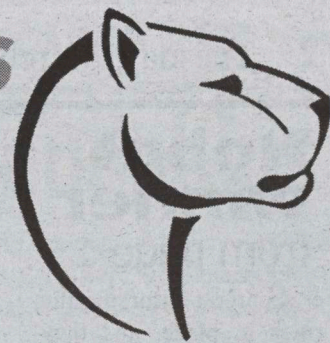


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ASI Leaders Attend Sacramento Conference to Protest Student Fee Increases

Lobbying For Legislative Support

By GAIL TARANTINO
News Editor

In Sacramento, over the weekend of Feb. 22, a 16-member delegation of student leaders attended the eighth annual California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) and participated in a protest over student fee increases. The protest was held at the state capitol, and was attended by representatives from all of the CSU campuses.

About The Conference

According to Erik Roper, Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) vice president of communications, the purpose of CHESS is to develop more efficient student leaders throughout the CSU system and to teach them how to lobby more effectively on behalf of students. Arti Patel, ASI executive vice president added that besides building leadership skills, the conference "helps students of the CSU to understand the CSU, the budget, and how the CSU affects the State of California." Patel also said, "[CHESS] is a place to make contact with other CSU's [in order] to start coalitions and activities that help promote the CSU as a whole, as well as each individual campus."

Roper said that the delegation, which was funded entirely by ASI, was "the most we ever sent [to CHESS]." Roper explained that ASI wanted to increase the effectiveness of their lobbying efforts due to the fee increases, so they felt that it was important for the entire board of directors to attend. Roper added that non-elected student leaders from the external affairs committee and the programming board were also included to ensure diversity in student voices.

When asked what ASI hoped to accomplish by attending the conference, Patel responded, "ASI wanted

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Gonzalez Considered for the Sacramento State Presidency

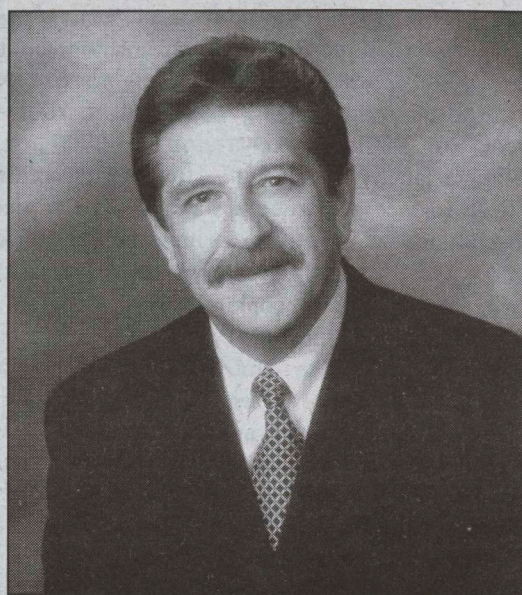
By MEG EPPEL
Pride Staff Writer

On March 11-12, at Cal State Sacramento, the CSU Board of Trustees will meet to determine who will replace retiring Cal State Sacramento President, Don Gerth. One of the three finalists for the position is CSUSM President Alexander Gonzalez.

Gonzalez will go to the Cal State Sacramento campus to meet with faculty, staff, students and the public, on March 5. The events will include an open forum for questions from the campus community and a reception in the evening. The other two finalists for the position are Karen S. Haynes, president of University of Houston-Victoria, and J. Clark Kelso, the director of the Governmental Affairs Programs and Capitol Center for Government Law and Policy at the University of the Pacific. Kelso and Haynes will repeat the schedule on March 4 and March 7, respectively.

President Gonzalez's involvement with the replacement of President Don Gerth differed from the other sixty who attempted to take the position. Gonzalez explained that he "neither applied nor was nominated for the position." In the winter of 2002, Gonzalez was asked to add his name to the pool by the committee; until then he was not officially a part of the selection.

The search to replace the president at Cal State Sacramento began in October 2002. A committee dedicated to choose the new president is comprised of three trustees, a CSU president, Sacramento faculty, staff and student representatives, a member of the community, and CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. This committee chose 10 candidates from the 60 who answered a national call to fill the presidency at Cal State Sacramento. From these 10, Gonzalez and the other two finalists were chosen because of their interviews, previous experience and



potential to lead the Sacramento campus into the future. The campus in Sacramento is the sixth largest of the 23 schools in the CSU system, with a student body of 29,000. CSUSM has a population of 7,678.

If Gonzalez is appointed president of Cal State Sacramento, he will begin his new career this July. He commented that he has mixed feelings about his possible departure from CSUSM, saying that it has been "exciting at CSUSM. I have invested a lot my life at Cal State San Marcos, but it will be exciting to be at a large campus."

With the possibility of Gonzalez's departure, CSUSM must begin to look at a future without him. Director of Communications Rick Moore made it evident that the change will not be easily noticed by the campus and community, because the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Sheath will maintain the "forward momentum" at CSUSM. In Gonzalez' absence, an interim president will be appointed for at least a year. The new president will be selected by a process very similar to the process that Gonzalez is currently experiencing at Cal State Sacramento, and CSUSM would know the name of its new president in the spring of 2004. The more obvious effect of Gonzalez' departure will be the "pause in the public face [of CSUSM] and regrouping around a new person... [which is] a timely process," explained Moore. Moore further expressed his "happiness for [Gonzalez], but sadness for [himself]."

Gonzalez has been at CSUSM since 1997. He started as a two-year temporary interim president but was appointed president of the university within one year. Gonzalez came to CSUSM from his position as provost and vice president

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Nobel-Prize-Winning-Economist Speaks at Cal State San Marcos

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF
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Last Thursday, room 240 in the new Arts Building was almost filled to capacity as Nobel-Prize-winning economist Douglass C. North answered the question, "Why are some nations wealthier than others?" as part of the CSUSM Arts & Lecture Series.

According to the official website of the Nobel Foundation, in 1993, North and fellow Economist Robert W. Fogel were co-recipients for the Nobel Prize. They won it "for having renewed research in economic history by applying economic theory and quantitative methods in order to explain economic and institutional change." Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, North was accepted to go to Harvard but opted to attend the University of California at Berkeley because his family had moved to San Francisco. In his college years he was actively involved in student liberal activities and was opposed to US involvement in World War II, until Hitler invaded the communist Soviet Union. His acceptance of Marxism in his college years helped North to build the argument about the importance of legal institutions, but he saw flaws in the ideology itself.

Ideologies and belief systems can significantly slow down economies, according to North. He also reasons that governments don't always think rationally, and that many times their way of thinking affects the decisions they make about economic policy.

North compared an economy to a football game. For example, in a football game there are formal and informal rules and the referees serve as enforcers of these rules, said North. If ref-

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Bad Medicine

By JASON PADILLA
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Purchasing over-the-counter cold and weight loss medicine is very common, and in prior years, many common household medicine cabinet names were thought to be safe. However, due to recent studies by the FDA, which date back to 2000, consumers might want to think twice about what products to purchase. It has been discovered that products containing Phenylpropanolamine

Phenylpropanolamine, an over the counter drug that will leave you feeling more than sick

(PPA) can be quite hazardous and sometimes fatal to the health of its consumers, causing hemorrhaging and stroke.

PPA is an ingredient that has been marketed for many years and is used in prescription and nonprescription drug products, such as nasal decongestants and over-the-counter weight control drugs. According to the FDA's website, "Many of the affected patients have been young women using PPA as an appetite sup-

pressant." A recent study by Yale University reported that taking PPA increases the risk of hemorrhagic stroke in women. Men may also be at risk. Although the risk of hemorrhagic stroke is very low, the FDA recommends that consumers not use any products that contain PPA.

"Since 1979, over 30 published case reports have described the occurrence of intracranial hemorrhage after PPA ingestion," from reported studies done by

Yale and the FDA. Although this risk of hemorrhagic stroke is very low, the FDA has significant concerns because of the seriousness of a stroke and the inability to predict who is at risk. Those who have taken PPA for multiple years and never experienced any side effects could be at a higher risk of suffering a stroke.

Currently, many companies have voluntarily reformulated, and are continuing to reformulate, their products to exclude PPA, while the FDA proceeds with the regulatory process nec-

essary to remove PPA from the market.

Consumers who have any doubts about PPA or products containing it should consult a pharmacist and proceed to find alternative drugs that do not contain PPA. The FDA also urges consumers to stay away from chain e-mails discussing PPA, as the information may not be accurate nor backed by the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/cder/drug for more information concerning PPA and other hazardous products.

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erees aren't enforcing the rules in place, and they give incentives for teams who play dirty, ala Oakland Raiders, as he put it, many players will do the same, and they will play dirty themselves. "You get a different game if players don't abide by the rules and play dirty," said North.

Playing dirty in today's day and age does not benefit a country's economy. According to North, in a modern economy, the same rules apply. Third world economies rely too much on personal exchanges between two parties who know each other well. North suggests that a third party be put in place to enforce the contract in order to move an economy from personal to impersonal exchange. He also said that some countries give incentives for people who play dirty, or steal. According to North, incentive structures and institutions that enforce these laws, for example: insurance, banks, property rights laws, etc., need to be put in place in order for an economy to survive.

According to North, the survival of an economy can't rely on the investment of technology alone. People are the most important investment that a country can have, and by gaining their confidence in the government by these incentive structures, economies will move forward.

Today, it is getting harder and harder for third world economies to catch up to first world economies, North said. In order for third world markets to catch up to first world markets, countries will have to develop and integrate between each other. According to North, "...countries need to bridge knowledge so that third world countries can compete."

BSU and PAN Revisit the 2000 Election

By MEG EPPEL
Pride Staff Writer

In University Hall on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, the Black Student Union (BSU) and Progressive Activist Network (PAN) held a viewing of the PBS documentary *Counting on Democracy*, followed by a discussion on the presidential election of 2000. Guest lecturers Dr. Garry Rolison of the sociology department and Mark Byron, a former adjunct faculty member of the political science department, led the discussion.

Approximately 40 people attended the event, which included free pizza and soda. The film, which was produced by Greg Palast, was approximately an hour long and ranged in subject from the unclear voting procedures used in Florida to the media shortcomings. The film focused on the plight of African Americans voting in the 2000 election. Palast, who also wrote a book called *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*, used the film to provide a broad overview of the history of African American voting in America, but particularly in Florida, and the special trouble

that they faced in 2000.

In November 2000, the country experienced one of the closest elections of all time. It spurred scrutiny of the media, the voting system, the Supreme Court and the state of Florida. For nearly a year it was the focus of mainstream media, conversation, political debate and late night satire. After the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, national interest in the 2000 election subsided. However, according to the BSU and PAN, the election is still an important historical event from which America can learn many lessons.

The film explained that over 800,000 African Americans in Florida went to vote on election day, and that many were turned away due to a flawed list of ineligible voters. A private firm was hired by the State of Florida to produce a list of felons in the state that were ineligible to vote in the 2000 election, but the list also included the names of hundreds of innocent citizens.

The film also reported that Governor Jeb Bush, Secretary

of State of Florida Kathleen Harris, and other members of the state government refused to take responsibility for actions, which denied eligible voters their rights of suffrage. According to the documentary, the African American community admitted that they could have tried to better educate the voters about the possibility of being turned away at the polls.

Following the movie, Rolison, using data obtained from the website of the American Civil Liberties Union, gave a brief overview of the 2000 election, explaining that 14.4 percent of the votes that were rejected came from African American voters, while only 1.6 percent were non-Black. Byron added that according to www.gregpalast.com, voting precincts in Black areas were lacking in high quality voting technology, while in many white communities the technology was available and untouched. Advanced voting equipment ranges from the form of the voting ballot itself to new machines that are used to interpret or read/count the votes.

After both speakers gave brief lectures, the floor was opened to questions. There were many questions from students, ranging in topic from the voting procedures, African Americans, and the current political situation in America, particularly with the ensuing war in Iraq. Rolison and Byron, as well as PAN member Erik Roper, were happy to give their opinions.

This event was a unique opportunity to have two campus clubs join together, and to inform CSUSM students about an important aspect of recent American history.

PAN can be reached via their website, www.csusm.edu/PAN, or at their weekly meetings on campus in ACD 308, every Tuesday at 4 p.m. The BSU holds weekly meetings at ACD 405 on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m., and has a website at www.csusm.edu/bsu.

To find out more information about the film, *Counting on Democracy*, visit www.pbs.org.

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of academic affairs at CSU Fresno. Prior to coming to the CSU system, Gonzalez served for six years as a commissioner for the accrediting agency, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. He received his bachelor's degree at Pomona College and his master's and doctoral studies were completed at UC Santa Cruz. Gonzalez also spent a year doing research in psychology as a postdoctoral

fellow at Stanford University.

Gonzalez, active in the local community, was named one of San Diego's Magazine "50 to Watch in 2000" for his work in the educational field. Gonzalez also participates in the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Public Policy Committee, the San Diego Economic Development Corporation, and North County

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Gonzalez is active in the field of education on a national level as well. In February, Gonzalez was appointed to a one-year term on the board of directors of the American Council on Education. On Jan. 28, 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Gonzalez to serve on the President's Commission

In the next week, CSUSM will be anticipating the decision of the CSU committee. If Gonzalez leaves, it will not only mean a change for him and his family but also for the faculty, students, and staff at CSUSM.

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to speak to the local legislators of San Diego county [and] to let them know how the budget decrease in the CSU will affect the students of their districts." Patel also added that ASI wanted to bring back ideas on how to rally together as a campus and how to send a message to the chancellor's office that we were against an increase of our fees.

CHESS is sponsored by the California State Student Association (CSSA), which has a member from each CSU campus. CSUSM's representative at CSSA is Glay E. Glay, ASI vice president of external affairs. The purpose of the CSSA, according to Patel, is to "have a

student run governing body over the 23 CSU campuses [who] deal with legislative issues that have an affect on all the campuses, as well as university issues."

About The Protest

The CSSA organized the protest, led by chair Artemio Pimentel of California State University Sacramento, and it was held at noon on Monday Feb. 24 on the steps of the capital. According to Roper, sign-carrying protestors listened to Pimentel's opening remarks, followed by a series of legislators who spoke of "their solidarity with CSU students and their opposition to the

fee increase." After the legislators, a couple of students spoke about the fee increases and how they will make it difficult for them to continue going to school.

Roper said that the purpose of the protest, which was bigger than the one held last fall in Long Beach, was "to ask legislators in state government to make a commitment to the success of California and to invest in its future through higher education and not increased fees." Roper said that fee increases leave some students out, "contradicting the mission of the CSU system, which is to offer affordable education to California residents."

Aside from the delegation of CSUSM students, participants at the protest included representatives from all CSU campuses. Patel explained how proud she was to have participated in the protest, and that seeing "representatives of all 23 campuses, rallying to save their campus, the UC's as well as the community colleges, made me extremely proud to be a member of this community."

Roper said that after the protest, participants broke into groups and "lobbied legislators in their offices and in the hallways - wherever they could be found."

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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Fosters Friendships

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Students looking for an opportunity to "yell and scream and get rowdy" in a Christian environment may want to check out Cal State San Marcos' Intersity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). The reference to yelling and rowdiness is not an accidental interpolation. This is a quote from Nichole Jester, student leader for the IVCF, describing the fellowship's projected activities during their upcoming trip to Catalina. Jester took care to create an image of the IVCF and their mostly evangelical Christian members as friendly and outgoing and to deliberately smash the stereotype of Christians as dour and repressed zealots.

Friendship and accessibility are recurrent themes within the IVCF. At its core, according

to Jester, the IVCF is a vehicle through which Christians can socialize and support one another. IVCF student leader Darlene Rodriguez described the IVCF as a "place to be noticed," then went on to detail an informal grapevine that has grown up within the fellowship. "If a member has a problem, other members know and respond with help and encouragement". Rodriguez was quick to distinguish this network from an ordinary gossip pipeline saying "members care about each other like a family."

To the end of providing members with opportunities to socialize, the IVCF supports many activities. Last semester the fellowship sponsored a game night bonfire and a movie night, among other activities. On March 7, the IVCF will sponsor a Christian music concert at Calvary Chapel, San Marcos.

The concert will feature the well-known Christian rock band Eso. The event is entitled "The Edge" and will also feature popular evangelist Ryan Pfeiffer and an unnamed opening act for Eso.

During the upcoming spring break, the IVCF is sponsoring the aforementioned "rowdy" trip to Catalina. According to Jester and Rodriguez, the IVCF has their own private section of the island where they will stage a week of activities centered on a study of the Gospel of Mark. Jester made it clear that the IVCF's activities are open to non-members and non-Christians. The IVCF wants to provide a drug and alcohol free environment in which all students can socialize.

The upcoming Billy Graham crusade on May 8, 9, and 10 is another focus of the IVCF. The IVCF is providing evangelism

training for members in order to coincide with the event, as well as helping with event publicity and set-up.

During the summer months some IVCF members will participate in mission trips that can take them to foreign nations such as China and Ethiopia. These mission trips also can include service in urban areas of the United States.

Though theologically committed to Orthodox Pauline Christianity, the IVCF encourages anyone interested in the Bible and Christianity to attend their meetings and Bible studies. Jester welcomed members of other faiths to check out the IVCF. Both Jester and Rodriguez emphasized that the IVCF is an egalitarian organization where all members are encouraged to participate in leadership. The

IVCF's membership contains both those who were raised in religious households and new converts. The group also cultivates ethnic and racial diversity.

The IVCF fellowship meets on the Cal State San Marcos campus Mondays 1-2pm, Tuesdays both 12-1pm and 1-2pm. These meetings are held on the grass triangle between Craven Hall and University Hall on the first floor. Wednesday meetings are held in University Hall 442 1-2pm. Meetings start with an informal social period, followed by a Bible study in which everyone present is encouraged to participate.

Those interested in the Intersity Christian Fellowship and their activities can contact the fellowship at their E-mail address IVCF_csusm@yahoo.com.

Red Cross Performs Emergency Services for Armed Forces

By JEFF BROWNLEE
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The recent deployment of service personnel from San Diego-based military bases has resulted in the simultaneous mobilization of another service, the Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) at the San Diego/Imperial Counties chapter of the American Red Cross. Life goes on at home for the families of service people — spouses, sons, daughters, and other relatives — while they are stationed overseas or in parts of the United States remote from their families.

Life at home sometimes involves emergencies such as births, deaths, and other medical and legal emergencies, when it is critical that a family member in the armed services be notified. Unbeknownst to many, the American Red Cross is the primary conduit for emergency messages from family members to their relatives serving in the armed forces overseas.

The American Red Cross received a charter from the United States Congress in 1900 to provide communication services for the U.S. military. Though sanctioned by Congress to provide these emergency communication services for the U.S. armed forces, the Red Cross receives no government funding. They perform their duties subsidized entirely by voluntary contributions.

Gayle Falkenthal, chief marketing and communications officer of the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross, said that many wonder what role the Red Cross can still play in delivering messages in this era of e-mail and satellite communications. Falkenthal explained that because of the Red Cross' official relationship with the U.S. armed forces, they are present wherever service people are deployed.

Falkenthal said that the Red Cross' presence extends to even

the remotest tent or hilltop outpost. In addition, many military installations and areas of deployment will not accept direct messages. Messages to secure areas and operations must first be screened then encrypted before being sent. Such messages must then be decoded before being delivered to individual service people. The Red Cross' intimate familiarity with military procedures speeds this process up incalculably.

The Red Cross also meticulously verifies all messages they send on behalf of the families of service people. This means that all references to medical or legal problems submitted to the Red Cross for delivery are verified with the proper legal or medical authorities. Doctors, nurses, judges, and police officers have a legal right to release information to the Red Cross just as if the organization were a member of the affected parties family. Service people receiving messages via the Red Cross can trust the

information to be as accurate as is humanly possible to achieve. In spite of the complexities and distances involved, the Red Cross usually completes messages to service people within 48 hours. The Red Cross will arrange and fund a trip home for a service person if necessary.

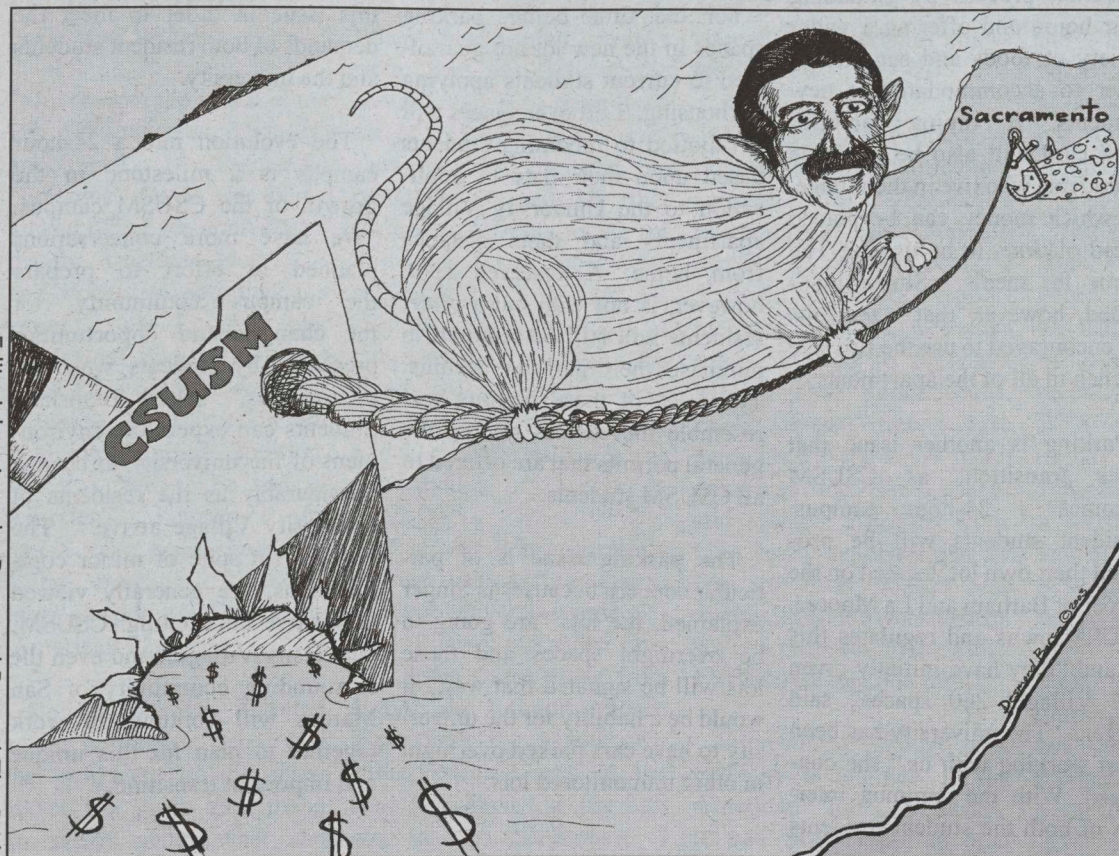
According to Falkenthal, the Red Cross' San Diego call center is the largest and busiest in the United States. The concentration of military installations in San Diego County accounts for much of this volume. Other areas of the United States also contract with the San Diego call center in order to handle their emergency message services. The San Diego call center has 28 people answering phones and takes calls for the Red Cross' Virginia, New Mexico, southern Arizona, and North Dakota emergency message operations.

Over the last two months, as the United States has deployed increasing numbers of military personnel to the Middle East, calls to the San Diego call center

have nearly tripled. Falkenthal said that in one day alone, Feb. 19, the center handled 575 calls in one hour.

Though taking and sending messages requires special training, people interested in performing volunteer work on behalf of the Red Cross can serve in many different capacities. Those interested in performing volunteer work for the Red Cross, whether they know specifically what they want to do or not, may attend volunteer training at one of the Red Cross service centers located in San Diego, Escondido, or Oceanside. To learn the times and locations for volunteer training, call the American Red Cross' San Diego/Imperial Counties headquarters at (619) 542-7400, or visit their web site at www.sdar.org.

The San Diego/Imperial Counties chapter of the American Red Cross is behind budget and contributions are always welcome. Those interested in helping financially may make contributions at the abovementioned web site.



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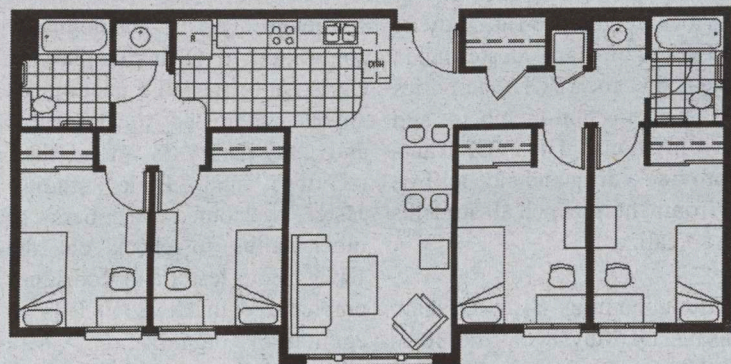
By SARA COLBRESE
Pride Staff Writer

Change is waiting in the wings as CSUSM's University Village Apartments are scheduled to open soon. The apartments are scheduled to open their doors in September, when 460 resident students will be invited to transform a once small commuter college into a 24-hour campus community.

"The campus community will change greatly as a result of having students on campus all day and all year," stated the director of Student Residential Life (SRL), Bridget Blanshans. The University Village staff is working in connection with SRL and other departments of CSUSM, such as The Dome and parking services, in order to prepare for this transition.

When completed, the new student-housing complex will consist of three apartment buildings. Each building will house approximately 52 students on each of its three floors. Students will have the choice to live in either a two or four bedroom home, which they will share with three other roommates. Each apartment includes its own kitchen, two bathrooms, and a dining/living area. There are also laundry facilities located on each floor.

In conjunction with the three buildings, a community building will be built in order to provide a common ground for the residents, which will function as the center of the community. A gate will surround the perimeter of University Villages in order to provide safety for the residents, and the Community Building will stand at the front of the complex, welcoming its residents and their guests. A resident desk assistant will be available 24 hours a day in order to sign guests in, to provide



assistance with jammed mailbox keys, and to answer questions. The community building will be "the one building through which everyone must come in and everyone must go out," describes Heather Singer, director of University Village apartments.

Students can use the community building as a quiet place to study or as a safe place to goof off with their buddies. "The community building is in the center of the other three buildings. That's where the mailbox room is, and we will have a game room with billiards, foosball, air hockey, and video games," said Singer. The community building will also include workshop areas and group study rooms, a large kitchen for cookouts and other events, and an amphitheater for plays and band performances.

The community building will also be the new home of the residents' student government, which will function much like ASI. As ASI is responsible for looking out for the well being of the student body on campus, the student gov-

ernment of campus housing will be responsible for looking out for the well being of the student residents at University Villages.

In continued efforts to create a strong community among the residents, University Village plans to have specific programs that target new residents, which aim to ease their transition into college life and to living on their own.

"We'll have a lot of incoming freshmen," explained Singer, as she discussed the programs that are planned for giving students instruction on simple things, such as laundry and cooking a nutritious meal. "They'll be some options like 'how do you have a nutritional meal without it being a bottle of water and some carrots,'" said Singer. Another planned program topic is to show students how to do their laundry without turning their socks pink and shrinking their sweaters. "I've seen some crazy stuff happen," said Singer. "You'd be surprised how many 18 year olds will move in and put Palmolive in the dishwasher."

The Dome plans to assist in this transition process by extending their hours and offering a wider variety of foods and supplies in order to accommodate the new residents. A dining facilities debit card will also be available to students who live in the village, on which money can be placed ahead of time, to be used at The Dome for meals. Singer mentioned, however, that "students are encouraged to use the full size kitchen in all of the apartments."

Parking is another issue that faces transition, as CSUSM becomes a 24-hour campus. Resident students will be provided their own lot, located on the corner of Barham and La Mooree. CSUSM owns and regulates this lot and "they have initially given [the Village] 260 spaces" said Singer. "The university has been great working with us," she continued. With the common interests of both the student residents



Artist's rendering and Floor plan courtesy of Allan & O'hara Education Services LLC. Interior room photos by Sara Colbrese.

and the university's liabilities at hand, CSUSM managed during the week of February 16th to bump the number of resident parking spots up to 300.

For the time being, parking spaces in the new lot are guaranteed to current students applying for housing. Left over spaces will be allotted to incoming students based upon their date of application to the University Village apartments and their distance from home. A reserved spot, however, is not without a price; residents will still be required to purchase their parking permits. The price of these permits will resemble the current rate of the general permits that are offered to all CSUSM students.

The parking issue is of particular concern because, as Singer explained, the lots "are going to be overnight spaces and those lots will be signaled that way." It would be a liability for the university to have cars parked overnight in other unmonitored lots.

Students who do not receive a parking space will not be permitted to park overnight anywhere on campus. Singer assures students that CSUSM and University Village are continuing to work on this issue in order to meet the demands of both resident students and the university.

The evolution into a 24-hour campus is a milestone in the growth of the CSUSM campus. "We have more conversations planned in effort to prepare the campus community for the changes and opportunities presented by students who live on campus," stated Blanshans. Students can expect the environment of the university to change considerably as the residents of University Village arrive. The changes, in spite of minor complications, are generally viewed as positive and exciting. CSUSM, University Villages, and even the surrounding community of San Marcos will continue to work together to plan for this unique and important transition.

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Technology vs. The Recording Industry, The Verdict Is...

By NINA ROBINSON
Pride Staff Writer

Music will never be the same. Or at least it hasn't since Internet file sharing and CD burning have run rampant on computers around the world. The tedious act of leaving your home and paying \$15 for a compact disk has been replaced by a few simple clicks of the mouse. File-sharing programs such as the infamous Napster and user-friendly Kazaa are currently entertaining over a million users. Along with this, virtually all PC's shipped in the last 12 months have come equipped with CD burners and burner software. The only problem is that record companies are paying the costs for the free music we all enjoy – or are they?

According to last year's numbers, album sales dropped an astonishing 9 percent, following a 2.5 percent drop the year before. Recording industry executives argue that these statistics are attributed largely to the illegal downloading of MP3s and reproduction of CDs. The music industry has not seen a decrease this bad since the inception of blank tapes, a phenomenon initially believed to bring the music industry to its doom.

The most alarming example of this has been the shut down of numerous Music Trader locations

throughout San Diego including the Oceanside and San Marcos locations. Music Trader, a nationwide CD store, is owned by CD Warehouse, which recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. A Music Trader manager commented that she believes file-sharing and burning technology has impacted local CD sales, especially when customers can easily burn used CDs then turn around and sell them back.

CSUSM student Nick Zigich shares his insight by commenting, "why should I buy the entire CD, when I only like one song." Other students also admit to downloading songs they like, but purchasing entire CDs of the artists they really like.

Record industry expert Pam Horovitz addresses this issue by saying that "we have been in a song driven marketplace for a number of years, and yet the availability of singles continues to decline in what retailers believe is a frequently misguided attempt to drive CD sales. When there is no way for the consumer to purchase just the one song they want, why are we all surprised that they take advantage of the widely available alternative – which is a free copy from one of the various file sharing services?"

In retaliation to the file sharing and CD burning epidemic, several music artists themselves are speaking out against the unethical theft of their "intellectual property." Artists such as Nelly, Britney Spears, and Missy Elliott have joined the Music United for Strong Internet Copyright (MUSIC) campaign, to denounce web piracy. However some people are skeptical of the alleged losses that these million-dollar artists are taking. CSUSM student Alison Januik thinks that artists are far from going broke, and that artists profit greatly from concert ticket sales.

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So why are people really not purchasing CDs? Based on surveys conducted by Josh Bernoff with Forrester Research, downloading, sharing, and burning music is not the culprit and he reveals the real reasons. First off, a slowing economy has decreased consumer spending in all indus-

tries, especially the music industry. Secondly, with the increase in competition for "mind share" which include ubiquitous DVD, video game, and Internet activities, who has time to buy all the new CDs? Finally, shorter radio play lists limit the exposure of new artists. With corporate dominance over radio stations, namely Clear Channel Worldwide, music is constantly being filtered, thus driving music lovers on an electronic search for unique music.

Contrary to popular belief, Bernoff believes that a bulk of CD sales actually come from individuals downloading from the Internet. Bernoff breaks the music downloading/burning and CD-buying public down into categories, defined by level of usage. There are the "offline, non-users" and then "dabblers", who have tried it but download infrequently, the "digital music learners" who download three to eight times a month, and finally "digital music lovers" who practice this over nine times a month.

Based on the results of the Forrester Research survey, "offline/non-users" were 54 percent of those surveyed and make up 39 percent of the CD purchases. "Dabblers" make up 46 percent of the population and purchase 61 percent of the CDs. Lastly,

"learners and lovers" represent only 22 percent of the surveyed population and combined purchases come out to 36 percent of that. These and other results from the report provide evidence that the "obvious" answer may be incorrect and that the more an individual download/burns music the more they actually purchase music. More information on this study may be obtained at

<http://www.forrester.com/ER/Press/Release/0,1769,741,FF.html>

What does the future look like for the record industry? Experts say unless the record industry embraces the Internet and new technology, it will be a bleak and lonely place. Music consumers require more choices and flexibility when it comes to purchasing music. When record companies inflate CD prices and sell unburnable CDs without informing the buyer, consumers get turned off. On the other hand, how do record companies give people freedom to copy tunes to computer or MP3 player, but not allow them to upload files to file-sharing sites, such as Kazaa. Hopefully the recording industry will stop crying about file sharing, and focus on improved marketing, reasonable prices and quality music.

WOW Concert Series: Volume II Concord

By CHRIS MARTIN
Arts Editor

Wednesday Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. in the Mezzanine plaza, ASI produced the second installment of the Wild On Wednesdays (WOW) Concert Series with a performance by local product, Concord. The WOW Concert Series showcases local bands right here on campus on the third or fourth Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday's headliner Con-

cord is comprised of five members including Tom Pritchard on vocals and lead guitar, Alex Blundell on guitar, Ryan McHenry on the drums, Bryan Johnson on bass and vocals, and Laura Jarnes on keyboards. Pritchard and McHenry, both CSUSM students, have been playing together for over six years and played vital roles in the forming of the band.

Concord has been influenced by many artists and musical genres such as Jimi Hendrix, Cream,

Those in attendance... were treated to an orgy of auditory delight

classical Chopin, U2, Pearl Jam, Sparta, NoKnife, and the Strokes. "Our roots stem from the southern California surf culture and our sound is comprised of a mixture of melodic and hard-hitting songs," said Blundell.

Those in attendance during the performance were treated to an orgy of auditory delight. Concord's assertive power ballads beckoned listeners all the way from the Dome to the deep recesses of Craven Hall. It seemed as though the band was firing on all cylinders. From harmonization to musicianship to stage presence Concord was in good form. Concord insists that they will return to CSUSM for at least one more show during this semester.

Concord is currently touring the San Diego/Los Angeles local music scenes and is looking to take their act to the next level...a national tour. Some up coming shows are for March 7 At Blind Melons, March 22 at Neimans with Mix Mob and Mower, and April 10 at Canes Bar and Grill.

For questions regarding Concord, contact Alex Blundell at alexconcordband@yahoo.com or check the local Reader for more show times.

Full-Figured Diva Gets Booted in American Idol 2

By GERALD JONES
Pride Staff Writer

Just before the airing of the Feb. 11th show, Fox Television announced Franchelle "Frenchie" Davis was being kicked off of the contestant's list for American Idol 2. It had been revealed that the woman, now 23 years old, had posed nude at the age of 18 for an interactive child-pornography website. From Frenchie's initial audition, she was said to be one of America's favorites and had a very good chance of being crowned "American Idol," despite not having the 'American Idol' look.

Before she was selected as a participant, she told the producers of the show about her past and made no secret about what she

had been involved in. When background checks were done on each of the contestants, her short-lived career in pornography never showed up. At the time, the producers warned her that if media became aware of this, they would deal with it accordingly. Never did they make any mention of eliminating her from the show. No information was given on how they were going to deal with the issue if it was made public.

Ms. Davis, who is currently a senior theater arts student at Howard University, stated, "I was 18 years old at the time and 3,000 miles away from home. But I simply refused to go back home without a college degree, and at the time it seemed like the best way to earn the money. I

needed to continue my education. Everyone knows why I did it".

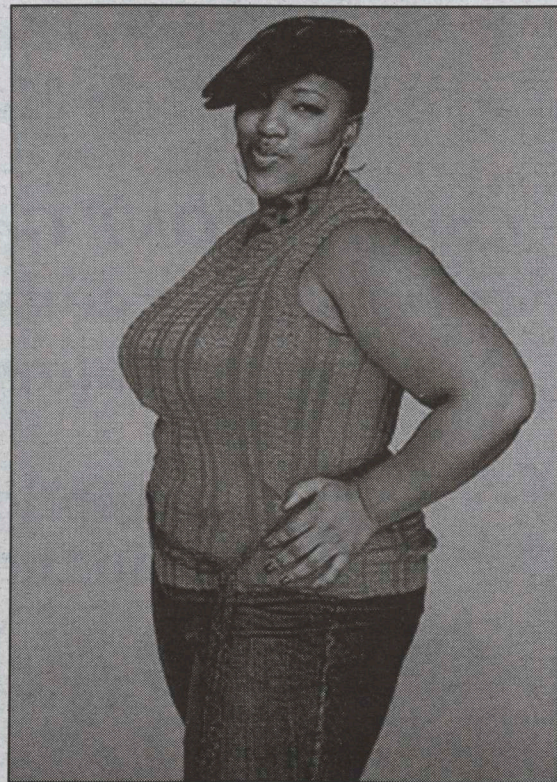
After the news broke of Frenchie's disqualification, support for Frenchie's reinstatement came flooding in from all over the country. A wide range of support included petitions, web sites solely devoted to Frenchie, letters, and phone calls. These support groups were being used to show how much American Idol fans adored and wanted Frenchie back. USA today reported that by Feb. 16th over 35,000 fans made a hit on the website <http://www.petitiononline.com/FRENCHIE/petition.html>.

Interestingly enough this publicity is not new to the American Idol producers. It has been reported that

one of last year's finalists, the lack luster rocker, Nikki McKibbin, had been a stripper, and she was not disqualified from the competition.

But as they say in Hollywood, any publicity is good publicity. Ms. Davis has had a flood of offers from major record labels. More recently she has been seen as a correspondent of the nightly show "Entertainment Tonight". ET hired her on as a correspondent for the 45th annual Grammy Awards in New York to cover all the red carpet action.

One thing is safe to say, the journey on American Idol 2 has seemingly ended for Frenchie, but her career as a star has just begun.



Frenchie Davis from American Idol 2.
Courtesy photo.

Death Penalty 101: The Life of David Gale

By JULIE MYRES
Pride Staff Writer

The British director Alan Parker is known for his intensity, shown in such works as *Angela's Ashes*, *Mississippi Burning*, *Pink Floyd – The Wall*, *Evita*, and now *The Life of David Gale*, as a psychological thriller.

Before seeing the film, I was a firm believer in the death penalty, but now, I feel that there are those who are innocent and are wrongly executed.

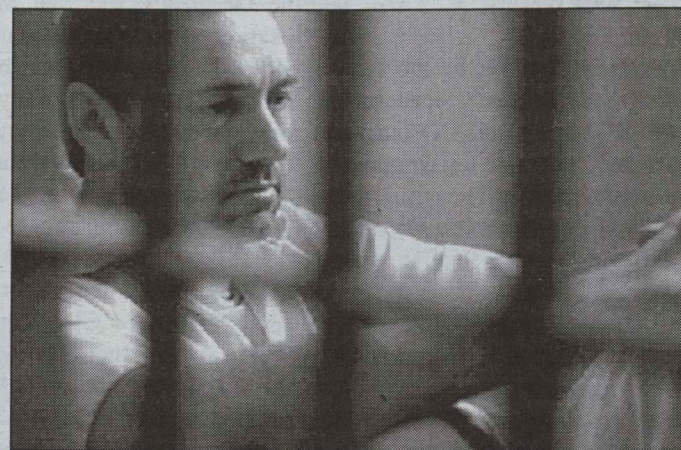
Kevin Spacey plays David Gale in a movie about a man who is a philosophy professor at University of Texas at Austin (UTA), a loving father, and dedicated activist against the death penalty. As a zealous abolitionist, Gale finds himself the leading opponent of the death penalty in Texas, with a group known as the "Death-Watch."

Gale, through an unfortunate twist of fate and for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, is found guilty of rape and murder of his fellow activist friend, Constance Harraway, played by Laura Linney. He is sentenced to death after he has exhausted all of his appeals and thus Gale faces the last three days of his life before execution.

Bitsy Bloom, portrayed by Kate Winslet, is a tough and objective investigative reporter who is asked to come to Texas at Gale's request to do a three-day flashback story-telling interview with him. She takes the assignment reluctantly and heads down to Texas with the firm opinion that the man behind the bars is guilty and should die.

Bloom's opinion sets up the story quite nicely for Gale's side of the story to come into play. Gale is meant to explain his life and experiences in three two hours sessions, over a three-day period, about how and why he was on death row. This also leads Bloom to be emotionally touched

Kevin Spacey portrays David Gale, a wrongfully accused man awaiting fate on death row.
Courtesy photo.



by Gale's story and to change her opinion about the justice about to be served. She sets out to find out the truth behind the crime and to prove Gale's innocence, all within a twenty-four hour period before his scheduled execution.

Before seeing the film, I was a firm believer in the death penalty, but now, I feel that there are those who are innocent and are wrongly executed. If anything, this film will spark a good debate about capital

punishment among those who see it.

The movie has irony, sexual gratuity, suspense with the perfect soundtrack to move your emotions, and a twist of fate to throw you off the path of solving the crime before the end of the film. Overall, I enjoyed the film thoroughly, but I still have a little suspicion of how perfectly set up it was, with the right mixture of what the audience wants and will pay for.

The message with which this movie attempts to leave the audience is that the death penalty is wrong and kills innocent people. This film might be enough proof to convince people that this is true, but take everything from Hollywood with a grain of salt! Can this film be entertainment or merely propaganda? Go see it and make that judgment for yourself! *The Life of David Gale* is currently in theaters across the country.

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Democracy of Hypocrisy

Part One: Global Politics

By ALYSSA FINKELSTEIN
Lead Editor

It amazes me sometimes that people can be so hypocritical. Many men and women define themselves by the definitions of one political ideal or another, and yet when the day of reckoning comes for their beliefs, they so quickly and radically change them. I'll be honest. I usually vote Republican. I also believe that affirmative action, in principle, is a good thing. I believe strongly in the importance and significance of the women's movement, and no, I did not vote for Bill Simon in the last election. So don't try to label me. It won't work. I lean far left of center on some issues, but I also have guns in my house. Maybe this allows me the freedom to be reasonable about politics.

I recently asked someone (a liberal by most definitions) whose opinions I respect why there was so much opposition to President Bush's policy about Iraq. When Former President Clinton sent troops storming into Kosovo to take down Milosevic, no one complained. When Clinton ordered troops deployed to Somalia to try and end the oppression by vicious warlords, no one objected. So why is it that now there is so much resistance?

Saddam Hussein slaughtered hundreds of thousands of people when he invaded Iran and Kuwait. He murdered a hundred thousand of his own people in order to field test his chemical weapons. He destroyed his own ecosystem when he set the oil fields ablaze ten years ago, and

he openly admits to wanting to occupy the entire gulf region and hold, single handedly, the world's largest supply of oil. We know he's a tyrant.

Who cares about propaganda from either side at this point? Does the past mean nothing? Are Hussein's own words meaningless? Surely the global community did not give so much consideration to Milosevic and the Somali warlords!

Her answer to me was that there is a certain level of anxiety, because of the current administration, that this proposed war with Iraq could be because of the oil. There is a suspicion about holdings in oil companies and ulterior motives on behalf of our current leaders. That doesn't necessarily mean that the left

thinks it IS over the oil, but that it might be. I honestly don't understand the militant scrutiny and suspicion, but I can accept that.

Before I came to CSUSM, I served in the US Navy. I didn't like Clinton. I thought that he disassembled much of what the military had become during the decade before he took office. I saw base housing falling into disrepair, many of the lower ranks able to qualify for food stamps and other social programs, and bases closing faster than I could transfer between them. However, I respected him, despite all of his philandering and lying in front of congress – in fact now that I look back, I wonder why I respected him at all. But that wasn't important. The solidarity of our nation and its people were more important to me.

So how is Hussein different from Milosevic? For that matter, how is he different from a young Hitler?

Why is it that the loudest opponents to the current global climate and the quickest tongues to strike at the current administration so often forget that they owe their very freedom to men like those whom they now so quickly defy? When Washington tried to rally the colonies and to organize a war against a tyrant King George, I'm sure that lots of people thought that he was crazy, too. But even the British are on our side this time; shouldn't that count for something?

Theism in an Evolutionary Society

By JAMAL SCARLETT
Pride Staff Writer

In another period, the belief that humans naturally evolved from a puddle of primordial ooze would have been absurd. The mere notion that once immaterial and purposeless ooze becoming a material and purpose-driven person would have been incongruous. However, in previous years the notion has survived and 'evolved' into the primary view of science.

Science by definition is the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanations of phenomena. Science excludes everything but the material and the natural. You cannot study anything that is outside of natural processes. By means of science, you cannot study spirits or God because they are outside of the material and the natural. One would then objectively presume that through the venue of science alone, we could not know everything.

According to the dominant view of science, this statement would be uneducated and short of thought. What is outside of science is outside of reality. The scientific processes are the only way we can really know anything. With this view, so engrained into the realm of Academia, it almost seems impossible to look at it any other way.

Yet "more than 47% of Americans believe in a Creator as well as 40% of Americans believing in God-Guided Evolutionary science," according to a January 1993 *First Things* article. You might ask: how is it that so many believe in a theistic evolution? Is it hard to distinguish between evolution and what it accepts to be fully naturalistic and outside the reach of a Creator? How are words used to transform the way we see the subject at hand?

I believe much of it has to do with our unfamiliarity of the subject matter and the ambiguity of the terms' implication to society.

Evolution: According to modern science, Natural Evolution is the random sequence of events involved in the evolutionary development of a species or taxonomic group of organisms; it fundamentally assumes that the forces of nature alone are adequate to explain everything that exists. It does not accept creation in a theistic sense. It only involves blind and purposeless processes. It cannot be a process in which God employed, due to employed purposeless matter. Random mutation and natural selection produce everything.

Creation is an effort to give scientific support for the truth of the account of creation given in the Book of Genesis. It is the divine act, which, according to various religious and philosophical traditions, brought the world into existence.

Theistic Evolution is an attempt to bridge the gap of Evolution and Creation; Belief in the existence of a god or gods, especially the belief in a personal God as creator and ruler of the world and interpreting "scientific" discovery as God's pre-determining process.

Why would this be so disturbing to the theist? Well, because it rules them out of the circle of the Intelligentsia since science can't explain God. What is inadequate evidence becomes evolutionary fact. So it is not that God does not exist, but that we wouldn't be able to know throughout scientific investigation. Following the guidelines of scientific investigation, God might as well not exist.

Now that we have ruled God out of the question of origin, it can only be through random genetic changes and natural selection that we have come to exist. It is not because anybody has seen these changes, but that there is no other option available to science.

The result is that anything that is outside of science can ONLY be that of subjective belief. Factors such as values, morals, trust, can only be a matter of individual opinion.

God then becomes a cultural and moral icon. God becomes a subjective idea based on our personal feelings and not an objective authority based on the way God created human nature. One of the leading proponents of evolution, Stephen J. Gould writes in *Science* magazine: "I regard the both religion and evolution as

of equal dignity and limitless contracts. They don't conflict because science treats the factual reality while religion struggles with human morality." He quotes science and religion as SEPARATE but EQUAL. Yet the undeniable fact is: someone is left sitting in the back of the bus.

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Campus Beat By HONEE FOLK**"What is the purpose of recognizing and celebrating Women's Herstory Month?"****Carey Moya****Major: Human Development**

"To empower the women who are making a difference and celebrate those that have paved the way in the past."

**Brenda Sanchez****Major: Global Business**

"To make people aware that women can be strong, nurturing, and educated within their family, in their community, and in the world."

**Michelle DeMont****Major: Sociology**

"Women's Herstory month is a time to look back on historical movements of women and appreciate our struggle for equality."

**Bryan Littlefield****Major: Global Business**

"We have to show appreciation for the women who haven't received it and show that young women can have a major impact in the world."

Response to English Language Article

Dear Editors,

I am writing to point out an apparent error in the opinion article of February 18, 2003 by Jeanne Raup Sapp "English as Official US Language". A quick check on the US Department of Justice website reveals that, contrary to what is indicated in the article, "...an ability to read, write, and speak English" is, in fact, a prerequisite for becoming a naturalized citizen. Here are links to relevant websites:

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/services/natz/>

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I enjoy reading the Pride's opinion pieces, however, such articles will carry more weight with your readership if we can be confident of the veracity of their assertions.

Sincerely,

Michael Hughes Assistant Professor of German and Spanish Department of World Languages and Hispanic Literatures California State University, San Marcos

Response to Liberal Bias Article

Amber De La Torre, thank you so much from proving my point in one sentence! The first sentence to your response not only asserts that there is liberal bias on campus, but condones it by giving a reason that is completely unfounded and outright wrong!

Furthermore, your argument is illogical. First you say there is liberal bias (first paragraph), and then you say there is not liberal bias (third paragraph).

Which one is it? You must come up with an argument that is more clear, because your point was lost early on in this

mindless response -- if there ever was a point. Stop chasing your tail around in circles.

Liberal bias does reign supreme at this university. Liberalism teaches "tolerance," "diversity," and "respect" for all, but it is apparent that these "virtues" do not apply to anyone who disagrees with the overpowering liberal bias on campus. I ask you where has the "tolerance" for all viewpoints gone? Since when is it not good to look at both sides of the coin?

I can answer that question for you! Liberals only look at

the side of the coin they want to -- they don't practice what they preach. It seems that the tolerance that liberals preach has run out -- and that is sad! Open your eyes and see that this so-called "elite" capitalistic society where conservatives oppress everyone is only in your mind. Have a little respect for your country, its history, its founders, and your freedom. If you find this impossible to do, then maybe you should think about moving somewhere else where you can be happier and not be so "oppressed."

Sean Mattingly
Junior, Business

Response to Brian Dobbins' Letter

Mr. Brian Dobbins and his co-conspirators in the chicken-hawk brigade would have us all believe the situation in Iraq has escalated to a point where the unbridled use of force is the only way to preserve the peace. If you remember correctly Mr. Dobbins it was the United States who facilitated the Iraqi acquisition of chemical and biological weapons during the Iran-Iraq conflict.

According to the prominent historian Saul Landau, who spoke here at San Marcos last semester, the U.S. actually encouraged Saddam to use chemical weapons against Iraqis and the Kurds so these groups would not impede U.S. war efforts in the region. In order to preserve U.S. hegemony over the Middle Eastern oil trade and to prevent further Soviet expansion in Afghanistan we provided weapons and training to Saddam and Osama bin Laden.

The U.S. has also subsidized the war efforts of Israeli terrorists who commit atrocious acts against Palestinians. The U.S. supplies Colombian paramilitary forces that have subsequently eliminated thirty thousand dissidents. Supporting terrorism in the name of democracy is reprehensible. Furthermore, Saddam never kicked the U.N. inspectors out of Iraq, as it was actually the U.S. who asked the inspectors to leave Iraq in 1998 when our extensive bombing raids eradicated a schoolhouse full of 400 children.

In a sense we as a nation are as guilty of terrorism as any other. So much for going out of our way to avoid killing innocent people. Bush has duped the American people. In his failed efforts to find Osama, a slumping economy, huge deficits, cuts in necessary health care and education programs,

screwing over veterans like Mr. Dobbins on their "guaranteed" benefits, and an administration full of chicken-hawks clamoring for war that are intent on world domination, he has convinced the people to support his unnecessary, unjustifiable, unprecedented "war on terrorism," which magically shifts its boundaries to encompass all those he deems terrorists.

Containment has worked thus far and worked to topple the Soviet Union, a far more dangerous enemy. We need to step up the inspection process and lift some of the economic and medical sanctions that have already caused half a million deaths in Iraq. Is a war that will surely destabilize the region, increasing the likelihood of more wars and terrorist attacks upon our nation really the best option? I think not.

Matthew Black
Junior, History

Recently it has come to our attention that there are a great many students, faculty, and staff on this campus who really don't understand what *The Pride* is all about. There are two offices here at CSUSM that publish news for the campus population, and we are one of them. The other is the office of Rick Moore, the campus director of communications. His office sends out the *In the Loop* newsletter that students, faculty, and staff receive in their email every week. They also print the *Tracks* newsletter that finds its way around much of the campus in hardcopy print. Both the *In the Loop* as well as *Tracks* are written from the perspective of public relations for the university. This is to say that professional writers write the stories in these publications, paid by the university to explain what's going on around campus from the perspective of the administration of the university.

The Pride, on the other hand, is produced every week out of a single class. We have no journalism program at CSUSM, just the one class, which meets every semester to put together your student paper. The staff writers are full time students who write for the paper without pay, and the editors are full time students who receive a very modest stipend for the many hours of work that it takes to assemble a newspaper every week. We are not CSUSM's public relations but rather just CSUSM

students with very diverse perspectives, as (we hope) it is reflected in the many stories published in our newspaper.

Our funding comes in part from your Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fees, in part through material and staff support of the university, but also in part from our advertisers, who are solicited by employees of *The Pride* who are also full time students here on campus. ASI, your student government, is nowhere involved. During a good year, our advertising revenue matches our IRA funding, with University-supported overhead costs remaining constant.

As a student paper, the editorial team is left solely with the responsibility of deciding what goes in the paper every week. We have tried our best to cover both sides of the campus and its administration -- the good and the bad. We, like other student papers, believe firmly that a free student press cannot operate under stern administrative oversight without compromising freedom of student speech. Sometimes that gets us into trouble, but for the most part it allows us to offer the campus community an unbiased perspective about CSUSM and its surroundings. For the most part, faculty, staff, administrators and ASI representatives have understood this.

Our advisor is a member of the faculty, who is responsible for teaching the writing and journalism theory and practice components of the course, and she grades us and our staff writers every semester just like any other member of the faculty, based on our academic performance as well as the jobs we do and how well we do them. However, she rarely reviews any part of the paper before it is printed, and while she often mentions possible story ideas, she has never pushed or favored particular stories that interest her. In fact, she reminds us constantly that we shouldn't take a story

just because she tells us about it. Needless, to say the stories that are published in our student newspaper are not reviewed by any one person who belongs to our school administration. Only the editors decide and know what will be published on a weekly basis.

The most important aspect of the paper that few seem to understand is that we do not assign stories. Staff writers choose what they want to write about based on their interests alone, and we assemble the paper based on their decisions. This is intentional, if sometimes awkward, and helps keep *The Pride* balanced and broadly representative of student interest.

Since we are doing our best to become a legitimate source of news to the students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community at CSUSM, our efforts to teach our staff writers about the folkways of journalism must be respected. Don't put pressure on them to print your picture or run your story, just because you have them in class, or because they are your friends. And don't ask to see things before they are printed. It's unprofessional. We are doing the very best we can, with what we have, to be professional to the best of our capacity, and when members of the faculty and staff undermine that professionalism with favoritism, it messes with the whole process.

So next time you think that *The Pride* doesn't cover things that are relevant to the campus, or you have a complaint that something is not being covered, why not send us a letter and tell us? Or better yet, join the staff and help to institute a change? Or if you have sent letters to our advisor or to the CSUSM director of communications, complaining about what's published in *The Pride*, you should send it to us, because after all, we are the editors. There are too many people on this campus -- as in life -- who like to complain about the 'way things are,' who are also unwilling to step up and accept the challenge to become part of the solution. Don't be one of them.

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