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Vomen's and ethnic studies lack needed support

By NICOLE SULLIVAN Pride Staff Writer

Currently, the women's studies department has only two full time staff members and is the only major lacking an administrative assistant. The ethnic studies department has even less support; there is no budget staff

a minor.

"It's not accidental, it's historical," said Dr. Linda Pershing, associate professor, women's studies. "The student and faculty population based on 2002's enrollment is 63 percent of the students enrolled in classes

were from diverse backgrounds."

Dr. Pershing was the first full-time staff and that she cannot run the whole thing on hired for the women's studies department her back and put in 80 hours a week. in 2001. This was one of the first majors "We want to recruit faculty that can offered at CSUSM and was started by Joan draw from other majors and women's Gunderson back in 1983.

or clerical support, and it is offered only as were women. One-third of those students Dr. Pershing had to step down from chair of her department. She said it was an overload

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Whiteness forum to look at what is 'white'

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF Pride Staff Writer

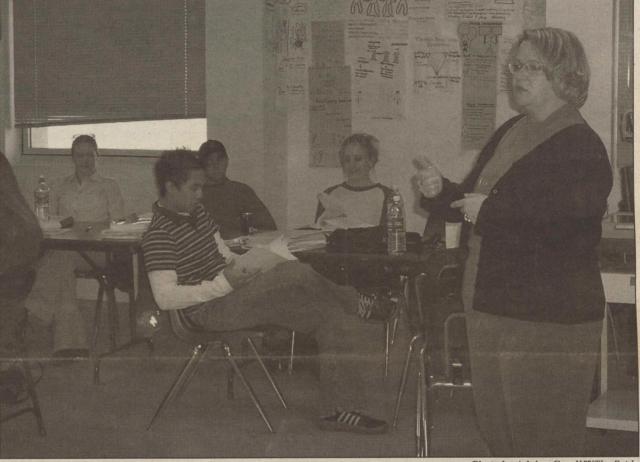
Students from Communications 450, Communications Whiteness courses, and Professor of communications Dr. Dreama Moon, are organizing the first ever "Whiteness Forum" at Cal State San Marcos scheduled for this Thursday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Mezzanine Plaza.

"The forum's purpose is to encourage people to learn about what 'whiteness' is and to think of it more politically," Moon said.

"We are not trying to be preachy but educational," Moon said. "Whiteness itself is not a problem; it's the invisibility of whiteness that is a problem."

Moon often asks her students at the beginning of each semester what culture they are from. According to Moon,

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Dr. Dreama Moon lectures to students in her communication class. Dr. Moon, students from her communications courses and student organizations on campus will be examining the idea of 'whiteness' at a forum this Thursday.

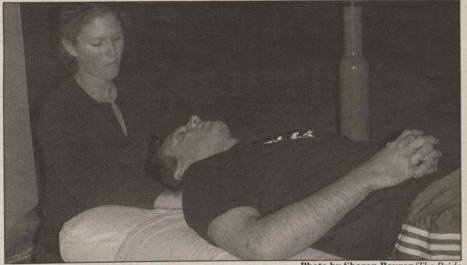


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Katie Hanft gives Bryan Meathe a massage, Dec. 2. Massages were one activity offered to students to relieve stress

De-stress activities offered to students

By SHARON BAYRON

Pride Staff Writer

Finals week presents a brutal workload and a significant amount of stress for most students. While the work, tests and cramming are unavoidable, there are a few easy, yet effective ways to alleviate the stress that comes along

with this crucial time of the semester. Last week, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) hosted a series of relaxing, fun activities to ease students into the strenuous week of finals ahead. The "Exam Cram Stress Free Week" provided students

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Campus reactions to online schedules

By MARK PERRERA Pride Staff Writer

As the university continues to grow, the number of changes regarding the way of life here at CSUSM, continue to grow simultaneously. A major change this semester was the class schedule, which is now only offered online.

Hard copies were sold for a fee in previous semesters, whereas the schedule is

With the schedule only being online, it offers working students the opportunity to log in from the comfort of their homes and sign up for their classes, said Andres Favela, director of general advising services. This saves students time and revenues because now they are not traveling from home or work to go to the campus to sign up for classes.

"Students appreciate that the informa-

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Photo by Jon Rodley/The Pride

"I think it's normal I guess, easier," said Beth Rice, communications senior, as she registered online for classes for the spring '04 semester. She was having difficulties with the server; "it's not letting me get on," said Rice.

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Committees in need of student representatives

By ALEX ROSALINO Pride Staff Writer

Both the Educational Council Effectiveness (EEC) and the Institutional Capacity Council (ICC) how millions oversee of dollars are budgeted CSUSM. Both councils are short two student representatives.

"Students need be pushed to join the committees and stay them," John said Gehris, executive vice president of Associate Students, (ASI). Inc

The opportunity is out there for students, Gehris said, it is just a matter of stepping up to the plate.

Joining a committee is a worthwhile experience for students. Students involved in committees whether, oversee for example, \$1million budgeted toward project he or she believes is important to the benefit of students.

In addition to directing monies to the student cause, it will also enhance the student representatives' resume. This sort of involvement shows that the student was involved in making decisive actions through school committee.

The EEC's main objective is to gather and publish data on the best practices in student learning outcomes. The

council assists faculty in helping improve student learning, gauging campus efforts and guiding the university planning council on self-study. Student representatives working on this committee would be involved with many representatives of the faculty and administration.

The other committee lacking student two representatives is the Institutional Capacity Council. The council's focus is to publish, via website, information on practices relating to institutional capacity and create a student centered learning environment. This council is made up of two representatives for Finance and Administrative Services, Student Affairs, External Affairs, Academic Affairs and Director of Budget Office.

Students interested in joining committees can find contact information advertising through published in "In-the-Loop."

Institutional Capacity Council meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the President's Board Room.

The Educational Effectiveness Council meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 9 a.m. in the President's Board Room.

Students interested committees joining ASI. can contact

SPRINTER set to rail 2005

possible future alternative to CSUSM parking passes

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF Pride Staff Writer

North San Diego County Transit District (NCTD) is working on a \$351.5 million plan that may uncertainties facing many students in regard to whether they will have a parking space at Cal State San Marcos or not.

NCTD has been planning to connect Oceanside to Escondido with a light rail line since 1986, but the plan has been brewing in the bureaucratic coffeepot ever since. Only recently did the federal government give NCTD a grant of \$152 million to commence the project.

Currently, there is no parking structure for students at Cal State San Marcos. Rather than paying \$158 for a parking permit, some students have been opting to park off-campus, uncertain if they will be ticketed or towed. This uncertainty may be more cost-effective in the long run, depending only on these students not being ticketed or towed.

Students at CSUSM who look around campus may come to the conclusion that most of the buildings they see are named after private donors who financed them. However, it is very unlikely that the parking structure that is being financed by the students will be named after them.

The pending project will give future students at CSUSM a choice between financing parking structures and paying for a bus pass. Jamone Moore, senior, psychology, said, "I think it's good

as long as there's a student discount; parking is ridiculous."

Currently, San Diego Mass Transit System charges students that go to SDSU \$108 for the semester pass and \$65 for UCSD students, both of which are good for unlimited use.

According to NCTD spokesman Tom Kelleher, NCTD is trying to create a student discount similar to that in the San Diego transit system.

"We are currently doing a fare study and are looking at a semester pass for students," Kelleher said.

NCTD formally gave the light rail line the name "Sprinter" last February, for its energetic starts and smooth stops.

According to NCTD, the Sprinter will connect the Coaster, Amtrak, NCTD's bus service, the BREEZE, Mira Costa College, Palomar College and Cal State San Marcos at La Moree Road. This has the potential to reduce traffic by putting thousands of people on mass transportation.

The Sprinter is expected to carry as many as 12,000 people by the end of the first year. That number is expected to grow, as people become more dependent on mass transportation.

NCTD explains that by creating a more efficient means of mass transportation, pollution will in turn subside. No overhead lines are needed for the Sprinter as it is powered by a low emission high-tech diesel engine.

The groundbreaking ceremony has been delayed a couple of months, but the actual date of completion has not. According to Kelleher, the rail line is to be completed by the end of 2005.

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more often than not, white people respond by saying that they don't think they belong to a culture.

Even though white people do not believe they have a culture, it has been the standard in which we operate, said Honey Folk, president of Associated Students, Inc., and participant in the forum.

"Everything about being an American is synonymous with being white. It is all connected to whiteness," Folk said.

According to Folk, the projects each group is doing "cannot be strictly celebratory; we have to look at whiteness under a critical eye."

Looking at whiteness critically will be the focus of each group in the class. Some of the projects are game-based. The names of some of the projects include: "Whiteness Keno," "American Pie" and

"Whiteness Christmas." The projects will directly reflect what is being taught in COMM 450, which focuses on teaching the

whiteness phenomena.

"I believe this forum will persuade students," said participant Laceita Armstead. "Having a open mind on perspectives of whiteness, and create a sense of worth for everyone to learn something new about the subject."

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with plenty of events to keep their minds off of studying.

While a little anxiety is natural for most students during finals, there are different levels of stress that can be considered.

Cathy Nguyen, health educator for student health services, emphasized importance of assessing stress.

"If a person's health starts to deteriorate as a direct result of stress, then the person should contact a physician immediately," Nguyen said. "Panic attacks or pains related to stress should be handled by a medical professional either on campus or elsewhere."

ASI Coordinator of Student Programs Laurence Bolotin said, "We just wanted the students to feel at ease." ASI offered back massages, a karaoke session, snacks, and broomball at the Ice-O-Plex last week, all of

For \$10, students were stress," able to snow tube at Big Bear Mountain on Saturday. The said that one of the most \$10 included transportation, effective and important ways dinner, snacks, equipment, to alleviate feelings of stress is "and a whole heck of a to take a break when studying.

for students who may be to put things into perspective, feeling overwhelmed, his and also helps to maintain first tip is to stay calm. focus during study sessions.

"Don't freak out because freaking out gets you nowhere. Review your notes, stay calm, and be positive," Bolotin said. "If you're trying to cram at the last second and you haven't studied, you should definitely positive, because you're going to need it."

Nguyen said, "People feel stressed when they're overwhelmed. Meditation and breathing exercises are a great way to take focus off of whatever it is that you may feel stressed about."

"Dim some lights, close your windows and concentrate on your breathing patterns." Nguyenadded, "Aromatherapy is also a nice way to relax. Chamomile and Lavender are both calming scents."

If meditation or breathing doesn't work, then an old fashioned run or brisk walk may help to reduce tension. "Traditional exercising has which were free for students. always worked to reduce Nguyen

Both Nguyen and Bolotin lot of fun," Bolotin said. Removing yourself from the Bolotin had a few pointers situation for a moment helps

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NEWS

studies draws from all 'extra' work departments,"saidMichael compensation of the college of arts and existence. sciences. "As we grow a number of these programs disservice to the program at Cal State San Marcos." Women's and Ethnic courses studies are interdisciplinary, McDuffie said, they draw from others disciplines.

Sharon Elise, professor of sociology

because McDuffie, assistant dean I am committed to its

"At the same time this is a

will develop and that's the because the amount of exciting part about being time I have left for the program," Elise said. "After teaching my full load of courses, including large general education classes and sociology core requirements, and after other obligations to my department, is insufficient and coordinator of ethnic for the kind of planning studies said, "I coordinate and development I would the Ethnic Studies as like to commit to the

program." Pershing and other professors, faculty members and student organizations met Oct. 20 to discuss questions regarding the women's and ethnic studies departments and their relationship with the university. The Progressive Activist Network (PAN) organized the meeting.

All the parties agree the budget cuts have played a significant role in all of the department's funding.

Cheyenne Barr, president PAN said, understand that this is a low budget year for the

school and that it is only getting worse.

"This has always been response from administration the past 13 years, but there is money coming in, resources that do come into Cal State are used for whole new departments and new majors to try to get more enrollment in the next years."

Barr asks students interested in joining them in their journey to contact heratbarr022@csusm.edu. "What we truly need in order to help these departments is student support," Barr said.

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is updated and accurate," Favela said.

Prior to the switch, the hard copy was becoming obsolete, as it was printed prior to cancellation of classes, room changes and CSUSM timed changes.

Tomela Spence, sociology major, said she embraces the schedule being online because of the tedious commuting ogy, Spence said. problems she had to tolerate so she could sign up Marshall Eyerman, both for her classes.

Spence said it takes her administration

tion their working off of over an hour to drive to school and she became frustrated because she would arrive and learn that the class she needed had been cancelled.

> students Many commute school therefore it benefits that school structure to have the schedule online. It's natural for the school to keep up with technol-

Darrien Kaufman and business master's of

see the schedule being problematic or friendly, based on the individual user. Some individuals are more computer literate than others and that can make a difference on how they interpret the schedule being online.

accessed from many different servers.

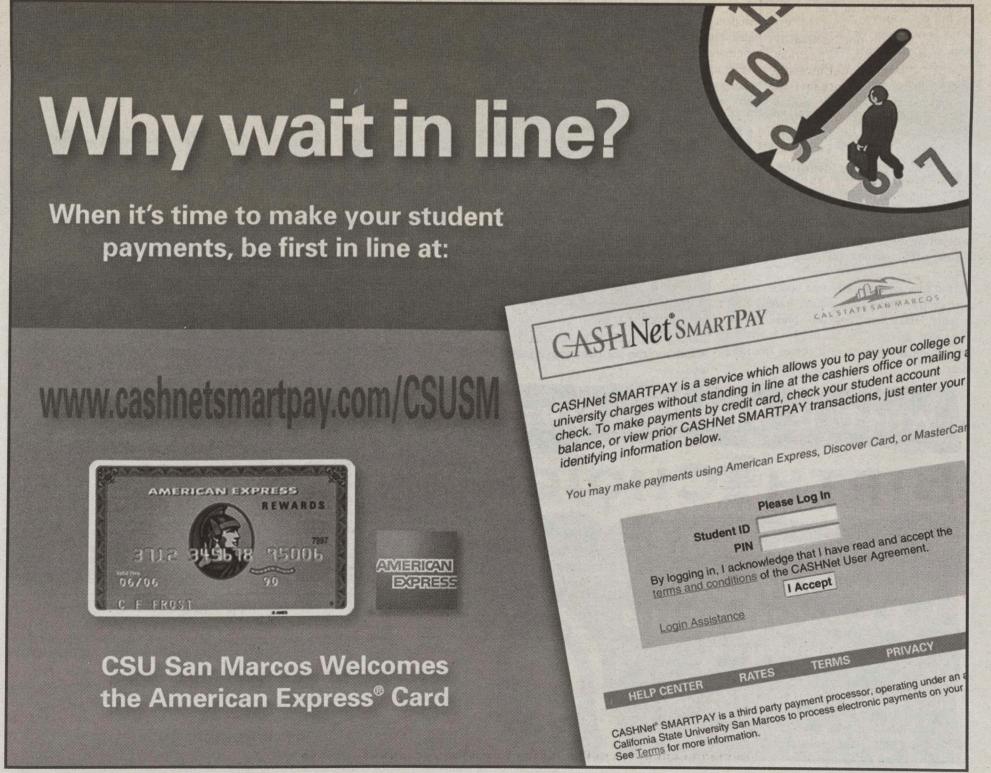
Both Kaufman and Eyerman said that the school has a duty to keep up with technology, and the online schedule represents the school meeting that responsibility.

Rhon Lyn Santos, liberal

arts major, said she prefers the online access. It's cost effective and saves her time. All she now has to do is log on from the comfort of her home and sign up.

The software is user friendly and assistance is The schedule can be available for those who need help. Santos said that in most homes there is at least one computer therefore it's an added benefit to the student to have the schedule online.

> Santos said that for her it's less frustrating and saves time and money.



Great gifts without debt

By MELISSA RODRIGUEZ Pride Staff Writer

If the spirit of the season is moving you to spread the joy around, but your funds are spread a little too thin, find inspiration in these inexpensive gift ideas.

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For the eloquent: Journals. It's the perfect gift for your angst ridden teenage sis or an artsy friend. Find these at Barnes and Noble for \$3.99 and up. Personalize by including a little poem of your own. Try a Christmas haiku with three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables:

Bowl of jell-o laugh

Happy times with all our friends

Candy canes and nog

For the smooth: Corduroy slippers. Dads, brothers, and boyfriends will love these comfy and styling slippers and for \$6.99; you can't go wrong. Get them at Price Mart in Vista.

For those about to rock: Music. Check out Lou's Records and Tapes in Encinitas. It's one of the best places in the area for used CDs and prices start at 49 cents.

For your best friend: Beers of the World. All your best friend wants for Christmas is to chill out with you and toss back a couple of cold ones. Stop by their pad with this ten pack of international brews from Cost Plus for \$9.99 or pick up an old favorite, Pabst Blue Ribbon at Food for Less for \$4.98.

For the nice: Hello Kitty. Girls of all ages love cute stuff and you can't get much cuter that Hello Kitty and friends. They got it all at the Sanrio Surprise at North County Fair. Prices start at 20 cents. Get lots.

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Don't forget the nearly free option of getting crafty. Decorate a picture frame. Knit a scarf. Bake some cookies. Make a card. Whatever gift you choose to give it will be sure to please as long as it comes from the heart.



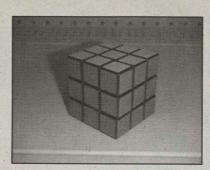
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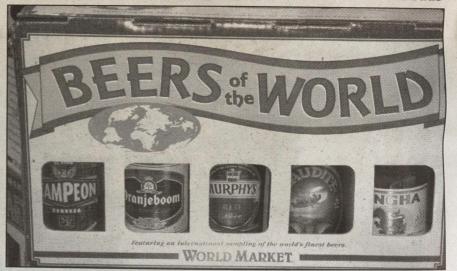


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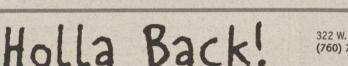


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A Day in the life: meet Audry Schenck

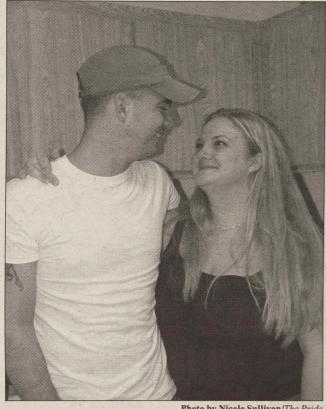


Photo by Nicole Sullivan/The Pride Audrey Schenek and her fiance hug each other.

By MICHELLE WILLS Pride Staff Writer

Meet Audrey Schenck

Meet Audrey Schenck, a 22-yearold junior, who is getting married, and loves animals. Her major is human development, though she's thinking of changing her major, because what she is really interested in is counseling. She works parttime at a veterinary hospital, the "Village Vet Hospital" in Escondido. "I really like animals. I grew up on a horse ranch." Audrey lives in Vista with her fiancé Rick White, and her two cats, Oscar, and Gracie.

Wedding Bells

married next year. "We actually just set it (the date) a week ago," June 19, 2004. "It's weird because I've known him for three years, but been engaged for like two," Schenck said. "I've always been the engaged

one, but never the bride." When asked where they met, she laughed and told me that it was a little embarrassing. "We met at The Temecula Stampede." Her friends wanted her to go. "I was dreading going. I didn't know how to country line-dance and I was like 'how geeky." While at the stampede, "he asked me to dance, and was so charming." She laughed and told me, "I fit right in at San Marcos, I'm not single." She's really excited that Christmas is coming up. "This is the first Christmas that we get to spend together. We'll get our first Christmas she gets a one hour break, and takes

Audrey's Day

Audrey and Rick plan on getting eleven fifteen. Between classes, Audrey agreed to be interviewed. When asked about her day, she said, Oscar ran around the apartment. "I hit maybe doing some reading.

snooze and yelled at him (Oscar)." He jumps on Audrey every morning. "I was watching a client's cat. It needs medicine two times a day." She was running late. "It takes half an hour (to get ready). I'm usually late. I'll be late to my own funeral! I think I can get dressed and out of there in an hour, but that never happens. Something always happens, like I can't find a shoe or whatever." On her way to school, "I ran into a lot of traffic and parked in the boonies!"

Her first class was linguistics, then a class called Human Impact On The Environment. When asked about that It was Monday morning around class, she told me "It's interesting; I'm kind of a nature girl, so it's great to see how humans have an impact on the environment, and what effects "I'm not a morning person. I was they have." After school, Audrey tired." After she woke up, she had to plans on going home, sitting on the hit the snooze button, and then her cat couch, and watching some TV, and

Student voices

What are you doing during your semester break?



'I'm going home for Christmas, then to Vegas fo New Year's. Then I'm just going to relax because this semester has been so crazy.'

Amy Torres senior history



"Spending time with the family, (then) sex, drugs, and rock n' roll all (the) other time.

Oscar Hernandez, communication



"My semester break is really long! I graduate in December. My only plans are to travel, relax and enjoy not being in school."

Jericho Tallman communication



"Snowboarding. going snowboarding at Mammoth and Tahoe

James Cammal sophomore undeclared

Human Development

opportunities in a variety of fields

By SHARON BAYRON Pride Staff Writer

The human development services. department at CSUSM offers students interdisciplinary biology.

Prospective opportunities for a human development majors are plentiful. The broad spectrum of study allows students to branch out into many different careers.

"Our biggest advantage as a major is that it qualifies students for a broad range of jobs," said Dr. Araceli Soriano, the department's chair. "The students are able to understand human development from the three different standpoints of sociology, biology, and psychology.'

Although the major is interdisciplinary, human development majors are not without focus. Students with this major concentrate on one of four

emphases ranging from health services, counseling services, adult/gerontology services, and children

"Students can distinguish themselves, depending on degree their focus," Soriano said. that encompasses courses in "For example, depending on sociology, psychology, and the emphasis; some career choices may be teaching, counseling, or even juvenile justice. It just depends on the student."

> The recent establishment of the Human Development Club provides human development majors with a friendly, informative environment for exploring the career opportunities available to them.

"The club that the students started has created a greater interest and awareness about and within the program," Soriano said.

Human development major and club member, Dayleen Coleman said she agrees.

club is great because it helps you build relationships with people who have the same interests



Photo by Sharon Bayron/The Pride

Dayleen Coleman arrives early for one of her many Human Development classes.

for people interested in a Soriano said. master's degree."

for students who aren't sure for students to explore.

that you do," she said. "It's what they want to do yet a good place to network. because it allows the student You also learn what types more freedom to branch off of programs are available into many different areas,"

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College of Business offers challenges and opportunities

By RYAN MOCK Pride Staff Writer

Immersed into business community of North County and San Diego, the college of business has many exciting avenues for students to pursue.

Program options for students seeking a bachelor's degree include accounting, financing, global business management, high technology management, service sector management, or a minor in business

administration. A final option for senior students is the "Senior Experience." The "Senior Experience" is a two semester, academic endeavor that gives students the opportunity to work in groups with local business organizations on real-world projects to gain experience as they leap from students to nine-to-fivers.

The college of business masters program (MBA) at CSUSM is more generalized into management and leadership in either the public or private sector.

Like all colleges at Cal resources the best way, and college curriculum are

"We're using our resources the best way, and are careful in what we offer..."

-Regina Eisenbach

State San Marcos, the are careful in what we offer, college of business is feeling making sure students can the slow, grinding vice of finish the curriculum before California state budget graduation." cuts. Regina Eisenbach,

A great tool and asset of associate dean of business, students undertaking the said, "We're using our challenges of the business

Inc. representatives, Nicole bigger cuts, and really Rawski and Adam Taylor. Elected by the students, these public officials are the middlemen of the business Taylor informed that the student body and the groundbreaking for a brand faculty and administration. new business building College of Representative Taylor said, "Our job is to keep students informed and CSUSM business students aware of the availability of include resources, basically, giving networking of the extensive students in the business of Alumni Association and college a voice."

department Taylor said, "Business professors cost

their Associated Students, more, so we're taking feeling the full force of CSUSM's cutbacks."

On a lighter note, Business will be commencing this Adam academic year.

Additional mediums for the valuable other business oriented On budget cuts to the organizations available on campus.

Maintaining balance

By MARK PERRERA Pride Staff Writer

It is 4:00 a.m. and already in homes across America you can hear the pitter patter of tiny feet. These are familiar sounds of children going back and forth, as their parents are getting them ready for routine trips to day care or the baby sitter.

This is the grim reality of working families trying their utmost best to balance work, school, and family responsibilities.

Melanie Irvine, graduate student CSUSM, is fortunate to School in Carlsbad.

goals. those who would like to whole year. take up this challenge to be and flexible." She is focused and school was keeping

at Literacy education.

Pacific Rim Elementary from taking necessary classes due to mandated It is a blessing to have overtime. The long and both husband and work tedious hours she was forced and supports Strathmeyer, force supportive in the to work overextended the yet the maintenance of a achievement of Irvine's time necessary to complete

"prepared to be committed drawn out marriage of work same vicinity together."

a on getting her masters in her from what she desired a tremendous help and needs of others is necessary to school.

Her husband Jeff is a graduate student at UCSD good marriage can be found UCSD library. Strathmeyer Strathmeyer realized this smiles, "at least we're in the

scholastically. Making the asset to me. Our kids are to keep relationships alive Roleen Strathmeyer is decision and following the still young and stay in and growing, as well as have not only the support an undergraduate student financially frustrating path, daycare because we both maintaining positions in of her husband - her job is majoring in Liberal Studies. she left her job and attended work. Pursuing a degree in school and work. also supporting her. She She used to work full time school full time. This has communication, my time share the responsibilities of in case of emergencies.

> Balancing work, school, than time It is not a task for the faint of heart. Dedication and commitment above all, My wife Charlotte is showing sensitivity to the

Tools to arm with for this is a third grade teacher at until her job restricted her renewed her commitment away from home extends difficult battle are: have beyond my job. We both realistic expectations for yourself, plan time for fun taking care of the kids and and relaxation with family, having someone available and follow routines so that those around you know what to expect. For additional Irvine advised eight units; it took her one in the long weekends at the and family takes far more information, visit these sites: www.Bluesuit.com, www.parentsoup.com, and about.com.

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By DIANA K. CABUTO Redactora de The Pride

Ah llegado el mes de Diciembre. El invierno esta aquí y la palabra "Navidad" se escucha por todos lados. En el mundo latino no existe tradición más universal que la celebración de las festividades del mes de Diciembre. Su sola mención trae emociones, excitación y alegría en niños, días de diversión y fiesta en jóvenes y esperanza de reencuentro y reunión con familias y amigos para todos.

Para los latinos, el mes de Diciembre es de los más importantes del año. No hay nada mejor para los latinos que celebrar la Navidad en sus países de origen. Sin embargo, muchos de los latinos que vivimos aquí en los Estados Unidos no podemos ir a nuestros países y celebrar la

La Navidad del mundo latino

Navidad allá, pero tratamos de continuar y revivir nuestras tradiciones estando aquí.

Las tradiciones de Navidad en los países latinoamericanos son muy similares, pero cada país tiene una manera especial de celebrarla, al igual que cada familia. La religión que predomina entre los latinos es la religión católica, lo cual contribuye a que la mayoría de las tradiciones sean basadas en la religión católica. Las tradiciones de navidad latinas se identifican con las posadas, las piñatas, los regalos, los cuetes, la noche buena, las pastorelas, etc. Por ejemplo, en México las celebraciones principales son: comenzando con el primer domingo de adviento, en el que se lleva a la iglesia a bendecir una corona decorada de acuerdo a cada familia con cinco velas (tres moradas, una rosa y una blanca).

Cada domingo se enciende una vela, se hace una oración hasta el día de Navidad en la que se encienden las cinco durante la cena. El día 16 de Diciembre comienzan las posadas que representan la travesía de María y José durante los nueve meses. Se pide posada cantando una letanía, se rompe la piñata, se toma ponche y se reparten los aguinaldos. Los católicos van a la "Misa del Gallo" (o a la del día siguiente, Navidad).

Para la cena de Nochebuena, se sirve el pavo (o las gallinas), pupusas (tortillas con especias, tomate y carne de res o pollo) y aquellos que les quede apetito, ensalada también.



Foto por Diana K. Cabuto/The Pride

El tradicional cuarteto trajo a la pastorela la tradicional música de México en El Centro de las Artes de Escondido.

El 28 de Diciembre se celebra el día de ciones que los países latinos hacen durante los santos inocentes, jugándole bromas a los conocidos, aunque realmente representa el día en que el rey Heródes mandó matar a todos los menores de dos años temiendo perder su reino.

Navidad, la ciudad se ilumina de manera muy especial, a lo cual se añaden las luces de Bengala, cohetes, fuegos artificiales. Abren parques de diversiones con toboganes, carruseles y ruedas de la fortuna.

Para los adultos hay ruletas, tiros al blanco, la famosa lotería y toda clase de juegos de azar. Se presentan corridas de toros mansos con toreros

Es larga la lista de actividades y tradi- bonitas tradiciones Latinoamericanas.

el mes de diciembre. Los latinos que estamos aquí en los Estados Unidos tratamos de revivir esas tradiciones bonitas que nos recuerdan a nuestros países, y los que pueden viajan a ellos durante este En San José de Costa Rica, en el día de mes para reunirse con sus familiares. Una de las tradiciones que tratamos de revivir los latinos en los Estados Unidos

son las Pastorelas. Este pasado 5 y 6 de Diciembre, el Centro de la Artes de Escondido ofreció la obra de la pastorela presentada en español y por estudiantes de la Universidad de San Marcos y de otras escuelas de la región.

Esta obra presentó canciones y bailables aficionados, partidos de fútbol y car- de varias regiones de México, así como reras de ciclistas. Todo esto, después la popular y tradicional historia de el de los bailes populares y familiares nacimiento del niño Jesús y el camino a que siguieron a la cena de Nochebuena. Belén, ofreciendo a su público parte de las

A boost of energy, the helathy alternative

By TABIKA ROJAS Pride Staff Writer

Students often lead busy lives. Most juggle schoolwork, employment, family life, and social activities.

Some have early morning classes and skip breakfast or have classes straight of fat, and concentrating on monounsatuthrough lunch. Skipping meals can make it difficult to stay sharp during class time.

A recent poll that I conducted of CSUSM students suggests that most use a common method to stay alert during their school day, and that is eating. Eating seems to be a popular choice among most students, and it's not just any food that students are reaching for to give them an energy boost, but snack foods.

More times than not, students head to the nearest vending machine to grab that big bag of chips or candy bar to satisfy their hunger pains, and help keep them awake during classes.

According to Dr. Karen Nicholson of Student Health Services there are some important things to remember when choosing a healthy snack.

"Reading the nutritional label and knowing the fat content is one important step in choosing a healthy snack," Nicholson said.

Also, Nicholson warns students that just because a label states, "low fat," doesn't necessarily mean it is good for you.

She says there is good fat and bad fat and knowing the difference is key. Staying away form hydrogenated palm oils, a type

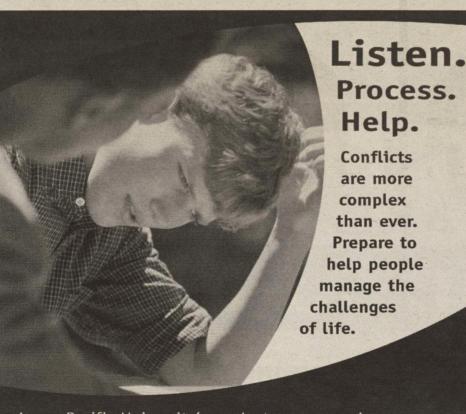
"Knowing the fat content is one important step in choosing a healthy snack."

rated fats is some advice that she gives.

Finally, Nicholson said, "get your five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, and tomato sauce on a pizza does not count."

One way to ensure that you get your fruits and vegetables is to shop ahead of time and bring fresh fruits and veggies in a baggie to class for a snack. Lowfat muffins or breads such as pumpkin, zucchini, or banana are also healthy snacks.

For those who want further information, individual nutrition counseling is available with Cathy Nguyen, the health educator at Student Health Services.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASI responds to criticism

Dear Cal State San Marcos Students.

Each year committed student leaders get the gumption to run for office in an intense election and always with the hopes that their term will positively impact the "student experience" at Cal State San Marcos. The election candidates seek out areas of improvement on campus like advocating for improved food in the dome, creating a space for students to bring artistic splashes of life and vibrant color to drab walls in murals, and working to change the ever drastic parking situation, only to have their ideas and creative kinetic energy skid to a screeching halt. The reality of the painfully slow processes by which our campus is governed has a bitter taste, but students who want to make a difference are forced to swallow hard and enter the bureaucratic arena to have the student voice heard.

As your Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) president. I offer the following information to address some of the concerns noted in last week's edition of The Pride newspaper. The Foundation, an auxiliary of the University, not ASI, controls the food in the Dome. Multiple conversations have taken place with Pam Edmonson and Melanie Niedens regarding ways to improve the food quality and offerings.

Currently CSUSM does not have a public art policy. Due to other campus priorities, Russ Sincerely, Decker director of Planning Design and Con- Honey J. Folk struction has been unable to develop a compre- ASI President

hensive policy. ASI representatives, led by Erik Roper, are gathering information from other institutions to aid in the development of our university policy. Once established it would provide the opportunity for art to be displayed here on our

Parking services Coordinator Business Operations and Technology, Robert Williams publicly credits Erik Roper with the improvements made to the dirt lot including the addition of lights, paved entrance and extended parking hours. It is only when committed student leaders like Erik Roper tenaciously advocate for student concerns that we realize positive change at this university.

In last weeks edition of The Pride, one of our fellow students wrote a highly negatively charged opinion article that questioned the effort, work and quality of the elected Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) representatives. Let me assure you that ASI elected representatives spend countless hours working toward the betterment of student life at CSUSM. We need and appreciate your input and extend an invitation to any student with an idea or concern to stop by our offices or speak to any ASI executive officers and/or representatives. We remain committed to serving the outstanding students of Cal State San Marcos.

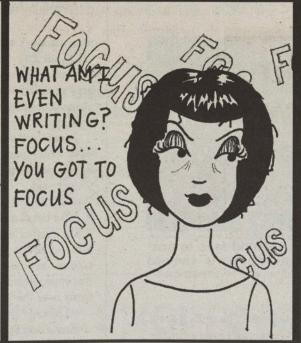
Good food be found in the Dome

CSUSM tastes so bad when it hits the lips" is possibly the most ignorant and tasteless (pardon the pun) editorial I've ever read in The Pride. Overlooking obvious this overriding problem never goes facts and statements made by representatives of the school (which he actually included in the article), the author proceeds to go on a half-page rant about how poor the quality of food is at the Dome. First and foremost, statements such as "The food prepared on campus has often been characterized as 'less than appealing," are given entirely without proof; no surveys, polls, or anything of that sort are cited. The only opinion given other than the author's is that of two freshman who, I assume, are eating at the Dome for the first time. Aside from the obvious fact that their opinions do not necessarily represent those of the campus as a whole, one wonders how much influence having a clearly biased journalist accompany them had on their comments. The author's solution to this poorly proved "problem" is to allow outside companies to sell food on campus. Defeating his own argument, the author cites a quote from director of communications Rick Moore, stating that CSUSM doesn't have enough students

Ryan Mock's article "Food at "for outside companies to have profitable operations here." What part of that statement is not clear to the author? Well, apparently all of it, because the author's answer to deeper than, "If the school were to invite more franchise markets onto campus, and close the deal." The problem is not that franchises have not been invited, it is that franchises on campus could not run at a profit. Unless you want to pay out-ofpocket for their losses, "closing the deal" is out of the question. Yes, the food here on campus is not the same quality as Burger King or Taco Bell, but that does not give you the right to publicly lampoon it without anything more than your opinion and irrational suggestions. If the quality of food honestly matters so much, then you could always walk to the nearby shopping center, or brave the dreaded parking situation. Or you could suck it up, lower your expectations a tad, and find something you like on the Dome menu. That's what I've done for a year and a half now, and I'm perfectly content.

> **Kyle Trembley** Sophomore **Pre-business**







BEER NUTS By: Chad Spinks







OMBHASMAN'S

By MICHAEL DOLAN Pride Ombudsman

overwhelmingly grievous expethe position of ombudsman here at The Pride.

It has been a most interesting semester both on campus and in our community. Indeed, we

This is the last edition of The the wild fires and the grocery Pride for the fall semester. As store strikes for quite some time such, there is a bit of emotion to come. In addition, the selecinvolved in writing my last tion of Dr. Karen S. Haynes to column. However, it is not an the presidency of Cal State San Marcos provides a new leader to rience since I will be returning direct the campus in expansion in the spring semester to assume and prestige. Most certainly, this semester presents a spectrum of emotion to reflect upon ranging from fear and mourning to optimistic excitement.

As the semester winds down, community of such incidents as good luck with their term papers The first reason is that more refocus on priorities.

down to the relief of the winter break. Also, take time and use this break to your advantage. This is an opportunity to relax and restore the energy needed to come again for the spring.

I really would like to thank all of those who e-mailed me during the semester with your thoughts and comments on The Pride. In particular, those comments that were acutely critical were outstanding will be feeling the effects on our I would like to wish everyone for two unmistakable reasons.

and finals; we are all on a count- often than not, they were right. There were issues involving the quality of editing and grammar throughout the semester and those criticisms were valid. The second reason that highly critical feedback is so valuable is that it reminds one of his or her own fallibility. At those times when you feel you are entirely on top of your game, critical feedback brings you back down to earth to remember that there is room for improvement and a chance to

With that, I will end my column for this semester. Again, good luck to all as we end the semester and finish the last of our coursework. Enjoy the holidays and the winter break. I look forward to next semester and continuing my role as ombudsman. Thank you all once again for the interesting words and feedback and, as always, email with any last thoughts you might have. My e-mail address is dolan005@csusm.edu.

Corrections for Vol. XI No. 12

In the film review, "The Haunted Mansion," there is an inconsistent reference to the character's name "Gracey." The correct spelling of the character's name is "Gracey" and not Gracie." The Pride apologizes for this mistake. The graph information on page 3 is courtesy of The Core Institute of Illinois.



SHARED GOVERNANCE

By DIDI LUND Pride Staff Writer

The university depends on shared governance to maintain credibility and grant various powers to the students.

This shared governance essentially means that the university has allowed students to sit on a variety of committees — committees that dictate all sorts of things that directly affect students and their pocketbooks. Everything from parking fees to academic majors, grade appeals to campus beautification is addressed in these committees.

Decisions made directly affect students, who should therefore be involved in the decision making process. Unfortunately, that ideal is not always realized. Although many administrators would like to see the seats filled by students, it's difficult to get them to sit on these committees when work and class schedules leave few moments to spare.

Even when the student seats are filled, these committees are not always utilized. Early last year, the parking fee increase proposal was submitted to the student fee advisory committee, who informed then CSUSM President Gonzalez of their recommendation. The fee increase would be a burden on the students, they said. It's too steep.

Gonzalez and the powers that be remained silent on the parking increase until, two weeks before the end of the semester; they announced a huge fee increase. The advisory committee's recommendation was effectively thrown in the garbage and students were outraged.

This disregard to the student fee committee demonstrates the lack of power we students have on this campus. We are given these advisory committees as tokens; students have no real power influencing the policies being developed which govern our lives. It's politics as usual.

Last week, Arnold proposed \$23.7 million in cuts to the CSU system after he reassured students in the higher education system by promising no cuts. "Education is my passion and Cali-



"Everything from parking fees to academic majors, grade appeals to campus beautification is addressed in these committees."

fornia is not where it should be," he said. That's right; it's not. When students can't even afford to pay their parking fees, there's a problem.

Recently the CSSA has co-authored AB a bill designed to implement a statewide student fee advisory committee, a body made up of mostly students who would deliberate over proposed fee increases coming from the Board of Trustees. In its original form, this proposition would allow the students power to kick the proposals back to the legislation if they felt the fees were unrealistic or disrespecting students' abilities to pay these fees while still maintaining access to quality education. That's shared governance.

However, this bill has been revised so that this committee would be powerless in changing proposed fee cuts but maintain an advisory status. Still, it's a step in the right direction.

Until our legislators allow us to have a real say in the policies which govern our lives, shared governance will continue to be a form of politically correct rhetoric for our policy makers and politics as usual will continue hacking away at our pocketbooks.

Trouble Registering For Spring Semester Classes



By TABIKA ROJAS Pride Staff Writer

Recently I have experienced some frustration with trying to create my schedule for the spring semester. I am a Literature and Writing major here at CSUSM and like many students I must try to balance my school schedule with work and family life. This has not always been easy, especially when the classes I need are only offered once a semester and at one scheduled time. Some of the classes are either too early or too late in the afternoon and conflict

with my work schedule.

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CSUSM students

have become used to seeing classes full or cancelled online.

I know that I am not alone in this complaint as I have heard several students with the same problem. Karen Hart, a senior here at CSUSM said, "I had to rearrange my job schedule in order to enroll in one of the classes I need to graduate because it was only offered at one time during the day."

I contacted the Literature and Writing Department and spoke with the Department Chair of Literature and Writing Studies who is responsible for creating the schedule, Dr. Susie Cassel. Cassel said, "there are only about two hundred Literature and Writing majors here at CSUSM and that is not enough students to offer the classes at a variety of times."

She further explained that all Core classes are offered in the same semester. When I asked her about solutions such as online courses or independent study courses, Dr. Cassel explained that independent study courses are offered, and they have done many over the years.

"The only drawback to the independent study courses is the students don't get the benefit of discussion," said Cassel. The

independent study courses are also not allowed for courses that are offered regularly.

Instructors are able to conduct online courses and those students interested should feel free to approach their instructors with the request.

Dr. Cassel also says she tries to make sure that all the courses are in different time slots each semester in order to give every student the opportunity to take the courses.

Night courses are also now being piloted to find out if enough students are interested in a night program. 309B is offered this semester, and 309A will be offered at night in the spring semester, so all students

interested in a night program should enroll in these courses.

Dr. Cassel also wants students to know that if enough students were interested in a course being offered at a specific time she would be willing to offer it.

Dr. Cassel ended by saying, "I welcome complaints suggestions or comments. I have an open door policy"

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The Second favorite movie was "A Christmas Story," starring Peter Billingsley. This movie takes place in the 1940's, and is a classic story of a boy's holiday dream to get the one thing that he desires for Christmas. Unfortunately, in his case, he desires a BB gun. Disapproving of the idea, his mother repeatedly crushes his dreams by replying, "you'll shoot your eye out."

"It was so funny when the kid wanted that BB gun, his whole family was hilarious. It's a classic Christmas movie."

-Sarah Blakely

"I've watched it with my family every Christmas, so it brings back memories." -Mike Zahalan

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Photo Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

"Home Alone," starring Macaulay Culkin, is the story of a young 8-year-old boy who was accidentally left at home while his rather large family went on a vacation to Europe for Christmas. Left to his own defenses, he battles burglars, played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, who try to rob his parents' house.

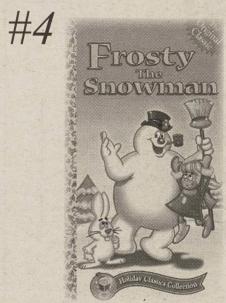


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"Frosty The Snowman," which has many cartoon movie versions, is a classic Christmas story that has been a favorite movie for many generations.

Favorite movies to watch #6 over the holidays

By MICHELLE WILLS Pride Staff Writer

At CSUSM 16 people were interviewed to find out what their favorite Christmas movies were to watch over the holidays. Here's what they liked:



Photo Courtesy of Warner Brothers

Out of the people surveyed on campus, many said that "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" was their favorite movie to see during the holidays. Starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo, this slapstick comedy is a comforting reminder that there's someone out there with a family that's crazier than our own.

> "Chevy Chase is comedy!" -Cole Kristensen "Because it is a classic." - Chad Medina

"Why? It's hilarious." -Andrè Rosemond



Photo Courtesy of Dimension Films

"Bad Santa" is a new movie, starring Billy Bob Thorton and Lauren Graham. It is the story of a drinking, smoking, filthy-mouthed, sexobsessed Santa impersonator, who steals from department store safes over the holiday seasons with his elf partner, played by Tony Cox.

"The movie was great, lots of comedy, and I had a great time watching

-Maria Arroya



Photo Courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

"Ernest Saves Christmas," starring Jim Varney, is the story of how Santa Clause decides to retire and hire someone else to take his place, however, the real Santa ends up in jail, and it is up to Ernest, played by Varney, to get him out.

"Ernest is the man!" -Paul Han



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"Up In Smoke" "It's Full of action." —Cory Haynes

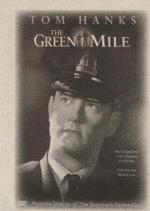


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"The Green Mile" "It teaches that a person shouldn't be judged by skin color and should be given a fair chance to defend themselves." -Patricia Guevarra



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"Friday After Next" "Because it's very funny" —Jamal Tate