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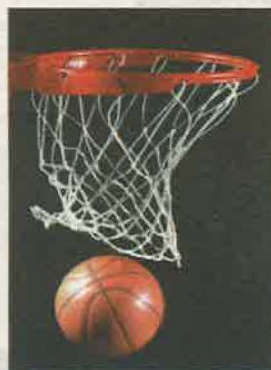
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# Dream Act stirs hope, controversy

KRISTIN MELODY  
STAFF WRITER

Nayeli is like many third-year students at Cal State San Marcos. The accounting major attended San Bernardino high school, earned her associate degree at MiraCosta College and hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant after she graduates.

But Nayeli, who asked that only her middle name be used to protect her identity, is very different from most students in another way. She is an illegal alien. The 25-year-old student was brought to this country by her parents from Ciudad Juarez at age 15 to avoid the high crime. As a result, she has funded school out of pocket and with the help of family and friends, because she was barred from applying for private university scholarships and grants, Cal Grants and other financial aid.

Nayeli is one of an estimated 2,500 California college students who will now be able to apply for financial aid as the result of the California Dream Act.

"There are a lot of people with so much talent that [sic] don't go to school because they do not have the financial means to do it," Nayeli

said. "We all share the same dream of contributing to this country as professionals."

There are not any current statistics on how many CSUSM students are illegal aliens, but Cipriano Vargas—Treasurer for the CSUSM chapter of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) and Social Justice Officer for Associated Students Inc. (ASI)—estimated the number to be about 1 percent, or 100 of the university's roughly 10,000 students.

Vargas said the students who would become eligible for aid through the Dream Act shouldn't be penalized for acts of their parents; they should be accepted into American society.

"Most AB 540 students are brought [to the United States] as young kids, and they consider the U.S. their home. It wasn't their option to come here undocumented. They shouldn't be punished," Vargas said, a third-year Sociology and Women Studies major who hopes to practice law in California.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 2011 that more than 25,000 undocumented students graduate from California high schools

each year.

Opposition to the Dream Act addressed California's preexisting debt crisis and the priority of legal students obtaining aid, warning that this law will affect students now and for years to come.

State Assemblyperson Tim Donnelly (R-Twin Peaks) launched a petition drive last fall to overturn AB 131, but it fell short of the signatures needed to make it on to the November ballot. On his website, StopAB131.com, he wrote:

"We will not give up in the war to save California from the reckless politicians who want to raise our taxes to put the college dreams of illegals ahead of our own children."

Another Republican state senator, Robert Dutton (R-Rancho Cucamonga), said the Dream Act comes at a difficult time for the debt-plagued state of California.

"We don't even have enough money to provide financial aid for students who are here legally let alone illegally," Dutton stated in a release.

But the Joint Committee on Taxation, a nonpartisan committee of the U.S. Congress, said that helping motivated college students graduate

and move into professional careers will help the economy.

"On balance, these changes would increase revenues by \$2.3 billion over 10 years," the committee reported.

The issue of financial aid and California debt has been a hot topic debate, but with immigration mixed in the talks, tension has risen.

Vargas experienced discrimination on campus including "minute men on campus that promote hate."

Programs on campus like Standing Together As One Dream (STAND) and College Assistance Migrant Pro-

gram (CAMP) raise awareness and provide support regarding immigration and higher education.

Nayeli had experienced discrimination while obtaining her Associate Degree in Accounting at MiraCosta from a counselor and the administration office, but she said "it did not discourage me from pursuing my dream of obtaining a Bachelor's Degree."

"I believe that the access to higher education shouldn't be measure by your legal status in this country, but by your academic achievements," Nayeli said.

## California Dream Act facts

The California Dream Act, signed into law late last year by Governor Jerry Brown, makes scholarships and state financial aid available to qualified illegal aliens attending California colleges.

The Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) and 131 (AB 131) acts only pertain to undocumented college students who attended three or more years of high school in California, graduated from a California high school and are applying for lawful immigration status. These students are referred to as "AB 540 eligible," meaning that they qualify for in-state tuition rates (not the higher nonresident tuition rate).

AB 130 went into effect Jan. 1 and allows AB 540 students to apply for private grants and scholarships.

AB 131 will take effect Jan. 1, 2013, and allows eligible AB 540 students to apply for Cal Grants, Board of Governors Fee Waivers, institutional student aid and UC and CSU scholarships and grants in the fall 2013 term.

In a letter to students explaining AB 131, the UC Financial Aid office estimated that of the 800 UC students state-wide who would qualify for Cal Grants in 2013, 500 are legal citizens and 300 are illegal. And roughly 440 illegal alien students would qualify for about \$4.7 million in UC grants and scholarships.

UC officials say illegal aliens represent less than 0.5 percent of registered students, so their impact on the amount of financial aid available to legal residents would be negligible.

Gov. Brown's office estimates about 2,500 California college students will become eligible to apply for Cal Grants under AB 131 next year at a cost of about \$14.5 million to the state (1 percent of total Cal Grant funding). A senate committee budget analysis estimates that the cost of additional Cal Grants, fee waivers and university grants will push up the cost to the state to about \$40 million per year.

## Student settlement reached in SDSU suspension case

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STAFF WRITER

San Diego State University graduate student, Ashley Wardle, was at risk of a possible two-year suspension from the university after protesting against possible tuition increases within the CSU-UC education system.

On Nov. 16, 2011 CSU students from San Diego and Long Beach gathered to protest tuition increases at a CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach.

Wardle said, "Until tuition increases end, until class sizes stop raising [sic] at the same time as executive compensation, until all those things end I will continue to protest."

The protest was held due to a now approved state-wide nine percent tuition increase that will be imposed this fall for the 2012-2013 academic



year. On average, tuition will increase by \$500 for all undergraduate CSU students and even more for graduate students. Staff, students and the public want the CSU Board of Trustees to tax the wealthiest one percent in the state in order to better fund higher education tuition.

Board members did not allow students to speak in the meeting and were removed from the meeting, which most considered unfair, causing commotion among the students outside of the office. In an effort to participate, students began chanting as they attempted to enter Chancellor Charles B. Reed's office. Protest continued on page 2

Community colleges MiraCosta and Palomar and all University of California campuses are now officially smoke-free. So the question remains, when will Cal State San Marcos snuff out cigarettes?

MiraCosta's smoke-free initiative started in fall 2011. Palomar College went smoke-free last summer. Some Palomar students are unaware or choose to ignore the new policy. "Behind the lunch area, the cigarette dispenser is full. Security just drives by," first year student Christina Lare said.

"It's our right. Like handicapped parking, there should be places for everyone to smoke," Lare said as she smoked a Marlboro light.

Lora Groppin of Palomar Risk Management said,

"There are some stragglers," when questioned about students smoking on campus.

Smokers at MiraCosta and Palomar have been confined to their cars and the outskirts of campus. Currently, there is no law that says you can't smoke in your own vehicle.

Smoking enforcement at CSUSM started in 2005 with Title 8 California Code stating that people cannot smoke in or around working areas. Anti-smoking laws were reinforced Jan. 1, 2012

when Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 795 which gave universities more power to enforce smoking policy in how they see fit.

"For a smoking ban to happen, students must first be the ones to complain," Regina Frasca said, CSUSM's Risk Management and Safety director.

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## Cal State University campuses still smoking





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## LET'S TALK POLITICS

## Bracing for impact:

Remaining Republican candidates duke it out for right to challenge Obama

DANE A VANDERVELDEN  
STAFF WRITER

If you haven't been following the current political machinations of the 2012 presidential election, you haven't been missing a whole lot.

As voting citizens of the United States it is paramount to be at least moderately aware of what is happening.

For November elections, the pool of Republican presidential hopefuls is down to four men: Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul. The opportunity to challenge presidential incumbent Barack Obama is surprisingly still up for grabs, despite Mitt Romney's early lead in the polls.

Ron Paul, despite his devoted following, has effectively been written off as even a potential dark horse winner. He is in third place behind Gingrich and Romney.

Paul's numbers are lacking; in the Nevada primary he spent an estimated \$869,650 in campaign advertising, according to the New

York Daily News.

Gingrich is the initial fore-runner behind Romney, has lost his title of "most viable threat to Romney's candidacy" to the quickly rising Rick Santorum. Santorum, former Senator of Pennsylvania, has been dominating all three of his opponents in the three latest nomination contests.

Romney still leads despite these surprising losses. The Latter-day Saint from Massachusetts has acknowledged these harsh defeats and has indicated that the next few months will not be easy ones for his campaign, but he believes that he will eventually rise as victorious once the nomination process is complete, Reuters reported.

As the Republican dog fight trudges on, Obama waits for his opponent. Obama is hardly the face of hope that he was four years ago, and questions about his failure to create enough jobs and controversial "Obamacare" healthcare may deny him a second stab at bringing about the change he had promised.

Prop 8 is back  
Same-sex marriage gets another shot at equalityJESSIE GAMBRELL  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Federal Appeals court abolished the California ban on same-sex marriage to allow the Supreme Court to rule what the next step shall be for the gay and lesbian community within the state.

U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that the 2008 proposition that banned same-sex marriage violated the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

"They took a step in the right direction. It's an issue of civil rights, we deserve happiness and loyalty. Many people came from across the board to do what's right," Ana Flores Community Advocate for CSUSM's the Pride Center said. In May of

2008, gays and lesbians were allowed to marry during a window of six months before it became illegal again. Now, three and a half years later, Proposition 8 gets a second look in California. "I think they should have suspended the ban before. If straight people can get married, why can't gay people?" Tyler Warren, Australian exchange student, said.

"It's wrong to go back on something that was banned, but I do think that they [gays and lesbians] should be allowed to get married," Puleo, a transfer student said.

Recent events show that the future for same-sex marriage can only be determined by the voice of the people and the decisions of the Supreme Court.

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where the meeting was held. The glass door was shattered after friction between students and the police, leading the board members to feel the need to secure the building with police. Without any warning, Wardle was among one of the four SDSU students who were shoved and pepper-sprayed before getting arrested.

In the first week of December, Wardle attended an informal hearing, because after being arrested at the protest, Wardle was accused of violating the school's code of conduct and had the option to either take the two-year suspension or attend a formal hearing, which could potentially extend the suspension or lead to expulsion.

At the hearing, Wardle stated, "The police engaged in an unnecessary amount of

force. They shoved students from behind with no warning." She continued by saying that students should not refrain from practicing their First Amendment rights.

Students from UC Berkeley were also arrested due to protests to the tuition increases and were removed of any blame by President Robert Birgeneau. Many wish for SDSU president Elliot Hirshman and Chancellor Charles Reed to grant the same for Ashley Wardle.

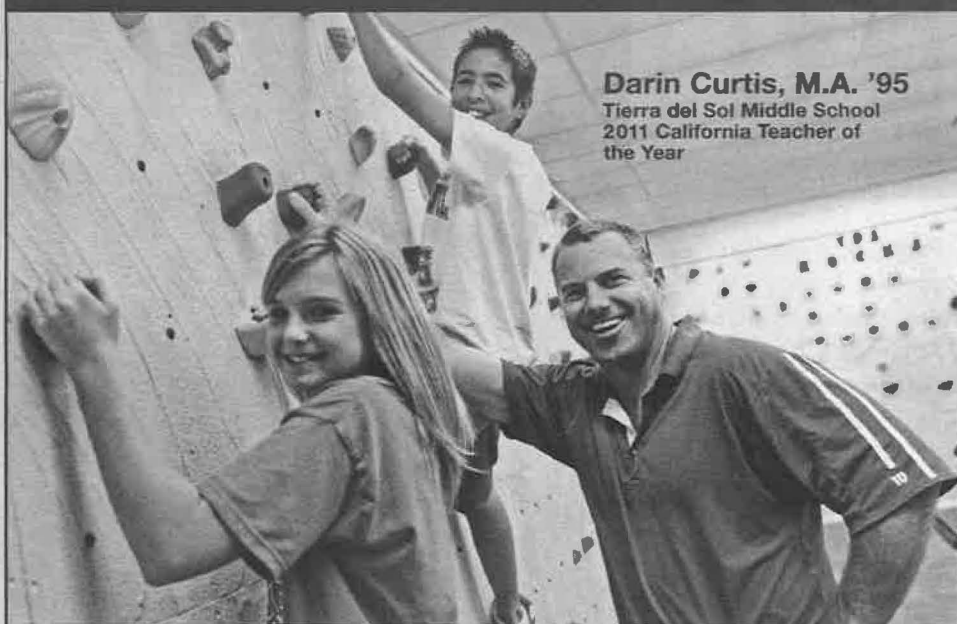
A settlement statement was presented to Ashley Wardle on Jan. 6, 2012, which states that suspension will not be activated, allowing Wardle to continue attendance at SDSU. However, Wardle will be ineligible to participate or hold leadership positions in student organizations.

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Cal State University based student groups, such as Associate Students, Inc. (ASI) and Campus Organized and united for good health, (COUGH) lead the charge against smokers and harmful second hand smoke. Procedures start with surveys being conducted, votes of support are signed, and then the results are presented to campus health boards. At CSUSM, a campus-wide tobacco ban may be closer than expected.

"CSU was following suit with UC's proposal for a smoke-free campus," Frasca said, but due to the budget cuts two years ago, the ban was put in the ashtray.

"Unless there is full blown enforcement, a complete ban won't happen," Frasca said. Student smokers receive a disciplinary written warning if they willfully ignore an official's request to move or extinguish a cigarette. For most students, they value their educational reputation and choose to abide by the rules.

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# Ladies dominate on the court

Women's basketball shuts down La Sierra 70 - 35 for fourth consecutive victory

ALEX FRANCO  
STAFF WRITER

The CSUSM women's basketball team exerted its power and will to stifle La Sierra in all facets of the game on senior night.

La Sierra's offense never had the opportunity to get off the ground with the Cougars defense dominating for a fourth straight win Saturday night. CSUSM got off to a quick and strong start,

gaining the lead with the first basket of the game, a lead they wouldn't relinquish for the remainder of the game. After leading 28 - 21 in the first half, the second half is where the lady Cougar's defense really came out to shine, holding La Sierra to just 14 points by the end of the second half.

The 35 point total from La Sierra was the lowest opponent score given up by the Cougars' defense all season.

The La Sierra Golden Eagles were held to just 16 percent shooting from the field, while CSUSM shot an outstanding 46.7 percent from the field.

Senior night recognized the lady Cougars' lone senior, guard Justine Chacon before the game's opening tip off. Justine added 11 points, along with three rebounds and two steals. The team's leading scorer for the night was freshman guard Cassie Damyanovich, who scored

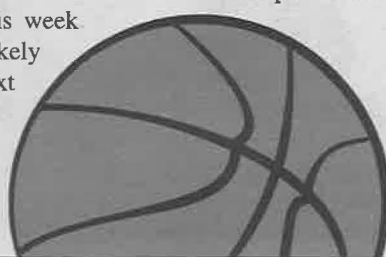
16 of the teams total points, making four 3-pointers.

The Cougars now improve to 15-13 on the season, and will look to finish their inaugural season on a high note after their final two games this week.

With wins this week, CSUSM will likely be entering next weekend's A.I.I. Conference Championship

Tournament as one of the hottest teams in the conference.

The team's final games will be on the road against the 12 ranked Vanguard on Feb. 16, and Feb. 18 against Chapman University.



## CSUSM's Head Baseball Coach Dennis Pugh sits down to discuss the upcoming season

ALEX FRANCO  
STAFF WRITER

CSUSM's baseball team is one of the fastest rising programs on the west coast. Baseball started only five years ago and Coach Pugh has built a winning team from the ground up, ending with a record over .500 in all but one of his seasons here at San Marcos. This week, Coach Pugh discussed the high hopes for this year's team.

Coach Pugh coached at Mission Bay high school before he began his tenure at CSUSM. He saw great success as the head coach at Mission Bay, winning 8 CIF championships. Coach Pugh brought his championship pedigree to San Marcos, to begin building a (what is hoped to be) championship caliber team.

When asked what the biggest adjustment has been since moving to CSUSM, Pugh said starting a new program and simply getting off the ground when starting out with little scholarship money, no field and poor facilities.



Pugh cites his inaugural group of players and dedicated coaching staff as a contributing factor as to why the program is where it is now.

When asked to describe his first five seasons, Coach Pugh said the first five years have been difficult for him personally as he said his teams faced a lot of up and downs and saw challenges in scheduling games against same-level opponents. Pugh thinks this is the best team he's had in his five year tenure and is as good as anybody and is looking to get progressively better each and every week.

Read the rest of this article online at [esumpride.com](http://esumpride.com)

## THE HEART BEAT Natural alternatives to exercise

CURTIS BOVEE  
STAFF WRITER

As college students, 'free time' isn't a very familiar concept.

Finding enough time to get to the gym and actually have a worthwhile workout might seem impossible. Utilizing some of the following alternatives will help you burn some extra calories, regardless of whether or not you are a gym-rat. Fortunately, they are alternatives that you can practice for a lifetime.

•Take the stairs instead of the elevator. At CSUSM, stairs are by no means difficult to find. Climbing stairs can provide a good cardiovascular workout while strengthening leg muscles and bones. According to the Center for Disease and Control (CDC), a 154 lb person burns five calories per flight of stairs climbed. Think of the possibilities! Parking on the bottom floor of CSUSM's

parking garage and walking to the top will burn 30 calories. Climb six flights of stairs, three times per day and you have burned almost 100 calories.

•Park further away than normal: A 154 lb person will burn roughly five calories per minute walking briskly. Park in the far corner of the parking lot, and you've burned about 10 - 20 extra calories just on the way to class.

•Stretch often: you can stretch anywhere. Stretching burns three calories per minute for a 154 lb person, according to the CDC. Stretch for five minutes before and after class, and you've burned an extra 30 calories.

Implement these natural alternatives into your daily routine, and you will not only burn more calories, but can help to prevent diseases brought on by sedentary lifestyles.

### SCORE REPORT

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### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Thursday, Feb. 16.

Men's Basketball takes on #10 Master's at Mira Costa College at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16.

Baseball plays La Sierra on the CSUSM field at 2 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17.

Baseball plays Bethesda Ch. on the CSUSM field at 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 20.

Baseball takes on Chapman on the CSUSM field at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25.

Men's Basketball challenges Black Hills State at Mira Costa College at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25.

Baseball plays Vanguard in a double header on the CSUSM field at 11 a.m.

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# Civility Week promoted courtesy for Cal State San Marcos campus

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STAFF WRITER

CSUSM's Civility Campaign celebrated Civility Week from Feb. 6 - 9 in an effort to spread a positive message to students, professors and faculty.

The Dean of Students formed the Civility Campaign last semester in an effort to remove negativity and regenerate civility in the community.

"Our goal is to reestablish the normal, so that the students are accountable for the students, as opposed to the administration stressing good behavior," student ambassador for the Civility Campaign, Sammi Carr, said.

During Civility Week, each day had a certain theme reflecting what the campaign best represents.

In the University Village Apartments, small door hangers were placed on each door explaining the day's theme with a quote by an influential figure that embodies civility. The four themes were respect, empathy, care and forgiveness.



Being a relatively new organization on campus, the Civility Campaign has received a great response.

"It's been cool seeing the open participation. Everyone seems interested and excited about the campaign," Carr said.

Many clubs on campus are supporting the campaign, including Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), which partners with Civility.

The Civility Campaign was first introduced to incoming students during the summer orientation for the 2011 - 2012 school year. Orientation team members continue to show their support by wearing the green Civility shirt on the first Tuesday of every month.

However, you don't have to be on the Orientation Team or in ASI to offer your encouragement. The green

Civility shirts are available to students at all Civility Campaign events.

Another way to get involved in the campaign is through Civility Champions, where you nominate a student, professor or faculty member who deserves to be noticed for their outstanding civil behavior in the San Marcos community.

In addition, Positive Personals is a way for students to send a positive message to someone they admire. The messages appear in the monthly ASI magazine.

"Everyone is looking for what's normal or how they can fit in. We want to have civility become normal by changing campus culture. Civility is a beautiful thing. It doesn't mean everyone has to be best friends but just be civil with one another," Carr said.

The campaign will host a Civility Showcase offering food, music and free green shirts on March 6.

## Esteemed poet and playwright speaks on politics, race and hope at CSUSM's Community and World Literary Series

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STAFF WRITER

CSUSM welcomed Jamaican-born poet and playwright Claudia Rankine onto its campus for a reading and discussion of her works on Feb. 9.

Organized by Professor Sandra Doller, the hour-long event touched on a number of issues and topics including racism, politics and the corroding ideal of American optimism.

Rankine's presentation began with a viewing of three five-minute long video essays that she produced with her husband, visual artist John Lucas.

The first video was a slowed-down version of soccer player Zinedine Zidane's infamous head-butt. As Zidane slowly crept into position to deliver his rib-splitting head butt, Rankine's voice calmly spoke over the incident about the issue of race itself, quoting a number of famous authors including James Baldwin, Frederick Douglass and Shakespeare.

The second film clip was a collage of various people sleeping on airline flights. The audio for this video was projected in three layers. The sound of a heartbeat could be heard throughout the video, while Rankine's spoken word and the tragic, final phone calls from those who perished on the various 9/11 flights accompanied it.

The final video of the trio was a somber, yet more hopeful one. It depicted a black man sitting in some sort of car, staring out the window as the vehicle cruised to its destination.

After the video wrapped up, Rankine explained what each video was about and revealed that the final video was actually about a pair of brothers who had been imprisoned for twenty years of their lives on unfair robbery charges. The video was filmed on the day that one of the brothers was released from prison.



This segued into a discussion about a murder trial soon to be held in Brandon, Miss. Rankine explained the gruesome story, in which 19-year-old white male Deryl Dedmond intentionally ran over an innocent black man, for no clear reason. Further details explained that there is a chance that Dedmond may get away with his senseless act of brutality. This provided a powerful paradoxical contrast to the two black men wrongly imprisoned for 20 years, bringing up racial issues in a powerful and candid manner.

"Whiteness defines normality," Rankine said in regards to the contrast between the two cases.

After a few more readings from her book "Don't Let Me Be Lonely," Rankine concluded the event by taking questions.

Notable questions were about her opinion of President Obama, to which she replied that while she did initially support his campaign, "No political party or presidency [is] going to have all of the right answers."

However, she stated that she did not believe hope is slipping away from the American people and that those in power needed to keep their promises and help those truly in need rather than bend to the ways of capitalism.

The next Community and World Literary Series will feature Harold Jaffe on April 12 at 7 p.m., with the location to be determined.

## Women's Studies Student Association to present "The Vagina Monologues" and festival

KYLE M. JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to raise awareness regarding violence against women, the Women's Studies Student Association (WSSA) will be holding performances of "The Vagina Monologues" at CSUSM on Feb. 17 and 18.

The play, written by Eve Ensler, features many monologues which are to be performed by women. The play acts as a testament for women and has gained much momentum since 1998 when Ensler and a group of women established "V-Day." The day's mission is to demand an end for violence against women and girls. The proceeds gained from V-Day events are to be donated to local programs that possess the same mission as V-Day.

All proceeds from the event being held at CSUSM will be given to the Women's Resource Center of Oceanside.

Jennifer Meneray, a Literature and Writing Studies and Women's Studies student, will be directing the play for the second time.

This particular production, which consists of 18 monologues, will have three performances. The players who will be performing consist of both CSUSM students and faculty.

"For the flow of things, we don't have an intermission," Meneray said. She went on to say that because of the alternating between funny monologues and sad monologues, there is no appropriate point to have a break.

While the subject matter is heavy, Meneray and her co-director Ari Rivera feel that

"The Vagina Monologues" are an empowering production for both audience members and cast and crew members, two of whom are male.

"It's a great way for people to become more aware of what's going on around the world," Rivera said. She assures that the only reason the play might seem uncomfortable is because it addresses issues that people don't usually talk about.

Before the Friday performance only, there will be a free Vagina Festival where tables featuring activists will be set up. The activists in attendance will address such issues as sex trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence. Also in attendance will be the Student Health and Counseling Services and the Women's Resource Center of Oceanside. One ta-

ble will promote the idea that men, too, can prevent rape.

"Men can be a great influence. We need them as allies. Men are victims, too," Rivera said.

The festival, which will feature t-shirts and vagina lollipops, acts as a resource fair. Survivors of violence and sexual assault are encouraged to attend and seek help that is being offered from the resources present.

All performances will take place in Arts Building, room 111 at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets for the evening performances cost \$10. Tickets for the Saturday afternoon performance cost \$7. The free Vagina Festival will be held before the Friday performance at 5:30 p.m.

## CSUSM Greek life continues recruitment

### Fair and events raise interest for fraternities and sororities

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STAFF WRITER

Last week, the fraternities and sororities of CSUSM's Greek life held events in an effort to generate interest with students.

On Feb. 9, a Fraternity and Sorority Fair hosted by the campus's Fraternity and Sorority Life took place on the lawn in front of Kellogg Library. The fair acted as a way to capture students' attention regarding the organizations as well a way to encourage students to take part in recruitment week.

At the fair, each organiza-

tion hosted booths and games which exposed students to the focus of the fraternity or sorority.

One particular sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, hosted a game involving the throwing of puzzle pieces. The puzzle piece represents the organization's involvement in raising awareness for autism.

The organizations are involved in fundraising for a variety of charities. Last semester, the fraternities and sororities consisting of almost 300 students collectively raised \$25,000.

The fair also featured the three new additions or "col-

onies" to CSUSM's Greek life, two groups of which are culturally based in the Asian and Latino cultures.

This week, the sororities will hold recruitment events from Feb. 16 - 20, while the fraternities will hold recruitment events from Feb. 13 - 17.

The sorority events will be set to a "Mix & Mingle" rotation style, where students interested in pledging can meet with the organizations to become acquainted with each.

The fraternity events will be an assortment of activities every night of the recruitment process.

Qualifications for fratern-

nity/sorority eligibility consist of 12 completed college units, current enrollment in nine units and a minimum GPA of 2.5.

If eligible and interested, visit [www.csusm.edu/sll/greek](http://www.csusm.edu/sll/greek) for registration forms and addition information.



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# Wine and dine your Valentine

Best palces in San Diego to take that special someone on Valentine's Day



REBEKAH GREEN  
STAFF WRITER

It's Valentine's Day, but it is still not too late to take out your valentine to a delicious dinner. Here are a few diverse restaurants from North County to San Diego County that might interest you and your significant other.

The Bernard'O Restaurant, located in Rancho Bernardo, specializes in French cuisine. The restaurant has private rooms for selected parties and a fireplace that creates a home-like atmosphere. Dinner entrées (such as the seafood and poultry) are generally more than \$20 and include dishes like Atlantic Sea Bass and Center Cut Filet Mignon. Visit [bernardorestaurant.com](http://bernardorestaurant.com) for details on reservations, directions and other information.

If you are up for a restaurant with a view, visit Tom Ham's Lighthouse, located

along Harbor Drive on Harbor Island. At this restaurant, you get a scenic view of the port and Coronado Island across the bay. For the month of February, Tom Ham's Lighthouse has a couples menu available. At \$39 per person, this includes a 3-course meal with diverse choices of appetizers, entrées and desserts. The Lovers Dessert Trio for Two consists of either a chocolate brownie with mousse, cheesecake or fresh strawberry shortcake. The normal dinner prices range from \$19 to \$34 depending on the entrée. Visit [tomhamslighthouse.com](http://tomhamslighthouse.com) for more information.

For a more casual place with a bit of an edge, visit the Hard Rock Café. The café is just one of the widespread chain of cafés branching all over the world. Located in downtown San Diego on 4th Avenue, the restaurant is decorated with rock n'

roll memorabilia from musicians of the past and present and is perfect for the not-so-traditional Valentine's night out. Some entrées include various steaks, sandwiches and seafood. The burger menu consists of Hard Rock Café's "Legendary Burgers." Desserts include hot fudge sundaes, cakes, shakes and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. For more on this popular themed restaurant, visit [hardrock.com](http://hardrock.com).

Other popular restaurant choices include:

The lovely Prado, located in Balboa Park. For more information, visit [pradobalboa.com](http://pradobalboa.com).

The fun '50s-themed Corvette's Diner. For more information, visit [cohnrestaurants.com](http://cohnrestaurants.com).

The French-themed Mille Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe. For more information, visit [millefleurs.com](http://millefleurs.com).



## A tribute to Professor Radhika Ramamurthi

JESSIE GAMBRELL  
STAFF WRITER

The late Professor Radhika Ramamurthi was considered a great woman who benefitted CSUSM in many ways.

She helped graduate students with their theses, as well as improving the Faculty Center to be more of a community atmosphere for our faculty here on campus.

"Radhika was so well-respected. She worked tirelessly in the Faculty Center. She made a mark on this campus. She was a very accomplished person, and her sense of humor could just break a logjam. She was a real problem solver; a mover and shaker," Professor at the College of Education, Health and Human Services, Janet McDaniel said.

Professor Ramamurthi got her B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Delhi, India in 1993 and her Master's in Operations Research in 1995. In 2001, she got her Ph.D. Specialization: Graph Theory from the University of Illinois followed by

her Postdoc at UCSD.

In the fall of 2002, she came to CSUSM where she began working in the Mathematics Department. That same semester, she started up the Hypatians, a mentoring program in mathematics intended for women. She also organized the Mathematics Colloquium, which promotes collegiality and intellectual engagement for various disciplines.

From fall 2004 to spring 2008, she was a part of the Academic Senate. In the academic year of 2007 - 2008, she was the chair of NEAC. In the fall of 2008, she was promoted to Associate Professor and received tenure. From fall 2009 to early spring 2011, she held the position of Director of the Faculty Center.

"She was very straight forward and to the point; no nonsense. She was always happy and upbeat and very approachable during office hours. She was never afraid to speak her mind and was very inspirational as a mathematician," Professor Joshua Lovelace said.

"We are going to miss her so much—her energy and

enthusiasm. She had a passion for teaching, learning and math. She was a champion of the idea of structuring the Faculty Center in such a way to serve the faculty," Professor Amber Puha said.

"She cared about people. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for her. She kicked my butt, and [my thesis] came out pretty good. She was a wonderful person and I owe her a lot," student Gina Sanders said.

Professor Ramamurthi passed away on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 after a long battle with bone cancer. Her first encounter with the cancer was in 2005. After successfully battling the disease, it came back in 2010. In her passing, she is survived by her husband, Professor Andre Kungden, and seven year old daughter, Mira.

A campus-wide memorial will be held in her honor on Friday, Feb. 17, location TBA. For more information, email Dr. Marie Thomas at: [mthomas@csusm.edu](mailto:mthomas@csusm.edu).

# Valentine's Day origins a mystery

The historical significance of Valentine's Day traces back to several starting points

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Valentine's Day, the holiday filled with themes of love and affection, has several possible origins, many of which are darker than the celebrations of the present day may indicate.

The holiday of love is also known as St. Valentine's Day, due to its ties to the martyred Saint Valentine. However, historical evidence reveals that there are at least three saints named Valentine from whom the holiday may have originated.

According to an article on History.com, one likely inspiration for the holiday was

a priest in 3rd century Rome who was sentenced to death for performing marriages for young men, in spite of laws against such ceremonies.

"Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families," the article states.

Another likely inspiration for the holiday was an imprisoned priest who fell in love with a female visitor who may have been his jailer's daughter.

"Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expres-

sion that is still in use today," the article states.

There are many other saints possessing the same name who are believed to have influenced the creation of the holiday through their romantic heroism.

According to the Britannica Online Encyclopedia, Valentine's Day also has origins from the Roman festival Lupercalia, which was celebrated in mid-February.

"The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery," the article states. However, at the

end of the 5th century, the pope replaced the festival with St. Valentine's Day.

There are also several iconic symbols of the holiday. These include a heart, possessing a stylized shape; birds, due to their spring-time mating season; and Cupid, the Roman god of love who would cause his subjects to experience love and passion by shooting them with an arrow.

According to the Britannica Online Encyclopedia, while the imprisoned priest may have written the first "valentine," formal letters and cards did not appear until much later.

"Formal messages, or

valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s, commercially printed cards were being

presently be celebrated in areas on such continents as North America, Europe and Australia.

used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s," the article states.

Valentine's Day has spread to

## CSUSM Love Notes

Hey CSUSM students, be on the look-out for our next series of notes. Here's a hint for the March 13 issue, do you feel lucky?

To all of the Chronicle Staff Writers, thanks for being apart of the team and putting love into what you do.  
-Morgan

Taylor,  
You once asked me what I wanted in life. I never thought a year later, the answer would be "A Woman Like You."

"If you promise to Chase me, I promise to run slow."  
-Love Taylor

To my lovely Alpha Pi Sigma sisters, may we continue to cherish our friendships and bonds for many years to come.  
Alpha Love,  
Ofelia Torres



# Tales from the nerd side: The PlayStation Vita is ready for launch

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Sony's newest handheld device is set to drop Feb. 22, and the launch period could be crucial in determining the system's success or failure. Since its announcement early last year, the handheld has been officially titled the PlayStation Vita (PSV), and Sony has released loads of hardware details. Whether or not the launch is a success is determined by gamers, but Sony is ready to win them over with a wealth of new features—some good and some that will leave you cursing the name "Vita."

## The Good

Let's start with the awesome stuff Sony packed into the new portable.

The Vita places a heavy emphasis on digital distribution. That being said, the device is capable of down-

loading and playing all PlayStation Portable (PSP) games that are available on the PlayStation Network (PSN). If you downloaded PSP games from PSN, you can play them on your new Vita by linking it with your PSN account.

The handheld will also sport a front and rear camera for use with applications like Skype.

Developers are showing the Vita lots of love with the release of big-name launch titles such as "ModNation Racers: Road Trip," "Uncharted: Golden Abyss," "Wipeout 2048," "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3," "Street Fighter X Tekken" and "Touch My Katamari." These titles are shaping up to give the Vita an impressive start in the software department.

Sony built in a gorgeous 5" OLED touch screen, doing

justice to those graphically stunning games. The Vita also has a rear touch pad, adding new depth PlayStation's handheld devices.

For the truly nerdy, the PSV will feature a 32-bit quad-core processor, allowing quick navigation around the device.

## The Bad

Unfortunately, whatever seems too good to be true probably is and the PlayStation Vita is no exception.

Since the Vita is download-only, PSP games you bought on their Universal Media Disk (UMD) will not be playable on the Vita. If you were hoping to bring your entire PSP library on your Vita, you're out of luck.

The Vita's digital distribution means you'll be storing games on special PlayStation brand memory cards, which will run anywhere from \$19.99 to \$99.99 for 4GB to 32GB cards respectively. Compared to SD cards of the same storage size, these Vita memory cards cost significantly more.

Powering all this is a rechargeable battery, which equals to a mere 3 - 5 hours of playtime.

Sony is releasing two ver-

sions of the PSV—one is exclusively Wi-Fi and the other has 3G support via AT&T's 3G network. AT&T will be offering a data plan similar to a phone's data plan with \$15 and \$30 monthly plans. Though that sounds decent, 3G functions will be limited. According to IGN.com, players will not be able to play multiplayer games over the 3G network. Furthermore, the AT&T network still ranks last in terms of customer satisfaction compared to the three other major networks according to CNN.com. The Wi-Fi version is limited to whatever Wi-Fi connections are available nearby, but over time, it'll be a big money saver versus the 3G Vita.

## Verdict

The PlayStation Vita has plenty of goods to keep you entertained during those breaks between classes, but buyers beware—there are a couple downsides to the new gadget. For hardcore gamers, the device will be a must-have. Casual gamers on the other hand might opt for something a bit more affordable or stick to Droid and iPhone games until the Vita gets a price drop.

# Pepsi-only status not welcome at CSUSM

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With the beginning of a new semester, San Marcos became a Pepsi-only school. All vending machines and soda fountains replaced Coca-Cola and Sprite with Pepsi and Sierra Mist. While many accept this switch as beneficial for the school (and, for a number of students, their pallet), many more do not support this move.

For one, many students want their choice back. I am a Coke fan. I love the taste of Coke over Pepsi. By the same token, I also love Mountain Dew. I, like many of my friends and other students, miss the choice we once had. On certain days, a bottle of Coke is just what I need; on others, Mountain Dew hits the spot. Now, I don't have my choice, nor does anyone at the school.

I can understand the reasoning for the switch – becoming a Pepsi-exclusive school saves the school in the long term as it costs less to be an exclusive school. What I don't understand is why the price for the cheaper product

increased by 25 cents when purchased from vending machines. I know a number of students who want to know where that extra money is going. If the money is going to keep extracurricular programs and teachers' salaries funded, or to keeping tuition and parking fees down, then I'm sure the majority of the student body would be more than willing to support this small price hike. However, if the extra revenue is going to line the pockets of administrators as extra income, then I speak for the majority of the student body when I say this is unacceptable. Especially when tuition and parking fees continue to climb semester after semester.

The school administration should be more transparent in its decision to increase the price of sodas bought through vending machines. If we're asked to pay more for a cheaper product, those responsible should present their good reasons before the student body. If the administration is unable or is unwilling to be transparent, then it should bring back our Coke.



## Opinions on The SOPA and PIPPA internet bills

I don't think they can physically pass these bills. How can you regulate something as big as the internet?  
-Faith Mabry, third year, Visual and Performing Arts; Arts and Tech Major.

What is really so wrong about copying and then uploading a video from the internet? Who is hurting?  
-Laura Musgrove, third year, Visual and Performing Arts; Visual Arts Major.

It's bad enough that the government wants to censor the content on the internet but to also censor how information is being used is upsetting.  
-Leon Palaganas, first year, Biology Major.

If these bills eventually get passed, I think it is really going to affect new and rising artists or people trying to get their start by promoting themselves on the internet.  
-Steven Mendez, first year, Pre Health Sciences Major.

I actually signed the petitions to end the PIPPA and SOPA bills.  
-Christopher Sanchez, first year, Political Science Major.

# Dream Act woes

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I am one of the thousands of students across California who was, and will most likely continue to be, affected by the loss of financial aid.

In the 2010-2011 academic year financial aid, grants and a small subsidized loan covered my educational costs quite comfortably. However, in the 2011-2012 school year, my family's annual household income exceeded the new maximum aid level by \$19 causing my aid money to be cut in half, forcing me to take out a much bigger loan. I fear that in the years to come, the Dream Act will cut my aid even more.

With the Dream Act going into effect in California for the 2013-2014 academic year, I worry that I may be even more impacted despite Governor Jerry Brown's assurance that this bill will not affect citizens.

The Dream Act stipulates that undocumented immigrants can apply and receive financial aid. Of course they have to qualify under the same guidelines as any other citizen, and in no way is money just handed to them. In order to be even eligible to receive funds, immigrants must also attend a California high school for at least three years. Also graduate from a California high school and file an affidavit with the college or university stating that they have applied to be-

come citizens and will do so as soon as they are eligible.

For several decades my great-grandparents, grandparents, parents and myself have paid taxes to provide the fund for financial aid to needy students, and this is being handed to undocumented immigrants who have not paid into the system.

The bill does state that these qualified immigrants will only receive financial aid if there is money left over after first giving it to citizens and will not max over five percent of the total budget. However, why should there be any extra money left over to give out?

Each year the cost of education rises but aid distributions get smaller. Starting this year, income levels to receive Pell Grants for the 2012-13 school year can't max \$23,000 compared to last years \$32,000. Doing basic math, if you or parents made more than \$11 an hour, working 40 hours a week, for 52 weeks then you do not qualify for Pell Grant aid.

It's baffling to think that the state of California would rather give financial aid to the 2,500 eligible undocumented high school students who graduate each year, then raise the income limits to help natural born citizens like myself, and thousands of others like me, who will now need to find other ways to fund their education.

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## "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (and Other Concerns)" by Mindy Kaling

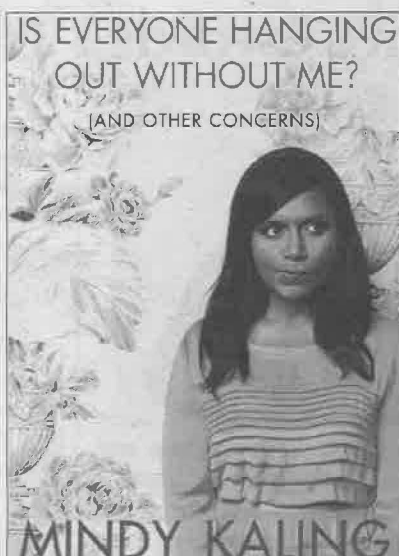
MELISSA MARTINEZ  
STAFF WRITER

"Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)" is marvelous comedic memoir written by NBC's "The Office" actress and writer, Mindy Kaling.

She journals her various stages of childhood chubbiness and growing up with immigrant parents (her mother is a doctor and her father is an architect), Kaling recounts experiences about her childhood (when she was forced to jump off of a diving board and gashed her knee), her adolescent years (when she learned that it's better to have just one friend who loves the same comedic skits you do) and even her adult adventures (when she

met her best friends at Dartmouth and moved to New York, with a big dream and no job) and scoring her role on one of NBC's most watched television series.

This charming series of experiences and tips include dealing with various romances, a list of a best friend's rights and responsibilities, and the differences between men and boys, captures the audience of any reader. Whether your girlfriend won't stop quoting it or you, like me, are just curious to learn more about the woman behind her bubbly character as Kelly Kapoor



on "The Office," you'll enjoy Kaling's rants about her writing habits and the day she stopped eating cupcakes.

As a devoted fan of "The Office," I found the humor in this satirical collection of memories to be entertaining and unpredictable. Just when I thought it wouldn't get fun-

nier, I was laughing to myself. If you are unsure whether to devote so much precious time to a new book, take her advice found in the introduction, "This book will take you two days to read. Did you even see the cover? It's mostly pink. If you're reading this book every night for months, something is not right."

## "The Vow" promises hope for couples on Valentine's Day

JULIANA STUMPP  
STAFF WRITER

"The Vow," starring Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams, isn't a typical romance film.

Though it begins with love, it ends with tragedy. The roles are based off real life couple Kim and Krickitt Carpenter who experienced a tragedy similar to the plot in "The Vow." The Carpenters' love and marriage was put on the line after Krickitt was in a tragic car accident leaving her with memory loss, and

forgetting who her husband was and their entire marriage. In the movie, Tatum plays Leo, the husband to McAdams' character, Paige. Throughout the movie, Leo fights for their marriage; he never gives up on his wife and attempts to make her fall in love with him again.

"The Vow" stands out from all other romantic movies because of the passion and determination for this young couple to overcome their heartbreaking situation. Unlike romance films that fol-

low two people falling in love, "The Vow" follows a couple who have already found love but are forced to rediscover it as their relationship is put to the ultimate test.

Learn what true love is, and find out if Leo and Paige can ever regain their passionate love they once had.

Here are show times for "The Vow" at Edwards San Marcos Stadium 18 for Feb. 14.

11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:55 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 9:55 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

## Summer's concert series kickoff A sneak peak at Coachella and Stagecoach festivals

ALEX FRANCO  
STAFF WRITER

With the spring concert season right around the corner, there's no better way to kick it off than with one of the biggest music festivals in the world, the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif.

Usually a single three-day concert weekend, this year will take place April 13 - 15 and on a second weekend April 20 - 22, to accommodate the high attendance each year.

The same performers are to be featured both weekends, so concertgoers of both

weekends will experience the same spectacle.

Coachella, known for having a wide range of musical genre headliners, didn't disappoint this year with The Black Keys headlining Friday, April 13 and 20, Radiohead, the headliners of Saturday, April 14 and 21, and rappers Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg will close the show both weekends on Sunday, April 15 and 22.

For those music lovers of a different sort, the same venue will host a country festival the following weekend. Stagecoach, California's Country Music Festival will

feature some of the world's best and biggest country music stars.

The event takes place April 27 - 29, in Indio, California. This year's event will feature country superstars, Brad Paisley, Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton and Alabama, all performing over the course of the three-day festival.

You can see the concerts at the Indio Polo Grounds in Indio, Calif. located two hours east of San Marcos. Tickets are now sold out for Coachella but can be purchased from various ticket resellers like Stubhub and eBay.

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# Top honors at the 54th Annual Grammy Awards

MELISSA MARTINEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Not even Adele's heartfelt speech when she won Album of the Year for her album "Rolling in the Deep" could do justice with the emotion that was felt at the 54th Annual Grammy Awards.

Just a day after the world lost six time Grammy-winning singer, Whitney Houston, the Grammy's recognized this years top artists as audiences everywhere mourned the loss of a great one.

Along with Record of the Year, Adele took home Album of the Year for her second album, "21," Song of the Year for "Rolling in the Deep," Best Pop Solo Performance for "Someone Like

You," and of course, Best Pop Vocal Album for "21." Bon Iver, a folk band from Wisconsin took home the Grammy for Best New Artist of the Year as well as Best Alternative Music Album for their self-titled album, "Bon Iver."

The emotional roller coaster took off when Tony Bennett won Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for "Duets II" and alone, accepted the award for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for "Body and Soul," a track he and the late Amy Winehouse recorded together.

Fortunately, Taylor Swift wasn't interrupted as she accepted the awards for Best Country Solo Performance and Best Country Song, which both were in recog-

nition for her single "Mean" from her album, "Speak Now."

With that said, Kanye West won Best Rap Album for "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," Best Rap Song for "All of the Lights," written by West, Jeff Bhasker, Stacy Ferguson, Malik Jones and Warren Trotter. The song also won Best Rap/Sung Collaboration. West and Jay-Z won Best Rap Performance for their song "Otis."

Of course, the Grammy's wouldn't be complete without a tribute to Grammy-winning artist Whitney Houston, who passed away on Saturday, Feb. 11. Jennifer Hudson honored her with a beautiful rendition to one of Houston's most famous songs, "I Will Always Love You."

If you weren't able to catch the 54th Annual Grammy Awards, you can catch highlights, videos, performances and photos at [grammy.com](http://grammy.com)



## THE COUGAR SHUFFLE

KYLE M JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day seems to be the holiday that gets the most love as well as the most hate. Also known as "Single's Awareness Day," this holiday has inspired this compilation of songs of a more depressing nature that captures the agony of love, whether past or present. Are you immune to the power of Adele after leaving "Someone Like You" on repeat? Then see below.

1. "Your Ex-Lover Is Dead" by Stars tells the uncomfortable story of running into a once-significant other and accepting the outcome of your relationship. The song is all too familiar and at the same time therapeutic as it brings a sense of closure in getting over the past.

2. "Lately" by The Helio Sequence captures the feeling of being over someone and how you don't think about them or stress at the very mention of their name anymore. The lyrics are convincing and liberating in overcoming the healing process.

3. "Hey Ya" by Obadiah Parker is an elegant cover of the Outkast song. This slowed-down, melodic version of the hit song takes notice of the insightful lyrics in a way that the Outkast version passes with its overshadowing, catchy beat. The song reveals the situation in knowing your significant other loves you, but still wondering if they want to be somewhere else.

4. "Sometime around Midnight" by The Airborne Toxic Event chronicles seeing an ex in a late-night bar setting and the agony that ensues. Their scent that you almost forgot triggers a chain reaction of emotions and memories that tear you apart and remind you of everything you don't have with that person anymore.

5. "Accidental Babies" by Damien Rice is easily the most depressing song, not just because of the lyrics, but also because of the sad, slow piano melody. It's haunting and sad and almost pathetic as Rice's voice perfectly captures the torturous feeling of being one part of a love triangle. Jealousy leads to asking questions that you don't want to know the answers to, but you have to know.

### Staff Valentine's Day movie favorites

#### Moulin Rouge! (2001)

By: Melissa Martinez

It's hard not to fall in love with Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman's chemistry in "Moulin Rouge!" Set in 1899, the heart of the bohemian era, poet Christian falls in love with star courtesan Satine while they ensue an intense love affair, creating a dangerous love triangle between them and rich and powerful duke.

#### Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (2010)

By: Alex Franco

Scott Pilgrim battles Ramona Flowers' seven evil exes to win her love. It's an awesome, unorthodox romance movie with tons of video game references and a bunch of hilarious one-liners.

#### A Walk to Remember (2002)

By: Juliana Stump

Not being into sappy "chick flicks" or Nicholas Sparks novels, I fell in love with "A Walk to Remember," starring a young Mandy Moore and bad boy Shane West. Together they went through social hardships and a terminal disease all while falling in love.

#### High Fidelity (2000)

By: Chris Giancamilli

Record store owner Rob Gordon (John Cusack) seeks answers to his failed past relationships after his most recent girlfriend leaves him for another man. Through his investigation, Rob discovers the key to success in his love life. Cusack's hilarious portrayal of a love-confused hopeful easily makes this my favorite romantic comedy.

#### 500 Days of Summer (2009)

By: Lissette Nunez

"500 Days of Summer" is not a love story. Instead the film is "a story about love" and how love can sometimes fail. Oddly enough, the film is nowhere near depressing. Its humor comforts the audience and uplifts the film's less-than happy ever after.

#### Crazy, Stupid, Love. (2011)

By: Arley Ramos

Hilarious and shocking, "Crazy, Stupid, Love" offers romance, comedy and even drama, making it a great movie to enjoy.

#### WALL·E (2008)

By: Kyle M. Johnson

Pixar's film tells the funny, sweet and at times heart-breaking love story between two robots, WALL·E and EVE. One beautifully orchestrated scene shows the two "dancing" through space, WALL·E trying to keep up by using a fire extinguisher.

## Chronicle Games

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Candy	Hugs	Romance
Cards	Kisses	Roses
Chocolate	Love	SweetHeart
Cupid	Pink	Valentine
Flowers	Poems	
Hearts	Red	

## Student A: "A Thought on Valentine's Day" by Faith Orcino

