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CSUSM Missing Student Found Dead

By MARTHA SARABIA
Lead Editor

Cal State San Marcos student, Alex Ryan Zingaro, who was considered missing last week, was found dead by a family of hikers last Thursday afternoon on the mountains near Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino National Forest. He apparently hung himself.

"It's absolutely a suicide, possibly the day he left," Carlsbad police detective Lt. Jim Byler said. Byler said to think that Zingaro might have been where he was found dead since he disappeared on Sept. 4. Linda Myers of the San Bernardino County coroner's office only said that this act seemed to be self-inflicted but that the doctors will review the body to determine the cause.

Authorities said that the body was found about 100 yards behind a parking lot at the U.S. Forest Service Discovery Center

and that Zingaro's blue 1989 Mazda pickup with a camper shell was in the lot.

Scott Alderson, Zingaro's roommate and long-time friend, said, "No one can put any of this together as to why this went so far." He said to believe that Zingaro was looking for happiness and he prays that Zingaro in fact did find it. He also added, "He was excited about moving to the beach at the same time he was depressed about leaving the mountains. We had a great time at Lake Tahoe."

Alderson also added that as Zingaro's mother said before and published in *The Pride*, Zingaro seemed excited about moving from South Lake



Alex Ryan Zingaro

Tahoe to Carlsbad a few months ago to attend Cal State San Marcos as a junior. Zingaro, according to Alderson, wanted to get his communication degree

so he could work with a snowboarding company. Alderson also commented that Zingaro's family is having a rough time right now.

The news of the 22-year-old junior, majoring in communication, missing since last week had an unexpected change in tone when Alderson found a note last Sunday next to Zingaro's computer. Zingaro wrote the note before he left and said that he would be going away. He told Zingaro's family either that day or the next. Nevertheless, the Zingaro family continued to make press appearances to ask for the community's help to continue the search. They also came to CSUSM last Tuesday, but due to a lack of communication from the CSUSM depart-

ment of communications, the Pride was unable to attend.

Zingaro's family said that they found the note late Tuesday and reported Wednesday. However, by then Alderson had already told police about the note, found on Sunday, during an interview.

According to Zingaro's father, Al Zingaro, Zingaro's message said that he was going to go away and come back soon. He also said that at the end Zingaro said he would see them soon and that he did not seem to be depressed neither did he considered this to be a suicide note. However, Alderson and Byler said that the note said that Zingaro was going away for a trip but did not mention the destination and that he had been depressed. Therefore, when this note was found and notified by the police on Wednesday, the search for Zingaro stopped because according to Byler the

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Parking: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

By GAIL TARANTINO
Pride Staff Writer

The current parking situation at CSUSM is easy to understand - there aren't enough spaces. Student enrollment for this semester is approximately 6900*, which is the highest in CSUSM history. This is a 14% increase over last fall. While our enrollment increases each year, the number of parking spaces stays the same. Patti Hale and Robert Williams in Parking Services gave me the break down on the parking spaces.

There are a total of 2414 spaces, of which 440 are for the faculty. In addition to the parking lots, there is also off campus parking, stack parking and curb parking**, which adds

an additional 751 spaces, for a grand total of 3165 parking spaces. I see. We have 6900 students and 3165 parking spaces. This means the only time there isn't going to be a parking problem is during the summer and on Fridays.



When asked how students are handling the situation, Hale and Williams said that return students, who remember how much worse it was, are thankful for the stack and curb parking options, and that it seems to be mostly new students who have been the most upset about the lack of parking.

Williams mentioned that for the first time, he has actually received calls from parents com-

plaining about the parking problem on behalf of their kids. (A side note to college students who have their parents call and complain for them: cut the umbilical cord. You are an adult -- establish your independence now and take care of your own business.)

Hale and Williams also reported that students have responded quite well to the parking attendants and appreciate the assistance the attendants have provided. However, not all students are pleased. When asked, Sue Swaynie says that she has looked for parking attendants

every day in order to clarify questions she has about curb parking and the shuttle, but she has yet to find one. Swaynie wants to know where the shuttle is and why sometimes the signs say curb parking is open and then other times the signs say it's closed? Do we have curb parking or not?

There is no shuttle service at all being offered this semester, which can make off campus parking a little undesirable. And according to Hale, when curb parking is open it's because there are no spaces in the lots and when it's closed it's because there are spaces available in the lots.

The parking situation is even more difficult for disabled students and faculty because the number of parking spaces for disabled persons is based on the requirement that for every 100 regular spaces there has to be one handicap space. This law doesn't take into consideration how many disabled people actually attend the university, and the handicap spots located in the

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Fundadora del Departamento de Idiomas Mundiales y Literaturas Hispanas en proceso de retiro de CSUSM

Por MARTHA SARABIA
Editora Principal

En 1990, la Dra. Stella T. Clark fue seleccionada para fundar el Departamento de Idiomas Mundiales y Literaturas Hispanas de la Universidad Estatal de California en San Marcos (CSUSM). Hoy, 12 años después, Clark está en el proceso de retirarse de su carrera de maestra que ha mantenido por 38 años.

Este semestre empezó su proceso de retiro como miembro del Programa de Retiro Temprano para la Facultad (FERP), dicho programa del sistema universitario estatal (CSU) tiene un proceso de 5 años en el cual la futura facultad jubilada empieza a adaptarse poco a poco a lo que será su nuevo estilo de vida. Este programa consta de dar clases un semestre y el siguiente no, y así sucesivamente hasta los cinco años cuando la facultad se retira totalmente de su área de trabajo.

Después de dejar su trabajo de 19 años en la Universidad Estatal de California en San Bernardino, Clark se encontró con la ardua tarea de fundar lo que hoy día es el Departamento de Idiomas Mundiales y Literatura Hispana localizado en University Hall 221. En ese tiempo, CSUSM constaba con 250 alumnos y se encontraba en Valléeitos, a un lado de lo que hoy es la mue-



bería Jeromes.

Clark todavía recuerda el día que fue comisionada a gastar en dos meses \$150 mil dólares para obtener todo el equipo necesario para el laboratorio de lenguaje actualmente localizado en University Hall 240 y 260, al igual que la planeación de los cursos, la licenciatura, y la manera en servir a la comunidad. "Me interesó mucho la idea de fundar y de iniciar algo nuevo y buscar gente nueva que quisiera trabajar conmigo," expresó Clark. Ahora después de 12 años de haber fundado el departamento y de ser la encargada del departamento por siete años, Clark comentó sobre como se siente dejar el programa que ella fundó, "Muy bien, sé que lo dejo en buenas manos."

"El departamento debe irse a la dirección de la gente nueva, que llegó en los 90s, que tienen nuevas ideas porque ya hay muchas cosas que se enseñan en las universidades que no se enseñaban antes," dijo Clark. Entre uno de estos cambios mencionados por Clark está la tecnología y la alta popularidad y uso de la Internet en aulas escolares al igual que los usos profesionales del español. "Hay gente que viene con otra mentalidad, una mentalidad más abierta hacia nuevas ideas y nuevos campos coordinando más campos de estudio," añadió Clark.

De acuerdo con Clark, desde el principio de la fundación se trató incluir todos los idiomas posibles. Para ella, el saber otros idiomas da más poder a las personas. "Aprendan otro idioma, porque una persona que sabe otros idiomas tiene más poder... Si todo el mundo aprendiera otro idioma, entendería mucho mejor a la gente que no conoce y hubiera menos problemas," dijo Clark. Ella comentó saber un poco de francés, alemán y portugués además de dominar el inglés y el español.

Una de las cosas que Clark considera que ha cambiado desde el inicio de la fundación de esta universidad es que "se va perdiendo un poco el contacto pero se gana la vida" refiriéndose al gran crecimiento de estudiantes que hace que se pierda el contacto cercano entre maestros y alumnos pero a la misma vez da más vida a la vida universitaria. Asimismo, otros de los cambios más notorios e importantes para Clark han sido la implementación del programa de maestría en español y el crecimiento del tamaño de la universidad.

Clark también considera que la universidad ha tenido un gran impacto en la ciudad pero que le gustaría ver una relación más cercana entre estas dos. A ella le gusta vivir en la ciudad en la que trabaja para poder conocer mejor a la comunidad. Por tal razón, dice disfrutar de eventos como la Guelaguetza al igual que mirar personas jugando fútbol en las canchas universitarias en los fines de semana debido al gran número que viene a la universidad.

En la carrera de Clark, la fundación de un departamento de idiomas no fue el único problema que enfrentó. "Cuando yo me gradué de Kansas, todos los profesores eran hombres, hombres y americanos," dijo Clark sobre su generación. También dijo que en ese tiempo usualmente las personas pertenecientes a las minorías o de género femenino no eran maestros en universidades. Por tal motivo, ella dijo, "Me gusto servir de ejemplo para las personas que se quieren graduar y que creen que no pueden porque son Latinas, porque son mujeres o porque vienen de una sociedad que no admite este tipo pero que si se puede."

La experiencia con CSU ha sido muy buena para Clark y es por eso que ella decidió venir a CSUSM. "Eso siempre me ha atraído mucho de Cal State que atrae estudiantes que no es el estudiante tradicional de 18 años que le pagan los estudios sus papás, sino que es gente que trabaja y que tiene otra vida pero que quiere mejorar su vida," Clark comentó.

Su larga carrera de maestra también le ha dado satisfacciones una de estas es el tener la confianza de estudiantes al igual que la de sus compañeros maestros que acuden a ella para pedirle conse-

jos. Por eso, Clark dice, "No se dejen vencer por los problemas que va a haber problemas pero que no son nada comparados con los problemas de la vida si uno no tiene su preparación académica." Este consejo Clark lo recibió de uno de sus alumnos que trabajaba en un servicio de limpieza por las noches y que ganaba una buena cantidad de dinero pero se sentía estancado en esa ocupación lo cual lo motivaba ir a la escuela para cambiar su estilo de vida. "Estudiar es una inversión emocional, psicológica, física, y económica pero que les va a rendir mucho cuando terminen... Es un regalo que uno se da a uno mismo," expresó Clark.

Clark le tiene un gran y profundo amor a su carrera. "Creo que me pagan por algo que yo haría gratis. Los estudiantes son magníficos," comentó Clark.

Clark empezó su carrera en 1964 como estudiante graduada y por primera vez enseñó clases tiempo completo en 1970. Ella obtuvo su licenciatura en la Universidad de Mississippi y su maestría en la Universidad de Kansas al igual que su doctorado. Fue en la Universidad de Kansas, que conoció a su esposo de procedencia cubana con el cual tiene 35 años de casada. También fue ahí donde accidentalmente fue colocada en el programa de español en lugar de francés lo cual era su objetivo. De acuerdo con ella, así fue como encontró su verdadera vocación.

Clark nacida en Aguascalientes, México, donde su abuelo fue gobernador, y criada en la Ciudad de México, llegó a este país a la edad de 13 años. Clark, de padre alemán y madre mexicana ambos profesores jubilados, vive en Lake San Marcos.

The Appearing and Disappearing Act of Your Class Schedule

By POLLY
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Pride Staff Writer

Due to the sudden burst in enrollment, several classes were added to this year's schedule. Since some of these changes were made the week before the start of the term or even the first week of the semester, it was not possible to include them in the course schedule. In addition, some classes were cancelled and others moved to different rooms to increase the size of enrollment.

This administrative course of action comes after the cancellation of many classes over the summer break. The decision to cancel these courses depends on a variety of factors. "The most common is low student enrollment," said Michael McDuffie,

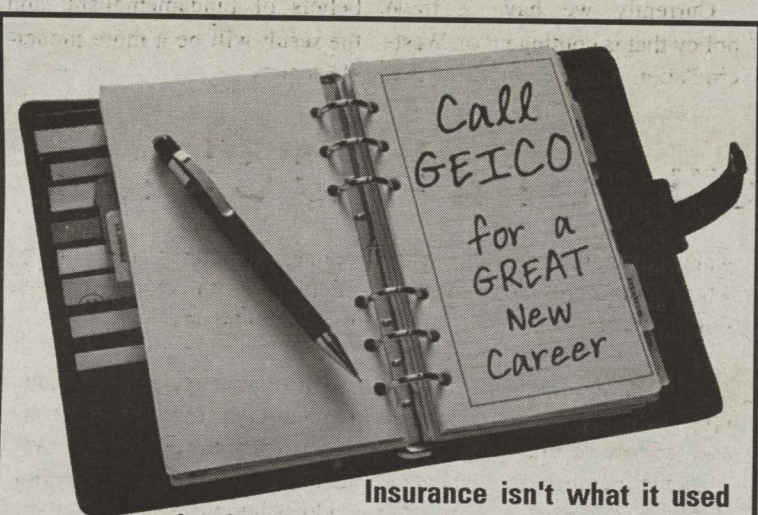
the Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. According to McDuffie, courses like LTWR 115 or WMST 445 were closed because it "isn't cost-effective to keep it open" thereby allowing the money to be used for more popular classes that will serve more students. Other factors, such as consultations with the Department Chairs, the amount of available sections in a particular course, and General Education requirements are also taken into account when determining which classes to cancel. It is unclear if the currently enrolled students of these cancelled courses were taken into consideration as a deciding factor.

McDuffie also mentioned that in addition to terminating some sections, other modifications have also been made. These include "moving classes from

one room to another" as well as changing "one time to another." This change is meant to benefit crashers and new students alike. Late demands for classes are resolved by moving the class into a bigger room.

The academic schedule remains to be determined by a limited budget and limited space. The fees that are collected from the new enrollment is expected to be spent on increasing the "instructional budgets," therefore providing room for extra enrollment in the spring semester.

A complete list of available courses is located in the College of Arts and Sciences advising office or Craven 6211.



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Islam in Context

By DESMOND BARCA
Pride Design Editor

Last week, Dr. Salah Moukhlis, Professor of Literature and Writing Studies, gave an informative talk on the historical context of modern Islamic culture. Attendance at this event was very low -- the audience numbered less than a dozen -- probably due to lack of awareness of the event rather than disinterest. Dr. Moukhlis, originally from Morocco, volunteered his time, despite the low turnout, to provide those who wished to learn more about Middle Eastern culture the opportunity to ask someone with firsthand knowledge.

The main theme of Dr. Moukhlis' talk concerned the strategies that the Islamic world is using in order to deal with the problems associated with modernity; namely, in trying to modernize without jeopardizing traditional identity. According to Dr. Moukhlis, there are three schools of thought on this subject. The first is radical for the Middle

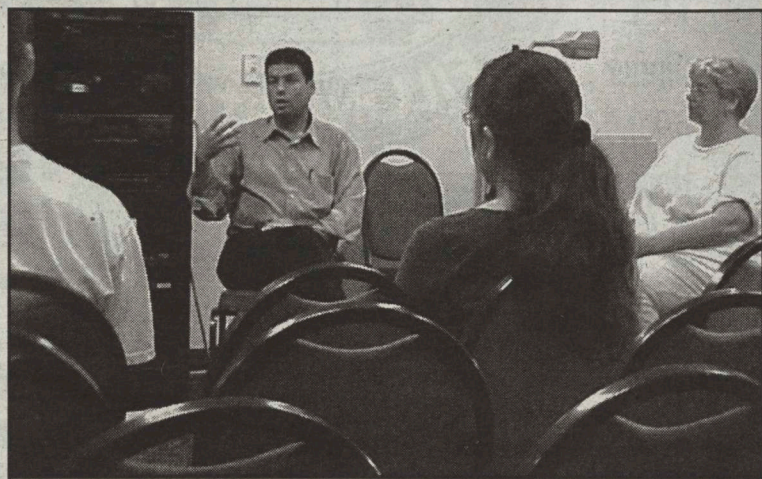
East, and holds that theocracy is no longer a valid form of government and that the focus should be shifted to Arab Nationalism.

The second school of thought is that the Middle East can be modernized without losing its cultural identity by merging with western culture to the extent that it is useful and simply not adopting western attributes that conflict with traditional values. In describing this more moderate stance Dr. Moukhlis quoted Bryan S. Turner who argues: "What makes religious faith or religious commitment problematic in a global postmodern society is that everyday life has become part of a global system of exchange of commodities which are not easily influenced by political leaders, intellectuals or religious leaders."

The third school of thought is that modernism is too secular and holds too many perils, and that the best solution is to return to the pure or ancestral ways that Islam describes as the model for social organization. To contrast this isolationist view, Dr. Moukhlis quotes Monshipouri who argues, "It is essential ... to remember that secular rational

norms and Islamic social ethics are not mutually exclusive.... The Islamists' choice need not be reduced to negation or toleration of secularism. Rather Islamists must create an equilibrium between continuity and change, cultural stability and universal civility, indigenous development and globalization, and communal identity and internalization of human rights."

Dr. Moukhlis points out that, dating as far back as Napoleon's invasion of Egypt in 1798, which he describes as being a huge a shock of modernism to the Middle East, the Arab world has felt a pressure to catch up with the West. While Moukhlis contends that most Middle Easterners like what the west has to offer -- technology, democracy, and humanism -- the west for them also represents violence, invasion, and the dehumanizing effects of colonialism. The values that the West holds as fundamental are universally admired, however the discrepancies between the theory and the practice cause disillusionment for Westerners and Middle Easterners alike. Giving voice to Arab sentiment from when he was living in northern Africa, Dr. Moukhlis said, "I love



Dr. Salah Moukhlis, Professor of Literature and Writing Studies, speaks to mostly empty seats.

what you love, too. But extend it to me as well, please."

Dr. Moukhlis believes that our current problems concerning terrorism and radical fundamentalists are largely a result of the extremely poor economic conditions plaguing much of the Middle East. High illiteracy, and an economy that isn't even capable of carrying those who do receive education, provides an ample recruiting ground for militant fundamentalists.

Currently we have a trade policy that is contingent on Westernization -- those countries that

are wary of losing their cultural heritage through Westernization are often left undeveloped. This is a weighty concern for those cultures that were on the receiving end of colonialism during the last century. Dr. Moukhlis believes that if we help to develop these nations economically, without the stipulation that they first accept our cultural norms, then the religious aspect would reform itself. Dr. Moukhlis reasons that if the number of poor young people is reduced, then it will no longer be easy to convert this group to the beliefs of fundamentalism, and the result will be a more moderate society.

Vista's First Annual Mayoral Debate

By JASON PADILLA
Pride Staff Writer

Over one hundred people ranging from grade school students to senior citizens gathered at 7 p.m., Thursday evening, at the Shadowridge Country Club Home Owners Association in Vista to participate and watch the annual mayoral debate. Enthusiasm was noticeably high during the introductory ceremonies, as everyone was anxious to find a chair in the crowded dining hall. With a few dozen still standing with their complementary snacks and refreshments, partly due to the large turnout and limited seating, the introductions began, and as the 3 candidates for Vista City Mayor took their seats, the formal dining hall grew silent in anticipation.

The first of the scheduled Candidates to speak was Paul Eckert,

followed by the current Mayor of Vista Ed Estes, and last but not least Morris Vance. Three candidates that were scheduled to speak but did not show were Craig Heiller, Joe Vargas, and Elvin Vega. Reasons for these three candidates not showing up were not given throughout the evening.

All three candidates gave their five to ten minute presentations to either become or to continue as the mayor of Vista. While the candidates expressed their own personal goals and ideas, they also discussed similar issues they all felt needed adjustment.

Similarly, topics ranged from traffic congestion to new and re-development of buildings and the beautifying of the older Vista development. Current topics and developments in Vista included

"The Vista Village Project," which is a redevelopment of land purchased for over ten million dollars, costs upwards to \$20 million dollars to develop and improve and is now being sold in the market of one and a half million dollars.

Other widely spoken events mentioned were the correlation of new development and traffic. There is some unrest about the current traffic congestion in Vista and bringing in new developments such as Lowe's, Home Depot, and additional shopping outlets may cause additional traffic. Also discussed was the fact that these additional structures will boost the economy and possibly make Vista a more enjoyable city to live in. To counteract the negative effects of these developments, candidates proposed suggestions ranging from widening both streets and side-

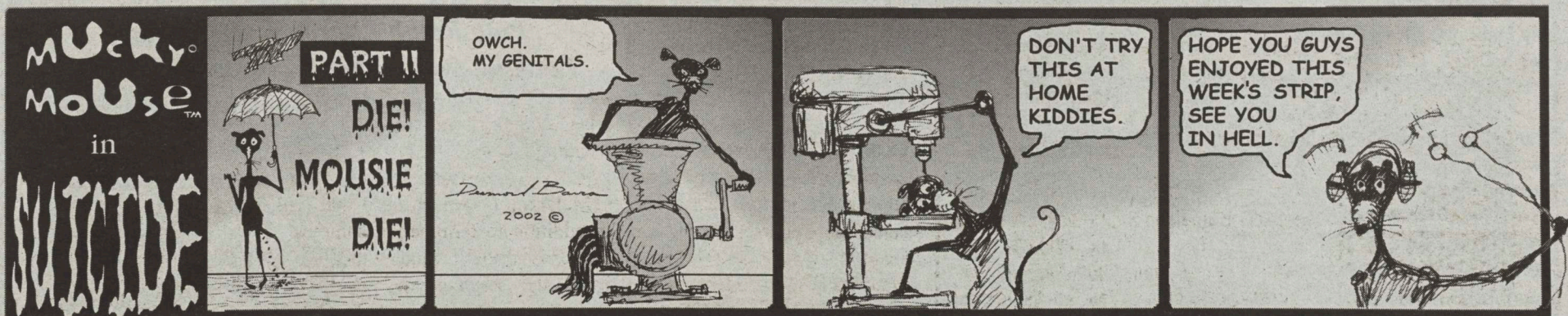
walks, to additional traffic lights, which would provide a smoother flow of traffic.

After the candidates finished up their speeches, all welcomed and addressed many questions from the members in attendance. With the audience asking more specific questions to their needs, each candidate talked for an additional three to five minutes in an attempt to answer their queries. While most in attendance were satisfied with the question and answer period, others were not.

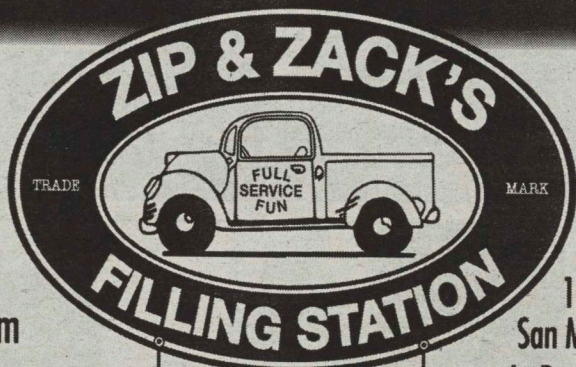
Clearly discontent grew among some members in attendance as certain candidates deployed obvious question-dodging maneuvers in an attempt to walk around questions at all costs. Sensitive or controversial subjects, such as the homeless population, homeless shelters downtown, and the building of new youth devel-

opment structures, did not get addressed with concrete answers by the candidates.

Upon meeting with random community businessmen and women after the event, it appeared that more thorough speeches, and addressing more specific issues and possible outcomes, might have been appreciated, while others were satisfied with what they were presented. For those interested in knowing more about these events and/or candidates, there will be a candidate dessert on Thursday, September 17th at 6 p.m. at the Shadowridge Country Club. Reservations will be required. For more information, call 724-2762.



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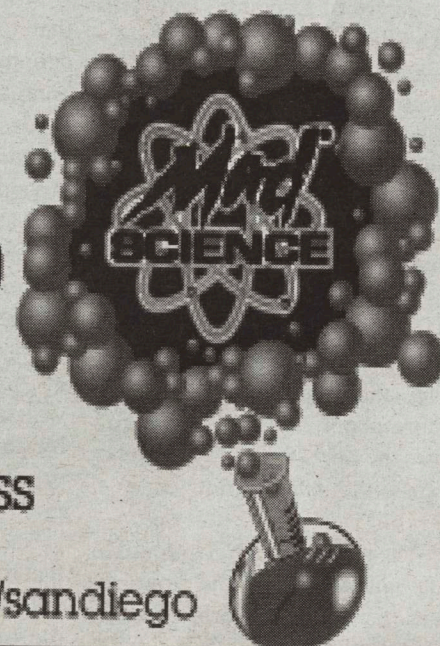
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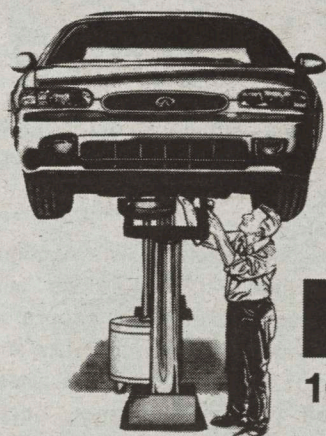
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By AMBER ROSSLAND
Pride Staff Writer

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Noon-1 p.m. Sept. 23-26; Dome Stage, Cal State San Marcos, free.

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"MAGIC TO THE OUTER LIMITS" Comic magician Michael E. Johnson performs magic and comedy for all ages; 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays; Killer Pizza From Mars, 3915 Mission Ave., Oceanside; and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 1040 W. El Norte Parkway, Escondido; free; runs through August; (760) 747-4627

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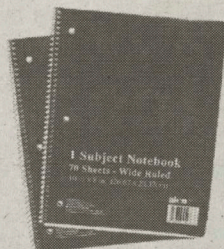
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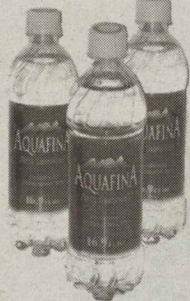
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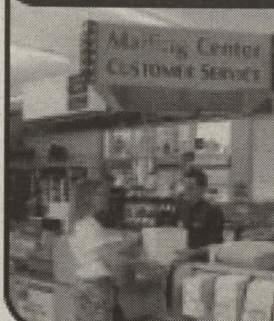
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Sept. 11: A Retrospective

By TOR FREED
Pride Staff Writer

One year has officially passed since America watched in shock and horror as planes piloted by Al-Qaeda terrorists flew into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural farmland in Pennsylvania. In a pre-9-11 world, this act would have been thought of not only as unthinkable, but more likely as a Hollywood story line than an event that was to grip our nation unlike any in history. The endless news coverage assaulted us with images and stories of this horrific event and it was through these images that we identified with what happened — live video from three thousand miles away. It seemed surreal, too great to comprehend because in our own backyard life was, for all intents and purposes...normal.

It was easy to watch the smoldering ruins of two hundred and twenty stories and realize what an impact it would have. What would it be like to be there, to actually see first hand the destruction that has been wrought and the impact on the people of New York? Television can only show so much, it cannot accurately portray the feeling in the air, nor would it have the effect of witnessing firsthand what had really happened. For New Year's Day of 2002, a friend and I decided that we should witness first hand what had befallen our country.



One of the many Shrines created as a memorial for those who lost their lives during the terror attacks one year ago.

New York in the winter is as beautiful as it is cold. There's a certain appeal from the leafless tress and frost covered grass. As in the movies, many of the buildings are dirty and old but when set upon the white winter sky, they have a romantic appeal that screams 'This is New York!' Our plan was to get as close as possible to the World Trade Center site and hopefully not get chased off by 'New York's finest.' It wasn't until we were in Times Square on New Year's Eve that we learned a public viewing platform had been opened earlier that day.

Packed in with half a million other people it was the topic of much conversation. Some did not want to go because they felt it was sacrilegious while others could not wait for the chance to see the awesome spectacle of destruction. Most however wanted to pay their respects, like a never ending memorial service, a form of prayer, and a word of silence, remembrance. The New Year rang in with red, white and blue confetti and a personal address from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who said that after September 11, we were all New

Yorkers.

The cab ride was easy. We simply told him that we wanted to get as close as possible to the World Trade Center as possible. He nodded, having heard this many times already, and in silence we made our way to New York's financial district. Despite the cold, the sun was shining brightly, reflecting off of huge office windows from the buildings still left in Wall Street. We were dropped off east of the World Trade Center on the edge off Battery Park.

From there we made our way west, walking alongside the site and catching glimpses of the destruction in between buildings. What was really catching was the numerous businesses that were closed on 9-11 and became a kind of time capsule — a shoe store with a sale in the window

marked for September 15 but never opened for consumers to take advantage, a closed coffee shop with 9-11 specials still in the window helps serve as a reminder that this area was completely shut down. Signs of life were becoming apparent as we made our way to the observation platform; the scene transformed from a bleak, empty reminder to the bustle that New York is associated with, only this time it was different.

Cabs were busy picking people up and dropping them off but for one very different reason. They were coming to see just what had

happened. Our hopes for seeing anything were becoming bleak as we noticed a line stretched from St. Mark's cathedral, heading north into the city. We started walking along the line looking for the end but it just kept going. It stretched for two city blocks then took an abrupt left and continued down for another four to the edge of the site then curved back up again. We got in line somewhere around here and settled down for what seemed like a long wait.

This was the coldest I could ever remember being. I was growing frustrated with the howling wind, against which my scarf seemed defenseless. It was then that it hit me.

The wind had yet to bother me in New York but standing next to a sixteen square acre hole, it swept through the site with a fury and without the towers to buffet it, it attacked at will. After two and a half hours of eternity and a chin I knew I had but could not feel, we made it back to the main street and started our slow procession towards the viewing platform. The sunshine seemed to have faded, replaced by gloom as slowly we marched and then all the various memorials left by family and well-wishers invaded our senses.

Candles were still burning around make-shift signs and computer printouts of missing friends, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters. I wasn't feeling the cold from the wind anymore, just the piercing chill of these haunting images of smiling faces that would never again see the light of day. An old, rusty bicycle was chained to a light post and it seemed odd that the owner had not claimed it. Looking closer, there was no owner to claim. It too was a memorial, adorned in flowers and a rosary with a sign

Photo Montage
By DESMOND BARCA





The construction continues at ground zero of the World Trade Center attack.

paying tribute to the bike messengers who had lost their lives.

It was strange: the news portrayed, endlessly, the fallen heroes of the Fire and Police department but you did not hear much about the little guys. That got me thinking, what about the janitors, the cooks, and the maintenance guys? There must have been thousands of these people that were equally affected by that terrible day.

St. Mark's was an active recovery center for the World Trade Center. Exhausted fire fighters and rescue workers made their way in and out and a hand painted sign on plywood made it explicitly clear that the entrance was to remain clear of people. We were almost there and we came upon the biggest memorial yet.

Hundreds of pictures of missing people and signs of encouragement of shared grief from all across the country. Every state was represented here, every American from every ethnic group and culture. It was not that the memorial was so massive; it is that the depth and scope of it was. Some looked on in shock, others buried their heads in their hands and sobbed, while still others looked visibly angry. What was

so horrifying was that when you looked at a picture of a missing loved one, you could almost see them in daily life and you knew it easily could have been you.

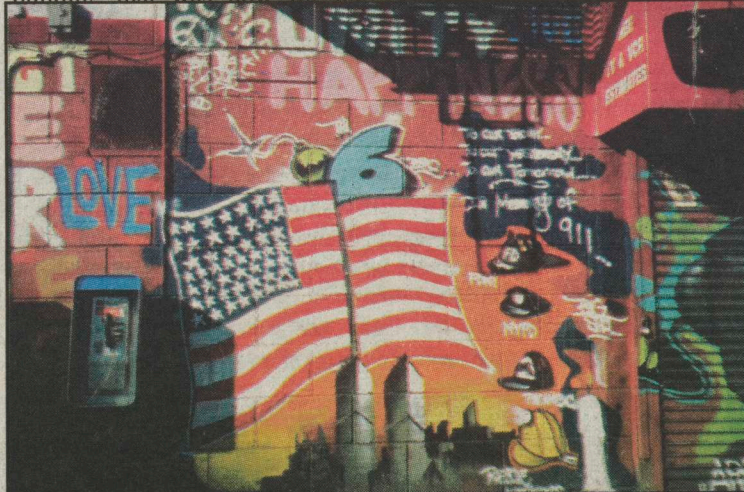
People were quiet, walking the hundred-yard ramp up the platform and to the viewing area. Most kept their heads down, it could be said to avoid the wind, but I like to think it was out of respect. Police inform you when you get to the actual viewing stage that you have three minutes and three minutes only. They were serious. I saw them usher away many loiters except for one woman who was sobbing uncontrollably. They did not have it in them to tell her that time was up.

It was easy to boot someone who had just snapped off twenty seven pictures and was reloading yet another roll of film, but how do you tell someone who is looking wildly into the crowd, through her tears of grief that it's time to go? Standing on the edge of the makeshift platform, it's impossible to believe what happened. I was right. Watching it on T.V. makes it seem small and unconnected. One of my first thoughts was that planes didn't do this, someone dropped about a hundred bombs. It looked like a war zone.

The pile of rubble was obvious and backhoes normally 50 feet tall were so deep in the site you could only see the top of their buckets. Most of the surrounding buildings had half their windows blown out except for one. It was an older building, roughly forty feet high and made of concrete. It was melted. It looked like sulfuric acid had been dumped all over it and like a candle left lit overnight had just melted away. The human mind was not designed to take in a scene like this.

Imagine all of Qualcomm stadium and the parking lot gone, just...gone. The sheer vastness of it all is incomprehensible. When our time came, we eagerly left because we didn't want anyone else waiting, waiting to offer prayers and condolences. Walking down the exit ramp people had scrawled messages on the plywood offering hope and unity with New York. There were thousands of them, yet the platform had not been open even twenty-four hours...amazing.

Later that night we went to the building that was now for the



Local gangs try to out do one another with graffiti art



The families of victims light candles to commemorate loved ones lost in the attack.

second time New York's tallest, the Empire State building. Looking south it was easy to spot the gaping hole that was the World Trade Center. In the coming years it will be rebuilt, probably not the same way, but the space will be filled. No matter what they put there, that hole, that space, will always be visible from the Empire State building and in the minds and hearts of those who were there.

Photos by Tor Freed



Cross Country Teams Push for a Strong Season

By JESSICA A. KRONE
Sports Editor

The Cal State San Marcos men's and women's cross country teams competed in the 59th Annual Aztec Cross Country Invitational hosted by San Diego State University on Sat., Sept. 14th, at Balboa Park.

The men's cross country team finished third at the Aztec Invitational with an overall score of 74. The Cougars were eleven points behind the Sun Devils of Arizona State University, who placed second. The team score is figured by the order in which the top five runners from each competing school place; as a result, the scores are compiled and the lowest score wins. The men's team ran this eight-kilometer course at Balboa Park, which is known to be one of the more challenging and difficult courses

due to its uphill and downhill slopes.

The Cougars participate in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) but were invited to this meet which included several prominent Division I schools. "That just shows it doesn't matter what division we play in, we are just going to place high," senior Kris Houghton explained.

Houghton ran with a time of 26:31 5:20, which placed him in the 10th slot overall. "After the second mile, Omar (Zavala) was encouraging and pushing me, which really motivated me to finish strong," Houghton said.

Sophomore Rene Reyes technically finished 11th; however, he ran stride for stride with his running mate, Houghton. He also recorded that same excellent

time of 26:31 5:20. Senior Robby McClendon's time of 26:58 5:25 placed him 16th.

"A solid performance was given by everyone. We have a big team so whoever doesn't compete at their best, someone else will," senior Brian Sullivan said. Sullivan finished with a time 27:17 5:29, placing him 18th. Freshman Johnny Cordis was right behind Sullivan, putting him 19th, with a time of 27:32 5:32. "I gave everything I had," Cordis explained.

The men's cross country "B" team competed in the Aztec Cross Country Open Invitational and placed third with a total score of 82.

Justin Lessel, junior, finished 14th with a time of 29:13; Marco Alvarado, came in 15th with a time of 29:17; Fresh-

man, Matt McCarron, placed 19th with a time of 29:45; Tim Irwin came in 23rd with a time of 29:55; Eduardo Mariscal, came in 26th with 29:55; and his twin brother Apolinar Mariscal came in 28th with 30:06.

Women's Aztec Cross Country Open Team Invitational

The Cal State San Marcos women's cross country placed second at the Aztec Cross Country Open Invitational and earned a score of 64. They were ten points below the first place team, the University of San Diego. "This was one of our greatest races ever as a team," junior Katherine Nibblett explained.

Freshman Ann Marie Byrne blazed a trail, finishing first with a time of 19:42 6:20. Junior Katherine Nibblett finished with a

time of 19:57 6:25, which earned her an 11th place finish overall. Junior Felisha Mariscal finished with a time of 20:28 6:35, which placed her 14th. Senior Lanelle Cox followed right behind, placing 15th with a time of 20:28 6:35. Senior Camille Wilborn placed 19th respectively, with a time of 20:40 6:39.

"I felt [their performance] was wonderful. I really feel this was one of our greatest teams we have ever had. It's going to be a great season. We are only eight points off of Concordia and they are third in the nation," Nibblett insisted.

The men's and women's team will compete next at the UC Riverside Invitational Sat. Sept. 21, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

Substitutions Subdue Women's Soccer Club Team

By JESSICA A. KRONE
Sports Editor

After competing in their first game of the season, the Cal State San Marcos women's soccer club team battled against National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division One, San Diego State University at Mangrum Field on Saturday, September 14. During the first half, the Cougars held the Aztecs to just three goals; however, in the second half, the Aztecs wore

down Cougar defending with constant substitutions and scored five more goals to end the game with a final score of 8-0.

The Cougars have a small 14-woman roster; in addition to that, two players could not play due to health conditions. The Aztec's roster, totaling 25, was able to constantly put fresh legs on the field when a substitute was needed. "Everyone is enthusiastic and we have the right mind set and an awesome coach but we

need more people," explained junior Carol Devendorf, one of the Cougar team captains. Devendorf pulled her quadriceps during warm-ups and tried to play but ended up limping off the field with her teammates by her side. Also, Freshman Cristyn Krause could not play because of bronchitis.

"In addition to their studies, they are committed to make something very special happen. Our objective is to build on our goals

that are real, that can be defined and attained in order to make things work," explained Coach Carl Farmer, who was appointed to the position approximately three weeks ago. He has been coaching for women's AAA premier gold club teams for the past five years and previously for women's teams for 15 years.

"This is our first season and it takes time to know each other. Getting the girls involved is the key to get the soccer program

going," Casie Burke explained.

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The Making of an Idol

By GERALD JONES
Pride Staff Writer

If you haven't talked about, heard of, or watched one of the most unexpected hit TV shows of the summer, you must have been under a rock. "American Idol" took America by storm when it made its world premiere on June 11, at 9:00pm on Fox. Two nights a week, millions of viewers stayed glued to the TV to find out which potential Superstar hopeful would be ousted next.

What made the show an even bigger success is that they put the power in the public's hand.

The viewers called in each week to determine who gave a star-studded performance and who gave a not-so-stellar performance. Whether your favorite was RJ Helton, A.J. Gil, or the obvious sex kitten of the bunch, Ryan Starr, most viewers had their top three of who they thought would win. From an overwhelming group of surveys and public opinion, it was plain to see that Kelly Clarkson, Tamyra Gray, and Justin Guarini were the favorites who were predicted to make it to the grand finale show.

As we all know, life does not always go as we think it should. In

a shocking vote on Wed. August 21, Tamyra Gray was voted off which left Nikki McKibbin the mediocre mundane rock vocalist to be ripped apart vocally in the upcoming episode. Needless to say, the following week America said farewell to Nikki McKibbin.

The two-hour grand finale left the other two favorites Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini to battle it out with songs never heard before. To all three judges, Kelly Clarkson was the obvious choice for the coveted title of being the "American Idol" and 8.7 million viewers outvoted 6.3 million in favor of her. Kelly was

then rushed off to a whirlwind of interviews, televisions spots, and the ultimate prize, an exclusive recording contract with RCA and an album due for release on November 26, 2002.

You may ask, "Well, what happened to everyone else?" Don't despair because you are in luck. All ten finalists are going on tour together to sing songs from the show and the "American Idol: Greatest Hits" album is due out Oct. 15. Word on the street is that RCA has also signed runner-up Justin Guarini and the lovely Tamyra Gray.

If you just can't wait for each of their albums to hit the shelves, see them all on tour. Guess where is the first stop? Yes, it's San Diego on October 8. And to all you CSUSM students, auditions for "American Idol 2" will be coming to a city near you very soon. So get your vocal chords ready and pick out that perfect outfit because you might be the next "American Idol."

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Halo Taken to a Newer Level

By STEVEN ZAMORA
Pride Staff Writer

Gunshots are fired. Your two teammates are shocked and a little bit nervous because they may die and lose their first Halo battle online. All of a sudden, the cable cord link to the router and the Xbox game system are disconnected and the game ends leaving no winner.

The players are relieved, and yet it's remarkable that people can now play games such as Halo in their homes against people from different states and coun-

tries. This is all made possible by an online host called Game Spy Arcade. In order to use this host, one must go to the website: www.gamespyarcade.com.

Once at the site, players must register to Game Spy Arcade and also download Game Spy Arcade tunnel. By registering to the arcade, players now have access to the chat rooms for Halo, where they can create chat rooms of their own in order to draw other players for possible game play.

When a player enters the room, the player(s) who host the room

must ask the guest if they are ready to play the game. If he or she is ready, the guest and host must press the ready tab at the top left side of the chat room. After the "ready up" process, the host(s) presses the launch tab at the top left-hand corner that activates the game; the actual game play takes place in the tunnel.

There are some negative aspects of online game play. In the chat rooms, many people talk down on your game playing skills and may say awful things about you because of the way you tend to play. Also, during the

game, players may experience lag in the game where the game may stop when it is actually in session. However, this lag happens rarely and is only a small price to pay for the enjoyment of playing online.

In addition to the benefits that Game Spy Arcade has developed, the online system is also responsible for the formation of Halo teams in hopes that competing online will show who are the best Halo players in the world.

Take caution when playing this game online, people tend to

take this game too seriously and end up getting overworked and often feel weak and worthless for losing against other players. The important thing to remember is that Halo is fun and not for people who can't control their emotions in the realm of video games.

Not many opportunities have been given to game players from all over the world to play each other, so take this information as an opportunity to battle Halo globally and locally.


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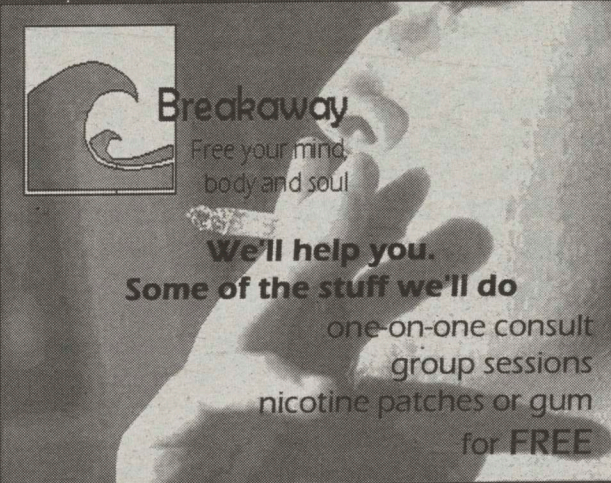
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Can I Keep My Degree?

By JENNIFER ACEE
Pride Staff Writer

Has anyone else noticed the unsettlingly large number of students who graduated from CSUSM, only to be called back by the registration office to take another class?

These are students who completed – or thought they completed – all of the necessary courses to graduate and then applied and were accepted by all three of the university's graduation reviewing components: their faculty advisor, Registration and Records, and a graduation technician.

These are also students who have walked away from the university, degree in hand, ready to begin the next phase of their lives.

But then they get a phone call from Registration and Records, interrupting that next phase. The student is informed that "due to an error," they must return to the university to fully complete their requirements, and their degree is invalid until having done so.

Imagine the deflated sense of accomplishment and the disruption to one's life that this would cause. Careers may have to be put on hold or even simply impeded. Relocating back to the San Diego area is likely necessary. And, one must find the financial resources and time to devote to reenrollment.

One student to whom this revocation happened inquired as to why he should come back, being that the physical degree was already in his possession. He was told that his degree is now invalid, to be considered a forged document. So he returned to CSUSM to watch an employee in the Registration office shred his diploma, and he reluctantly handed over his tuition for the upcoming semester.

Why is a degree not a binding document? How can they be awarded, then revoked and deemed invalid just like that?

To be perfectly clear on all that goes on prior to a student being approved for graduation, let us examine the extensive process. (Seniors: take note.) The graduation process, as outlined in a faculty advising resources page, has a 22-step procedure.

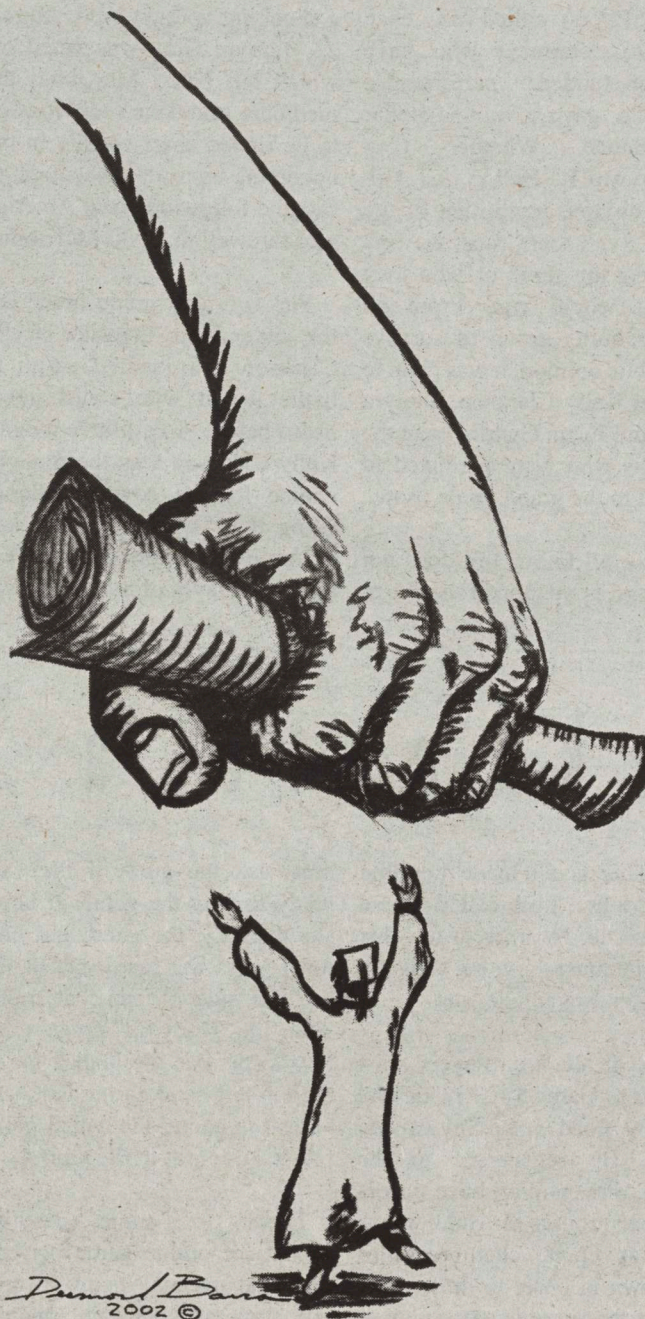
(http://www.csusm.edu/Academic_Advising/facres.htm/Graduation%20Process.htm)

To begin, the student gets a graduation application from Registration and Records, fills it out, goes to the cashier's office to pay fees (because apparently tuition is not sufficient to cover paper processing), then back to Registration and Records to turn in the completed application.

Now the process is, for the most part, beyond the student. Registration and Records enters the application information into Banner (an administrative software system), and the yellow copy of the application is sent to advising.

Now let us see what the graduation 'technician' is up to. She or he runs a report to determine who has applied and reapplied for graduation. Each applicant's file is pulled from advising. Banner is checked to see if the applicant has transcripts that need to be copied from Registration and Records. Along with the retrieval of any and all necessary transcripts, approved alternate course agreements, independent study contracts and incomplete agreements are also gathered into the student's folder.

Next, the student file is sent to the faculty advisor "accompanied with," as the website states, "a memo instructing what the faculty advisor is to do." A letter is also sent to the student notifying him/her to consult the faculty



adviser.

Upon meeting with the advisor, the student's major courses are evaluated, and then the file is sent back to the graduation technician by the advisor.

Back in the hands of the 'technician,' the file is, as the website says, "proofed, stamped and copied," and "checked to see if there is a secondary major or minor." If there is, the process is repeated all over again.

Then finally, the file is sent to Registration and Records.

Again, there are 22 steps – and two semesters prior to graduation in which to complete them. And yet, we still cannot be sure that once that degree is in hand, it is ours to keep. So where does that leave us? It leaves us second-guessing the determinations of the people being paid to advise us because they cannot invariably be relied upon. It leaves us to be extra cautious about our own graduation planning. And, well, in some unfortunate cases it leaves us plain SOL, as the saying goes.

LETTERS

Editors:

I am sending this letter for a couple reasons. First of all, there is erroneous information contained within the article on HALO ("The Low Down on Halo") in the Arts section of The Pride's September 10 issue. The author wrote that it is possible to play through the levels cooperatively with up to sixteen players, he is wrong. With more than two players you can only play against each other, not against the aliens. Also, he failed to mention the online capabilities of HALO.

...I would like to challenge him.

With the XBOX, a cable or DSL modem, a computer and a hub you can go online and play people in HALO from all across the world. Not to mention that the official online service (XBOX LIVE) is going to be released by Microsoft in November (cost is \$50 for one year, XBOX communicator and one game are included).

The author of the article also mentioned that he is up for a battle with anyone who thinks they can play and that he is the HALO champion. This may sound ridiculous, but I would like to challenge him. I understand that it may not be appropriate that I address this topic in mail sent to The Pride, and not directly to the author, but this is the only way I could communicate with him.

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Response to “ASI and its Rules”

This letter to the editors is in response to last week’s editorial regarding “ASI and its Rules.” Each year with the re-election of the ASI Board of Directors, a retreat is scheduled to educate the Board on the corporation they will be running. The information and experience that the retreat offers is essential to the organization.

In the past, there was no official policy requiring a Board member to attend the retreat, thus many put it as a last priority and did not attend. As last year’s Board began to plan strategically for a stronger more active student government, they decided that the retreat was essential and ASI Board members needed to be

held more accountable for their actions.

The ASI Bylaws, which are created by ASI, were changed last year to incorporate mandatory retreat dates. These dates were posted prior to and during the entire election process and all potential candidates were informed they must be available to attend these retreats or they should not run for election. Just to clear up any confusion, ASI is a not-for-profit student-run auxiliary. The University does not write our Bylaws, nor do they pay for our retreat.

I can understand the concern stated in last week’s letter that read, “someone who did not run

for office can replace someone elected by the students, although neither attended the retreat.” Let me explain. According to our Bylaws, it states that failure to attend a mandatory retreat results in removal from the Board. It also states that any Board member who has been removed or who

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has resigned will not be eligible to reapply for any position on the Board for the remainder of that current elected term of office.

These policies were not made arbitrarily. They were discussed and debated in Board meetings last year, ultimately voted on

and approved. The main goal for the decision was to encourage and support responsible decision-making, since ASI runs on student fees.

Bottom line is that now they are policy, and by law, we must adhere to them. Can they be amended? Yes. Can exceptions be made? With a majority vote of the Board of Directors, yes. The individual did appeal the decision to the ASI Executive Committee over summer, and based on items discussed in closed session, the request for an exception was not granted.

I hope these facts clear up any confusion on the issue. The Board of Director meetings and

the minutes from those meetings are open to the public. Our meetings are every other Friday from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. in Commons 206. Our office is located in Commons 203. Please feel free to stop by and find out what your Associated Students are up to.

We encourage your questioning and curiosity regarding our operations, because ultimately we are public servants to the students of Cal State San Marcos. Enjoy the new semester!

Jocelyn Brown
President/CEO
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Comedy Hour on NPR

By ERIK ROPER

Hearing hypocrisy and misinformation usually makes me ill...but sometimes that sort of thing can be good for a few laughs. This morning I was flying to school listening to NPR when our illegally appointed "President" Bush (read "Betrayal of America", by Vincent Bugliosi, and "The

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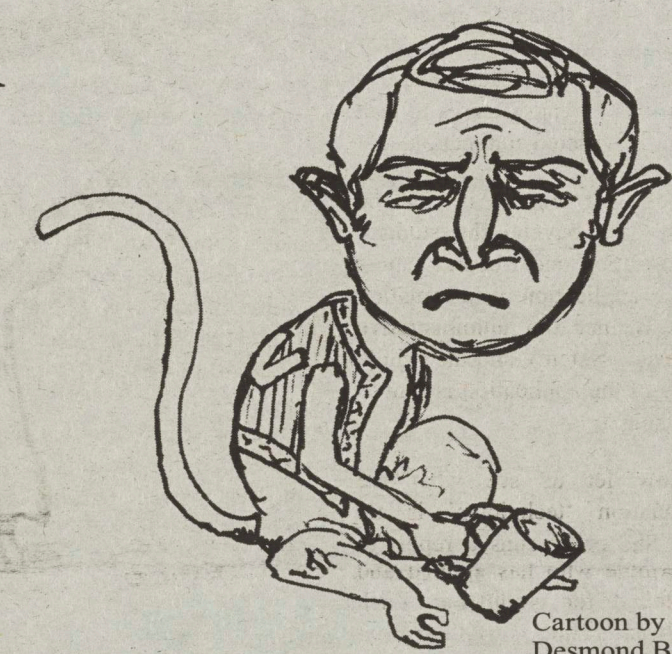
Democracy Money Can Buy", by Greg Palast to learn for yourself that I'm not whacked) came on the radio, addressing the UN. In between bouts of uncontrollable laughter inspired by his half-truth filled assertions regarding why the UN should support his proposed war on Iraq, I caught a few points I think pertinent to point out.

Bush was telling the UN that if they don't support a war on Iraq,

after Iraq has continually dissed their Security Council's demands, it shows that the UN is powerless and ineffective. He told the UN that they were the largest multi-lateral organization on the planet and that for them to be effective and successful they had to back up their words with action.

While that may be true, I find it laughably hypocritical of Bush to demand the UN's support, and hilarious when he said that he wanted the UN to be, "effective and successful." He said that Iraq needs to be punished for repeatedly ignoring the demands of the UN and the global community it represents.

But what about all those times when the US has repeatedly ignored the demands of the UN? What about the global treaty opposing land mines that every



Cartoon by
Desmond Barca

other civilized nation has signed but we've unilaterally opposed? What about the Kyoto Protocol that we've unilaterally dismissed despite scientists within the Bush administration recommending that global warming is a problem we need to address? What about how the US feels it should be exempt from paying dues that

all other member states of the UN are required to pay that help the UN to be "effective and successful"?

Bush went on to deplore the poor human rights record of Iraq and how if we went in there and killed a bunch of people it would be better because then

we could set up a democratic government with elections that would be overseen by objective international observers. Yeah, right. Um, what about how, *Human Rights Watch*, one of the world's leading human rights orgs, has repeatedly condemned the US as one of the western civilized world's worst offenders of human rights?

The part where he talked about democracy and elections was the best though. I could go on and on about that but I've got a word count limit to adhere to and you should really read those books for yourself anyways.

Next time you're watching Bush on TV remember this – he is betting that you are ignorant and possibly even stupid - and if he doesn't feel that way, why else would he spew forth the hypocrisies that he does?

Where have all the manners gone?

By CARLOS BALADEZ
Pride Staff Writer

It is the little things in this world that we have come to depend on, and it is the absence of those little things that are leading to the demise of the community atmosphere on our campus, at least to me. I am talking about manners, and how there has been a drastic decline of the use of manners in recent history. The bottom line is that people are simply rude.

When I was younger, my father always told me to be a gentleman; I was told to hold doors open for females (or for anybody for that matter), to always say please and thank you, and to always excuse myself in the case of accidental contact. These aren't hard rules to abide by. Yet everyday I see the door falling closed right as a man has passed through and a

woman is trying to enter.

Really ... what am I asking you to do? I'm not saying that you have to play "doorman" and hold the door open for every female you see, but I am saying that if somebody is coming through the same door you are, to hold the door open. What is ten seconds of your time? And please don't use the excuse of you having to get to class on time, because if ten seconds makes the difference you deserve to be late. This is not a hard thing to grasp; have the common courtesy to hold a door open for an approaching individual.

Two phrases altogether not too hard to say, and very easy to remember ... "please" and "thank you." What is so hard about trying these words out? If somebody does something nice for you (like holding a door

open), say "thank you." I don't see that as being too difficult. Yet it is a small yet vital detail that is largely overlooked.

If you are requesting the help of somebody (say at admissions or at the writing center), say please. Can I *please* have this signed? Or I would like to make an appointment *please*. Altogether not a difficult task. Yet everyday I see the agitated student, who is angry that something has not gone his or her way, taking a bad attitude and forgetting manners all together.

These students often act as if the people that they are addressing are just the "hired help" and it is their job to cater to them. It is amazing how much a "please" or "thank you" will help you along your way of getting things done. People respond to kindness much better than they respond to rude-

ness.

Finally the words "excuse me." You WILL bump into somebody almost everyday you are on campus. It is inevitable that you will accidentally push somebody while trying to get out of one class and get to your next class on time, and in the case that it does happen to you, say, "excuse me." I've been run into many a time on campus and the other person just goes on his or her way.

What is that?!? I mean really, if you bump into somebody have the common decency to say, "excuse me," and if you're in a particularly good mood, say "I'm sorry." By the way, saying, "excuse me" or "I'm sorry" is in no way an admission of fault. So if you just don't say these catch phrases because you don't want to sound like a jerk for bumping into somebody, just know that

you are being more a jerk for saying nothing.

I know there are probably some people nodding their heads as they read this article and if you are one of these people ... make the change. You and I together will help revive the idea of being a society that takes others under consideration when striving for our own goal.

It is not about how many people you have to step on to make it to the top anymore. Mostly because people like that end up old, bitter, and alone. It is more about exercising a mutual respect for your fellow human. So please, let's try to exercise proper manners when walking through campus.

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lot below Chavez Plaza aren't conveniently located to the main campus for people with physical disabilities.

Last week, student Lorraine Puckett was unable to get her wheelchair out of her van because someone had parked on the blue lines of the handicap space.

People who turn the blue lines of a handicap space into make-shift parking spaces are asking for a very expensive ticket.

CSUSM President Gonzalez explained that our parking situation is complicated because the state does not subsidize parking services in any way. Parking services must be completely self-supporting.

Gonzalez explained that to build the six planned parking structures, no state funds can be used. Money for construction of the structures must come from parking services through substantial increases in parking fees. Gonzalez also explained that parking structures are extremely expensive to build.

It breaks down to something like 12-18 thousand dollars per space. Therefore, if a structure had 1000 spaces, at \$12,000 per space, that equals 12 million dollars for one structure. And

that's the low end of the money spectrum.

Gonzalez assures students that there is a committee currently working on the parking issue and looking at alternative areas and solutions. Gonzalez is waiting for the committee to report back to him with their recommendations.

Upon further inquiry as to how parking structures are financed, Rick Moore in Public Relations explained why the construction of even one parking structure is a long way off. To finance construction, the university must increase the parking fees. This increase would have to be in place long enough to accumulate enough money for a down payment and to demonstrate adequate cash flow to the bondholders before they would invest their money to finance the rest of the construction.

Maybe by the time my grandchildren and your children attend this

school, they'll be able to park because it's not going to happen while we are here. That is unless we can find a philanthropist whose ego would permit having a parking garage named after him.

*Enrollment statistics are not official until the census is taken at the end of September. 6900 represents the opening day enrollment. This information was obtained from a media advisory sent to The Pride office on 9/10/02

**Parking Services wanted everyone to be aware that curb parking and stack parking is offered Monday through Thurs-

day and stack parking ends at 2 p.m. Both of these options are ending on September 26. For up to date parking information log

on to www.csusm.edu/parking



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police thought he had acted freely.

Zingaro's father also commented about the allegation of them withholding information from the police. He said that he was irate and that the timing stated by the police is way off. The parents said last Wednesday that they did not tell the police nor the public about the note when it was found because they were concerned that something might have happened to their son and wanted the search to continue.

Although Byler was critical of the family's decision to withhold information before the discovery of Zingaro's death, he said that Zingaro's parents will not be charged because they were not aware of the note when they filed the police report and were apparently acting in good faith.

Alderson last saw Zingaro on Sept. 4 when he left his apartment to come to CSUSM

to crash a class. He called his new job, Tony Roma's in the San Marcos restaurant row where he was getting trained, to let them know he would be late because he would come to CSUSM before going to work. However, he never went to either of these places.

He used his ATM card in gasoline stations in Escondido and Carlton probably before going to the mountains, and the Carlsbad police suspect that he was traveling alone.

Zingaro's service is going to be held today at 10 a.m. at Santiago Catholic Church in Lake Forest in Orange County, where his parents live.

Rest in peace. *The Pride* would like to express our condolences to the Zingaro family.

[The L.A. Times and North County Times contributed to this article.]



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