

WELCOME BACK COUGARS!

Kellogg Library open for Spring 2004, Starbucks included



CSUSM students will be able to enjoy a new library for a new semester.

Photo by Elizabeth Baldwin/The Pride

EDITORIAL

Actions are louder

My education fees cost me \$2,709 this semester and my parking fee cost \$158; why?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used his authority to strip \$23.7 million from the CSU for this Spring 04' semester. He proposes to cut 9 percent of the CSU's funds for the 04-05 school year.

What does this mean for the CSU?

Our student fees raised 40 percent within a year — outstanding. It means that EOPS and outreach programs will cease to exist for a year or longer. It means that that the CSU can't grow. It means that teachers lost their jobs and students' education must suffer.

Blame the electricity crisis and Gray Davis, blame it on Schwarzenegger and his cuts, blame the economy, the deficit.

The point is, with California \$22 billion in the hole, Schwarzenegger had to do

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By Jon Rodley
Pride Editor

Five massive levels of library are available to students for the first time today as the Kellogg Library opens to the community after nearly three years of construction.

With its groundbreaking ceremony in April of 2001, construction workers built the building from a dirt lot into the 200,000 square foot library that it is today.

The Kellogg Library boasts a 100-seat open computer lab, 35 meeting rooms, 1,500 study stations, and 1,200 internet connections.

Kellogg Library hours:

8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday thru Thurs.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday

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Website:

<http://library.csusm.edu/>

Starbucks, near the main entrance to the library, also opens to students with a variety of coffees and offers outdoor seating as well.

Students can drink beverages in the library, however, food is not permitted.

Editor's helpful tips

The Pride would like to welcome back all returning students, faculty, staff, administration, and new students.

As the beginning of a new semester always seems to involve a lot of running around, here are few essential tips for new students and helpful reminders for returning students.

If you are going to crash a class be sure to arrive at least five minutes before the start of class and bring your own add/drop slip for the professor to sign.

The add/drop period is Jan. 21 –

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CSU student employees form a union

By Elizabeth Baldwin
Pride Editor

The California Alliance of Academic Student Employees (CAASE), which includes teaching associates, graduate assistants, tutors, and graders in the CSU system, has filed a petition with the California Public Relations Board to be recognized as a union.

The CAASE has teamed up with

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Up to 235 dorm students must leave the UVA for new freshmen

By Adrian Cundiff
Pride Staff Writer

The University Village Apartments (UVA) recently posted the reapplication process for students who live in the dorms, which may leave them out in the cold for the 2004/2005 school year.

The reapplication process will include a lottery drawing of names that will guarantee rooms for only 125 students out of 460 currently living there. Other students who did not win the lottery and want to continue living in the UVA are

going to have to wait till May 1 to find out if they will have a place to live the next school year.

According to Director of the UVA Heather Singer, "Priority is being given to transfer students as opposed to freshman." Currently, there are 82 percent freshmen living in the dorms. She said that the next year there will be 55 percent freshmen living in the dorms giving it a different atmosphere.

The lottery drawing has stirred up mixed reactions amongst students who currently live in the dorms.

Although business major Lupe Soto is not going to be affected by the lottery drawing he is not buying into the lottery drawing. According to Soto, "Students that live here should have priority." Priority should also be given to students that apply to live at the UVA early.

Freshman Michelle Lansinger does not agree. Although she is not going to be affected by the lottery drawing since she is not going to reapply next semester she thinks that the plan is fair since it gives students the opportunity to stay at the UVA.

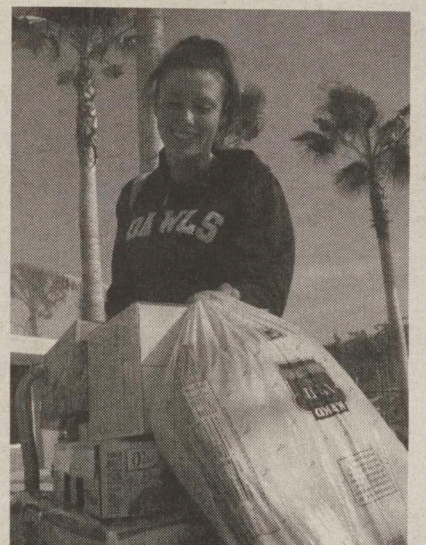


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Ashley Kaku loads up on groceries for her dorm room Monday before school starts. She and up to 235 other residents may be forced to leave the University Village Apartment this summer for incoming freshmen.

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something.

It's not right, but something can be done about it.

I read in the New York Times that British students and German students alike are experiencing the same issues.

Get this, in Germany, college students have been striking for over a month because of proposed cuts in their university funding.

So earlier this month when Chancellor Gerhard Schröder (Germany's president) went to request that the 2012 Olympics take place in Germany, 4,000 college students protested. The protest got rowdy and about 300 students chased Schröder out of a building so he couldn't sign the papers. They chanted, "First education, then games."

What can we do as students to improve our education, granted the situation?

The CSU recommends we go to a website to contact legislators and voice our opinions. The website is www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html.

There's got to be more though. The Pride challenges Cal State students to send in letters about their own solutions to our education woes. Come to The Pride office at Commons 201 to get a leg up on what's happening with the CSU.

Let's show the rest of the world how we handle our own.

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Feb. 3. Make sure to turn in your add/drop slips to the Registration and Records office located at Craven 5115. Also, do not assume if you are a no-show in class that the professor will drop you, although some will.

Purchase text books as soon as possible. Yes, this will mean standing in a long line at the bookstore, but if you wait until everyone else has bought their books, you might end up with nothing available.

Photo I.D. cards and parking permits are available from Parking Services located at FCB 107. CSUSM I.D. cards are \$5.00 and parking permits are \$158.00. University Police will be out ticketing all vehicles that do not have a permit displayed.

Good luck!

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United Auto Workers (UAW) to help with labor issues and collective bargaining. The UAW represents more than 11,000 ASEs in the University of California system.

There are currently 5,300 Academic Student Employees (ASE) employed in the CSU system.

"We're excited to be joining the labor movement and organizing with the UAW because of its long progressive tradition and expertise in collective bargaining with Universities," said Anand Gopal, chemistry TA and graduate student at San Diego State University.

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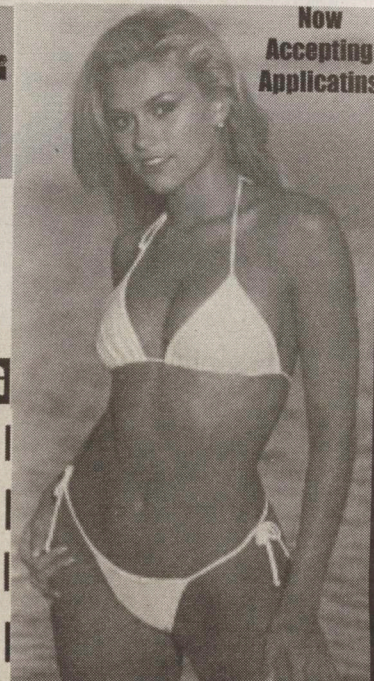
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OMBUDSMAN'S NOTES

By MICHAEL DOLAN
Pride Ombudsman

There is an air of excitement surrounding Cal State San Marcos as classes begin for the spring 2004 semester, but all is not well. However, before we get into the ugliness of the new uncertainty, I would like to welcome back all of you who are returning for another semester on our hill.

For those who are joining us for the first time this semester, welcome and do not be intimidated. It is my understanding from some of the new students that I have spoke to that the orientation process was less than reassuring. To that I say relax,

but also prepare. The first semester here is by far the worst for it is both demanding and gut wrenching. I would suggest to all you first timers not to get discouraged: it will get easier with time.

For those who are not familiar with the position of ombudsman, I will give you a quick background. I write for the paper as a student like all the other Pride reporters, photographers and editors. What the ombudsman does precisely is provide a liaison for the readers to sift through and respond complaints and criticisms regarding the articles in The Pride. Therefore,

I encourage readers to e-mail me with their thoughts or condemnations for The Pride, to which I respond independently based solely on the validity of the claim. In other words, the ombudsman is like the conscience of The Pride.

As for the new uncertainty, that could be the slogan for the future of the CSU system. Certainly changes are in our future with the proposals made by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. These changes are at the best uncertain and at the worst will resonate grimly through the halls of our campus from class cancellations and

overcrowded classrooms to the elimination of programs and services for the students. The student population must voice their opinion on the proposed fee hikes and budget cuts to the CSU for this is a matter that cannot be thrown to the side.

Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal will be a constant theme throughout the semester, please e-mail me and let me know your thoughts on his ideas. Also, e-mail me your thoughts on this edition of The Pride. My e-mail address is dolan005@csusm.edu

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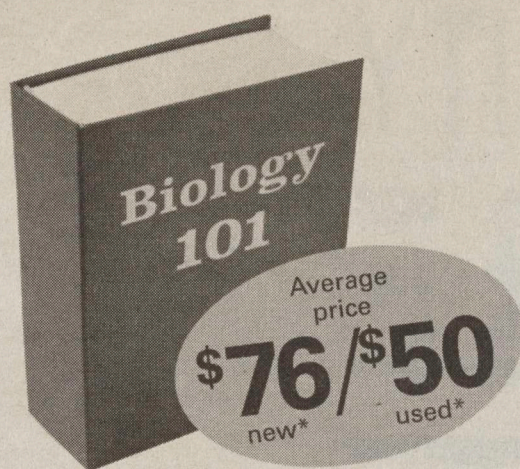
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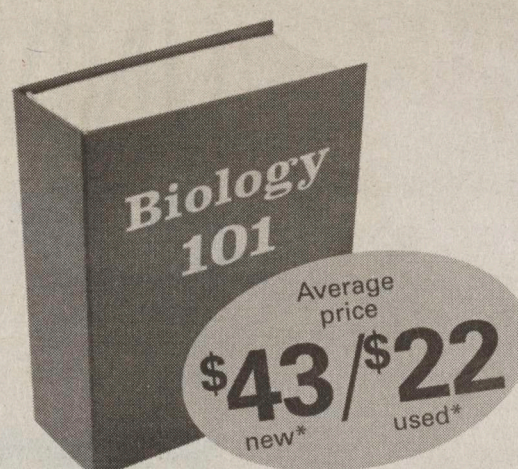
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