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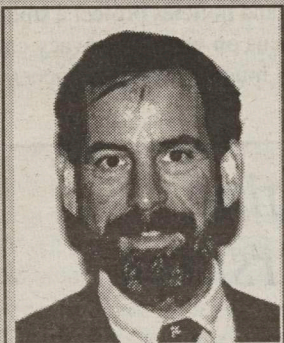
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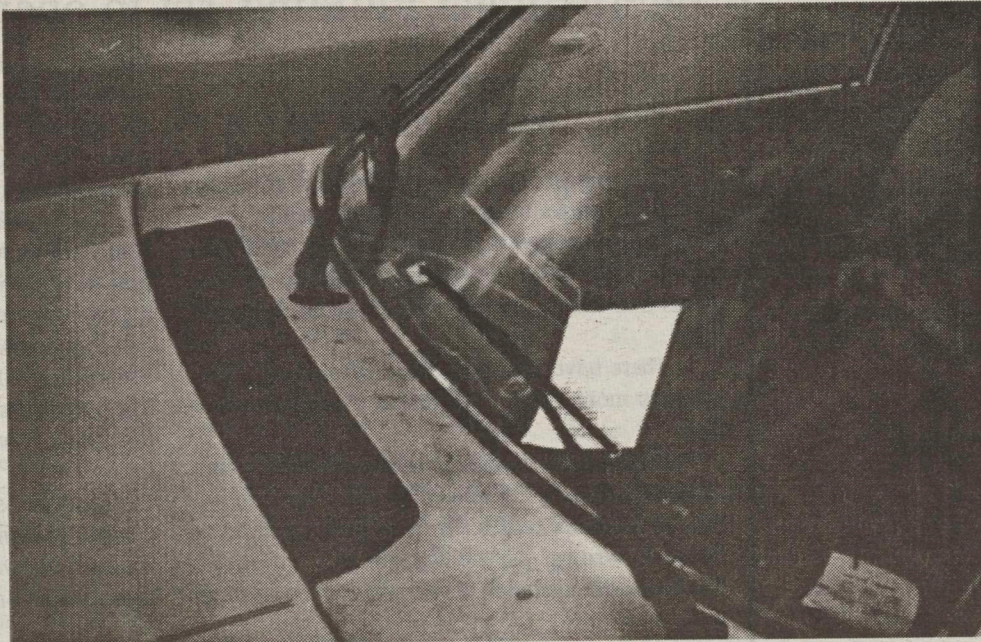
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Six different leaflets containing racist statements were placed on roughly 300 cars Feb. 6 by a 15-year old male from La Mesa. The youth claimed to be a member of the White Aryan Resistance, a white supremacist group started by Fallbrook racist Tom Metzger.

Semester opens with new racial incidents

By Michael B. Miller
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos continues to be plagued by racial incidents.

In the latest, a 15-year-old La Mesa youth was caught distributing racist fliers in the main students parking lot on Feb. 6.

The youth, who was later released to his mother and grandfather, told campus police he was a member of the White Aryan Resistance, the hate group founded by Fallbrook racist Tom Metzger. Metzger denied any knowledge of the leaflets, but applauded their distribution.

Last year, after university President Bill Stacy refused to allow him to address students on campus during a racial unity day, Metzger remarked that the university would have been far better off to have allowed him to speak.

The racial unity day had been scheduled after a woman professor had been confronted in her classroom by a student who repeatedly called her a "black bitch." Though the professor herself had introduced that term and tried to turn the confrontation into a "teaching experience," she later reported to authorities that she feared for her safety.

The student eventually left the university, while the professor sought, and was

granted, leave from her classroom duties this semester to pursue research.

The Feb. 6 leaflets which were left on about 300 cars before campus security officers intervened made direct reference to last year's confrontation. All of the leaflets carried the message, "The Black Bitch Is Gone," on one side, and different hate messages on the other.

It appeared to be no coincidence that the leaflets were distributed on the first of two days that a pair of consultants from the CSU Chancellor's office were on campus, at Stacy's request, to sample racial attitudes in the wake of last year's confrontation, and another incident in which a hate message specifically targeting another black woman professor was scrawled on a men's room mirror.

The two CSU consultants, June Cooper and Maria Santos, spent the two days talking with students, faculty and staff.

Cooper refused to discuss the leaflets other than to say, "It had an intentionally chilling effect. In particular in an educational environment, it's inappropriate. I refuse to involve myself with that garbage."

Santos said the leaflets might impact the investigation in the "context they were in."

Campus Police Chief Arnold Trujillo said security officers also questioned two men in

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Track and soccer field to be built

Anonymous donation funds university's first athletic facility

By Tony Barton
Editor-in-Chief

A \$200,000 pledge by an anonymous local businessman has allowed Cal State San Marcos to begin planning for an Olympic-class track and soccer field — the campus' first athletic facility.

The facility will be state of the art and comparable to the U.S. Olympic training cen-

ter in Chula Vista. It will include a NCAA competition quality, polyurethane track and a natural grass infield, as well as runways and pits for field events. It will be the first of its kind in North County.

The university hopes to begin construction — which will cost a total of \$1.5 million — this year. Funding will come from the private sec-

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Campus racism view varied

By Michael B. Miller
Pride Staff Writer

The extent of racism at Cal State San Marcos depends on who you're talking to.

To Professor Sharon Elise, a member of the Black Faculty Organized (BFO) group and the target of a racial threat scrawled on a bathroom wall last semester, racism at the university is institutionalized. The administration is trying to play down the racial incidents, she adds, and, by doing so, actually is sending the message that such behavior is tolerable.

In the wake of the hate message last semester, Elise has asked for, and been granted, leave from classroom duties this semester in order to conduct research.

Kimberly Kagy, chair of the Associated Students Diversity Committee, believes the administration has been reactive on racial issues, rather than pro-active. She questioned why the diversity committee was not set up before last semester, and added that blacks on campus don't see themselves represented in university policy-setting.

President Bill Stacy, on the other hand, points to the fact that the university's faculty

"(CSUSM) puts diversity over education."

-Anthony Howard
CSUSM student

is far more diverse than those at other California colleges. BFO is helpful, he said, but some of the group's contentions are false.

Stacy also said he hopes the actions of the BFO won't alienate prospective minority students and faculty.

According to AS President Kristina Gundersen, white students and faculty who don't see the grievances of the BFO and others being justified feel that they are being persecuted. They don't see the racial problems as significantly as does the BFO, she said.

One white woman student said she was totally surprised by last semester's racial incidents. "I didn't see it, so it was hard to believe," she added. "At the time I felt it was blown out of proportion." The fact that black students seem to know all about the racial incidents while white students didn't bother her, she said. "It made me feel guilty for not knowing the situation," she added.

Another white student, Anthony Howard, said he doesn't understand what the black faculty expects the administration to do. CSUSM is "ripe" for such hate groups as the White Aryan Resistance simply because the university emphasizes diverse themes, he added.

"This college puts diversity over education," he said, adding that he resented the fact that "diversity was forced" upon him through global awareness requirements.

WHAT'S NEWS

Secondary income seminar scheduled

The Van Ness International Institute of Entrepreneurs is ahving a workshop on creating a secondary income through home based business from 10 am to noon, Saturday March 1, in ACD 102.

Three business oppurtunities will be discussed. A special section will focus on foreign students studying here and those who plan to study abroad.

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual resource group to meet

The Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual resource group will meet from noon to 1:30 pm, Wednesday, February 19 in Craven Hall 5210E

Topics include upcoming events, campus security, responding to racism and member recruitment/volunteering

Contact Professor Don Barrett. E-mail dbarrett@mailhost1.csusm.edu, phone: 750-4161.

CSU student trustee position open

The California State Student Association is accepting applications for the 1997-1999 CSU student trustee position. The trustee board deals with such topics as student fees, admissions criteria, remedial education, academic curriculum and financial aid.

Applicants must be in-their junior year or above and must be able to attend bi-monthly trustee sessions, as well as all of the student association's meetings.

Contact A.S. External Vice President Lisa Lopez: 750-4091, lialisa@mailhost1.csusm.edu. The application deadline is 5 pm, March 3.

Career Center workshops

Wednesday, February 19- Five to 6 pm, Resumé Writing; 6 to 7 pm, Job Search Strategies; 7 to 8:30 pm, Effective Interviewing.

Thursday, February 20- Four to 6 pm, Business Etiquette.

Monday, February 24 - One to 2 pm, Resumé Writing; 2 to 3 pm, Job Search Strategies; 3 to -4:30 p.m., Effective Interviewing.

Re-entrey women's group sets first meeting

The Association for ReEntry Women will hold its first meeting Monday, Feb.17. Contact Carolyn Parker at parke001@mailhost1.csusm.edu for meeting place and time.

Guts publication accepting submissions

The Literary Society is accepting submissions until Friday for its next GUTS literature publication — due out Feb. 25. An April 1 edition has a deadline set for March 21.

Leadership seminar

The Office of Student Activites will sponsor the semester's kick off leadership seminar "Sleep Deprivation Workshop" at 2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Com 206. Susan Mendes, a CSUSM health educator, is the featured speaker.

Building 15 grounds broken

'International Building' set to open in Fall '98

By Larry Uleman

Pride Staff Writer

Building 15's Jan. 31 groundbreaking ceremony concluded with a bang — to remove granite.

The controlled blast shook an evacuated Academic Hall and Founder's Plaza around 4 pm, as students and faculty stayed clear to avoid flying debris.

There have been three additional blasts since, each as more granite threatened to stall construction.

Building 15, called the International Building, is scheduled to be completed by fall of 1998. It will house computer labs for foriegn languages, literature and writing, psychology, social sciences, and business administration. It will also contain four high

end multimedia stations and 120 lab stations. The building's nine classrooms will have network connection and will be able to receive video broadcasts. Three-hundred stations will be capable of broadcasting as well as receiving.

The building, which will lie behind Academic Hall, is designed with four stories in its front portion and three in its elevated rear, which will lie up a graded hill from the frontal section.

Funding was secured for the building through Proposition 203 — passed last spring by voters. The proposition provided \$14.5 million in construction funds, as well as \$1.5 million to equip the building.

Building site excavation is scheduled to be completed shortly, and may require more blasting if more immovable rock is encountered. The buildings foundation will follow.

CSU One Card raises concerns with system's student association

By Tina Leary

Pride Staff Writer

One all-purpose ID card that can be used on and off campus may be coming to Cal State San Marcos soon.

It's called the "One Card," and it has become a hot topic of debate among students and faculty.

If approved at CSUSM, it could be used as a student ID card, debit card, calling card and security access card on campus. Off campus, it could be used as a credit card with participating companies, and even in some vending machines.

It also could provide complete access to grades, current GPA and other private and personal student affairs.

Many college campuses already have implemented such a student ID card for use in libraries and media centers, in printers and photocopiers and at student activities.

The cards have a magnetic stripe, similar to those found on the back of CSUSM's current student ID card and the California driver's license.

Simply by running the card through a slot, a police officer could obtain necessary information about the student's driving or criminal history.

Similarly, with one swipe of the one card student ID card, the library and media center know when you owe.

Some have expressed discomfort with having so much information available on one plastic card.

Others find it a wonderful way to save space in your wallet and valuable time.

The California State Student Association passed a resolution on the CSU One Card, addressing concerns such as impact on local business and economy. The card may not be accepted as a form of payment at an independently owned supermarket or restau-

rant, which could encourage students to frequent other locations.

Another concern voiced by the CSSA states "current Federal and State laws are inadequate to ensure the security and privacy of students' confidential information and therefore puts at risk the privacy and personal autonomy of individuals within our CSU community."

Although laws and policies protect a student's privacy, concern focus on whether privacy can be maintained with so much information accessible through one source.

Upcoming Scholarships

The Valley Center Women's Club is offering two \$700 scholarships for female residents of Valley Center who are returning to the work force or are contuniuing their education in order to advance in the work force. **Deadline is March 11.**

The 1997-98 Howard and Mainie Nichols Scholarship Trust offers varying scholarship amounts to full time Kern County High School graduates with a GPA of 2.0 for Fall1997 and Spring 1998. **Deadline is Feb 28.**

The Zella M. Smith Scholarship Trust sponsored by the AAUW, Fallbrook Branch is offering up to \$8,000 in scholarships. Applicants must be from the Fallbrook area. **Deadline is April 1.** Call 750-4850, or go to CRA 4204.

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tor. Materials and equipment will most likely be donated.

Fundraising efforts will be aided by Ash and Juanita Hayes, who worked on fundraising campaigns for the Republican National Convention,

1996 Olympics, National Women's Business Council, President's Council of Physical Fitness and Sports, Great American Workout at the Whitehouse and National Health/ Fitness Systems, among others

Interested donors can contact CSUSM Vice President for University Advancement Alfred Castle at 750-4400 or Ash and Juanita Hayes at 471-6546.

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Mother-like suggestions on career success

By Val Knox
Pride Staff Writer

O.k., yo' mama I'm not, but I probably could be.

After all, most mothers want nothing less than health and happiness for their offspring. That and a well-paying job that will lead you into your own apartment with your own food and your own washing machine.

Now that I am fast approaching the half century mark, I feel that I can offer some sage advice to help you achieve the goals I've listed above. Mind you, these are only suggestions I'm sharing with you because, like any mother, I want you to succeed.

Now, have you decided on a career? Let me point out that careers tend to change about seven times throughout a normal person's life. Yes, in a normal person's life.

That means that one day, you too, may be returning to college when you are older and grayer, so in the meantime, please be nice to the older student sitting next to you. That brings up the point: that the world is really smaller than you think. College is a great time to network, you know, get to know as many people as you can. Participate in college and community activities. One day it may help you land that perfect job!

In deciding on a career, I strongly suggest that you consider volunteering; yes, work for free. Go ahead and ask, "Well, what's in it for me?" Let's think about this.

Volunteering your time and skills in a prospective career will gain you insight about job expectations and what steps you can take now to prepare for career advancement. Learn about the company by talking with employees. Ask questions about advancement opportunities and retirement plans, because even you will one day look forward to retirement.

Observe positions that men hold and those held by women. Does this tell you anything? Does management solicit employee input or are programs authoritarian? Does the organization provide for continuing education and training? How about layoffs? How often are salaries reviewed?

In addition, you'll be building your resume and earning some valuable experience. So, learn all you can about the place you wish to grace with your presence, but be selective.

Cal State San Marcos promotes service learning; that is, some type of community service is required to graduate. Service learning is an excellent way to learn more about a career and an organization. An added bonus is that you'll be getting in touch with the community. Get involved and work to make your community a better place.

Many organizations are encouraging their employees to participate in volunteer work. Volunteering - the cool thing to do.

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Internet shareware site finds 'Cool Tools' fastest

By David Johnson
Pride Staff Writer

All too often, computer users purchase software that fails to live up to expectations.

Either it is the wrong tool for the job or the program is so complicated and overbearing that its main function is to sit on your hard-drive and take up space.

In fact, the phrase "caveat emptor," or "let the buyer beware," should be embossed onto the spine of all those invitingly colorful, yet somehow benign boxes wherein lie the CD and the 400-page manual with annotations.

Fortunately, there is a solution. Thanks to this trivial little fad called the Internet, it is now possible to access vast databases of loaner and even free software called "shareware" and "freeware," and download pretty much whatever it is you're in the market for.

Whether you're an aspiring programmer looking for a good HTML, VRML, ActiveX or JAVA editor, or you're just looking for a cool game to take your mind off frivolous activities like homework, these databases offer a boundless sea of programs to wade through.

And, once you've caught something that looks useful and/or interesting you just reel it in and give it a try—before you shell out the hundred bucks.

As these databases grow larger, finding what you need is becoming egregiously difficult. Even if you happen to stumble across something that looks like it might do the trick, there are ten other programs that also can lay claim to that. Yet their product does it better, faster, and with infinitely more style.

And, since the problem with time is that there is never enough of it, imprisoning yourself in your house while the file or files download, cut off from the rest of the world because your phone line is tied up, almost makes the wasted C-note look like a worthwhile loss.

But, there is a solution. While shareware.com, download.com, c/net.com or Zdnet.com all offer huge collections of shareware and freeware, there is only one place that does it better, faster, and with infinitely more style: www.slaughterhouse.com.

The cool thing about this site is that not only does it make looking for software at other sites feel like you're trying to do a Dewey Decimal search for a pamphlet on the South American Piss ant in the Library of Congress, but it rates each file with skulls, five being best, on performance, functionality, and all-around usefulness—greatly truncating the amount of time spent chasing your cyber-tail so you can get the program up and running quickly.

The majority of your time is spent evaluating the software, not the dust on your monitor and the BACK and FORWARD buttons on your browser.

Slaughterhouse.com also offers a daily pick called "THE COOL TOOL OF THE DAY." The author gives a detailed description of what he feels to be an invaluable, or at least really cool piece of software. These picks are then archived by month so that anyone who missed a COOL TOOL can revisit them.

All told, this site offers numerous other niceties, but the bottom line is if you want to maintain your sanity as well as an operational phone line, try the Slaughterhouse. You'll be glad you did.

Don't just make baby food, freeze it

By Heather Phillips-Graham
Pride Staff Writer

Who has time to make baby food?

When my mother-in-law suggested I should puree food in the blender for the baby, I thought... like I'm not busy enough changing 6-8 diapers a day and breastfeeding every 2-3 hours! (Thank God for breast pumps and disposable diapers!!!)

Steaming and blending small batches of food, then cleaning the mess three times a day, just wasn't practical. I know, I tried.

Even if I made enough for two or three days at a time, who wants to eat the same thing meal after meal? And I worried about spoilage. I concluded that those convenient little jars of baby food work just fine.

Well, Superbowl Sunday turned out to be a household management convention. (Four moms in one kitchen) and I noticed one seasoned professional (she has three kids) feeding her little bundle of joy what looked like ice cube popsicles.

What a fantastic idea! She purees fruits and veggies then freezes them in ice cube trays. When frozen, she stores the cubes in zip lock bags.

At meal time, she just pops a few in the microwave. Presto... fresh homemade baby food. Or serve it cold and slushy to relieve teething pains.

I tried making some the other day and it worked great! My little happy camper loves it!

So, all you busy moms, who are tired of paying .42 to .67 cents a jar at the market, this tip works, saves money, and offers a healthy alternative.

Developing eating disorders is as easy as dieting

Every Spring semester, we are reminded that Spring Break and then Summer are around the corner. To many people, this immediately leads to thoughts about how we'd better get in shape for the beach. The CAPS staff is aware that these are dangerous days, and potentially self-destructive, so we offer the following as advice on how to develop an eating disorder, hoping that the opposite of this advice will be followed.

The first and most important thing you can do if an eating disorder is your goal is to go on a diet. We are not talking here about simply being careful about what you eat. By "diet" we mean a set of highly restrictive rules or constraints on what you eat. The more restrictive the better.

Some of you might choose rules that have to do with skipping meals: not eating lunch, not eating breakfast, never a snack...in other words, fasting for hours on end. Many who choose this pathway to an eating disorder try to convince themselves that when they eat nothing in a day, they are being "good".

For others, the rules have to do with kinds of food that are strictly taboo, usually foods with sugar or fat. Again, the more absolute the rules are, the more likely they will get you to an eating disorder.

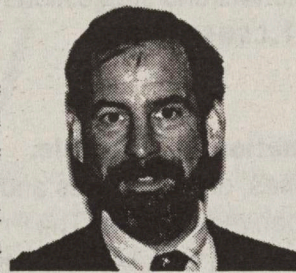
Dieters, especially the fasters, become preoccupied with their rules. They give these rules enormous importance. They come to feel that their personal self-worth, to a large degree, actually depends on whether they have been following the rules that day or week. Furthermore, by their very nature, the rules are very hard to follow. It takes energy, effort, and more or less constant vigilance to fight off the urges to break the rules. On the other hand, it also feels SO good when the rules are followed.

Think of it! Equate personal worth to not eating and when you manage to fight the hunger and skip lunch and get to your afternoon class, you have done something truly monumental. You are ecstatic with victory and a sense of power. Of course,

you are still preoccupied with the diet, even when you are being successful. As you can see, these people are well on their way to an eating disorder.

More often than not, by the end of the day, starving and tired, the system of strength breaks down. They are home alone now, watching tv, struggling with the memories of the day and the hunger and the conflicts that torment the mind. Perhaps the day included some extra stress, a term paper or exam, or being shunned by a friend. It would feel so good to eat something for so many reasons. At this point, almost no one can resist eating something...it has been earned, after all. And, more often than not, once eating begins, it tastes so good and feels so good to release that energy that it is hard to stop.

It feels almost giddy for some people at this moment to eat with wild or angry



Dr. Fritz Kreisler

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Important developments in campus racist incident saga

TONY BARTON

It appears that our campus racists took no more than a six-week winter vacation like the rest of us.

They've been on a busy schedule since returning — defacing a mural and hitting 300 cars with racist fliers, each detailing a separate ethnic group. One was even tailored for so-called "Race Traitors." You know, those of us "whites" who associate with minorities.

A public hanging was promised for all such "traitors." Blacks, according to the flier, simply be will shot to death for dealing with whites.

A swastika and racist epithet were painted on the hallway mural across the courtyard from the library — specifically, on the face of a crying black girl — by some attention-deprived idiot. The defacement since has been painted over.

On Feb. 6 and 7, an audit of the campus's racial climate, specifically the administration's ability to deal with the racial unrest, was conducted at the request of President Bill Stacy. June Cooper, former vice chancellor of human resources and operations for the CSU system and Maria Santos, a CSU human resources advisor, served as the auditors.

The racist fliers, of course, were distributed on the first of their two days on campus. Call it convenient. The timing must have been planned, of course, to further damage the university's reputation.

But did it? Or did it provide the administra-

tion with the perfect opportunity to show its intolerance for racists.

Santos indicated the flier incident would affect the audit "in the context." Certainly the administration can't be held responsible for racists showing up in a campus parking lot. But it can be for how it deals with such an event.

Let's take a look at the university's response.

Campus police responded immediately when tipped to the distribution. Officers captured one of the distributors red-handed, and identified two others, one a CSUSM student, as likely accomplices. The District Attorney's office was called immediately and press releases promptly sent out across campus.

A fund that will donate to anti-racist and educational organizations each time a racial incident occurs on campus was very conveniently already in the works. It was announced the following day and appeared to most to be a direct response to the fliers.

Perhaps it was impossible to sweep this one under the rug, but the administration didn't even attempt to do so. The circumstances were acknowledged, and dealt with. No one has questioned either the speed or the sincerity of the university's response.

By doing so, the university has bolstered its image as being intolerant of race-hate crimes — an image that was tarnished by critics last semester.

The flier incident truly was important for that very reason and for one other: It gave a face to the anonymous racists — that of a 15-year-old, White Aryan Resistance member from La Mesa.

Response to "Christ's diet beside the point

Dear editor,

In response to Patrick McKinnion's letter to the editor in the Nov. 27 issue of The Pride, I'd just like to point out that I don't recall saying many of the quotes McKinnion claims that I have said. I request that he specifically cites his sources.

Why would I say that anyone "deserved" to wear fur? Fur is murder and especially not an appropriate way of expressing non-violence.

I'd also like to respond to Joseph Sedlemeyer's question in his letter to the editor in the November 27, 1996 issue of The Pride, "Christ's Diet Beside the Point," as to why I mentioned Jesus' diet in a previous letter. The answer to the that question is quite simple: Sedlemeyer had tried to negatively stereotype compassionate people by using his belief in Jesus to support his opinions.

I just thought I'd question how much Sedlemeyer really knew about good ole J.C. Sedlemeyer, I will take you up on your offer of joining the crusade against abortion if you join the crusade against meat, but we must take this struggle one step further.

Let us advocate the prevention of all conception (I hope that doesn't conflict with your religious beliefs). Our slogan shall be: "Boycott Breeding." How else do you expect to end the vicious cycle of violence and greed on this planet?

Compassion for ALL beings (including unborn children and rats).

Jill Ballard

Senior, Liberal Studies

Vegan & Animal Rights Club president

Campus phones would aid students

Open letter to CSUSM Administration:

I would like to know if the school would please consider installing several (maybe three) regular handset type telephones on campus that students could use for local calls only. In particular, they would be handy when trying to contact one of the departments here on campus. The phones could be designed for calls that have no extra charge and therefore would be of minimal cost to the campus. There can be a requested time limit of three minutes and everyone would be on their honor not to abuse the phones.

No doubt, many of the students on campus would appreciate such a gesture on behalf of the administration.

Thank you,

Barbara Schiffler, Senior
Literature and Writing

Kill more trees, give Ballard a column

Since she seems to be the only one who writes any letters, why not give Jill Ballard her own column? Then again, that might mean that The Pride may have to add another page, thus killing more and more trees!

And what about all the birds and bugs that live in those trees! Oh no! And if this has been printed, it means that now I'M contributing to the killing! OH NOOOOOOoooooooooooo!!!

Save the people first..

Tray Thomason
Junior
Psychology

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CSUSM following footsteps of AOL

I submit to you this letter to the editor. I also submit that I am doing it on-line in the morning, because it's the only time I can get remote access to our server here at CSUSM. My computer tried the dial-up number 300 times last night, over a span of two hours, and I could not get on. Last night was a regular Tuesday night in the beginning of this semester — what on earth is going to happen around finals? If I can't get on the net to do research and check mail in the beginning of the semester, what's going to happen when things really get rolling?

The labs are overcrowded, so you would think that those who have bothered to get their own machines, (as recommended by the school), would be in good shape! I feel like students have become very unimportant to management at the computing lab. The first thing that strikes me is we have to live with assigned usernames, i.e. - 'knuef001'. That's unusual, and not a common practice among service providers or other larger universities.

Second, I have never been informed or kept up to date as to what kind of services are available to students in regards to computers. I hear everything through 'the grapevine,' the latest being that a bank of modems have been moved over to a different number for teachers, and there are now less modems. I think teachers should be aware that information they post to their website or send through e-mail may not be easily retrievable by students anymore.

Third, if I absolutely had to pay a computer fee or something when I register, I would much rather do that than have a heart attack during finals when I can't get on the web...but so far I have not been given that option or any other. I sincerely hope the computing department will begin to respond to students' needs — after all, isn't that what they are there for?

Jens Knuefken
Senior
HTM

Rude e-mail writer needs to apologize

Dear Editor,

This evening, as I was checking my e-mail for my history 327 class, I was disturbed by an unnecessary message sent by a John Maguire.

I do not even know if this person is in my history class or not, although his name does not look familiar. So, I e-mailed him back requesting that he not send me e-mail that did not pertain to History 327. In response, John Maguire sent me an insulting e-mail calling me a "dumb ass."

Is it my imagination, or did we just spend an entire day learning about racism and harassment? To me, someone calling me a dumb ass is harassment. I did not call him any names, I simply requested that he not waste my time. I do not feel that this was an unreasonable request.

I am a 23 year old college senior, I do not have the time to be insulted by people over the computer lines. Wake up, John

Maguire. I will complain about you to the dean of CSUSM. I can not believe that you would waste time and tuition money to insult people.

Why was it so important to write me back and call me dumb ass. What good did this do? All you have done is make yourself look like a immature child who has nothing else better to do with his time. And if you are not in my history class, then who gave you access to our class list?

I noticed that the next group on your subscribe list was the Vegan rights group. The president of your organization is in my class, and although we have opposing

views about almost everything, she has never called me nasty names. Why are you making yourself look like a fool? Are you trying to harass me because I did not want to read your e-mail about what you thought was important?

I sent you an e-mail to ask you nicely to not bother myself or my class while we are trying to work. I feel that you owe our class, our instructor, and myself an apology for wasting our time.

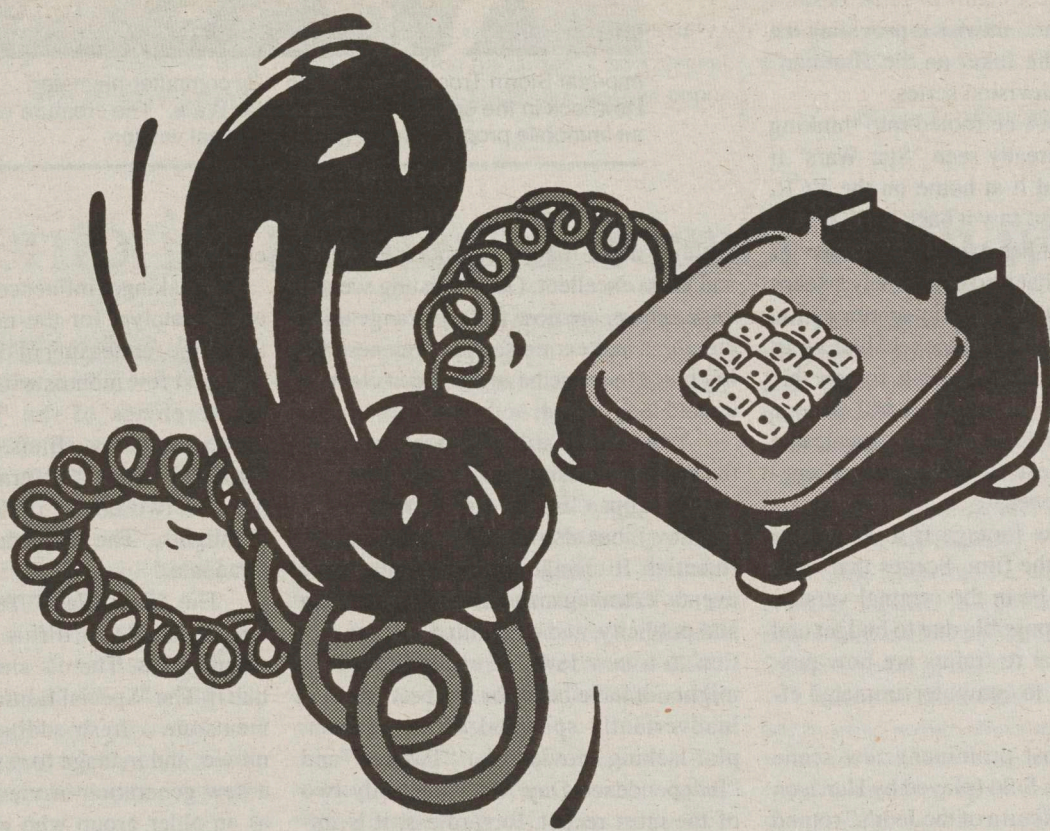
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'Star Wars' stands test of time

By Gabe Lundeen
Entertainment Editor

The 1970's are back. Bright colors are back in fashion, feel-good music is popular again, and there is a Democrat in the Oval Office. And the decade's biggest movie, "Star Wars," is back in theatres in a remastered, enhanced form that utilizes today's technology and yesterday's film footage, "Star Wars: The Special Edition."

"The Special Edition" is essentially the same movie, with about four minutes of added footage created with today's special effects innovations. The Rebellion is still fighting against the oppressive Galactic Empire, The Force is still with us, and Mark Hamill still can't act his way out of a paper bag.

For those of you who have never seen "Star Wars," which would be quite a feat with its popularity and exposure, the 1977 film stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, and Alec Guinness (who won an Oscar for his role as Obi-Wan Kenobi). It is a lot of fun revisit the youth of such megastars as Harrison Ford or a merely mediocre celebrity like Mark Hamill, whose biggest claim to fame besides the "Star Wars" movies is providing the voice for The Joker on the "Batman" animated television series.

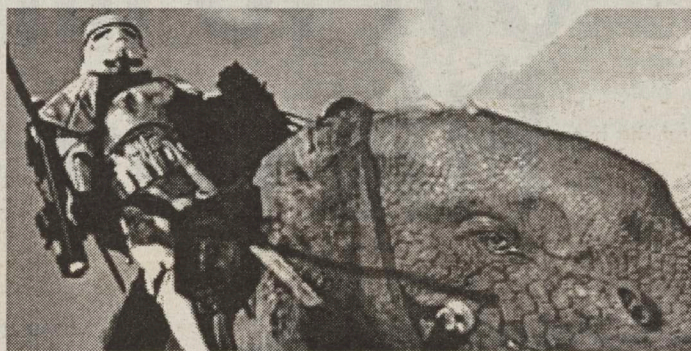
But don't be fooled into thinking you have already seen "Star Wars" if you watched it at home on the VCR, or even if you saw it back in 1977. It's a movie that has a quality few movies possess, in that it so completely sweeps its audience into the on-screen action and makes the audience feel like a part of the movie. On the big screen this element is even stronger, and George Lucas proves that he can still create one of the greatest movie theater adrenaline rushes ever.

The new footage is a wonderful addition to the film. Scenes that were intended to be in the original version but were impossible due to budget and technological restraints are now possible thanks to computer animated effects.

The most prominent new scene features Han Solo (played by Harrison Ford) and "Return of the Jedi's" rotund crimelord, Jabba the Hutt. Jabba is



Jabba the Hutt, a villain not viewed until the "Return of the Jedi" in the trilogy's original version, converses with Han Solo (Harrison Ford) in "Star Wars: The Special Edition."



Imperial Storm Troopers ride upon fully computer-animated Dewback in the special edition of "Star Wars." The creature was an immobile prop in the the movie's original version.

nothing more than a computer graphic, and looks excellent. Other existing scenes, once sparse, are now full of strange alien creatures and exotic scenery. Scenes taking place in space have also been cleaned up and lengthened.

"Star Wars" still stands as not only the highest grossing movie of all time (it should eclipse "E.T.'s" current record any day now), but also as one of the most influential. It changed movies into major events, extravaganzas of media attention and publicity, and catapulted science fiction to a new level of excellence. This might not have been for the best, since it inadvertently spawned effects-driven, plot-lacking movies like "Twister" and "Independence Day," to name only two of the most recent. Regardless, it is impossible to ignore its mark on modern cin-

ema.

Speaking of influence, "Star Wars" is the catalyst for the newest movie trend, the rereleasing of older classics. The next few months will see not only the rerelease of the "Star Wars" Trilogy's other two films, "The Empire Strike Back" and "Return of the Jedi," but also two of the 1970's cinematic highlights, "The Godfather" and "The Graduate."

The "Star Wars" Trilogy is an uncomparable thrillride that no one should miss. There's simply nothing like it. The "Special Edition" enhancements are a fresh addition to an old movie, and manage to revitalize it for a new generation of viewers, as well as an older group who grew up with it.

Branagh's Hamlet is no mere movie

By Vivien Parry
Pride Staff Writer

Why would anyone in his or her right mind sit through 4 hours and 10 minutes of a movie whose plot is as familiar as an old carpet slipper?

Why? For the same reason that Shakespeare's plays have been continually produced for more than 400 years.

Spending 250 minutes watching "Hamlet" is not an ordeal; it's an Experience! Kenneth Branagh truly has succeeded in bringing live theatre to the screen in an unforgettable way.

Because "Hamlet" is a play that is open to many interpretations, directors the world over have spent a lot of time striving to capture the true essence of the play. But Branagh has achieved a rare triumph, producing nuances in the characters rarely seen in other productions.

Branagh himself plays the brooding prince of Denmark. Though, at 33, he may seem a little old for the part in the eyes of some critics, Hamlet begs for a certain maturity often lacking in younger actors.

The cast is numerous and multi-national. Charlton Heston gives a solid performance as the Player King. Fans of Robin Williams may be disappointed at the small part of Osric, but Williams' performance raises a giggle from the audience nevertheless.

Billy Crystal portrays one of the gravediggers and seems comfortable with the language. Not so, Jack Lemmon, who plays Marcellus, one of the witnesses to the ghost of the dead King Hamlet. He does not have many lines but he seems to forget the first rule of reciting Shakespeare: You may not understand the words but you have to say them as though you do understand!

Derek Jacobi brings a softer side to Claudius, giving the audience some idea as to why Gertrude (played by Julie Christie) would marry him. Christie's make-up and sometimes drab costumes do little to flatter her, perhaps to show she is trying too hard to look attractive. Hamlet accuses her of "whorish behaviour."

The production design and costumes are early Victorian with Blenheim Palace lending a magnificent backdrop.

So, if you are a lover of good theatre, this production is a must-see. It does not do it credit to call it merely a "movie."

You cannot know bad theatre until you have experienced really good theatre, and this is really good theatre!

The Rock is predictable and improbable, standard action

By Jenal Larson
Pride Staff Writer

Want an action movie sans the requisite car crashes and corpses? "The Rock" may leave you stone-cold.

Directed by Michael Bay, the newly-released video stars Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage, and Ed Harris.

Although certainly activity-laden, "The Rock's" plot is both improbable and pre-

dictable. U.S. General Frank Hummel (Harris) is especially unbelievable. He is a highly-decorated Vietnam Veteran who wants restitution for families of Marines killed during illegal, international, and U.S.-ordered activities.

However, a respected, legendary war hero with access to the media would hardly hold 81 hostages on Alcatraz Island and

threaten to launch rockets filled with "human-meltdown" gas in order to achieve political aims.

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Every action movie needs an action figure, of course, and "The Rock" boasts

Sean Connery, who plays Alcatraz escapee John Mason. Mason leads FBI agents through the dank recesses of the island prison.

Cage fans will likely appreciate Dr. Stanely Goodspeed, FBI chemical weapons specialist assigned to diffuse the rockets. Although the formulaic plot of "The Rock" prevents any real sense of danger, Cage seems fully aware of this fact. His quirky, comedic performance is parodic and fun—the highlight of the movie.

"The Rock" stands as a fun escape into the standardized, semi-predictable action movie world.

Four Rooms: absurd, bad and funny

By Jenal Larson
Pride Staff Writer

Keep your pants on and collect your tip. That's the advice given Tim Roth, the bellhop in "Four Rooms."

-On Video-

He immediately proceeds to fail on the first count, but does succeed on the second. And the situations Roth gets into earning that tip provide viewers with an absurdly funny array of events. He plays his role with zany gusto while he sways, swiggles and swishes from room to room.

The film is divided into separate episodes, each directed individually, on New Year's Eve. Allison Anders directs the first, "Honeymoon Suite;" Alexandre Rockwell, "Room 404;" Robert Rodriguez, "Room 309;" and Quentin Tarantino, "The Penthouse."

Each is more bizarre and absurd than the preceding episode. The all-star cast, including Madonna, Antonio Banderas, Marisa Tomei and Jennifer Beales, appear to be having a great deal of fun producing outrageous and total chaos.

In "Room 309," Banderas, needing a baby-sitter for the evening, hires the Bellhop for \$500 to check on his son and daughter every 30 minutes. The children turn out to be very imaginative in their misbehavior, which is fueled by the daughter's morbid tenacity to drive the bellhop crazy.

But their agenda backfires when they find a woman's corpse under their bed. One bizarre event leads to another with a visually shocking scene at the end that definitely helped "Four Rooms" earn its R rating.

The film works well, perhaps because its stars play roles we are not accustomed to seeing them in, i.e. Madonna does not play the Virgin or sing about the Virgin and

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If Sports Bars are your thing...

Sarah Harris also recommends:

Sport City Cafe & Brewery in La Jolla Village Square above the movie theatres offers a few of its own special brews, a chance to mingle with co-eds from UCSD and a slightly more gourmet menu. Keep in mind, however, that you will be paying more and at times it is overly crowded.

Yogi's. This Encinitas bar off Coast Highway, is a casual place to meet friends. It is a bar that will be especially popular as the weather becomes warmer due to its proximity to the beach and its outdoor seating.

Restaurants Reviewed

No gruntin', hollerin' at Hoops

By Sarah Harris
Pride Staff Writer

This is a wake-up call for all of the sports fans who have retreated into hibernation since Super Bowl Sunday. The whole rest of the sports world is out there and a great place to appreciate that is right here in San Marcos.

Appropriately named and decorated to celebrate the big sport of the season, Hoops sports bar offers a large facility with something for everyone.

People of all ages can enjoy watching the variety of games on several televisions and on a big screen. There are no such thing as bad seats or nosebleed sections and the beer is not watered down, as an added bonus.

Hoops offers a wide variety of domestic beer and a larger than normal selection of imports, many on tap.

Wednesday is College Night with pitchers of domestic beer running \$3.75. Hoops also has a wide variety of well drinks for those who prefer to be creative.

If sitting still to watch the games is not your thing, outside patio seating, foosball, darts, video games and a juke box to personalize your music choices provide you with other options. Besides the televised games, there are pool tables also including a Tuesday night Open Pool Tournament. Sign up by 7:30 for only \$5.

But hey, the most important part - the food! Low prices and huge portions on everything from their most popular bacon cheeseburger to salads or quick appetizers. Nothing costs more than \$6.00!

Hoops is not your stereotypical hot and sweaty sports bar where men are gruntin' and hollerin' for their favorite teams while the women socialize in the corner. Hoops has something for everyone.

Hoops is located at 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos. Call 471-7778. CSUSM students will receive 20 percent off purchases until Feb.27.

Coming Next Issue: Now that you've paid your tuition for Spring, Cheepies and Freebies in San Diego are always popular.

Lobster joint full of pleasant surprises

By Suzanne Chitwood
Pride Staff Writer

For the mood, food, and happy hour tunes, check out The Rockin' Baja Lobster in old California Restaurant Row, San Marcos. It's a place where the prices are reasonable and the food is great.

The island cabanas and Jimmy Buffet decor are a nice touch to the laid-back atmosphere. You can enjoy a nice dinner without the overbearing need to get dressed up. Starting with a hostess who greets you with a smile steers you to the salsa bar, through the server who brings an endless supply of warm tortillas, Rockin Baja is full of pleasant surprises.

The restaurant is known for serving dinners in a bucket, full of your choice of any of the four of the following: lobster tails, lobster langostino, grilled shrimp, carne asada, chicken, crab legs or pork riblets. The meal also includes a fresh, crisp caesar salad and all the Spanish rice and refried beans you can eat.

Prices on other entrees range from \$7.95 to \$9.95 and include such stan-

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Lavoritories are best at Planet Hollywood

By Gabe Lundeen
Entertainment Editor

What do you get when you cross Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and food?

No, not an enclave of frightened cooks, but Planet Hollywood, the restaurant they hold stock in.

For those of you who don't know, Planet Hollywood is a restaurant franchise that has the distinction of being "the only dining experience inspired by the worlds of film and television." And it combines entertainment and eating with mixed results.

Walk into Planet Hollywood at Horton Plaza in San Diego and be prepared for an assault on the senses. In glass cases all around the restaurant are various pieces of memorabilia, donated by an array of movie and television stars to be put on display. Some, like a piece of the Death Star from "Star Wars" or Don Johnson's shoes and pants from "Miami Vice," are sort of neat, but for the most part the items make you want to yawn with excitement. After all, what could be more exciting than eating next to Macaulay Culkin's various blunt objects (a paint can, a wrench and bricks) from "Home Alone?" And haven't we all dreamed of seeing Sharon Stone's high

school yearbook? It's easy to tell why some of this stuff was donated.

Inside the restaurant are multiple big-screen televisions, showing plugs for Planet Hollywood merchandise and a medley of annoying celebrity shots and movie previews. Blaring at a decibel range not unlike that of a 747 jet at takeoff, it's a little loud, to say the least. Only in America would we invent restaurants with TVs, so even when we go out to eat we can remain glued to the boob tube. The material shown is self-serving, shameless, and not conducive to proper digestion.

The food, however, is quite tasty. The menu boasts a selection of salads, sandwiches, burgers, pastas, fajitas and grilled platters, along with appetizers and desserts.

The Chicken Crunch is the appetizer highlight. Believe it or not, it's chicken strips breaded in Cap'n Crunch cereal and other seasonings, and it's different enough to be distinctive yet not sickening or overdone.

The main menu has some unique items, along with restaurant mainstays like hamburgers and pastas. Unconventional pizzas such as the Creole Pizza, with shrimp and chicken, are the most original items on the menu. But for the less adventurous, everything else should suffice. The grilled sirloin is enough meat to feed any hungry action hero, and the St. Louis Ribs are also plentiful.

The desserts are very good. From ice cream to sorbet to various specialty pies, there is something for everyone here, too. Ever wonder what Arnold Schwarzenegger's mother made for dessert? Well, be curious no longer, as his mother's apple strudel is featured. And for the aficionados of bad puns, there's the Ebony and Ivory Brownie, working together in a perfect harmony that would make Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder proud.

Above all else, Planet Hollywood has to offer is the bathroom. The lavatories are lush and beautiful, and full of frills. A towel boy (in this case, a polite young man named Junior) turns the water for the sink on to a perfect lukewarm temperature, puts soap on your hands for you and hands you a paper towel afterwards. He then offers you use of various colognes and perfumes, gum, mints, and toothpicks. He even offers you an after-dinner cigarette! Any bathroom that will also give you lung-polluting carcinogens after your meal has got to be high class. One could seriously live in the Planet Hollywood bathrooms- they're that nice. If you can't afford to eat a meal, get something anyway just to use them.

Overall, going to Planet Holly-

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Talk with your instructor and see if service learning can be an option for your class.

Remember June Cleaver? The perfect mother of the 1950s? Yes, Wally and Beaver's mother. Well, when the boys went off to college, June volunteered her time. While she may have sat in the corner and stuffed envelopes, those jobs now are reserved for those who wish to do it — you bet folks really like to stuff, it's therapy. With corporate down-sizing, organizations are looking for volunteers to perform meaningful and interesting jobs as non-paid staff. They are searching for those who can contribute to their organization, and in return, they provide opportunities for volunteers.

One organization that provides opportunities for its volunteers is the city of Escondido. The city's volunteer program is an extensive program which offers many opportunities. The benefit that gets the most attention is the opportunity for volunteers who qualify to apply

for in-house employment positions. Volunteers are also invited to attend the City's unique training program for employees, Escondido University. A wide variety of classes are offered, including computer software, problem solving and car maintenance. Volunteers are also welcomed to participate in the events, such as the Ari Show, July 4 Picnic and Holiday Party.

So be choosy — use your college skills — analyze and evaluate an organization before applying for employment. Volunteer or suggest an internship, but try to experience the firm before agreeing to a commitment. It could save you a hassle in the long run.

So, that's my sage advice for today. Volunteer. After all, you test drive a car before you buy it; spend more time in the fitting room with rejects than with perfect fitting outfits; lay on lots of beds before finding the one you buy.

Now If you'd like more information about Escondido's volunteer program, please call me, at 737-6344 or 742-4819.

One more thing, be happy at whatever you do. Life is too short to be unhappy. Now before you choose that resthome for yo' mama...

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dard items as enchiladas and fish tacos, but the specialized bucket dinners are definitely the major attraction. You can order the buckets for two or have your own individual one. Depending on your selection, the one for two ranges from \$24.95 to \$26.95. The North County Times and The Union Tribune features occasional coupons that offer a price of \$19.95.

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abandon, while for others it feels so much like failure (I was so good all day, now I blew it!) that they just eat in a kind of numbing despair. Regardless, they feel out of control. Later, feeling hopeless and ugly, it's off to sleep, hoping or swearing that tomorrow will be a new start, a new chance to be good, to starve and not give in!

Some people who develop this kind of pattern discover, or rather believe they discover, a solution...purging. When most of us think of purging, we think of self-induced vomiting. Certainly, this is a common way that people can drastically complicate and worsen an eating disorder. With practice, in fact, throwing up can become pleasurable, a way of venting anger or of becoming numb, perhaps a new form of ecstatic victory over the food that's just been eaten. (Surprisingly, in careful medical studies of binge eaters who vomit, only about 50% of the calories eaten are actually purged, so it is not nearly as effective a means of calorie control as most purgers believe.)

But, according to the American Psychiatric Association, "purging" includes any extreme method of attempting to control weight or make up for bingeing. In addition to self-induced vomiting, people might abuse laxatives or diuretics, and they might exercise excessively and compulsively. So few people realize that exercising a great deal, with a strong sense of having to, when the intention is to undo the effects of eating, is purging! So, if you are a strict dieter who fails sometimes or often by eating what seems to you to be a lot of food, or of taboo food, and who feels out of control, and who then just must go the gym and get on the treadmill for an hour or more to get rid of those calories...you have succeeded in becoming bulimic.

Another very important factor which helps people develop eating disorders is to live in a social world in which at-

tempts are made frequently and relentlessly to convince women that (1) their human worth depends upon their appearance; (2) if they are not thin, they will not be popular, successful, or happy; (3) they can be thin if they are only strong enough. We propose strongly that these ideas are all false, but that you should test them out for yourself.

Look around at the people you admire, who seem successful. Are they necessarily very thin? Does their thinness correlate very highly with popularity, success or happiness? The important thing is to be REAL in your tests: don't use anyone on TV...they are not real, they are highly selected, then made up and dressed by experts. They are then photographed many, many times until just the right shot is obtained. In magazines even this result is then doctored. In other words, they aren't real; but, you are.

So we hope you utterly fail in your attempts to develop an eating disorder. We want you to develop an awareness of your beliefs about your appearance and to test those beliefs. We want you to know the strict dieting fails. Period! If there is one thing that we know from years of research into the medium and long-term effectiveness of strict diets, it is that they do not work. Most people regain the weight they may have lost and many rebound to an even higher weight.

We also know a great deal about lifestyles that are healthy and realistic. Finally, we want those of you who are touched by this article to know that we have a sense of what you are struggling with and we might be able to help. If you want to talk to someone privately and confidentially about any of the above, please stop by Counseling & Psychological Services in 5310 Craven Hall, or call 750-4910 for an appointment. For information about healthy eating, you can also get great pamphlets, flyers, and advice from Susan Mendes at Student Health Services in the new PPHS building.

Fritz Kreisler is the coordinator of Counseling & Psychological Services

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she keeps her clothes on, albeit spray paint style.

The musical score is good and new tunes by Combustible Edison help reinforce the mood of a zany romp.

Although Tarantino is known for being one of the bad boys of film, the other three directors, Anders, Rockwell and Rodriguez do their parts in keeping up his idea of the bizarre.

The comedy is gruesome, rude and crude and involves children in some rather unseemly situations. It is absurd and bad but funny and definitely worth renting the video.

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wood is a lot like going to Disneyland. Instead of a mouse, you get celebrities. It's loud, it's crowded, it's flashy, there's lots to see, and as a whole it's a lot of fun regardless of its faults. It's a bit on the pricy side, so be prepared for it the second you walk in. But you don't really go for the food or the value, you go for the experience of going.

It's a fine place to enjoy a meal with a friend or two, but don't expect it to be a romantic hotspot; it's much too crowded and noisy for that. If you have a bit of cash to spare for a night on the town, give Planet Hollywood a try.

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connection with the leaflets, one of them a 22-year-old student at the university. But, because neither was seen actually distributing the fliers, both were released after a phone consultation with the San Diego District Attorney's office.

University officials since have asked that anyone who might have witnessed the distribution step forward. If the university can verify that others were involved, it would be possible to bring them in for questioning.

But Stacy has conceded there is little the university can do, even if it has evidence that a student helped distribute the fliers. Basically, he added, the student could only be given a verbal warning for littering and put on informal probation.

"We would be able to tell him his behavior is not conducive to a learning community, that's the first thing," Stacy said. "The second is, 'You're a litterbug in the parking lot.'"

Most students were dismayed by the leaflets. Kimberly Kagy, chair of the AS diversity committee, called the incident "disgusting", but added that those responsible were not indicative of the general populace of

CSUSM.

Ironically, even before the leaflets were distributed, a group of CSUSM employees had set up a fund to counter racial incidents on campus by making donations to anti-hate groups and educational organizations every time such a problem occurred.

The first donation — triggered by a swastika and racial epithet being scrawled across a mural in the hallway in front of the library two weeks previously — was to the Southern California Law Center, of Birmingham, Ala., the organization that in 1990 secured a \$12.5 million civil judgment against Metzger and the White Aryan Resistance group after the beating death of an Ethiopian student in Portland, Ore.

The AS' Kagy called the fund a "great idea" and "a step in the right direction."

Kagy's diversity committee, composed of students, was set up last semester at CSUSM through AS to help deal with problems of race, gender, age and sexual diversity. So far, it has met with some of the deans, published a news letter ("Pen/Sword") and attempted to inform students of the need for diversity on campus. "We have gotten our voice heard," said Kagy.

Kagy also said a plan was in the works to set up a community hotline where students and faculty could call to report racist activities or simply be given a sympathetic ear.