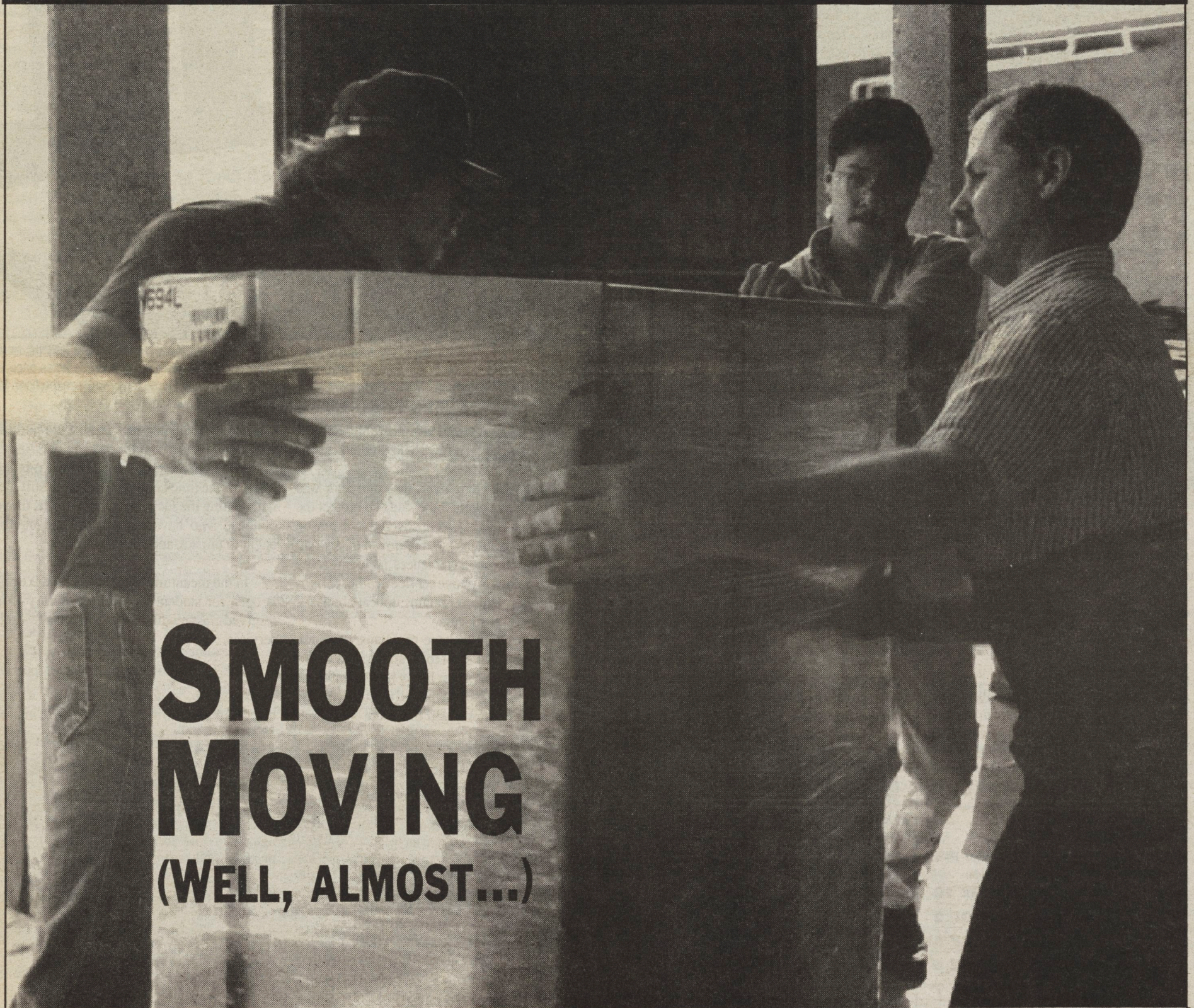


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Over winter break, faculty members and students travelled to Ghana on an educational exchange. Read about what the delegation accomplished in Pioneer's new feature section.

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Movers haul supplies into Craven Hall in preparation for spring semester.

Smooth move for Craven Hall

For library, however, move from mall site was all wet

ROMAN S. KOENIG/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Despite a few setbacks, the final move over winter break from the old Los Vallecitos campus into Craven Hall has been hailed as a success, according to the Cal State San Marcos official responsible for coordinating the effort.

Dr. Bernard Hinton, head of the office of architecture and construction and who facilitated the move, said the majority of people and departments originally located at the Los Vallecitos site moved into Craven Hall during the week of Dec. 15. Following the first transfer into the new six-story building, faculty offices located in the Academic Hall last semester were moved beginning Jan. 2.

"Everything did stay to this schedule, and we did get moved. That's the bottom line," said Hinton.

However, according to Marion T. Reid, director of library services, the move into Craven Hall was less than smooth.

"It did not go as scheduled," said Reid, "because we did not open at the beginning of the semester as we had planned." The library's scheduled opening was to have been Feb. 26.

The principle problem, Reid said, was that Craven Hall's architect did not approve a bolt that the shelving vendor needed to use to secure the units to the floor. As a result, the plans for the shelves had to be redrawn in a matter of two-and-a-half weeks.

Another setback for the library, which occupies the third and fourth floors of Craven Hall, is the fact that lights for the staff to work under on the fourth floor are not yet working, Reid said.

Recent rainstorms also didn't help the situation, according to Reid. Because of the lack of shelves, books had to be stored on the floor. When the heavy rains hit (now almost two



ROMAN S. KOENIG/PIONEER

Although the move to Craven Hall went smoothly in general, library officials were faced with obstacles once they arrived, specifically shelving construction delays which required books to be stored temporarily on the floor. Rain only made things worse, as plastic sheets were needed to protect the books from leaky ceilings.

weeks ago), there were leakage problems in the ceiling, resulting in a few soaked volumes, she said.

"When we came over, the contractor was removing his buckets," she said. To protect the books, Reid said they were covered with plastic and the wet volumes were removed to dry out.

Despite the inconveniences, including some reported delays in phone service in other parts of the building, Hinton remains upbeat about the move's general success.

"Oh, we had leakage problems," he said. "I'm not sure that's not to be anticipated with a new building. The silver lining behind the cloud was that the contractor was still on site to fix any problems." Hinton added that there were rain-

related problems in other parts of the building, specifically leaky windows.

Although the problems of heavy rain have lifted for the time being, the library is still faced with getting the facility on track just as the rest of those who have moved into the building begin to unpack and settle in.

In the meantime, Reid said that the library is open for student use of inter-library loans, reserved class reading materials and a few other services.

"I admire people's powers of concentration," said Reid. "Because it is not quiet" as the rush to install the shelving continues.

Changes reflect 'Spirit of Cal State San Marcos'

In your hands is the first spring semester edition of Pioneer. Since the transfer of editorship occurred last December, and as ownership of the newspaper is turned over to the university, there have been a few changes made to the publication's look and contents.

First, Pioneer has adopted a new motto designed to help center the newspaper's focus more on the university community: "The Spirit of Cal State San Marcos." With this motto, Pioneer takes on a new way of looking at covering news and events for and about CSUSM. This semester, the staff will aim at covering more stories that center around university people and events. Also beginning this spring, Pioneer will be distributed to local community locations along with its traditional distribution on campus and to

Palomar and MiraCosta community colleges.

Three of the newspaper's sections have undergone some changes, as well.

Pioneer's opinion section, for example, has been renamed Voice, and contains two new features. The first of those changes is the addition of a question-of-the-week segment, where a Pioneer reporter will ask a different question pertinent to campus, local or national events every week. Four responses will be published in each edition. Also, a new commentary segment has been added, called Speak Out. This offers students or staff the opportunity to write more than just a letter-to-the-editor, but an article that conveys an opinion in a more unusual or detailed way.

The Explore section has been replaced with Kaleidoscope, a new section that broadens

Pioneer's ability to cover feature stories not just about adventure and travel, but about university and local people as well as a myriad of other subjects.

Accent has also undergone a change of focus. The new section, Freestyle, aims to cover more of the growing arts scene on campus. And Pioneer, of course, will not forget the usual reviews and articles about community arts events, films, books and other subjects.

It is the staff's hope that these changes will increase Pioneer's ability to better cover the growing university community, and to reflect "The Spirit of Cal State San Marcos."

Roman S. Koenig
Editor-in-Chief

News Briefs

Zomalt promoted to vice-president position

Dr. Ernest Zomalt, dean of student affairs, has been promoted to the position of executive vice-president of Cal State San Marcos, university President Dr. Bill Stacy announced Jan. 4.

"Dr. Zomalt ... brings a wealth of talent in the full range of student services as well as significant administrative and financial acumen from prior service at the University of California," stated Stacy in the announcement. "Dr. Zomalt will be asked to be one of two senior administrative officers reporting to the president."

In the new position, Zomalt and his staff will hold responsibilities in the areas of business, financial and student services, according to Stacy.

The position of executive vice-president was vacated by Dr. Richard Rush last year.

Dr. Richard Millman will continue his responsibilities as vice-president for academic affairs as the second senior position mentioned by Stacy in his announcement. Millman will continue to oversee all teaching, discovery and learning opportunities provided to students, faculty and the local area.

Library implements no food/drink policy

A no food or drinking policy has been implemented by the Cal State San Marcos library, it was announced recently.

According to a statement from the library, the policy was established as a preventative measure to protect and preserve library materials for continued use. Food particles and drink spills can attract rodents and can otherwise damage library materials, according to the release.

"On the Los Vallecitos campus there were not too many places to eat," said Marion Reid, director of library services. "But that was more of a family atmosphere, and food and books don't really go well together. But now that there's the Commons Building and other options, we felt it was necessary to implement this policy."

The policy includes sports bottles and lidded containers for hot drinks. Students who are observed with any food or drink items in the library will be asked to dispose of them.

Student Health Services announces opening

Student Health Services is now open at the Twin Oaks Valley Road campus to students who need medical care.

The clinic is full-service, and students can schedule an office visit with the doctor or nurse practitioner at no charge. Located on the first floor of Craven Hall, Student Health Services is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although student health insurance is available for a fee, it is not necessary to have it in order to receive services at the clinic.

Services include immunizations and clearances of I-holds for registration. Every student born after 1955 is required to come to Student Health Services to show proof of measles and rubella vaccination before being allowed to register for the semester. Immunization, if needed, can be provided at no charge. Students are urged to do this early in the semester to avoid waiting in long lines later.

Student Health Services also offers family planning, pelvic exams and annual pap tests for a small fee, as well as treatment for all types of sexually-transmitted diseases. Birth control pills cost \$5 per month and condoms are available for \$2 a dozen.

Prescriptions can also be ordered at low cost, and many lab tests, such as pregnancy testing, strep throat cultures and tuberculosis testing (as required for student teaching) are free. All medical services are strictly confidential.

Health education services include nutritional advice, pregnancy counseling, smoking cessation workshops and support groups for eating disorders and weight reduction. Classes involving yoga, Tai Chi and Jazzercise and perhaps a walking group may be in the works if students are interested. Additional information can be obtained by calling Susan Mendes at 752-4915. Students interested in classes can also call this number.

Send news briefs to Pioneer, Cal State San Marcos, San Marcos, CA 92096. Releases may also be delivered to the Associated Students office.

Wettest January on record Flood damage minimal to campus

In what is now on record as the wettest January in San Diego history, Cal State San Marcos experienced few problems at the permanent Twin Oaks Valley Road campus.

While many other parts of the county were fighting raging flood waters and erosion problems, university staff had to deal with minor erosion and leakage situations, according to office of architecture and construction director Dr. Bernard Hinton.

The heavy rains dumped a deluge of water on campus, resulting in reported leaks in the campus' new buildings. In the Academic Hall, it was reported that two inches of water flooded the computer labs underneath the special floorboards used in the rooms. There have, as of yet, been no reports of damage to computers. Hinton said there were a few leaks in some windows in Craven Hall.

At the same time, the library was faced with water problems of its own, according to library services Director Marion Reid. Plastic had to be placed over books sitting on the floor after some had gotten soaked by leaks in the ceiling in Craven Hall, she said.

The deluge caused minimal erosion problems, however, according to Hinton.

"We have under contract engineers with respect to (erosion control)," said Hinton. "And they already had modeled for us an erosion control system." Hinton said that a more permanent system for controlling future erosion is in the works.

He also credited personnel in the



ROMAN S. KOENIG/PIONEER

Erosion, caused by major rainstorms, caused few problems at the new campus. Here, mud is piled all the way up to the top of the first step on this stairway in the student parking lot.

facilities department on campus for help in controlling erosion. Hinton said they were responsible for sandbagging and dealing with any erosion that did occur. They also took

other preventative measures that helped stop possible substantial erosion, he said. Any problems that did occur were cleaned up by the first week of school.

Grievance policy approved by senate, president

ROMAN S. KOENIG/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Cal State San Marcos' Faculty Senate accepted an interim student grievance policy Dec. 9, followed by approval from university President Dr. Bill Stacy.

Bonnie Biggs, assistant to the director/coordinator of public services for the CSUSM library, headed the Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate that drafted the interim policy.

"I was pleased to find out that this did receive presidential approval," she said. The policy, according to Biggs, is the culmination of a fall semester-long project that looked at elements of student grievance policies from state universities throughout California.

After reviewing elements of these policies, the committee specifically began to focus on San Diego State University's student grievance policy, she said. To learn more about it, the committee contacted an SDSU ombudsman to help sort out key elements of the document. Dr. Shelly Zwick, legal counsel to Cal State San Marcos, was then contacted to sort out legalities of the new interim policy for CSUSM, Biggs said. According to Biggs, the SDSU policy was adopted in the 1960s and has remained unchanged, "so we felt comfortable using it because it had stood the test of time," she said. CSUSM's interim policy uses many elements from its counterpart at San Diego State as a result, Biggs said.

During the process of drafting

the document, however, controversy arose at Cal State San Marcos concerning a student grievance issue, she said.

Pioneer reported last semester that two students made grievances against mathematics professor K. Brooks Reid, claiming that Reid favored male students in his classes. The grievance came up during hearings to promote Reid as Honors Committee chair. In reaction to the students' claims, other students later came to Reid's defense. Reid was later appointed to the chair position.

Biggs said that the controversy made more urgent the Student Affairs Committee's job to draft the interim policy. She said that the policy

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proposal was taken to the Academic Senate, where "several questions and issues were raised," she said. The policy was looked at again on Dec. 9, with approval following that second review.

"It looks like it's a decent document," said Associated Students President Laura Mitchell. "There is still a lot that has to be worked out in terms of details."

Ed Thompson, Faculty Senate president, said that the senate went along with the committee's recommendations in voting to approve the policy.

The policy stipulates that a grievance can be settled in two ways, either formally or informally. Informal (called "Level One") solving of the grievance consists of discussion of the problem between the parties involved using an outside mediator (i.e. a student, other faculty member or counseling staff member). If the dispute cannot be solved informally, a formal ("Level Two") solution is the next step. This, the document states, consists of the filing of an appeal in writing to the Student Grievance Committee. The appeal must contain specific allegations, a suggested remedy and documented evidence. A copy of the appeal is also given to the person of whom the complaint has been filed against. Investigations and hearings by the Student Grievance Committee would follow, according to the policy, with an eventual decision to be handed down.

The selection of the Student Grievance Committee is currently underway, according to Biggs. The make-up of the committee is outlined in the policy, calling for two students, two full-time faculty members, one full-time member of administration and one full-time staff representative. The committee chair is elected from this membership, and the director of the Affirmative Action Office will serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

Biggs said that any student who wishes to file a grievance has access to a number of mediators on campus.

"One of the things we're blessed with is that we have a full complement of capable student affairs representative on campus who are trained mediators in student grievance cases," she said, adding that the grievance committee will have the ability to look at a complaint and decide or encourage solving the dispute at the informal level.

Student affairs representatives on campus, according to Biggs, are Student Developmental Services Director Sandra Kuchler, Career Center Director Sandra Punch, Counseling and Psychological Services Coordinator Patti Elenz-Martin and John Segoria, coordinator for Disabled Student Services.

Non-discrimination statement debate continues

Welcome back, it's good to see you. I just wanted to catch up on a few things before the semester truly begins.

The non-discrimination statement issue still has not been resolved. The last Inter-Club Council meeting of the fall semester failed to produce any delegates from the Republican Club willing to discuss the matter. Since I write the agenda it will be discussed during the next meeting. Word from the administration is that the Republicans may not be the last to have a problem with the phraseology of the statement. I agree. We must make our wishes clear for future students.

The actual terms of the non-discrimination statement read as follows:

The ICC, and all recognized clubs and organizations shall not restrict membership on the

basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious preference, age, ethnicity, national origin or disability. The ICC shall not knowingly do business with any establishment that participates in such discriminatory practices.

Those are the words. That is the statement. This is the problem.

Some members of the CSUSM community object to the inclusion of "sexual preference" as a basis for discrimination. I won't outline all of the arguments here, but you can make your own determination. When I spoke informally to a few Republicans, they stated that they would not pursue the matter further. It remains important to once again ratify the statement as originally approved by the ICC. The non-discrimination statement comes

CLUB BEAT

SUZANNE CLARK

directly from the university's statement and was not arbitrarily forged by the ICC or the Associated Students.

The ICC meets every two weeks. Our first meeting of the semester occurred Jan. 29. Look for some changes in the council and greater visibility for the ICC this semester. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and voice their opinions. This is your council and your voice, so please let us know what you think.

A myriad of clubs will have information tables during club week, scheduled for Feb. 8-11.

There are a lot of clubs that can be fun, look good on resumés, and let you know what actually goes on in

our not-so-hallowed halls. Last semester's club days generated numerous debates when Campus Friends of NOW settled themselves next to the Collegians for Life. Debate over free speech areas and their appropriate locations became null and void to the students in front of the tables vehemently arguing the ramifications of legalized abortion. The whole patio became a free speech area (as it should be).

See the back of your class schedule for a listing of most of the recognized clubs on campus. All clubs promote student involvement. Stop by the AS office for more information, activity calendars and club mailboxes.

This semester promises to be a great one.

Suzanne Clark is chair of the Inter-Club Council at CSUSM.



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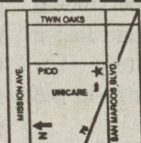
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Campus Calendar

Child care committee looking for students

The Child Care Committee is looking for help.

Any student interested in getting child care on campus can come to the Associated Students office and sign up. Meetings will be held every Friday at 3 p.m.

Duties may include informing students about the need for child care, planning the child care center and much more.

Club Days scheduled

Club Days will be held next week for students, it was announced Monday.

The event will be held next Monday-Thursday, Feb. 8-11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional information can be obtained by calling 752-4990.

Teachers Association announces meetings

The California Teachers Association has announced its first meeting of the semester.

The meeting will be held Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. in room ACD 410. Students interested in a teaching career are encouraged to attend the gathering.

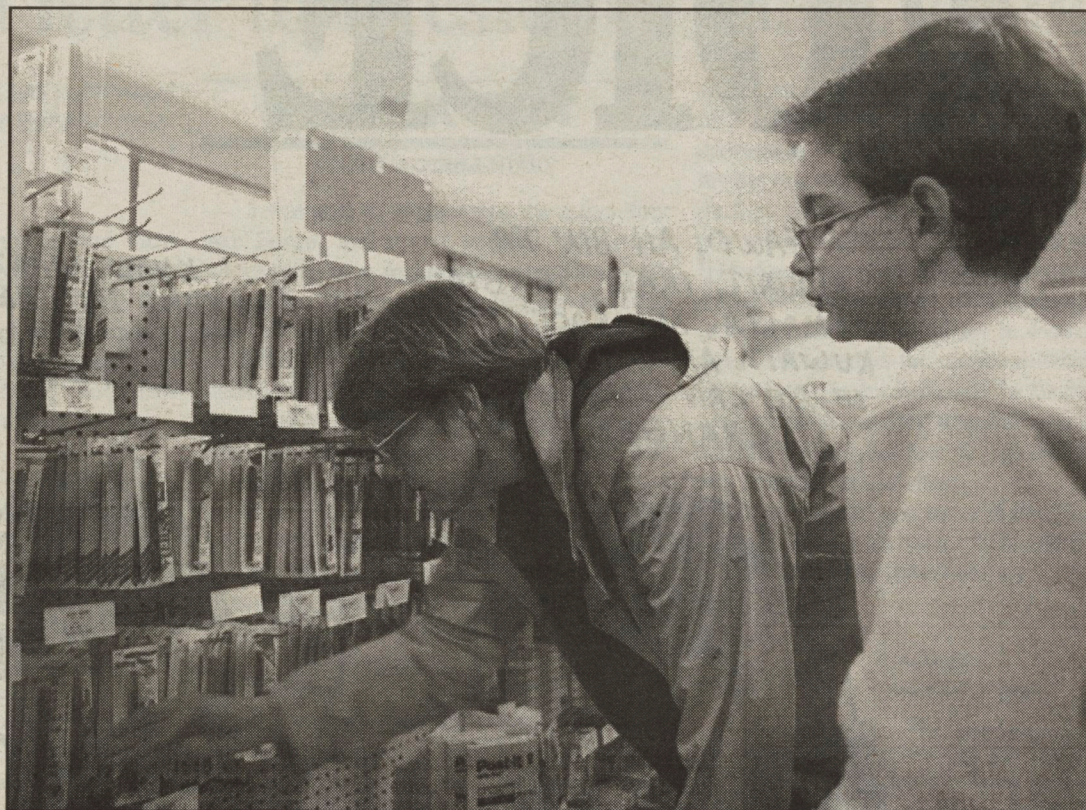
Counseling offers self-help groups

Cal State San Marcos' Counseling and Psychological Services has announced a series of self-help group meetings.

A student support group will be held on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. in room ACD 304. A support group for adult children of dysfunctional families is also being offered on Tuesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. in room ACD 414.

Argonaut Society to hold meeting

The Argonaut Society will hold its first meeting Feb. 4 from 12-1 p.m. Dr. Peter Arnade will be the speaker. Call 752-4990 for information.



MICHAEL BAGSTAD/PIONEER

Generation education

Cal State San Marcos student Kathy Hamilton beats the bookstore rush to purchase supplies during the first week of school with her young son James. Students who are parents of young children can take advantage of the child care co-op. Parents interested in the program are urged to stop by the Associated Students office, room 205 in the Commons Building, and fill out an application. The co-op brings together parents who wish to trade daycare for homework time, or emergencies, as well as other services. Additional information can be obtained by calling 752-4990.

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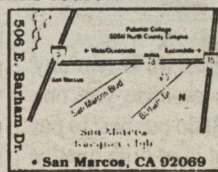
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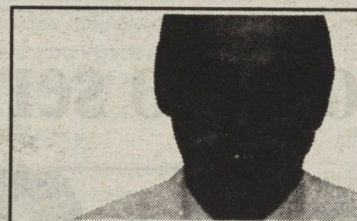
Highs and lows of cholesterol

Research delving into question:
'Are low levels of cholesterol a risk?'

The public health message on cholesterol has certainly reached Americans, and millions of people work hard to keep their cholesterol levels within recommendation by the American Heart Association and other organizations. Also, to reduce their risk of heart disease, people eat healthfully and exercise regularly.

On the other hand, there have been recent reports in the mass media that there is a risk to having very low levels of cholesterol. This is not a problem for the vast majority of people, but it is estimated that 5-10% of people have low cholesterol levels probably due to genetics. Diet and other factors do not change this level.

The recent studies and reports provide fuel for the debate on how low is too low. In one study over 12 years involving 350,000 men enrolled in a multiple risk factor intervention



HEALTHNOTES

BY DR. JOEL GRINOLDS, M.D.

trial, very low cholesterol levels were associated with an increased risk of death due to cerebral (brain) hemorrhage, alcoholism, liver cancer and suicide. Other studies revealed generally increased rates of death in people with very low cholesterol levels due to other non-cardiac (heart) causes.

No one is claiming a cause-and-effect relationship, and experts say the findings warrant closer study. Some say the research raises more questions than answers. The problem seems to be like the chicken and egg story. In other words, is the very low cholesterol level the cause or result of another underlying harmful medical condition? Because of this, a special task force of the American Heart

Association is studying low cholesterol and expects to issue a statement within a few months.

Currently, the recommendations have not changed. Every adult should have their cholesterol level checked at least once. If your level is high, these findings should not discourage you from participating in health promotion activities aimed at lowering your level into the normal range. If your cholesterol level is low at this time, you don't need to change anything, and certainly don't need to make any drastic changes.

At times science is not ready to make specific recommendations. Hopefully, this will be sorted out within the next few years since diet, especially cholesterol, and its relationship to health has become a national research priority.

For more information on cholesterol screening, contact Student Health Services at 752-4915.

Dr. Joel Grinolds is the chief physician for Cal State San Marcos.

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Pioneer's goal: to serve you, the reader

Starting from scratch isn't easy, especially when it comes to putting together a student newspaper.

As the first issue of Pioneer under my editorship hits the stands today, I can't help but feel a sense of pride in accomplishing the nearly impossible — literally creating something from almost nothing.

When I took on the task of running this paper over winter break, I had little more than an office full of back issues of the paper. After two-and-a-half years of monumental success under the leadership of Larry Boisjolie and Jonathan Young, I knew I had some big shoes to fill. However, I also knew that taking on this challenge would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

This first issue which you are reading now was put together entirely on my computer at home, as Pioneer does not yet have one of its own. All advertising was sold from both my home and the home of Pioneer's advertising manager Rob Regan, since the newspaper doesn't have a phone yet, either.

At times, these inconveniences almost made me reconsider continuing with this project, as I



POINT OF VIEW

ROMAN S. KOENIG

knew only a few of Cal State San Marcos' faculty, staff and students, and had to conduct a majority of story interviews by phone out of my house. But I knew I had an obligation to see to it that the campus newspaper continue to thrive and succeed.

Already, Pioneer has quite a few trophies under its belt thanks to Boisjolie and Young, specifically the successful running of the California Intercollegiate Press Association's annual conference last year and the numerous awards of excellence given to the newspaper and its staff.

From my standpoint, as fantastic as these accomplishments may be, my goal as editor will

be somewhat different this semester. Although the winning of awards and receiving state and national recognition are nice, the focus of Pioneer will now be centered more towards home — the campus, its people, and the local community.

In my experiences in the newspaper business, I have found that it is much more important to be motivated to publish a high quality paper by wanting to serve the community in which it represents, rather than by the bait of winning recognition. In putting this paper together for the first time, I expect a few mistakes here and there. What I do not expect are a plethora of awards for the work presented in these pages. This newspaper's goal, as I said before, is to serve you, the reader, with the best possible campus coverage. If the staff of Pioneer wins awards in trying to achieve this goal, that's all the better.

I cannot promise you that we'll win any awards this year, but I can promise you one thing: both I and the staff will do our best to put out a student newspaper that is of high quality and worthy of your readership, be it homemade or created on campus.

Grievance policy sets diplomatic approach

The approval of an interim student grievance policy by the Academic Senate and President Stacy is a good sign that the interests of students are truly being considered.

The most important aspect of this policy is the ability for a student to file a grievance at what is called the informal level. Bonnie Biggs, who heads the Student Affairs Committee responsible for the document's drafting, said that the students' best way of solving a grievance filed against a faculty member is informally — through a civil dialogue with a mediator where a decision can be made without a formal hearing.

OUR VIEWS

STAFF EDITORIAL

in front of the Student Grievance Committee (which is currently being formed). We couldn't agree more.

Filing a grievance is an important decision on the part of the student, but coming to an understanding and eventual agreement through dialogue between the two parties is of utmost importance. The "Level One" section of the grievance policy outlines a clear procedure for an informal solution, and there are a number of faculty members from counseling and psychological services and other student-oriented departments designated to mediate such grievance conflicts.

The first paragraph of the informal "Level One" section reads like this: "Whenever a student feels aggrieved by a faculty member, an administrator, or a staff member, the student should consult with such persons as fellow students, the Associated Students, noninvolved faculty members, the counseling staff, and others for the following purposes: 1) Assistance in defining problem, 2) Exploring options for resolution, 3) Attempting to resolve the conflict."

A student grievance complaint can be a sticky situation, as in the case of mathematics professor K. Brooks Reid last semester, and accusations by students against faculty members can have the possibility of getting out of hand. This informal section of the policy may help to prevent a potential witch-hunt situation by calling the two parties together and settling differences diplomatically.

However, informal proceedings may not always work, so the existence of a "Level Two" formal procedure, where there are hearings, investigations and a final decision by the grievance committee, is another option outlined in the policy.

The bottom line is that this new interim policy furthers students' rights against possible mistreatment by anyone at the university, whether they be a student, faculty or staff member, dean or program director. Even better is the available choice to carry out a grievance in a diplomatic fashion. Pioneer congratulates the Student Affairs Committee.

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A THOUGHT:

"We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard. And now — each in our own way, and with God's help — we must answer the call."

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

An open letter to President Bill Clinton

Editor's note: This letter was sent to President Bill Clinton, and was submitted for publication in Pioneer.

Dear sir,

Listening to your campaign, and most especially watching the 1992 Democratic convention, I for the first time felt real hope that at last my service to my country would be honorably remembered. At this time my service is remembered with disgrace through no fault of my own. It is remembered with disgrace because I am gay.

I entered the Army National Guard when I was still in high school, at the age of 17. I was in an armored infantry unit, and would often spend weeks at a time buttoned up in a tank, out in the middle of the desert. Believe me, the issue never came up. There was never any time to think about it; the mission always came first. My patriotism was never in question, nor was my ability to serve. I was a United States soldier. I carried out my duties with pride, and I am disgusted when anyone suggests that I looked upon my fellow soldiers with anything less than respect.

Pioneer editorial sparks response by student official

I am a little surprised at the censorship of information in your recent (Nov. 3, 1992) op/ed piece. Surely, as journalists, you are aware of the fact that there is more than one form of censorship. You accused me of active censorship by removing comments from the board in the Dome Café. This is not denied. However, I accuse you of passive censorship by omitting essential parts of the story of the now infamous "Free Speech" board.

The power of the free press is an awesome responsibility. You decide what to print and what not to print. This is censorship is it not? You also can print incomplete or misleading stories. This is censorship and injustice, is it not? You also decide whether to cover an event or not. Is this also not controlling information?

You have accused me of denying "the right for those opinions to be expressed." I accuse you of the same violation. Several weeks before this incident I asked to be contacted by the paper to express alternative views from those being presented to the paper by the (Associated Students) council and clubs. I was not contacted.

SPEAK OUT

STUDENT COMMENTARY

I was able to transfer into the active duty Air Force, and spent another two years performing in a maintenance squadron both here and in Europe. It was in England that I fell in love with another man who was also stationed on the base. The love didn't harm me, it was the most natural thing I had ever experienced. It was the guilt that destroyed me. I felt guilty because I knew I was breaking military regulations. I had never lied before, and I always wished to follow the rules to the best of my ability. But how could I follow this rule? I tried, by God I tried, but living the lie proved too much for me, and I was summarily discharged under article 39-10: psychologically incompatible for military service. My discharge was honorable, but I felt my service was a disgrace. Why should any veteran who answered his country's call, and performed his service dutifully, feel ashamed? Why should anyone raised to tell the truth be so forced to constantly lie, even in his own country?

I was devastated. Finally coming to grips

with my sexuality and being discharged because of it were enough to send me into denial and depression for over two years. I have now pulled my life together, and I have finally realized that the fault was not my own; it was a homophobic policy that placed an unfair standard upon me. If I had received compassion and understanding so that I could have accepted who I am, instead of being forced to lie about it, I could have continued to render the service to which I had been trained. In the end it was the tax payer that lost, for all the money that was spent on my training was lost because of an outdated policy that never made any sense.

I am hopeful that you will end this policy that forced me to lie. Let me tell the truth, and let me and my family remember my service as an honorable one.

Sincerely,
Donald P. Scott

Scott is a History major at Cal State San Marcos. As a footnote, President Clinton last week put off for six months the executive order calling to lift the ban on gays in the military.

YOUR VIEWS

PUBLIC FORUM

My opinion was not important. I asked why Pioneer does not cover A.S. council and I.C.C. meetings. I was given no reply.

You also accuse me of caring "more for student government propaganda than he does for hearing the concerns of the student population." This is slander. On the basis of one action you make this malicious assumption. I am an activist and a maverick on the council. I do not go along for the sake of going along. I try to listen to all views and raise objections to "group think" mentality.

If your paper had covered student council meetings, you would have known that Charles Inglis raised the strongest support for Laura Mitchell and the free speech movement. You would also have known that Charles Inglis raised the loudest protest when Dean Zomalt raised the issue of whether or not the students had any right to a board in the Dome at all.

Yes, the student council controls information. Yes, the administration controls information. And, yes, the Pioneer controls information by printing or not printing, covering or not covering stories, and printing parts of stories while omitting others. Is anyone less guilty of censorship?

I don't mind being criticized by the "free press." You expect that in politics. I don't believe you presented an accurate picture of the whole issue. I have suggested that Pioneer cover the council and I.C.C. meetings to really get the "inside story," rather than just printing releases by both bodies.

At least I can see two positive factors arising from my action: 1) The Pioneer is finally focusing on campus issues; 2) Perhaps student "apathy" has had its cob webs shaken off. Your op/ed piece ran a whole page. I hope you will print this response in its entirety.

**CHARLES INGLIS/
STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER**

STREET TALK

This week's question: What words of wisdom do you have for President Bill Clinton?



**Susan DeLuca,
Political Science**

"Keep up in his reading."



**Donald P. Scott,
History**

"End the ban (on gays in the military) now, just simply by executive order, and basically let the chips fall where they may."



**Rebecca Tadlock
English**

"We need a healthcare system. I think he's working on it, but it needs to be well-defined ... without over-taxing people."



**Angela Lowder,
Liberal Studies**

"Follow through on his campaign promises, especially on gays in the military. Don't be afraid to stand up to Congress."

KALEIDOSCOPE

A real learning experience

Excursion to Ghana was much more than just a vacation for students & faculty

Story, photos and graphic courtesy of **MARK HOPKINS**



Below: Citizens from Ho, Ghana, greet a 13-member delegation from CSU San Marcos during a cultural and education exchange to the country over winter break.

In what was billed as a music and dance expedition to the west African nation of Ghana became "the experience of a lifetime" for a 13-member delegation from California State University, San Marcos during winter break.

The delegation, which was organized by ethnomusicology professor W. Komla Amoaku, not only learned something about traditional music and dance but also came away with a better understanding of world citizenship as they assisted their Ghanaian colleagues in a number of educational areas. Individual members worked on a plethora of projects such as faculty and graduate student exchanges, mathematics education for girls, and problems related to computers.

For entourage leader and CSUSM Executive Vice-President Ernest Zomalt, the greatest surprise was the visit to Ho, a village that also is Amoaku's home town.

"It was intense," said Zomalt. "Somehow you get conjured up in your own mind what a village is, and when you get there you see 2-3,000 people in a complex social organization and you find it is nothing like this mythical village. That was the high point personally — the interaction with the people in Ho and the opportunities in the village."

On the professional level, Zomalt sees opportunities for a liaison between CSUSM, the Ghana Education Service (GES), and the three universities that are in Ghana.

"This trip was not initially planned for (inter-)institutional interaction," said Zomalt. "I think what we can do for the universities in Ghana is to probably start with some faculty exchange to bring some new ideas into the university because they are moving to the course credit system and away from their traditional British system. Organizationally we can help with that, but more importantly we can help with new disciplinary ideas of instruction, of working with students, of delivering the program."

Zomalt adds that this could be funded with Fulbright scholarships and aid from US government agencies such as USAID.

One professor who is already starting to work with Ghanaians is Carolyn Mahoney, program director for the mathematics department. In a series of lectures coordinated by Science, Technology, and Mathematics Education Desk Officer Georgina Quazee of the Ghana Education Service, Professor Mahoney presented a number of public forums introducing the concept of mathematics education for girls as well as a four-day workshop to a group of 50 female elementary school teachers-in-training on how to teach mathematics.

"I had no idea that I had to do this," said Mahoney. "I didn't have any materials, and so I thought 'This is an interesting challenge — How will you do a workshop when you don't have anything?'" Mahoney said

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Mark Hopkins (third from left) along with Dr. Ernest and Leslie Zomalt (third & fourth from right) pose in traditional Kente cloth robes in with new-found friends in Ho.

GHANA

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that she talked with a number of officials within the GES about it and found out during the dialog that, "...They wouldn't have anything either, so let's do a workshop where they would understand the issues and then come up with ways to use whatever they have in their environment that will help them deliver the kind of math and science pedagogy and con-

tent that we are interested in."

Mahoney said that the lectures and workshop were well received and that USAID would like her to come back to give a workshop to classroom instructors.

On the computer front, social science and Apple Computer student representative Mark Hopkins is now working with vendors in trying to find a student records database for the University of Ghana at Legon (near Accra) that will work on a PC with limited RAM and hard drive capacity. Legon is not able to purchase upgrade

equipment because, in part, of the problem of foreign exchange. As an example, Ghana's unit of currency, the Cedi, suffered an 11 percent devaluation against the US dollar during January.

In addition to the consulting work at Legon, the University of Science and Technology (UST) at Kumasi hosted a lecture given by Hopkins on the current state of desktop publishing, graphic communications, and graphics from both an end user's and programmer's perspective. UST is currently developing curriculum and identifying possible funds or gifts of hardware/software to upgrade their laboratory to handle the demands of a graphics laboratory. The university agreed to have Hopkins return to give a presentation using multimedia and possibly to be a lecturer.

All in all members of the delegation said that the trip's success would not have happened without the support of Amoaku.

Zomalt, speaking for the group said, "He did it the Ghanaian way... with great charm and grace under pressure. He did a yeoman's task in coordinating and delivering it. My hat's off to him."

In addition to Amoaku, Zomalt, Mahoney, and Hopkins, CSUSM professor Leslie Zomalt and students Judy Brown, Emmalyne Moreno, Ellen Willett, Chuck Coxen, Opal Johnson, along with SDSU student Jackie Johnson, and San Marcos community representatives Joy and Ellen Woodman participated in the tour.

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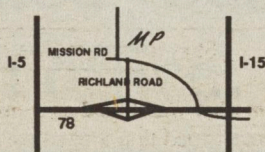
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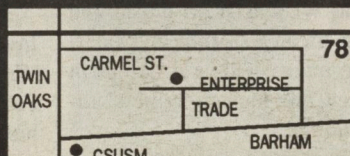
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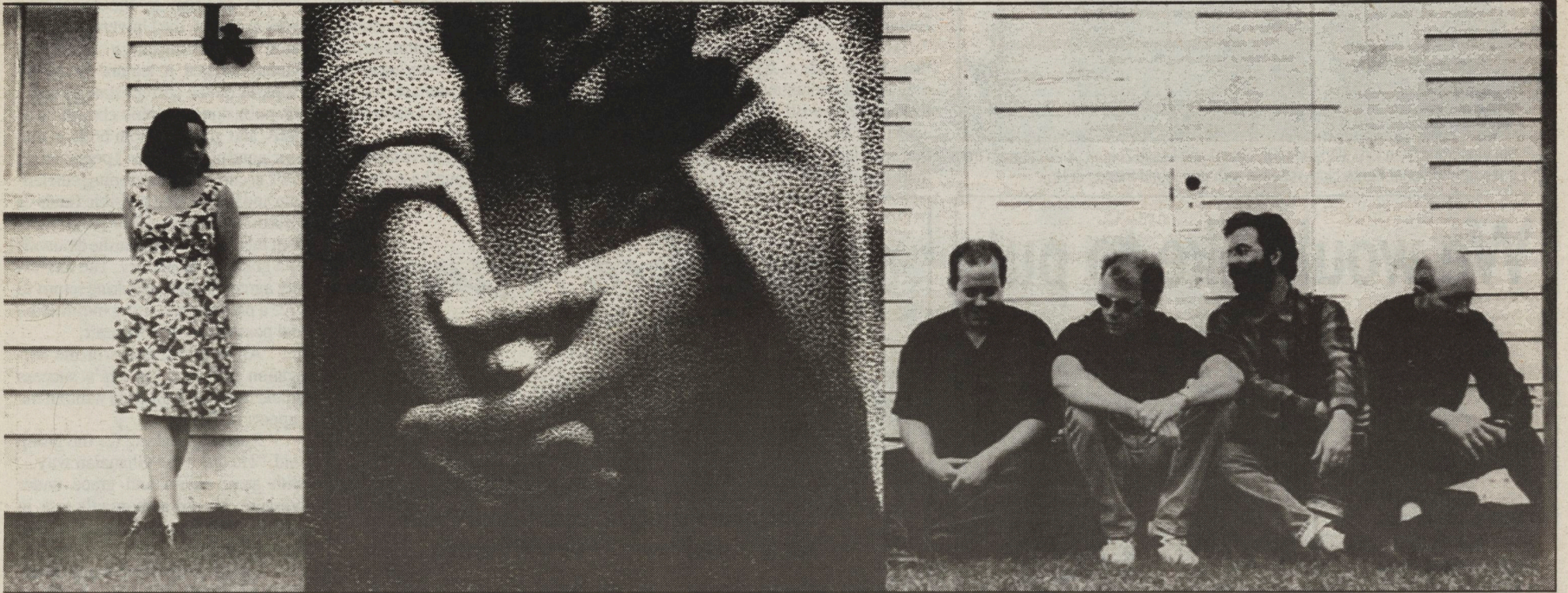
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FREESTYLE



Mad about '10,000 Maniacs'...

Group's San Diego performance wonderful despite location problems

DAVID HATCH/STUDENT WRITER

There are a few things nowadays that I will spend money on: food, gas, clothing, and tickets to spend an evening with Natalie Merchant and the members of the group 10,000 Maniacs.

I saw the concert from the lower balcony of the Civic Theater. If you have never been there and plan to see a performer there, do not do it from the lower balcony — especially someone like Natalie, whose lyrics and style beg for intimate surroundings. Let's just say that from where I sat I *really* had a bird's-eye view.

At their last tour stop in San Diego, 10,000 Maniacs performed at the Open Air Amphitheater on the San Diego State University campus.

'Songs like "How You've Grown," "Dust Bowl" and "Verdi Cries" all show how lyrical and sweet Natalie Merchant's songwriting and performing talents are.'

**David Hatch,
reviewer**

Now those were appropriate conditions under which to see the band. However, other than the seating arrangement, I would not have changed a thing about their most recent concert.

The sound system in the Civic Theater is meant for plays and the like, so the acoustics and clarity were very good. The only thing was that over-enthusiastic fans' screams of ecstasy echoed through the entire hall,

drowning out the interplay between the audience and Natalie — a characteristic of the Maniacs' performance that I hope will never die out.

Natalie's connection with her devout fans is obvious. For example, at one point she chose a member of the audience to come on stage and help her sing an interactive part of "Campfire Song" from the album "In

My Tribe." At yet another time, she asked three young ladies to join her on stage to dance during "Trouble Me," a song from the group's "Blind Man's Zoo" release. All throughout the show, fans would throw flowers, produce and even a sunflower plant up on stage for Natalie to enjoy.

The songs played came from four of their recordings, including their newest release, "Our Time in Eden."

The highlights came when Natalie slowed things down and displayed her vocal range. Songs like "How You've Grown," "Dust Bowl" and "Verdi Cries" all show how lyrical and sweet Natalie Merchant's songwriting and performing talents are. Her energy and enthusiasm marked the concert.

If the fans remember nothing else, they will recall the incessant movement and energy put forth by Natalie. I think she will remember San Diego as well, since they asked for two encores and were rewarded for their excitement.

This latest concert by 10,000 Maniacs was wonderful. If you missed them this time, buy front row tickets the next time they come to San Diego.

CSUSM's Spring arts & lecture series offers performances

The California State University, San Marcos Spring Arts & Lectures has released the dates for its upcoming performances for February.

The series will continue through the semester to May.

Opening on Feb. 5 is "First Friday at Five Jazz Series," performed by

Hollis Gentry's Neon. Saxophonist Gentry will perform contemporary jazz with members of David Benoit's and Earl Klugh's bands. Performance times are at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in room ACD 102.

On Feb. 16, Sankofa — the CSUSM Artists in Residence — will

perform. Led by master drummer Dr. Komla Amoaku, Sankofa plays both traditional West African music and North American jazz, funk and blues. The performance will be at 12 p.m. in the Dome Café, located in the Commons building.

The Gospel Choral Group will

perform in the Dome Café at 12 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Next in the series is "1001 Black Inventions," performed by Pin Points West, a musical theater group, on Feb. 26. "1001 Black Inventions" is a humorous play that demonstrates valuable contributions made to soci-

ety by black Americans. Performance time is at 7 p.m. in ACD 102.

Additional events are scheduled for throughout the semester.

Ticket prices are \$3 for CSUSM students and \$5 general admission. Additional information can be obtained by calling 752-4945.

Out & About

Spike & Mike' Festival of Animation, a presentation of short animated films, performs at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The museum is located at 700 Prospect St. in La Jolla. Tickets: \$7 at the door, \$6.50 in advance. For information, call 551-9274.

hibit of Indonesian textiles, folk art and furniture. The show runs through Feb. 27, every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 12-5 p.m. The gallery is located at 143 S. Cedros Ave. in Solana Beach. For information, call 259-0404.

The Appleby International Arts Gallery is currently showing an ex-

The California Surf Art Gallery is presenting a rotating schedule of

exhibits by Southern California artists. The museum, located at 308 N. Pacific St. in Oceanside, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 942-9549 for information.

The Carlsbad/Oceanside Art League is offering an exhibit of works in all media by league members. The league is located at Carlsbad Village Faire, Carlsbad Blvd., in Carlsbad.

The league is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: 945-1839.

"The Immigrant," a tale of a Russian Jewish immigrant trying to assimilate to American life, performs at the **North Coast Repertory Theatre**, 987D Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach. The show performs through Feb. 13, Thursday through

Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 Thursday and Sunday, \$14 on Friday and Saturday. Information: 481-1055.

"Redwood Curtain," Lanford Wilson's story of a brilliant musician searching for the father he never knew, shows at the **Old Globe Theatre** through Feb. 28. Information can be obtained by calling 235-2250.

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