

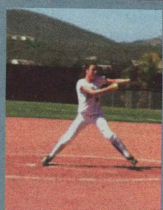
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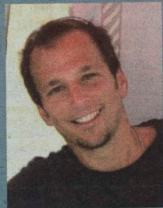


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FBI probing ASI election fraud Facebook comments now part of investigation

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

The university has confirmed that the FBI is now investigating junior Matt Weaver, who was arrested on March 15 on suspicion of committing election fraud by stealing more than 700 student passwords in his campaign for president of Associated Students Inc.

Margaret Lutz Chantung, a public information officer for CSUSM, referred all questions about the case to Darrell Foxworth, a spokesman for the San Diego office of the FBI. Foxworth declined to comment, saying it would be premature to discuss the case.

Since Weaver's arrest the day before election results were to be announced, two key pieces of evidence have become part of the FBI investigation — screen capture images, purported to

be Facebook conversations between students during the elections March 12-15. The Facebook images were distributed to local news media via email on March 19.

The sender, who identified himself only as "Chris," implied that the Facebook pages showed some candidates up for re-election were running together illegally as a "slate," had advance access to the vote tallies and were spreading "nasty lies" about Weaver (who was then the associate editor of the controversial student publication, The Koala).

Lutz Chantung said she is aware of the Facebook images but could not comment on them because they're part of the federal investigation. She also would not comment on whether the Facebook images may be fabricated, whether any students' Facebook identities were stolen or whether any other students besides Weaver are un-

der investigation.

She did say there that there is no evidence that any students were found to have run on a slate (according to election code, a slate is defined as two or more people publicly running together). She also stated she is not aware of any violations of election code by faculty.

The images on the Facebook pages show an alleged dialogue between several members of the on-campus fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, some of whom were running for office. In the email to the press,

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Candidate reveals other side of ASI scandal

Silviera faced arrested student in now-cancelled election

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

Since March 15, Cal State San Marcos has been swept up in controversy over the arrest of junior Matt Weaver, who is suspected of stealing more than 700 student identities to vote himself into office during the Associated Students Inc. spring elections.

Weaver—who was an editor for the controversial Koala newspaper—was running for ASI president against Scott Silviera, ASI's current Vice President of External Affairs. Silviera spoke to The Cougar Chronicle about his experiences, the now-invalidated election and his plans to campaign again in the spring.

Q: Were you stunned by the news that Matt Weaver had been arrested?

A: I was. You know, you never expect to hear any other student getting [sic] arrested and definitely, at the [time], it was something random and no one knew what was going on. There was confusion for everyone.

Q: Did you have any suspicion or hear any rumors that there was going to be some effort to swing votes during election week?

A: Nope. My understanding was that everyone was



Scott Silviera

campaigning as hard as they could to try and [sic] get as many people to vote as possible.

Q: Did you hear the rumor that a professor was coaching you and other candidates to keep [Weaver] and another candidate associated with The Koala from winning?

A: No, there was no outside help of any kind... I was on my own in my campaign.

Q: Can you explain what happened on March 15?

A: From my perspective, I heard rumors that [Weaver] got [sic] arrested. I was told that the results were going to be postponed, and then I received an email saying that the results were invalid—that someone had compromised the credibility of the results and that further information would come. I

was basically left in the dark; all the information was kept within the people from the election committee, and only until we sat down for a meeting was everything brought to light. We then had to make a decision as to where to go from there.

Q: Do you plan to run again, and do you expect to run unopposed?

A: I do plan on running again. My intentions are still the same. Even if I have to postpone it a couple of weeks, I still obviously want to serve the students. I honestly have no idea if someone is going to run against me. I truly hope that someone runs for every position, and I'm a big believer in that competition brings out the best. We'll see what happens, but at this point, I haven't heard anything.

Q: The new elections will now take place during finals week. How does this impact you, since you'll have to campaign twice this semester?

A: So, personally, it's a big burden because there's a lot of time and energy that goes into it. Talking to students, making the pictures and what not is a big deal, so it is unfortunate that I do have to do it twice. However, I see it as something that is so important.

Candidate continued on 2.



Construction is moving fast at The Quad student housing. Set to open next fall, the building plans to ease housing competition. Photo by: Juliana Stumpp.

The Quad lowers prices, students still unsure

JULIANA STUMPP
STAFF WRITER

The Quad university housing will be completed this summer, ready for students to move in fall 2012. While the university is in the thick of promoting The Quad, some students feel it is an overpriced housing option.

The Quad consists of three living arrangements with four to eight people in each unit. The cheapest room is the arrangement of eight people, two people per room, starting at \$800 per month. The six-person room's rate is \$825. The most expensive is a private room for \$900 per month.

Even with recent cutbacks on prices, students feel living at The Quad is a rip-off. John Caiozzo, a freshman currently living in the University Village Apartments (UVA), said, "I will be living in the UVA. The Quad is ridiculously expensive and farther from campus. I like how close [the UVA] is to campus. It takes 10-15 minutes to walk to most of my

classes."

At the UVA, a private room is \$900 as well. The difference between the UVA and The Quad is that the private rooms in UVA are in a six-person unit, whereas The Quad offers private rooms in a four-person unit. The cheapest arrangement at the UVA is \$665 while The Quad's four-person unit is \$850 and you would share a roommate.

Fall 2012 will also mark the beginning of a live-on-campus requirement for first time freshman not from the local area; they will be required to live in university housing.

Together the UVA and The Quad will have living arrangement options for the upcoming year allowing students to live on themed floors that are suitable for them. Options include co-ed apartment, transfer/graduate hall, substance free hall and women's hall.

Caiozzo said, "The co-ed apartments sound interesting. I'm sure cleaning up at Quad continued on 2."

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tant, so it shouldn't discourage someone from doing it again. The fact that it's the week before finals is also very unfortunate, since that's the crank time for studying and papers. For any student, that's hard as it is—on top of doing a job and/or campaigning—so that's unfortunate. But again like I said,

it's a worthwhile cause and I'm excited. As long as I get the opportunity, I'm pretty thankful for it.

Q: Do you think the university has handled this situation well?

A: Absolutely. I am so impressed with how both the ASI professional staff, as well as the IT department, worked to handle this. From my understanding, it took

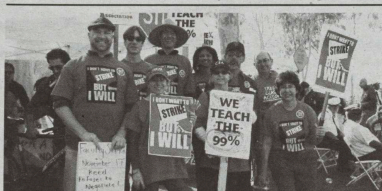
both to really figure out the issues that were going on and without either one of them, he probably could've gotten away with it. I'm so impressed with how they handled it, with the news and with the further issues of it. They handled it very tactfully and very efficiently.

Q: If you're elected, have any of the experiences involving the election fraud,

Matt Weaver and The Koala newspaper impacted what changes you'd like to see in 2012-2013?

A: Obviously, there will always be issues with civility on campus, which is why I'm such a big fan of the Civility Campaign. I think it's something that ASI does currently and continues to back and support. As far as the issues with the election process, I

think our election committee, as well as staff, do the absolute best job they can and the run a very efficient campaign. I think the issue that happened was a rare occurrence, and I think that's something that the IT department on campus can fix. All in all, my goal is the same, and I hope to still improve the campus for everyone.



A group of teachers protesting during the CFA strikes from November 2011. Every faculty member on the CSUSM campus is a member of the CFA.

California Faculty Association votes on rolling strike this week

KRISTIN MELODY
STAFF WRITER

California's Faculty Association (CFA) will be voting April 16 – 27 on whether to hold a rolling strike in fall 2012 if their contracts are not negotiated fairly.

The April vote is to authorize the Board of Directors to allow a strike next fall; the exact date will not be decided in this vote. Students will be given advanced notice if a strike will occur.

CFA is looking for "a fair and equitable contract that creates an environment where faculty can do what they do best – stimulate learning and advance knowledge," said Don Barrett,

CSUSM CFA chapter president. In November 2011, CFA held a strike at two campuses to make a statement to Chancellor Reed that they wanted compromises and fair negotiations in their contracts. The strike in action of 2011 caught the attention of the chancellor and media.

"We actually have the capacity to pull off a strike... even in difficult economic times," the CFA website said. The CFA represents all faculty on campus, although only 60 percent of faculty are active members in the union, according to Barrett.

For more information visit <http://www.calfac.org/>.

New Dean of Business Administration

JESSIE GAMBRELL
STAFF WRITER

Cal State San Marcos will be opening the Markstein doors to Dr. Sharon Lightner starting July 1, who will take the seat as the new Dean of Business Administration.

Lightner beat out two other highly qualified candidates with her strong commitment to students and impressive achievements.

She will be taking Interim Dean Regina Eisenbach's place who has been the interim dean since June 2011. Dr. Dennis Guseman held the position prior to that from 2002 – 2011.

CSUSM had to find some big shoes to fill when this position came open, so the office of provost did a "national search" to find our new Dean of Business. The three top candidates came to the school and each had a two-day interview to evaluate their skills and level of commitment to the school and their future job and to see what they could bring to the university.

"One of the things that really appealed to us was her commitment to the students.

She also knows the area, so she has an insider's perspective," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Emily Cutrer. "It's important to cast a broad net," Cutrer continued with regard to national dean searches. "We really are looking forward to her joining our community."

Dr. Sharon Lightner is currently The William E. Cole Director of the Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy at SDSU. She has received many teaching awards at SDSU and the national levels throughout her career. She was also a board member for SDSU's Beta Alpha Psi and received the prestigious AICPA/AAA Collaboration Award in her efforts to bridge business practice. She has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Montana, a Master of Science from San Diego State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oregon.

With Dr. Lightner's background and with the support of the administrative staff on campus, students of business are looking forward to their new Dean.

SAE Sigma Alpha Epsilon CSUSM

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UPDATED POSTS



Guys ASI elections are here, remember everyone needs to come out to the forum tomorrow. Don't be late. Also we need votes, we have stiff competition this year, start thinking of ways to beat them.

Like · Comment · Unfollow Post · about an hour ago



Don't worry we run ASI, We just spread this nasty lie to the womens studies department that Matt Weaver is the koala editor. That should put TKE back.

27 minutes ago · Unlike · 2



No way! They took the bait, anyone else see this nasty article about it. More like our dirty little secret!! Forget the election, his life is ruined.

14 minutes ago · Like



This has gotten out of control, remember this can't be said to ANYONE! whose next?

10 minutes ago · Like

Above: This alleged Facebook screen capture, which appears to have been doctored in Photoshop, was sent to the media by an anonymous source on March 19 and is now evidence in an FBI investigation. It purports to be a conversation between two Sigma Alpha Epsilon members and ASI candidates conspiring to smear the reputation of candidate Matt Weaver, the Koala newspaper editor who was arrested March 15 on suspicion of election fraud. The students' names and profile photos have been obscured to protect their identities.

FBI from 1.

"Chris" suggested that SAE members would use any means to defeat candidates (including Weaver) from the off-campus fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon, which lost its CSUSM designation in 2008.

A member of SAE, who asked to remain anonymous, confirmed as authentic the Facebook screen capture showing SAE members talking about the vote on their private group page, but he believes the second screen capture mentioning Matt Weaver was fabricated. He never saw the second conversation published on the group page.

Scott Silveira, who was running for the office of ASI president and is a member of SAE, said that all of the candidates were working hard to get out the vote during election week, but there was no "slate" of candidates and there were no violations of the election code.

"My understanding was that everyone was campaigning as hard as they could to try and get as many people to vote as possible," he said. "There was no outside help of any kind, at least in my specific campaign as to run an election altogether or to beat any other candidates."

Accusations tying Weaver to possible identity theft first arose after the university suspected someone had hacked into its computers and tampered with ASU election files. When Weaver was arrested, he had in his possession a device typically used to capture students' online log-ins. A subsequent investigation found that more than 700 students' accounts had been compromised, Lutz Chanting confirmed.

Weaver was arrested on the final day of the elections (where all voting is done online). The next morning, the university declared the elections invalid, and rescheduled them for May. Weaver

was jailed on election fraud, unlawful access to a computer or database, and 10 counts of identity theft. He posted \$50,000 bail the following day, according to court records.

Lutz Chanting said she wants to assure students that the process for online voting in the ASI elections ---- which have been rescheduled for May ---- are "very safe." "I hope that students have faith in it because if it weren't for the fact that IITS (Instructional & Information Technology Services) was monitoring what was going on, this wouldn't have been discovered in the first place ... Students should be assured that this election will be upheld to high standards."

From front page: This screen capture from a Facebook conversation between members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity appears to show some knowledge of the votes in the ASI elections before the polls closed. This image, provided to the media by an anonymous source, is one of two being used as evidence in an FBI investigation. The students' names and profile photos have been obscured to protect their identities.

Quad from 1.

ter guys who are dirty roommates will drive some girls crazy."

Ariel Plaza, a dorm resident, said, "I love all the options that we residents will have. I really hope that more and more floor themes will be made."

Both living units come with similar features and amenities such as lounges, laundry rooms, game rooms,

pool, study spaces, workout centers, community grills, maintenance services and picnic areas.

Overall, many students decide to live off campus because of the cost of UVA; they figure the rent is cheaper elsewhere.

However, rent for the UVA and The Quad include fully furnished living area, full kitchen utilities, cable, community Wi-Fi, and private/

shared furnished bedrooms with bathrooms. In The Quad, a new feature will be a flat screen television in each unit.

Plaza said, "I love the community aspect of the dorms. The people here are so great, and the events make living here so much more fun."

The applications for The Quad are currently open and have a rolling deadline.

THE HEART BEAT

What aerobic activity can do for you

CURTIS BOYEE
STAFF WRITER

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States. Furthermore, one in four deaths in the United States are due to heart disease.

Regular aerobic activity, including running, walking and bicycling, can dramatically decrease the likelihood that you'll become part of these awful statistics.

The following are a few benefits that you'll see from regular aerobic exercise.

- Heart: with increasing aerobic activity, your heart will become more efficient. The stronger you work your heart, the easier it will be able to pump blood throughout your body.

- Arteries: aerobic activity will also help keep your pipes clear. Hardening of the arteries, called arteriosclerosis, is a major contributor to heart attacks and strokes. When the arteries are stiff, they narrow and allow plaque to build up, ultimately inhibiting blood to freely pass through. The resulting blockage prevents oxygen from getting to tissues and can cause damage and even tissue death. If the blockage breaks away, it can potentially lead to a pulmonary embolism, heart attack or stroke. Clean arteries are elastic and able to pass blood freely, helping to prevent cardiovascular diseases.

- Cholesterol: according to the American Heart Association (AHA), regular aerobic activity will increase your "good cholesterol" or high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and decrease your "bad cholesterol" or low-density lipoprotein (LDL). LDL is associated with increasing buildup of plaque, and decreasing its presence in your blood will help combat all

cardiovascular diseases.

- Blood pressure: high blood pressure is correlated with every type of heart disease. High blood pressure weakens your blood vessels, increasing the possibility of aneurysms and plaque buildup. Regular aerobic activity aids in reducing your blood pressure, really helping to decrease your odds of heart disease.

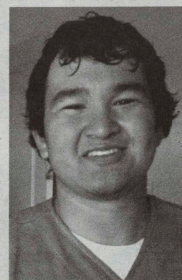
A normal heart pumps 60-100 times per minute, or 86,400-144,000 times per day. Your heart doesn't have the leisure of not working out—should you?

Exercising isn't easy, especially when it involves long durations. Nothing easy reaps major benefits; however, knowing the benefits of regular aerobic activity should be enough of a reason for participating in aerobic activity four to five times a week for at least 30 minutes.

Your heart is essential; take care of it.

Athlete spotlight: Josh Castillo

FREDRICK MISLEH
STAFF WRITER



Josh Castillo, a sophomore in CSUSM's Political Science program, has a busy schedule. In addition to balancing his school and social life, Castillo also plays on the CSUSM Men's Lacrosse team. I sat down with him and asked about his experiences with the team and how he juggles school, friends and sports.

Q: What position do you play?

A: I play defense.

Q: What other sports have you played in your life?

A: Baseball. I played baseball for most of my life. Then I was converted to wrestling in high school and mainly stuck with that. Lacrosse came in college, and I wanted to try something new.

Q: What's the best part about playing lacrosse for CSUSM?

A: Just hanging out with

the guys and having a lot of fun. We might lose, but it's still really fun. Hang out, play some lacrosse, just have a good time.

Q: If someone were thinking of joining the lacrosse team or any team in general, what advice would you give him/her?

A: Just go ahead and do it. It can't hurt to try, and it's a lot of fun and a great experience. Just make sure you stay on top of your homework.

SCORE REPORT

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W 6 1

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4/13 Men's Baseball
v.s. Pl. Loma
(Rescheduled due to weather)

4/14 Men's Baseball
v.s. Pl. Loma

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v.s. Pl. Loma

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4/14 Women's Softball
v.s. Hope International

W 3 1

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4/14 Women's Softball
v.s. La Sierra

W 19 0

W 8 0

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

4/21 Men's Baseball (DH)
v.s. Fresno Pacific
at 11 a.m.

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v.s. La Sierra
at noon.

4/27 Men's Baseball (DH)
v.s. Arizona Ch.
at noon.

4/28 Men's Baseball (DH)
v.s. Arizona Ch.
at 11 a.m.

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Not with a fizzle, but with a bang

CSUSM's Women's Softball season ends with an incredible victory

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

CSUSM's last home softball games ended on a high note as the women's softball team took two consecutive wins on Sunday's doubleheader of 8-0 and an impressive 19-0 against La Sierra University.

Other than locking in their #2 rank position, the game was more than a victory for the Lady Cougars as they played their last two home games with seniors Theresa Houle, Alyssa Dronenburg and Alicia Ingram.

The Cougars were in high spirits as they took their first victory of the day, making it their 10th consecutive win of the season. The first game ended on a roar as Houle hit her 15th home run of the season and freshman Jessica Guillen closed the victory in the 5th inning, bumping up the score to a solid 8-0.

After honoring the three graduating seniors, The Cougars started game two with a bang, clocking in a score of 5-0 by the 1st inning.

As the team stole base after base, the score climbed and hit an incredible 18-0 by the end of the second inning, pushing Houle and Dronenburg into the top 5 players of the NAIA and giving them their 16th (Houle) and 15th (Dronenburg) home runs of the season.

Freshmen Kimberle Smith and Olivia Lucatuorto both made 3 hits, giving them a total of 6 doubles throughout the game. Freshman Katie Wilkinson was named the winning pitcher for her per-



Freshman pitcher Katie Wilkinson, throws straight down the line for a strike. Wilkinson only allowed one hit the entire 2nd game against La Sierra and was honored after the game. Photo by: Melissa Martinez

formance in game 2.

April 15 marked the last home game of the season however, the Lady Cougars aren't finished yet. They will take their 42-3 record to Northern California to play three more doubleheaders April 21-23, to close the season and then head to Columbus, GA to participate in the A.I.I. Conference Championships May 3-5.

Although the 2012 season of women's softball is coming to a close, this won't be the end of the game for some seniors.

Alyssa Dronenburg is one of two Americans recruited to play for UVV Utrecht, a professional team in Netherlands. Dronenburg's batting coach, Jim Burney, spoke of her technique saying, "Through the years, everyone wanted to change Alyssa's batting style, but she's managed to maintain her own. When coaches wanted her to change, she always went back to what she can do, and look at her now."



Above: Pictures from the tenth annual International Fair on April 5. Free international food, games, music, religious information booths and a fashion show were all set up as part of the day's festivities. Photos provided by: Andrew Reed

Hundreds gather to experience world culture

JESSIE GAMBRELL
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, April 5, CSUSM's Global Education Center hosted the 10th annual International Fair.

Hundreds of students, staff and locals of San Marcos joined in on the festivities of the three-hour event in Kellogg Library Plaza.

"I thought it was great. I really enjoyed it. It shows how diverse our campus is," ASI Board Member, Kenneth LaLonde said.

There were many booths set up, ranging from student organizations to religious

clubs to Greek life to representations of various countries. Some of the "country" booths offered to write your name in their native language. The Saudi Arabia booth offered Henna tattoos to any who wanted them. They also played a game called Shad Alhahi, which could be related to our native game of tug-of-war.

"It's always good to see the different cultures that you don't see every day," student Valerie Zambrano said.

There were performances from the Tam Tam Manduque, an African bongo drum group, as well as an interna-

tional fashion show, belly dancers, Bollywood dancers, the CSUSM Improv group and many more. In between performances, CSUSM College Radio played international music.

Many of the booths offered food for the students to enjoy and thus experience the tastes of different ethnic foods, including German Bratwursts, provided by the Global Education Center.

"I think it went really well. The food was amazing. I've been here all day and it makes me feel more involved in the student body," sophomore Eva Hinton said.

Donations being accepted for 2012 senior class gift

MARCOS CHRON
STAFF WRITER

With commencement nearing, the 4th annual Senior Class Gift Campaign is attempting to reach their goal of \$4,000.

The campaign makes it a point for graduating CSUSM students to donate for the well-being of current and future CSUSM students and their college experiences.

While any amount of money is an acceptable contribution, there is a recommended

donation of \$20.12, as representative of the seniors' class year.

According to the Senior Class Gift Campaign website, "By making a Senior Class Gift of any size, you will make a significant difference in the quality of programs, the lives of students, and the atmosphere on campus!"

The website also states why graduating seniors should make contributions for reasons such as boosting CSUSM's national rankings,

to be listed in the commencement program as a donor and to create an environment of giving back.

The campaign has raised almost \$1,500 so far.

To make a donation to the campaign, go to www.csusm.edu/giving/annualfund/seniorclass.html, fill out a donation form and drop it off in Craven Hall, Room 5308-B.

"The goal is participation rather than a particular dollar amount," Associate Director for Annual Programs, Sean Briner, said.

Women's Center to hold sixth annual Take Back the Night event

Event to raise awareness against sexual assault

BRANDON TORRES
STAFF WRITER

On April 19, the CSUSM Women's Center will be hosting the 6th annual Take Back the Night, an event featuring activities where individuals will speak out against sexual assault.

Beginning at 5 p.m. in Library Plaza, the event will include various activities including spoken word, a resource fair and a candlelight vigil and will culminate with a march down Twin Oaks Valley Road.

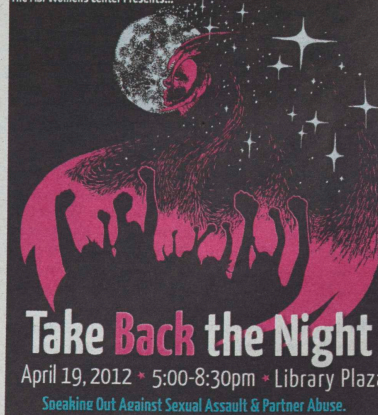
"[Take Back the Night] is an opportunity for women to take back their fears of the night. It's a chance to give a voice [to] women who have survived domestic violence or assault," Gender Equity Peer Educator, Raihana Siddiq, said.

According to the Women Center's website, 1 out of every 6 American women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.

"We want people on campus to see that domestic violence and assault is a serious issue," Siddiq said.

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experienced domestic violence or who wish to learn more about the topic. During the fair, there will also be performers reading poetry, performing dance routines and singing.

Following the fair, there will be an opportunity for individuals to share their stories regarding assault in a "speak out circle."

The event will conclude with a march down Twin Oaks road for all who wish to join. Participants will make posters in an effort to make

this issue more visible to the public.

"Women need to speak out and not be embarrassed about their experiences. This is a serious issue, and we hope that this event makes that abundantly clear. This serious issue so often gets trivialized, but we want people to see that this exists and it's real," Siddiq said.

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First ever CSUSM graduate student conference to take place

Literature and Writing Studies Department to hold major event

KYLE M. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

CSUSM's Literature and Writing Department will be holding the school's first ever Graduate Student Conference on April 28.

The event has given the opportunity for graduate students in MA or PhD programs to submit proposals for their scholarly papers on any subject of the conference's theme.

While conferences of the same nature are common, this is the first one to take place at CSUSM.

With the help of faculty in the LTWR department, MA students Colleen Stricker and Michelle St. George took it upon themselves to orchestrate the conference.

"The idea for an academic

conference is for scholars to showcase their work," St. George said.

This particular conference will feature eighteen panelists, who have been selected from about twenty-something submissions to take part in the event. Some CSUSM alumni and faculty have offered to mediate the panels.

When choosing who to place on each panel, Stricker and St. George decided to pair CSU students with students from other establishments, for diversity.

The topics of the papers presented by panelists, which do not necessarily have to be their theses, feature a wide range of topics, so the conference could have a broad appeal. Panelists will have fifteen minutes each to

present their papers to the audience.

Stricker and St. George have developed this conference with the hopes of being able to ultimately leave behind an important legacy for the CSUSM campus.

"You want to have this feeling that you belong to this community, and this community still belongs to you," Stricker said.

While this particular conference is based out of the LTWR department, students from all departments are encouraged to attend and experience the event.

"[The conference] is good for the university, for students. It takes personal academic discourse into the academic community," Stricker said.

CSUSM takes fourth place in the Recyclemania competition

JESSIE GAMBRELL
STAFF WRITER

each year.

There are two weeks of "practice" for new schools to see how well they do on the program. Then the real competition lasts for eight weeks. The school with the highest percentage of recycling waste products wins.

We have housed the Recyclemania trophy in the Dome in a glass case these past seven years, but this year, it will have to go to the home of the 2012 first place winners: American University in Washington D.C.

Our school joined in on the competition in 2005, competing against 45 other campus and coming in first place.

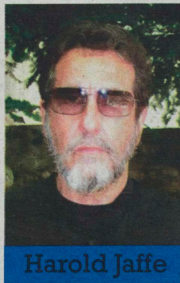
Ever since, we have competed every year, continuously coming in first place, except for this year.

CSUSM, being such a young school, was built to support the "conservation" style, allowing the new faculty and administrative staff to endorse the whole idea of recycling, which has helped the university to win seven years in a row.

"We started recycling in general in 1992 when the school doors opened. We are looking at the next generation. The goal is to serve the communities," CSUSM Recycling Program Coordinator, Carl Hanson said.

Controversial author reads at CSUSM

KYLE M. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER



Harold Jaffe

On April 12, Harold "Hal" Jaffe read from three of his books for the Community and World Literary Series.

Introduced at the event by Mark Wallace, Jaffe is the author of 19 books of fiction and docu-fiction, which he describes as a combination of factual reporting and fiction, which uncovers the crucial, human realities. His works often possess controversial and disturbing subject matter.

Jaffe began the reading with excerpts from his book "Anti-Twitter," which is a collection of 150 stories that all consist of exactly 50 words, written in such a way to get close to the restrictions of the social networking site Twitter.

The stories of the book are based on real, published or found texts and treated by Jaffe to obscure the original subtext.

sent with a fellow reader, Jaffe then read from his book, "Death in Texas," which is based on transcripts from the final words of prisoners on death row in Texas. Jaffe stated that he treated, added and took away from the original documents.

At the end of the event, Jaffe and audience members took part in a Q&A session, which touched on such topics as the content of his work, writing male and female voices and Jaffe's process when approaching such heavy topics that could be potentially depressing.

"By expressing the anger, even if it's an impotent anger, I'm able to purge that depression," Jaffe said.

Being a professor at San Diego State University, Jaffe was also asked what his briefest advice for his students is.

"Learn to dream. Learn to inhabit your dreams," Jaffe said.

Following the reading of this excerpt, which he pre-

Tales from the nerd side:

'Game of Thrones' returns, but is this season as good as the first?

CHRIS GIANCAMILI
STAFF WRITER

I'll start with a bit of a disclaimer. There will be minor spoilers for "Game of Thrones" season 2 and major spoilers for season 1 in this article! That being said, continue reading at your own risk.

Alright, you're still with me. "Game of Thrones" season 1 ended on some major plot points. Arya Stark (Maisie Williams) is on her way to the Wall, Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) sets off for King's Landing as the new Hand of the King, Jon Snow (Kit Harington) joins the expedition beyond the Wall and Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) is the new leader of her Dothraki tribe.

Season 2 picks up right where the first season left off. However, with the new

season comes new cast members and characters.

Stannis Baratheon (Stephen Dillane) is introduced as the younger brother to Robert, the former king of the Iron Throne. Stannis is Lord of Dragonstone Island where he rules with the aid of a mysterious priestess, Melisandre (Carice van Houten). So far, the first few episodes of this season have placed an emphasis on Stannis and Melisandre.

Theon Greyjoy (Alfie Allen) journeys to his place of birth, Pyke. Theon is a returning character from the first season who lived with Eddard Stark most of his life. During his stay in Pyke, Theon is reintroduced to his father, Balon Greyjoy (Patrick Malahide), and his sister, Yara Greyjoy (Gemma Whelan).

Though the introduction of

these two new storylines is intriguing, we haven't seen very much of the other main characters. For example, Daenerys was only given one scene in each of the first two episodes of this season.

It's understandable that the writers have to cram so much content into each episode. At this point in the season, the story is moving incredibly fast due to the multiple storylines. It's a little difficult to follow, and it can all seem intimidating to new viewers.

Though it's still early in the season, we're seeing a slow build up to something big. While it's a bit confusing at times, the new season is shaping up to be just as memorable as the first. New alliances and powerful figures are emerging to reinforce this season's tagline: "War is coming."

Two months later, elevator permits still not updated

FREDRICK MISLEH
STAFF WRITER

Nearly two months after it was brought to the attention of the student body, the permits in the following elevators have not been changed: Arts Building, both elevators in Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, Markstein Hall, and D-building of the University Village Apartments. Only the permit in car number 3 of the Parking Structure has been updated.

When I wrote the article for the Feb. 28, 2012, issue of the Cougar Chronicle, I spoke to Regina Frasca, head of CSUSM's Risk Management Department. Frasca said it was a matter of scheduling the state inspectors. If the state inspectors could not be scheduled in time, a university inspection team would ensure the safety of our elevators, though they

lacked the power to issue permits.

But if the permit in PS1 has been updated (formerly expiring on March 17, 2011, the new permit expires Aug. 25, 2012), why didn't the inspectors check and update the other elevators? The state inspectors were here sometime between Feb. 28 and April 10 (when this was written), yet someone dropped the ball and only one permit was updated. The job was left unfinished.

This is an insult to all students, as our tuition is supposed to cover the costs of bringing in state inspectors to ensure the safety of our elevators. It is also against California law to operate elevators with expired permits (California Code, Title 8, Section 3001 (c): No elevator shall be operated without a valid, current permit...).

If we students are made to pay higher tuition and parking fees each semester, then it is not above our pay grade to expect top-of-the-line services when it comes to the safety of our students. If, as this case demonstrates, the expectations are not met for whatever reason, we have the right to demand our expectations be met.

CSUSM's administration and Risk Management Department either need to bring back the state inspectors to update the permits or shut down all elevators with expired permits pursuant to California state law.

In the meantime, should you get stuck in an elevator, do not try to climb out. Use the hotline in the elevator to call for help and stay inside the conveyance. This way, no one can get seriously injured or killed.

Fun with Science by Stephen Di Padova



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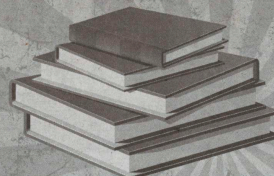
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Correction:

In an opinion piece by Fredrick Misleh published in the April 3 edition, some information about student Matt Weaver, who was arrested on suspicion of identity theft and election fraud March 15, was incorrect.

Weaver has yet to be indicted on these charges, and both his actions, and his depiction as corrupt, should have been described as alleged.

We apologize.

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The comic book corner:

'Avengers vs. X-Men: It's Coming' Review

FAITH ORCINO
STAFF WRITER

For those who are having trouble following Marvel's Avengers vs. X-Men (AvX) event, the volume "Avengers vs. X-Men: It's Coming" is a helpful recap of what happened in Earth-616.

The book includes snippets of major story arcs, starting with "House of M" #8 from 2005 and ending with a por-

tion of "Point One" #1. The sections feature the key characters in the event, especially the mutants Hope Summers and Wanda Maximoff (Scarlet Witch). Though it allows readers to quickly catch up to AvX, they would need to get the rest of each section's story arc to fully comprehend what occurred. Marvel released a free AvX program guide in print and online that

lists current issues in the event, a much cheaper option compared to the trade paperback (retail price: \$19.99) but does not go deep into the path towards the event.

Avengers v.s. X-Men #2 will be hitting shelves on Wednesday, April 18. Marvel already sent its previous issue to second printing with its first crossover issue in New Avengers last week.

Book review: 'Firefly Lane' by author Kristin Hannah

JULIANA STUMPP
STAFF WRITER

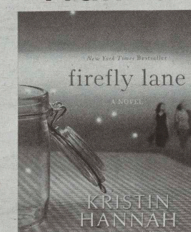
In the coming-of-age novel by Kristin Hannah, "Firefly Lane" follows the friendship of Kate Mularkey and Tully Hart. The New York Times bestselling author creates a powerful story that will trigger anyone's deepest emotions with or without permission.

Hannah introduces Tully Hart when Tully moves across the street from Kate Mularkey, a self-proclaimed awkward tween, in the summer of 1974 before starting eighth grade. While Kate sees Tully as the coolest girl that "has it all," she has no idea of the personal bat-

tles Tully is fighting. The two quickly become friends although their personalities clash. Kate is insecure, despite her security within her family, and Tully uses her confidence to hide her troubles at home.

However, it becomes clear how different the girls are as they mature. Kate now has a family, something she has always wanted since she was younger, and she craves the person she used to be before she lost sight of herself. Tully, on the other hand, is envious of Kate and the family she never will have.

Throughout the span of three decades, their friendship is put to the ultimate test



as Kate and Tully experience loss, love, heartbreak and happiness.

With the new release of "Firefly Lane" on Barnes and Noble's Nook tablet, this story is perfect to become lost in during the free moments before the final frenzy begins.

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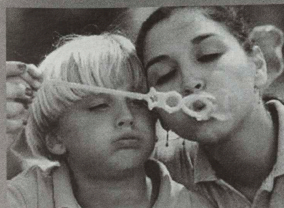
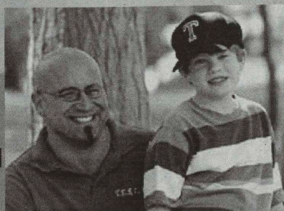
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Dropping 4/17

JULIANA STUMPP
STAFF WRITER

"Born to Be Wild"
In the documentary narrated by Morgan Freeman, viewers explore rainforests with well-respected primatologist, Dr. Birute Mary Galdikas and Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, elephant specialist. The film follows the journey to help rescue and recover orphaned elephants and orangutans in an amazing display produced in 3D.



"Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol"
Tom Cruise returns as Agent Ethan Hunt in the fourth installment of the Mission: Impossible series. The government wrongly blames the Impossible Mission Force for a bombing. While trying to clear their name, the force comes across evidence that leads them to believe a nuclear war is imminent.



"Picture Show" by Neon Trees
For their sophomore album, Neon Trees released "Picture Show" that includes their early released song "Everybody Talks." Their alternative pop sound continues from their debut album, "Habits," that produced hits like "Animal" and "1983."



"California 37" by Train
Train's newest album, "California 37," is the follow up to the band's 2007 hit album, "Save Me San Francisco." "Singles such as "Drive By" and "Feels Good At First" have already reached the top of iTunes charts.

Larry Reitzer: the man behind the story

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

On April 12, CSUSM welcomed television writer and story editor Larry Reitzer to meet with students interested in pursuing a career in the film and television industry. After opening with his experience pitching his first successful pilot, Reitzer welcomed questions and discussed his experiences writing and story editing. His television record includes various television shows such as "Ugly Betty," "Twins" and his current project, ABC Family's "Melissa & Joey."

During the Q&A following his introduction, the Brooklyn native discussed his college experience at NYU (majoring in Theater), his early career in casting and his transition into writing for television. Reitzer also discussed his venture booking an agent after pitching the idea of two men with completely different personalities, modeled

after his and his brothers contrasting personas.

Although he didn't begin his writing career until his 30s, Reitzer stressed the importance of networking as much as possible, stating that 100 percent of his networking connections were made in college. He also revealed a tip for successfully networking: traveling, stating that Los Angeles and New York were the best places to live to successfully find jobs and internship opportunities.

Reitzer also addressed many perspectives in the television industry; however, the primary focus of the lecture was writing. When Reitzer's interest in writing first sparked, he realized the best writing is produced from personal experiences. Reitzer said, "I went out and sold my life. All writing has to come from someone's life. It doesn't matter what kind of writing you're doing as long as you're coming from an honest place."

After discussing the pre-

and post-production phases of writing screenplays, pilots and manuscripts, Reitzer elaborated on the stages of casting for both television and Broadway, and the excitement of being on set with actors while watching his vision come to life. For recommendation on successfully selling a pilot, Reitzer reiterated the importance of becoming involved in local theater productions. Any way of involvement, even volunteering to usher performances and shows to be exposed to different styles of direction, as well as becoming familiarized with the environment is one of the best ways a person can successfully gain experience in the entertainment industry.

For more information on Larry Reitzer, you can subscribe to his Facebook page at [facebook.com/larry.reitzer](https://www.facebook.com/larry.reitzer). "Melissa & Joey" airs on Wednesday's at 8 p.m./7c on ABC Family.

'Spring Awakening' at CSUSM

BRANDON TORRES
STAFF WRITER

CSUSM's Theatre presented Frank Wedekind's controversial play, "Spring Awakening," a children's tragedy this past Thursday. The topics covered in this play are enough to make your average church-goer blush, ranging from same-sex attraction, masturbation, rape, atheism and suicide.

The beautiful projections displayed above the actors established the mood of the play from the start. At times, however, it got to be a little distracting, and sometimes pulled the viewer out of the play.

The viewers are intro-

duced to our leads, Melchior played by Christopher Murphy and Moritz, played by Dillon Thomas. These two young men stole the show. Their passionate dialogues in which two 14-year old boys explore their purpose in life, along with their sexuality, come off as being very genuine.

There was one scene however, that led some viewers to be uncomfortable. In perhaps one of the most controversial scenes in the play, Melchior rapes Wendla, played by Cassie Chase, a childhood friend of his and current classmate. While not graphic, it leaves the viewer a little uncomfortable to witness rape between

14 year olds.

"This play is so dialogue heavy. So far it's been one of the most challenging plays I've been in. And I'm working with one of the greatest casts I've had the pleasure of acting with," Murphy, who played the role of Melchior, said.

"One of the biggest challenges is just getting everything together from a technical aspect," Chase, who played the role of Wendla, said. "Rehearsal is so challenging, and getting a huge cast to work together while everyone has a busy schedule has been an uphill battle, but the final product is so rewarding."

THE COUGAR SHUFFLE

REBEKAH GREEN
STAFF WRITER

There are still plenty of exams to study for, projects to work on and papers to write as we draw closer to the finish line as we near the end of the semester. More often than not, music can make the academic process become less painful by helping students dive into their work. Here are some tracks that could actually make you want to sit down and get things done.

"Why Georgia" by John Mayer – This track from John Mayer's debut album is an "old" favorite, and is just familiar enough work with, even if you know all of the words and can't help but sing along from time to time.

"No Surprises" Radiohead – One of my favorites from "Ok Computer." The song's hypnotic and repeating tune keeps my mind where it needs to be, whether it be a multiple-page report or a multiple-chapter reading.

"Genius Next Door" by Regina Spektor – I can't help but feel entranced by her voice and piano every time I hear her music. When I don't feel like busting out the classical music for working, beautiful voices with beautiful instruments tend to help concentration just as well.

"How It Ends" by DeVotchKa – I was first introduced to this song by the film "Little Miss Sunshine," and I found the haunting strings keep me in tune to my work.

"Time" by Hans Zimmer – Instrumental music is a must for studying, especially if you find it difficult to find music with quieter vocals. Film soundtracks are a popular choice. This track is the memorable piece of music that brings the film "Inception" to a close—just the right kind of song to be playing the moment you finish that 10+ page paper.

Upcoming Arts
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Kim Rhodes

Actor Kim Rhodes is guest lecturing on Thursday, April 19 at 5 p.m. at Markstein Hall 125. Kim Rhodes is known for roles such as Carey Martin (the mother of Zack and Cody Martin) on "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody" and "The Suite Life on Deck," as well as Sheriff Jody Mills on the hit CW series "Supernatural." Rhodes will discuss acting and the importance of arts in schools. This lecture is a part of the free Arts and Lectures Events. Check here for more information on the event and the complete event listings: http://www.csusm.edu/news/articles/nr_ArtsLectures2012.html

Film Screening of 'Becoming Chaz'

On Tuesday, April 24 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The LGBTQIA Pride Center of ASI and The Office of Diversity presents a free screening of "Becoming Chaz," the gripping documentary from directors Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato that follows the deeply emotional journey of Chastity Bono, daughter of entertainers Sonny and Cher, as she embarks on a program of gender reassignment to become a man.

Student A: "Spring Time in California" by Faith Orcino

