

Students Don Masks in Celebration of ASI's 10th Anniversary



*Students pose for a photo in front of a Masquerade backdrop.
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Friday night, approximately 220 students filled the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, for Associated Students, Inc.'s first masquerade ball celebrating ASI's 10th anniversary. The evening featured a full spread of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a cash bar, a disc jockey, danc-

ing, and a raffle for Mardi Gras masks and party favors. Literature and writing studies major Katrina Richert said, "This is so much fun, but I wish they would have told us there would be food. We went out to dinner before coming, and we could have saved a lot of money." CSUSM students were admitted free of charge, and non-students paid \$10 to attend the ball. The masquerade

began at 7 p.m., and guests dressed in tuxedos, suits, and ball gowns. The last guests left around 12:15 a.m. "We decided on a masquerade theme because the original date was closer to Halloween time. When the date changed, advertising was already out," said Chris Smith, ASI Afternoon Activities Chairman. "I would like to have seen more Latinos at the dance, but other than that, it was a lot of fun to be with the campus community," said Caty Angeles, a staff member for college of arts and science advising.

Most of the masqueraders arrived by 9:30 p.m. "The turnout could be better," said Smith, "but then again, if I wasn't helping with organizing the event, I wouldn't be here yet; more people will start to show up around 10 p.m." Throughout the evening, ASI photographers took pictures of friends and couples, and guests either dined at tables or danced on the dance floor. These pictures will be available for purchase online at the CSUSM website.



*Kids of all ages enjoyed dancing.
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