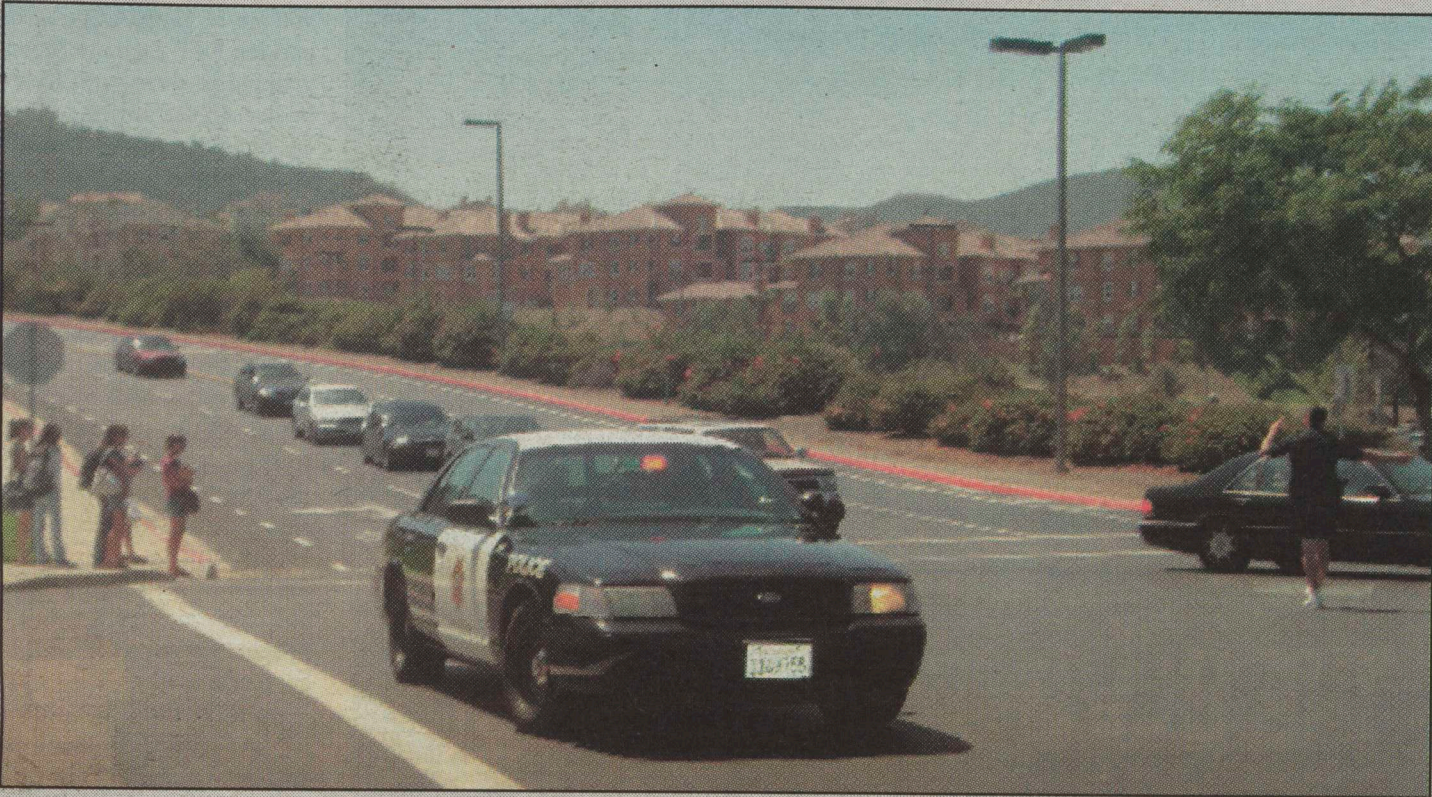


Traffic problems plague university

Campus police called in to help manage both pedestrians and vehicles



Above: Traffic at the intersection of Craven Dr. and Campus View Dr. is now being directed with the aide of campus police. Below: Officer Grant Kyle waves traffic through the same intersection.

Photos by Kelly Corrigan / The Pride



BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Pride Staff Writer

Why did the Cougar Cross the Road? To get to the other side, of course. But lately, with university hour partly to blame, along with an increase in students and a brand new parking lot, the cougar is having a little difficulty getting to the other side.

With help from Campus Police Officer Grant Kyle and other campus police officers including student CSOs, (community ser-

vice officers) traffic is beginning to flow.

From Monday through Thursday, traffic on Craven and Campus View Drive is patrolled with one to two officers during the morning, afternoon and evening. Kyle says, "As soon as we see a delay we go out there and help patrol the flow."

On Friday, September 1st, Grant Kyle worked alone patrolling the traffic. "Today is very minimal compared to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday."

But still, there is plenty of traf-

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Immunization and vaccination clinic this week

BY SOPHIE BRINK
Pride Staff Writer

To avoid registration holds, new CSUSM students born after Jan. 1, 1957 have one semester to demonstrate proof of immunization for Measles and Rubella. The student should submit medical documentation proving immunization. Documentation can include a physician's verification of immunizations records or a copy of a laboratory blood test proving immunity to Measles and Rubella. Immunization must have taken place after Jan. 1, 1968 or after the student's first birthday. First time students who are 18 or younger on Aug. 1 of their entering academic year must also present proof of full immunization against Hepatitis B. For those who cannot provide proof of immunization for Measles and Rubella and/or Hepatitis B, an appointment can be made with Student Health and Counseling Services to receive the MMR vaccination free of charge. The vaccination for Hepatitis B, on the other hand, involves a small fee. Walk-in clinic dates for MMR and Hepatitis B are Aug. 28 through Sept. 1, Monday through Friday; Sept. 5 through 8, Tuesday through Friday; Sept. 18 through 22, Monday through Friday; Oct. 2 through 6, Monday through Friday; and Oct. 16 through 20, Monday through Friday. Times are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for all dates. An appointment may also be made for an MMR titer blood test to check immunity levels for Measles and Rubella. Students are advised to have a student identification card handy when visiting. Student Health and Counseling Services also requests that child-care arrangements be made prior to the student's visit. Fees can be settled using cash, check, ATM, Visa or Master card. Contact information for Student Health and Counseling Services: Address: 120 Craven Road, San Marcos, CA 92078 Phone: 760-750-4915 Fax: 760-750-3181 Email: shcs@csusm.edu Website: <http://www.csusm.edu/shcs/index.htm>

What is ASI?

BY NATASHA HECKENDORN
Pride Staff Writer

ASI is a student run auxiliary which acts as the voice of the student body. As the students' advocate, ASI creates opportunities for student engagement such as concerts, festivals, intramural sports and other activities that students request for their enjoyment and betterment. Currently, there are five competitive club sport programs which include men and women's soccer, volleyball and two co-ed surf teams, but there are many more recreational activities offered to students; such as skiing and snowboarding, kayaking trips, paint-

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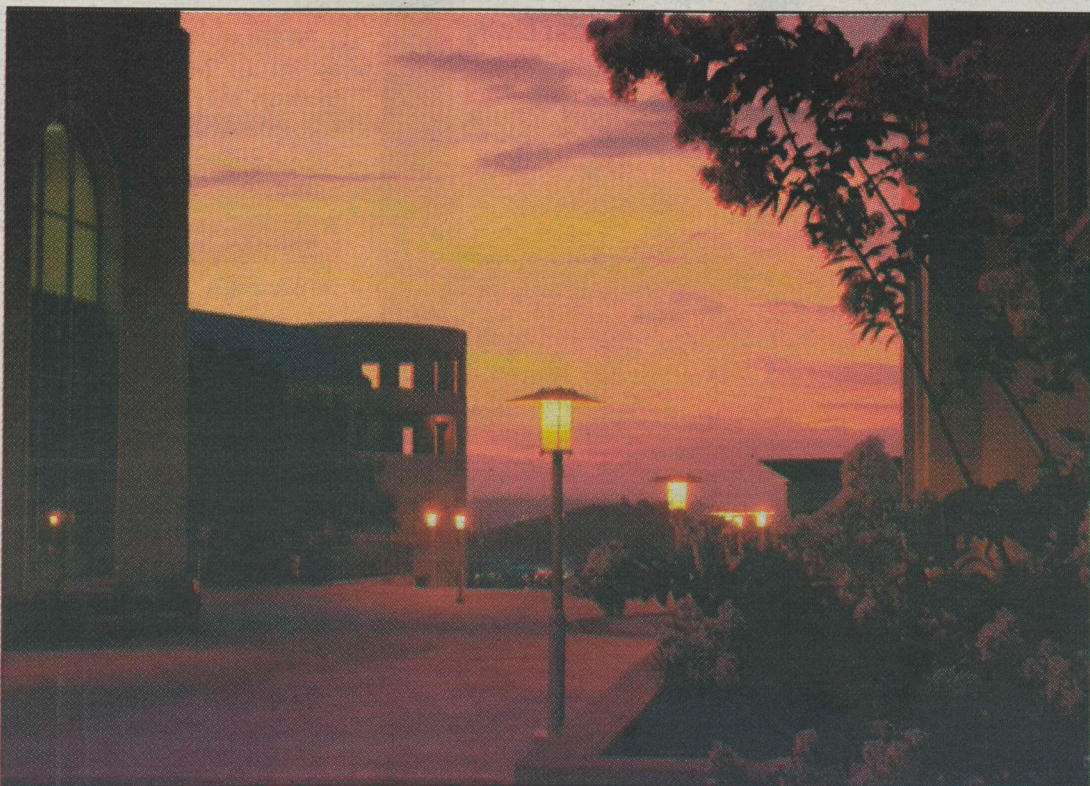


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UNIVERSITY AT NIGHT

Summer nights on campus are soon to be over, here's one last good look at Craven Hall at sunset.

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University Voice

"What do you like to do when you're not on campus?"



"I like to be involved. Psi Chi, PSO, PEES, TRIOTA, and SGI Buddhists club. We plan events, attend events and go to meetings. I also like to go with my friends to Restaurant Row."

Lissa Lim
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"I love to read. I'm pretty much fond of reading if I'm not on campus. I also like to help out at the women's center. And of course, I like to hang with my friends."

Morgan Hoodenpyle
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"I'm involved in organizations on and off campus. I'm involved in MEChA and I also assist at RELAC, which helps bilingual students understand their rights. I also like reading and hanging with my friends." Daisy Alonso
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"I like to dance. I'm in the Ballet Folklorico on campus. It's Mexican regional dancing. I also play soccer on a community league."

Jose Jaimes
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fic to direct off campus. On the first day of school, Kyle spent eight hours of his twelve hour shift directing traffic. Campus police officers will direct the traffic in pairs of two until Kyle said, "as long as traffic maintains a public safety issue." Traffic doesn't look like it will let up any time soon, especially with an increased amount of students leaving campus during university hour.

Our campus isn't equipped with tunnels and bridges, and with the volume of people driving out of parking lot F each afternoon and walking to their cars, Kyle says he doesn't see an end to the officer directed crosswalk until new technology is built. "If we had a traffic light or a bridge, we'd get a chance to reduce our staffing."

Currently we have ten CSOs working on campus. The university police department hopes to gain at least four more students. Matt Curran and Evelyn Henriquez are two student CSOs who were on patrol in their vehicle on Friday afternoon. Curran, a CSO supervisor, also works in the University Village Apartments. In the past he has found a lost child and has interfered when two people attempted to break into a car on campus.

He and other CSOs are willing and ready anytime to escort students on and around campus. "Many people don't know about it but we can escort them from the main campus to the Ralph's shopping center and Barham Apartments."

Henriquez is a criminal justice major who has just finished her training. As student enrollment increases, the CSOs increase their squad by one officer each year. Our university has an impeccable safety record and a lot of credit can be given to our student officers. Kyle says, "They play a crucial role in our policing."

CSO shifts are from eight in the morning to midnight. After midnight, campus police patrol the campus. And without a bridge, tunnel or stoplight, we'll be seeing a lot of them on campus during yet another transitional time.

At the campus police dispatch at 441 La Moree Road in San Marcos, they are currently and continually seeking students to fill out applications for the Community Service Officer position. A background check similar to those that police officers undergo is required.

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ball, bowling and flag-football. Most ASI sponsored events are offered to Cal State San Marcos students at little or no cost. Students can also take advantage of discount amusement park tickets, and discount movie tickets. ASI adjusts recreational activities available to students depending on what students are interested in and they encourage students to contribute ideas and suggestions.

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September

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1	2	3	4 Labor Day No School	5 Twisted Tuesday IM Games Library Forum (UH) *Movie Night "Nacho Libre" Arts 240 (9pm)	6 Hump day Volleyball Matches EVERY WEDNESDAY "The Clarke" (UH)	7 Founder's Day Celebration Library Plaza (UH)	8 Dodgeball begins! Every Friday till Oct. 6th "The Clarke" (12:30pm-3:30pm)	9 Wild Rivers Water Park Excursion (10am-3pm)
10 Grandparents Day	11 Morning Coffee Front of Craven (7am) *LEISURE COURSES BEGIN! *Campus Series of POP culture trivia UVA (6pm-7pm)	12 Movie Night at Edwards	13 Latino Heritage Festival (UH)	14	15	16 Beach Clean-up Oceanside City Beach (10am- 2pm)		
17 Constitution Day	18 Constitution Day Event (UH) *Campus Series of POP culture trivia UVA (6pm-7pm)	19 Twisted Tuesday IM Games Library Forum (UH)	20	21 ASI presents... "The Modlins" Library Plaza (UH)	22 Rosh Hashanah Begins	23		
24	25 Campus Series of POP culture trivia UVA (6pm-7pm)	26 Morning Coffee Front of Craven (7am)	27 Mocktails (UH) *Belly dancing class "The Clarke" Grand Salon (5:30PM) *Cooking Seminar "Dips for Chips" UVA (6pm)	28	29			

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CSUSM Students and the Staff who Inspired them

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Pride Staff Writer

Sometimes we can choose who to associate with. At other times, a twist of fate can intervene with our daily lives. But who we meet now can influence us for years to come. With so many accomplished and passionate professors, advisors, and mentors on our campus, it's not surprising to learn just how inspiring faculty members have been to their students.

Naomi Strong, a nursing major, sought academic guidance from her advisor

Laurie Lindeneau and the result changed Naomi's academic career. "Every time I met with her I was anxious about the nursing program but she was so encouraging and warm. I was unafraid to open up to her. She has really reached out to get to know me and let me express myself for who I am instead of just through my grades," said Strong.

Robert Ordonez, a psychology major, met Dr. Rocha through RISE, a scholarship program for minorities going into the scientific field. At times Ordonez would meet his mentor in the dome just to eat and

chat. "He is more like a friend to me than anything else. He told me what to expect from other professors and helped me to create a bridge to them."

Joshua Walter Lovelace, a graduate student in math, was completely inspired by Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi after taking her Algebra Graph Theory course. Through her energetic and passionate character, Lovelace could see from the beginning that she was concerned about student's learning. Even as a math major, Lovelace says, "I went into it feeling as if it were impossible. She helped me believe in myself, that I could do this."

Pamela Castillo, a literature major, couldn't just choose one. "I've been fortunate enough to have several professors that stand out, including Professor Price, Professor Newman, and Dr. Yuan Yuan. The faculty mentor program stands out the most for me. Lisa Bandong has been a wonderful friend and inspiration along with my mentor, Dr. Salah Moukhliis."

Jesse Taylor, a computer science major, has seen students give up while taking introductory courses in computer programming. "Either the professor didn't know how to teach or they just weren't enthusiastic about it." Professor Ahmad

Hadaegh changed Taylor's outlook for good. "Not only is he knowledgeable in what he teaches, but he makes it fun and interesting. And he's hilarious. He reassured me that programming is what I want to do with my life."

Brittany Smith was doubtful whether she was going to become an accounting major until she had Dr. Mary Ceim for financial and managerial accounting. Brittany says, "She was the most challenging professor I've ever had and that motivated me to meet that challenge." Smith spent the summer working for Semptra Energy through an internship and is happy about her career choice.

With so many obstacles and doubts a college student can face day to day, we are fortunate to have a supporting staff to help ease any worries or concerns, or even to say "you can do this" without having to say it at all.

Hector Navarrete, a criminal justice major, aims to join the Sheriff Academy or CHP after he graduates. There was a point when Navarrete wasn't sure what to major in. "I didn't know what I was going to do. After taking an introductory class in Sociology by Professor Snyder, he said, 'I stuck to it basically because of him.'"

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Interview with new soccer coach Ron Pulvers

BY FERNANDO BROWN
Pride Sports Writer

The Cal State San Marcos soccer teams have jumped out to a great start after losing their season openers. The men's team is currently two and one while

the women's team is one and two to begin their respective seasons. Behind the early success of both teams appears to be head coach Ron Pulvers.

Leadership, organization, and administration skills were instilled early in coach Pul-

vers' life. Throughout his collegiate athletic years from Westmont College, former coaches had profound influences on him, bringing out the natural gift of coaching.

As a native of California, deciding to take the CSUSM position was a great opportunity for Pulvers to reunite with family and friends.

With his departure from Baker University (Baldwin City, KS) to CSUSM, Pulvers brought with him numerous coaching accomplishments. His resume entails, a NAIA championship game in 1995, winning the regional championship in 2002/2004, and five conference championships. But Pulvers feels the most important rewards are intangible.

"Watching the players grow and develop as well rounded individuals, while getting their degree is the most gratifying moment," says Pulvers.

After settling into his head coaching position, Pulvers immediately pieced together his staff, and began scouting soccer prospects.

"Bobby Renneisen, Davy Phillips, and Brain Diamond's contributions have been invaluable," says Pulvers.

The coaches focused on accu-

mulating players, both men and women, which fit their prototype to build a program.

"Once we get through a few recruiting cycles in the next 3-5 years, things are really going to be rolling here," says Pulvers.

Although both teams are only three games into the season,

and was assisted by freshman Angela Matera.

The highlight for the men's team thus far has been the signs of cohesiveness and consistency.

"The 25th of August, to host an athletic event at CSUSM, and the support of the student body has been the most memorable early in the season," says Pulvers.

The men's team managed to stay undefeated at home by defeating Hope International 3-0. After a scoreless first half from both teams, CSUSM's

Curtis Marcikic put the Cougars on the board shortly into the second half. Freshman Bradley Seidenglanz increased the lead to 2-0 on an assist from freshman Chris Wyatt. Demetri Hidalgo, a junior transfer from San Diego City College, closed out the game by contributing on a penalty kick late in the second half, resulting in the 3-0 win.

Coach Pulvers brings leadership, motivation, ambition, and dedication to CSUSM. There is much reason to be optimistic about the program and the direction in which it is headed.

there have been some memorable moments. The women cougars competed at a high level against Cal State Dominguez Hills (Ranked Top 25 nationally in NCAA Division II), and secured their first win in school history against Hope International last week 2-0.

CSUSM dominated the entire game against Hope International by limiting their scoring opportunities. Freshman Courtney Drummond led the cougars with both goals. Her first goal was a shot from the outside box, which sailed over the keeper's head. Her second goal came late in the game



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Soccer coach Ron Pulvers speaks at last weeks pep rally.

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Jock Talk With Josh: NFL Preview

BY JOSH SANDOVAL
Pride Sports Writer



The NFL season starts this week and the only thing that I can really think of is how stupid I am for scheduling a class during "Monday Night Football." I guess that's the price I have to pay if I want to graduate in the spring.

I figured I would take this time to make some predictions and discuss some plot lines worth watching for.

Seeing that I won't get to watch "MNF" but maybe a few times, I could care less about that line-up, however, here are some games

that are worth watching.

Probably one of the more emotional nights of the year will take place on Monday September 25 when the Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints play in the Superdome for the first time since hurricane Katrina. On a much lesser note, San Diegan Reggie Bush will be making his "MNF" debut taking hand-offs from former Chargers quarterback Drew Brees.

On Monday November 27 the Green Bay Packers and Seattle Seahawks play and this could be Brett Favre's last "MNF" game. It seems like I have been saying that for years though.

On Monday December 18 the Cincinnati Bengals and Indianapolis Colts play in what should be a game that reaches 90 total points.

The game that I am looking forward to in week one is the "Manning Bowl" on "Sunday Night Football" on September 10.

Eli Manning and the New York Giants face Peyton Manning and the Colts. I don't know if brothers have ever faced one another at quarterback in the NFL, but this should be interesting.

The Thanksgiving Day games will actually be some good ones for the first time in a long while. The Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos play in one game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Dallas Cowboys play in another and in the stinker of the three the Miami Dolphins and Detroit Lions play.

As far as playoff teams, the following are my picks. From the AFC East the Dolphins will win the division. In the AFC North the Bengals will take it. The AFC South will go to the Colts and the AFC West will be won by the Chiefs. The two AFC Wild Card spots will go to the Pittsburgh Steelers and San Diego Chargers.

In the NFC East the Giants will

win the division. From the NFC North expect the Chicago Bears to take the division for a second straight year. The NFC South will be won by the Carolina Panthers and the NFC West will go to the Seattle Seahawks. The two Wild Card spots will be taken by the Dallas Cowboys and the Arizona Cardinals.

The thing everyone wants to know is who will play in the super bowl. Here's a match-up for you to take to Vegas. The Dolphins and Panthers will be playing in the big game.

The Panthers are without a doubt the favorite from the NFC. The Jake Delhomme to Steve Smith combination is amazing. DeShaun Foster finally gets the starting running back job. Even if Foster isn't healthy throughout the season they drafted exceptionally well by grabbing DeAngelo Williams and have another great backup in Nick Goings. They also

signed Keyshawn Johnson as a great short field option. Not to mention, Julius Peppers is a beast on the defensive side.

The Dolphins is probably a pick that will raise some eyebrows, but hear me out on this one. The Dolphins got Daunte Culpepper in the off-season. They already have a top deep threat wide receiver in Chris Chambers. Culpepper can throw a great deep ball as evidenced by his relationship with Randy Moss. They also have a top running back in Ronnie Brown to balance the offense. The 'Fins won six in a row to end last season to finish 9-7. I expect that trend to continue into this season. They also only have six games against playoff teams from last season.

For those of you who know me, feel free to text me results during Monday Night Football.

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Restaurant Review: Grappa's Relax Factor, Just a Hop and a Skip from CSUSM

BY JONATHON THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

One lightning quick text message and dinner was set for two at 8 p.m. at Grappa's, which is located in the Ralph's Shopping Center right across the street from CSUSM. Upon walking to the entrance, I noticed the hidden jewel of the restaurant which is not actually so hidden but a jewel indeed. The outside area has a magnificent view of CSUSM. CSUSM looked picturesque as it rested on the side of the hill. A medium-sized orchestra of crickets surrounded the outside seating area, performing a delightful melody. Not only were the crickets satisfying to the ear but the soft Italian music gracefully flowing from the outside speakers was pleasant as well. Grappa's website boasts the massive 2,500 square foot outside seating area and the fact that they are home to the largest fire pit in North County.

After taking notice of all that Grappa had to offer outdoors, we proceeded inside. The first thing that registered was the strong aroma of Italian food. Within one minute we were seated and being waited on by our server. I noticed that the restaurant was about 15 percent full, ranging from couples to families. The seating of the restaurant is similar to the cafeteria in the Dome with simple wooden chairs and tables filling the seating area with a half-booth to accommodate soft-bottomed enthusiasts like myself. The bar, obviously where the action happens, was off to the side with plenty of seats and a closed-in atmosphere from the rest of the restaurant.

A basket of bread was quickly brought to our table as we decided what to drink. With a full open bar at our disposal, our choice had to be carefully considered. One margarita (for her) and one draft beer (for him) later, we placed an order for some mozzarella sticks. After some light snacking and refreshments, we placed our meal order. The food came in a timely manner. Upon smacking my lips I noticed a couple sitting in the booth next to us. I politely intervened in their conversation and asked them if they were students at CSUSM. I was in luck. Genna, who graduated with a Psychology degree from CSUSM in May of 2006, was there with her fiancé Aaron. "We come here for the good food and the convenience, usually spending about \$35 to \$40," they said.

Upon leaving the restaurant I asked if the general manager was in. He was. Raymond "Ray" Corallino was playing bartender and was kind enough to answer a few questions with a friendly smile. He told me that two magazines had been there the same night to do reviews on the restaurant as well. He also informed me that Grappa will be on the next ASI Student Discount Card, which should be coming out if it has not already.

Overall, Grappa definitely has the location, being right across the street. Grappa has superior customer service. We never had to ask our server for anything. He was constantly but not aggressively taking our discarded dishes away and asking us if we needed anything. The wait time to be seated and served was shorter than a McDon-



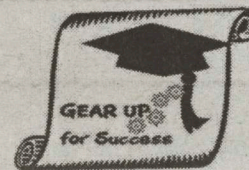
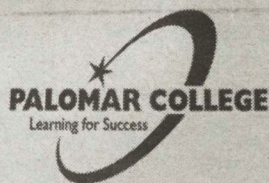
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ald's drive-thru, and the \$55 shelled out for two drinks, a soda, an appetizer, and two meals was not terrible but hurt the wallet a little more than I liked. With an ASI discount card on the way, this small irritation can be alleviated.

On Grappa's website I found out that Grappa offers a lunch special for \$10.95 that includes soup or salad, pasta of the day and a soda, guaranteed to be served

within 30 minutes or the meal is free.

I suggest that the next opportunity you have to take fellow classmates, that special person that you keep winking at during class, or maybe even the professor who is flunking you to Grappa for some lunch or maybe after school to check out their Happy Hour from 4-7 p.m. everyday. Divertisi! Visit <http://www.grappacalifornia.com/index.html>.



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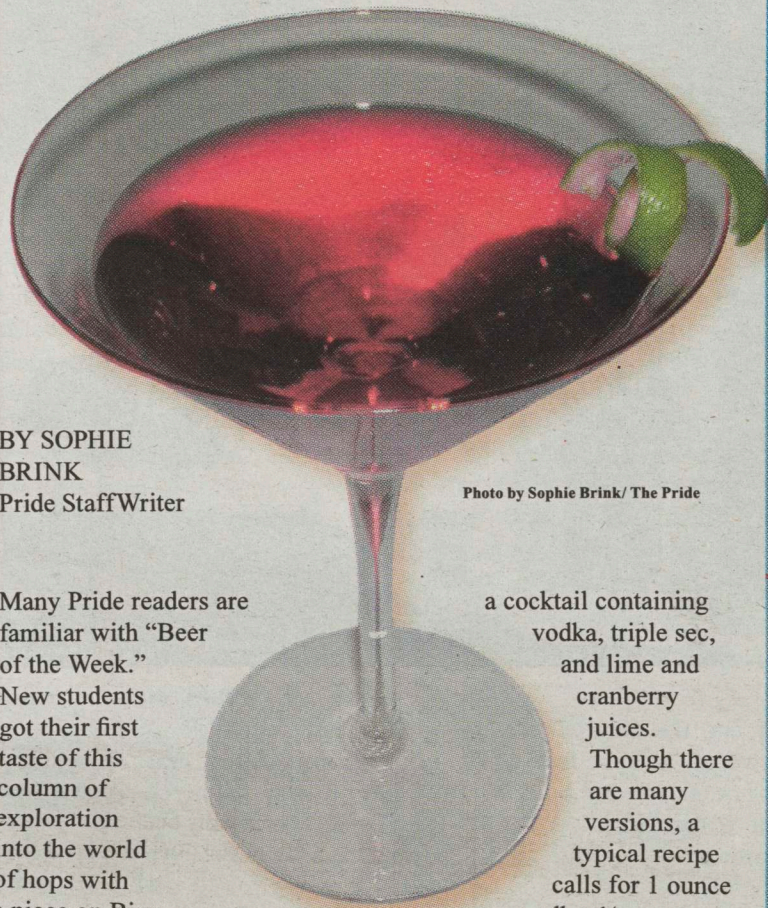
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Drink of the week

COSMOPOLITAN



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Many Pride readers are familiar with "Beer of the Week." New students got their first taste of this column of exploration into the world of hops with a piece on Birra Moretti. What about those, however, who crave variety in their imbibing lives? What about those who (gasp) simply don't have a close relationship with beer? "Drink of the Week" intends to fill the need for mixed-drink knowledge and appreciation. For your perusal this week is the Cosmopolitan. This simple, elegant, delightful drink was popularized by Carrie Bradshaw from "Sex in the City." Those who favored it before it hit HBO might have rejoiced at their favorite drink's new-found fame, while others may have begun to steer clear of the tart little darling in favor of less mainstream cocktails in fear of being "trendy." To these individuals, I say, shed your inhibitions and come back to the cranberry pleasure zone that is the Cosmo. There seems to be many theories of origin surrounding this rosy wonder, but most cocktail mavens know that the Cosmo is

a cocktail containing vodka, triple sec, and lime and cranberry juices. Though there are many versions, a typical recipe calls for 1 ounce vodka, ½ ounce triple sec, 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice, and one ounce cranberry juice all strained and served in a cocktail glass and garnished with a slice of lime or a twist of lime zest. For those who prefer a sweeter taste, ½ ounce Rose's lime juice, a brand of sweetened lime juice concentrate, can substitute for lime juice. Other alterations, such as adding more vodka and less cranberry juice, or more cranberry juice and less vodka, are common. Some people also like to experiment with flavored vodkas, and Cointreau, an indulgent liqueur made from orange peels, is commonly used in place of triple sec because of its smoother flavor. The Cosmo is adaptable and willing to please, even agreeable to being either shaken or stirred according to preference. Please remember, however, always to strain your Cosmo so as not to ruin its reputation as a fun yet proper and refined little drink. Enjoy!

Beverage Variations:

❑ **BLOODY COSMO**
1 ½ OUNCE ABSOLUT MANDRIN VODKA
½ OUNCE TRIPLE SEC OR COINTREAU
1 TABLESPOON LIME
¼ OUNCE BLOOD ORANGE JUICE
1 SPLASH CRANBERRY JUICE
GARNISH WITH A SLICE OF ORANGE OR A TWIST OF ORANGE PEEL.

❑ **SAKE BOMB**
SAKE (JAPANESE RICE WINE)
LARGE GLASS
SAPPORO PREMIUM (OR SIMILAR BEER)
ONE PAIR CHOPSTICKS

❑ **BERRY GOOD COSMO**
1 ½ OUNCE VODKA
½ OUNCE TRIPLE SEC OR COINTREAU
1 TABLESPOON LIME
1 OUNCE STRAWBERRY JUICE

❑ **SAPPORO MARINADE**
2 MINCED CLOVES GARLIC
1/8 TSP. TABASCO SAUCE
2 TBSP. SUGAR OR HONEY
1 TSP. GROUND GINGER
3 TBSP. SOY SAUCE
1 TBSP. DRY MUSTARD
1 1/2 C. FLAT SAPPORO PREMIUM BEER

❑ **CHERRY (POPPIN') COSMO**
1 OUNCE ABSOLUT CITRON VODKA
½ OUNCE COINTREAU
1 TABLESPOON LIME JUICE
1 OUNCE CHERRY JUICE

Beer of the week

SAPPORO

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After the first full week of class, it's time for everyone – both faculty and staff – to take a well deserved break. Like many students, I find an afternoon or evening at a sushi bar a most enjoyable way to unwind from the rigors of the first week of classes. And of course, no sushi meal is complete without the right beer to complement it. This week we will look at the most popular Japanese beer in the



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United States, Sapporo Premium. Sapporo pours clean and leaves a large fizzy head that recedes fairly quickly leaving a moderate amount of lacing on the side of the glass. As you're pouring, you may notice its light lager smell with perhaps a hint of rice. The taste is a little dry and bitter; and Sapporo has an overly watery feel to it in ones mouth. Sapporo breweries claims that Sapporo is best served cold, at about 35-40 degrees Fahrenheit. While this is true that it's best cold, it perhaps would best be said that Sapporo should only be served cold, as its flavor quickly degrades as it warms up.

While it does not fare particularly well by itself as a beer, Sapporo's hoppy, dry flavor does pair very well with certain foods. Spicy Asian food pairs well with it, but it seems to go perfectly with sushi. The dryness of the beer accentuates the salty and varied textures of different kinds of sushi and sashimis. In turn, the sushi makes the

Sapporo taste more refreshing and crisp.

Sapporo is a Japanese Rice Lager that was first brewed in 1876 at the Sapporo Breweries which at the time was named the Kaitakushi Brewery. It was the first beer brewed in Japan, by the massive brewery complex is located in the city of Sapporo in the Hokkaido prefecture, the northernmost island in Japan. The city of Sapporo is the fifth largest city in

Japan and Sapporo beer is the most widely exported Japanese beer. Interestingly though, the versions of the Sapporo beers available here are not brewed in Japan at all, they are brewed in Guelph, Ontario Canada and imported to the U.S.

Sapporo should be served cold in a chilled pilsner glass. It is available in a variety of bottle and can sizes, including the large and attractive 22 ounce "sculpted steel" style can and the 20.3 ounce bottle, most commonly served in restaurants. It is also available in some areas in keg form, though it is rarely served this way.

Sapporo Premium may not be the best drinking beer due to its lackluster taste and watery composition. It is, though, an excellent choice for an evening of unwinding at a sushi bar with friends. On those sorts of evenings, it's best to raise your glass and toast to good friends and good food as the Japanese do, with an enthusiastic "kanpai!"

San Marcos grand summer festival

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In the interest of exploring and interacting with the community that surrounds CSU San Marcos, I attended the city's 7th annual Grand Summer Festival. Off of San Marcos Boulevard, on Via Vera Cruz, next to Restaurant Row, hundreds of booths stood proudly under the summer sun.

The tantalizing aroma of fresh funnel cakes wafted through the air as fairgoers bustled from booth to booth ogling vendors' wares. Goods included just about everything from charming handmade ceramic piggy banks to pearl necklaces in

an alluring array of Easter-egg hues.

The crowd confronted the rapidly rising temperature with newly purchased parasols and icy lemonade made fresh before their eyes. Ice cream and other frosty confections also offered relief from the heat along with sheer sugary satisfaction.

Past the chiropractic booths, sari stands, beef jerky tents, and henna tattoo stalls was a small but respectable turnout of Detroit muscle. Among the entries in the American Muscle Car Show produced by Dalton's Roadhouse was a patriotic "Star Spangled" Mustang, a '51 Merc "led sled," and a 1953 Ford F-100 boasting a transplanted hemi and an eye-catching paintjob, ultra-orange with a House of

Kolor pearl topcoat.

For the artistically inclined, a paint-your-own glass booth called "The Art Bar" offered a creative outlet. A rock wall begged to be challenged by those not too stuffed with treats and not too overloaded with new-found chachkies. In addition to a unique array of crafts, an abundance of clothing stalls overflowed with colorful creations and jewelry tents abounded, many displaying the handiwork of local artists.

It might be worth the reader's while to check out this street fair next year. If the 8th annual Grand Summer Festival is anything like this year's, a fair-food bliss and mercantile pleasure-ground awaits.



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