

## ELC to close without passage of referendum

Childcare services to end without new funds

BY TIFFANY LIU  
Pride Staff Writer

Childcare services on campus will end after this semester unless students approve additional funding.

Since 1998, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) has owned and operated the Early Learning Center (ELC) which provides low cost childcare services for students, faculty, and staff. Due to ASI experiencing significant budget cuts these funds will no longer be available.

If no new funding source is acquired, childcare services at CSUSM will have to be discontinued until December 2007 when the Center for Children and Families is expected to open.

"These students would have to drop out of school if it wasn't for this place," said Moseita Rodrigues-Coppedge in reference to students who have children in the ELC.

Currently, 48 students have children enrolled at the Early Learning Center; 35 students utilize the center full time and 13 use it part time.

The ELC's curriculum provides an instruction that enables children to build self-esteem, learn acceptable methods of cooperation and become competent individuals within a group setting.

There are 6 schedules to choose from for the full time program which consists of 8-9 hour days and 3 schedules to choose from for the part time program which consists of 4 hour days.

Registration for children costs \$23 for students, and \$30 for faculty and staff per semester. In addition tuition costs at the ELC are \$23 full-time and \$16 part-time per day for students and \$30 full-time and \$20.00 part-time per day for faculty and staff.

In addition to providing childcare, the ELC provides the campus with internships, employment opportunities, as well as a source for course projects and child observation.

In an attempt raise the funds needed to support the ELC a Childcare Fee Referendum has been called. Voting for the referendum will be conducted at <http://lynx.csusm.edu/vote/> from October 18-21.

According to ELC projections 92 percent of funds next spring will come from child registration and tuition fees, five percent of funds will come from fundraising and grants, and three percent will come from the childcare fee if it is approved. If the fee is not approved the ELC will close.

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## Draft legislation alive in senate

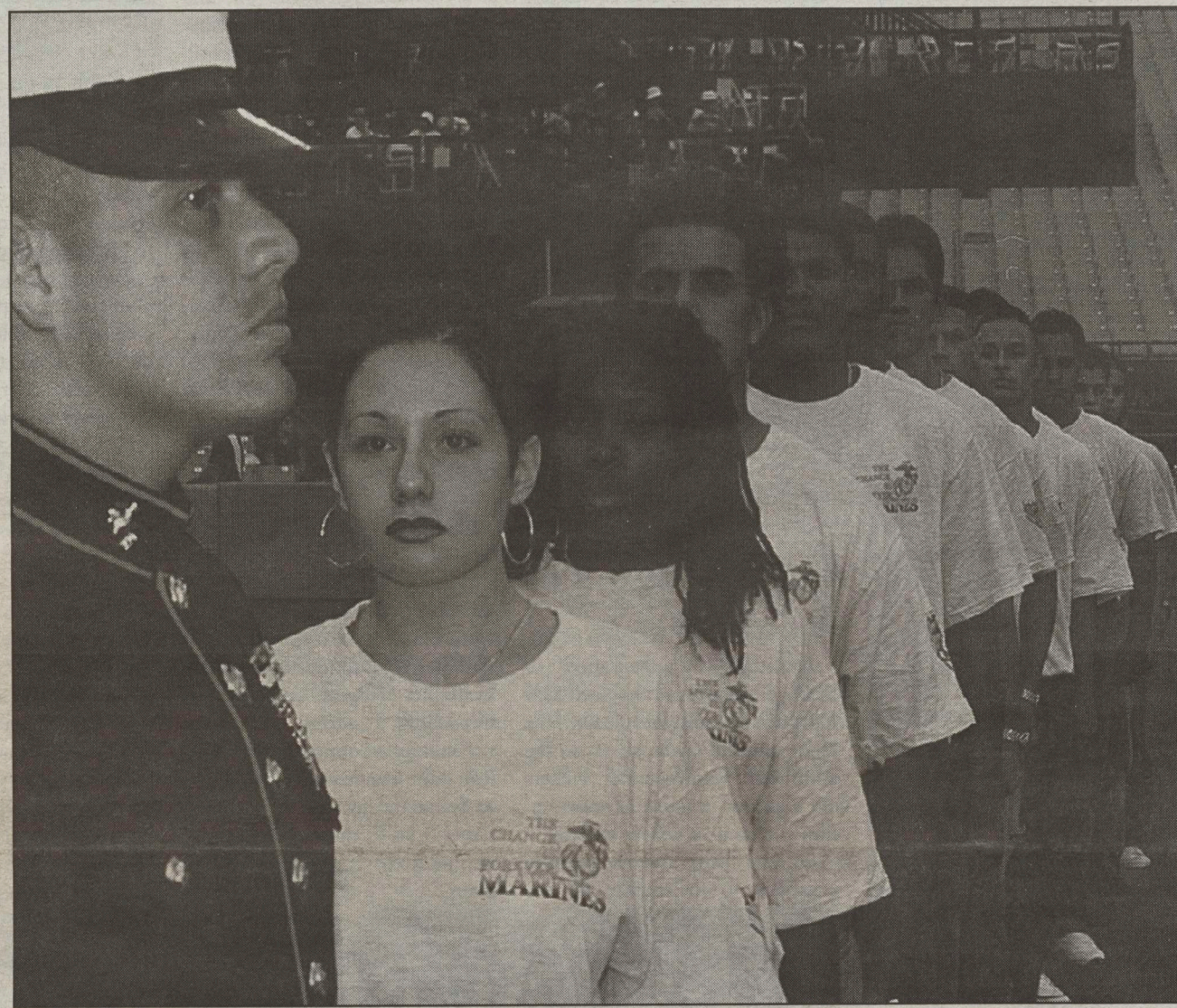


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Rear Admiral Barry McCullough, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Service Group Middle Pacific, administers the oath of enlistment to two Marine Corps applicants along with applicants from the other services.

Despite assurances from lawmakers as well as both presidential candidates, the bill to reinstate the draft is before the Senate Committee on Armed Services

BY CHEZARE MILO  
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Despite the recent defeat of draft legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, draft legislation remains under consideration in the Senate.

The latest version of United States Senate Bill 89, titled the Universal National Service Act of 2003, calls for

a mandatory selective service requirement of two years for men and women between the ages of 18-26.

The bill in its most recent form offers no deferment for college students and makes it mandatory for women to sign up for the draft. S. 89 is currently under review in the Senate Committee on Armed Services.

According to one provision in the bill,

"based upon the needs of the uniformed services, the President shall determine the number of persons" who shall be called to serve. People "who are not selected for (the) military ... shall perform their national service obligation under this Act in a civilian capacity"

S. 89 also gives the President power

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## New York Times, free to students

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The New York Times is available to students at no charge for a four week trial period beginning Oct 11.

There will be 500 New York Times newspapers distributed around campus Monday through Friday.

At the end of trial period, Associated Students Inc. will decide whether or not to continue the service, which will cost \$2,000 per month, or choose to have pay racks, like the North County Times, and have the students pay for each paper.

"I think this is an amazing opportunity. We use the New York Times in so many of our classes. Second, if students are passing by major newspapers it makes people more



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likely to read it and care more about the issues – which is so great because the election is coming up," said Natasha Woods, ASI college of business representative.

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## Ready to register

### Voter Registration deadline is approaching

BY LINDSAY RIEDEL  
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Time is running out for qualified people who have not yet registered to vote. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by October 18 in order to be eligible to vote in the November 2 general election.

In order to be eligible to register to vote in the State of California, you must be a U.S. Citizen, a California resident, at least 18 years of age on or before the election, not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, and not be declared mentally incompetent by a court action.

There are three ways to register to vote in the state of California.

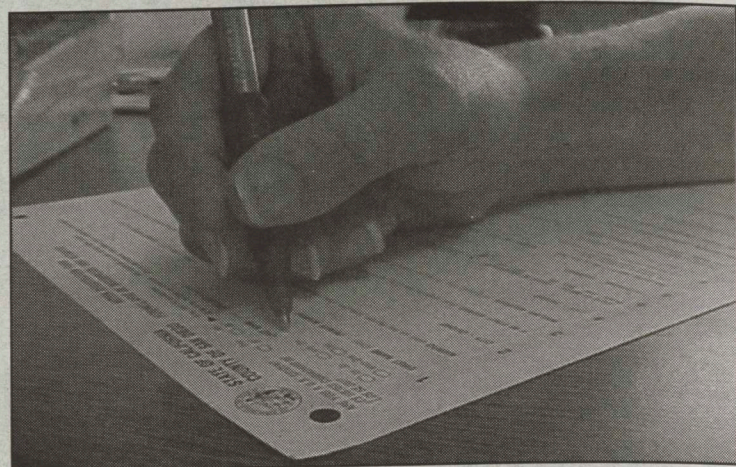
One way is to download a registration form from the Internet,

fill it out, and mail it in. Downloadable registration forms can be found on several websites including <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html> and [www.rockthevote.org](http://www.rockthevote.org).

Another way to register to vote is by obtaining, filling out and mailing in a registration postcard. Registration postcards are available at the DMV, the post office, at public libraries as well as the Kellogg Library on campus.

The third way to register is to have a registration postcard mailed to you, fill it out, and mail it back.

Those wishing to have registration postcard mailed to their residence should contact the Registrar of Voters main office at (858) 565-5800 and request a registration postcard.



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Voter registration forms are available in English and in Spanish.

If you are already registered to vote in California, it is only necessary to re-register to vote if you move, change your name, or wish to change your party affiliation.

Some people don't register to vote under the pretense that they will not be called for jury duty, but this is not true. The list of registered voters is shared with the court system; however indi-

viduals are already in the pool of people to be called for jury duty if they have a driver's license or state-issued identification card.

On Election Day a picture ID is required for first time voters who registered by mail. If you plan to vote through an absentee ballot, the option is provided on voter registration forms. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is October 26, 2004.

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## Michael Moore event update

BY LINDSAY RIEDEL  
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As today's appearance of Michael Moore at the Del Mar Fairgrounds draws closer, the buzz around campus and the community grows louder. Tickets are sold out, protestors are rallying, and controversy is stirring.

By the time tickets became available to the public on the

morning of October 7, there were 2,500 tickets to sell out of the total 10,000 tickets originally available. Tickets sold out on October 8.

Penelope Young Andrade, a Rancho Penasquitos resident, feels that the decision to postpone ticket sales to the public was not executed as well as it could have been.

"I wanted to come here last Thursday, I was all set to go and, accidentally, I happened to go on the website and it said not to come. In terms of getting more community turnout, it would have been better if it weren't postponed, or if it were made a little easier," said Andrade.

Many of the community members who came to buy tickets were not upset by the postponement of ticket sales.

"It's originally supposed to be for students, so it's understandable," said Heidi Pierce, a resident of Imperial Beach.

ASI publicized the postponement of ticket sales by sending emails to CSUSM staff, posting it on their website, and providing a hotline for up-to-date information.

The CSUSM College Republicans, other local college republicans, as well as many students and community members are planning to protest at the event. The protest is scheduled to occur from 4:30p.m.-7:30p.m. on the

corner of Via De La Valle and Jimmy Durante Blvd. Organizers are encouraging a "pro-America, pro-President Bush" rally. More information about the protest can be found at <http://www.moore-protest.com/>. Parking at the fairgrounds will cost \$7.00 per vehicle. ASI recommends people arrive between 6:15-6:30 pm, and that people carpool.

Security at the event will be provided by the Del Mar Fairgrounds. There will be no cameras, video equipment, or backpacks allowed into the event, and women's purses are subject to search.

Aztec Shops will be selling Michael Moore paraphernalia such as books, hats, shirts, and CDs at the event.

The anticipation of the event has many people talking about why they want to see Michael Moore, reasons ranging from die-hard support to mere interest.

"I don't have a lot of expect-

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to "select the individuals among those persons who are to be inducted for military service under this Act," and, "prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out this Act."

In order for S. 89 to become law, it would have to pass in the Senate as well as the House of Representatives.

The nearly identical house version of the bill, HR 163, was unexpectedly brought to a vote on October 5.

Republican Congressman John M. McHugh of New York motioned to bring the bill to a vote early by placing the legislation on the Suspension Calendar.

"Now some may say today that this legislation is really about the need to establish a system of national service-- And I would say--that is a legitimate topic of discussion. But the clear objective of this bill--and the undeniable intent of recent claims of secret plans and post election plots is focused on a return of the draft--forced military conscription," said McHugh before the house.

"The administration clearly, the Department of Defense clearly, and I suspect that at the end of this vote it will be shown the House of Representatives clearly rejects the fact, either before an election, at election or after election, that there is a need, there is a rationale, for returning to mandatory conscription by the United States military," said McHugh

prior to Tuesday's vote.

The vote was 402 - 2 against the bill.

Democratic Congressman Charles Rangel of New York, the original sponsor of HR 163, was unhappy with the rush to vote.

"The Republican leadership decision to place the draft legislation on the Suspension Calendar

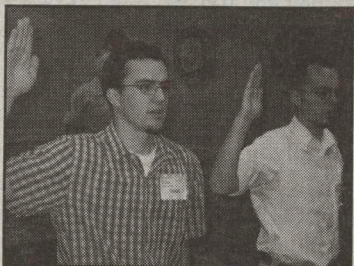


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**Brothers, Parke and Jared Stearns recite the Oath of Enlistment at a Military Entrance and Processing Station for Recruiting Station Springfield, MA.**

dar (bring the bill to a vote early) is a political maneuver to kill rumors of the President's intention to reinstate the draft after the November election," said Rangel in a public statement released after the vote.

Cosponsor of the bill, Democratic Congressman Pete Stark of California, stated the intent of the legislation upon its introduction to the House of Representatives.

"I ardently oppose war with Iraq...For those who conscientiously object to war; the bill assures that any military service would not include combat. Otherwise,

there would be no preferences, no deferments, no chance for the well-off or the well-connected to dodge military service for their country, as did our President."

"Reinstituting the draft may seem unnecessary to some. But, it will ensure all Americans share in the cost and sacrifice of war. Without a universal draft, this burden weighs disproportionately on the shoulders of the poor, the disadvantaged and minority populations. It is my understanding that out of the 435 Members of this House and the 100 members of the Senate, only one--only one--has a child in active military service. Who are we to know the pain of war when we ourselves will not directly bear the brunt of that action? It won't be us mourning the loss of a child or loved one. Maybe some of you in this Congress would think twice about voting for war in Iraq if you knew your child may be sent to fight in the streets of Baghdad?" said Stark.

Despite the continued consideration of S. 89 in the Senate both presidential candidates have made statements indicating there will be no draft.

"I hear there's rumors on the Internets that we're going to have a draft. We're not going to have a draft, period. The all-volunteer Army works. It works particularly when we pay our troops well. It works when we make sure they've got housing, like we have done in the last military budgets. And all-volunteer Army is best

suited to fight the new wars of the 21st century, which is to be specialized and to find these people as they hide around the world. We don't need mass armies anymore," said President Bush during the Friday October 8 debate.

"Forget all this talk about a draft. We're not going to have a draft so long as I'm the president," added Bush.

"Let me tell you where the president's policies have put us... Our Guard and Reserves have been turned into almost active

duty. You've got people doing two and three rotations. You've got stop-loss policies, so people can't get out when they were supposed to. You've got a backdoor draft right now," said Senator John Kerry during the debate.

"I don't support a draft," stated Kerry.

The full text of S. 89 can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00089>.

## Important facts about draft bill

- The Universal National Service Act of 2003 requires both men and women to register for selective service.
- Under the act, the president determines how many will serve, who will serve, and in what capacity individuals will serve (i.e. military service, civilian service).
- The bill must pass both in the United States Senate as well as the House of Representatives to become law.
- HR 163, the house version of the bill, was brought to a quick vote and overwhelmingly defeated on October 5.
- Both presidential candidates have voiced opposition to reinstating the draft.



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\$10 per semester will be added to all students tuition cost beginning the spring semester in 2005. This fee will be added for every semester including summer and special sessions. Funding generated will be used to maintain the current operations of the ELC and eventually the future operations of the Center for Children and Families.

"It is very important for students to vote. Students who need this childcare center in order to complete their education will not be able to attend school if this referendum is not passed," said Rodrigues-Coppedge.

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tations. I know he uses a lot of facts and figures and sometimes he doesn't place everything in the right context, but I'd like to hear what he has to say because he can talk about things in a way that most people can't," said Kim Brown, a CSUSM staff member.

Felipe Sanchez, Junior and International Business major said that he told friends who were not sure whether they wanted to see Michael Moore that "it doesn't hurt to go and you don't have to agree with him, just go and see what he wants to talk about. The good thing about it is you can criticize what he says."

## Know your alcohol

### Requirement must be fulfilled this week

BY KIN SCHLATTER  
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All incoming freshman and transfer students who attended orientation this past summer will be required to take an alcohol prevention program.

Students to which the requirement applies must successfully pass the final exam with a grade of 70 percent or better no later than October 15, 2004. Students that fail to complete the requirement will have a hold placed on their registration for spring 2005 classes.

In order to satisfy the alcohol education requirement students are required to complete a program called AlcoholEdu, which is on-line education course designed for college students.

There are two parts to the AlcoholEdu course that need to be completed to satisfy the requirement. The first part of the course requires completion of a final exam and post-survey.

The second part of the course requires the completion of a "course conclusion" which will be emailed to students approximately 30 days after completion of the first part of the course. The "course conclusion" must be submitted by December 7 in order to fulfill the alcohol education requirement.

Informing students about the facts and risks of alcohol consumption is the goal of AlcoholEdu. AlcoholEdu was created by Outside the Classroom, an online education company,

and is currently being used by over 350 college campuses.

The decision to use the AlcoholEdu program came from the university's Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

The Substance Abuse Advisory council is a group of faculty, students, staff and members of the local community who work on alcohol prevention for the campus and the city of San Marcos.

"The council reviewed several prevention programs that could be delivered to our students and chose Alcohol EDU as the tool for all of our incoming students to use as part of their orientation to our campuses," said Bridget Blanshan director of Student and Residential Life and member of the Substance Abuse Advisory Council. "The course was designed to give students information to assist them into making wise decisions about alcohol use and let students learn their own limits about alcohol consumption."

Jonathon Poullard, associate vice president for Student Affairs, also has a seat on the Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

"The Alcohol EDU Prevention Program is a broad-base population approach to establishing and reinforcing a norm around consumption," said Poullard.

Students that have any questions about meeting the requirement can call Deb Fritsrold at Students and Residential Life @ (760)-750-4952. More information about the requirement can be found at <http://www.csusm.edu/srl/orientation/Alcohol%20EDU%20Handout.pdf>.

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Open forum for "Fahrenheit 9/11"

BY ALFRED CHU  
Pride Staff Writer

With the heightened interest of the scheduled appearance of Michael Moore at the Del Mar fairgrounds, and the upcoming election, a screening of the controversial documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" was presented in the Arts 240 building on October 5.

Among the audience, was a panel of distinguished speakers such as Scott Greenwood, CSUSM professor of political

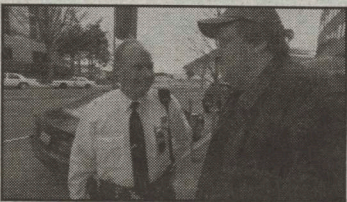
science, Beth Accomando, KPBS film critic, and Daniel McSwain, editorial page editor of the North County Times.

The screening began at 6p.m. and was followed by a group discussion conducted by the panel of speakers. Most of the audience seemed to enjoy the film as laughter occasionally swept the room.

Admission prices were \$2.50 for Cal State San Marcos students, \$3 for faculty and staff and \$4 for other guests.

After the screening, audience members exchanged opinions and views with each other and with the panel of speakers. The

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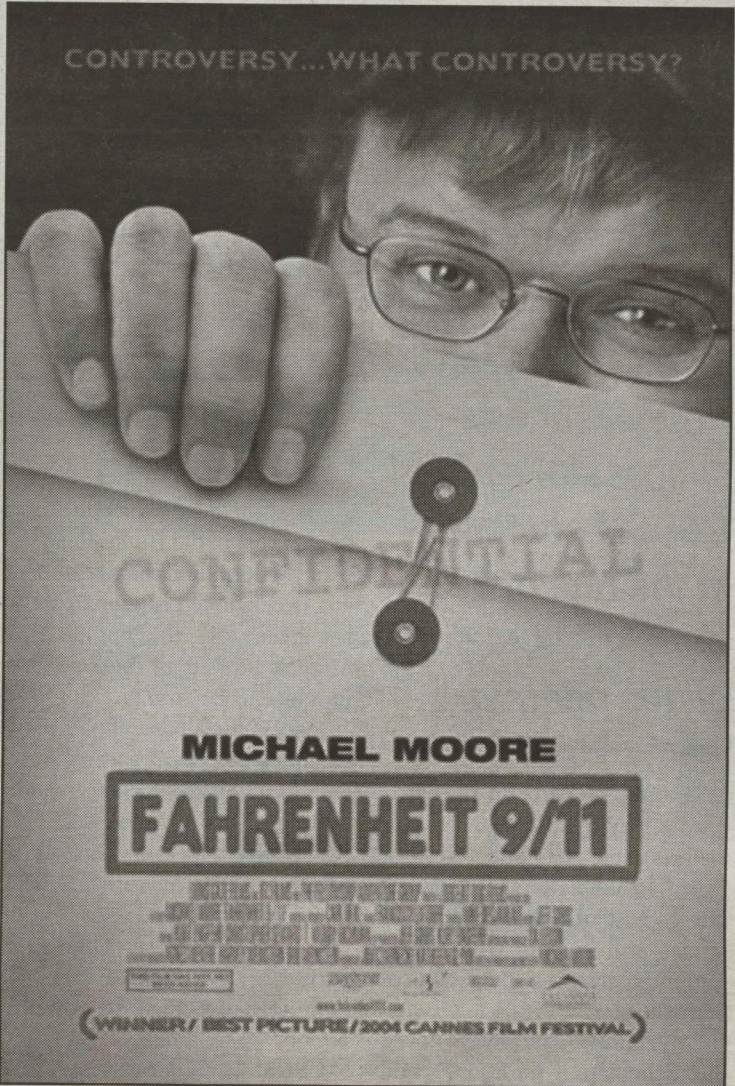
**"When we collect information and opinions, we should consider both sides"**

topics ranged from the quality of the documentary to Michael Moore himself and to the question, "How much truth is portrayed in the documentary?"

McSwain and Greenwood suggested when we collect information and opinions, we should consider both sides.

"We should not only see what's being reported but also what's not being reported," said Greenwood. "I think the documentary is very thought provoking. No matter what perspective you have, it forces you to think. Whether we are avid watchers of NBC, Fox News, CNN or PBS, we tend to see the world in a certain way. Thus, seeing alternative points of view helps us realize there are biases out there."

"I have mixed feelings about the documentary. I think it's great that it was made because Michael Moore focuses on issues and ideas that aren't really being covered in the mainstream media. However, I object to the fact that he takes



Photos courtesy of Lion Gate Films

"I'm not sure he's going to convert a lot of people but I do think it will make people aware of the war in a very real way. I think people think about the war in abstract terms and Moore does a great job showing people the issues of what everyday people are going through," said McSwain.

some short cuts and does some manipulation that isn't needed," said Accomando.

On the impact "Fahrenheit 9/11" will have on the upcoming election, all three speakers agree that the documentary won't convert people but only make people think and analyze further.

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## Oktoberfest lives on

BY PETER SCHWARTZ  
Pride Staff Writer

Oktoberfest arrived at CSUSM as entertainers Bill and Erma Fassel performed with their Group D'Zwon Bergtaler.

**"The event was successful and fed CSUSM students at the rate of 200 bratwurst hot dog plates per hour"**

The festival came to the Mezzanine playing Bavarian polkas, waltzes, ballads and dancing called Schuhplattlers. Schuhplattlers consist of a duo dancing in circles arm in arm, while intermittently slapping the soles of their shoes.

"My family has always loved the Schuplatler tradition," said Erma Fassel, "which originated when the German village folk

observed bird mating dances while playing classical music."

"The Oktoberfest tradition started in the middle ages when King Ludwig 1 married Theresa of Saxon and threw a huge party for the event," said Bill Fassel, who is three-fourths Austrian and one-fourth Bavarian. It went so well that he decided to do it again next year.

The tradition has lived on as a lavish party and celebrates the fall harvest in the Bundesland.

In modern Germany Oktoberfest is celebrated in many places but mainly in the big city of Munich located in the southern province of Bavaria.

The cultural event happens when the people set up nine huge tents, holding about 10,000 people each and having an authentic twenty-five man brass band playing folk music for residents and visitors from around the world.

A variety of different beers are served and traditional attire is worn to signify the history of the region.

CSUSM's Oktoberfest was an ASI sponsored event developed by Tanja Schroder, director

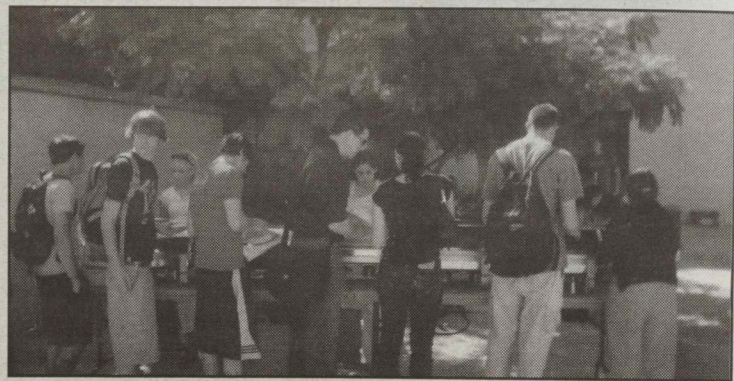


Bill Fassel plays the accordion for students at the Mezzanine.

Photos by Peter Schwartz / The Pride

of ASI cultural events, and Jen Kitter, director of annual events. "The event was successful and fed CSUSM students at the rate of 200 bratwurst hot dog plates per hour," said Kitter. Drinks, sauerkraut and fried onions were also served.

"If you missed the event, ASI has plans for another fun Oktoberfest but you'll have to wait until next year," said Schroder.



Students receive bratwurst hot dogs from ASI.

## More than just nutritional bars

Lunafest presents films benefiting breast cancer awareness fund

BY ALLISON SANSBURY  
Pride Staff Writer

Lunafest is a traveling film festival that features movies and short films created by, for and about women. Cal State San Marcos got two chances to catch the Lunafest this year, once on October 8 and October 9.

Lunafest is sponsored by Lunabar, a nutritional bar. Lunabar is presently an active sponsor of the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund.

Being Breast Cancer Awareness month, there could not be a more appropriate time to have the festival.

The makers of the Lunabar, Clif Bar Inc., created the Lunabar in response to female consumers and women employees of Clif Bar Inc.

The films that played at Lunafest this year were, "A Good

Uplift", "Shui Hen", "Little Black Boot", "Wet Dreams and False Images", "Velvet Tigress", "La Milpa/The Cornfield" and "Dysenchanted".

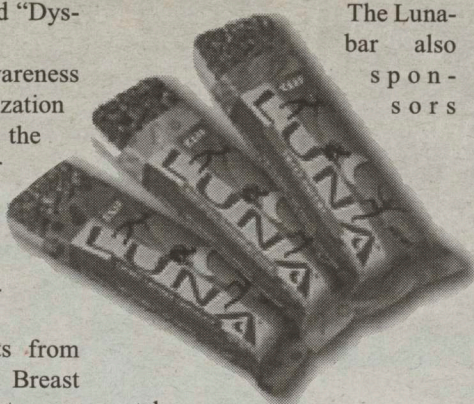
The Breast Cancer Awareness Fund is a nonprofit organization focused on identifying the causes of breast cancer and preventing the disease. Cures for breast cancer can vary but the extreme involves removing the breast.

Portions of the profits from ticket sales go to the Breast Cancer Fund. The first ever Lunafest raised \$7,000 in 2001. Although, last year \$21,500 was raised.

The next stop for the Lunafest is in Seattle, Washington. Lunafest will then continue its trip across the U.S.

Shows ranging from the Lunabar headquarters in Berkeley to Boston and even Canada.

The Lunabar also sponsors



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# Jock Talk With Josh

BY JOSH SANDOVAL  
Pride Staff Writer



"Friday Night Lights" starring Billy Bob Thornton was released last week and just like every other sports movie that comes out, I just had to see it.

There have been quite a few sports movies that have been disappointing like "For The Love of The Game" with Kevin Costner or "The Rookie" with Dennis Quaid and no disrespect to those guys but they don't belong on the field trying to imitate athletes.

Actors trying to play coaches hasn't exactly worked out too well either; just ask Al Pacino in "Any Given Sunday" which was not one of his greatest performances. So when I heard Billy Bob Thornton was going to play the part of head coach Gary Gaines in this movie I didn't exactly have the best feeling.

However, Billy Bob did not disappoint in this role. He played the role of the head coach of the Permian High Panthers in the small town of Odessa, Texas.

Permian high was profiled in an issue of Sports Illustrated in 1988 that told the story of this football team that had to overcome many obstacles to narrowly lose in the Texas state football championship.

In small towns of Texas, high school football is everything to the people. The entire town shuts down on Friday nights so that everyone can catch the game.

With so much focus on the sport, the student athletes and coaches feel the pres-

sure to perform.

The star running back for the Panthers was Boobie Miles (Played by Derek Luke) who had his ticket written to pretty much any college until he got hurt the first game of the season with a knee injury. Boobie felt so much pressure that he tried to come back too early and he further injured his knee.

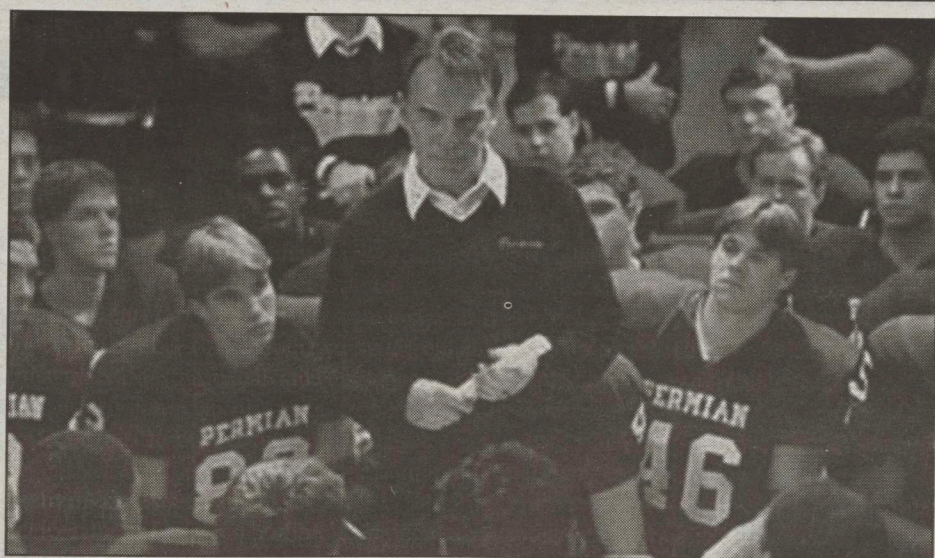
Many kids who play football feel extra pressure because their dads were great football players and such was the case of Don Billingsley. Billingsley is played by Garret Hedlund and his dad is played by country western star Tim McGraw. Billingsley is constantly being berated by his father for not living up to what his father accomplished when he played football.

For some kids in these small towns their only ticket out is through football and such was the case for quarterback Mike Winchell (played by Lucas Black). After the injury to Boobie, Winchell was forced to find a way to get this team to the championship when not much was expected of him at the beginning of the season.

The story of Coach Gaines is then intertwined with those young kids showing that the athletes aren't the only ones who have to overcome a lot of pressure and expectations.

This story is a story that the non sports fan will even enjoy as it is more a story about people and their shortcomings that they can overcome with perseverance.

If you have any praise, criticism or topics for discussion then send me an E-mail to Sando026@csusm.edu



Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton) rallies up his team.

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# Is Mother Nature a Democrat or Republican?

## FROM THE LEFT

## FROM THE RIGHT



Polly Charoenkwanchai

Mother Nature loves you. If you think about it, she's pretty damn tolerant. People litter the world with their trash and pollute the air around them, yet she is constantly attempting to rejuvenate the earth. We assume that she can do this fast enough to catch up to the bag of chips we hastily threw on the road yesterday or the factory down the road. Amid the busy life of a student, there is little or no time to think about the environment.

Most of us are hypocrites. We say we care about the nature of the world while almost all of us continue to drive vehicles that pollute the air. It's a catch-22! I am opposed to drilling oil in Alaska, but I love my little Honda Civic which consumes gas like a frat boy gulps down beer. I hate the thought of wild life losing their habitat, but that doesn't make me want to walk to work.

So what is the solution?

Should we forgo cars and live off the land? I believe that there are little things people can do to help Mother Nature help us:

**Don't Litter.** Trashcans are virtually everywhere nowadays; it wouldn't hurt to walk the extra eight steps to dispose your garbage.

**Carpool.** It saves money, it helps the environment and you have your own specially designated lane on the freeway. Better yet, use a bike to reach your destination. I'm not suggesting you bike if you live in San Marcos and work in Poway, but you can certainly bike to the market down the block. Once again, it saves money, it helps the environment and provides great exercise.

You know those trashcans that are specified for certain types of trash? Plastics, cans, bottles and papers? Those are cans that help people recycle. They're all over campus! It shouldn't be hard to figure out where you should dump your soda can. Recycling allows less trash to be sent to the landfills, thereby saving natural resources such as trees, oil and aluminum.

The Bush administration passed a Clean Air Act that supposedly restricts

air pollution by installing new pollution control that will regulate major factory upgrades. This act would work if they did not also propose a revision to the rules called the New Source Review, which would make it simple for these plants to find a loophole to avoid or delay installing the pollution reduction technologies. This administration has also proposed to exterminate an act that would protect about 58 million acres of national forest, thereby allowing logging on more open land. The Bush administration has consistently proposed laws that hurt the environment.

Although Kerry has had his share of blemishes (he voted against the maintenance of forest road service and wildlife habitat programs), but he is endorsed by the Sierra Club, a national environmental organization. Kerry has voted to protect California deserts. He has proposed to end commercial whaling and illegal trading on whale meat. Kerry has voted repeatedly to block oil drilling in ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge).

Despite the words of politicians, it is imperative that we do something to help the precious and fragile condition of the earth. Whether your course of action leads you to the voting booth or not, it is time to realize that we have responsibilities towards Mother Nature before it's too late.



Phoenix Lindgren

Some days at CSUSM I feel like the lone buoy of moderate conservatism floating in a sea of radical liberals: professors preach the futility of the war in Iraq -- and regime change in November -- from their classroom pulpits, the liberal PAN is the most vocal group on campus and Kerry buttons on back packs appear to outnumber Bush buttons at least a thousand to one.

But I never feel alone when it comes to environmental issues. I, too, have a fondness for clean air and water and space for wildlife. I recycle what I can on campus, and curbside at my house (paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, and clean greens). I quit commuting to reduce my car's emissions (and my stress level). I ride my scooter to work when the weather's

nice to save energy. And I'm religious about turning off lights and keeping my water use to a minimum.

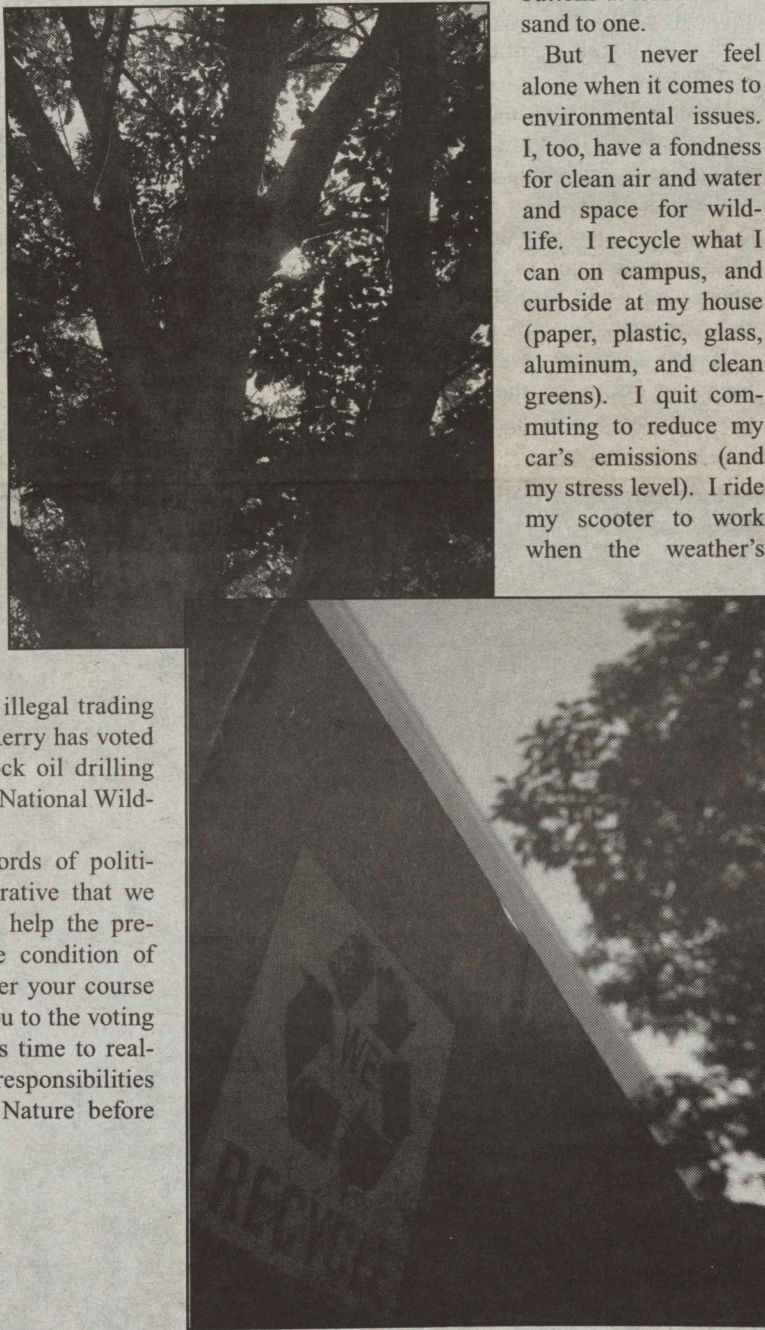
It warms the cockles of my heart to see students walking to campus, overflowing recycling bins and full carpool spaces in our parking lots, but I've also seen plenty of recyclables in the garbage, garbage left for someone else to pick up, and students being dropped off in front of Craven by family or friends rather than being inconvenienced by public transportation.

One of my biggest on-campus pet peeves is those among us who use the electric doors unnecessarily. I know it's probably not a huge amount of wasted electricity, and I have no argument if your hands are full or you really do have trouble opening a door for yourself, but I'm constantly following people -- particularly through Craven -- who appear to use the electric door buttons as a personal, energy-wasting convenience.

How each of us chooses to treat the environment is something that can't be legislated, in spite of beliefs to the contrary by my liberal colleagues. Yes, the state can mandate that the school recycles a certain volume of refuse, but unless you choose to put your recyclables into the right bin, no mandate can keep plastic and paper out of the waste stream.

You're also the only one who can choose to pre-cycle -- that is buy products with less packaging to reduce waste -- take care of your clothes so they last longer, and bring a reusable mug with you to pour your organically grown coffee in. The government can legislate lower emissions for cars, but you're the one who controls what manufacturers offer based on what cars you buy. And legislation is useless when it comes to whether or not you choose to alter your lifestyle in order to reduce the number of miles you drive each year, or whether or not when the time comes to start investing your hard-earned money you invest in companies that treat the environment (and their workers) well.

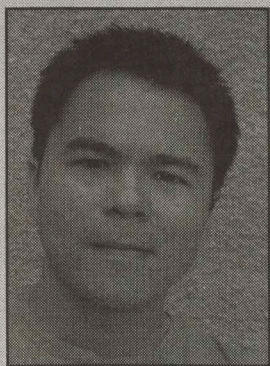
Who would you rather have running a major corporation: a person whose only motivation for corporate responsibility is legislated, or a person who believes in the principal of personal responsibility and extends that belief to how their corporation conducts its business?



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By JASON NICHOLS  
Pride Ombudsman

# OMBUDSMAN'S NOTES

Moore info, Moore tickets, No Moore Michael, Moore shafting. I wish Mike's last name had been Hunt. Then we'd have a laugh.

Sure enough, our last issue had another front spot reserved for the matter.

Ms. Riedel did a damn good job of giving us the news on the lines that waited to get tickets. I kept picturing one of those Disney labyrinths you wait in to get on a ride. Curious then that the pic on the front page that was tied to the article had only four people in it. The caption underneath, "Students wait in line to receive their free ticket...." four people ain't a line, less you're at the grocery store. If we're gonna use a picture, let's make it worth the 1000 words the axiom says it is.

People living at the UVA are in a fun zone of fire alarms and

mold. I can't say I feel bad for 'em since I've got an apartment in North Park, but Ms. Johnson did a nice job of reporting the news. I am stumped on how a blow dryer could set off a fire alarm, a little more explanation might have been helpful, but I don't think it's something that'll ever come up again.

Ms. Mayo gave us the scoop on what the hell is being built at the top of the hill. I was bummed to discover it wasn't a parking lot.

Phillips and King made us thirsty and hungry on the Variety page with Stone Brew and vending machines. Beer and chips always go together, and if we had an article on smoking it would have been a Friday night.

By the way, damn good article Mr. Phillips.

Not just for the choice of topic (I love beer), but you really got the nitty-gritty on the subject. The article hit my lips, and it tasted good.

On the other hand...

Josh informed us that he might be the jinx for the Padres and killed their shot for the wild card. Well, okay.

I commend Josh for his up-close and personal spin on things, but are we ever gonna read about sports in the Sports column? So far we've had him tell us how he loves Tiger Woods, plays Fantasy Football, watched the Pete Rose made-for-TV special, and now he's a jinx for the Padres. Something seems to be lacking.

Hmmm, substance perhaps?

I understand that being a Sports Columnist at Cal Stair San Marcos is akin to being a weather reporter at the North Pole, but please try to make it worth our time to read your column. I turn to the Sports page to get your spin on things that are actually happening in sports. Make me love you Josh.

Speaking of love, I was bummed that Phoenix was miss-

ing from last week's paper. I think she's one of the best frigin' writers we got. I thought her and Polly would have a regular thing with the left/right spin on matters, so what happened? Where'd they go?

On the A&E we got music, movies, and plays. Short of a book review we had it all. I was impressed that Mr. Chu "almost cried" at Ladder 49. Actually, I was impressed that he admitted it.

Mrs. Baldwin told us everything there was to know about the play "RENT." Except, where we can see it. Some might think that's important.

Now, let's talk about this column.

What the hell is an Ombudsman?

It sounds like a Scandinavian drug dealer.

Let's change the title of this puppy. Reader Advocate might better communicate my job. I've lost track of the number of

people that gimme props for this sucker only to ask "What's an Ombudsman?" The title is one of those \$5 words that communicate a nickel idea. Something you'd use in a game of Scrabble and get challenged on. Plus it's a bit too gender-specific for my feminine side. I say we dump this title like a bad date. Editors?

Opinionated readers, send your happy joy-joy thoughts on the Pride to [nicho028@csusm.edu](mailto:nicho028@csusm.edu) or [pride@csusm.edu](mailto:pride@csusm.edu). Maybe, I'll buy you a venti ex-lax if it's good stuff.

And I hope you enjoy the night with Mike if you go.

He better make it worth the free ticket.

## DON'T BE A MAJOR HATER

BY MICHELLE ROBINSON  
Contributing Writer For The Pride

Proper first day of class etiquette sort of requires that students feign interest and ask the question: "What's your major?" By doing this, fellow students, you are opening the door to the "Wow!" smile. What's the "Wow?" smile? Well, it's the gaping mouth and the raised eyebrows that look like "Tell me more about your lame major" but really means, "What a lame major." I've found over my stay here at CSUSM that people love their majors. So much so, that when their majors are confronted with other majors, it resembles that of two dogs sniffing each other in the park.

"literature and writing major, huh?" a biology student once said to me.

"Yes."

"Isn't that the easiest major out there?" she was full of life, so I let her live.

Responses like this are not as uncommon as polite students would like to believe. Alex Simms, a psychology major feels

that, "Many students think that psychology is a cop-out major." Brian Forster, a sociology major, says, "People always ask 'What can you do with that?'" Easy, cop out majors? How dare I "Wow!" smile them? I tested them. I threw out the name Freud, just for my own giggly-poo since that's the only real thing I'll remember from college. Alex gave me the history of Freudian theory in 2.2 seconds. Impressive. Brian remained quiet because he's premed. Enough said.

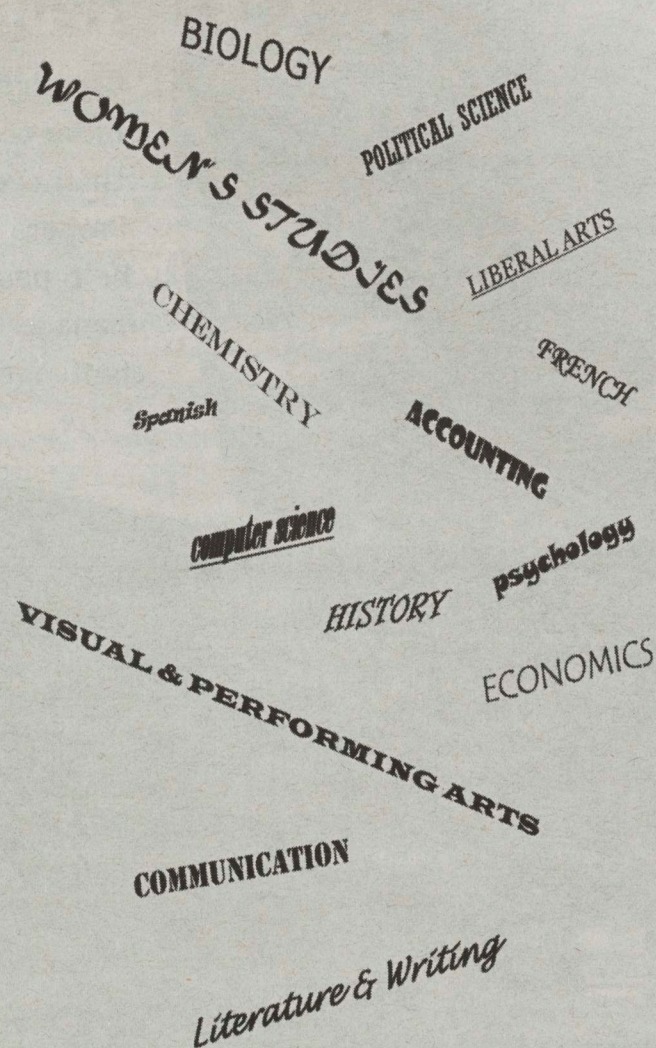
The "Wow!" smile, typically reserved for ex-convicts who pick up knitting, a bad haircut on a friend, and the girl in class who actually brought "Go-gurt", is now everywhere on campus. It's given out to all those who dare tell anyone what their major is.

For example, I have this friend. Let's call her, "Alanna-the-Liberal-Arts-Major-Colepietro," who says she suffers from the worst of the "Wow!" smile. "Everyone thinks that liberal arts is the easiest major because it's a little of everything. I never give out that smile. Like, I think that literature or language arts is so hard. It's

great." Clearly, Alanna is not a Major Hater.

When I decided to become a literature and writing major, I was so excited. If there are two things I love, they're writing and orangutans. So when a communications major, tells me "I was going to go that route but didn't want to wait tables," I feel offended. How should one respond? Do I nod my well-read head and agree that my future does in fact look dismal? Or should I stand up and be proud of the fact that reading is fundamental, and don't I know it! I implore you students of "other" majors: Don't give out the "Wow!" smile just because it's not something that you would have chosen for yourself. Life is so full of other problems. Resume building. Class projects. Trick-o-Treaters. Be a pal in support of the achievement of another's goals, whatever they may be. For instance, when Alanna told me she was Canadian, I gave that support. I smiled at her and simply said, "Wow!"

### WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I'm sure you all know but in case you don't October 18th-21st are the dates for the voting for the Childcare Services Fee Referendum to keep the Early Learning Center open. The Early Learning Center is CSUSM's answer for childcare for student parents.

I know there are many of you out there who would like to vote no because you don't want to pay for something you are not going to use. I understand that, however many of us pay for fees here we don't use, books we don't read, a parking structure

we will never see. This ten dollars is at least going to a humanitarian cause: the education of children.

The Early Learning Center enables many parents the ability to continue their education to provide a better life for their children, provides childcare to CSUSM faculty & the community, as well as provides internships, employment opportunities and more. It is a wonderful program. As you could guess, I am a student parent; my daughter Madison age three has attended the "school" as she calls it, for a little over a year and she loves it. In that time, she has become potty trained, learned to ride a

tricycle, can count to twenty, is recognizing numbers, is learning to write her name, and is learning valuable social skills. She would have met these milestones eventually but I know that they have been met sooner and with more understanding with the love and support of the ELC staff behind her. I really hope students realize that this is not about ten more little dollars (it's only two or three Starbucks©), but it's about the big picture and as cheesy as it sounds, children are our future.

The children who attend the center might be only between the ages of 2 and 5 but they still care about their school. If the vote doesn't pass the ELC will be forced to close its doors. How awful would that be for this to be these children's first educational experience; a school they have been so comfortable in and have grown to love being closed because CSUSM couldn't fit it in their budget. Please do the right thing for these

children, please protect their school, please protect their teacher's jobs, please vote yes and encourage others to do so.

Natasha Walls  
Liberal Studies Major



Dear pride/editor:

For the last weeks it seems that all you write about is Michael Moore. When the controversy began there were even four more pages of the edition. I want to know who makes the decision on what to write. At first I thought that the writers only wrote about events that gave out free food. There was a report about the president's pick-nick and the recycling thing, both events gave out free food. But between those two events there was another event that gave free food but there was nothing written about it. Maybe it was because it was a celebration of the Mexican

independence day. Or maybe it was because MEChA was an organizer of that event. I do not know the answer but I thought that a cultural event that included dance and poetry would be something to be reported about, but it was not the case. This week we have some more Michael Moore news, and I bet that next week there will be some more. There was another event that I think was important but the Pride did not take into consideration writing about it. This event was announced the university's home page. I'm referring to Preview Day which was held last Saturday here on campus. It is the first year that this event takes place here and it was organized by the University Outreach and Recruitment. There were many people that worked hard to put this event together and again the Pride didn't write about it. Thank you for your time.

Carmelino Cruz (HD  
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# There's always room for Cake: Pressure Chief

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Any man daring enough to wear pink is alright in my book. So imagine my intrigue when picking up Cake's latest album *Pressure Chief*. Both the packaging and the CD inside were covered in vintage-inspired pink decals.

*Pressure Chief* is by far Cake's most eclectic album yet. The band stretches the genre of ska to its fullest extent by including so many things not typically heard in the alternative rock category.

There are trumpets galore, mostly present in the first song "Wheels" but they're used throughout the entire album. The banjo is prominent in "End of the Movie" to convey the mood of an old picture.

Overall, this album is so diverse that you really need to listen to every song to get the feel of what Cake is trying to accomplish. Each song is more melodic than the last and everything just works well together.

"No Phone" is the second track and is headlining the record. It's very much electronica-inspired and has the catchiest tune out of



all the tracks. You can't help but sing along after you catch on to the chorus.

One of my favorite tracks was "Dime" which is about taking things for granted. Lines like "I'm fine/And I shine/I'm freshly minted/I'm silver-plated/I'm underrated" really hit close to home because they can be applied to so many things, including the band, who are underrated in my opinion.

Things speed up next with "Carbon Monoxide" which is blend of the pop-punk that is so popular today and classic rock from the '60s and '70s.

"The Guitar Man" slows things down a bit in sort of a romantic parody of the influence that music has over our lives. Music will never let us down and neither has this album.



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# From bra shopping to wet dreams... Lunafest has it all

BY PATRICIA GUEVARRA  
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I was shocked as I walked into the make-shift theater of room 113 at the Fieldhouse with a brassiere plastered onto the screen. Yet somehow it was intriguing.

The opening film, "A Good Uplift", of the first ever LUNAFEST held on campus last Thursday and Friday, portrayed a common experience for every woman: the dreaded bra shopping scavenger hunt. I knew I could relate to the numerous women browsing through the boxes of brassieres in a warehouse just trying to find a good fit, better yet a brassiere that is "A Good Uplift."

Five other short films were featured at the LUNAFEST, each added an artistic flair of messages about sexuality, romance and beauty complexities: just your normal every day experiences of womanhood.

Film, "Shui Hen", required audience participation of the 60 plus who were there to sway their heads side to side as they read the subtitles through the crowd. This film exhibited a Chinese woman's predicament of arranged marriage into wealth, a choice made by her father.

In contrast to bras and marriages, "Little Black Boot," was

a Cinderella story with a modern twist, Prince Charming was a woman.

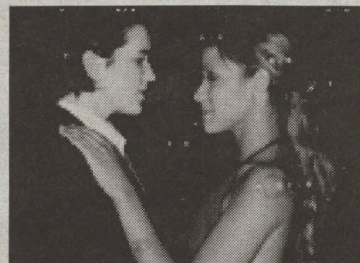
"Wet Dreams and False Images" is a nightmare under false pretenses where men assume that women's bodies are as perfect as the airbrushed ones in magazines.

"Velvet Tigress" exposes a forgotten case of a jealous rage gone awry.

"La Milpa/The Cornfield" is a Latin film with a cute story of coincidences and miracles through generations.

And finally, "Dysenchanted", plays tribute to the sociological step of a relationship and tells us that there's no such thing as a fairytale life.

My enjoyment sprung from the various issues that arose in this film fest. I walked out of that film fest with a smile on my face. From bra shopping to wet dreams, LUNAFEST was a maxed out cougar paw experience.



"Little Black Boot"



"A Good Uplift"

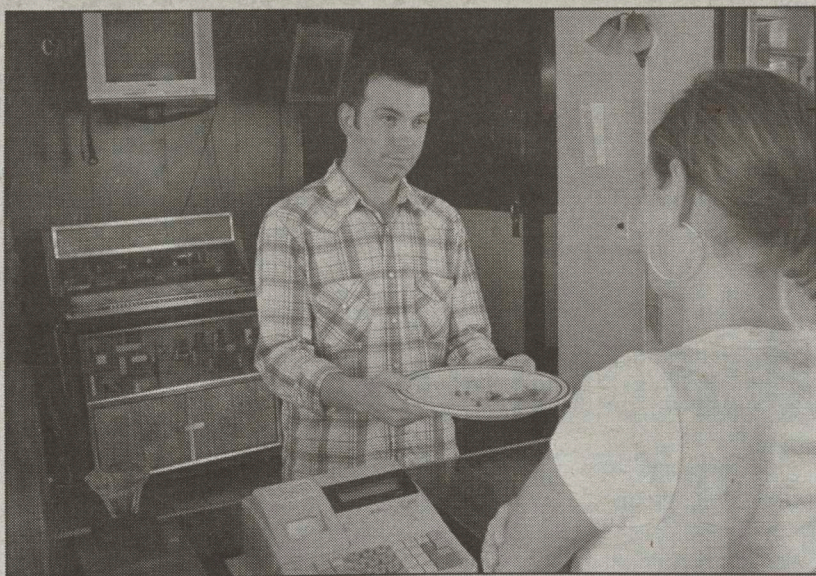


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## College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameful act. "Andy has been

pounded for months by fees on his checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—

**"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"**

thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to [wamu.com](http://wamu.com). Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

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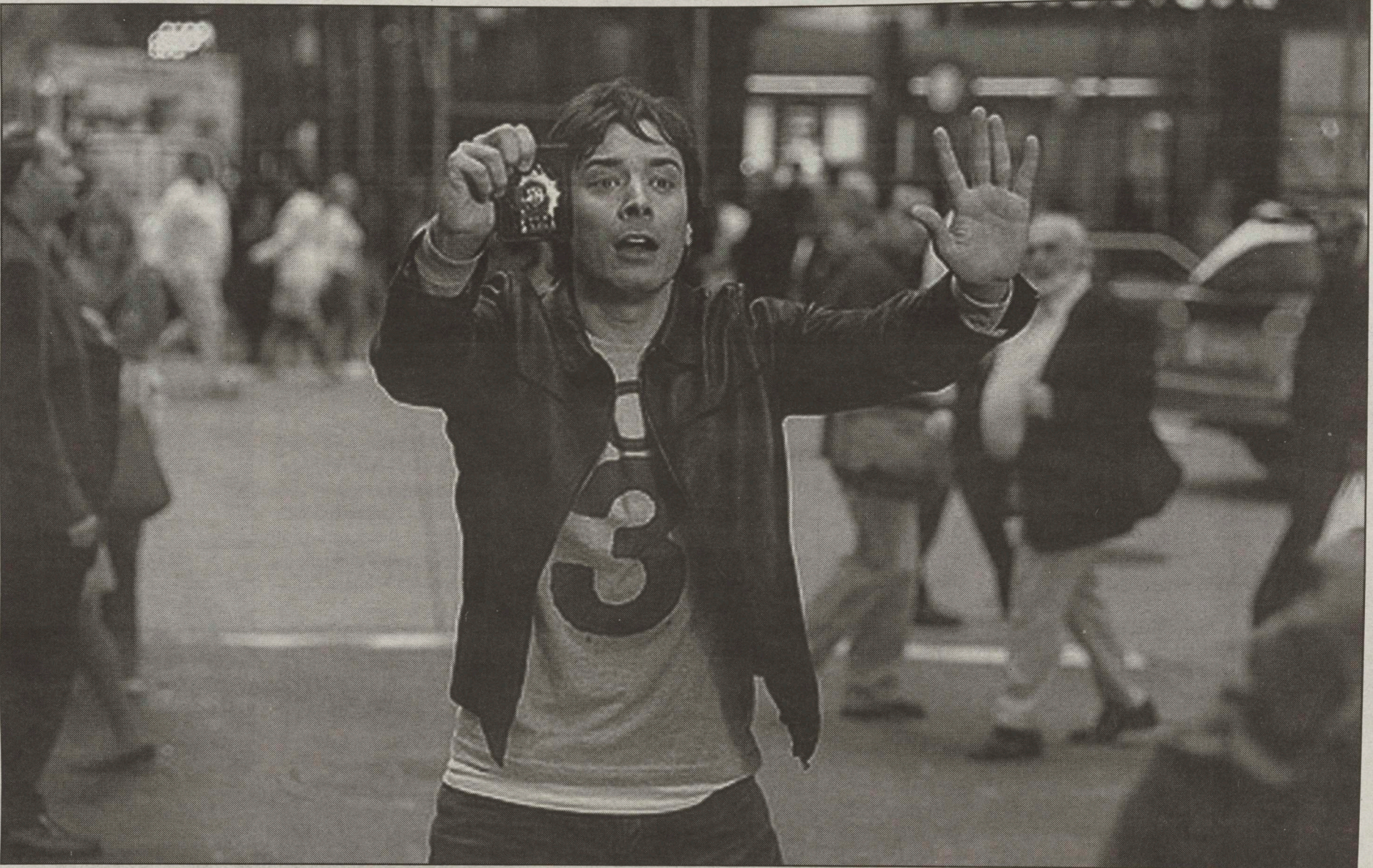


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Police officer Washburn (Jimmy Fallon) flags down a taxi.

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# ‘Fare’ly awful

BY RYAN JAMES  
Pride Staff Writer

Saturday Night Live is a hit, but we can’t say the same thing for Jimmy Fallon’s acting career. The lead role of police officer Washburn is played by Fallon. Washburn is striving to please his police officer father by being a prestigious upholder of the law. In his attempts to obtain this dream, Washburn encounters many obstacles, the number one obstacle being his phobia of driving.

laugh, it was short, and usually inspired by Belle, not our leading man Washburn. Queen Latifah’s role of Belle and even the role of Washburn’s drunkard mother (Ann-Margaret) outshined leading man Fallon. This movie lacks the one- liners that make comedies successful. While a fan of Fallon, he wasn’t able to cross over his comedic act on to the big screen. I do not recommend this movie.



Taxi driver Belle (Queen Latifah) argues with Police officer Washburn (Fallon)

BY TIFFANY LIU  
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Looking for a great place for your next meal?  
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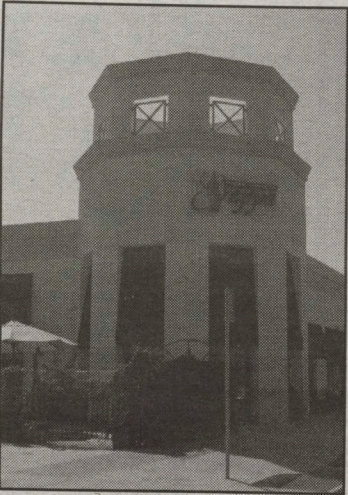


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Grappa is located across the street from CSUSM.

# Dining at Grappa

further than right across the way from our lovely CSUSM campus. Grappa, Italian restaurant and martini bar is not only conveniently close to campus, but serves great Italian food at fair prices as well. The Italian translation of “grappa” literally stands for grape pomace acquavite: “water of life”. Grappa was first produced in Italy around 1000 A.D. It used to be considered a poor man’s drink. However, during the 1960’s and 1970’s, the evolution of distilling technology and vast improvements in wine production all contributed to the reincarnation of grappa which is now known to be an elegant Italian brandy. Grappa, the restaurant, serves grappa from \$7- \$18 per glass. Grappa currently offers food and drink specials which include: half-price wine on Mondays, 20 percent off all pizza on Tuesdays,

and 20 percent off all pastas on Wednesdays. You can also find coupons for Grappa inside Clipper magazine. Grappa contains a full bar and happy hour is held from 4-7p.m. daily. Grappa also provides free Internet service while you dine. All you have to do is bring in your laptop and they’ll provide you with WiFi. Grappa has a great environment for all to enjoy a nice fulfilling and refreshing meal either inside or outside on the patio. The servers provide excellent service to ensure that you are more than satisfied with your meal. “Grappa has a great atmosphere,” said server Danielle Trombi, “and I truly enjoy serving all the different people who come in.” Their extensive menu consists of golden fried zucchini served with marinara sauce, antipasto and a wonderful platter of golden fried calamari, shrimp, zucchini

and parmesan french fries. They also serve salads, soups, sandwiches/panini, pastas, rotisserie and a variety of meals off the grill. Oh... and who could forget their oakwood fired pizzas and homemade desserts...both are so very hard to pass up. Internet access, fair prices, great food, great service, great environment, great specials.... what more could you want?



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