

## Campus celebrates the 'Year of the Dog'

CHINESE LUNAR FESTIVITIES WELCOME IN GOOD LUCK AND WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS

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Cal State San Marcos' fourth annual Chinese Lunar New Year celebration kicked into high gear



Photo by Karin Reyes / The Pride

with live performances, free food and traditional festivities welcoming in the "Year of the Dog" at the Clarke Field House on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Sponsored by the Asian Pacific Student Society of Cal State San

Marcos, the event was put forth to "bring educational value to the campus, while promoting unity and diversity to the entire student body," said APSS President, Aamara Ysrael.

Festivities began with a performance by world famous singer/song writer Magdalen Hsu-Li. Hsu-Li was raised Chinese-American in the rural southern regions of the United States. She says, "Unity is hard to find," referring to her song, "Divided State".

After Hsu-Li's performance, attendees were treated to egg rolls, fried rice and chow mien noodles. During dinner, music was provided by DJ Ceywut of Victory Entertainment, spinning and providing entertainment for all attendees.

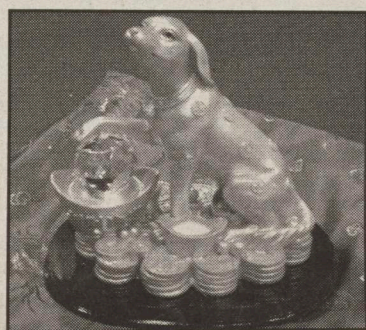
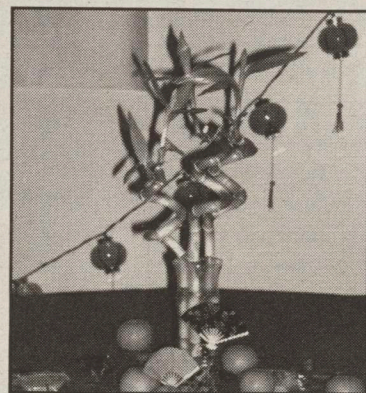
"We saw the signs advertising the event and the free food," said Corry Sulvania, an exchange student studying here at Cal State San Marcos.

All guests received "li xi" envelopes for a raffle drawing. Each "li xi" (a small red envelope often used to exchange "luck money") contained fortunes tucked inside. One lucky recipient received the fortune of the dog inside their envelope, winning a beautiful golden dog figurine.

The event also featured the traditional Lion Dance, performed by the San Diego Lucky Lion Dancers, which spreads good luck to all.

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is celebrated as one of the most important holidays in Asian countries. Though celebrated in various ways across the globe, certain aspects of the holiday are universal in all of the celebrations. This helps foster a sense of unity while also promoting diversity within the Asian cultures.

The Lunar New Year is a holiday that follows the lunar calendar,



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based solely on astronomical observations of the moon, sun and stars. Each year is designated by one of the 12 animal signs of the Chinese zodiac, marking this

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## Funds available to alleviate school debt

BY PIYAMAS SABLAN  
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With the approaching deadline for the 2006-2007 CSUSM General Scholarship, students are hurrying to take advantage of the opportunity to alleviate some, if not all, school-related debt.

"We offer 34 scholarships at CSUSM. We use only one application for all 34 scholarships," said Michele L. Ojeda, scholarship coordinator for the financial aid and scholarship office. "Each of the 34 scholarships has its own requirements. They range anywhere from requiring a 3.5 GPA, and be a major in Biology, Chemistry or Computer Science (Fenstermaker Scholarship) to The Bree Tinney Re-Entry Scholarship which requires that a student be a female, undergraduate, re-entry single parent with at least a 3.0 GPA. So each scholarship that we offer has its own special requirements."

The General Scholarship requires that applicants provide basic personal information,

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## Free HIV testing may not draw in enough students

BY ANDREW M. RUISENIOR  
Pride Staff Writer

Free and anonymous HIV testing will be available to students on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the Student Health and Counseling Services, but despite the peace of mind the test can offer, many students will chose not to take advantage of the service.

A common opinion, voiced by many students, follows a logic similar with 'it has nothing to do with me' as if somehow immune to the potentially deadly disease. Even with the opportunity of getting your results back in 20 minutes with the Orasure test, students will continue to pass up this opportunity, for peace of mind.

When talking to Nick Tollison a 20-year-old Junior here at CSUSM about getting this free anonymous HIV testing, he expressed his reason for not getting tested; "I'm not worried that I have it. I feel comfortable in the things I have done to be as safe as possible." And when asked if knowing give him peace of mind, Tollison said:

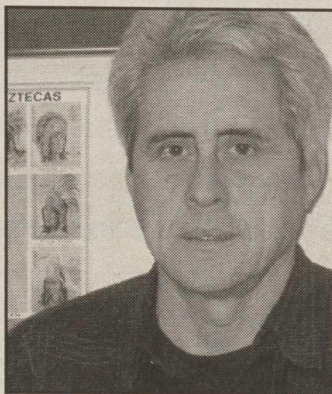
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## The NLRC presents a lecture on Equal Rights and Latino influence

BY RACHELL REYES  
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Cal State San Marcos' National Latino Research Center will host a lecture on equal rights and economic justice on Thursday, Feb. 9, welcoming Professor of Literature Jorge Mariscal, as the event's guest speaker.

Mariscal is currently a faculty member at the University of California, San Diego, the director of the UCSD Chicano/Latino/Arts and Humanities Program as well as the associate director of the UCSD California in Comparative Perspectives Program.



Professor Jorge Mariscal

Mariscal has lectured throughout the United States, Mexico and the University of Havana, Cuba. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War and has written on many cultural and historical issues including Latinos in the military and the Chicano Movement of the late 1960s.

Many of the topics at this lecture will be taken from Mariscal's latest book, "Brown-Eyed Children of the Sun: Lessons from the Chicano Movement, 1965-1975." One of the main issues addressed will be the way the Chicano Movement has been taught at the university level for the last 30 years. He will be providing a background on the Chicano Movement during the Viet Nam war era and relate important issues to the current conditions for Latinos in the United States.

The basic message of the presentation, according to Mariscal, is that people of Mexican descent have played an important role in the U.S. history.

"There is no need to fear immigrants and other Spanish speaking communities in the

United States even when they, like immigrant groups in the past, insist on maintaining their linguistic and cultural traditions," said Mariscal.

Professor Mariscal has plans to continue to collaborate more with the NLRC and would like to see more permanent structures with the center and UCSD. Mariscal believes that these two institutions will help each other learn about populations of color in northern and southern regions of La Jolla. The NLRC specializes in research and training on the Latino population.

"I would like people to learn something about the history of Mexican American activism in the United States, the role played by Chicanos and Chicanas in the progressive struggles of the late 1960s and the need to renew our efforts to achieve equal opportunity for Latinos," said Mariscal.

The lecture will be held in the Clarke Field House Grand Salon at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call the NLRC at 760.750.3500.



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# Expressing political awareness through Art and Activism

Arts and Lectures boldly introduces community-based artwork to campus

BY JENN KELLOGG  
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CSUSM Arts and Lectures department presents a fresh new venue, Arts and Activism, with an interdisciplinary panel discussion format, focusing on community based artwork that utilizes artistic expression to communicate socio-political awareness. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the Clarke Field House, and will commence at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees can expect to be enlightened and engaged in learning about community based artwork, social values and political concerns. A diverse panel of three will confer about how the art conveys messages of activism and insight commentary about socio-political issues in contemporary society.

"Students will be able to learn more about community-based art and how it connects with political concerns, furthers activism and awareness," said Coordinator of the Arts and Activism series, David Ortiz.

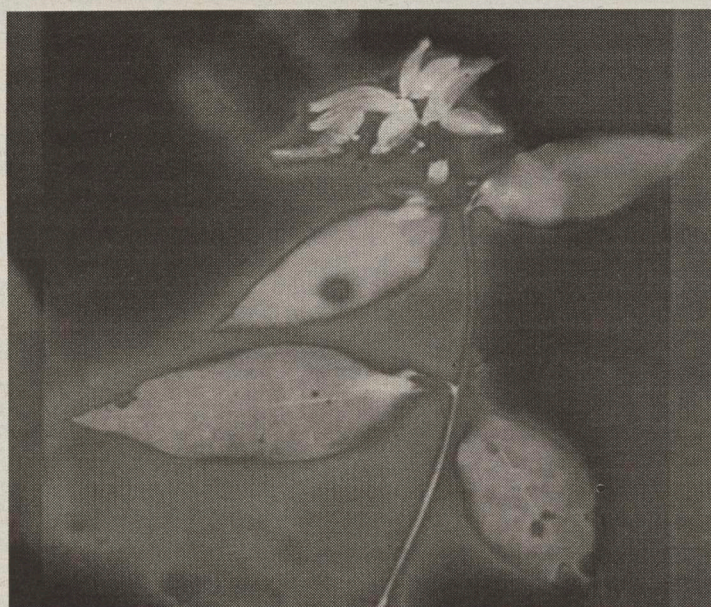


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The artwork of photographer, Jerry Burchfield, will be presented at this event along with other art-mediums, such as video samples and a slide show presentation. Burchfield's photography utilizes vivid imagery and incorporates a lot of aspects with lighting to capture his artwork, according to Ortiz.

Admission to the event is free

to the public, but attendees are encouraged to arrive early since seating is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ortiz predicts the event to be successful drawing in a turnout of over 60 people. For further information regarding this event, please visit the Art and Activism website at [www.csusm.edu/arts\\_lecture](http://www.csusm.edu/arts_lecture).

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"Yes, but the thought of knowing scares me at the same time."

This sentiment seemed to be more universal than not.

From this point, an anonymous survey was taken involving 25 CSUSM students, to see who would take the opportunity of getting this free anonymous HIV testing. The numbers were astonishing.

Twenty out of the 25 students asked said they would not be getting tested Wednesday, even with 20 minute results, according to answers yielded in the survey. So the question is: is denial worth it?

Did you know at least half of all new HIV infections are for people under the age of 25? And more than 6,000 people become

infected with HIV every day worldwide. Our school population is only at 7,502. So now prepare for informal breakdown. If you divide 6,000 in half you get 3,000 to represent newly infected people under the age of 25. Then let us say you divide that in half to get the age range of our college. Now the number we are looking at is roughly 1,500. Now remember this is each day. So look around your campus because this means that 20 percent of your fellow students, 1,500 would be infected each day. Within five days 7,500 of us would be infected leaving the last two to get tested.

With statistics like these, getting tested should become a priority. So for your health and for the health of others, students should step out of denial and go

to the anonymous HIV testing at CSUSM this Wednesday at the Student Health & Counseling Services between 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. And remember anonymous means this test will not be linked to your medical or school record, and only your first name is needed at the front desk (real or alias).

With that, the Director of the Student Health & Counseling Services, Dr. Karen Nicholson said in reference to HIV testing "There is always a possibility of exposure. It is better to know sooner rather than later...because precautions are not just condoms." Nicholson further said, "HIV is still prevalent in our communities, it may not be in the news but it is still there." Well, it is in the news today, because one person infected with HIV should be enough to get tested and prompt the use of protection for safe and healthy sex because HIV is still infecting those around you.

For more information on getting tested through the Student Health & Counseling Services please call 760-750-4915, or reach them through e-mail at [shcs@csusm.edu](mailto:shcs@csusm.edu).

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as well as major, current academic level and graduation date. The application also includes a required typed two page essay, detailing student involvement in campus activities and community, academic experiences, future academic or career goals, and any adversity that has been overcome.

According to Ojeda, students should be creative and take their time when writing the essay because the essay can be a deciding factor in the scholarship selection process.

"We would suggest that student's take 5 or 10 minutes to read through all 34 scholarships that we have listed on our website. In addition, the majority of our scholarships do require that the student have 'financial need,'" according to Ojeda. "This is determined by the student completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), every January. This application also has a March 2 priority deadline."

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office received 527 applications for the 2005-2006 academic school year, but the office hopes to receive more with each upcoming year, added Ojeda.

Applicants that meet the requirements for each of the 34 scholarships are determined by running the applications through individual reports. A Faculty Review Committee reads through every application and essay, meets to discuss each of the applicants, comes to a consensus, then makes a decision; and while the Faculty Review Committee makes the initial decisions, the scholar donors prefer to make the final decisions.

"EVERYONE should apply! It is not a difficult process and it could pay off big time for you. Our scholarships range anywhere from \$150 to \$7000!" said Ojeda. "We offer our General Scholarship Application every year. But we also post in our office individual scholarship applications for outside scholarship sources. We encourage students to stop by our office periodically and check out what we have posted."

Priority applications are due no later than March 2, 2006 and can be picked up in the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, in Craven Hall 4204, or on their website at [www.csusm.edu/finaid/scholarship](http://www.csusm.edu/finaid/scholarship). Applications and essays can be mailed, dropped off at the financial aid and scholarship office, faxed to 760.750.3047 or e-mailed to [scholarship@csusm.edu](mailto:scholarship@csusm.edu).

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year as the "Year of the Dog" along with years 1958, 1970, 1982 and 1994. Those born under this sign tend to be very loyal, kind and generous. They will also work hard to right wrongs and are very good at keeping secrets. Western Zodiacs are known to emphasize similar traits in their signs.

Traditionally, the Lunar New Year celebration starts with the New Moon and ends with the Full. Certain days are set aside for specific events or activities, some are for visiting friends and family, while others are designated to clean and decorate your

home so as to "sweep away the bad luck" or "old spirits" from the year before.

The color red, considered the luckiest of all colors, is a very important aspect to the Lunar New Year and is used throughout the decorations, while red clothing is worn to help bring that person good luck. Festivities also include the lighting of firecrackers to ward away bad luck and evil spirits.

Each of the decorations at the APSS celebration held a specific meaning necessary for having a good New Year. The walls were decorated with Chinese poems written on red paper that wished

happiness, health and prosperity. The centerpieces on the tables were decorated with bamboo, tangerines and an assortment of candies, bamboo signifying compatibility while tangerines and oranges represent abundant happiness. The assortment of candy is arranged in either a circle or octagon and is called "The Tray of Togetherness" and each type of candy represents good fortune.

The APSS president was happy to call the night a success saying that "people enjoyed themselves, came together as a community on campus, and spread diversity through unity and learning."

In addition to campus-wide

celebrations, San Diego hosted a Lunar New Year event from a new venue, at Qualcomm Stadium. In conjunction with the Vietnamese New Year, called The Tet Celebration, this three day celebration was hosted by the Vietnamese American Youth Alliance from Friday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 28.

The celebration at Qualcomm Stadium had something for everyone, from all ages to all cultures and walks of life. For children, there were many booths set up with games, and even some carnival rides. The Miss Vietnam of San Diego pageant also coincided with the event. Many local and

international artists performed songs and dances on the main stage amid the delicious smells of food booths representing an array of cultures.

"Having Tet at Qualcomm Stadium is a great idea; it brings greater awareness to not only the Asian community, but to everyone else in this city as well," said DJ Happee of San Diego's radio hip-hop station, Z90.3. In the past, festivities were held in smaller parts of the city where the educational value and awareness was limited. To see the event moved to Qualcomm Stadium was a momentous occasion for the Vietnamese community.

# Got Deutsch?

## The German Club seeks to expand their membership

BY KATRENA ROBINSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos' German Club hopes to recruit new members who share enthusiasm for German culture, traditions and helping to bring a 'taste' of Germany to the campus.

"Getting involved with a club or student organization makes the whole school experience worth while," said Jean Scheuneman, president of the German Club.

The club meets odd Thursday's at 1 p.m. in front of the campus Starbucks. Members use this time to have fun and discuss any necessary club business. To join,

prospective members do not need to be German or know German, but must share an enthusiasm for the German culture. And with no dues, the German Club is ideal for any student's budget.

Among many of the proud contributions the club has made to the campus, last year's Oktoberfest attracted a considerably large crowd of hungry students. It was the mouth-watering aroma of barbecue drifting through the air and the delicious taste of plump bratwurst that helped to familiarize students with the German Club. Beyond the bratwurst, the event also unveiled the coveted 'Weenie Award,' in which par-

ticipants were provided a rare opportunity to project a sausage onto a marked target.

In addition to Oktoberfest, the German Club is also involved in the International Fair. This event provides students with the opportunity to sample traditional dishes while also being immersed in the details within each culture.

The German Club is always recruiting, willing to take anyone and everyone interested, according to Scheuneman.

"I love school so much more now that I am involved with a club," mentioned Scheuneman. "Plus it can be really fun!"

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## On Campus- Craven Oaks

BY J.R. SAPP  
Special to The Pride

Grass lawns, hedges, trees, and brilliant red bougainvillea ornament the beautifully landscaped campus of Cal State San Marcos. But growing in front of Craven Hall are two special oak trees. Smooth tan bark covers the trunks, and small green leaves cover the branches. A gold plaque stands between them. These are the "Twin Oak Trees" planted in 1995 in honor of the late Marie Van Ness by her husband, Donald.

Donald Van Ness died in 2000 at the age of 86. He and Marie moved to Rancho Bernardo in 1977. He was a retired Navy captain and served in World War II.

Carol Bonomo, CSUSM director of legislative affairs, said, "Don was

an entrepreneur who used to love to say why work forty hours a week for somebody else when he could work eighty hours a week for himself." Bonomo said that Van Ness made his money in a dry cleaning business. "He was one of those folks who decided if he was going to be in the dry cleaning business, he'd be the best in the business. Apparently he was."

Van Ness supported a number of charities, including the San Diego Zoo, and was one of the founders of Sharp Hospital. According to Bonomo, the Van Nesses became acquainted with the first president of CSUSM, William Stacey, through mutual friends. According to his Oct. 26, 2000 obituary in the North County Times, Van Ness was a member of the university foun-

dation. He donated a \$1 million dollar endowment to the university "for the development of entrepreneur and business studies." After Marie died, Dr. Stacey suggested that Don plant the two oaks in her memory.

Russ Decker, Director of Planning, Design, and Construction, said that as the Twin Oaks grow, their branches will some day create a canopy of leaves, representing the bond between Don and Marie Van Ness. The plaque between the trees reads "Twin Oak Trees. Contributed by Donald O. Van Ness, 1995, in loving memory of his wife Marie Oropall Van Ness, whose laughter and warmth provided inspiration and whose generosity continues to nurture our campus community."

## CSUSM Opportunities Study Abroad

BY SUMMER CONNERY  
Pride Staff Writer

Diversify the college experience and stand out on job applications. Studying abroad provides that perfect punch to knock out the academic doldrums while becoming a more integral part of the global community.

CSUSM's office of Global Affairs, located in Craven 5211, offers information on the many study abroad opportunities available. With help from the staff, students can decide which program is best, learn about financial aid possibilities, and directly contact the foreign school they want to study in.

The Global Affairs staff works with students all year long, with walk-in hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

There are four types of study abroad programs: CSU International Programs, Cal State San Marcos Exchange Programs, Cal State San Marcos Summer Programs, and Non-Cal State Programs. February 1 is the application deadline for most International Programs. May 1 marks the deadline for programs in

the Southern Hemisphere. Visit Craven 5211 to pick up an application.

Jan Stockey, study abroad advisor and administrative support staff member also feels that it is her job to make students "aware of the opportunities available to them for the same tuition as San Marcos." After speaking with her it was clear that studying abroad would provide students with a "competitive edge." Employers constantly look to hire graduates who have challenged themselves in the global arena.

While studying abroad in a foreign country sounds exciting, there are some important questions students should ask themselves, such as where and why they want to study abroad, how long they want to be away, and whether they meet the financial requirements. Meeting with the Global Affairs advisors and talking with students who have studied abroad can help provide some answers.

For more information on The Office of Global Affairs and studying abroad, visit: <http://www.csusm.edu/UGA/>

## On Campus- Math Lab

BY KATIE ROWE  
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The Math Lab, located in the dark and somewhat poorly ventilated dungeon of the library, provides important services to students.

To the students on campus who find math torturous, the location of the math lab might seem quite

appropriate. However they are mistaken, the math lab is not a torture chamber; it is a place for students to receive free tutoring. Whether students are struggling with mathematic concepts, preparing for an upcoming exam, or just want a place to work on math homework, the math lab welcomes them. No appointments

are necessary or offered by the math lab for tutoring; students can just walk in when ever they feel like it.

Maureen Dupont, who runs the math lab, has put together an incredible team of math tutors for the spring semester. The tutors are ready to tackle the confusion that this semester's math students are discovering. "It is rewarding to help people and see them succeed," said Andrew Detzel, who explained why he is tutoring in

the math lab for his 3<sup>rd</sup> semester this spring.

The friendly and knowledgeable tutors accommodate about 14 different math courses. The specific courses in which the math lab caters to are posted on its website, [www.csusm.edu/math-lab](http://www.csusm.edu/math-lab). The tutors are restricted to provide services only to those students in those courses. Students who don't find their class on the list should approach their professor for help.

The students that have a class the math lab does provide for should drop by room, 1104 in the Kellogg Library to see what the math lab has to offer. Students are struggling now should not wait till finals week to show there desperate faces. During finals the math lab gets crazy and there is only so much help the tutors can give. All the math lab asks is that students sign in and out so that it can continue to provide a great service to students.

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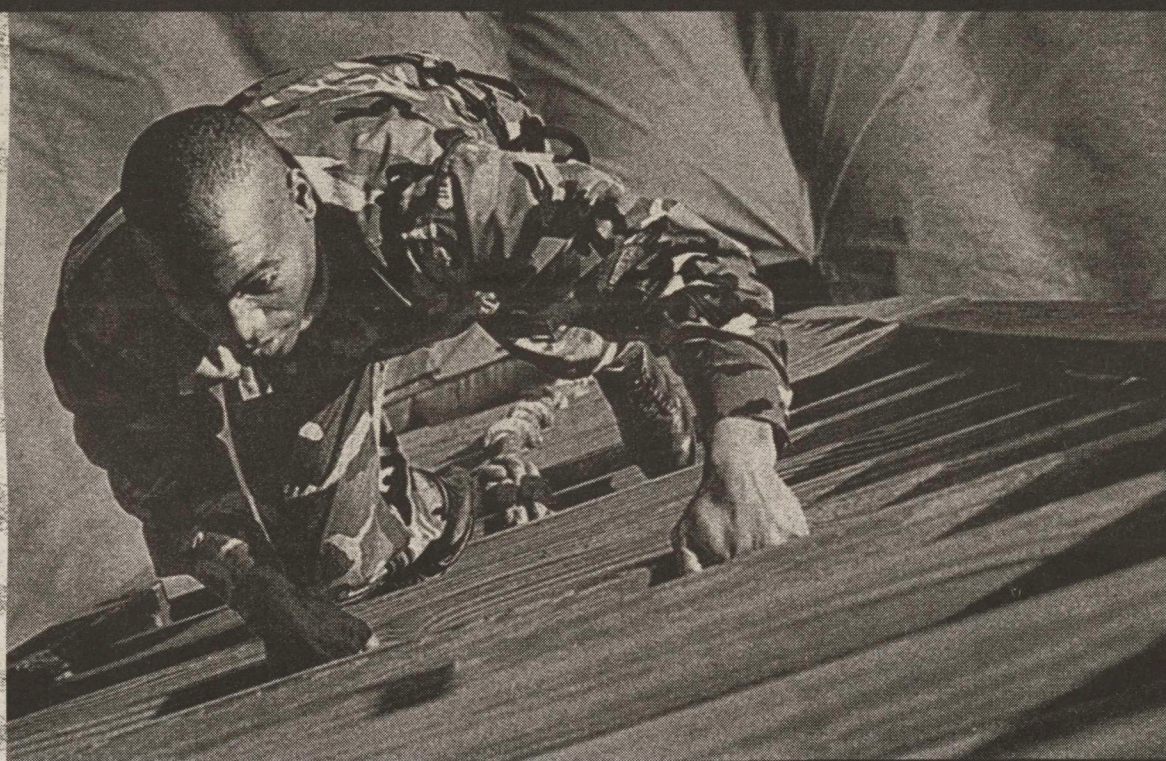
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# Jock Talk with Josh: Super Bowl preview

By JOSH SANDOVAL  
Special to The Pride



Sports are all about the fairy tale ending. As kids we all play out the scene a r i o w h e r e i t ' s

fourth and goal, and the Super Bowl is tied with one second left on the clock. Of course, we always score the game winning touchdown.

Not every player gets the opportunity to win a championship. Just ask Jerome Bettis. After the Steelers lost in the AFC championship last season to New England, Bettis took his time in choosing to return for a 13<sup>th</sup> NFL season. He returned, and now he is playing in his first Super Bowl, which just so happens to be held in Detroit, Bettis' hometown.

There are very few people in

the NFL who deserve a championship more than "The Bus". The entire Steelers team has made it known that they were playing this season for Bettis. Last season when Pittsburgh lost to New England, Hines Ward broke out in tears during a press conference because he thought that was the last game Bettis was ever going to play.

When Bettis fumbled at the goal line against Indianapolis in the Divisional playoffs, Robert Mathis picked up the fumble for the Colts and only one thing ran through Ben Roethlisberger's mind. He needed to make the tackle for his buddy Jerome.

The Steelers have the clear advantage because they are play-off tested. The Seahawks franchise has never even been to a Super Bowl. Ya, okay, so they have the reigning NFL MVP in running back Shaun Alexander. I would much rather have Jerome Bettis and Willy Parker, because if the Steelers grab a lead, they will not lose it since they have the best ball control offense in the NFL with two run-

ning backs who have two completely different styles. Parker is the speedy slasher. When the Steelers need a big play they go to him. Bettis is the bulldozer who is guaranteed to get the short yardage first downs. This means that their running game is never tired and is always an option.

The Steelers also have the intangibles like a defense that is filled with playmakers such as Troy Polamalu, Joey Porter and James Farrior. They also have the ability to pull out one trick play a game, so don't be surprised if you see something odd.

Ben Roethlisberger is 26-4 in his career as a starter and the Steelers have all the momentum in the world with seven consecutive wins. I never thought I would see a No. 6 seed beat a No. 1 seed in the Super Bowl, but it is going to happen on February 5 when the Steelers win 31-24.

Comments throughout the semester can be sent to Sando026@csusm.edu.

BY LAWRENCE DURBIN  
Special to The Pride

Although the NFC champions, No. 1 seeded Seahawks, are coming in as 4 point underdogs to the AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers, I wouldn't count them out just yet. This team which is coming into its first Super bowl appearance in franchise history with a 15-3 record, has a few advantages against the favored Steelers.

Mike Holmgren, their coach, is a veteran when it comes to the Super bowl scene; he took the 1998 Green Bay Packers to Super bowl XXXI and beat the New England Patriots 35-21. Steelers' head coach Bill Cowher can't say that he has ever tasted Super bowl victory.

At the helm of the Seahawks offense is Matt Hasselbeck, a 7<sup>th</sup> year quarterback out of Boston College with a completion percentage of 66.7 this year. Hasselbeck has accounted for 25 touchdowns this year. Behind Hasselbeck will be the always dangerous Shaun Alexander, who coming into this game has accounted for 1880 of the Seahawks rushing yards this season, which is the highest in the NFL. He also scored 27 touchdowns. Hasselbeck and Alexander aren't the only threats on this already amazing offense; they are assisted by Wide Receivers Joe Jurevicius,

an eight year veteran out of Penn State, and also Seneca Wallace, a third year veteran out of Iowa State, with an average of almost seven yards per reception.

One of the major questions for this team is how they are going to stand up against the Steelers' defensive line. The answer is the o-line leader, Robbie Tobeck, who along with being an outstanding center was recognized for his talent by being added to the Pro bowl roster. All of this would mean nothing without the support of their outstanding defense which has been lead by the 5'11", 238 pound rookie from Southern California, Lofa Tatupu, who coming into the Super bowl has four sacks, nineteen assists, eighty-five tackles and a partridge and a pear tree. This guy has got everything that a defensive coordinator could ask for, and he is only a rookie, and by the way, will also be taking a trip to Honolulu for this year's Pro bowl.

What I just can't get over is that this team came into the post season with the number one record in the NFC and now they are the underdogs. Nevertheless, this year's Super bowl is really starting to show all the signs of a great game. Both teams are relatively healthy and ready to take home that beautiful trophy and all the bragging rights that come with it. I am sure it is easy to tell who my money will be on: 24-17 Seattle.

## CSUSM Spring sports preview

BY ERIN YOUNG  
Pride Staff Writer

With spring sports gearing up, our coaches and athletes are hard at work training for what looks like a promising season for Cal State San Marcos.

Men's golf ranked third in the country, and women's in the top 10. They are expected to qualify for nationals and bring home a taste of victory.

Track and field has higher expectations for their soon to be All Americans this spring, but with sending eight athletes to nationals in 2005, it's going to be hard to beat.

"We're very excited for Spring 2006, our teams will do well and I'm sure exceed all of our expectations," said Dr. Nichols, athletic director of Cal State San Marcos.

Spring 2006 is looking good, and with four new teams on the rise for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, our athletics at Cal State San Marcos are finally coming around.

Men and women's soccer, starting in Fall, both coached by Ron Pulvers, is an exciting new addition for CSUSM. Coach Pulvers was at Baker University in Kansas where he coached soccer for 10 years and built an impressive coach's resume.

Baseball, starting in Spring 2007, is coached by Dennis Pugh. Coach Pugh has several state championships under his belt and is gracing us with his presence after coaching for Mission Bay High School.

Jennifer Mioo is the head coach for CSUSM's softball, starting in spring 2007. She has her master's degree in academic counseling and has already recruited a full set of players.

"It's an exciting time for Cal State San Marcos as we build and add new sports and amazing coaches to our lineup," said Dr. Nichols.

## Intramural league prepares to put three-on-three

BY NATASHA HECKENDORN  
Pride Staff Writer

Three-on-three intramural basketball is now available to all Cal State San Marcos students, regardless of skill level.

Any student with Friday afternoons available and a pair of tennis shoes can sign up either as a single player or as a team of three. Separated only by gender, teams will compete three on three for the intramural championship.

Students can sign up for intramural basketball during office hours at the intramural office located in "the Clarke". The cost is \$15 per team, which

breaks down to \$5 per player.

Each team must have a captain who is required to attend a captain's meeting on January 30 or 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The \$15 fee will be payable at that time. Games will take place every Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m. starting February 3.

Diane Nematbakhsh, director of intramurals, expects to have ten teams signed up by February 3. So far, seven teams have already been formed.

The benefit of intramurals extends beyond alternative

exercise. A lot of students like to participate in sports, but are reluctant to join a school team because they are so demanding on the student's time. However, organizing a basketball game with friends can be challenging, especially when so many students work. Intramurals allow students to get together and play a sport in a fun, relaxing environment. There is no organized practice and there's no pressure to win.

"It's a great way to hang out with friends on Friday and do something fun," said Nemat-

bakhsh.

Getting exercise doesn't have to involve a boring treadmill and fun with friends doesn't have to involve drinking. Participating in intramurals is a fun alternative to doing sets at the gym or playing video games with friends. Even students who have never played basketball can come out and try something different.

"It's a great way to meet new people," said Nematbakhsh. If interested, please call 760.750.6010 or email nemat002@csusm.edu.

## Making Waves in 2006

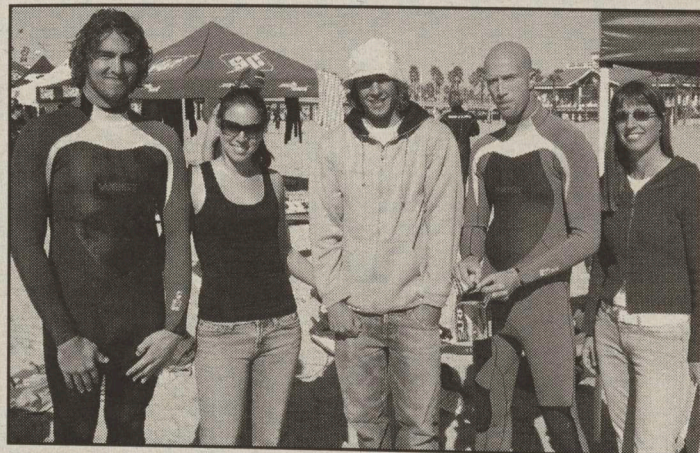
BY HEATHER M. ZEMAN  
Special to The Pride

Taking tenth at the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) National Championship last June only got the men and women of CSUSM's surf team itching to get back in the water for the 2005-2006 season. The top ten was great, but according to captain Jeremy Cannon, "The top five, and eventually the top three, is where I'd really like to see Cal State, and we have the potential to do so."

The veteran surfers on the team were ready to get tryouts underway this fall. With the loss of three valuable surfers due to graduation, injury and other circumstances, the team

was stoked to pick up four equally valuable and competitive surfers this year.

On January 16, the men and women that made up CSUSM's A and B teams met up at the Huntington Beach Pier to go against 24 other schools at the second event of the season. Points are accumulated by each surfer that advances to the next round. Jeremy Cannon earned 17 points for the A team after advancing to the quarterfinals. Third year veteran Sean Hastings also racked up some points by making it into the third heat. The B team's Erin Lewis earned 12 points and a third place finish in the women's final. The day ended in the CSUSM A team taking



seventh place and the B team taking 20<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the surfers on the team have had practice competing in other contests such as the Volcom and Matix/Sun Diego Pro/Ams. Jeremy Cannon explained, "When you are surfing for money it's important to make more rounds. This creates an incen-

tive to surf more conservatively in order to continue advancing." With the college teams, the surfers have more of an incentive to go all out in every heat because gathering points is the main focus. The surf team's next event will be held in Carlsbad on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.



# Letter to the Editor: Where have all the whiskers gone?

Since classes started back up, I've been on campus a week now and have yet to see any of them. I suspect there are still a few around, but I know in my heart that many have died, probably having been poisoned. I know this because I bore witness to one death at the end of last semester. I find it odd, upon reflection, that those responsible for the "regulation" would start the "process" before classes were actually out. I mean, why would they want there

to be any witnesses? Perhaps they just miscalculated. Those of you reading this are probably wondering, 'what the heck?'

Fellow student, have you noticed that the "whiskers," A.K.A. native cottontail rabbits, are... a bit, oh, shall we say, absent... okay, how about lesser in number than they were last semester? Do you think this is because the local coyotes came in during winter break and thinned them out? Did you ever give it any thought at all? Ah, now

you're curious (I hope). I can't say with certainty, so I'm not going to, but I suspect that the campus facilities staff is tasked with "keeping the numbers down."

Last semester I saw a cottontail sitting hunched up in the shade of a pillar in mid-day (not normal behavior), and I knew something was wrong with him. Sadly, I was right, and when I came out from class he was dead. I suspect there were few (students) that saw him, and even less still that wondered

what he was doing there, sitting beside a busy walkway. But I saw him, and I recognized his pain, and it tore at my heart to be powerless to help him. If it had been a kitten, or perhaps a Labrador puppy, or a red-tailed hawk, or a coyote... how many more would have noticed?

The "management" of native wildlife goes far beyond the borders of our campus community. Our attitudes toward those animals and things that we don't under-

stand or appreciate causes misunderstanding, pain, and suffering. Look around you, what's going on? Are there teens setting cats on fire for fun, maybe next week they'll be taking rifles into classes. The animals in the lab, what are they really going through? My question is, "Where have all the whiskers gone?" What's yours?

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## Robbins Report: Is 'Big Brother' listening?

BY JASON ROBBINS  
Special to The Pride

I'd like to forgive the Women's Studies Department for not addressing the concerns that I raised in my first column. They must have been out shelling human decency in the War on Embryos.

Too harsh you say? Hey, I love freedom too.

On the subject of freedom, the Justice Department recently subpoenaed the internet search engine company Google, Inc. to relinquish data about the search queries its users made over a two month period of 2005. The subpoena is related to the Department's attempt to appeal the Supreme Court's injunction on the Child Online Protection Act (COPA). Said act penalizes website opera-

tors who allow minors to view pornography.

Google's response: Take a hike. My response: Bravo.

Let's accept the Supreme Court's ruling that "COPA was not the least restrictive means available for the Government to serve the interest of preventing minors from using the Internet to gain access to harmful materials." I'm sure ya'll understand that the government cannot deny a fundamental right unless it proves that (a.) the policy/law is related to some compelling state interest and that (b.) there aren't less restrictive means.

While the Supreme Court might have been right in ruling that COPA fails the aforesaid test, I struggle with a notion that the Court, the federal government, and probably even Google, all accept: the notion

that preventing minors from using the internet for pornography is a compelling state interest (which would justify restricting freedom of speech/expression on the net).

I understand that the federal government has a right to regulate commerce and a legitimate concern for decency and innocence, but it seems that preventing minors from watching dirty love on a computer is more of a compelling parental interest.

Wouldn't most people agree that proper parenting is the best solution to the internet porn bug? If that is the case, should compelling interests be deemed compelling when the efficacy of government action is second-rate?

I applaud Google for its refusal to cooperate, for I believe that the benefits of protecting privacy are

more significant than the costs of slowing the government's intrusive attempt to accomplish something that parents are more responsible and prepared for themselves.

Chew on that idea. I could be wrong.

In an effort to further explore the status of freedom in America, here's my take on the NSA's warrantless wiretapping program.

The Top 3 List: Things I would say/do if I knew the NSA was wiretapping my phone line.

#3 "Hey Mr. NSA man, I know that you're listening. Why don't you come on over and bake my cake baby...my yellow cake ura-

nium that is.

#2 "I was like so embarrassed last night. After we finished eating, IRAN and IRAN and IRAN all the way home from that restaurant, for I was seeping lethal gas and really had to drop some explosive stuff.

That's disgusting. Can I get a drum roll anyway?

#1 (Holding telephone receiver up to a stereo playing 50 Cent) "I'mma ride with my rap shit and my body armor, Ride like a Taliban suicide bomber, Four five six feet, I off ya feet, I kill ya with a pillow when you fall asleep." What now!

P.S. Keep the feedback coming!

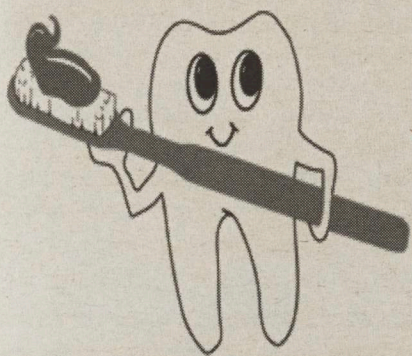
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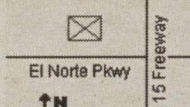
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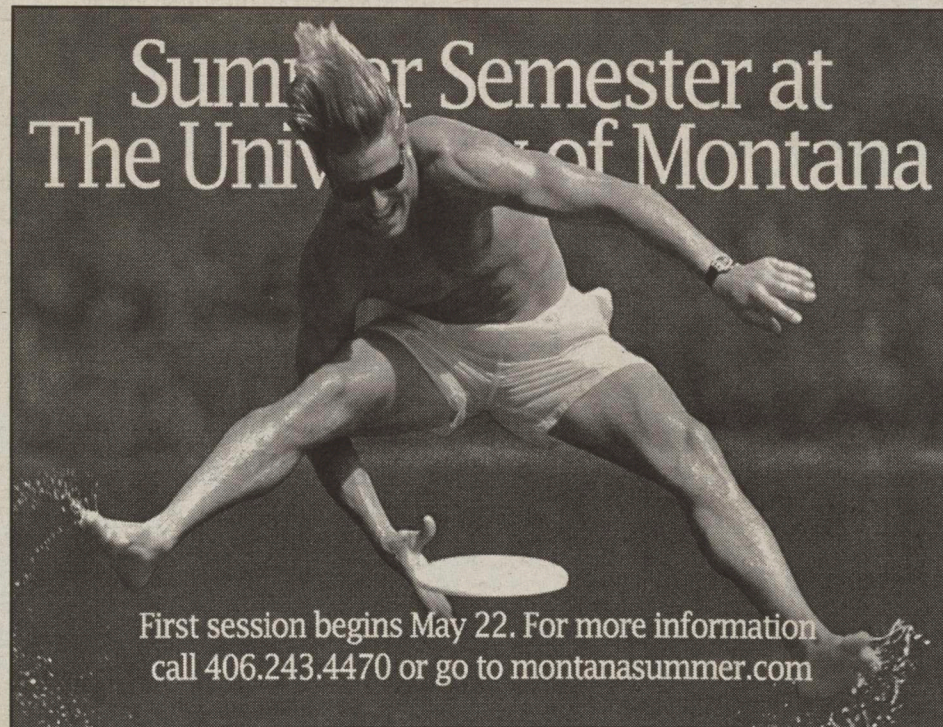
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# Forget what you think, and see Brokeback Mountain



BY DAVID GATLEY  
Pride Staff Writer

Chances are I don't need to say anything about this movie. A review of Brokeback Mountain is more or less completely irrelevant in any assistance for formulating your opinion. When it comes to controversial movies like this, most everyone knows whether or not they will enjoy the movie before they even see it, if they ever in fact do. But, this movie has already won 4 Golden Globe awards, including best dramatic motion picture, so maybe it's worth giving it a fair chance.

So let's cut to the chase already. Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) are two cowboys in the sixties herding sheep across the dramatic expanses of the Wyoming landscape. After finishing the summer's job, Jack and Ennis return to their normal

lives. The two men get married, have children and move to opposite ends of the country. For the next twenty years, the two keep in touch and manage to see each other a few times a year, catching up on their separate lives. Roll credits. Oh yeah, I almost forgot, the two men find their soulmates in each other and fall passionately in love. Although living straight men's lives when not on Brokeback Mountain, the two seal their love for one another from all those around them. That one summer's job back in the sixties unveiled an undeniable connection between the two, forever changing the two men.

The story weaves in and out of the struggles with keeping a secret passion for an outlawed love from the world, all while living an "acceptable" life back home. The infamous tent love scene was acted out in the first fifteen minutes of the movie and left a rigid stiffness with most

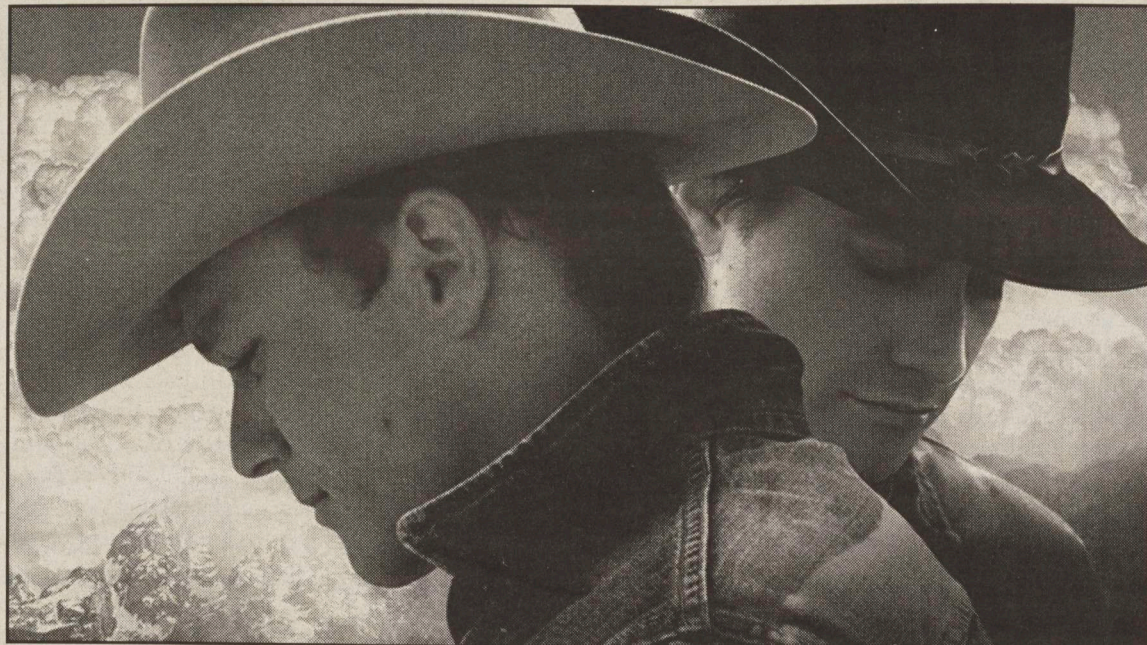


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of the shocked audience. However, as the story progresses and the two cowboys find themselves more comfortable with one another, the love story evolves and becomes far more realistic and understandable. Naturally, as a critic, it is easy for me to pick apart lovers on screen relationships or the lack thereof, however as the awards indicate, Ledger and Gyllenhaal capture the emotion undeniably.

The entire movie pitted the stark contrast of the expected stoic, heterosexual cowboy with

the soft, emotional, gay one. The differences between the majestic beauty of Brokeback Mountain and the relative yawn of a town both men would eventually return to also polarized the two lifestyles; even the drastic difference from the love the men shared with each other and the relative duty they served to their wives. Every single aspect of the movie was in opposition to something else, and the two main characters find themselves constantly in the middle of their competing worlds; not allowed to

love each other but unable to turn their backs from it.

Best Dramatic Picture, Best Actor, Best Motion Picture, and Best Screenplay, the awards speak for themselves. Guys and girls, men and women, straight couples and gay couples should find this movie at the least moving, and at the most, as one of the best movies of the year. I give Brokeback Mountain 4 paws out of 5. It's a wonderfully acted movie, both visually and emotionally stunning to anyone who sees it.



Photo By Amanda Keeley / The Pride

## How To ... Destroy your denim

BY AMANDA KEELEY  
Pride Staff Writer

Destroyed denim is definitely a hot look, but to achieve the distressed appearance, you either have to wear your jeans out and let them naturally wear or you have to buy them that way. But to actually wait for your denim to wear and tear takes way too long and most clothing stores don't even carry destroyed denim. So, even if you find the right store and your size, it can dent your

wallet up to 80 or 100 dollars.

Well, good news. There's an easy and quick way to get this great damaged look with the jeans you already have at home.

First step: pre-wash your jeans in a washing machine along with fabric softener, old tennis shoes and a towel. This helps to soften the denim so it is easier to destroy.

Second step: mix one part bleach with two parts water. This solution will be used to make the worn, faded look.

Third step: put jeans on and sit down and use the bleach solution

to dab on the scrunched up areas of the jeans and other places jeans would fade naturally, for example, the back pockets and knee area.

Forth step: take sand paper and rub on knee area and hemlines. Sand for about 20 minutes, depending on how faded you want your jeans to look.

Fifth step: take a utility knife and cut two straight horizontal cuts about two to four inches apart. Now slide your hand behind the denim you just cut. Sandpaper the strip of denim you created until you start to

see tiny holes and white cords. Separate the white cords with your fingernails, but be careful you don't want to rip the cords. For an extra destroyed look, take a cheese grater and rub around the main holes you created for a unique look.

Sixth step: if you want your jeans to look extra old and aged, soak the jeans in coffee over night.

Lastly, put the jeans in the dryer on high. Feel free to add any special touches like paint splatter or grease smudges. Remember, it's up to you: be creative.

## BEER OF THE WEEK:

### Imperial Pilsner

BY MATTHEW SCHRAMM  
Pride Staff Writer

While Samuel Adams is far from an unknown beer, anyone familiar with the seasonal brews put forth by Sam Adams knows that they produce many lesser-known yet exceptional beers. The limited edition Imperial Pilsner is one lesser-known beer by Samuel Adams that you might want to get your hands on while supplies last.

Brewed as a special Fall 2005, limitedly produced beer, the Pil-

sner was brewed with large quantities of Hallertau hops from Bavaria in Germany. Featuring a dark golden-brown color and cloudy complexion, the Imperial Pilsner is a unique tasting treat that may not agree with all palates due to its strong flavor. Yet, those who do not mind the bitterness and citrus produced by the extremely large quantity of hops obviously used in this brew, will appreciate the richness of flavor and smooth, almost creamy, texture of this beer.

Bottled in pint and 8 oz bottles, instead of the usual 12 oz bottles

used with most beers, a large bottle of Imperial Pilsner with a light meal or dessert is a great end to a night. Plus the large quantities of hops present in the Pilsner will ensure a goodnight's sleep for those lucky enough to find a bottle. While a limited edition beer, released for last fall only, some stores still have a few bottles left on the shelves for those who might have missed the Imperial Pilsner last year. A strong-flavored and unique beer, the Imperial Pilsner is worth the search and a taste before it disappears for good.

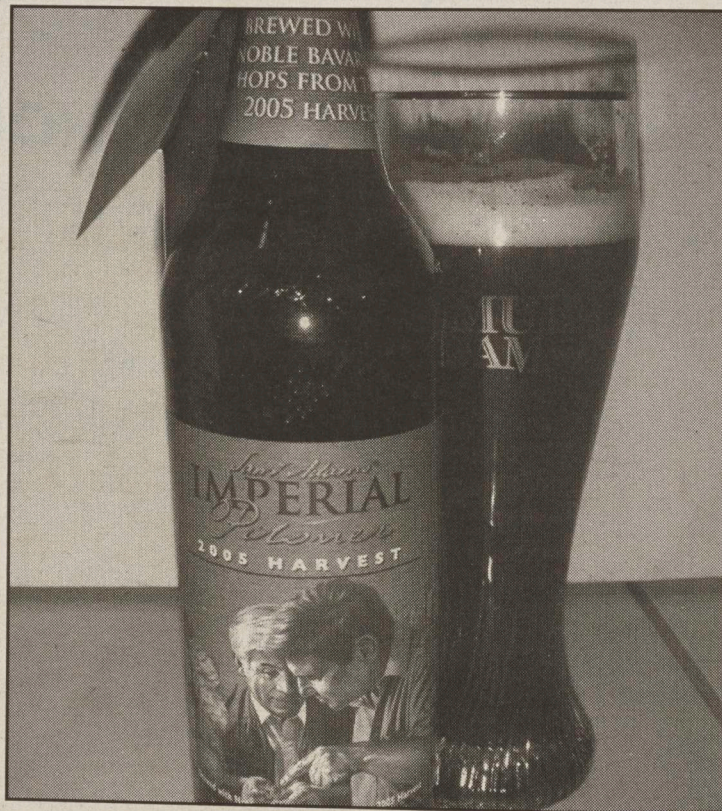


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