

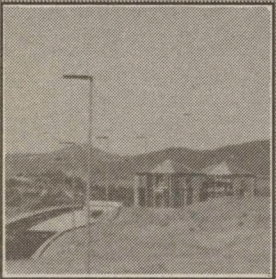
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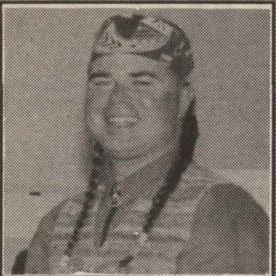
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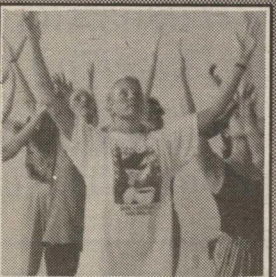
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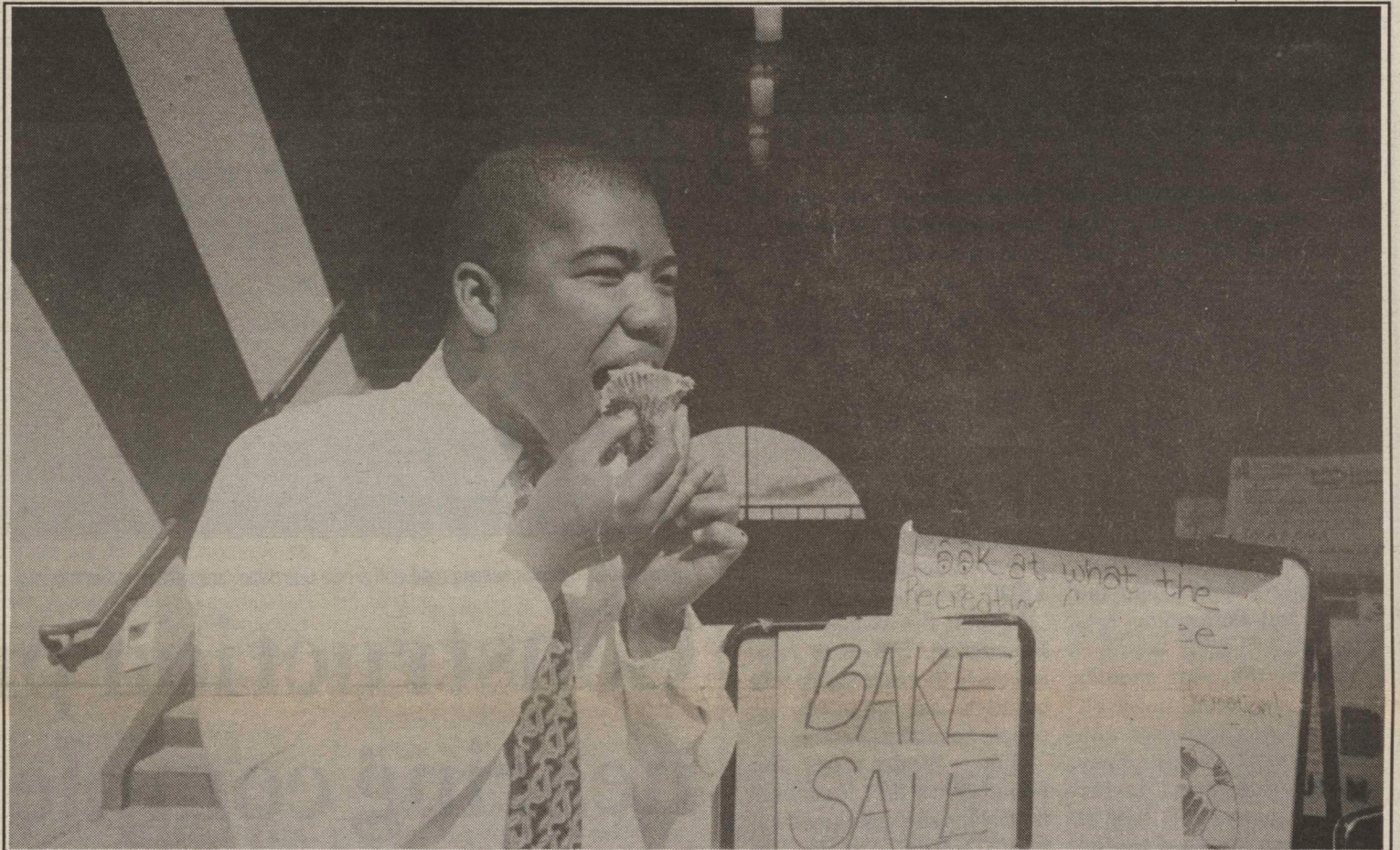
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Associated Students President makes a statement last week against restrictions on student food-selling during a bake sale and voter registraion drive..

Food Fight

Associated Students protests food policy

By Tony Barton

News Editor

In supposed violation of school policy, the Associated Students, Inc. sold food on campus to promote a voter registration drive Nov. 15. Corn dogs, cupcakes and ice cream were sold in front of Academic Hall and beverages were sold in front of the vending machines in the commons area.

"Students are upset about not being able to sell food on campus to make money," said CSSA

Representative Lisa Lopez. "They've had to take fund raising off campus."

Talks were already under way as to the updating of current school policy relating to the selling of food on campus prior to the AS protest. The current policy is an agreement between the Foundation and Aztec Shops, the company who supplies The Dome's foodstuffs. The agreement provides the notion that other groups may not compete with Aztec Shops in the CSUSM food market.

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NEWS

Student turns misfortune into fighting chance

One Cal State San Marcos student has found a way to turn misfortune into a fighting chance for life — twice.

Gina Erickson of Vista was an aspiring ballerina until an accident in 1992 put Erickson in a wheelchair.

Not one to give in to self-pity or to give up, she fought back and worked at her physical therapy and was determined to walk again. She also enrolled at CSUSM and channeled her energies into the Visual and Performing Arts program.

Earlier this year another tragedy occurred, however. Erickson was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD), a side effect from her previous injury. RSD, though it has been known since the Civil War, is still not fully understood.

A painful, neurogenic disease that afflicts millions of people, RSD can be treated if detected early. In Erickson's case, it was nearly fatal. In the

last flare up, even though her heart was healthy, RSD caused messages to be sent to heart to stop beating.

Realizing the closeness of her own mortality, Erickson has started the Wings of Joy Foundation.

"The only way I can make sense from all this suffering and pain, is that it gives me a chance to make a difference. Early detection is important in the successful treatment of RSD," Erickson explained. "Through the Wings of Joy Foundation, I hope to raise money to increase awareness of the disease and to educate people about its symptoms."

The Wings of Joy Foundation's first fundraiser is a fashion show and luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 9 at LaCosta Resort and Spa. Donations are \$40. To order tickets or for more information call 727-9870 or write: Wings of Joy Foundation, C/O Box 188, 1611 A S. Melrose Dr., Vista Ca. 92083.

Students concerned about 'blaming the victim'

By Roman S. Koenig
Editor-in-Chief

Students and faculty have expressed dismay this week over what they see as a case of "blaming the victim" by campus officials after the late-October assault of a female student.

"I have to say that I ended up feeling frustrated about the whole thing," said Donna Peters, a Sociology graduate student.

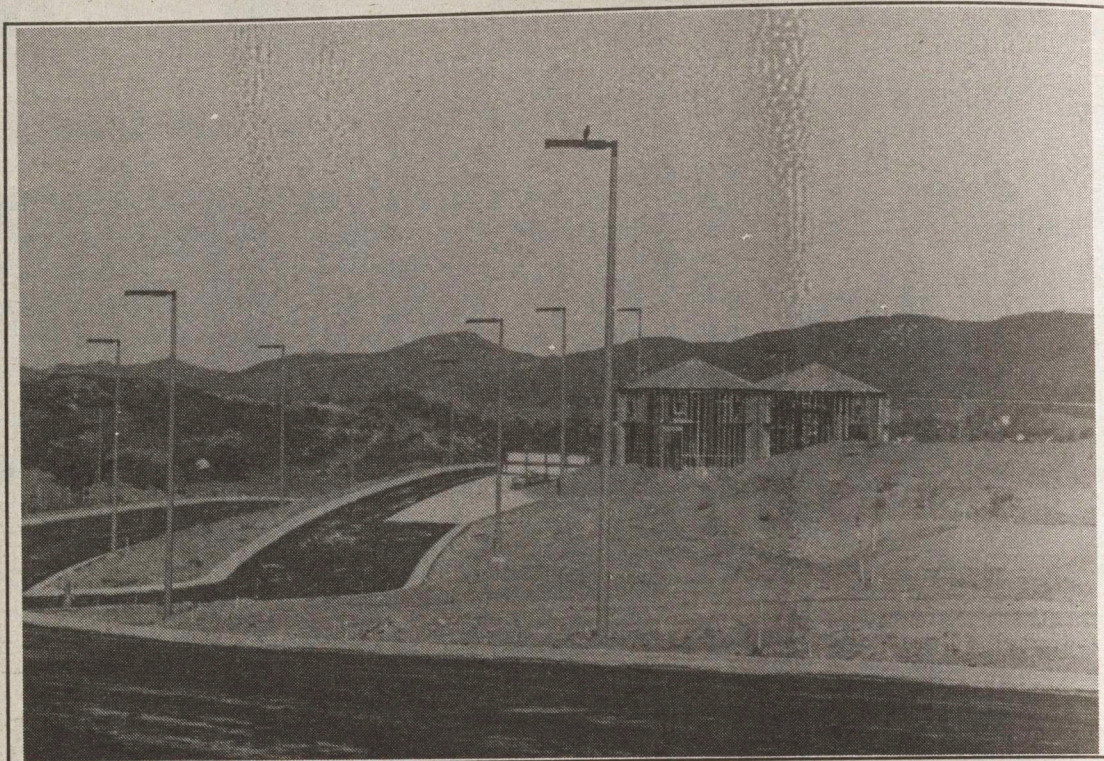
Peters said she was concerned about two major things. First, lights in the parking lot have either been off at night and are too

dim. Secondly, there should be more patrols in campus parking lots. There is a sentiment among students she said she talked to that it appeared it was the victim's fault for being assaulted since she did not use a nearby emergency phone.

"It just seems like in so many things the focus is on what the victim did wrong," added Liberal Studies major Denise Gilliland. "She probably was so beaten up she didn't know what to do."

Literature professor Dr.

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Roman S. Koenig/Staff Photographer

An expanded campus access road and a new bus depot are part of recent campus construction.

Construction projects nearing completion

By Tony Barton
News Editor

Surrounding construction is a reminder that Cal State San Marcos is a growing campus. Signs of construction are visible on the side of Twin Oaks Valley Road opposing CSUSM's main entrance and the area in between Barham Drive and Craven Hall.

On Twin Oaks Valley Road, new Student Health Services buildings are under construction in an approximately 50,000 sq. ft. lot in conjunction with Palomar/Pomerado Health System. The Health Services offices will utilize an area of roughly 11,500 sq. ft., according to Campus Physical Planning Director Russell Decker. The buildings should be occupied in the summer of 1996.

From the left of the turnaround in front of Craven Hall to Barham Drive, grading, tunneling and landscaping have been under way, as well as the construction of a new roadway approaching Craven Hall from Barham Drive. The project has amounted to \$10.3

million, according to Decker, and should be completed in March of next year. The road will be finished March 16. A 290-space parking lot will be opened on May 1, also.

Once the grading, etc. have been completed, the first priority will be the creation of Building 15, a classroom and office building which will house faculty offices, classrooms and computer, foreign language, psychology and social science labs. Building 15 will lie at the top of the stairway by Craven Hall, adjacent to Academic Hall, according to Decker.

"We're hoping to get funding at the end of the legislative session. Funding was recommended by (the) trustees at (their) meeting," said Decker.

If funding is approved by the California legislature, construction would begin July of '96 with an opening of the building in fall of '98.

Also, the model in the library of CSUSM's future campus is currently being revised to incor-

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Russell Decker,
planning director

porate "more sophistication, depth, architecture, and landscaping," according to Decker. The original model was made by university planners before the emergence of a president or other important administrators.

WHAT'S NEWS

Get help at today's Computer Fair

Does your computer have a virus? Do you need your modem upgraded? Have you always wanted to install Netscape but didn't know how? Bring your PC or Apple computer (you don't need to bring the monitor or keyboard) to today's annual Computer Society Repair Fair.

Members of Cal State San Marcos's Computer Society will do diagnostics and install parts or programs that you supply. There is a \$10 fee for the services.

The fair will run from 9-11:30 a.m. in Commons 207 and from 3-4 p.m. in ACD-402.

Call Rika Yoshii at 750-4121 or Charles Pratt at 630-4980 for more information.

'Tis the season for scholarships

Cal State Financial Aid has several scholarships available this month.

The Soroptimist International of Vista is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a woman who is a senior or graduate-level student majoring in English or science. The applicant must have a semester and cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and be enrolled full-time. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office and have a postmark deadline of Dec. 15. They must be mailed to Mary Lou DeLong, 155-7 South Las Flores Drive, San Marcos, Ca. 92069.

The Soroptimist International Training Awards Programs of Vista, San Diego and Escondido are offering scholarships to a mature woman, head of household, enrolled in an educational program to upgrade her employment status. Applicants are encouraged to apply to a Soroptimist Club in their home town, but may also apply to other clubs. Applications are available in Financial Aid, and are due Dec. 15.

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is offering a \$5,000 first prize, a \$2,500 second prize, a \$1,500 third prize and two \$500 honorable mention prizes. The national contest is open to full-time, college undergraduate juniors and seniors. The prizes will be awarded based on the judged quality and suitability of a 3,000- to 4,000-word essay on the topic of "Personal Responsibility and the Common Good: An Ethical Perspective." Deadline for submission is Jan. 8.

The Hispanic Youth College Fund, Inc. is offering a grant up to the amount of Cal State San Marcos tuition and fees. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students with a declared major/concentration in business with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Information on requirements for qualification can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office. Deadline is Jan. 24.

Indian Youth of American Scholarship is offering annually (10) \$1,000 scholarships to tribally-enrolled Native American college students. This scholarship has no deadline. Students must write for an application to the following address: Indian Youth of America, PO Box 2786, Sioux City, Iowa 51106-0786. A flyer explaining the criteria is posted in the CSUSM Financial Aid Office.

The MENSA Education and Research Foundation Essay Contest is for students who will be enrolled during the fall 1996 semester and who are US citizens or permanent residents. Students must request an application, postmarked no later than Jan. 5, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Send to Nancy Smarsh, 5059 Nighthawk Way, Oceanside, Ca. 92056, or call (619) 945-5365. Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the same address no later than Jan. 31.

The CSUSM Financial Aid Office can be contacted by calling 750-4850. More information can be obtained at that number.

Send us your news

The Pride is looking for news submissions. Please send submissions to our address: The Pride, Cal State San Marcos, San Marcos CA 92096. Submissions can also be e-mailed to student_newspaper@csusm.edu, or delivered to our office, ACD-324.

Society inducts new members

Alpha Zeta Chi also elects officers, plans history book

The Alpha Zeta Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honorary society, recently initiated new members and elected new officers.

To qualify for membership students must have completed at least four courses in history, be in the upper 25 percent of their class and have better than a 3.0 grade point average in all history courses.

New Members of the Alpha Zeta Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Cal State San Marcos

are: Kenneth T. Bolton, Karen Dombek, Darien Hansen, Jennifer L. Larson, Elise E. Mack, Gerald Morris, Brent L. Rudmann, Joann Schoenleber, Candace C. Van Dall, Tammy Wick and Douglas P. Woelke

The new officers include Geraldine Flaherty, president; Glee Foster, treasurer; and Doran Boyle, vice-president and secretary.

The group is currently planning its second edition of The San Marcos Historian, a journal

of history publishing student work, edited and produced by the members of Phi Alpha Theta. The club also took part in the Make a Difference Day last month working with the CSUSM History Society to clean artifacts and move display equipment at the San Marcos Historical Society.

With more than 750 chapters, Phi Alpha Theta is the largest accredited college honor society. Established in 1921, it has more than 190,000 initiates.

Trustee Considine to experience day of CSU San Marcos life

It will be "A Day In The Life of a University" for a visiting California State University trustee when he spends a full academic day Dec. 1 at CSUSM. The visit is the first of what is hoped to be an annual "trustee in residence" one-day program.

RJ (Jim) Considine, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees for the CSU system, will be attending classes, meeting with students, faculty and administration.

The purpose of the Trustee-in-Residence Program is to allow a trustee to become more intimately acquainted with the day-to-day life of the university. Each participating trustee who participates in this program develops an agenda reflecting his or her interests. This might include discussions with groups of faculty and students who share common interests, time with alumni and external advisory groups, class attendance or hands-on experience in the various labs or centers that are part of CSUSM.

The Trustee-in-Residence program is a commuter program, which reflects CSUSM's student population. It is co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Associated Students president.

The day will begin with a breakfast session with a group of "first alums" of CSUSM. After that, Considine will attend an MBA

Visit will include talks with student and faculty officials, tour of campus facilities

class on Information Technology for Business Leaders, and will participate in problem-solving at the Center for Decision Making.

After a visit to the Center for Books in Spanish and lunch with campus individuals, Considine will visit the Writing Center, science labs and computer labs.

At 3 p.m. the trustee, an honorary member of the university's Associated Students, will meet with students and discuss issues facing the Board of Trustees.

Considine, a member of the CSU board of trustees since 1991, is a senior vice president and principal of Ryder, Stilwell, Inc., an investment and asset management firm based in Los Angeles. He holds a master's degree in finance from the University of Southern California and a BS in business management from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

University, community colleges awarded for unity

The Board of Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges recently awarded the North County's Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA) an honorable mention in its first joint award competition for multicampus cooperation between CSU and community college campuses.

NCHEA, comprised of MiraCosta College, Palomar College and California State San Marcos (CSUSM), was selected as an outstanding example of cooperation and collaboration to advance the effectiveness and efficiency of the two systems. The program was recognized for its benefits to students and its efforts to make an easy transition between the community colleges and the CSU.

NCHEA was founded in 1990 to promote cooperative working relationships among Palomar, MiraCosta, and CSUSM to improve educational opportunities for North San Diego County citizens.

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News From the Associated Students, Inc.

Graduates, Get Ready To Celebrate !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The College Committee of the Associated Students, Inc. is hosting a celebration to honor the December graduates of 1995. This event will take place at the San Marcos Civic Center which is located across the freeway from the University on Wednesday, December 13, 1995 from 5 p.m. to 7p.m. Please take a break from finals and come congratulate our newest class of alumni.

Saying Thanks...

Thank you students, staff and faculty for supporting the ASI collection for the Women's Resource Center. The thrift shop items were delivered on Make a Difference Day, and well received!

The Women's Resource Center in Oceanside serves battered women, children and sexual assault survivors. The center provides a 25 bed shelter, and offers transitional low cost housing, for women fleeing a domestic violence situation. WRC also offers emergency services for its clients, such as food and clothing, and counseling. Their 24 hour number is: (619) 757-3500.

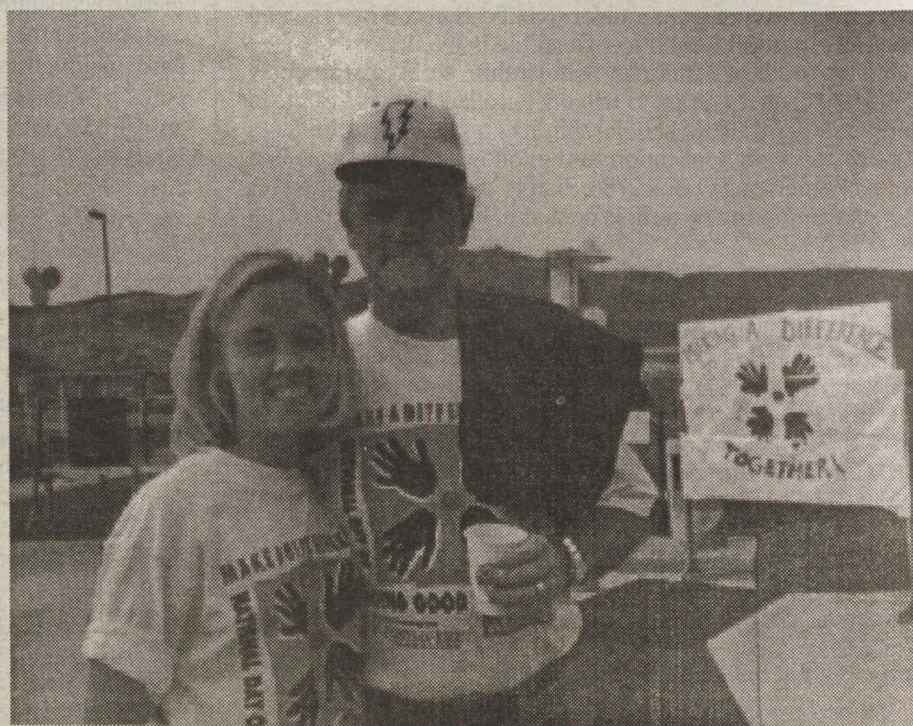
This Holiday season the Center needs food items to fill food baskets. The collection site is at the Associated Students Office, Commons 205. The ASI Secretary, Gina Forsyth,

is coordinating this collection.

Holiday Food Menu:

- 2 boxes of Jello
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 can of sweet potatoes
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 box of instant potatoes
- 1 package of dinner rolls
- 1 can of condensed milk
- 1 can of pumpkin or mincemeat
- 1 piecrust mix or premade dough
- 2 cans or packages of turkey gravy
- Donation(\$ for either a turkey or ham
- or a gift certificate.
- Extras of any of these items, if you can!

Thank you for your contributions.



Bashein given major grant for in-depth project

Barbara J. Bashein, assistant professor in the College of Business Administration at Cal State San Marcos, was recently awarded a prestigious grant from the Financial Executives Research Foundation (FERF).

Bashein's project, "Meeting the Controls Challenges of New Information Tech-

nologies," will analyze how corporations maximize the benefits of new information technologies without increasing the control risks. Her in-depth case studies of six major corporations will address several key questions: How does the use of new information technologies change the nature of internal control? What are the best

internal control practices? What are the most successful implementation strategies?

Assisting Bashein on the project will be Jane B. Finley of Belmont University and M. Lynne Markus of the Claremont Graduate School.

A not-for-profit educational organiza-

tion, FERG is the research arm of the Financial Executives Institute, a professional association of 14,000 senior corporate financial executives in the US and Canada. FERG sponsors and publishes practical business research that helps define the role of financial management in corporate America.

Faculty mentoring program going strong since 1991

It's an old idea — the helping hand, the open mind, mentors helping their proteges. But at Cal State San Marcos, it's an old idea with a significant societal spin — helping students stay in school, helping students to be graduated or move on to higher studies.

CSUSM's Faculty Mentoring Program has been putting faculty and administrators together with their student "proteges" since 1991. Currently 78 students take advantage of the program, meeting

individually with 47 mentors.

It's a one-on-one program where mentors and their student proteges meet to discuss and ease the tensions and conflicts of the often unfamiliar and challenging academic life, especially for first-generation college students.

There are two goals the mentors and proteges work toward: to overcome academic and social hurdles and encourage students, many the first in their families to attend a university, to work toward comple-

tion of their studies.

Five proteges from last year's graduation class are now in post-graduate studies.

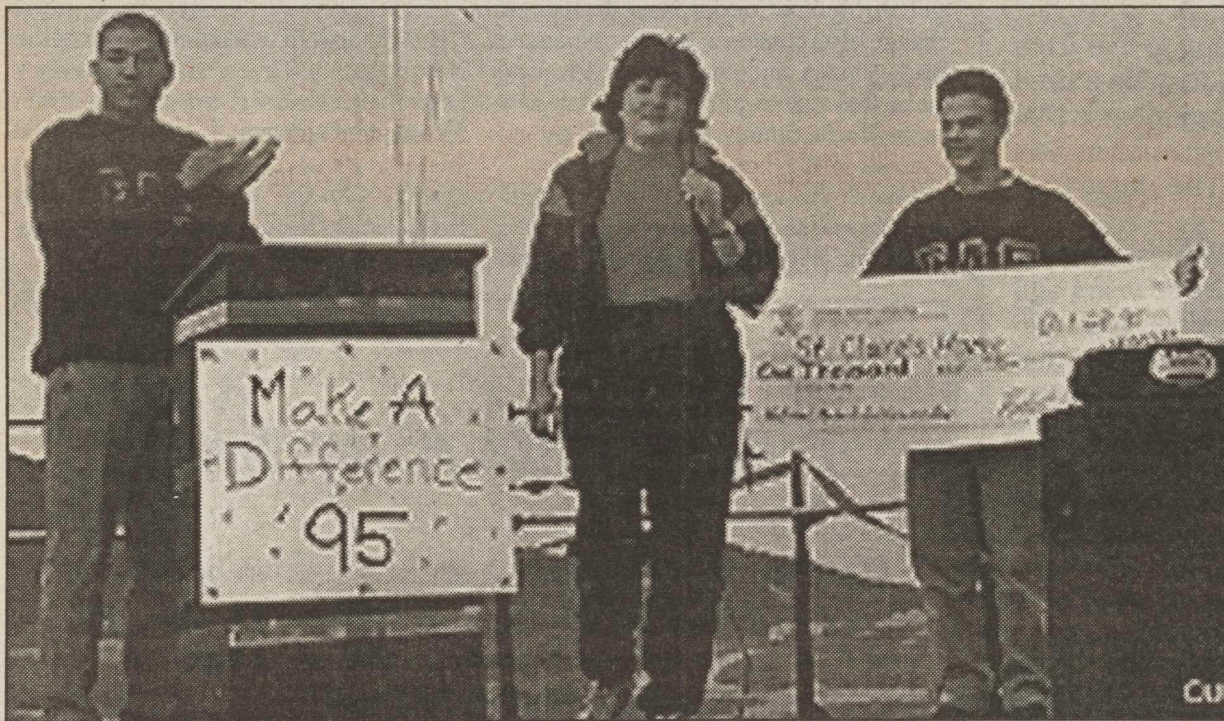
CSUSM's Faculty Mentoring Program is largely aimed at students of color and those who are economically disadvantaged.

According to the CSUSM Faculty mentoring office, a key factor in the program is "to reduce the feelings of isolation and estrangement that many students ex-

perience." Faculty volunteers do that through regular meetings with the assigned students, counseling or advising them.

Several social programs are held throughout the academic year involving mentors and proteges, including a number of events at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. For example, mentoring participants will be attending the Dec. 15, "Mariachi Los Camperos:

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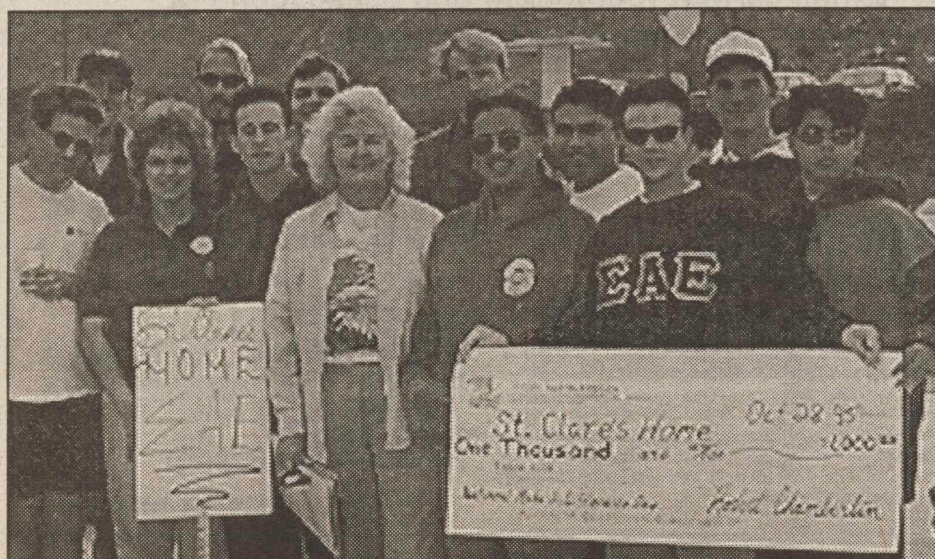


*Students, staff
made a difference*

Cal State San Marcos students and staff joined forces with local community service organizations Oct. 28 to celebrate and take part in national Make A Difference Day.

Left: Associated Students President Charles Ragland (left) applauds as Dawn Moldow of St. Claire's Home (center) receives a check for the organization from Robert Chamberlin, president of CSUSM's Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter. Below left: Sigma Alpha Epsilon members and representatives from St. Claire's Home. Below right: Members of CSUSM's Pan African Alliance support Brother Benno's Foundation.

Photos by Ty Carss



OPINION

Students should have their cake and eat it too...

It may be a cliché saying, but it couldn't be more applicable to the students of Cal State San Marcos.

EDITORIAL

The current confusion and regulation concerning food-selling on this campus not only needs to be addressed, it needs to be clarified and reworked to allow student organizations the ability to sell food items as part of fundraising.

The Pride supports the efforts of the Associated Students and student organizations to change current policy restricting such food sales.

As frivolous an issue as this may seem, it is an important one. Fundraising is the life blood of many organizations on this campus. This added money-maker is not only necessary for the survival of some clubs, it can give students more choices in the kinds of food they can buy on campus.

The Dome Café and University Store have nothing to fear from student food vendors. The call for free enterprise may be a tired argument, but it is valid nonetheless. A stronger argument is that students and clubs deserve to have these options open to them as a simple part of campus life. A bake sale will not put The Dome Café out of business.

The obscurity of current policy, as Student Activities Director Cheryl Evans has pointed out, harkens to a time three years ago when university food services sought to end deliveries from off-campus restaurants to people ordering on campus. One deli that advertised in Pioneer, The Pride's predecessor, made such a complaint. That deli is no longer in business, by the way.

The policy must be clarified, it must be fair and, most importantly, it must offer student organizations the right to sell food items whenever fundraising is necessary.

The times are changing

I read with sorrow last July about the merger of North County's two local daily newspapers. Indeed, I held much affection for both.

I served as a staff writer/intern at The North County Blade-Citizen in 1991. The editor and publisher of the Times Advocate have supported the Palomar College journalism department, my alma mater, since I was a student there. Even more so, I have fond memories of watching my grandparents read the "TA" at the breakfast table when I was a child. The newspaper wars of the 1980s were waged between old Citizen in Encinitas and the Coast Dispatch. The Coast Dispatch is now known as the Encinitas Sun. The Citizen was merged with the Blade-Tribune.

It was hard enough as a journalist to watch the near-closure of the Vista Press and San Marcos Courier. Now, the biggest change of all comes on Sunday, when the Blade-Citizen and the Times Advocate make their union official under the new name North County Times. The papers announced the name change Nov. 26.

I didn't just fear this change for sentimental reasons. The merged paper would mean one less daily newspaper to find



ROMAN S. KOENIG

work at once I graduated from Cal State San Marcos. Yet while I have watched the merger slowly occur over the last several months, I have been impressed with the strong commitment that has been made to expand North County news coverage in a time of shrinking newspaper quality on the weekly level. The Sun has gone tabloid, along with the Vista Press and San Marcos Courier. The News-Chronicle didn't last more than two years. Perhaps what is needed to bring serious journalism back to North County is this merger.

I look forward to Sunday's debut of the North County Times, and admittedly I hope their expansion leaves some room for a student newspaper editor who will be out of work as of December. But then again, I wish the same thing at the San Diego Union-Tribune and any other newspaper that will take me.

The Pride is on-line!

The Pride student newspaper now has an on-line edition available on the World Wide Web. Readers can call it up by typing the following address: **http://www.csusm.edu/pride/pride.html**.

E-mail us with your letters and suggestions to **student_newspaper@csusm.edu**.

Letters to the editor are welcome.

All letters must be signed by the author and include his or her name, mailing address, major and phone number. Send letters to: The Pride, Cal State San Marcos, San Marcos CA, 92096. For information about submission guidelines, call 750-4998.

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West Coast Community Newspapers

Readers continue to debate about chalk

Student assails Pride coverage

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am not in the Greek system, nor do I hold any warm spot in my heart for it, but I am writing to defend the Greeks at CSUSM.

Everyone knows that fraternities and sororities across the country do an immeasurable amount of good for their schools and their communities. The TKEs (Tau Kappa Epsilon) at CSUSM are no exception. It is my understanding that the Greeks have brought a lot of spirit and community to this budding campus.

Frankly, CSUSM needs all of the color and commotion it can stir up to produce the typical "college atmosphere" that everyone expects from all institutions. The TKEs showed originality and invention by using the parking lot to build Rush spirit. Graffiti is graffiti if and when the following circumstances apply: 1) the work is done without consent of those in charge; 2) the work is done in permanent, non-washable materials. Since the TKEs had such permission, and they used chalk, which everyone knows only needs a hose and water, they did not defame CSUSM in any way. It is also my understanding that the TKEs made every attempt to clean it up, but the Public Safety and Facilities Services had some internal conflicts which postponed the TKEs' efforts.

But enough of this rehashing of events. The heart of the problem does not lie in some simple unwashed chalk (which would have been immediately removed if we lived in a more precipitous

area), but that CSUSM is such a sleepy little school that a trivial matter such as this is considered newsworthy. When this controversy began I sat down to write a letter to the editor praising CSUSM for being such a safe school. This the first I have ever been to where there are no lockers in the bookstore. I don't need to CLUB my car, and once left the door unlocked by accident nothing was taken. I can drop my backpack on the table in the bookstore right by the exit and not worry that all the money I have spent on books will be robbed from me. I can put my purse and backpack on the floor of the bathroom and not worry that the person in the next stall will reach in and take them. This amazes me! I did not send the letter because I felt reluctant to "jinx" CSUSM. But I now see that it has now been jinxed after all.

It is terrible that a female student was accosted in the parking lot. We can only hope that all of the programs listed to work on the problem will take root.

But I hope even more that this event will be considered worth one to two articles in three consecutive Pride issues as the TKE chalking was. I hope this shakes everyone up to realize that washable chalk is inconsequential in comparison to a safe campus; safe for people and for valuables. I also hope that CSUSM will continue to grow and flourish and then The Pride will have actual newsworthy events to report. In the meantime, I wish that every-

one would look to themselves and see if the TKEs are just getting a bad rap and see what the CSUSM community can do to better the school, not cause division.

Here are a few suggestions for future Pride issues which are far more worthy of investigating and printing. I have overheard others discussing these topics and I have engaged in these topics myself. Please address:

1) The reasons behind scheduling almost all of the winter session classes at the exact same time so student cannot take two classes.

2) Why the Dome Café has no ventilation.

3) What the other clubs and groups on campus are doing and contributing.

4) More promotion of upcoming events instead of only reporting after the fact on the events we missed.

5) Timeline of the construction on campus and what added features we can look forward to in 1996-97.

6) Finally and most importantly, how CSUSM will expand their curriculum and full-time staff to offer more classes and a wider selection of class times.

I write that this is the most important because the topic of conversation over the entire campus is not the TKEs but the sparse spring class schedule. If CSUSM wants to grow and prosper, a healthy Greek system is great, a safe campus essential, but a wide class selection which rivals others in Southern California is vital.

Maybe this can be CSUSM's New Year's Resolution List for 1996.

Lauren Walters-Moran
Literature
and Writing Studies

Editor's Note: For the record, The Pride has published six pieces about the chalking in the last four issues (including today's). However, of all those, The Pride staff only wrote two, published Nov. 17. The first was a news article about the permission that was given to chalk the parking lot, and the second was our editorial stance on the university's policy. The other four pieces were letters to the editor (including the one above and the one that follows). Therefore, our coverage has only been as extensive as the letters that are sent to us. It is The Pride's policy to print all letters to the editor as an open forum for campus discussion. In terms of news articles, we gave the issue no more coverage than any other on campus. The Pride stands by its coverage of campus news.

Watch for juvenile fools in parking lots

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the Nov. 17 issue of The Pride reminded me that I was once given an assignment by my fifth-grade teacher to design a cover for a health report. I cleverly made a design boldly incorporating my initials into it. She was underwhelmed by my creativity and returned it with the curt comment: "A fool's name, like a fool's face, always seen in a public place."

It appears that you have juvenile fools in your parking lots.

DW Schneider
Baton Rouge, LA

Wage peace in war of sexes

Dear Editor:

Readers: If upon reading this article and disagreement develops or offense is taken, keep in mind two facts. First, the following information is advice developed from my opinions. Whether

or not you take the advice depends on your objectiveness, and whether or not you use it is determined by your willingness to improve. Secondly, any group I refer to is not intended to be stereotyped or offended. My advice is strictly geared towards people within those groups who, I believe, need it.

Let's begin by addressing Christine Grubbs's letter to the editor in the Oct. 18 issue of The Pride. For those of you who did not read it, Grubbs wrote a disturbing article filled with sarcasm and negativity on staff writer Andrew Bailey's use of the word "girls" in place of "women." She referred to this terminology as "blatantly sexist language." Granted, Bailey's word choice is unprofessional, but by no means is it sexist. The use of the words "boys" and "girls" should be able to refer to gender without offense. If anything, they are an embarrassment to the user, not to the reference. Furthermore, Grubbs shows the true separation between women and girls, for a woman would not be offended by such meaninglessness.

This incident reminds me of a woman (or should I say girl?) who called a radio station to reprimand the DJ on the air for stating his positive attitudes about women in the work place. She was distraught over his inference of the working environment being a gender issue. Hopefully, the absurdity of this woman's complaint can go unexplained.

So my advice is this: Watch and enjoy your talk shows at home, but please do not bring their negativity, insignificance or twisted views of reality into the real world. The negative energy that I see controlling and consuming people's lives everyday is a tragedy. I believe both men and women alike should expand their energy onto the more important and positive aspects of life such as work, school and family rather than on what words people use.

As for those people who partake strongly in the war of the sexes, realize that men and women are different, but most of all accept, appreciate and adjust for those differences.

Tony Vitrano
Psychology

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FEATURE

DORMS THEY ARE NOT...

*Kinks in system,
community spirit
found at student
housing complex*

By Greg Hoadley
Staff Writer

When Cal State San Marcos first got off the ground, enrollment was low, as should be expected for a fledgling university. But one big reason why enrollment quotas were not being met was that the university did not have a housing program.

Since last May, housing has become one of the many services provided to students at CSUSM. Unfortunately, when one hears "student housing," they might think "dorms, (i.e., living in a cramped space with three other people and sharing a bathroom with about 20 more)" and recoil in fear. No need to fret. Dorms at CSUSM are a long way off, if ever, according to Housing Coordinator Tanis Brown, as the Cal State system no longer funds housing.

Students in the program currently reside at nearby Island Apartments, thanks to a special agreement worked out between this facility and the university.

"When the housing program got started," Brown explained, "there were certain criteria we wanted to meet: how can we set this up so it is affordable for students, maintain a stable relationship with the local community, and we wanted to find suitable apartments close to the university."

The program offers many benefits to the students. They are provided with a furnished apartment, they have a choice between single or two-bedroom apartments, their utilities are paid for and living advisors, who live in the apartment complex, are also on hand. Students sign a lease for the school year, say, from August 1995 to May 1996. When the semester ends, they have the option of staying in their apartment over the summer while paying on a month-by-month basis. Prices range from \$270 to \$420 a month, depending upon whether they are a one or two



Oliver Hepp/Staff Photographer

Several Cal State San Marcos students live at the Islands apartment complex in San Marcos as part of the university's off-campus housing program.

bedroom apartment.

The CSUSM housing program also offers assistance to students in the housing programs.

"Some have made the adjustment (moving away from home to a university) pretty well," Brown said. "But in student housing, there are always problems that need to be dealt with, such as roommate and landlord problems."

One of the biggest problems students and landlords have is lack of communication, Brown continued. "Before signing a lease, students and landlords often don't put certain things down in writing." This includes living conditions and the manner in which households are kept.

While the housing program is done specifically for the benefit of the students, it is not without its problems. Students in the program cite some rules they consider "ridiculous," such as no pets, no overnight guests (particularly of the opposite sex) and no smoking indoors. Also, some students complain that they are housed right next to families, some with young children. Given that college students are nocturnal by nature, such a condition is a recipe for disaster, as well as complaints from the families.

Tanis Brown responds to these criticisms by saying that the guidelines were

set up by input from parents as well as from other campuses in the Cal State system. As far as location of student apartments, the housing department did try to place the students in a central area.

As far as giving students a single building of apartments just for them, "That was out of our control," she said. Doing so would have brought up potential legal problems, as nonstudents applying for an apartment at Island Apartments would have had grounds for claiming they were discriminated against. "Chances are, if a student was renting an apartment on his own, he would end up next to some families anyway," Brown added.

The apartments themselves are not exactly suites at the Hilton, as the furniture is somewhat used, and though they are larger than dorms (which one student referred to as "little prison cells"), the apartments are not as spacious as home was. Even still, students consider it their own community. As student-residents in one apartment were interviewed, their friends freely came and went. One came in asking for help with a Halloween costume, another asked around for some milk, which is of course essential to make the meal which college students everywhere are accustomed: macaroni and cheese.

Though they do have their problems

(as mentioned earlier), some consider the student housing a good opportunity to make friends.

"This is a good place to get to know people, and to socialize. Other than the Greeks, there's no real community at school," said Casey Woodie. Indeed, two of the students in the program interviewed were also in Greek fraternities. Oliver Hepp is in Tau Kappa Epsilon, while Brandon Demamiel is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The housing community seems a fairly loose one. Some joked that they "live on bread and crackers," and as Demamiel kidded, "It's really close to midnight golf."

"The main goal of the program," Brown concluded, "is to enhance the academic program, and to connect the students with on-campus clubs; to get them involved." One student, for example, has started a recycling program, and some have gotten involved in a local basketball league.

There are currently 39 students in the housing program and there is a waiting list for next semester. Letters are sent out to new and transfer students, as they are the group with the largest potential for taking advantage of the program.

Consider alternative medicine with care

While I am always tempted to write about the health and fitness benefits of exercise or recent developments with sexually transmitted diseases or AIDS, some facts from a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine need to be known.

Alternative health care is increasingly being used. By this I mean acupuncture, herbal medications, chiropractic, homeopathy, massage, relaxation techniques, biofeedback, nutritional counseling, etc. In fact, \$11 billion are spent out-of-pocket annually on alternative medicine or, as



DR. JOEL GRINOLDS

some would call it, "complementary medicine". I guess it is an alternative to western medicine or complementary to western medicine.

In the study, 34 percent of patients reported seeking the advice of one or more alternative health practitioners. The problem is not that advice or treat-

ment was sought, but that only 25 percent of those people told their regular physician or health care provider that they had done so. Most physicians are not aware of all the different types of alternative health care or believe, necessarily, in their benefit; however, they survey revealed 92 percent of some 500 physicians are will-

ing to refer patients for alternative treatment modalities.

We at Student Health Services are most interested in keeping students at an optimum level of health and wellness. We can only do that if we are partners with patients in their total health care. Also, I would argue that we are likely to be knowledgeable about alternative practices and indeed, do endorse them if we feel they could be beneficial. However, since some of these alternative modalities can be quite costly, we would encourage the patient to evaluate the benefit of such mo-

dalities. Likewise, there could be sound medical reasons for not combining certain treatments or the need to make adjustments with medications.

Consistent with our goal of helping maintain or restore an optimum level of health and wellness, we encourage you, the patient, to discuss the alternative therapies you are using when seeing a primary care provider.

Dr. Joel Grinolds has been writing his medical column in the campus newspaper for five years. Grinold is Student Health Services director.

Campus advising programs offer myriad of services

By Paul Hilker

Staff Writer

Midterms are underway, and stress levels are at their peak point. How do you avoid the stress that builds throughout the semester? Take advantage of the tutoring services offered in the labs on the third floor next to the Cashiers Office.

Many students tend to wait until they are overwhelmed with work before they seek help from tutors or advisors. Calvin One Deer Gavin, the director of ASPIRE,

says that students need to take advantage of these services long before the rigors of academia begin to cause stress.

"Students who take advantage of both the tutors and the classroom will reap the ultimate benefit," he explained. "They will develop strategies and schedules for organizing and executing assignments and won't have to deal with the stress."

There are presently three labs open for peer tutoring: the math lab which is headed by Maureen Dupont, the science lab

headed by Richard Bre, and the writing lab headed by Dawn Formo. Each lab recently received computers for student use.

Also in the same area are the peer advising offices which are comprised of graduation advising, Liberal Studies advising, major advising and College of Arts and Sciences advising. The adviser for the graduation advising is Andres Favela in CRA-6204 and the Liberal Studies adviser is Lora Coad in CRA-6202. The major advising is done by specific faculty advisors in their respective fields. College of Arts and Sciences advising is covered by peer advisors. Students can make appointments with advisors and get help finding information about major requirements, prerequisites, graduate school preparation,

strategies for academic success and more.

Two groups which also offer tutoring services are the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and the ASPIRE program. These programs require an application process and offer one-on-one tutoring and counseling in all basic fields. The ASPIRE program is made up of 200 student participants and, besides tutoring, offers test preparation for entrance exams and aptitude testing, mediation services and social gatherings.

Personal tutors can also help students with counseling and support and can form personal relationships with students. They also give quality feedback and advice about any problems.

According to Alex Cuatok, a learning specialist with ASPIRE, the main purpose of the program is to help those students who need support and academic assistance. There are, however, a limited number of open slots and the program is recruiting right now to fill those openings.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Dance class is joint effort of culture

By Paul Hilker
Staff Writer

Dance 392, American Modern Dance, is a Cal State San Marcos class offered at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

University President Dr. Bill Stacy was able to create a partnership with the Center for the Arts, making it possible for CSUSM to utilize a dance studio in central Escondido. Stacy is a chairman of the Department of Education at the center. The department, headed by Administrative Director Leah Goodwin, allows the school benefits like masters classes, presentations by professional performing artists, and the use of the facilities.

The class presently has 19 female students and one male student. Like most programs at CSUSM, the class is still new, so not many people know what it's about.

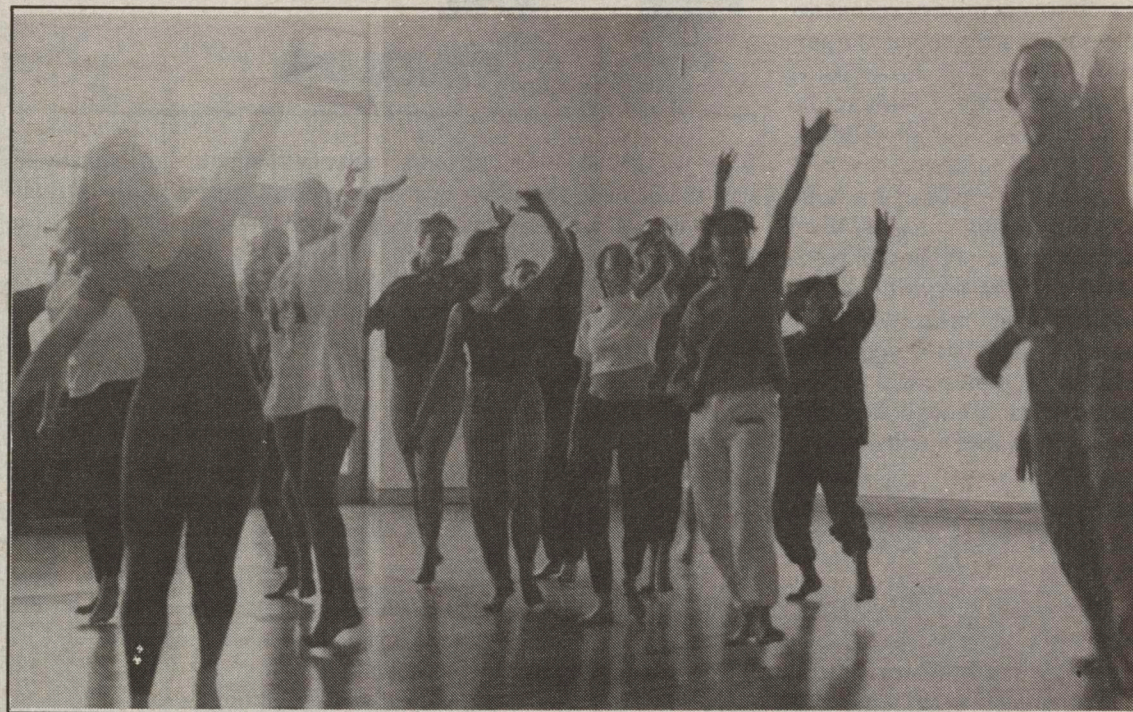
"It really depends on what you like. Everyone needs some kind of balance between academic and physical needs," said student Paul

Ryker. "This class is fulfilling in that it allows you to relax and enjoy yourself." The only male in the class, Ryker said he felt that because of the stereotypes and images surrounding dance, many feel that it is a more "feminine-oriented" class. Ryker added that "More emphasis is put on the movement and mind/body coordination rather than style or technique."

Any kind of physical action, whether it be a sport, an art, or a job, has qualities which allow us to relax and forget about the stress of academic work.

"I like the feeling of the movement involved in the class," noted Jeanette Robidoux, another student. "Dance is a feeling of freedom. The class allows me to experience freedom and self-expression."

Though the title may be intimidating to many, all experience levels are welcome. The class fulfills the Physical Education and Studio Class requirements with two units, and adds diversity to the campus in its "global ap-



Trish Nagy/Staff Photographer

Gail Scarpelli, front left, leads Cal State San Marcos's Modern Dance class through moves on yesterday (Nov. 28).

proach" to teaching through lecture, dance technique, and dance production, according to professor Gail Scarpelli.

"I really feel that the class fits well with the mission of global diversity at CSUSM," she said. "I incorporate many different cultures within the music and expression in the class." Native American and African percussion are just two of the styles of music

used by the class.

Since it is the only dance class offered, Scarpelli explained that more performing arts classes are needed because they add to the artistic development and character of the students at CSUSM.

"The reason we have a need for classes like this is because it allows students to experience global communication methods

through movement, choreography, and information about social influence of the American culture through dance," she continued. "The history of modern dance includes influence from every culture within American society."

For more information about the class, contact Gail Scarpelli at 750-4137 or 750-4189.

Film Review

'The American President' is all-American fun and fluff

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT

Director: Rob Reiner
Columbia Pictures/Castle Rock Entertainment

Starring: Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen, David Paymer, Samantha Mathis, Wendie Malick and Michael J. Fox

Rated: PG-13

By Andie Hewitt
Film Critic

Rob Reiner's latest romantic comedy is simply good, clean fun. He has produced a sweet and sappy movie with no surprises, no sass, no substance.

The president, widowed and raising his young child (Lucy) on his own, meets and connects with

a career lobbyist and they begin to date. The trials and tribulations of having a "bachelor" president dating, dining and dancing the night away provides much of the movie's merriment and mirth. With the infamous and incredible face and voice of Martin Sheen as his number-one aide, AJ McInerney, and Michael J. Fox as his speech writer and voice of the people Lewis Rothchild, President Andrew Sheppard (Michael Douglas) tries vainly to have a "regular-joe" romance with Sydney Ellen Wade (Annette Bening). The talent that Reiner brings on board is immense and underused; they do a good job of politely tiptoeing around each other's performances, never really giving 100 percent.

There are over- (or under-) tones of sexism throughout the movie with Sydney reduced to a tongue-tied, shaking schoolgirl complete with a crush on the Big Man On Campus. Along with a Knight in Shining Armor and Prince Charming, now we can hope and pray for a date with the President. Not only can we dream of our young sons becoming president, we can hope to marry off our daughters to the leader of the free world. You would feel LEFT out if you didn't discern the overt political leanings of this particular presidency, not to mention the proclivities of Mr. Rob Liberal Reiner. He does, however, fill the film with plenty of pride and patriotism, and if only the people in politics were really this

nice (and good looking!).

If you're looking for something shallow, look no further: there's nothing deep, risky or inventive about this film. As pleasurable as it's been to watch Rob Reiner evolve from Meathead to movie-maker, he's done nothing to challenge the face of film genre since "Spinal Tap." Here, with "The American President," he safely and securely spits out a formulaic romance complete with, well, go ahead, you can figure out the ending about 15 minutes into the movie.

Go see the film. Will I talk about it for days on end? NO. Will I put it on my top-10 list for the year? NO. Was I moved, was I motivated? NO. Was I... well, you get the picture. The movie

was fun, cute and sweet and the sound of Martin Sheen's voice for two hours is well worth \$3.50. Hint: look for a cameo by a certain Mr. George S.

Professor in show

A Cal State San Marcos professor is one of several artists participating in "Common Ground: A Regional Exhibition," running to Feb. 10 at the Museum of Contemporary Arts San Diego.

The works of professor David Avalos parallel personal concerns with cultural and religious myths in his mixed-media installations.

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Jill Ballard/Staff Photographer

The brotherhood of Smoking Popes. The band played Nov. 15 at Backdoor SDSU.

Smoking Popes: for love of music or money?

By Jill Ballard

Entertainment Editor

I often wonder why people want to become rock stars. Is it for the fame and money? I think everyone wants the money, but as for the fame I'm not so sure. Do people seek rock star fame because they have a artform they want to share and they really mean what they sing or do they just accept the fame in order to make a lot of money? Sometimes I'm not so sure.

On Nov. 15 I saw the Smoking Popes open for Tripping Daisy at the Backdoor SDSU. I interviewed Josh Caterer before the show. He seemed like a nice enough guy, but he also seemed like he didn't want to be there. He probably would have preferred to be home with his well-missed girlfriend Steffany, which is understandable, but he chose to pursue a rock star career. He could've said no if he wanted to. For someone who's supposed to shine in the public eye, he sure does keep to himself.

"I don't want the world to know anything about me," he said. He also declined requests for off-stage photos and a signature on the sleeve of the Smoking Popes album "Born To Quit." I asked him if he was a private guy and he jokingly said, "I don't feel private."

The Smoking Popes are three brothers, Josh Caterer, Eli Caterer, Matt Caterer, and one other guy, Mike Felumlee. The album has a few catchy songs like their single, "Rubella." It's a song about wanting the girl just as every song on "Born To Quit" is about wanting the girl—a very narrow subject to fill an entire album with, but thankfully the album is not too dull. Even if the lyrics get stale they are still fun to sing along to.

When asked if he's going to write about any other subjects in the future he said,

Hey Josh, what are some questions you hate getting asked? "Well, if I told you that you'd probably ask them."

"Well, actually yes, but I'm gonna keep writing about love at the same time. I'm gonna try to combine it with other topics within the context of one song, know what I mean?"

An alternative band would not of course be official without making an appearance on MTV's "120 Minutes." The Smoking Popes were interviewed for about 10 minutes and then had one clip of it aired numerous times. I asked Josh if MTV picked his best quote (it's of him trying to explain why he writes so many "love" songs).

"No, it's one of my worst ones," he replied. "I think they do that on purpose, they go through and kinda pick out the quote that makes you look the stupidest and then they show it."

The performance by the Smoking Popes at SDSU's Backdoor was mediocre. It had some good energy, but seemed a little sloppy. The singing wasn't really into it, but the guitars were fast and fun.

It's hard to predict the future of the Smoking Popes at this point in the game. So far, the title of their current album isn't the plan (although Josh has quit smoking). They are going to start recording their next album in the beginning of the year and they hope to have it out in the spring or early summer.

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Food

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"There is only a certain amount of food money on campus, (allowing other groups to sell food on campus) is something we wanted to do," said Foundation Director Marti Gray. "The reconsideration of more days was already in the works."

Gray formed a task force designed to update the policy to give clubs and organizations more freedom to conduct food-selling fundraisers and events on campus. It is Gray's hope that food selling days and/or events will be compromised by the start of the spring semester.

According to Gray, days were set aside under the current policy for clubs and organizations to sell food on designated club days. But A.S. has not been satisfied with the tight restrictions, resulting in the protest.

"The food selling restrictions protest was successful," said AS President Charles Ragland. "Sometimes the best way to approach a policy is to violate it."

Other criticism of the current policy comes from Student Activities Director Cheryl Evans, who

has never seen a copy of the policy. According to Evans, there is no written policy, but simply an agreement between the foundation and Aztec Shops.

"The policy has been laid down to the extent of 'here's the rule.' Most follow it to the tee," said Evans.

The support of the food sales brought the largest campus voter turnout of the year.

The voting event also saw the support of San Marcos Mayor, Corky Smith and CSUSM President Bill Stacy in the morning before food available for purchase.

Mentor

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Fiesta Navidad" program at the center, and a dance performance Mar. 17 by "Les Ballet Africans."

Funded by the California State Lottery, the CSUSM Faculty Mentoring Program is codirected by Lionel Maldonado, professor of ethnic studies, and Edward Pohlert, director of the campus's Educational Opportunities Program office.

Blame

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Madeleine Marshall echoed similar sentiments.

"People in positions of authority need to be a bit more savvy," she said. "People out there are scared."

"What I was trying to say is that the phones are available, and we want to make more people aware to use the phones," replied.

Alicia Smith, lieutenant assistant director of Public Safety. "The faster, the quicker, you contact us, the faster we can get to you."

With regard to the dim yellow lights in the parking lot, Smith said she understood that a county ordinance requires such lights to help lessen glare for the Palomar Observatory.

Both Smith and Public Affairs Director downplayed the hype over the incident, saying that this is the first such major assault in

six years. Students and faculty take issue with that, however.

"There's this whole fiction that we live in the boonies," Marshall explained. "And anyone who reads the Times Adovate knows that it's not safe at all." Marshall said she will be teaching an evening class next spring, and walking to parking lots in groups and being aware of campus safety programs is essential. "You better believe no one will be walking to their car alone."

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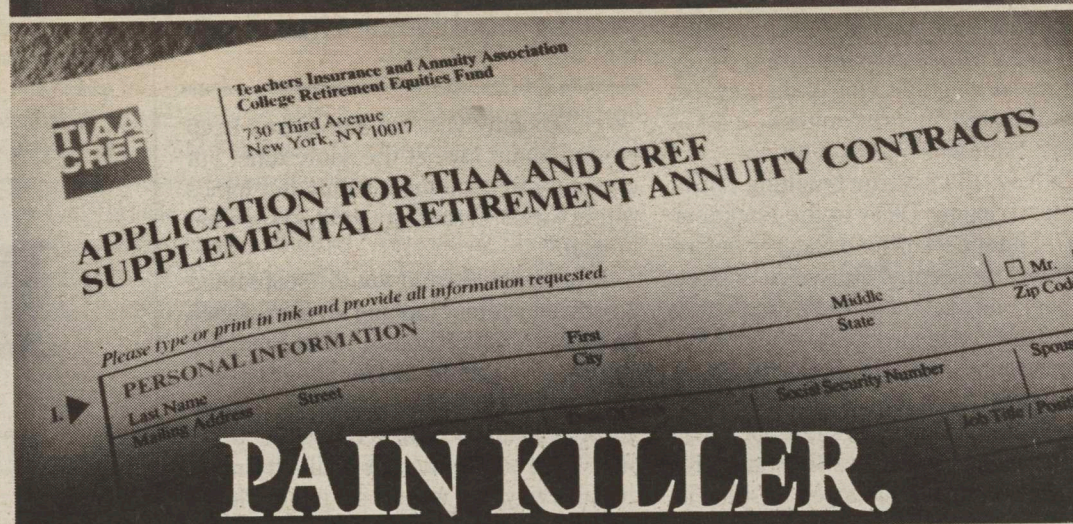
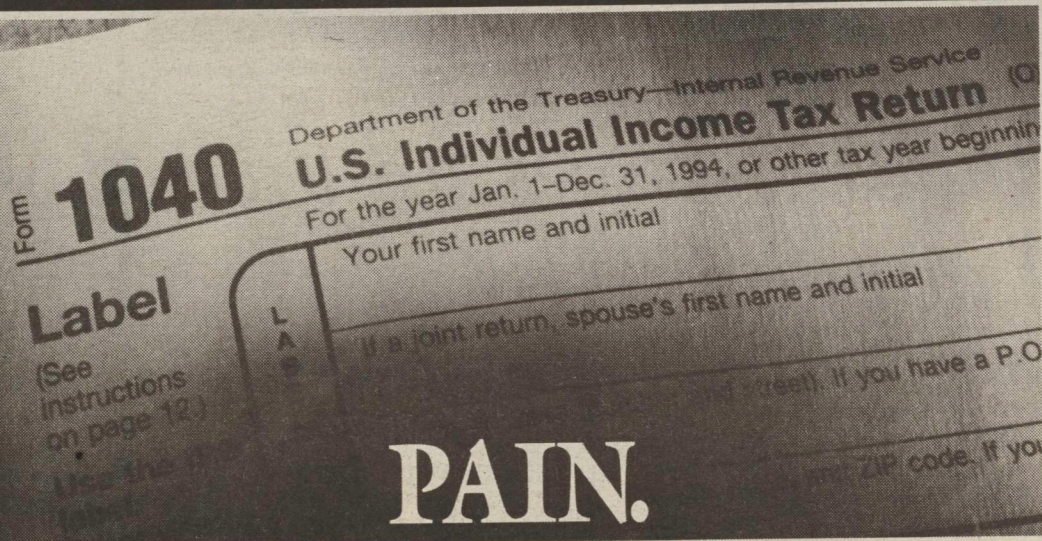
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