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By AMBER ROSSLAND
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 5, the students and faculty of CSUSM celebrated the grand opening of the two newest additions to the campus, the Arts and the Science buildings. The celebration began in Chavez Plaza at 11 a.m. with the annual CSUSM student picnic and was followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony led by President Alexander Gonzalez.

Former department chair Bill Bradbury took a moment to share his excitement about the new Arts building and reflect back on the beginnings of the Arts program at CSUSM and the efforts of the late Don Fuentes, who is remembered for his work early on in CSUSM's history. Bradbury hopes that this is the beginning of a bright future for



Arts students at CSUSM.

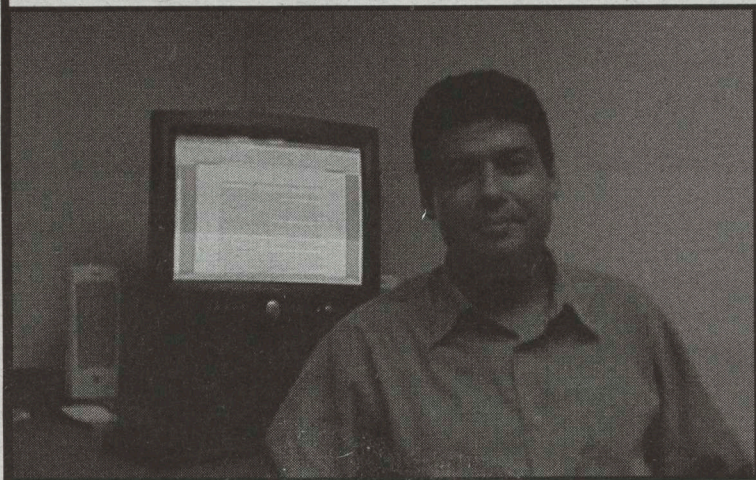
CSUSM President Gonzales and ASI President Jocelyn Brown.
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Today's Q and A on Islam

By DESMOND BARCA
Pride Design Editor

an accurate image of Islam based on his experiences.



Professor Salah Moukhlis. Photo by Desmond Barca

Today, Professor Salah Moukhlis will be giving an informative lecture, followed by a question and answer session, on the world of Islam. The lecture will begin at noon in Commons 206, and is scheduled to run until 1:15. Dr. Moukhlis intends to spend approximately 15 to 20 minutes discussing the historical context of Islamic culture and its relationship with the west; afterwards he will host a question and answer session in which he will field questions and attempt to present

Dr. Moukhlis is in a unique position to promote cultural awareness having spent much of his life in the predominantly Muslim country of Morocco, where he earned his B.A. degree in English. Dr. Moukhlis went on to study in England where he attained his Masters degree in British Literature, and then Comparative Literature in New York where he earned his Ph.D.

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MBA Program Irregularities
Present Since 1999

By GAIL TARANTINO
Pride Staff Writer

In the fall of 2001, after learning of irregularities in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, CSUSM President Alexander Gonzalez requested that the chancellor's office conduct an investigation into the program. However, some of these irregularities are not new and go back to 1999 when, in a statewide audit, problems and potential problems regarding the extended studies program were brought to the attention of the adminis-

tration. The chancellor's office released a report of their findings this past July. The report covered the investigation of the financial records for both the college of business and extended studies from January 1995 through February 2002.

Besides being critical of the university for ignoring the earlier audit, the report also charges that the MBA program operated in "obvious disregard of laws" and was "not only poorly managed, but often administered with an obvious disregard of laws, regulations and CSU policies

and procedures". Some of the charges made in the report are that there has been an inappropriate accounting of \$300,000, that MBA program instructors were paid twice as much as their peers within the CSU system, and how money from the general fund, which is meant for the entire campus, was used for faculty salaries in the extended studies program.

From its inception in 1995, the university's MBA program was a blend of both the college of business and extended studies in a hybrid program that also

blended both state and private funds. Auditors claim the way fees were charged violated legal requirements and CSU policy. The MBA program had one fee for summer and winter and a different fee for fall and spring. The report charges that CSUSM officials were using funds from the state supported business college to supplement the extended studies. Colleen Bentley-Adler, a spokeswoman at the chancellor's office, said "I have not seen this at another university" and

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New Systems and Where Our Old Computers Go To Die

By ALYSSA FINKELSTEIN
Lead Editor

New shipments containing a total of 664 new Dell computers and 164 new Apple computers might have been seen by anyone on campus over this past summer. The new Science Hall (Science II) was recently equipped with 180 new Dell computers, and 100 new Apple computers have been installed in the Arts Building.

According to Bill Ward, director of Telecommunications and Network Operations at Cal State San Marcos, "The system adds were divided up by department except for one general student lab [stocked with PC's] that IITS manages in Science II. [The new Science Hall] has several new labs for computer science, math, physics, [and] biology." Bill Craig, (we need his title here), was unavailable for comment as to the exact numbers of computers connected in each of the new labs. The remainder of the shipments was used to refresh the current systems on campus and to replace some of the older model computers in Academic Hall, Craven Hall, and Science I.

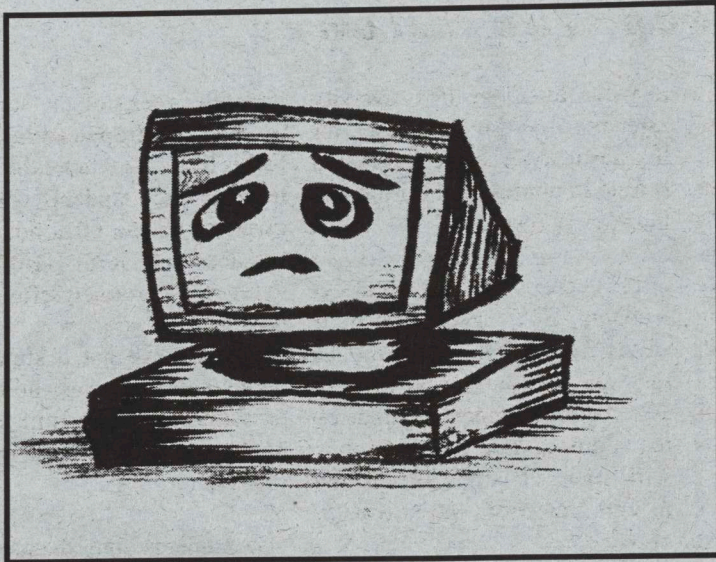
The older systems that were replaced by the new shipments have been retired and returned to the campus materials management for storage. One of three things can happen to the old systems. Materials management

occasionally holds a surplus auction, the last of which was last Saturday, September 7. Otherwise, computers can be donated to elementary and/or high schools or campus departments can buy the rights to use them.

Old computer systems can also be donated to any school that wants them. Ward said, "If a school wants a donation of systems, they can [submit a] request to the Property department here on campus. We do not specifically target any schools."

A new lease contract through the help desk for a new system carries a one time cost of \$1380, which covers, according to Ward, "network connection, access to a networked laser printer, new software licenses, and virus protection." The lease itself carries a price tag of \$1320 per year, which covers "the computer itself, network maintenance, server and email access, and administration and software maintenance," Ward said. This means that for the initial setup of a new system, a department has to pay a total of \$2700, and then \$1320 for every year following.

When campus departments need additional systems, this is another option to them. According to Ward, "Old computers are not actually purchased because they are still state property. However, anyone wanting to



use state funds can purchase the right to use a computer. We do not accept personal funds. This means that all current software will be loaded and IITS makes sure the system is working properly. The buyer can use this system for as long as they want, then return it to the campus property department when they are done."

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All In, All Out

By TERESA MC NULTY
Pride Staff Writer

"All in, all out!" cried auctioneer Emilio Lemeni closing another sale at the Cal State San Marcos Fourth Annual Surplus Property Auction on Saturday. The preview for the auction started at 9:30 a.m. and the actual selling began at 11 a.m. Over 150 people gathered for the annual event where items were sold on an "as is, where is," basis. The auction took place at the

University Services Building located at 441 La Moree Road.

For sale at the auction were computers, desks, chairs, TVs, VCRs, and a lot more. Over all, there were 400 items for sale. At the beginning of the auction, a Pentium Processor sold for almost \$180.00 reported Cal State student, Ben Arnold but he said, "Later, I saw people walk away with computers for as little as \$20. There were a lot of great deals. We bought a desk chair for \$30."

Robert Aguilar, another auctioneer, commented that the auction had a great turn out. "We had 100 lot sheets, listing the items available for sale, ready for the people, and ran out of them right away. I believe a lot of people have walked away very happy. This is different from what I usually do. I usually do car auctions. I am here to help Emilio conduct the auction and this is more fun." He also added jokingly, "Yes, it's true... if you scratch your eye at the wrong time, you might wind up buying something!"

The auction, conducted by Abamex Auction Company, was very successful. The cashier replied, "I am too busy to know how much money has been taken in, but everything seems to be selling."

After One Year, Cal State San Marcos is Moving On

By CARLOS BALADEZ
Pride Staff Writer

As the one-year anniversary of the World Trade Center Attack day approaches, Cal Sate San Marcos is making efforts to remember the day in a way that brings people together as a community. "A Year of Living Dangerously," a roundtable dis-

cussion featuring some Cal State San Marcos's faculty members was held Monday in ACD 102, from 11:30 a.m. through 12:45 p.m.

The panel explored "the effects of September 11 on American life, the continuing threat and the war on terrorism in order to put the past into perspective and

to help us think clearly about the future," as described in the event brochure.

This discussion featured members of the faculty from varying disciplines, ranging from Political Science, History, Physics, and Visual and Performing arts. The members of this panel exchanged ideas about the new-

year as it rapidly approaches.

Vicki Golich, a CSUSM professor, was one of the guest presenters for the conference. Golich said before the event, "My presentation will look at the world and the state of international relations a year after 9/11. What has -- has not -- changed with respect to the

way nations interact with each other? How have our notions of security changed? " said Golich before the discussion. Golich also addressed how the events of Sept. 11 changed key structures and processes that govern global relations in political, economic, cultural, and other exchanges/business. She also addressed the problems with airline security.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 10

Library Reception for Students

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Library Courtyard
Students -- Learn how to get research help through The Library. Attend a reception at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 10. Enjoy refreshments, participate in a drawing for a \$20 Starbucks card and a \$10 Dome Card. Learn how you can contact librarians for research help. Info: Yvonne Muelemans, Librarian,

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Q and A on Islam

Time: 12:00 pm- 1:15 p.m

Location: Commons 206
Dr. Salah Moukhlis, Literature and Writing Studies, will lead a question and answer session on Islam.

Wednesday, September 11

September 11 Observance

To remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001:

--At 8:46 a.m., a moment of silence will be observed across the campus, followed by a ringing

of campus bells for one minute beginning at 8:48 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., bells will ring for one minute, every hour on the hour.

-- At 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., President Alexander Gonzalez will make a brief opening address at an open forum where students, and others in the campus community, may speak about their own experiences during the past year. Student volunteers will read some of the names of those who died during the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. This event will be held in the free speech area.

Announcements

SENIORS -- Have you applied for graduation?

Attention seniors! You cannot graduate unless you apply! The deadline is Friday, September 20. Applications are available in the Enrollment Services Information Center, Fifth Floor, Craven Hall, just off Founder's Plaza.

Community Service Scholarships Available

Ten \$1,000 scholarships are available for students interested in doing community service. Visit the

Financial Aid Office, Craven 4204, for more information and an application.

Research Assistants Wanted

The CSU Foundation office is hiring research assistants for its Latinas Vida Project! Applicants must be fluent in Spanish and English (read, speak and write). Need qualified applicants for data collection. PT positions available and reliable transportation is required. \$12/hr. For full job posting and to apply please visit the Foundation website at <www.csusm.edu/foundation> or visit the Foundation.

More Ways for the Administration to Keep Your Money

By MELISSA REED
Pride Staff Writer

Students who drop their classes and are still expecting a full refund of tuition and mandatory fees now that classes are in session may be in for a big surprise. Effective Fall 2002, the refund policy at CSUSM has changed to comply with Title 5 of the California Codes of Regulations.

Under the previous refund policy, students had up to the add/drop date to change their classes and status with no financial penalties.

As long as they withdrew or dropped classes prior to the add/drop date they were reimbursed the entire amount they invested.

With the new refund policy, however, students who decide

to withdraw from the university after the first day of classes for that term will receive a prorated refund of nonresident tuition and mandatory fees.

This new policy will not affect students if they change their status from full to part time, as they are still entitled to the full 100% if the changes are made by the add/drop date, but this policy will affect all students wishing to withdraw from the university altogether.

Although not receiving a 100% refund for a timely withdrawal may aggravate some students, the new policy may benefit others.

Under the old refund policy, in order to get any of your money back, students had to decide and withdraw by the add/drop date, which usually falls within the

first few weeks of the semester. The add/drop deadline this Fall is 09/17/02. Under the new refund policy students will be given up to the 60% point in the academic term (11/07/02) to receive a prorated refund.

This means that if students bomb their midterms and want to withdraw, they still have a chance to get back some money.

If students find themselves in a situation of having to withdraw from the university and wanting to get all registration fees back, there are some exceptions to this policy.

Although severe medical conditions did not make the top ten list of acceptable reasons for withdrawal without penalty, the excuses that made it to the top are:

- a) fees that were assessed in error
- b) course for which fees were assessed was cancelled by the campus
- c) a delayed decision made by the campus regarding student's eligibility for enrollment and
- d) compulsory military service.

he met with students last week he felt assured that he had made the right decision. In the future Dr. Moukhlis hopes to establish a study abroad program with Morocco, as well as seeing the Global Lit. Program here at CSUSM expand.

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This is Dr. Moukhlis' first semester at CSUSM where he is teaching Global Lit. 410: African Literature. According to Dr. Moukhlis, when applying for a faculty position, CSUSM was his first choice, and that after

It May Not Look Different, but the Dome has Gotten Better

By JENNIFER ACEE
Pride Staff Writer

Although basically hidden to customers, many changes to the campus food court, the Dome, took place over the summer.

As Aztec Shops employee Debbie Curtchianti said, "Most of [the renovation that took place] was behind the scenes."

This included an expansion that enabled renovation and upgrades. A significant amount of space added to the kitchen area, as well as advancements in the technological equipment systems used by the food services, makes for a better experience for customers.

While things appear basically the same as they did last spring in the Dome's cafeteria and convenience store, in spite of appearances, customers may be pleasantly surprised.

The selection of food items offered in the Dome has not changed or expanded greatly, but cooking methods have. Prior to the renovations, the food was cooked first thing

in the mornings and stored for the day's sales. However, now meals are cooked in small quantities throughout the day.

Consequently, as Curtchianti promises, the food served in the Casa Del Sol Grille, Nana's Pizza and Subs, and the House of Tsang will be fresh, sometimes even made-to-order.

Along with the positive changes, prices on some items have been raised, but only slightly – \$0.25 at the most. Curtchianti says this is to accommodate for "increasing minimum wage rates" and any other increases in production costs.

The Dome staff now claims that customers can enjoy fresher meals at what are still considered descent prices, and Curtchianti optimistically promised that more good things are yet to come to the CSUSM Dome.

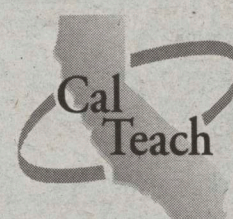
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Guys and Dolls Takes the Cake

By DESMOND BARCA
Pride Design Editor

For those of you who have never heard of Guys and Dolls, I suggest you put down the Chicken McNuggets, turn off your TV, drag yourself out from whatever rock you have been hiding under, and expose yourself to some culture.

That's exactly what I did this weekend, and I have to tell you (from the safety of my home under that rock), it was well worth it. I'm not ashamed to admit that I like a good musical, whether it is a film such as Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory or Trey Parker's Cannibal the Musical, or an animated feature by our dark lord Disney. Musicals, especially American musical theatre, are a lot of fun.

But before I go into Guys and Dolls, I would like to describe briefly the Welk Resort Theatre, which is presenting Guys and Dolls from Sept. 4th through Nov. 9th. The lobby of the Welk Resort Theatre is like a miniature

museum honoring Lawrence Welk, "America's Music Man." Among the memorabilia and exhibits there is a three-quarter-scale reproduction of a few of the rooms from Welk's childhood home. The exhibit is weird, musty-smelling, and gives you the feeling that you're in some sort of creepy theme park. The entrance to the seating space is decorated with an equally creepy full wall mural of an elderly Welk, toothily grinning as he holds an infant above his gaping maw, in a scene eerily reminiscent of "Night of the Living Dead." Once you get past the horror show going on in

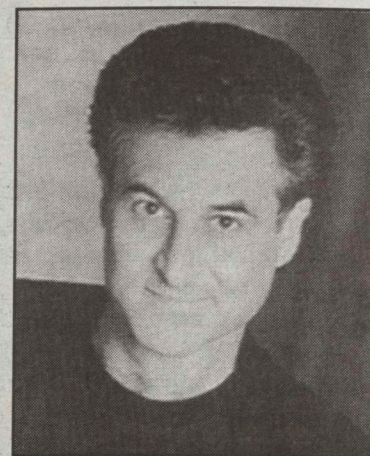
the front lobby, the theatre itself is very nice indeed; it is intimate and very comfortable.

is performed live), the dancing, the songs, and most importantly the acting were all flawlessly

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Guys and Dolls is a period piece taking place in New York in the 1950's and deals lightly with gambling, sin, and immaturity. The production stars Jeffrey Rockwell, Ann Winkowski, Elna Binckes, and Barry Pear as 'Nathan Detroit,' among others. This play is incredibly polished. The music (which

executed. Having a live orchestra accompanying a musical show makes an incredible difference. I can't stress enough how amazingly perfect the show came off; as far as I could tell there wasn't one missed step, fumbled line, or missed key. The dance routines were some of the best I have ever seen to the credit of director and choreographer Ray Limon.



Actor, Barry Pear

This play is more than just entertaining or amusing, it is actually very funny. There were a number of parts that made me laugh long and hard, the kind of laugh that makes your upper body do that thing that's like a convulsive fit. Many of the actors

have had notable and frequent appearances on television and in movies as well as long lists of stage productions, and a few of the players are locals of Escondido. But again I'd like to stress the fact that though the song and dance were brilliant, it is on account of the superb acting that I strongly recommend this "Musical Fable of Broadway" to anyone with time enough for theatre.

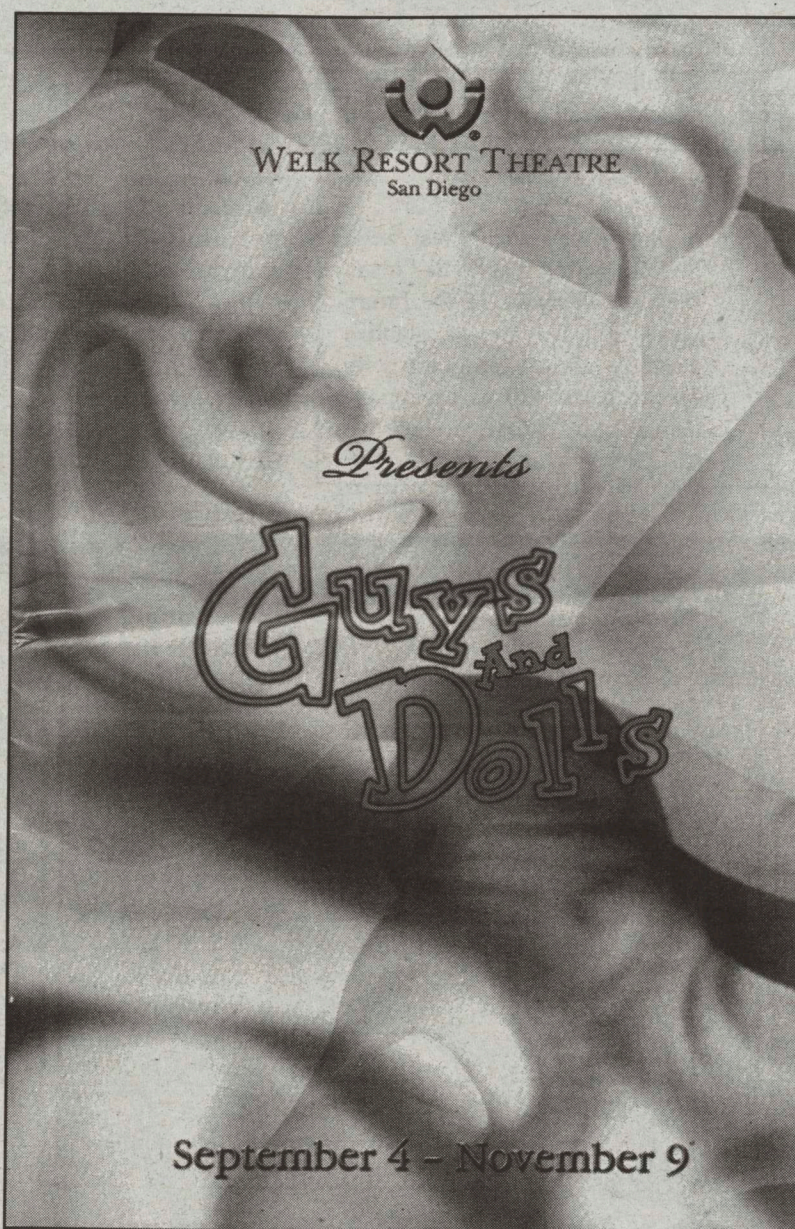
Too often in our fast-food culture we opt for the convenience and ease of watching performers on a screen rather than in person. As a result we miss out on the human connection of participating as an audience with the actual performers, and that is sad because there is something intimate and special about being present in person for this form of storytelling.

And on a side note, the food at Mr. W's Restaurant was most excellent and the service likewise.

All pictures courtesy of the Welk Resort Theatre.



Actor, Elna Binckes



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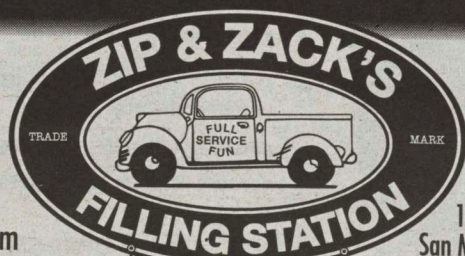
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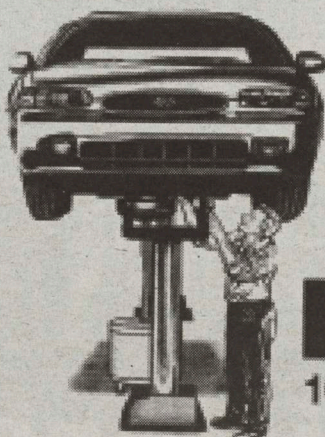


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The Low-Down On Halo

The Low-Down On Halo
BY STEVEN ZAMORA
Pride Staff Writer

Those who are avid video game players should give thought to playing Halo on XBOX, Microsoft's video game unit. This game is raw and unedited for mature game players who want to participate in preventing Earth's destruction from an alien invasion that lasts for many heart-pounding levels.

How well the player can aid the Earth lies within their video-game skills and how well they use those skills to master the many weapons that Halo has to offer. These weapons are: assault rifles, pistols, shotguns, sniper rifles, grenade launchers, alien plasma guns, and a gunner auto-

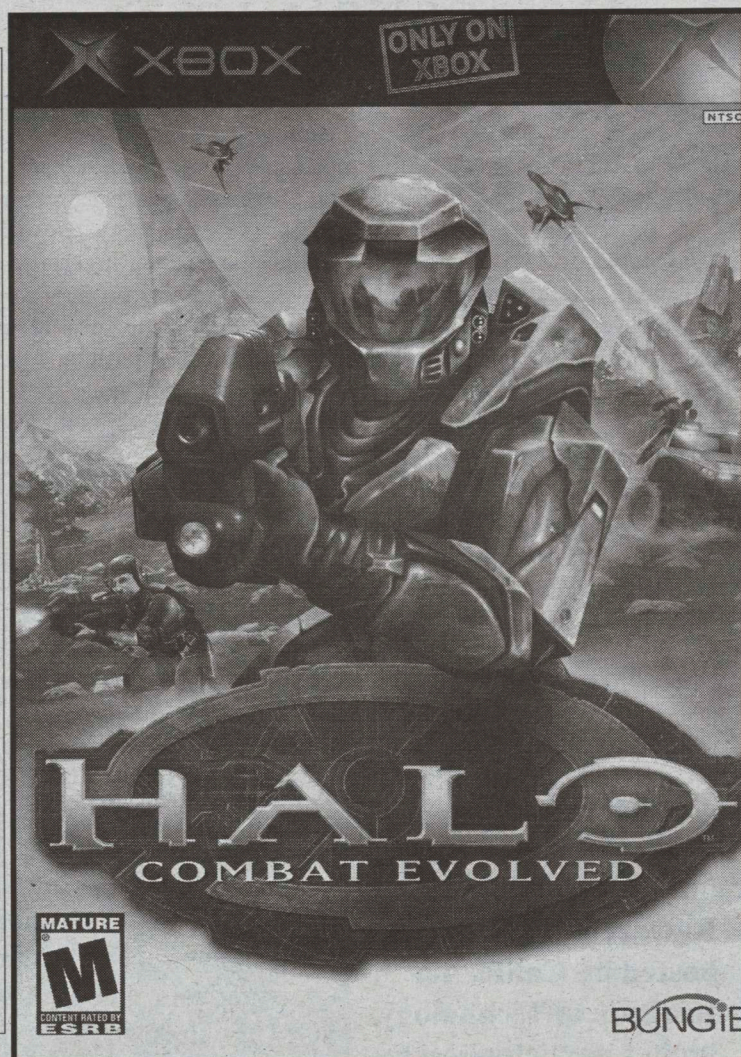
mobile. Players who use these weapons effectively in battle will successfully complete the game.

This game should not be played in front of children because of the many instances where Halo displays blood, gore, and killings, and may be inappropriate for children to view. So please take precaution of children around you when choosing to play Halo, and also beware of addiction to this game.

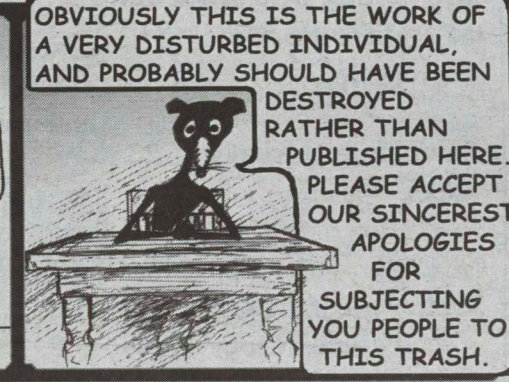
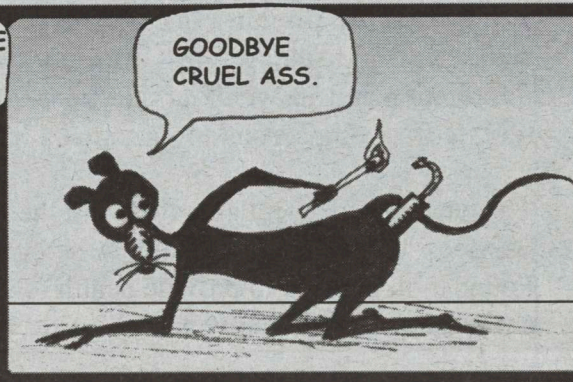
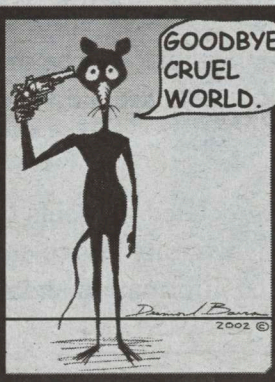
One great aspect of this game is that as many as sixteen players (only when they link four XBOX's with cable cords) can play together and try to defeat the alien onslaught. This game is awesome for players as well as their friends. In addition to the mission that the game provides,

players can also duel each other in interactive multiplayer games. Five different multiplayer games challenge one's ability to maneuver his or her player and use of weapons to kill.

Another bonus within Halo is that before players go into battle, they can pick the color and also label the name of the players used throughout the game. When players kill their friends in the multiplayer game, the screen signals that they have been killed by the player's name. Anyone who thinks they can play this game well are welcome to battle me, the halo champion.



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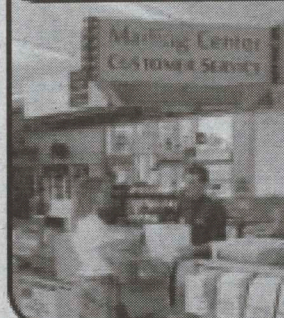
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New CSUSM Library to Be Named After The Kellogg Family

By RIA CUSTODIO
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos president Alexander Gonzalez announced a major event scheduled to take place pending the approval by the CSU Board of Trustees. The library on campus, currently under construction, will post the name of generous supporters Jean and W. Keith Kellogg II. The completion of the library is expected for completion in 18 to 24 months.

Planning, Design and Construction emphasized that the completion of the library is sooner than quoted. An increase in private funding made for a higher priority of the library on the projects list. The Kelloggs remain instrumental in pushing the schedule of completion sooner than expected. The philanthropic Kelloggs remain influential in the support of donations surpassing millions of dollars to campus projects. The Kelloggs continue to be devoted supporter and donors to CSUSM.

Kellogg Library will serve as a perpetual reminder of the kindness, generosity, and graciousness of two of the nicest people you would ever want to meet."

The proposition of naming of the Kellogg library will be taken into consideration during the CSU Board of Trustees September meeting. Funding, from the Kelloggs, of the library began in 1996-1998 through private sources.

Campus Public Relations Representative, Rick Moore said, "Approval is expected."

The generosity of the Kelloggs dates from 1992 to present time. The Kelloggs give gracious donations to many aspect of CSUSM. As a golfer, Keith Kellogg II donated funds to form a strong Cal State San Marcos golf program. In addition, the Kelloggs made the campus student union a possibility with their contributions.

Moore also said that the Kelloggs donated charitably to the President's Discretionary fund to support a veritable combination of key projects. One project

being, the creation of the Kellogg Endowed Scholarship and Cal State San Marcos. The vast donation that the Kelloggs gave to CSUSM opened the doors to many possible projects. The Kelloggs contributions offer a glimpse the kindness of such honorary people. The proposed naming of the library honors the devotion of two kind-hearted people who care about the future of Cal State San Marcos.

Russell Decker, Director of

Gonzalez emphasized, "The

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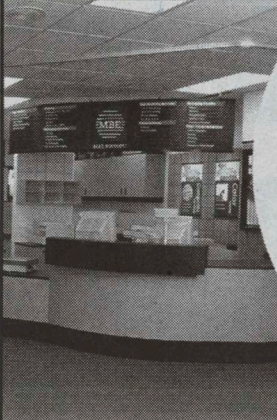
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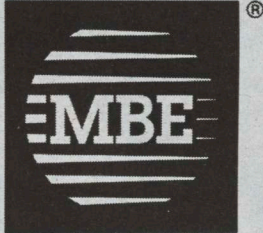
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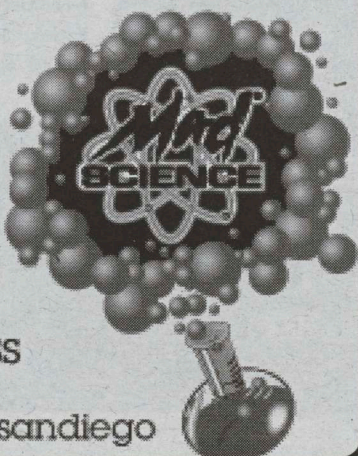
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CSUSM Says Goodbye to a Member of Its Founding Faculty

By ALYSSA FINKELSTEIN
Lead Editor

On the afternoon May 23, the College of Arts and Sciences, along with the CSUSM Sociology department, hosted a retirement reception and said goodbye to one of CSUSM's founding faculty, Dr. Therese Baker-Degler.

According to her campus homepage, Dr. Baker spent 18 years at DePaul University in Chicago before coming to CSUSM, six of which were spent as Sociology department chair. She also worked briefly within the administration at Stanford University.

In 1989, Dr. Baker came to San Marcos to help with the planning of the new University. She designed and launched the Sociology program in the fall of 1990, according to her homepage. Baker said, "I have many memories of CSUSM in its earliest days. I was very active in faculty governance at both CSUSM and the Statewide Academic Senate in the earliest years."

As a member of the Statewide Academic Senate, Baker said she "learned a lot about the CSU system, and the other senators gave me an earful about what they thought about the CSU starting a new campus, namely

CSUSM, after 25 years of no new campuses." Since the opening of CSUSM, two new CSU campuses have been opened, but both of them, Channel Islands and Monterey Bay, have been built by refurbishing prior facilities and buildings, according to

Rick Moore, CSUSM Director of Communications. He also said, "CSU San Marcos is the only campus to be built in recent years entirely from the ground up."

When CSUSM first opened its doors to students in the fall

of 1990, Dr. Baker served as the first Chair of the Academic Senate. She recalls, "There were approximately 30 faculty here at that point and all of them came to Senate meetings which were very testy." When asked to elaborate about what made the meetings

unpredictable and highly-strung, she denied further comment.

Baker said, "I was the only full time sociologist here until Bob Roberts joined me in 1992, but we had a number of terrific adjunct faculty who joined us early on so that by the time Bob Roberts came on board, we were teaching about 15 Sociology classes each term."

In the spring of 1992, CSUSM awarded the first of its Sociology degrees to 13 students. By 1995, CSUSM had developed its "innovative master's degree program: Master of Arts in Sociological Practice (MASP)," according to Baker. She said, "This program, which continues the focus on social problems, human service agencies [and] field research has been very successful in attracting students, having students complete the degree, and move on to relevant careers or in some cases to Ph.D. programs."

Baker said that she is "very pleased to have been a part of [the effort to provide students of all backgrounds the access to a Sociology degree]." She added, "Joining the effort to found CSUSM, and in particular the Sociology program at this university, has given me a chance to make a difference."



Dr. Terry Baker-Degler, Courtesy of her CSUSM Home Page

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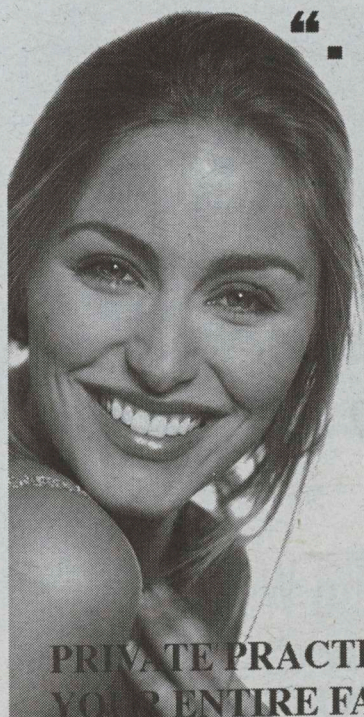
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Mammoth Training for Mammoth Results

By CHRIS MARTIN and JESSICA A. KRONE
Pride Staff Writer and Sports Editor

Cal State San Marcos men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Mammoth Lakes, CA, for a high-altitude training session from Aug. 24th through the 31st of this year. The reason behind this type of training was to increase the lung capacity of the runners. In doing so, they increased their stamina making it easier for them to compete at lower altitudes. "The thin air and less oxygen forces the body to produce more red blood cells, which increases the oxygen in your blood," senior Brian Sullivan explained.

The course length that the women's team runs for each

event is five kilometers and the distance for the men's team is eight kilometers. With half of the women's team, and nearly half of the men's team being returning runners, there is no reason for Cougars fans to think that this year will be anything out of the ordinary for this exemplary program.

Returning runners for the women's team include seniors Lanele Cox and Camille Wilborn; and juniors Katherine Niblett and Felisha Mariscal; and sophomores Samantha Delagardelle and Manal Yamout. New to the team include, junior Megan Katlinger a transfer from U.S. Military Academy at West Point and five new freshman who include Ann Marie Byrne from University High School, Yolanda Carillo from Temecula Valley

High School, Carissa Marin from Canyon Springs High School, Sara Oates, a transfer from George Fox University in Oregon and Carey Sperry from Simi Valley High School.

With these six returning women and the six new members that are added to the squad, making Nationals, which is the goal of the team according to Coach Steve Scott, will be no easy chore. This would be due to the fact that the team will be running in what is thought of as a very competitive and talented region. Last year's team did not qualify for Nationals, but in 2000 they finished 20th overall. Hopes are high for a return to glory.

On the other hand, the men's team has been ranked ninth

in the nation within the pre-season National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) polls. "We have a good shot at being top five and could even win the National Championship," said Sullivan.

The men's team has seven returning members who include seniors, Kris Houghton, Robby McClendon, Brian Sullivan and Omar Zavala; and juniors Mike Shannon and Justin Lessel. Sophomore Rene Reyes rounds out the returning lettermen. Ten new team members have joined which include, Jesse Armijo, a junior who transferred from Saddleback College; Tony Herr, a sophomore transfer from California Baptist University; Andrew Lewis, a sophomore transfer from Alliant International University; Marco

Alvarado, a freshman from Don Bosco Technical Institute; Wes Bryant, a freshman from Upland High School; Kevin Knight, a freshman from Arroyo Grande High School; Richie Gray, another freshman from Upland High School; Apolinar and Eduardo Mariscal, two freshmen twin brothers from Chula Vista High School; and Matt McCarron, a freshman from Terra Nova High School.

With the experience of the returning runners and some new talent, this season promises to be both exciting and successful for the men's team. "I feel really strong about this season, we have a big group of guys with real talent. If we stay together and focused we will succeed," Sullivan insisted.

Sullivan Strides

By JESSICA A. KRONE
Sports Editor

Cross Country runner Brian Sullivan is a 22-year-old senior majoring in psychology. This team leader was born in Spain and has lived in New York, Virginia, Georgia and Florida. From the ages of 10 to 14, he went to school on an American

military base in Rota, Spain.

He tried out for the cross country team at St. Augustine High School in San Diego. Sullivan promptly made the varsity team at his high school during his freshman year. He never competitively ran before high school; however he was a natural and it showed.

He enjoys running to areas that have beautiful sights.

Sometimes, he will run to the top of a mountain just to witness the setting sun. Other times, he will get up really early in the morning in order to run along the beach and watch the sunrise. Running allows Sullivan to think. "Running is a mental escape from reality, no matter what is going on," he said.

According to Sullivan, his

favorite thing to do in his spare time is to have fun with friends in Pacific Beach. He works at a shoe store called "Running Center." He is also a private tutor in all subjects for two junior high school students, with whom he has developed a great relationship.

In the future, he would like to possibly pursue a career in abnormal psychology and is keeping his options open for any career that might interest him.

Brian realizes that his cross country career will not last forever. "I just want to qualify for the Olympic trials in 2004 then get on with my life. Running will always be part of my life and I will never give it up," Sullivan explained.

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that mixing state and non-state money isn't done, "you keep those pots of money separate".

Apparently the college of business and extended studies developed the hybrid in order for the university to be able to offer a competitive MBA program, as competition for graduate students in MBA programs has increased because of non-accredited programs and the Internet. And while some students have expressed their concern that the program problems might devalue their degree, Gonzalez has assured both students and the business community that "the quality of the program was not affected." Since May 2002, the MBA program is running on state money only.

Gonzalez explained that those involved in starting up the MBA program, one of whom was Dr. Bill Stacy who was president of the university at the time, were "entrepreneurial" and "creative" and focused on trying to get an MBA program established. The report claims that the program problems were worsened by the high turnover in its administration and faculty. In the last 10 years, the college of business has sustained a loss of "at least 10 faculty members", and there have also been eight permanent and acting deans.

President Gonzalez assured the media during a press conference in July, that "there was not any fraud involved" and the procedures and practices causing the problems have been corrected. The chancellor's office report did not name names and Gonzalez has suggested that the people who may responsible are no longer with the university. Former program director George Diehr said that from the beginning the auditors seemed focused on reaching conclusions that supported President Gonzalez.

George Diehr, former director of the MBA program from 1995 to 1999, and current head of the campus chapter of California Faculty Association (CFA), insists there has been no misuse of funds and all the "expenditures and activities in question had top CSUSM administrative approval." However, the report claims, "necessary presidential approvals were not always properly obtained" and that the program's money was handled in a way that benefited faculty and administrators. Diehr and Jack Leu, a former program director from 1999 to 2001, are adamant in their claim that neither faculty nor administrators at the business school made money as a result of the blending of the programs and funds. Diehr pronounces these charges "reprehensible."

As a result of the audit, President Gonzalez has organized a committee to investigate charges

and act on the recommendations made in the report, and to determine if the problems in the program were caused by "errors in judgment" or if anything illegal or unethical was done and by whom. The committee was expected to present their recommendations and findings to Gonzalez within 60 days. The following CSUSM staff and faculty members make up the committee: Chair Marion Reid, Jackie Borin, Silverio Haro, G. H. "Bud" Morris, Norm Nicholson, Sandra Punch, Miriam Schustack, Laurie Stowell, and Rich Vanderhoff.

The CFA has questioned the effectiveness of a committee in which a few of its members rely on Gonzalez for budget approvals, promotions and pay raises. Lillian Taiz, CFA vice president, believes the committee should be made up of "outside experts" rather than a committee that "is stacked with people who are close to the president." The CFA is concerned that an internal committee will absolve high-level administrators of any responsibility for the problems in the program.

According to the North County Times, in a letter Taiz recently wrote to Gonzalez, she claims that the charges made by the chancellors office will be shown to be "simply fabrications designed to destroy the reputations and careers of respected" teachers. Taiz also wrote "the

creation of this in-house committee puts [Gonzalez] out of sync with the public's demand for openness. At its worst, your reluctance to establish an independent investigation suggests you have something to hide."

[The pride will continue its coverage of the CoBA MBA investigation in future articles.]

[The 1999 statewide audit and the 2002 chancellors audit can be viewed by visiting www.csusm.edu/pride and clicking on the audit links

within this article.]

[The San Diego Daily Transcript, the San Diego Union Tribune and the North County Times contributed to this article. In addition, information used here was taken from the 1999 and 2002 audit.

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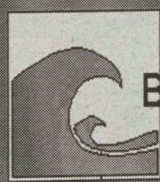
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Walking: Is It Really So Hard?

By KURT B. MAYER
Pride Staff Writer

Why is it so hard for everyone to walk around campus? It is true that there is a parking situation underway at this university, and that there is such an abundance of vehicles that the main entryway is lined with cars from end to end. In this congested state it would seem logical to simply park wherever there was the least amount of confusion and the most available space, even if it was a further walk.

Yet this does not seem to be the case.

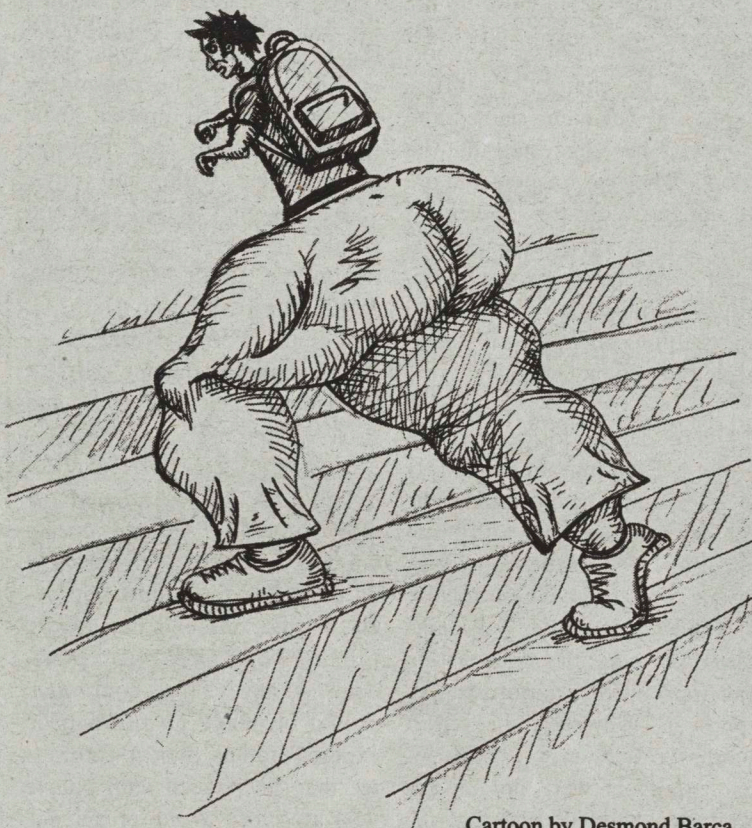
Like many students, I myself have fallen prey to the "vultures" which scavenge our parking lots looking for the closest possible space. The feeling of being stalked is quite clear when it happens. An ominous presence overcomes you, like you are being watched. You slowly turn your head and see a blue Honda civic trailing you, pacing you. You can try to dodge the scavenger by cutting through

to the next aisle where your car is really parked, but the scavenger will quickly circle around the bend and be there, waiting for you. Only when you reach the safety of your car and vacate your parking space with immediacy will the vulture back off — slightly. The instant you are clear the vulture dives in and seizes the precious parking space.

Indeed, the campus has needlessly delayed in constructing an accommodating parking facility for both students and staff, thus allowing the vultures to multiply and run rampant through our parking lots.

Perhaps the funding is simply not yet present for a five level garage. Yet the campus still decides not to blacktop one of the nearby vacant fields, if only for an immediate-term solution.

I have paid my \$62 dollars for a parking permit. Yet to spite the game and avoid the vultures, I proudly display my red token



Cartoon by Desmond Barca

from the parking lot of the "P" building on the far western edge of Twin Oaks Valley Road. I then proceed to hike up the

mountainside and two hundred odd steps to whatever third floor classroom I must presently be attending. I do not mind. On

average, I find it takes less time to hike the distance than to hunt for a parking space. Despite this simple reasoning, as I hike up Craven Road I see countless others foolishly wandering into the vultures' lair, and I shake my head in bewilderment.

Once again, I ask you: why is it so hard to walk? Walking is good exercise! In addition to doing two hundred repetitions on the built-in California State University Stair Master, the extra twenty to forty pounds of books each student carries offers a slightly more extensive workout — and that's great for your heart and lungs! Plus, we have more time to talk on our cellular phones and bask in the warm September sun.

Raise your \$62 dollar parking permits high, and climb the university mountaintop. (Just be sure to watch out for the preying vultures.) Many of the most intelligent individuals I have ever met work and study at this university. Certainly it is not too hard for us to walk.

ASI and its Rules

Recently, ASI asked one of the student representatives elected last spring to resign.

Evidently, she did not attend a "mandatory" ASI retreat over the summer because of family obligations that required her to leave California.

I understand the reason for the retreat was to provide the new officers with information they will need as student representatives.

I believe, however, the ASI is not acting in the student body's best interest when it adheres to

rigid rules instead of applying common sense when conducting business.

Although she ran for a relatively minor position, the student in question received more votes than any other candidate did. If she resigns, her post will remain vacant until it can be filled by an appointee.

In other words, someone who did not run for office can replace someone elected by the students, although neither attended the retreat. Where is the logic in that kind of thinking?

And whose rule is this mandatory retreat anyway? If ASI made the rules, then our elected leaders can certainly make exceptions.

If the school is making the retreat mandatory, then I believe a serious conflict of interest may be occurring. Try to follow my logic on this point.

The school tells the students running for office that if elected they must attend a mandatory retreat. The retreat indoctrinates the students on how the school operates so that the student leaders can interface with their

university counterparts.

If the school foots the bill for the retreat, that would place the administration in a position of paying our student government leaders to act in a certain manner. The ASI would then lose its autonomy to the university that places restrictions on who can run for a student government office.

The student, the top vote getter in last spring's election, would lose her elected position to a flawed system. Had she not run for office and simply applied for an appointment to fill a vacancy,

the student could have served in her position without attending the retreat. She and the people who voted for her deserve better. I would appreciate a response from the ASI on this point.

Steve Compian
Graduate Student

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Feminine Composure

By KENDRA GOODALL
Pride Staff Writer

Though I am not involved in any clubs or extracurricular activities, I would like to get to know more of my fellow CSU students beyond the classroom. In fact just last month I

SDSU three years ago. We both meet plenty of guys, and girls for that matter, when we go out. Yet we never really met many people at college.

After reading Eric's article Male Angst I realize we are not the only ones who wonder why. My friend, Nicole and I are both fit blondes and don't have any problems picking up on guys if it is necessary, but actually it has never come to that. Even though it is 2002, girls still like it when guys make the first move.

Now that doesn't mean using some lame pick-up line on the girl sitting next to you in class, college girls are too smart to fall for that. Since the guys at CSU are also very intelligent why not use your brains to strike up an interesting conversation.

Though the idea of a party always appeals to me, in fact I love to throw them. But every time I do throw a party it requires some investing for drinks and appetizers and if you invite people that you don't know then you have to make sure that

there is someone big enough to throw anyone out who causes a fight.

Plus you have to make sure that no valuables are left out in case a thief happens to get word of the party, and we haven't even

But she did something that most people at CSU rarely attempt; she sat at my empty table and started up a conversation.

gotten to the idea of the police coming.

Because even though I like to give mankind the benefit of the doubt that these things won't happen I would be ignorant to believe that the possibility isn't out there. Anyone who has thrown more than one party of 100 people or more knows what I am talking about.

Now don't jump to conclusions here, I am not against anything

Eric said I am here to give suggestions from a single girl's perspective. In fact I would like this to continue on to a weekly column. But it doesn't have to be for just single people. I think that the whole school could use some help on getting to know each other better.

For those 21 and up, there are great clubs that host 'college night' in which anyone with a student ID gets a discount on drinks. For those under 21, we could have a weekly posting of the best movies out and plan a CSU night starting at a local restaurant and ending at the theatre.

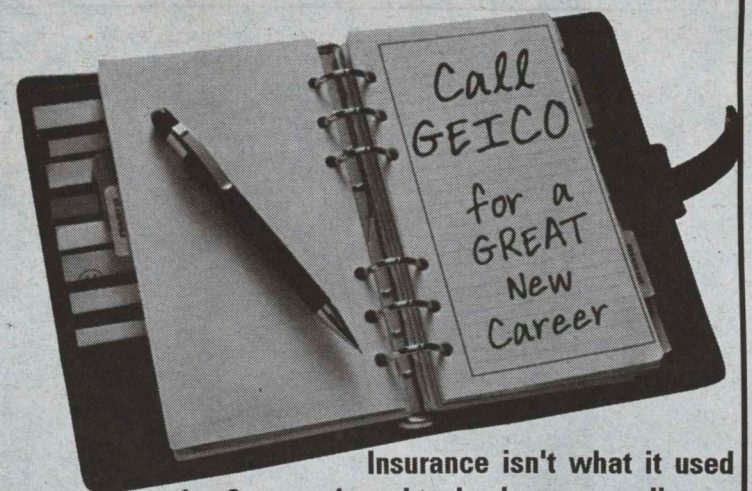
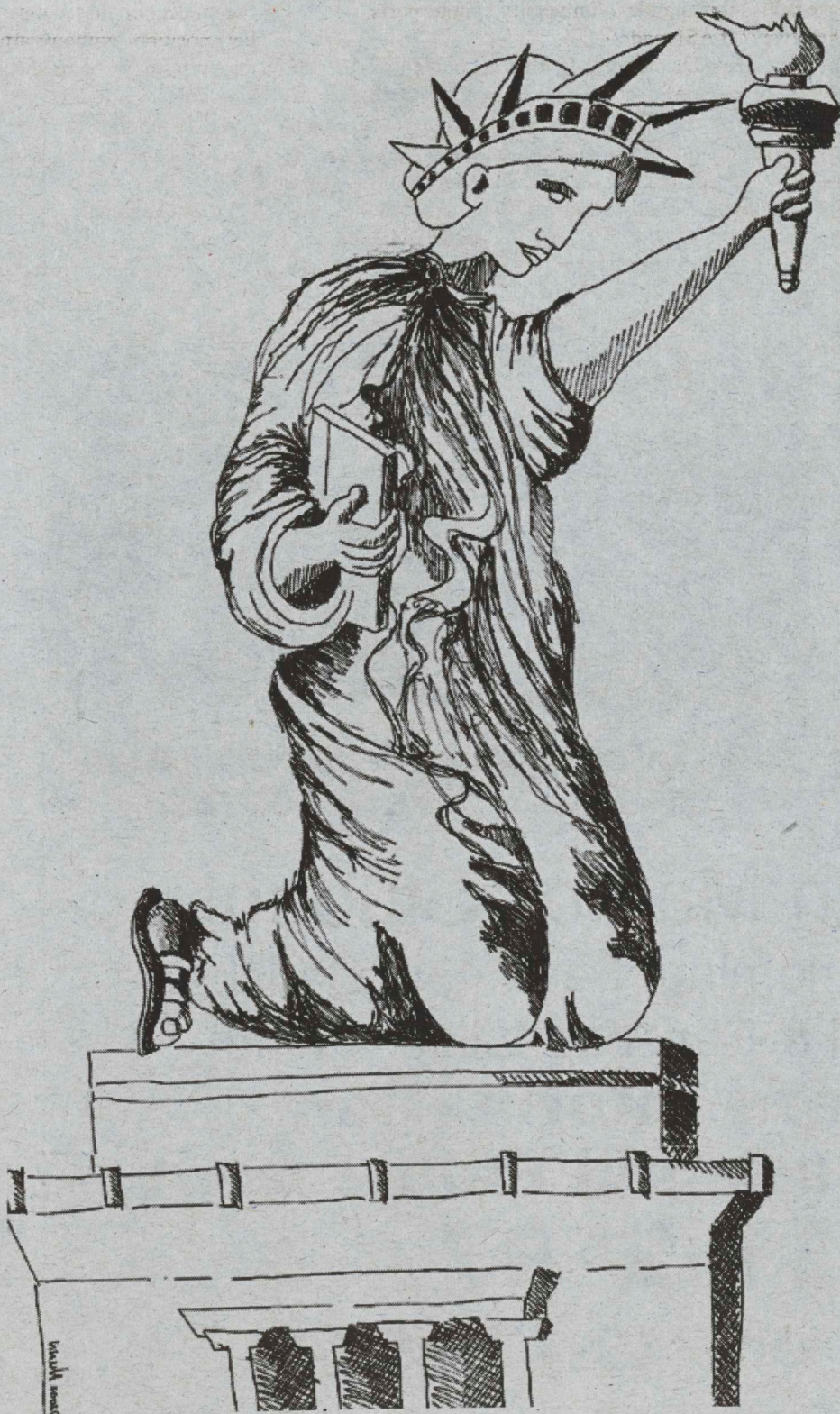
Yet the best way to meet people from CSU is at the cafeteria, even though I have never formed a relationship with anyone there. In fact the only person who actually suggested going out was a girl from Greenpeace, who didn't even go to college. She didn't 'pick-up' on me because I'm really only attracted to men.

But she did something that most people at CSU rarely attempt; she sat at my empty table and started up a conversation.

Luckily we had common interests. So she invited me to meet her friends at a club downtown that weekend. She even wrote down the directions and time they were going. If a guy were to make the same effort I would have been even more willing to go. Yet there are two key things that guys should remember when taking such an approach.

First, it is good to find a common interest and keep a conversation going for a little while, or wait until after you have met up with the girl more than once before asking her out. Second, girls feel more comfortable in groups, or if they are at least given the option to bring a friend. So ask her and her friends to meet up with you and your friends. Anyhow the first step begins with you; yes you, whoever you are. If you want to meet more people you have to approach them with some wit or topic of conversation beyond, "hey babe, you want to go to a party with me". Believe it or not most of us girls have heard that line before.

was discussing this subject with my friend, who graduated from



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Cal State San Marcos Student Missing

By MARTHA SARABIA
Lead Editor

CSUSM student, Alex Ryan Zingaro, has been missing since Sept. 4 from his Carlsbad home. His roommate was the last one to see him last Wed. at 10:00 a.m. at their apartment.

A junior majoring in communication and a snowboarder, Zingaro was scheduled to attend CSUSM classes on Wed. but never showed up. In addition, he never went to work at Tony Roma's restaurant in San Marcos to what would have been his second day on the job.

Before disappearing, Zingaro called his employer to let him know that he would be late because he needed to come to CSUSM. He said that he needed to make some arrangements for a class. "He called and said he was going to crash a class and he was running late," said one of Zingaro's co-workers.

Although Zingaro has not been seen since last Wednesday, his belongings, which include schoolbooks, clothes, and his surfboard, are still in his apartment.

Both of his parents have said that he is not the kind of person to disappear without calling and that he kept in close touch with them as well as with his younger brother. However, the police do not think there is anything unusual about his disappearance, other than that he has turned up missing. There is no suspicion of foul play.

Zingaro's mother said to have talked to him a week ago. "I have no idea what could have happened to him," she said. She also added that he was excited about his new job and about

starting classes. His father has said that there has not been any activity in his bank account since he disappeared. Family and friends have also said that he is a responsible person and has not been known to use drugs. They have also handed out many flyers about Zingaro's disappearance to the community.

Zingaro is 22 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs 175-180 pounds. He has wavy brown hair with blond tips and blue-green eyes. He is suspected of driving his blue 1989 Mazda pickup, California license plate

5U57091, with a camper shell, because it is also missing.

He was living in Lake Tahoe where he was attending a community college before coming to Carlsbad in May.

The police are asking those who have information regarding Zangaro and/or his car whereabouts to call (760) 931-2197.

[The San Diego Union-Tribune and the North County Times contributed to this article.]

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