

## \$312.9 Million Cut Concerns Entire CSU Community

Chancellor Reed addresses budget to CSU employees

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
Pride Staff Writer

In a public message addressed to the California State University employees on Jan. 30, Chancellor Charles B. Reed focused on California's recent budget cuts approved by the Board of Trustees in response to the \$14.5 billion state budget deficit.

In order to prevent the projected ten percent student fee increase, the CSU budget must accrue \$73.2 million in addition to the already proposed \$312.9 million cut.

"This funding reduction comes only three years after our budget was reduced by over \$500 million during the 2002-03 and 2004-05 fiscal years, which led to significantly reduced student access, as well as a dramatic increase in student fees," Reed continued. "History will likely be repeated if the Governor's proposed CSU budget reductions are sustained

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## Super Tuesday and Fat Tuesday Go Greek

### Greek Fair Offers Sneak Peak Into Rush Week

BY ROSS LICHTMAN  
Pride Staff Writer

Tuesday, Feb. 5- CSUSM Greek organizations held their first annual 'Greek Fair' during University Hour.

Because its in its first year, many people responsible for arranging the event were uncertain as to whether or not it would be successful. The event proved to be a memorable one for all students in attendance.

"Greek Fair is a time for everyone to come together and have fun while learning about all of the different fraternities, sororities, and Greek organizations that we have to offer on our campus," stated Alex Hand, a sophomore and member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Throughout the fair, students received free food, participated in games, and live entertainment. Food ranged from free popcorn, Pat and Oscars salads to Little Caesars pizza.

The fair festivities began when people started playing the games, which included: football and soccer ball contests, and a strength pole to see who could

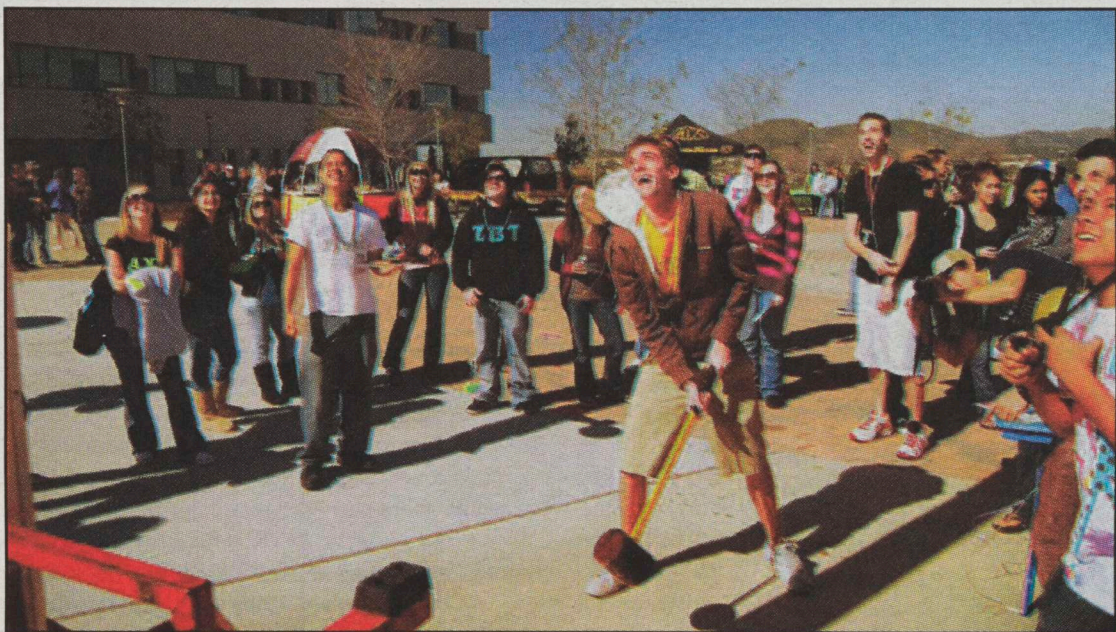


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With a variety of exciting activities, the Greek fair drew the attention of CSUSM students during U-hour

hit it the hardest with a large hammer. Local radio station, 91X, was in attendance to play music for surrounding listeners.

Besides all of the fun, the fair was a great time for interested students learn about Greek life at CSUSM. Each fraternity and sorority passed out fliers and other information in order to notify and recruit passing students about their organizations.

"This isn't a time for each sorority or fraternity to be competing against one another to see who can recruit more students; it is a time for people on campus to learn more about the Greek life that we have at our school and see if they might be interested in joining it." Said Alpha Chi Omega member Lauren Cerruti.

The Greek fair was also an appropriate lead into Rush Week

(beginning Feb. 18). While each Greek organization puts on different events throughout the week, Rush Week is a time for students to choose which fraternity or sorority they would like to join.

Due to the success of the Greek fair, the event will likely become a tradition on campus for years to come.

## Primaries bring political activity, discussion to CSUSM

BY BEN ROFFEE  
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It was an exciting week for politics at Cal State San Marcos as the biggest day in the presidential primary season, Super Tuesday, came and went, stimulating a flurry of activity on campus.

As polling places like the one on campus were shutting down across the state, CSUSM students flocked the Grand Salon at the Clarke Field House Tuesday, Feb. 5, for a Super Tuesday viewing party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Hosted by the American Democracy Project and the University Student Union Advisory Board (USUAB), the event featured live CNN coverage of Super Tuesday results and free food for those in

attendance.

An open-microphone made its way around the room giving students the opportunity to share their opinions about the candidates, important political issues, as well as any other opinions about the overall state of the nation.

"I want to be proud of my country again," said a student in the audience.

Commentary was not limited to those who dared to offer their opinions on the microphone. Large pieces of paper representing a variety of political issues adorned the walls of the Grand Salon and bore the written opinions of those in attendance. Brief dialogues would emerge on these message boards as people responded to comments made by

others.

On the topic of immigration, one student anonymously wrote, "America was founded on immigration. While it is a problem

that people are coming over illegally, should it really be our main focus?"

An arrow pointed to a comment from another individual

read, "Yes. These immigrants come to our country and (often times) are only here to better their lives. What good is it letting our population grow if it isn't going to benefit everyone. We *must* slow this expansion down before it's too late."

Even after Super Tuesday passed, the activities at CSUSM continued throughout the week. On Feb. 7, during University Hour, The Political Science Club hosted Dr. Shana Bass in part of its "Pizza and Politics" series. Dr. Bass, a professor from the Dept. of Political Science, offered in-depth analysis of the Super Tuesday results for both sides of the aisle.

"California was seen as, for



Photo by Ben Roffee / The Pride

Students express political views and opinions at Super Tuesday viewing party

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## ASI kicks off countdown to Spring Fling San Diego cruise event sells out quickly

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
Pride Staff Writer

Associated Students Incorporated launched a Spring Fling Kick-Off during University Hour on Feb. 5 to promote the anticipated event. Tickets for the Mar. 15 cocktail party became available for free to students beginning 8 a.m. on Tuesday and were

sold out by 10 a.m. the following day.

The kick off event provided students with free food and drinks to commemorate the beginning of ticket distributions.

Spring Fling will take place on the San Diego Harbor Excursion yacht off San Diego harbor from 8:30 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. The three-storied boat features a live

DJ, bars serving refreshments and appetizers; and a casino with blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold'em. Guests can use fake money while gambling with a chance to win a trip for two to Laughlin or a gift card to Chili's restaurant.

Although tickets to the event have sold out, tickets for the party bus are still available. Party bus

tickets are \$20 a person and are available to both students and guests. The bus will go roundtrip from CSUSM to the San Diego harbor and will return following the event. Party Bus tickets are available in the ASI Business Office, FCB 103.

"The boat has a capacity of 500 so there is absolutely no way to release more. The question that

I keep getting is how do I get a ticket? I know a lot of people bought extra tickets, you were allowed to buy up to three, so my advice is ask around. There is also a Facebook event people can join to ask others for tickets," said ASI Programming Board Social Events Specialist, Molly Durham.



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by the legislature."

Reed stressed the vitality of CSU system and its direct impact on the economy.

"We play a major role in the state's workforce in the areas of nursing, teaching, agriculture, business, public administration, and engineering. The CSU returns \$4.41 to California's economy annually for every \$1 invested by the state. Given the state's General Fund condition, we believe investing in the CSU is a smart solution to address the state's fiscal deficit," he stated. Reed called on Schwarzenegger to consider supporting alternative means less drastic to rectify the state's increased economic struggles and its effect on CSU, referring to it as "California's economic engine."

In closing his message, Reed expressed solidarity among all parties involved in the matter.

"We would like to ask all members of the CSU community to help us advocate for the California State University by writing to your legislators, talking with your friends, and making your voice heard about the importance of restoring our budget and protecting the state's investment in higher education. As the budget process proceeds, we will be asking you to join us in our efforts to ensure that the CSU gets the budget our students and California deserves."

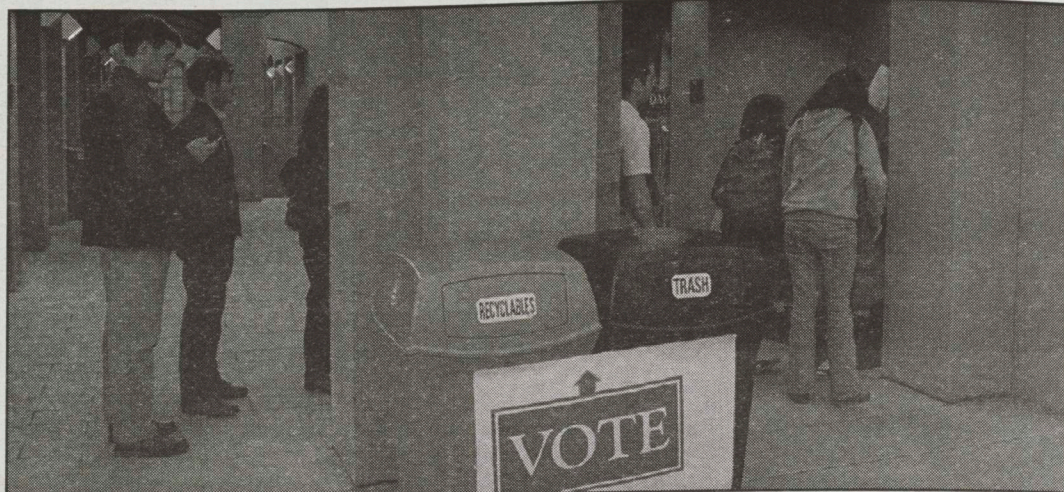


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Super Tuesday, the big prize because we're the largest state and we have the largest number of delegates at stake," said Dr. Bass.

With Mitt Romney's suspension of his campaign, the Republican race narrowed, leaving John McCain as the clear front-runner. As Dr. Bass noted, come-from-behind victories by Mike Huckabee or Ron Paul are highly unlikely.

While the Republican primaries yielded a clear victor in McCain, the results on the Democratic side were much different. "What happened to the Democrats in California is

really interesting and what happened to Democrats across the country is also really interesting," said Dr. Bass.

After the dust had settled, Super Tuesday gave no strong advantage to either Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton. Making sure to include the audience in the discussion, Dr. Bass asked for opinions on how the candidates reacted to the outcome of Super Tuesday.

"They both postured," said student Tawn Kent. "One said they clearly had the largest number of votes and the other said they had greater support in a larger number of states."

While Clinton seized the most

delegates, winning the biggest prize of the night in California, she won in fewer states than Obama, a clear indication that the primary nomination would most likely be fought for all the way to the national convention.

Delegate counts differed among publications, mainly due to differences in regards to so-called "super delegates."

Obama narrowed Clinton's lead over the weekend with convincing wins in the Louisiana primaries and the caucuses in Washington, Nebraska, and Maine. The Clinton campaign predicts victories in the late Ohio and Texas contests should negate Obama's February comeback.

## Dinner Etiquette for all Cougars

### Mock Dinner promises "no risk" learning experience

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 28, an etiquette dinner aimed to teach the formalisms of business dinners and proper restaurant etiquette will be held for students at the Lake San Marcos Country Club. The event, sponsored by Associated Students Incorporated (ASI), welcomes all Cougars regardless of year or major.

"A communication major could benefit because they will have to

communicate with everybody and know how to act properly (at formal business dinners)," said Freshman, Brian Burrows.

The dinner provided consists of a four-course meal equivalent to \$35.

"I think any major would benefit from the event. There are a million ways to drive a car but there is a right way. Proper etiquette shows that people of all backgrounds took the time to learn how to be formal. For example, if you go to another country with baggy

pants and a t-shirt you might accidentally disrespect someone. The way you eat at home may not be the proper way to carry yourself at a formal dinner. You could make people feel uncomfortable in that setting. There are formalities that you need to know, regardless of your major," said Junior and Nursing Major, Angel Castaneda.

Due to the popularity of the event, interested Cougars are encouraged to reserve their place immediately by visiting the Career Center in Craven Hall 1400. Res-

ervations are \$10. (Cancellations are non-refundable after Feb. 15.)

"All majors, including Literature and Writing Studies majors, should know how to act in a formal setting. It is a really good deal and a great opportunity to only pay \$10 while getting a country club four-course dinner," said Junior and Literature and Writing Studies Major, Brian Mann.

For more information please visit: <http://www.csusm.edu/careers/workshops/etiquette-dinner.html>.

## Police Beat

1/28/08 9:40AM-3:50PM

A student returned to parking Lot C to find her car had been involved in a hit and run with a dent at the bottom of the fog lamp and the front bumper on the driver's side was bent.

1/29/08

Officers responded to the Dome for a call from Priority Christian Challenge, a student organization. A woman came to their meeting with the purpose to confront them for the way her son was treated 3 years ago. The angry woman approached in a somewhat threatening manner. UPD mediated the two parties to a successful resolution.

1/29/08 8:30PM

During a traffic stop exiting Lot F, an officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. Upon further investigation, the officer discovered 2 fixed blade, 8 inch throwing knives. UPD cited the student for the stop

sign violation and the 2.1 grams of marijuana, submitted a request for a warrant to the district attorney's office, and notified the Dean of Students.

2/1/08 12:50AM

An officer stopped a vehicle that failed to come to a complete stop. Both students were under 21 years of age, dressed as pirates. The officer smelled alcohol, found a box of coronas in the back seat, witnessed the passenger placing something under her seat, and later found 2 flasks of alcohol under her seat. Both were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

2/2/08 1:45AM

A vehicle code violation prompted officers to conduct a traffic stop on Twin Oaks. The officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana. Officers cited the passenger for marijuana, .6 grams.

2/1/08 9:30PM

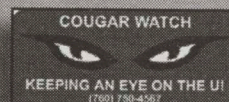
An officer found a vehicle parked in the driveway of XYZ Lot, obstructing the roadway. UPD towed the vehicle before class started the next day.

2/3/08 2:30AM

While assisting SD Sheriffs at local apartments, UPD officers contacted a non student who was banging on an apartment door and screaming. The apartment occupants told officers they did not know him, and he was booked in to jail for drunk in public.

2/4/08 9:00AM-1:00PM

A student returned to their vehicle parked in Lot F and found minor damage to the right front fender and red paint transferred to the vehicle. Any info about the incident, contact UPD or the anonymous tip line.





# Parking Pandemonium

## Parking tickets stretch student wallets thin

BY AMY SALISBURY  
Pride Staff Writer

You're walking to your car on a beautiful Friday afternoon and things couldn't get better. That killer Econ midterm is over, you nabbed presale tickets to the concert of the year, and to top it all off, it's a three-day weekend. But wait, what is that tucked gently between your wiper blade and windshield? Could it be a note from a secret admirer? No, it's probably just some flyer advertising who-knows-what. As you walk closer, the vicious fluorescent paper gives it all away: Parking Ticket.

A CSUSM police officer issues a parking ticket on campus because a car violates the terms certified by the parking permit it displays, or the car is simply void of any kind of permit whatsoever. With permit prices still on the rise, it comes as no surprise that the number of citations currently given on campus is higher than ever.

Since 2003, permit prices have drastically increased from \$158

to \$248 causing many students to forego buying permits altogether. Senior Caleb Roddy took this approach, claiming that he chose "to bypass the entire system due to the extreme prices and inconsistent parking." Though under the constant threat of receiving a city citation, or an impounded car, several students still go so far as to park in the Kaiser Permanente and Ralph's Shopping Center lots and walk to campus.

Other options do exist that will not completely break the bank. "I buy the daily passes, because I only go three days a week," says Biochemistry major Farhea Mahmood. These permits range from \$2 for one hour to a max of \$7 for 24 hours. "I don't think it's worth it to get the full semester permits, especially when you don't know what you're paying for." So, what exactly is this money from thousands of permits and tickets funding?

The campus Parking and Transportation Services claim, "the additional revenue would allow construction of a parking structure that would open during 2010/11, adding 2000 spaces."

The 2002 Parking and Transportation Task Force established the all-encompassing fee increase. Do not expect a cost relief in the near future: Fall 2009 permit prices are set to swell another \$90 to an incredible \$338.

If you are the recipient of a dreaded parking ticket, a glimmer of hope still exists. To appeal a citation, stop by the Parking Adjudication office in FBC 107 and fill out the appropriate forms, visit <http://www.csusm.edu/parking/> and complete a Citation Appeal/Administrative Review Form, or go through the US Mail and file a complaint. Be warned, however, that there are only 21 calendar days to appeal the citation before a \$25 late fee and hold on the vehicle's registration gets tacked on.

Parking tickets and fee increases are one of the necessary evils here on campus. As our perpetually growing student body brings more cars to campus, the school inevitably needs to boost the parking capacity. Remember: read the posted signs, buy the necessary permits, and if all else fails, carpool.

**California State University  
San Marcos**

Parking Citation Number

ID: 844

Date: 02/04/2008 Time: 18:23

Violation: CVC 21113(A)  
PERMIT IMPROPERLY  
DISPLAYED  
DAILY PERMIT  
DATE TIME  
COVERED

Fee if paid within 21 days: \$ 50.00  
AFTER 21 DAYS FINE: \$ 75.00

License Number

Make: VOLVO 4 DOOR  
BLACK

Location: LOT C GENERAL

Last Four of VIN:

NOTE: YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS CITATION WITH  
21 DAYS OF ISSUE  
IMPORTANT: INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS CITATION

**Parking Citation**

An example of a real ticket recently issued to a student

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# Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 12

8:00 AM

COUGAR BAZAAR & STUDENT  
FUNDRAISING WEEK  
LIB PLAZA

09:00 AM

BLOOD DRIVE  
LIB PLAZA

11:00 AM

FRATERNITY/SORORITY  
RECRUITMENT TABLING  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 PM

IPOD KISS-A-THON  
FORUM PLAZA

5:30 PM

ASI BINGO NIGHT  
CFHUSU 113

05:30 PM

ALCALDE DE ZALAMEA  
READING GROUP  
LIB 2413

Wednesday, Feb. 13

8:00 AM

COUGAR BAZAAR & STUDENT  
FUNDRAISING WEEK  
LIB PLAZA

12:30 PM

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD, SPAIN  
OR COSTA RICA  
UNIV 373

01:30 PM

VALENTINES DAY ACTIVITY  
COM 206

5:00 PM

ASI PRESENTS BLACK  
STORYTELLERS UNION  
ARTS 111, ARTS LOBBY

5:30 PM

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION  
SESSION  
CRA 3701

Thursday, Feb. 14

VALENTINE'S DAY!

8:00 AM

COUGAR BAZAAR & STUDENT  
FUNDRAISING WEEK  
LIB PLAZA

11:00 AM

FRATERNITY/SORORITY  
RECRUITMENT TABLING  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 PM

Have A Heart TUITION RELIEF  
NOW CAMPAIGN  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 PM

ASI'S CINNABON DAY  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 PM

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
SYSTEM (GIS)

Friday, Feb. 15

07:00 AM

KATSURA KAN  
ARTS 111

8:00 AM

COUGAR BAZAAR & STUDENT  
FUNDRAISING WEEK  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 PM

TUKWUT LEADERSHIP CIRCLE  
WORKSHOP

UNIV 337

12:00 PM

TUKWUT LEADERSHIP CIRCLE  
WORKSHOP  
COM 206

7:00pm

VAGINA MONOLOGUES  
Arts 240

Saturday, Feb. 16

01:00 PM

SOCCER OPEN TRYOUTS  
MNGRM FLD

7:00pm

VAGINA MONOLOGUES  
Arts 240

Monday, Feb. 17

11:00 AM

FRATERNITY/SORORITY  
RECRUITMENT TABLING  
LIB PLAZA

6:00 PM

GREEK EXCITE NIGHT  
CFHUSU 113

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# Continuity is the key

BY LANCE CARTELLI  
Pride Staff Writer

All the head coaching vacancies have now been filled as of Sat. with the surprising hire of Jim Zorn, the former QB coach of the Seattle Seahawks, to be the new head coach of the Washington Redskins.

Here's a look at who should've been hired for the head coaching positions and the new coaches being hired as upcoming head coaches for the teams that continuity applied to in the Redskins, Colts, and Seahawks.

Washington Redskins- Defensive Coordinator Gregg Williams hired in 2004, who appeared to be the front runner to take over as head coach after Joe Gibbs retired in Dec. Williams was head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 2001-2003, and compiled a record of 17-30 before being fired.

You would expect owner Daniel Snyder to try and make a splash and hire a big name coach like he recently did with Gibbs, but Gibbs told Snyder after he retired that continuity is extremely important and will not set back the organization in a major way. Clearly that's not what happened, when the Redskins unexpectedly fired Williams, who is now the defensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Indianapolis Colts- Tony Dungy is a spiritual and calm man that has been contemplating his retirement as head coach for the past three years after his team's season has completed. Dungy admitted that he did not want to coach past 50, he is now 51 and again decided that he will return to coaching, for at least one more year.

When Dungy does retire, he will be praised for being a great coach and an even better

man that deserves nothing but respect. The man that was recently tabbed to be the next head coach is current QB coach and assistant head coach, Jim Caldwell. Caldwell was one of the hottest names out there to be a head coach and has interviewed for a plethora of head coaching vacancies, before being named future head coach of the Colts.

Caldwell, hired in 2001, has head coaching experience as the Wake Forest head coach from 1993-2000, and has developed 6'5 230 lb. laser rocket arm QB Peyton Manning into the superstar that he is.

Seattle Seahawks- Mike Holmgren has also been looking into his future the past couple years. The window is closing in on the aging Seahawks, who have won four straight NFC West championships. Watch out for those 49ers, HA!

The Seahawks have absolutely no running game anymore, with Shaun Alexander aging in front of ours eyes, with two injury-plagued years since his phenomenal MVP year. The coach that will take over is defensive back coach Jim Mora, former head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, who was fired extremely too early. Smart move Atlanta that Petrino hire really worked out didn't it?

Mora was also the former defensive coordinator of the 49ers, should've hired him instead of that bum Dennis Erickson. Jim Mora Jr. also from the Washington area, and his alma mater is the University of Washington, he has head coaching experience, and has head coaching lineage in that his father, Jim Mora Sr. famous for the "PLAYOFFS? You're talking about PLAYOFFS?" line, was former head coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

## Cougar Baseball: Week in Review

BY LANCE CARTELLI  
Pride Staff Writer

The Cougars split their two games this week, beating Point Loma (5-2) and losing to UCSD (3-2) to make their record (3-5) in the young season.

In the first game of the week, the Cougars handed Point Loma their second straight loss to the Cougars, 8-5.

Point Loma struck first with a lead off double by RF Kaohi Downing, who scored on a double play by CF Kurt Steinhauer. The Cougars came back swinging in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, with three runs on two hits. Leading off the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, CF Tristan Gale hit his third home run of the year to give the Cougars a 1-0 lead. DH Terry Moritz then hit a two-out two-run home run to right to extend the Cougars lead to 3-0.

SP Eric Julienne had a strong start, winning his first game of the year, allowing just three runs on six innings pitched with three strike outs and two walks given up.

The Cougars would tack on three more runs in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup>. RF Jared Suwyn continued his hot play going 3-4; with his biggest hit being a two-run single to LF scoring two runs in the three-run inning.

P Grant Harrell and Jared Suwyn combined for 2 2/3 of one-hit baseball to

close out Point Loma 8-5 for the Cougars third win of the year.

In the second game of the week, the Cougars faced the #15 ranked team in the nation Div. II's UCSD.

The Cougars and UCSD matched each other 3-3 by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. UCSD struck first with a two-run bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. DH Franco hit a two-out two-run home run to right field. CF Tristan Gale hit his second home run of the week and fourth of the year to lead off the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. LF Austin Way would constitute, as the last run the Cougars would score this game with a lead off home run in the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

UCSD would break the game open with back-to-back two-run innings in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. RBI singles from CF/LF Domanic and 2B Imeson would lead to the two-runs scored in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> for UCSD. In the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup>, a lead-off double by 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman Bono would start off another two-run inning ending with a RBI's from CF Burke and SS Albitz to make the game 7-3.

The Cougars struggled to stop the offensive attack by UCSD using seven pitchers with the longest outing of the seven to be 2 2/3 innings by P Johnny Holtman. The seven pitchers combined to give up 10 runs and 15 hits. The Cougars fall to (3-5) on the season while UCSD is now (3-2).

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paper

## COUGAR SCOREBOARD

FEBRUARY 2008

BALL



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### 2/5 – Baseball

CSUSM 8 | Point Loma 5

### 2/6 – Baseball

UCSD 10 | CSUSM 3

### 2/9 -Softball Doubleheader

Game 1 – CSUSM 10 | Bethany 0

Game 2 – CSUSM 8 | Bethany 0

### Upcoming Events

Feb. 12 – Feb. 18

### Tuesday

Baseball @ Biola – 2:00 p.m.

Softball @ Azusa Pacific – 4:00 p.m./6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Softball @ Point Loma – 1:30 p.m./3:30 p.m.

Baseball @ Cal Baptist – 2:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Softball @ Occidental – Noon/2:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Baseball vs. Patten College – 11:00 a.m. -

Escondido H.S.

### MONDAY

Baseball vs. Patten College – Noon – Mission

Bay H.S.



# Surf team has best season yet

## Solid performances help surf team capture second place in conference rankings

BY AMBER PUHA  
Pride Contributor

This weekend, the regular season for the National Scholastic Surfing Association College Team Season, concluded at Huntington Beach's 9th Street beach. CSUSM posted a 3rd place finish wrapping up a record best season. With a 2nd place overall finish in the conference ratings, participants from CSUSM posted two 2nd place finishes, one 1st, and one third. Prior to this season, CSUSM's best ever single event finish was a 4th. This marks a major break through in the team's 8 year history, and marks its arrival as a serious competitive threat to the larger, beach located schools such as UCSB and UCSD. Thanks to the financial support of Hansen's Boardroom, CSUSM will enter the state championships as the number two seed.

UCSB was dominant all

season, only faltering with a 3rd place at home, at C Street in Ventura. Otherwise, UCSB posted 1st places. (Two of their three wins came with comfortable margins.) But, CSUSM was nipping at UCSB's heels at the first event of season at La Jolla Blacks Beach, taking second by only a 1/2 of a point. Beside UCSB, the only other team to beat CSUSM this season was Mira Costa College. Mira Costa came on strong down the stretch when the twins, Julian and Alex Ganguli, returned to school and collegiate competition in the spring semester. In the final event of the season, Alex led Mira Costa Red to a second place.

The final weekend of competition was both interesting and exciting for CSUSM. Team anchor Scott McBride exited early, as did Ventura event winner Garrett James.

Season standout Chris Smith

also didn't have his best event, and Aaron Coyle was unable to compete. This put the final outcome in the hands of Timmy Long and Paul Brandlin (freshman), Sean Hastings (senior), and the ladies Erin Lewis and Lauren Nutter. Pressure seemed no problem for these five as they maintained the determination to keep CSUSM on the podium for the 4th consecutive event.

Long looked snappy and vertical in the beach break conditions. Long had a best ever performance in the shortboard men's division, advancing through four rounds of competition to earn 9th place. Brandlin had a sluggish start in round one, but stepped it up after that. He won all his remaining heats until just missing advancement into the shortboard men's final earning 7th place.

Brandlin and Long were the top point getters earning 23

points each. Hastings, who also looked quick and snappy in the beach break conditions, showed his determination to make the most of his senior year. He has now seen back to back quarterfinal appearances.

The ladies made a point of redeeming themselves after early exits at Ventura. Freshman, Lauren Nutter, charged through two rounds of competition earning 9th. Erin Lewis charged through 3 rounds of competition and qualified for the women's final.

CSUSM entered the finals with 113 points tied for 2nd place with Mira Costa College. The only problem was that Mira Costa managed to qualify three people for the finals, while CSUSM only had Lewis remaining. At this point, Mira Costa's second place finish was foregone conclusion. Lewis however staved off the attack from Point Loma and

UCSD to move into 3rd with her 5th place finish in the women's final. UCSB finished first in the event, Mira Costa took second, and CSUSM placed third.

Another highlight of the season was longboarder Christian Clark, who surfs for CSUSM B team. He made every final event this season, earning 4th, 1st, 3rd and 2nd respectively. He has been the anchor for the CSUSM B team and a serious threat to upset in the longboard division all season long. CSUSM B team surfer Derek Vaickus also had a breakout event with his round three appearance. These two buoyed the B team and kept them on track to qualify for the state championships. CSUSM B earned 12th place in the last event of the season out of 25 teams.

State Championships will be on Friday, March 7th at Churches Beach in San Onofre.

## Track and Field Brief

# Two Cougars Represent School Well at the Surf City Half Marathon

BY ANDREW GARAI  
Pride Staff Writer

At 3:00pm at the Mangrum Track athletes can be seen preparing for upcoming competitions by hurling discs, jumping over hurdles,

sprinting laps around the track, and running, running, running. Two athletes who could run all day are Juan Mejia and Leo Elorza. Steve Scott exclaimed on a team meeting that the track and field team is seeing

improvements over previous years. "We can now be looking to be a top 15 team this year at nationals. We got a great start with Juan's and Leo's half marathon performance." At the Surf City Half Marathon, Juan Majia and Leo

Elorza ran in pouring rain and high winds to come away with outstanding times of 1:08.48 and 1:12.38 to make the A standard to qualify for the NAIA national championships. "They ran times that I was hoping they'd run in great

weather," said head coach Steve Scott. With all track and field athletes working hard every day Majia and Elorza's run will not be the only outstanding performances this upcoming season.

## Softball Goes 2-2 in Busy Weekend of Play

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM Softball kicked off the weekend with a double-header against Bethany University on Saturday, winning big in both contests – 10-0 and 8-0.

In game one, freshman pitcher, Breanna Sandberg allowed only four hits in a five-inning complete game shutout, allowing for the Cougar offense to go to work at the plate. The Cougars set a school record for runs scored in an inning, with a 10-run bottom of the second, highlighted by freshman, Mimi Krutein's base-clearing triple with one out. Sandberg held Bethany scoreless, striking out six en route to the Cougars 10-0 win.

The Cougars followed suit in game two, utilizing solid pitching to capture another huge victory. Junior, Melissa Lerno finished the game with a complete game shutout, allowing seven hits and striking out five. The Cougars offense carried the momentum from the first game into the bottom of the first inning as they scored six runs on six hits. The Cougars struck again in the bottom of the fourth

inning, scoring two on the way to the 8-0 win.

The Cougars faced a new challenge, Sunday, as the three time defending SCIAC Champion University of Redlands Bulldogs came to San Marcos. The Cougars played two tightly contested game, both resulting in tough losses.

The Cougars were shut-out in game one, by a score of 3-0, despite a solid first three innings of work by freshman pitcher, Ashley Salvino.

In game two, The Cougars came out to an early lead on a Melissa Lerno RBI double in the bottom of the first. Redlands would counter in the top of the second, scoring three runs – all unearned. The Cougars managed to put one run on the board in the bottom of the second, but it was greeted by a huge six run top of the third by Redlands. CSUSM scored one run in the fifth inning and two in the seventh, however, the Cougars fell short three runs, losing game two by a score of 8-5.

CSUSM's record fell to 3-3 on the season. The Cougars travel to Azusa Pacific today for a pair of games with the 4-0 (APU) Cougars.

## On Campus Overheard

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Look forward to hearing from you soon!



# Staying healthy at CSUSM

BY ALEXANDER HAND  
Pride Staff Writer

If you were to ask students how they stay healthy at San Marcos, the general consensus would be the rigorous climb up the never ending stairs to class every day. With a nickname like CSU Stair Master, most students are able to fight off the "freshman 15" by simply going to class. However, besides the wide variety of stairs it has to offer, CSUSM also has a wide variety of resources and services dedicated to keeping its students healthy.

Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) for instance is dedicated to keeping you at the top of your game. As stated in their mission, the goal of the SHCS team is "to provide quality medical care that allows students to perform optimally, physically, and mentally; and to enhance their academic and intellectual potential." The staff includes medical and administrative professionals and the facility even includes a low-cost pharmacy.

A student is able to schedule an appointment with a Doctor, Nurse, Counselor or Health Educator, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:45pm. SHCS is located just across the street from campus on the corner of Craven and Twin Oaks. For more information regarding SHCS visit the website at <http://www.csusm.edu/shcs/>.

Another resource dedicated to a healthier you are the athletic facilities available at the Clarke Field House. The right to use this facility is paid for in part with your tuition every semester, so why not take

advantage of it?

The Clarke offers a full gym with everything from stationary bikes, to treadmills and free weights to weight machines. Also available to use is both outdoor and indoor volleyball courts. When asked how he liked working out at the Clarke, CSUSM student Travis Wilson said, "[it's a] great place to go work out and socialize with people you might not normally see other places." Wilson also referred to The Clarke as "its own little work out community".

The healthy student isn't complete without something healthy to eat on campus. Believe it or not, there are a few places to eat these things. The Dome for instance offers a full salad and soup bar and even has fresh fruit in the University Store.

At the University Village Apts. Brian Dawson and family make sure that their students are fed at least one night a week. On Mondays, Dawson usually prepares a meal for 200+ starving college students, ensuring that they are eating healthy and socializing with fellow students. There are also plans in the work for a Student Union which would offer a much wider variety of food to students on campus sometime in the near future.

So yes, you should continue to book it up those stairs on the way to class to fight off the beer belly. But you should also be sure to take advantage of the other resources dedicated to your health along the way. After all, you're only in college once; you should make sure your body makes it out alive.

In today's technology

## The skinny on Macbook Air

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA  
Pride Staff Writer

Perhaps Steve Jobs thought about that common New Year's resolution to get slim at the Macworld Conference in San Francisco last month. He definitely did have tech-experts resolved as he waved around a manila envelope leaving us to wonder with anticipation whatever was inside.

What he revealed was nothing short of Apple's trademark hype-machine as he pulled out the all-new MacBook Air, the world's thinnest laptop computer and the crown jewel of this year's conference.

Granted this new rig is a slick piece of hardware, the question is does it warrant its \$1800 price tag?

In case anyone is wondering, the MacBook Air is slim, and when I say it's slim, I mean ridiculously slim. Some of the exterior features are a 13.3-inch LED-backlit screen with built-in iSight and mic, 0.76 inches at its thickest and it weighs about three pounds. The weight is somewhat unexpected upon first glance, but that just enhances the sturdiness and mobility of the design.

The aluminum chassis is solid with aerodynamic curves and no protrusions, but also it's functional to keep to laptop cool. Its trackpad is a lengthy five inches but there is a reason why. Inside, it sports an Intel Core 2 Duo 1.6 GHz processor with 2GB of RAM, and an 80GB hard drive that clocks in at 4200 rpm. This may seem a little underwhelming considering the older Macbook Pro has a base 120GB 5400 rpm hard drive. However, a 64GB solid state drive (SSD) is an option which conserves power, doesn't spin or heat up and costs an additional \$1000.

That's right; a \$1000 upgrade.

I assumed a compact design meant a more compressed keyboard, but lo and behold, opening the laptop reveals a full-size functional, backlit keyboard. Getting back to that trackpad, aside from normal rotating and pinching, it incorporates new fingering such as a three-finger gesture that enables people to move back and forth on a web browser, which is handy.

What makes the MacBook Air such a difficult sell right now is the exclusion of an optical drive. For those who need it, Apple suggests the USB 2.0 SuperDrive available for \$99 (yes, another upgrade). It is nice that the laptop has a remote disc function, which detects and runs optical drives from other Macs or PCs via Bluetooth just as long as it's within its network, so installing apps and file-sharing is fine. Still, not having that drive there is awkward, especially for those who use it for streaming DVDs and music.

The ports are nice, but unfortunately the number is inadequate, especially for those that dig that multiple connectivity. The drop-out port has the USB 2.0, a micro-DVI and headphone jack to go along with the MagSafe power port. Bluetooth and Wi-Fi connectivity is absolutely reliant since there is no Ethernet port built in.

Having said all of that, it is slim. And it is a Mac. Yes, it is portable and stylish because Apple wouldn't want people to have it any other way. Still, for the \$1800 price tag plus additions, I'd say either wait for it to go down or go out and get a MacBook Pro instead. With all those extra accessories to lug around, whether you are a student or avid traveler, there isn't any definitive reason to shell out that much money for something this small.

But hey, it IS slim.

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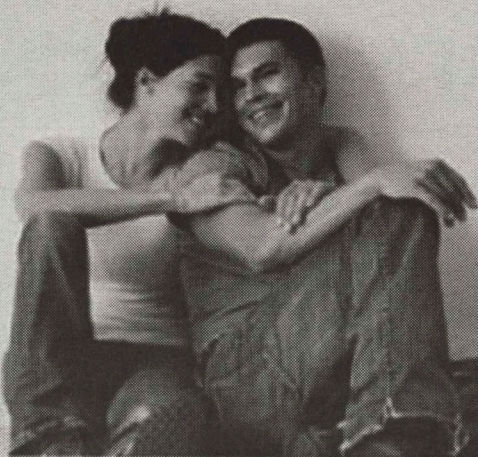
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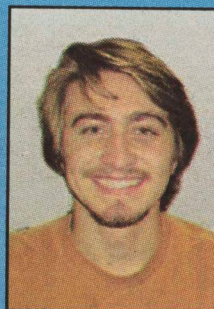
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Jared Anderson  
Freshman

"I was really excited & glued to the T.V. because of Super Tuesday. I want 'change' for this country!"

Alyssa Teves  
Sophomore



"I'm glad that Hillary won the primary because she is representing all the women and the country. I support her platform for the Presidency."

Melissa Fajardo  
Junior



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# Let it snow

**There snow escape : California mountains bombarded with fresh powder**

BY ALEXANDER HAND  
Pride Staff Writer

What began as yet another disappointing snow season on the west coast has taken a slight turn for the better over the last month.

By slight, I only mean over ten feet of new snow that has buried most of California's resorts beginning in early January. It all started over the holiday season, when ski resorts were struggling to cover their trails with the small amount of manmade snow they had to work with, in order to accommodate the holiday crowds.

Now it has turned into something entirely different. "We went from scavenging snow all over the mountain to get the coverage we needed—to having to push the snow off the trails and chairlifts so that the mountain could operate," said Jim Larmore, Snow Surfaces Director at Heavenly Ski Resort in Lake Tahoe, CA. The inconceivable part is that a great majority of this snow fell over the month of Jan. In fact, meteorologists are reporting a 2008 record snowfall for the month of January.

According to "onthesnow.com," the biggest current

base depth is reported at 165" at Squaw Valley, USA. No, that was not a typo—165 inches of snow—which is close to 14 ft. That much snow gives the term "freshies" a whole new meaning.

Other mountains in the area report similar data, ranging anywhere from 78" on Sierra at Tahoe to 140" at Mammoth Mountain. Then there is the local favorite, Bear Mountain, which currently reports a base depth of 36-48". Still not bad considering that you could hit up Bear in the morning and go surfing in the afternoon.

So what should all this mean to you? It means grab a few friends, pick up a pair of snow chains and take a road trip of a lifetime. If you are just planning a day trip, Bear Mountain might be the way to go. But you should know that taking a weekend to head up to Mammoth or Tahoe is well worth it. When asked to describe the current conditions in Lake Tahoe, Larmore said, "this is the best skiing we've had in a number of years." Just how many years that was, well, Larmore said it was reminiscent to "back in the 80s." To put it more simply, this might

be one of the biggest ski seasons any of us have experienced in a lifetime.

But wait a second, you're still a poor college student right? There is still a way to get yourself up the mountain without having to sell all your books back midway through the semester. First of all, borrow equipment (boots, board, jacket, as much as you can). If not, rental equipment and or clothing should cost no more than \$40 a day. The cost that is going to hit the hardest is lift ticket prices.

It'll be hard to find a full day price under \$60. Luckily there are places like Mt. Rose that know the extent of what's in your pocket. Rose hooks it up with student days (\$29/day) and "ladies days" where all ladies ski for \$19. A lot of other places offer group rates and weekend package deals.

This is the time to "shred." With much of the season left and at the rate that snow is accumulating, the next 4 months could be the time as well.

Ski bums would agree with Larmore, that "this should be one of the better endings we've had in many years."

"We are planning on extending our season two-three weeks,

possibly to the end of May," said Larmore. But, if you don't get a chance to strap-up by then, Mammoth should be lasting until its infamous Fourth of July closure date.

## Ticket Prices for Nearby Mountains

Big Bear - \$51

Mountain high - \$51

Mammoth - \$79

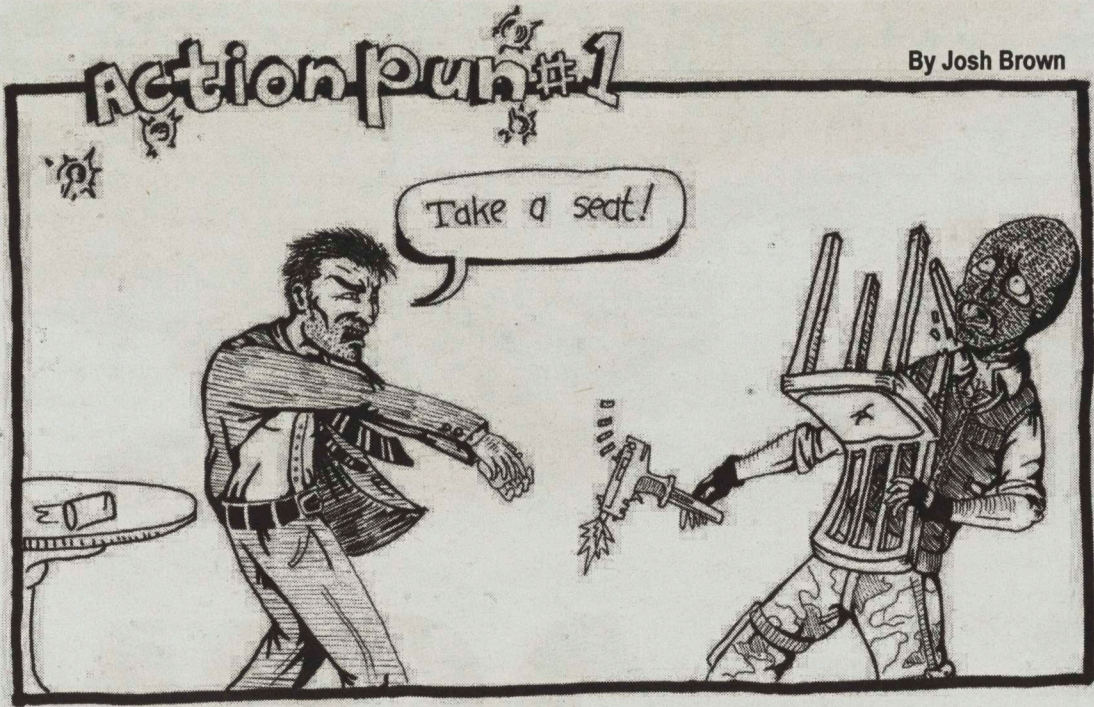
Mt. Baldy - \$32



The backside of Mammoth Mountain on a bluebird day. At top, a skier at Mammoth Mountain getting the infamous powdershot.

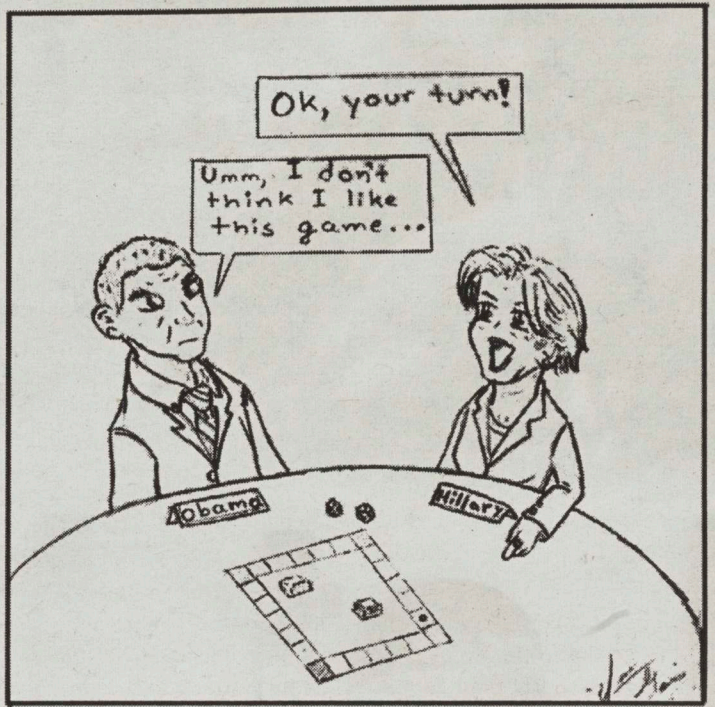
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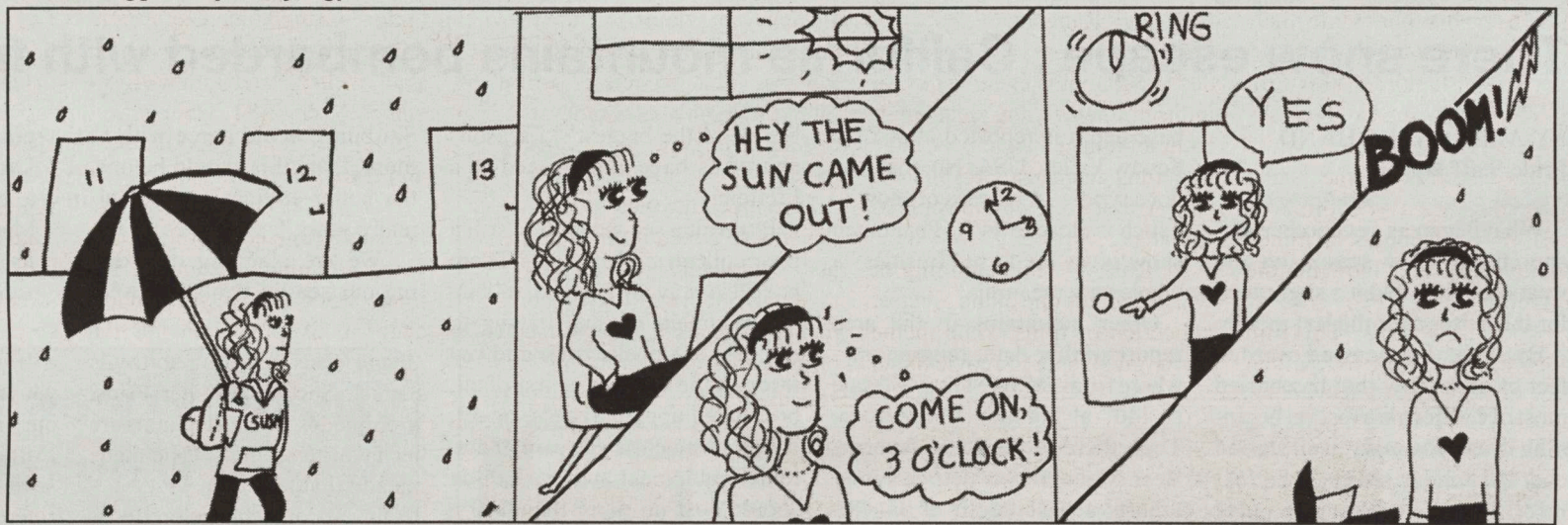
By Ivan Garcia



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Just for Shiggles / By Jenny Bigpond



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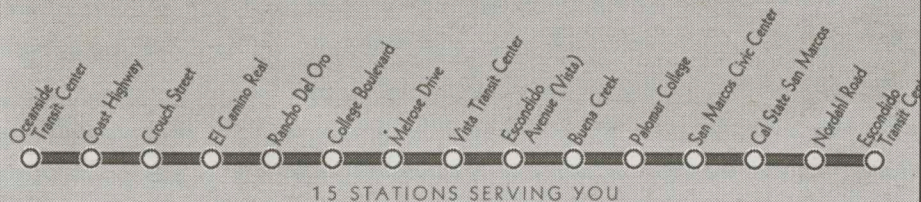


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## Pride Horoscope

### Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

This week will test your ability to manage and healthfully deal with stress. Try yoga or punching your pillow to death to relieve some of your pent up energy.

### Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Whatever you do, do not make any large investments this week. Now is the time to save your money and be frugal. Planning an extravagant Valentine's date? You might be better off planning a romantic night in.

### Aries

March 21 – April 19

The secret you have been hiding will reveal itself in time this week. Don't worry though, having everything out in the open will set everyone free and only bring you inner peace.

### Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Love will find its way into your heart this week. Lucky you! You actually already know the person who will be your special one and only. May love fill your life with every happiness?

### Gemini

May 21 – June 20

You are up to no good this week and you know it! Why not try and use some of that sly and creative energy to help your friends or homeless people?

### Cancer

June 21 – July 22

Playing the field has always been your thing, but this week you finally catch someone's eye in class and who knows? It may just be time to settle down...well, for a few days at least.

### Leo

July 23 – August 22

Quitters never win. Now is not the time to give up! Endurance is key and your friends and family are there waiting to support you.

If you need help, just ask.

### Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Can you say indecisive? All this wishy-washy dilly-dally is causing your life to spin out of control. It's really time to just make up your mind and commit. Making the decision will only hurt for a second, it's just like ripping off a band-aid.

### Libra

September 23 – October 22

All your hard effort at eating right and hitting The Clarke these past

few weeks hasn't gone unnoticed. You look amazing and everyone around you is stoked with your new attitude and matching bod. Go you!

### Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

Wake up! No more sleeping in class. It's time you start sleeping at night; like the rest of the world. No more staying up late on match.com and myspace. Your true love can't find you if you're passed out in Markstein Hall.

### Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

Jealousy does not become you. When someone says they want to be "just friends," as much as you don't want to hear those words, they probably mean it. You're better off anyway, so try to look on the bright side and move on.

### Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

Your lucky streak continues this week, but try not to let it go to your head. Everything in life is about balance, and your luck will soon balance itself out, so don't be disappointed when things return to normal.



Church's Influence on Sports

Best Sports Movies

BY DAVID CHURCH  
Pride Staff Writer

What a crazy week it has been for me. Tuesday night I was at the Gaslamp for Mardi Gras. Wednesday was the start of lent where I have 40 days without booze, soda or fast food. Then on Thursday the bug hit me and I was stuck in bed for the week-end.

Being stuck in bed for four days, allowed me to watch a bunch of movies, mainly sports films. This led me to this week topic: the top ten sports movies of all time.

10. Remember the Titans. A movie that shows a team find faith in each other while their community would not.

9. Jerry Maguire. This film brought up the greed and selfishness of players in sports, while brought humor at the same time. Plus, when you think of this film what comes to mind? Guaranteed it is, "Show me the money!"

8. Field of Dreams. This film brings so much more to life than

just the game. The film will eventually climb my ladder and move into the top five when I get a little bit older and have kids of my own.

7. The Natural. Everything that goes wrong in an athletes career happens, but a man battles back to get everything he had ever loss. And there is no cheesier ending to a sports movie then this one, but that is what makes it so great.

6. Mystery Alaska. A classic hockey movie that shows what a small town hockey team can do when they are up to the challenge. It is a true hockey game on the pond that brings an amateur hockey team against the New York Rangers.

5. Hoosiers. The greatest basketball movie ever made. An undisciplined team gets light from an unusual coach. A huge underdog team tries to make a run at a state championship in Indiana.

4. Rocky. The beginning of what becomes one of the greatest collection of films. The theme for a great sports movie is to

have an underdog story, and this is probably one of the greatest underdog stories of all times.

3. Slap Shot. Probably one of the most of the best slap stick comedy sports films out there. But there are no better one liners and raunchy humor than this movie brings to the picture.

2. Bull Durham. A love triangle that has an experienced catcher, a wild pitcher and a loving groupie who gives the two the love and advice they need.

1. Miracle. There is not a more famous quote in the sports world than Al Michaels, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" Of course I am going to have a hockey movie as my number one, and yes I have three in my top ten. But Miracle is a film that shows how a country that needed a miracle got a hockey game.

If you feel like there is a movie that doesn't belong or if I was just completely off. Feel free to email me your list or comments to [churc009@csusm.edu](mailto:churc009@csusm.edu) or [pride@csusm.edu](mailto:pride@csusm.edu).

The Blood, Sweat, Tears Dating service

BY TORIA SAVEY  
Pride Staff Writer

It's Valentine's Day. That means that it's time to talk about relationships. Actually, forget it. You know what? If you're single at this exact moment in time, good for you. I would rather have you single than dating the guy who was sitting next to me at Applebee's who made a delightful noise I can only describe as "snorfnog" in between under-lightfully misogynistic jokes.

However. If you are a gentleman pondering why you're wasting your sensitivity, love of chick flicks and good music, as well as million dollar fortune, by just sitting home every night doing pro-bono legal work to save orphans and kittens, welcome to the BST Dating Service! We put the blood, sweat and tears into dating.™

Our first bachelorette spends her spare time copy editing and being stunningly beautiful. It's tough work, but we sure appreciate it. Appreciation of the Toyota Prius' coasting ability is a must. Specifically, her Prius, Archimedes. Also, elephants are her favorite animals. (She made me add that.)

Our second bachelorette is currently trying to come up with a crossword clue for "nookie" to put in the Features section. She's

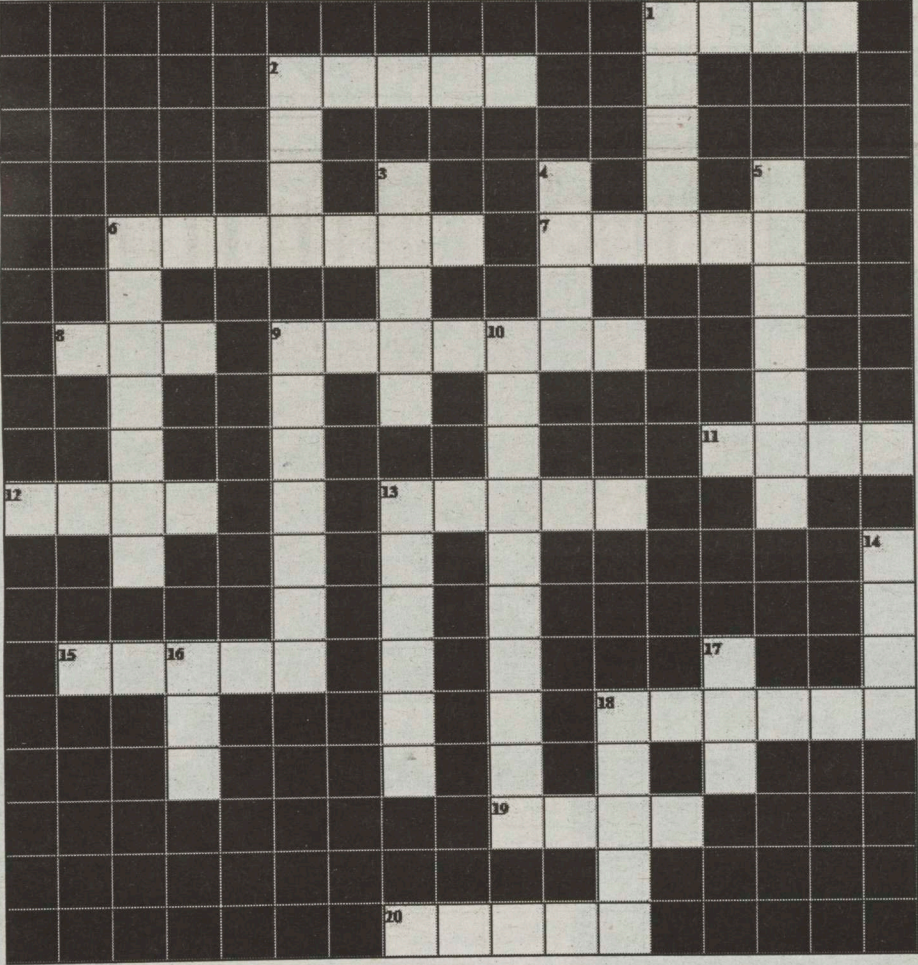
a snappy dresser who loves concerts and could graphic design you into next century over a cup of coffee. Which is impressive, since it's only 2008.

Our third bachelorette works three jobs and goes to school full-time. It's hard to be perfect 24/7, but somehow, she manages it. She comes with grace, a pleasant disposition, a knack for unbiased news, and a Starbucks employee discount. Needy guys really need-y not apply.

And ladies, if you're bored because you're not currently doing an ad campaign for Victoria's Secret, or you just can't find enough to spend your trust fund on, we have a little Valentine treat for you as well. Our in-house bachelor is house-trained, doesn't drink or smoke, and is magically fast with his fingers...on a Mac. He's laid back and charmingly casual. I mean, he's bought the same pair of shoes four times. That's the definition of loyalty, kids. Also, he's got some pretty sweet rims on his vehicle – just so you know.

If you're interested or feel that you may be worthy of any of our individuals here at the BST Dating Service, please e-mail me with a current resume including references, a relationship history, and a copy of your federal tax return for last year.

Valentines Day Crossword

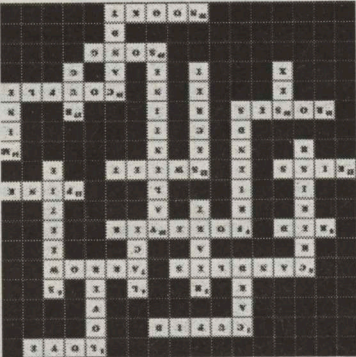


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- Whomever you participate in cardio with is
  - Hallmark does these the best.
  - Some people wear theirs on their sleeve.
  - Most sexy lingerie is made out of this.
  - What you might call your significant other.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the one you love.
  - Loved ones you're not related to.
  - In elementary school, we exchanged these in class.
  - A crush is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Valentine's day cardio.

- What you get if you're 'just a friend'.
  - The cliché gift.
- Across**
- It makes the world go 'round.
  - Infamous match-maker.
  - Perfect way to set the mood.
  - Cupid's weapon.
  - The color of Valentine's Day.
  - Love is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Take red, and add water.
  - What you get if you're more than a friend.
  - Candy is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You better get your girl a dozen of these.

- If you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend, the two of you are this.
- A musical way to express your love.
- I did it all for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key



Pride sudoku

The rules for solving Sudoku puzzles are very simple: each row, column and block must contain one of the numbers from "1" to "9". No number may appear more than once in any row, column, or block. When you've filled the entire grid, the puzzle is solved.

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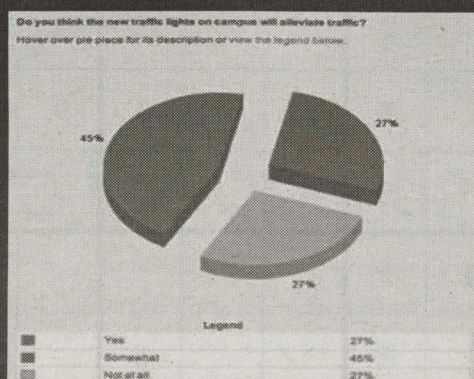
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**Calvin the Commuter**  
posted 8/19/07 @ 12:27 PM PST

You're telling us. My friend and I live in the heart of Chula Vista. We meet at Starbucks every Monday and Wednesday at 8AM so I can drop him off at Palomar before I head down the street to CSUSM. Sure, it's two days a week, but considering I'm here the whole day for those two days, I can't even figure out what month it is.

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**Denise**  
posted 8/21/07 @ 9:08 PM PST

Toria,

Excellent article! I have been reading your articles this year and they are absolutely hilarious and a great reason for reading The Pride. I go commute to school and although I take some back roads it still sucks. I feel like another driver is out to get me every day I drive to school. Your article made me laugh so hard and remember I am not the only one suffering in the drive to school. Keep up the good work!

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Thanks! Some kid hated the classes one, but everybody has a slow week and you just can't win 'em all. You keep reading, I'll keep writing, and next week, I try to be funny. :D

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# BUSHWALLA

## Busting the beats down by the beach

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interview with Bushwalla.

A blaster and the master of ghetto-fabulous free-styling, the one and only Bushwalla is like no other local artist you have ever even heard of with his rhyme-filled flow, funkadelic acoustic rapping—and of course—his infamous and ever-growing ‘fro.

The harmonious and self-proclaimed “original gangster from Cleveland,” Bushwalla counts his past 22 years of performance as merely the foundation for his current career status. At the youthful age of nine, Bushwalla, or back then known as William D. Galewood, joined “Kids on Broadway,” (a live musical theater group for youth) in which his love for performing, acting, singing, and bringing joy into the lives of others was first actualized.

Rocking the mic around town and across the nation, the former clown (yes, a professional clown for 8 years) beat-boxes and entertains at anywhere from low-key house shows to playing international festivals with his roomie and longtime friend, Jason Mraz.

This past weekend, I had the lovely opportunity to catch up with Bushwalla for a brief interview in the sun, overlooking the Oceanside Pier, as we contemplated the fate of the shabby house whose glory days of being in “Top Gun” have long gone. I have also been fortunate to attend several of Bushwalla’s shows as of late, as he is wrapping up a month-long Sunday

night residency at Mueller College, across the street from the former Twiggs Green Room down in University Heights. Don’t worry; you can still catch him there this upcoming Sunday! Each show not only encouraged my obsession for live music, but it transformed me into a pivotal element in the show itself. You see, should you be so lucky to partake in a Bushwalla experience—and I should hope you would—you would quickly find that audience participation at shows is not only encouraged, it’s mandatory! At any Bushwalla show, you might be pleasantly surprised to find Bushwalla trying to balance his guitar on his chin, and walk across the audience’s chairs with everyone still seated—among other humorous antics—all of which cement his showmanship, his talent, and his affair with improv.

Therefore, without further ado, the following is an excerpt from the wildly amusing and singular

**The Pride: How did you come up with the name Bushwalla?**

Bushwalla: I used to listen to the Ghetto Boys when I was 16 years old. They had this guy, Bush with Bill, and I had a system in my car so I’d bump [it], and my friends started calling me Bush with Billy. So, when I moved to New York to go to school, I went to the orientation and I walk in and I hear “Bushwick!” and I’m like “what?” It was a guy from Cleveland, so then my friends up there started calling me Bushwick. And then I teamed up with Mraz and eventually we were writing together one day and he goes, “Dude, you can’t be Bushwick, there already is one,” and so I said, “What about Bushwalla?” and it was as simple as that. I didn’t think twice about it. Maybe if I would have known then what I know now, I might not have chosen Bushwalla. It’s a blessing and a curse. But what’s in a name? You know what I mean? I could easily do the same thing under any name.

**The Pride: What has been the biggest personal transformation in your music so far?**

Bushwalla: Repetition, playing with different people, doing as many shows as I try to do, and confidence. The more confidence you have, the cooler you look. And I don’t mean ego, I don’t mean you’re up there going “I’m awesome.” It’s a confidence you say to yourself. Affirmations are a big thing for me. It’s all about taking down the

fourth wall and being one with the audience, experiencing it with them. I think the discovery of that, that they’re as much my audience as I am their audience—if I can get on a ride with them and we can surf together the hour I’m on stage—that’s what it is, and that’s where confidence comes from.

**The Pride: Tell me about your new album.**

Bushwalla: The new album is called “Autodidactical, Freestyle, and Radical.” Autodidactical isn’t really a word. It’s kind of like a made up word, and I wrote it in a song years ago. “Autodidact” means self-taught, which I am. And “freestyle” is basically how I live my life, how I live my shows, it’s just how we all should be doing it. “Radical” is just like radical thinking; the album is radical. It really captures the Bushwalla mentality,



Photo by Maryam

Bushwalla serenading local coffeeshop-goers at Hot Monkey Love Cafe

the comedy, the seriousness. The guy who produced the album, Andre DeSantanna, put his touch on the whole thing. He really let it evolve into an art piece and not just another merch item. I think it’s a very honest album. I don’t think there’s a single; I don’t even know what a single is. But I’ll tell you what, I

think every one of them is a song that someone could respond to. Like you may not like tracks one to eight, but you might really dig nine.

**The Pride: How many tracks are on the new album?**

Bushwalla: There are 11 listed, and then there are some surprises. I would say the last week of March it will be available online, on iTunes, CDBaby.com, bushwalla.net, a link through MySpace, and through live shows. The artwork is being done by John Morrow, who has done stuff for Brett Dennen, Ray LaMontagne, Tristan Pretty-

lesson? Don’t die your hair pink. I was going for another color, but it ended up that way. Live life. Live high. Experience. College gives you amazing things. Independence; that’s what I got from college. I met some of the best friends I have to this day in college. It was the seed that planted my adult life. I went to New York and got crazy for two years, and learned how to write songs. I didn’t have to try to be what I thought I was supposed to be.

**The Pride: What does making music mean to you?**

Bushwalla: You know, some things in life you don’t know—you just trust. I don’t know why I make music. If you asked me why I made music, I’d have no idea. If you talked to any of the surfers in front of us, they could try to explain to you what surfing means to them, but the only true answer is what’s happening inside of them right now while they’re on that board. And it’s like after I’m done making music or doing a show, you just go back. But maybe if I stopped in the middle of a show, and you asked me that question, I’d probably be able to answer it, or I wouldn’t even have to because you would just see what it meant to me. It’s part of breathing. It’s part of me. If I were to cut off music in my life, I would be an amputee. I would be disabled. There is no other option than performing [for me]. Performing is music, magic and making peace.

**The Pride: What is the biggest lesson you took away from your college experience?**

Bushwalla: I don’t know if you want to print that in your paper. The biggest

For more music, magic, and peace making, check out bushwalla.net





## Bill of Rights

### Dramas mistaken for comedies

BY BILL RHEIN  
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For the sake of increasing appeal, a rising trend in Hollywood is to market a film to suit viewer taste. As comedies are a more popular genre, marketers and critics label films as such. Calling serious movies 'laugh-out-loud' is gross misrepresentation. Most of these films have some moments to laugh at, either to break the tension, or if a situation is farfetched, or because they are stories of real life, which is a comical event. Therefore, I chose to re-label these films as dramas with comedic moments.

Though this is not exclusive to the twenty hundreds, I will use recent films to make my point. The first is "Sideways." Even though this 2004 movie includes witty banter between Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church, as well as a funny moment about a car and a tree, this is not a comedy. When analyzed, the content of this film is serious and at times dark. It is not right to treat the topics of infidelity, betrayal, and substance addiction so lightly. The flaws of both characters are not laughing matters.

Following that in 2006 was "Little Miss Sunshine." Those

who disbelieve, stay in your seat while I explain why it is unreasonable for this movie to garner a nomination for the Golden Globe for 'Best Comedy.' The moments of comedy occur because some scenes are uncomfortable and laughter is either needed to break the tension or because it is the easiest reaction to feel, especially in a movie with Steve Carell. This movie is 100% drama. Consider the themes of suicide, bankruptcy, heroin addiction, depression, and death. I find it hard to even chuckle at any of these situations, which makes me wonder why so many critics called it the funniest movie of the year.

Finally, I find it fitting to mention last year's "Juno." The tagline reads 'a comedy about life and the bumps along the way.' I find this far from the truth. Juno's smug attitude only earns an occasional laugh. However, I enjoyed this film because of the great story about teen pregnancy and relationships. These issues therefore make this a drama. That is not to say I did not like the films, for it is quite the contrary. It is that I appreciated them on the level I saw them, not the way a money-hungry marketer told me to like it.

## Valentines day in fives

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
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February 14<sup>th</sup>. Some have marked their calendars with hearts while others opt to pretend it doesn't exist. Popular opinion on this 'Holiday of Love' has become as split as the Primary Elections. In most cases, those who hate the day tend to be the ones left without a quote unquote "valentine" of their own. But have no fear. With a little help from Google, the Pride has broken down this pesky day to the nit and grit, giving you things to see, do, and listen to on the day we celebrate Saint Valentine in 2008.

#### Top V-Day Tune-age

1. Chris Brown-"With You"
2. Timbaland Ft. One Republic-"Apologize"

3. Snoop Dogg-"Sensual Seduction"
4. Sara Bareilles-"Love Song"
5. Fergie-"Clumsy"

#### V-Day Approved Movies (in a theatre near you)

1. Definitely, Maybe
2. Fool's Gold
3. Jumper
4. Juno
5. Atonement

#### Lovely V-Day Date Options

1. Spend the day in with that special someone
2. Go to an expensive restaurant (You only live once... a year)
3. Chick Flick (Girls, if he loves you, he'll go)
4. Watch Track & Field team practice
5. Free Cinnabon at

#### U-Hour (thanks, ASI) Favorite V-Day Gifts

1. Mylar Balloons (to be carried around everywhere, all day long)
2. Flowers Delivered at Work (makes people jealous)
3. Kiddy V-Day cards (for the young at heart)
4. Jumbo-sized Stuffed Animals (for the lonely)
5. Candy Hearts (to read, not eat)

#### Anti V-Day Activities

1. Watch Sweeney Todd
2. Listen to Kelly Clarkson's new CD
3. Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day instead
4. Cry
5. Check up on your ex's facebook/myspace/etc.

## Speed dating comes to University Village

BY BILL RHEIN  
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At University Village, the staff is constantly working to build community. Part of community is relationships, therefore, this St. Valentine's Day, they will be focusing on just that. Several resident advisors and the Resident Hall Council will transform the newly refurbished game room into a center of love connections.

On Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, student residents can take part in a speed-dating event titled, 'Come Single, Leave Lucky.' Tables will be up set so that young men and women can pair together and chat for a few minutes and try to make a connection for the most romantic holiday of the year. Recent conferences to share program ideas inspired this event. As well as a chance to meet a special someone, there will also be hors d'oeuvres

and 'mock tails' to refresh flirting people who grow weary. Conrad Ottey, an RA, says, "Our goal is that people get to know each other. It is not just about a love connection, but students getting to meet others." Nick Falconer, a student who plans on attending says, "I hope to meet more than a few new ladies, but having a good time is most important." Based on the success of the program, it may become a yearly tradition.

## Paulaner Hefe-Weizen

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
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Paulaner Brewery brews and bottles their Hefe-Weizen in Munich, Germany. Star Brand Imports of White Plains, New York, handles importing the brewery's beer.

The brewery brews the ale slowly and all naturally as they have done for over 360 years. The brewery has a long and perplexing history. The first official document regarding the brewery dates back to 1634. The brewery was originally a monastery establishment that produced strong beer to aid the pain in fasting.

In 1780, the monastery received official permission to sale their beer. In 1806 and under new ownership once again, the brewery began to expand.

In 1844, the brewery escaped devastation during a revolt against the prince in Munich. In 1881, the brewery begins to utilize the invention of the ice machine to enable them to produce beer year-round. In 1986, they brew the world's first alcohol-free wheat beer.

In 2005, they brew the world's first alcohol-free yeast-based white beer. Throughout the years the brewery has experienced vast expansion and numerous ownership changes. The website also hosts an interesting yet questionable timeline about the history of beer. For example, they claim in 1500 BC "According to the Egyptian mythology the God Osiris, God of agriculture, taught man the art of brewing beer. The Egyptians learn how to brew beer by allowing barley to germinate in pots and the malt mash to ferment through wild yeast and finally refining the taste of their beer with date sauce."

The cardboard container holds six 12 fluid ounce brown glass bottles. The six pack retails for \$8.99. The container portrays a snapshot of a family enjoying the outdoors amongst a snow capped Munich. The bottles contain the same imaging.

A white bottle cap with the company's logo caps an ale with an alcohol by volume of 5.5%. The ale pours semi-smooth generating a half inch thick head. The head remains trapping in an assortment of flavors. The ale has a murky golden hue common of hefe-weizen styled ales.

A faint aroma arises from the glass. The ale enters gently. Small packets of taste gingerly massage the mouth. The ale passes leaving a supple wheat tasting residue for an extended amount of time. The soft nature of the ale ensures a pleasant pairing with almost any lunch or dinner item. As always, please enjoy responsibly.



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## DROPPING:

By Toria Savey / Pride Staff Writer

### CD RELEASES Tuesday, Feb 05



#### 80S

##### Thriller: 25th Anniversary Edition

MICHAEL JACKSON

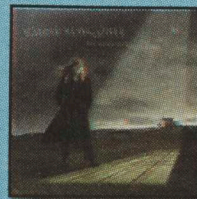
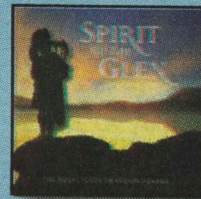
Before he turned into a circus freak with a rotting nose, Michael Jackson made some pretty awesome music, cited as inspiration by some of today's hottest artists. Listen to his past glory with this special edition.

#### SCOTTISH

##### Keep Your Eyes Ahead

ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS

Bagpipes. I know I don't have enough of them in my musical collection, and neither do you. In this case, Scotland's only cavalry regiment just happens to be made up of trained musicians, who have all spent two tours in Iraq and play a killer version of Amazing Grace. Everyone needs a copy of this.



#### FOLK

##### The Geography of Light

CARRIE NEWCOMER

I know almost nothing about folk music, but people who do seem to be rather excited about Newcomer's latest album. I'm just excited that there's another record featuring mandolins being let out into the wild.

#### ROCK

##### Do You Like Rock Music?

BRITISH SEA POWER

So, do you? Because British Sea Power has plenty of rock music for you at bargain basement prices (well, almost). The band's third album will please most fans, and probably gain "favorite" status with a few.



#### AMBIENT

A & E

GOLDFRAPP

Ok, technically, it's a single. But, as is often the case with 'dance' singles, it features five different versions of the song, which is roughly the same length as 75% of a Coldplay album. And it's called A & E. If I can get a bulk discount, everyone at the Pride is getting a copy.

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