendations for service improvements. This student team highlighted the need to create paperless and electronic processes that would minimize campus cost while improving student services. The Cashiers Office now has available all of the following payment mechanisms 24 hours a day, which in most cases do not require a trip to the campus:

- 1) SMART Voice Response phone payment by credit or bankcard
- 2) WEB payment by credit or bankcard
- 3) Mail-in of checks
- 4) Drop box for checks (located in the breezeway outside of Cashiers, Craven Hall, 3rd floor)

With the majority of students using these payment methods, the three campus cashiers are redirecting their service to students who need help with their accounts.

Sincerely,
Barbara Dovenbarger/ Controller
Richard Riehl/Exec. Dir. of Enrollment Services
Paul Phillips/Dir. Financial Aid

Remembering Helene Clark

By: Nathan Fields
Pride Staff Writer

In death, the generosity of Helene Clarke is remembered as it continues to give birth to new life on the Cal State San Marcos campus.

Cal State San Marcos says "thank-you" one last time to Helene Clarke, the magnanimous benefactor to the university who passed away at her Oceanside home on Monday, December 4, after an extended illness. Clarke donated the funds necessary to ensure the building of the recently approved CSUSM field house/student union, some \$1.2 million.

In a memorandum issued December 5, CSUSM President Alex Gonzalez expressed his sadness and disappointment. "We had all hoped that Helene Clarke would live to see the construction and completion of the Clark Field House/Student Union building," wrote Gonzalez. "While this was not possible," he continued, "Mrs. Clarke was pleased to learn about the groundbreaking ceremony that we held last Thursday, November 30, to mark the site of the project."

Little information was available concerning Helene Clarke's life, as she left no immediate family members in her death. Longtime resident of Oceanside, Mrs. Clarke said that she had come to think of the university as part of her extended family

during the final months of her life.

Her financial donation became the initial seed for the conception of the eventual 32,262 square-foot athletics building. Providing the cornerstone field house funds was a gesture made in honor of her late husband, M. Gordon Clarke, for whom the facility is to be named. This gift made the birth of the project possible, covering initial expenses for the detailed designs for the planning of construction. Expected completion of the M. Gordon Clarke Field House, located at the northeast corner of campus, is 2003.

Mrs. Clarke's donation also inspired the granting of a matching \$1.2 million from the Kresge Foundation. An additional \$300,000 will be received from miscellaneous private sources.

Mrs. Clarke believed that the field house would be a fine way to honor the memory of her husband, a longtime executive of Hughes Tool Company. A star baseball player while in college at the University of Oklahoma, M. Gordon Clarke considered a professional sports career, but chose business over baseball. Mrs. Clarke said that he never lost his enthusiasm for sports, especially golf.

Clarke's donation, which will give CSUSM its first recreational sports facility, is the largest sum ever given to the University by a living person. President Gonzalez thanked Clarke on behalf of the university for "the confidence she has shown in the future of our campus."

Passing of Professor Edmond Kwan

To the Campus Community,

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Professor Edmond Kwan last night, December 6, 2000 in his home in Clairemont. He is survived by his widow, Marion, and his son, Calvin, who is completing his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Harvard, and his daughter, Sharon, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Dr. Kwan came to CSUSM in 1990 after having held positions at California State University-Long Beach, National University of Singapore (as Chairman of Finance and Accounting and Professor in the School of Management), University of Singapore and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He received his B.S.Sc. from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley and his Ph.D. in International Finance from Cornell University

in 1971. His academic record includes over fifty paper publications and some thirteen books or book chapters. At CSUSM, Dr. Kwan served on over thirty committees, including chairing the University RTP Committee. He was the principal architect of the Global Management major in the College of Business Administration. He also was instrumental in developing curriculum in the College of Business Administration and served on various search committees that resulted in hiring several CSUSM faculty members.

According to a colleague, although Edmond was a quiet man, when he spoke, people listened. A philosophically astute individual whose understanding of people was remarkable, Edmond Kwan also had an uncanny way of reciting a Chinese proverb to fit any situation. He was a man of great intellect, of high moral principles, and a sense of great commitment to the Center for Accountancy and Finance, the College of Business Administration and the University. He will be missed.

From Alexander Gonzalez
CSUSM President

Ask the Psyche Fairy

Dear Everyone,

Hi! I am the Psyche Fairy. I will try to help you with your questions about whatever issues and concerns you may have this year. Now, I am not a "licensed" Psyche Fairy, I'm just an apprentice right now. I will do my best to be considerate of your beliefs and cultures, and hope that you may keep an open heart and mind, as well. With that said, let's learn from others' psyches and have fun in the process.

-Psyche Fairy

Dear Psyche Fairy,

I'm seeing this boy who is really nice, generous, not a pig...almost not a boy in those respects. He is also prone to emotional attachment. I have known him for three weeks, and so far so good. But I'm graduat-

ing and moving back home soon. I've told him this. The issue I have is that I planned to be with him as a one-time thing, and it just carried on. I want to digress in the relationship, but I don't know how or what to say. Especially considering he is, lamentably, already attached. What can I say to gracefully make a strategic back off in the relationship? Or should I just go for the emotional jugular?

-Jeffrey Kuebler

Dear Jeffrey,

The best way to solve this situation it to be completely honest and forthcoming with the boy you are seeing. Sit down and have a talk with him. Express your feelings to him. Let him know that you aren't looking for a serious relationship and

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that your moving back home will affect things.

You've only known him for three weeks. He may already be attached, but three weeks isn't enough time to create a strong emotional bond. He will be upset and hurt, but he'll live. A clean, honest break will be much easier if you do it now than if you wait it out. The more time that passes, the more attached the other person will get.

Don't go for the emotional jugular. Be kind and caring. Let him know that it's not any fault on his part; you just don't want a relationship with him at the moment. Try to remain on good terms. Try not to hurt any feelings unnecessarily.

-Psyche Fairy