

Police to focus on community

Course to introduce police procedures to students, staff and faculty

BY PATRICK B. LONG
Pride Staff Writer

The strained relationship between the campus and its police department has widened over the past year. Since the implementation of a task force to help alleviate the problem, students, faculty and staff have been waiting for a way to help to bridge the gap.

The police have lined up a course that will help the campus and their offi-

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Douglass Miller,

University Police Lt.

cers work together as a team. Though implemented prior to the incidents leading up to the task force, the police department wants to "reach out to the community," said Lieutenant Douglass Miller of Cal State San Marcos Police Department.

The course, titled Citizen's Academy, will be held over four days and offer several courses on police work. Every officer will teach a course in their area of expertise. The classes will help educate the campus community on police procedures.

The courses include several hot topics on campus, including what is a hate crime. The purpose is to help the campus understand what a hate crime is, "there is some confusion," said Miller. The goal is clear up any confusion. Each course will offer a class, demonstration, and a question and

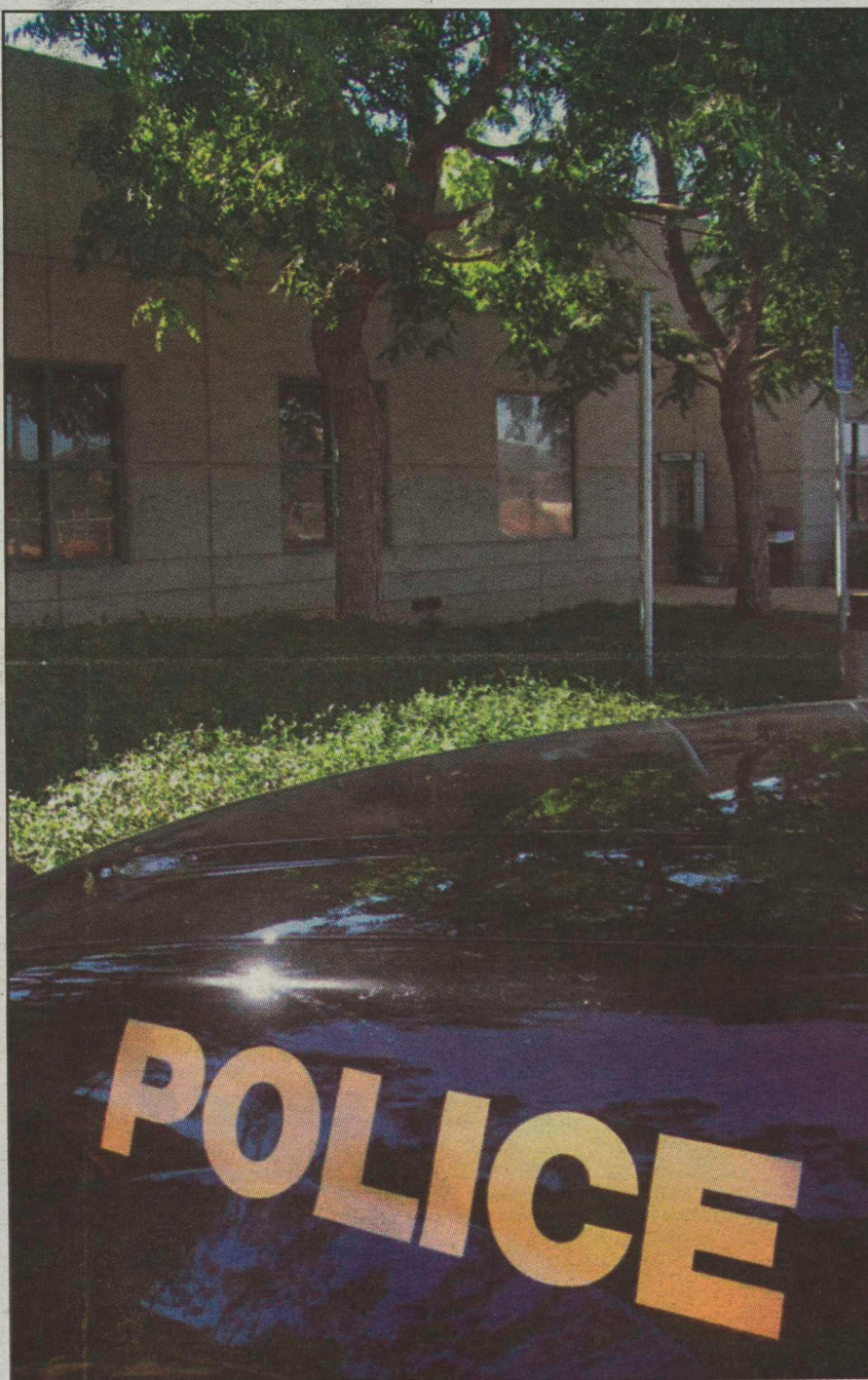


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University Police station located on La Moree Road.

answer session.

Other courses include what it takes to be a cop, terrorism awareness, crime scene techniques, and narcotics recognition. The crime scene techniques are expected to be a fun class with students learning how to lift fingerprints and acquire D.N.A. samples. Specialty classes like terrorism awareness and D.N.A. will implement the use of outside expertise.

"We want to help our community become partners in fighting crime on campus," said Miller on why these classes are essential for people to attend.

"We are looking for a diverse group of people to make up the class," said Miller. The class will hold up to 30 people, and they are hoping for members of faculty, staff, and students.

The training will run from Oct. 25 until Nov. 15 and will include about eight hours of training.

The campus police offer other training throughout the year; including R.A.D., rape aggression defense. For more information about Citizen's Academy and other classes look up www.csusm.edu/police.

Tip's for students

Do not wait too long to meet CCR

Computer competency requirement is mandatory for all students graduating with a baccalaureate degree from Cal State San Marcos. If a student fails to complete this by the second semester, their registration will be placed on hold.

Update immunizations

Student Health Services must receive updated immunizations for each student, or registration will be placed on hold until it is done.

Get a flash drive

Students should back up their work and keep it on file. These small storage devices are great for keeping all files.

Get to school early for parking

Parking is never easy at any campus, plan on spending 30 minutes parking and walking to class.

Get started on long-term project early

Waiting to the last minute to complete long-term projects will reflect on the quality of work that is produced.

Prioritize schedule

In order to be successful, students must plan out their semester early.

Learn to use library resources

The librarians will be your best friend when you are stuck on an assignment. There are many ways for them to help you. Learn all of their resources online or visit the help desk.

Fill out FASFA

The financial aid office is here to answer all of your questions about FASFA and the questions student may have about money. All students should fill out FASFA and apply for monies.

Learn to enjoy the stairs

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Letter from the editor

A greeting and an invitation from The Pride's new editor-in-chief

A letter from the editor is not a common occurrence for The Pride, but I thought it would be a good time to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief. The decision was made last school year to combine the co-editors positions into one giving me the opportunity to give the readers the best paper The Pride staff can produce.

With the new semester starting, the journalism class has no advisor hired and only three people on staff trying to put this first paper, so please be kind while critiquing it. I have my work cut out for me building an almost entire new staff of writers from scratch. Here is where I would like to shamelessly plug the golden opportunities awaiting any lucky student who would like to join the newspaper team and make history this semester by writing gems for the campus to read. With hard work, late nights and little pay, your name can be in print.

If you are interested in joining the team as an editor or writer,



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Patrick B. Long, incoming editor-in-chief, looks back at The Pride's last issue but forward to a new semester.

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the class fulfills both literature and writing and communications requirements. If you do not want to take the class and want to be on the staff as a writer, the class is not required. The class meets on Tuesday nights at 5p.m. University Hall room 370.

The Pride's main goal will be to be loyal to the readers. The

code of ethics from The Pride's manual has a long list of guidelines for its journalists to follow, but for me, loyalty to the reader is one of the most important, "A Pride journalist's first loyalty is to his or her readers." Without our readers, The Pride would not have a true purpose. We will strive to ensure that our readers, you, get the best that our newspaper can offer. If this newspaper fails to bring you, shall I dare say it, fair and balanced news, I expect to hear from the campus. I never want to stray from giving both sides of a topic.

As readers of our weekly paper, I count on you to come forward and help us write what you want to read. Every week we print articles in the opinion section that come from students, staff and faculty. Please feel free to email letters to the editor with your concerns and we shall try to address them. These letters

express not only the concerns of the campus but what material they like and do not like. Also, every week we offer an article from our ombudsman, yet to be selected, whose job it is to report to the readers the problems made during the previous issue.

With the a new school year ahead of us, the students of Cal State San Marcos have a lot to look forward to. Along the way The Pride newspaper will be there to bring the upcoming news and the results of past events. If you would like The Pride to focus on a story, an interesting individual, or have an organization that we should highlight, feel free to drop us an email or phone message. We welcome drop in visits when we are in our office, so do not hesitate to stop by to say hi. Our office is currently located at ACD 302A.

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Cougars have a bright future ahead

BY PATRICK B. LONG
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With the passing of the athletic referendum last semester, sports programs at Cal State San Marcos have a bright future ahead of it. With new increased funding supported by the students, current programs will remain and new teams will be formed to give Cougars a lot to cheer for.

We would really like to thank the students for passing the referendum," said Stephen Nichols, Cal State San Marcos' athletic director.

This year, the Cougars will be returning with men's and women's golf, cross country,

and track and field. With the new funding, the new teams will include women's softball, men's baseball and men's and women's soccer.

"Women's golf is looking good this year," said Nichols. Last semester ended well for the Cougar teams, with the women's golf team reaching the top five of the national championship of NAIA.

Kenny Adams finished in third place at the nationals for men's golf as a freshman.

Track and Field will see the return of top ranking athlete Ann Marie Byrne and their chance to win the championship.

The current sports are not deemed as spectator sports but the new teams will give a place for Cougars to go and cheer on their teams. The new teams will be in the NAIA league and will start as soon as fall 2006 beginning with soccer. In spring 2007, the baseball and softball teams will be introduced.

"Currently we are looking for coaches," said Nichols. When they are hired, the coaches will be introduced to Cal State San Marcos in an open forum.

The soccer team will play track's center field, while the plans are in the works for the home of the baseball and softball teams.

The intercollegiate sports are not the only activities offered for students. The Associated Student Incorporated (ASI) offers intramural sports, where students can sign up on teams to play each other. In the past such sports as baseball and dodge ball have been offered.

For more information on the athletic department and Cal State San Marcos' sports teams visit www.csusm.edu/athletics.

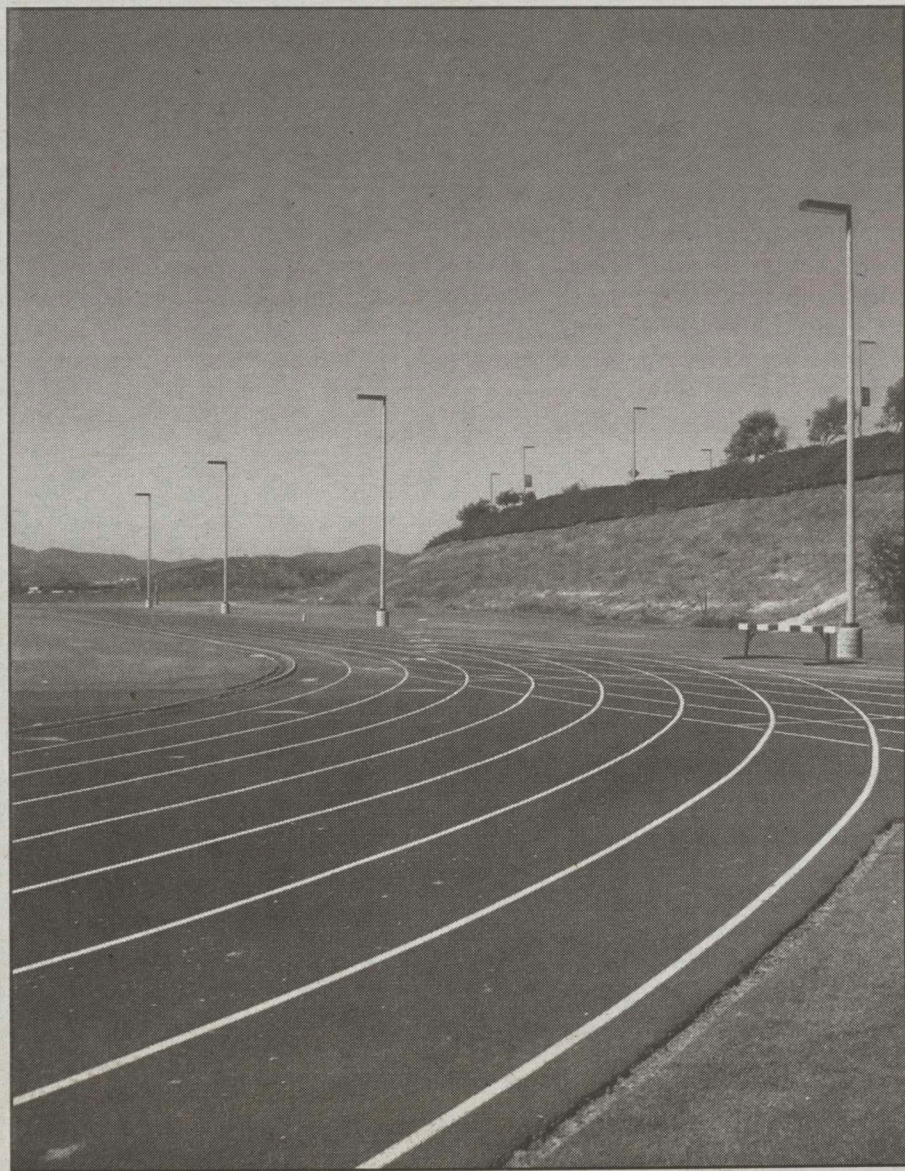


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Life after learning: Real world reality check

Former Pride editor shares his thoughts about searching for a job

BY MICHAEL DOLAN
Special to The Pride

Being a college graduate is becoming an increasingly difficult thing to do in these times. It is not for any reasons of academia or the inevitability of having to work extremely long hours at a menial job while completing an undergraduate degree. The true test of your gumption and your toughness comes when you begin the career search. Bet you didn't see that coming – the hard times start once the degree is in your hand. That being said, the following is my take on the time I spent hunting for a career and dealing with the new reality of the current job market.

Setting sail

I actually graduated in January 2004 but stuck around Cal State San Marcos for an additional three semesters for post baccalaureate work including heading this very newspaper. Another reason I stuck around this campus, and even now I find myself "supplementing" my B.A. with another associate degree from Palomar College, is because I can not stand the thought of having to repay the near \$40,000 in student loans I have accumulated in my career at Cal State San Marcos. Try that one on for size and see how it fits

... excessive student loans are like putting on a sport coat five times too small – it doesn't look good and you feel trapped and restrained.

Anyway, besides the creative ways I have come up with to avoid paying back my student loans, there is the difficult task of conducting a career search, which is more to the point I am trying to make. It was approximately 18 months of ever-increasing despondency of sending out résumés, sending follow up emails and then nothing. Rarely was there a consolation call or a formal rejection – losing comes often in this game so one has to be strong.

Some have argued that job searching is a full-time job, but that kind of roller coaster is not good for the psyche. It would take a dozen or so pints of strong imported ale to deal with pain being shot down everyday or even just weekly. Nevertheless, there is a reason why I went through with an education and endured the seemingly never-ending search for career.

Why the job market sucks

An examination of a graduate's search to find his or her place in the world comes down to a simple comparison of what education meant in the past and what

it means in today's job market.

When I graduated from college, I had eight years of work experience with six of those years as a manager. When I applied for white-collar professional jobs, I did not land them. When I applied for blue-collar work, similar to the work I had done before, I did not get those jobs either. I was in strange place for sure since I could not reason out in my head what I was lacking. Mixing my age – 29 now, 27 when I began my career search – and my experience as a supervisor/manager in the blue-collar/service industry put me in the unique position of being both overeducated and over-experienced. That is a hard little pill to swallow when I thought I had done everything right in terms of work and education.

The fact is this is not our parents' education; it is not our parents' world. Simply put there is no reward for your education in terms of a career being handed to you after graduation.

It seems to me that the argument used to convince middle and high school students to go to college was the possibility of landing a high-paying job as reward for your commitment to education. That argument is dead – post-graduation life is not about your reward, it is about what you

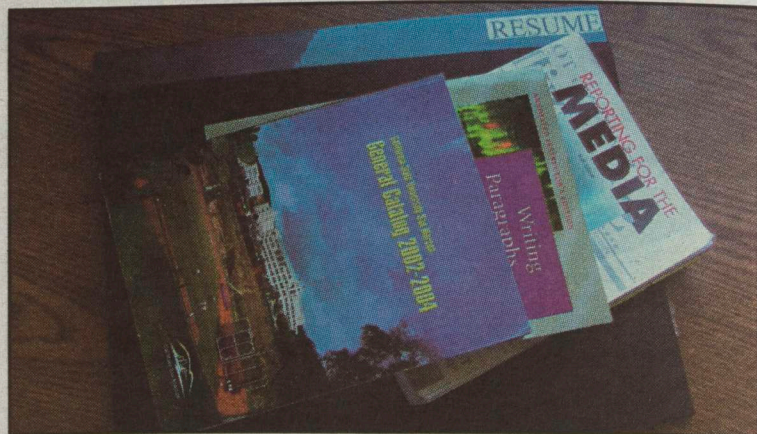


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An education, portfolio and a little self help will assist you on your career path.

can do for a prospective employer. If, as in my case, you present yourself as a blue-collar worker with a history degree, then there is not a lot of appeal to employers on the professional end of the work spectrum, at least the beginning.

That being said, there are no regrets in pursuing higher education. Quite the contrary since I plan to return for a M.A. in history as soon as the program becomes a reality at Cal State San Marcos (remember the part about delaying the big student loan payback). A history degree will take you in strange directions as you work on it – take it from me, nervous breakdowns and strange realizations come fast and often when undermining the foundations of

your knowledge. All that said, I don't think I would have picked a different major if the opportunity was presented to me; it is worth it now and I am sure it will be worth it in the long run.

Holding the line

For me, the 18-month frenzy ended when I landed a copy editing/page designer position with a local newspaper, albeit only part time. But the opportunity to be on a staff working in newsroom is its own reward – the newspaper industry is truly a foot-in-the door line of work.

I got my chance after struggling as a freelance writer during

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Fall back into summer fun

Three summer events you haven't missed yet

BY PHOENIX LINDGREN
Special to The Pride

While the Del Mar Fair, Gay Pride weekend, and Street Scene 2005 are now relegated to the place where fond summer memories go, there are a few fabulous summer events that you can still enjoy this fall.

Disneyland started celebrating its 50th birthday back in May, but the fun officially continues through next year. Highlights include the new Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters attraction, and the recently renovated Space Mountain (both in Tomorrowland), but for the Disneyland aficionado, just soaking up the golden birthday décor is reason enough to make the trip. Sleeping Beauty's castle is draped in fine fabrics, while five jeweled crowns adorn the turrets. A golden vehicle was added to each of the attractions that have been at the park since opening day in 1955 (most can be found in Fantasyland), and 50 hidden "Mickey 50-ears" have been posted throughout the park. The park also features several large photo murals—Steamboat Willy, Cinderella, and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, to



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Above: Sleeping Beauty's Castle, Disneyland.
Right: King Tut: solid gold diadem

name a few—made from pictures uploaded by Disneyland guests last year. Kiosks near the front entrance allow guests to print out a list of where their photos can be found throughout the park—which turned into a sort of scavenger hunt for me and my sister during our visit just after finals last May. Adult admission to Disneyland is \$56. Visit www.disneyland.com for more information.

Even older than Disneyland, the Summer Shakespeare Festival at The Old Globe Theatre celebrates 70 years of Shakespeare in the park, with productions continuing through Oct. 2. Hugely improved since last summer's lackluster productions—with a better repertory company, better costumes, better sets, and better direction—you'll find three plays in rotation: "Macbeth," "The Winter's Tale" and "The Comedy of Errors." If you can only see one, choose "Macbeth" if you like a stage littered with bodies at the end, "The Comedy of Errors" if a happy ending is more your speed, and "The Winter's Tale" if you can't decide what kind of play you prefer. I found tickets on-line for as little

as \$19. Visit www.the-oldglobe.com for more information.

Older than either Disneyland or The Old Globe by about 3,300 years are the artifacts of King Tut, Amenhotep, and Tut's grandparents, Yuya and Tuya. The "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" exhibit—featuring over 130 artifacts—continues through Nov. 15 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The artifacts are beautifully presented and allow visitors to glimpse life in ancient Egypt—but be prepared to move at a snail's pace, and a mid-week visit may have to be shared with one of the numerous school groups that are taking advantage of this historic exhibit. Student tickets run \$22 (weekdays) and \$27 (weekends); an optional audio tour is available for \$6 which offers a lot of information not found on the exhibit signs. Visit www.lacma.org for more information.

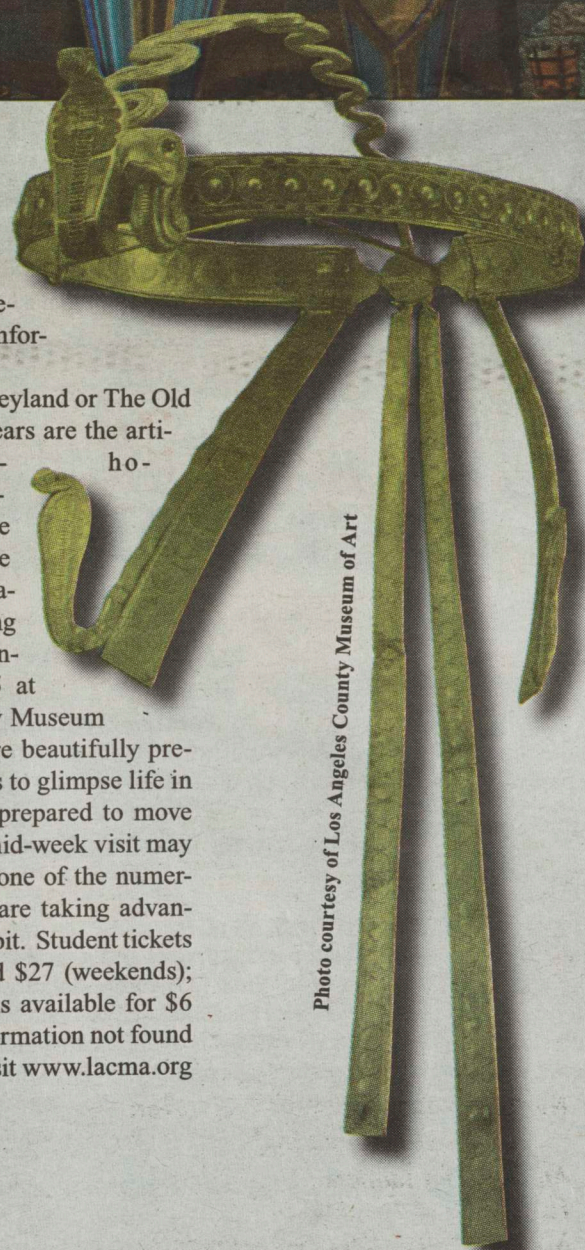


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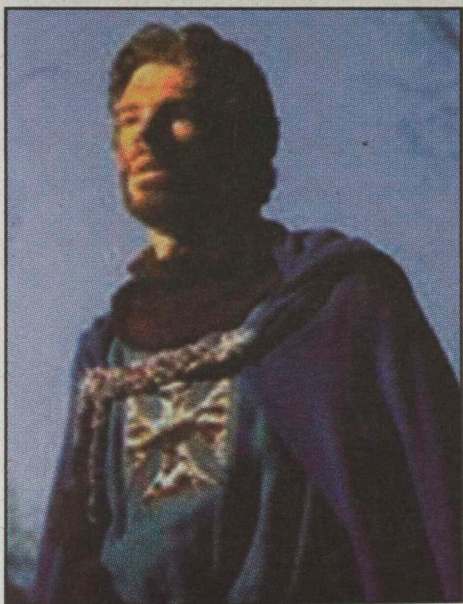
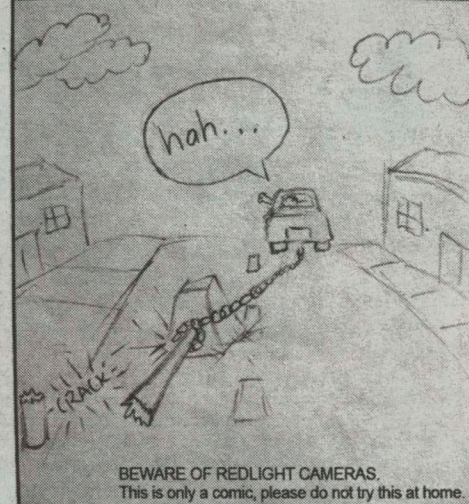
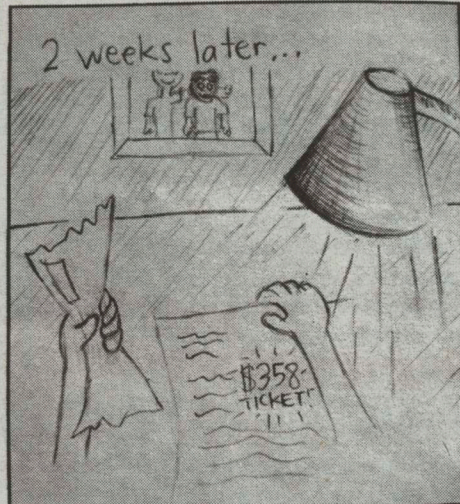
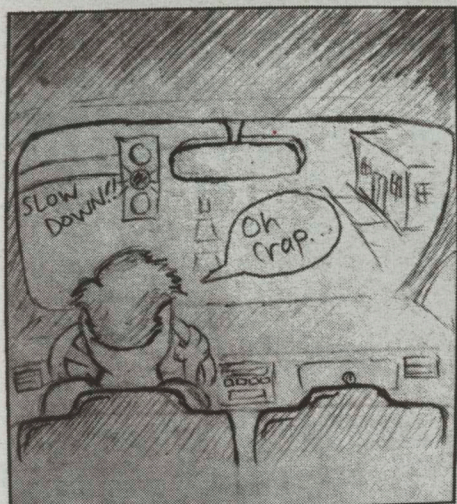


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Old Globe: Tom Hammond as Macbeth.

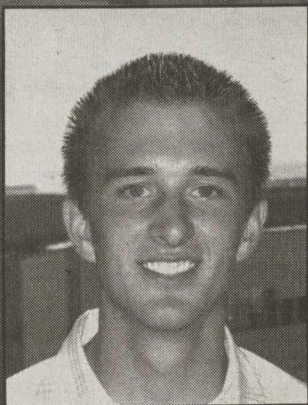
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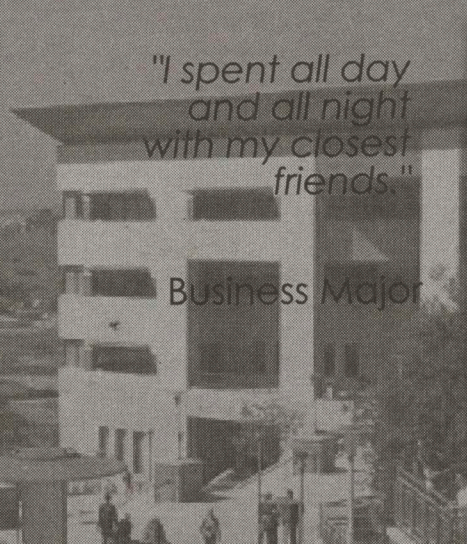
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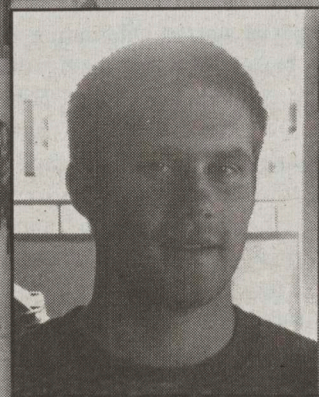
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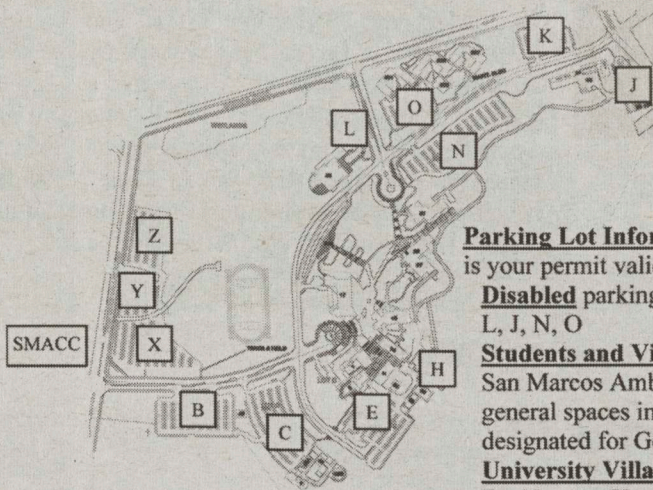
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the search for full-time work. For someone trying to break in the business of news writing, freelancing is a good way to pad your portfolio along with getting some money for your work as well. The downside to freelancing is it is hard to make a living at it especially in San Diego County.

Another help, from what I hear, are internships. Although I never did an internship, I know of one former Pride staffer who landed a job right after graduation after completing two internships in one semester. I understand that internships are a lot of hard work with little or no compensation, however, but I think the value of internships is immense.

Others I know have moved away all together to find work. I hear that is a good move if you can stand being away from San Diego.

Failing everything else, holding the line with meantime job, like plumbing, which I did, pays the bills and puts the mind at ease.

I do not want to come across as negative about the entire experience of finishing college and looking for a job. I, more or less, want to offer a reality check for students coming in or checking out this year. There is nothing to replace the education I received at Cal State San Marcos. Looking toward the future, the post-grad life seems to be on the rise. It is that first few months, years, whatever time it takes to endure the rough waters and cut your teeth in the real world that will test your mental and physical endurance. Stick with it, you will better for it.

Gilliam directs 'Grimm' movie

Image courtesy of Miramax Pictures

Heath Ledger (left) and Matt Damon (right) played the roles of brothers Jake and Will Grimm.

BY PATRICK B. LONG
Pride Staff Writer

Terry Gilliam returns to the director's chair since "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" to guide Matt Damon and Heath Ledger as "The Brothers Grimm." Even with some classic Gilliam fish eye camera shots and obscure characters, the story falls short of good.

"The Brothers Grimm" brings to life the famous brothers who wrote classic fairytales in the early 20th century. The movie portrays the two in a new fictitious story as two con-artists meandering from town to town in French

occupied Germany, excising fabricated ghosts, witches, and demons. When called upon by the French government, the brothers are forced to deal with an actual enchanted forest and curse.

The plot cleverly alludes to some of their most famous fairytales, including "Little Red Riding Hood," "Rapunzel," "Cinderella" and "Hansel and Gretel."

The trouble with the plot is its inability to combine them into a good plot. The writing seems choppy and the dialogue forced. Even Gilliam has trouble creating the illusion that Damon is a good actor. I felt as if I was watching Matt Damon's doppelganger from "Team America: World Policy."

Positive elements do occur in "The Brothers Grimm," including the special effects. The introduction of fairytale characters comes at a price. Gilliam is well known for going over budget for his movies, and it appears he spent the movie on great computer graphics. The set design was excellent and has always been an intriguing element of Gilliam's work.

Overall, the movie feels like small skits of bad acting combined to make a movie. The story is stuck somewhere in space never finding a home in the region of comedy, action, or even horror. Some scenes left me confused whether to jump or laugh. This misdirection adds some confusion to the plot and who the movie is geared for. The combination of classic figures in literature is not new either. Recently it was tried in "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" and "Van Helsing." It was a nice attempt but not worthy of the silver screen.

CALENDAR
of events

Tuesday, Aug. 30

- "Millionaire Lifeline" campus info tables, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., across campus

- "Cougar All-Stars" Making College Pop, 1 to 4 p.m., Forum Plaza (by the library)

- "Cougar's Apprentice" Career Center Open House, 8a.m. to 5p.m, Craven 4201

- Get a Job on Campus, noon and 3 p.m., Career Center

Wednesday, Aug. 31

- "The Real World," Celebration of Culture, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Forum Plaza (by the library)

Thursday, Sept. 1

- "College Survivor Night," 6:30 to 11 p.m., Clarke Field House. Meet a former castaway of Survivor Vanuatu.

Friday, Sept. 2

- "American Casino Night," 8 to 10 p.m., Clarke Field House

- ASI School Supply Drive ends

Tuesday - Friday, Sept. 6-9

- Choose your own adventure, Student Organization Expo.

Sunday and Friday thru Sunday, Sept. 11 and Sept. 16-18

- Little Shop of Horrors — The first full-length musical at Cal State San Marcos. Arts 111 at 7 p.m. Tickets, pre-sold \$5; at the door \$8. More ticket and parking information at www.csusm.edu/arts_lecture.

Monday, Sept. 12

- Works by Malaquias Montoya. Arts & Lectures Fall 2005 Kellogg Library Terrace at 5:30 p.m. Exhibition runs through Dec. 18.

Thursday, Sept. 15

- Latino Heritage Festival Noon to 3:30 p.m., Library Forum and Plaza.

Saturday, Sept. 17

- Alzheimer's Caregivers' Fair 9a.m. to 2p.m., at the Clarke Field House/University Student Union.

Saturday-Sunday, Sept 17-18

- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Mangrum Track and Field.

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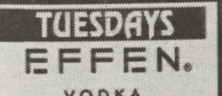
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