

## Board of Trustees approves executive pay raises

Faculty and students outraged over approved proposal

BY BEN ROFFEE  
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After hearing Chancellor Reed's proposal, the CSU Board of Trustees voted last Tuesday, Sept. 18, to increase executive salaries for the second time this year, this time by an average of 11 percent. The approved pay raise will grant CSU presidents and various other CSU executives pay raises retroactive to July 2007, meaning that CSU executives will receive compensation equal to their new salary for the months since July on top of their immediate raises.

This decision comes in spite of protest from California Faculty Association, government officials, and CSU students, whose primary concern is with the timing of these raises as the CSU budget is in upheaval. With these new rounds of raises for executives coinciding with a thinning budget and a 10 percent student fee hike, the unpopularity of this decision seems to have rekindled the tension between CSU executives and the rest of the faculty and students.

CFA president Lillian Taiz, speaking on behalf of the CFA, criticized the proposal and the CSU Board of Trustees' decision at in her address to the Board at Tuesday's meeting. "Your actions today make it very clear that executive salaries are the only issues this board seems determined to address. We wish you would find the same level of determination when dealing with skyrocketing fees and overcrowded classrooms that you do when providing executives raise."

Lt. Governor John Garamendi, a member of the Board by merit of his office, expressed concern over the proposed salary increases. "This is clearly tied to a student fee increase. I cannot think of a worse way to convey yourselves to the legislature when you are going to have ask for more money in the budget process in the coming months."

Garamendi also requested that the board put off the proposed salary increases until the next Board of Trustees meeting pending passage of AB 1430 and SB 190 as law from the Governor's office. These pieces of legislation would increase the transparency of executive salary discussions and limit the amount of money executives can make for their work.

In a conference call with reporters last Thursday, Sept. 20, Chancellor Reed stated that "one of the things that we're going to do...is set that up to allow the Governor and the Legislature to 'buy out' that fee increase."

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Photo by Jason Encabo / The Pride

Jonathan Barney (far right) instructs students attending the Brazilian Jui-Jitsu class offered Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Clarke Field House.

## Brazilian Jui-Jitsu on campus

Students learn self-defense basics and submission techniques

BY BEN ROFFEE  
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Students at Cal State San Marcos are studying something entirely new this semester. Every Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., students convene at Clarke Field House for a different kind of class; A Brazilian Jui-Jitsu class led by Cal State San Marcos student Jonathan Barney. As part of its Fall Leisure Courses, ASI

plans to host a bi-weekly Brazilian Jui-Jitsu class until November Ninth, with no costs to students. Faculty and staff are welcome to join as well, but they must pay a 50-dollar fee for the 8-week session.

Brazilian Jui-Jitsu, or its abbreviation BJJ, is a martial art and combat sport that emphasizes ground fighting and submissions. Because BJJ mainly relies on the application of leveraging techniques, smaller or weaker people

can successfully defend against stronger and larger opponents.

As the name suggests, BJJ traces its origins to Brazil, where the Gracie family developed and popularized the art during the twentieth century. Back in 1910, a prominent businessman by the name of Gastao Gracie helped Japanese Judo expert Mitsuyo Maeda establish himself in Brazil.

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## ASI hosts seventh-annual Masquerade Ball

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It's time to get your masque on. The beginning of the fall semester marks the seventh anniversary of the annual ASI Masquerade Ball. It will be an evening for CSUSM students to dance, dress up, and celebrate the commencement of another semester. The House of Blues in San Diego will host the event on Oct. 6 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. A House of Blues DJ will entertain students throughout the night. Come dressed in cocktail attire and for those who do not

have masks, ASI plans to hold a mask-making day on Oct. 3. Students receive tickets at no cost and guests can purchase



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## Latino heritage celebrated on campus

On Thursday, Sept. 20, a mariachi band performed as part of the "Latino Heritage Festival" held by ASI at the Library Plaza.

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Although the Governor Schwarzenegger bought out the fee increase last year, he and the Legislature opted not to this year, raising doubts as to whether or not they will cover the student fee increase for the upcoming year, especially in light of Garamendi's remarks.

The Chancellor also addressed the executive salary increases in his conference call, claiming, "we have settled our compensation issues with all of our labor groups except one, and that is the CSU [executives]." Echoing the rationale in his proposal to the

Board of Trustees, the Chancellor justified the executive salary increases based on data collected by a private firm that suggests CSU executive salaries lag by 46 percent. Despite discrepancies in the reliability and accuracy of this data, the Chancellor will continue to work to close this purported salary gap, aiming to close it completely by 2010.

Since the California Postsecondary Commission halted its executive salary studies based on inadequate data on CSU executive benefits, Chancellor Reed commissioned Mercer Human Resource Consultation to conduct comparative salary studies.

When asked why his office chose to commission the Mercer group instead of supply the necessary data to CPEC, the Chancellor stated that "the Mercer Group is a nationally respected organization." Chancellor Reed went on to explain that the Mercer study only does a "cash compensation analysis because it is very difficult to get Universities...to disclose all of their benefits." The limited scope of this study does raise important questions about the effectiveness of this study as a basis for executive compensation decisions like the one made at Tuesday's meeting.

With the growing awareness of

the CSU faculty, staff, and students, it is clear that future executive raises will not pass without rigid scrutiny. In an effort headed by the California State Student Association to involve the public in the Board's decisions, students will soon be able to apply to become one of two Student Trustees to the CSU Board of Trustees. Between new legislative regulations, budget crisis, new representation on the Board, and an unrelenting body of staff and students, the authority of the CSU Board of Trustees to approve executive compensation increases in the future has some new obstacles to overcome.

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In exchange for the help, Maeda taught judo to Gastao Gracie's son Carlos, who in turn taught it to his brother, Helio. The two went on to develop a style of fighting into what we know today as BJJ, creating a veritable dynasty of fighters under the Gracie name.

BJJ achieved much of its international acclaim through the Ultimate Fighting Championship, a Mixed Martial Arts Tournament based partially on the Brazilian vale tudo "no holds barred" style of fighting. Royce Gracie won the first, second and fourth Ultimate Fighting Championship, beating many opponents that were larger and stronger than him by using BJJ techniques. Today, BJJ is one of the primary focuses of Mixed Martial Arts fighters across the world.

While this course does not offer any grading or promotions, it does teach students the fundamentals of

BJJ, both in self-defense techniques and in ground submissions. At the start of the class, students warm up with simple partner exercises. From there, students learn positional control techniques, as well as various joint locks and chokes from these positions. Unlike some other martial arts, students can practice most BJJ techniques at full speed against a resisting partner, which has the advantage of giving students a much more realistic learning experience. After a fair share of practice, students get the chance to try their newly mastered moves on each other in brief sparring matches at the end of the class.

Sophomore, Alex Wang, frequently attends the course and explains that he decided to try it out because "I had free time and had an interest in martial arts." When asked what he enjoyed most about the class, Alex stated that "learning to defend yourself



Photo by Jason Encabo / The Pride

**Brazilian Jui-Jitsu student participates first-hand in technique displayed by instructor, Jonathan Barney.**

when someone attacks you, and then learning to counter it is very cool." In addition to the actual techniques learned, Alex tells the Pride that "it's also a good workout, especially for stamina."

In just one hour, students learn a lot of techniques that give them

an edge in potentially dangerous situations. Unassuming girls and guys of Cal State San Marcos now have access to powerful combat techniques, so bullies be warned; the next fight you pick with a student with may just land you in an arm-bar.

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tickets for twenty dollars. ASI expects 1000 students to participate in the annual ball and is confident that tickets will sell out soon. Sara Gallegos from ASI encourages students to, "come out and enjoy the night with fellow students and participate in the tradition of CSUSM." ASI will provide an information sheet

on alternative transportation to the ball with the purchase tickets. Parking at the House of Blues is 12 dollars for valet with a limit of only 130 cars. ASI has also reserved several rooms in San Diego at a discounted rate for students to purchase. Drinks range from five dollars and up. Pick up your tickets at the ASI business office located in FBC 103 as soon as possible.

## Police Beat

**9/6/07**

Pending further investigation, an unknown suspect used a student's username and password to access the student's account, and dropped the student's classes.

**9/10/07 1:50pm**

Female student walking down the stairs at Plaza Court stumbled and twisted ankle. After visiting the hospital, doctor's diagnosed her with a broken bone in her ankle.

**9/12/07 7:30am**

An unknown suspect placed sexually suggestive phone calls to a staff member.

**9/12/07 8:30am**

In Lot C, an unknown suspect collided with a 1999 silver 4runner, minor damage. No suspect information. Any information contact UPD or call the anonymous tip line.

**9/13/07 noon**

Officer responded to FCB to assist a domestic violence victim, and facilitate her in filing a restraining order.

**9/14/07 12:30am**

Officers encountered a non student screaming and yelling in the UVA hallways. For disturbing the peace, he was directed to leave the campus and not to return for 7 days.

**9/14/07 2:43am**

Officers responded to a noise complaint at UVA. Officers questioned a 19 year old male student standing in hallway. Officers detained student for investigation, and arrested him for providing false information about his identity.

**9/14/07**

UPD assisted SD Sheriff Dept with a DUI investigation in the 1600 block of San Marcos Blvd. The suspect arrested was a non student.

**UPD tip of the week:**

Never keep PIN and card access numbers in your wallet or purse.



# Chargers lose second straight to undefeated Green Bay Packers

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

Coming off of a disappointing loss in New England last week, the Chargers stepped into the historic Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin looking to capitalize on a Packers team that, despite holding an undefeated record, still had something to prove.

The Packers proved their point against the Bolts in a dramatic fashion, winning on a last-minute touchdown by NFL great, Brett Favre.

Favre entered the game just three away from tying Dan Marino's record of 420 career touchdowns.

The Chargers attacked first when quarterback, Philip Rivers passed to tight end, Vincent Jackson for 27 yards and the touchdown, to take the 7-0 lead.

Packers quarterback, Brett Favre heated up early in the second quarter, passing to wide receiver, Donald Driver for a short touchdown with 11:53 on the clock.

Later in the quarter, Favre hooked up with tight end, Bubba Franks for another short touchdown pass, making Favre just one touchdown pass away from tying the all-time record.

The Chargers tightened things up in the final minutes of the quarter

when Rivers connected with wide receiver, Buster Davis for a 9 yard touchdown, bringing the Packers lead to only three at the half.

LaDainian Tomlinson returned to the limelight in the third quarter, taking the lead with a 21 yard touchdown reception, maneuvering in typical LT fashion en route to the end zone.

The Packers fought back with two minutes left in the game, as Brett Favre passed for his record-tying 420th career touchdown, connecting with wide receiver, Greg Jennings for 57 yards and the lead.

The Packers capitalized on a Philip Rivers interception, taking on some insurance with a Brandon Jackson rushing touchdown, pushing the score to 31-21.

Nate Kaeding kicked a 44-yard field goal on the Chargers final drive in hopes to set up an onside kick comeback, but it wasn't enough to hold off Green Bay, who issued the Chargers their second straight loss by a score of 31-24.

The Packers improved to 3-0, their best start since 2001.

The Chargers record is now 1-2, as they head home to take on the 1-2 Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday at 1:15p.m. on CBS.

## Up to date SOCCER RESULTS



### Mens

Sept. 4	Point Loma	0-2 L
Sept. 7	Azusa Pacific	2-4 L
Sept. 8	Westmont	0-1 L
Sept. 13	UC – Santa Cruz	1-0 W
Sept. 15	Master's	2-5 L
Sept. 21	UC – San Diego	3-2 W

### Womens

Sept. 7	Azusa Pacific	0-1 L
Sept. 8	Concordia	1-4 L
Sept. 13	Cal Baptist	1-0 W
Sept. 15	Master's	4-1 W
Sept. 18	Point Loma	0-2 L
Sept. 20	Biola	4-0 W

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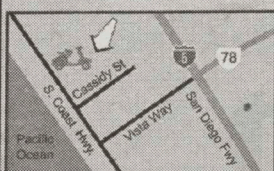
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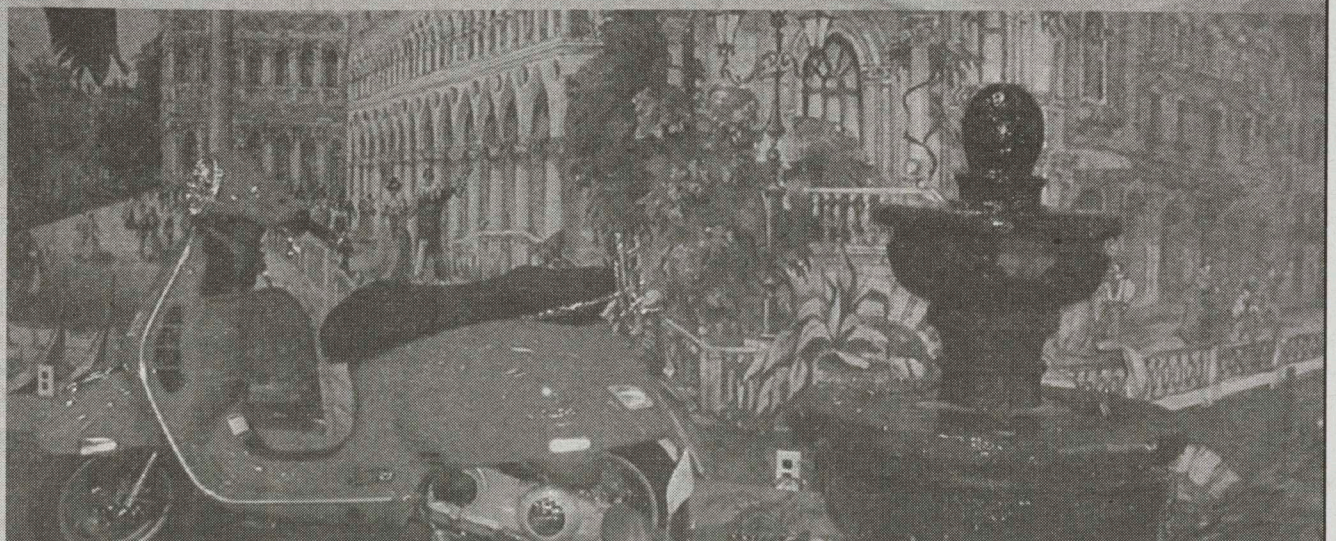
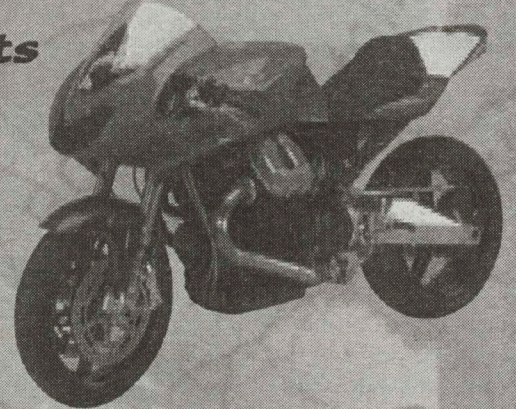
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BY JACLYN CARBAJAL  
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Beginning Oct. 17, the Orientation Team will kick off their own recruitment week with a 'Mission: [It's] Possible' campaign by handing out applications and hosting informational sessions for any interested students.

According to the CSUSM Student Life and Leadership website, there are more than eighty student organizations for students to choose from. One of the first visible campus groups for most students is the Orientation Team (O-Team). The O-Team consists of thirty to forty student volunteers who help new students adjust to campus life. The volunteers serve as mentors to the new student body beginning the first day of orientation through the on going semester.

"O-Team is a group whose mission is to welcome all new students to our campus, help out in any way they can, and have a lot of fun in the process," said Jennie Goldman, Coordinator of New Student Programs.

During Orientation, the O-Team gives information on anything students need to know. O-Team members lead groups of eight to fifteen students on campus tours and help students register for classes (how to register, not what to register for). In addition to student interaction, O-Team members play a large role in bringing Orientation day together. They hand out parking permits to students, check them in, and make sure all the rooms used throughout the day are in good shape. On days that family members attend Orientation, the volunteers answer any questions they have from a student perspective.

"The O-Team serves as the first face that incoming students see on this campus. We set the tone for how new students feel toward CSUSM," said Lindsay Mason, one of the Orientation Team's student directors.

Through the O-Team, members have the opportunity to connect with other students and get to know staff members on campus. There are two leadership development retreats a year (winter and summer) that serve to strengthen the unity of the team and the individual. Additionally, all O-Team members have priority registration to help volunteers plan around their required Friday meetings.

"From the outside the big benefit is the priority registration, but from within fellow O-Team members realize that we are a support system. We help each other harness our teamwork and leadership skills," said Mason.

The requirements for anyone interested in joining the Orientation team include a 2.0 semester GPA and cumulative 2.5 GPA. Any hopefuls must fill out an application that includes a faculty/supervisor recommendation form. Applications are available in the Student Life and Leadership Office, Craven 3400 and due Oct. 5 at noon in the same office. In addition to the technicalities, the O-Team is looking for mature and accountable students willing to put 100% effort into meetings, orientation, training and retreats. Good communication skills, keeping an open mind and being an approachable figure across campus are desirable qualities of O-Team members.

Unity and teamwork are essential tools in the structure of any club or organization. Some are more successful than others. The O-Team strives to not only create bonds but also maintain them. The O-Team is an open invitation to a new extended family unit and for anyone looking to find a place during their years in college, that is reason enough to accept their mission.



## Campus focus: **The Orientation Team**

With the O-Team application process underway, The Pride takes a look at their upcoming mission



## Website of the Week

# Web mogul Google.com offers more than just a search engine

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

Google is taking over the world.

From its modest beginnings in the fall of 1998 in Menlo Park, California, Google has had a mission: "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful." Flash forward nine years, and Google is the most used search engine on the web, with more than half of the world's web-search market share.

There is no doubt Google reigns supreme on the web, and with publicly traded stock

hovering around the 550.00 mark, Google is clearly a monetary staple as well.

One of the perks of bringing in roughly \$10.6 billion a year is the ability to innovate with advancements that just might characterize the future of the web.

Google re-invented email in 2004, with the release of the highly touted, Gmail which featured unprecedented spam filtering and an unheard of storage capacity that allowed users to "archive" read mail, rather than permanently deleting it. The "archive" feature was years ahead of its time for a web-based email service, and

proved to be the main motivation behind individuals switching their service to Gmail.

In early 2006, Google took a stab at the word processing market, with the acquisition of Writely.com, a web-based word processor, which was eventually used as the ground work for Google Docs.

On Sept. 19, 2006, Google docs integrated the objective of Writely with the Google Accounts database, and since Google has rolled out a series of new features that brings many of the amenities of a user's desktop to the web.

Perhaps the biggest perk of what is now known as the Google Docs Suite, is the idea that all documents are saved onto the web, rather than to a hard drive in a single computer, thus making the service ideal for backing up important documents in the result of a hard drive failure. The Suite also caters to users that work with multiple computers and would like universal access to their documents without the hassle of carrying around a flash drive.

Google's indirect attack on Microsoft's proprietary desktop applications also features a web-based spreadsheet application that holds all of the basic aspects of Microsoft Excel.

What completes the Google Docs Suite is last week's release of the long awaited Google Presentation. Google Presentation is a bona fide Microsoft PowerPoint killer, and though it is still in the early stages of post-release development, the features and usability look promising.

Google Presentation is currently without some key ingredients that PowerPoint offers, such as sound, video, and animations, but remember, this is a web-based application, and it's free.

Google Presentation is ideal for users who want to quickly create a presentation that will be readily available at any computer with web access. Google Presentation can also be a key tool for Macintosh users who's 30-day trial of Keynote (Macintosh's presentation software) has expired.

All in all, Google is opening the door to a new generation of office applications, all the while revolutionizing ease of use.

For more information on the Google Docs Suite, visit docs.google.com.

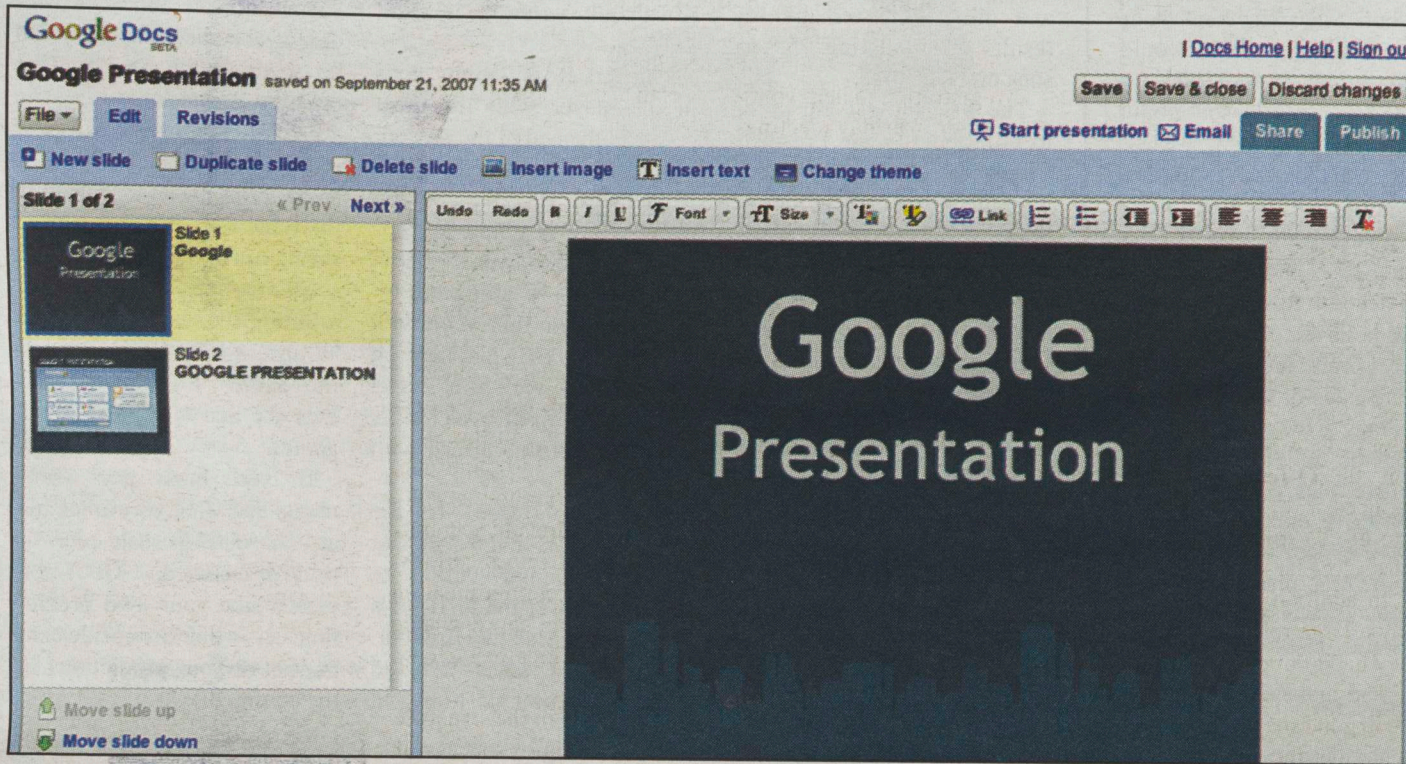


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## In today's technology

# iPhone delivers iDeal features

## Apple once again awes consumers with their cutting edge technology

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
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Apple has one upped the technology industry once again. While still reveling in the success of the iPod, their new product the iPhone, keeps the company competitive in a lucrative, ultra fast growing and ever changing industry. The company began directly selling the iPhone June 29. iPhone seekers can also purchase the phone through AT&T.

Apple's main offices are located in Cupertino, California. The company's last fiscal year grossed a whopping 19.3 billion dollars. The company incorporated in 1977 as Apple Computers. In January of this year, the company dropped the word "Computer" from their name and simply became Apple Inc.

The iPhone combines multiple uses in one unit. The cellular phone allows users to snap pictures, listen to music, send and receive both e-mails and visual voicemails. The phone also enables users to browse the internet. Unlike most cellular phones, the phone uses a virtual touch screen.

Currently, the 8-Gigabyte iPhone sells for almost \$400 dollars. The initial 8 GB iPhone dinged consumers \$600 dollars,

although it did not discourage scores of eager consumers from waiting in long lines. As a reward to its loyal buyers, the company credited \$100 those who bought it for its original price. The company dropped the 4 GB version earlier this month. AT&T will continue to exclusively sell the phone until 2009 or later. AT&T offers the phone to customers with a minimum two-year contract. During September and following months, the phone ships out to foreign countries such as Germany and France.

**The iPhone keeps the company competitive in a lucrative, ultra fast growing and everchanging industry**

As in any industry, the iPhone faces fierce competition. Other companies have realized the profit capability of such a phone and have jumped into the market to contend with Apple. Samsung seems to be the number one opponent with their slim touch pad F700 Ultra Smart

Phone which retails around \$330 dollars. Another strong contender seems to be LG's KE850 Prada, which retails for around \$800 dollars. The US has yet to receive LG's phone.

An industry rumor has emerged accusing Apple of incorporating key features and aesthetics of LG's KE850 Prada into their iPhone. There is no proof to support the conjured rumor. Other

companies technology lar phones

Apple when a phone's

have utilized reverse and engineered similar to the iPhone as well. suffered another setback 17 year old cracked the technology. AT&T

exclusively has rights to sell the phone preventing the phone from being utilized with any other cellular phone company. George Hotz of New Jersey spent his entire summer

trying to crack the phone. He stated that his mother refused to switch their family service plan from T-Mobile to AT&T. Dying for the super awesome phone he logged in a great amount of time and cracked the phone's restrictions so that he could use the phone with his T-Mobile service. He created instructions and published them on the internet. He strongly cautions people before trying the procedure.

As most companies, Apple will most likely release an upgraded iPhone in the future. The future iPhone will probably have voice recording capabilities and voice dialing. Yes, the cool phone will become even cooler. As for the current iPhone prices will most likely continue to decrease as demand increases for the ultra hip phone.



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# Blood, sweat, tears, classes

BY TORIA SAVEY  
Pride Staff Writer

Ten out of ten college students (I actually just asked two guys in an elevator and multiplied by five) agree that college would be perfect if it weren't for classes. They put a damper on all the drinking binges and wild orgies my grandmother fears. So, let's discuss.

There are different types of classes involved in ruining the university experience, which I divide by frustration level. I like to evaluate them from one to three "You Can't Be Serious's." Let's go through two of my classes and grade them, so then you can do it to yours.

MUSC 120: After three years of college, being forced to take an intro class angered me. I may or may not have turned bright green and ripped my clothes yelling, "TORIA ANGRY." On the first day, my professor, who reminds me of a kindly muppet, informs us that there won't be a midterm or final. I suddenly fear he's going to make us all hold hands and Kumbayah it up. In addition, I'm sure there are plenty of good people in the class, but I sat next to the one drawing the naked woman with cartoon breasts. Schmuck. The professor having us all participate in making Afri-

can tribal music was a fun day but still... 3 YCBS's.

PSYC 348: I thought that the 'dev.' in "Dev. Psych: Adolescence" stood for 'deviant'. After two weeks of wondering when we would get to the good stuff, I realized it stands for 'developmental'. Disappointment of my semester. But...the teacher is out of control. She has wild hand gestures. She genuinely thanks people for sharing personal stories. I can't help but like her. She's the aunt your parents were always afraid would make you hyper before bed. .5 YCBS, and a firm lesson about reading class descriptions.

Now, these are just two examples, so that you too will be able to rate your classes using the Toria YCBS's Judgment Scale. You should also take into account how comfortable your desk is in the class or if your astronomy professor says things like, "Pluto goes at an angle all in and out crazy which is why it got kicked out of the solar system."\* Man, I love that guy. Anyway... obviously, these rankings will give power to the people and we can topple some crap professors. Yeah. Right. Now all we need is a Facebook group to make the revolution official.

\*actual quote

# Church's Influence on Sports NHL Predictions

BY DAVID CHURCH  
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The National Hockey League is about to begin. My preseason prediction of last year is correct- Anaheim Ducks are looking to defend their cup. But that was last year and this is this year.

For a larger variety of predictions I am going to tell you all about both Tim Moore's and mine, followed by my results of simulating 25 seasons on NHL 08.

The first thing I am going to talk about is the President Trophy, which goes to the team with the most points at the end of the regular season. I believe that the Detroit Red Wings are going to walk into the post season with home ice advantage throughout the playoffs because they are in the weakest division in hockey. They get to face a deflated Nashville Predators, St. Louis Blues, Chicago Blackhawks and Columbus Blue Jackets. Tim Moore has both the Buffalo Sabres and Anaheim Ducks on top of their conferences while NHL 08 had the Sabres win the trophy ten times.

The Hart Trophy goes to the leagues MVP, which I feel is going to go to the same guy who won it last year, Sidney Crosby. The 20 year old Crosby put the Pittsburgh Penguins on his shoulders and carried them into the playoffs and will be doing it again. Moore believes that Tampa Bay Lightning's Vincent Lecavalier will be the leagues MVP, while NHL 08 had Atlanta Thrashers Ilya Kovalchuk winning it eight times.

The Art Ross Trophy goes to the player with the most points at the end of the season. Moore and I are on the same page with this, believing that Crosby is going to run away with the award. I feel that Crosby is going to hit the 125 mark this year with Evgeni Malkin playing on the same line with him. NHL 08 believes that Kovalchuk is going to win this award with 103 points.

The Vezina goes to the top goaltender and I feel that Roberto Luongo will take this award over the NHL 08's choice of Martin Brodeur. Brodeur lost some talented players in front of him and

will need to carry the New Jersey Devils in order for them to have a good season. Moore says that the award will be going to Dominik Hasek who is coming back after a great year in Detroit.

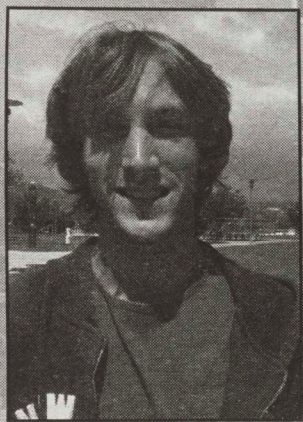
But the big predictions come for the playoffs. I believe that the Ducks are going to be a much stronger team come play-off time once, yes I said once because they are coming back, Teemu Selanne and Scott Niedermayer come back. They will be winning the Stanley Cup over the Philadelphia Flyers in 4 games. The Flyers will have room to add Peter Forsberg or some other veteran talent at the trade deadline and make a strong run in the playoffs.

Moore has the Penguins winning the cup over the Red Wings, while NHL 08 has the Sabres winning the cup over the San Jose Sharks in 5 games.

If you have any comments feel free to e-mail me at [churc009@csusm.edu](mailto:churc009@csusm.edu) or [pride@csusm.edu](mailto:pride@csusm.edu). Or if you want make your own predictions visit [thecsusmpride.com](http://thecsusmpride.com) and leave your predictions in the comments.

# University Voice

"If you could change one thing about CSUSM, what would it be and why?"

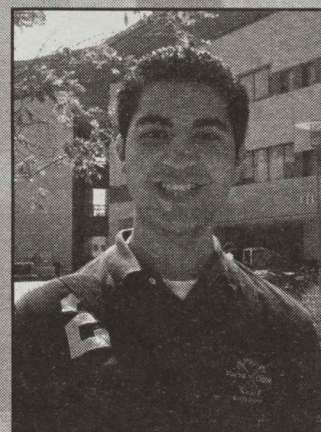


"I would want to expand the school with more buildings and classrooms. And have more activities to make it less of a commuter school."

David Freund  
Junior  
Kinesiology Major

"More sports teams and activities would be good. So we can gain more school involvement and spirit."

Marco Lemus  
Freshman  
Business Major



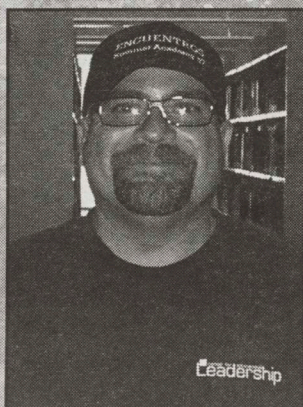
"I wish the Library hours were extended. Especially on the weekends, to at least 8 p.m. or 11 p.m."

Lisa Mackey  
Second Bachelor Degree  
Nursing Major



"Better communication between the educational doctorate program amongst campuses in regards to students' status. When I come to the Kellogg Library, I must fight to exist in the system."

Narciso Iglesias  
Grad Student  
Educational Leadership Doctorate





BEER OF  
THE WEEK:

## Old Viscosity Ale

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Port Brewing brews Old Viscosity Ale in San Marcos, California. Cougars are fortunate to be associated with such a fine microbrewery. The brewery began in 1992 when Vince and Gina Marsaglia began brewing in their home. In 1993 the couple began brewing on a seven barrel system in Solana Beach. Eventually, the brewery expanded their operations to Carlsbad and San Clemente. In early 2006, the brewery purchased Stone Brewing's old facility, another local brewery in San Marcos, and increased their production for distribution purposes. Currently, the brewery can produce up to 5,000 barrels. They also have an oak barrel room for aged specialty beers such as Old Viscosity Ale. The ale's nickname, "The Big Black Nasty", sums up the distinct characteristics. The dark brown tinted 22-ounce glass bottle contains a blue and faint gray colored label. The label contains a picture of an antique truck being serviced by a faceless man. A shiny silvery cap bottles the ale with an alcohol by volume of 10 percent, twice the amount of an average beer. The strong ABV should be taken into consideration during consumption, i.e., sitting down on a chair, maybe even in a padded room.

The ale has a powerful and distinguishing fragrance. The brain struggles to categorize the aroma with any learned scents in the brain's database. It almost has a sour berry smell. The beer pours with a solid two inch thick head. The ale appears to have a blood red brownish hue as the

contents are emptied from the bottle to a glass. Before the ale even reaches the lips, the tongue cringes in disbelief. The ale assaults the taste buds and then infiltrates the tongue with intense flavor. The ale contains hints of chocolate and vanilla. The thick ale leaves a notable prickling sensation on the tongue. The strong ABV warms the throat as the ale passes through the mouth and into the stomach. Beer connoisseurs should enjoy the beer. Inexperienced beer consumers are forewarned. -Regard-knowledge, Old Viscosity wild and thrilling ride.



Image courtesy of Jonathan Thompson

EAT OF  
THE WEEK:

## Jalapeños

BY BEN ROFFEE  
Pride Staff Writer

A source of heated regional debate in San Diego, the matter of the best Mexican food place is as divisive as it is controversial. Everybody wants to believe they know where to find the best California Burrito, but like other touchy issues, not much room for compromise exists.

Located off of Carmel Mountain Road in Rancho Bernardo, Jalapeños deserves nothing less than eternal praise as the "Mecca" of the California Burrito. Although the journey to Rancho Bernardo is long and arduous, this pilgrimage is an absolute necessity for any true California Burrito connoisseur.

While most San Diegans are biologically equipped to handle Mexican food with little discomfort, the average eater, native or foreign, faces life-threatening challenges when eating at the run-of-the-mill taco shop. Fortunately for the maladapted, Jalapeños cooks their food with vegetable oil instead of lard, allowing the stomach to greet the California Burrito with peaceful adoration.

The Burrito (yes, it needs to be

capitalized) itself represents the pinnacle of Burrito craftsmanship. Off the menu, the Jalapeños California Burrito includes your standard carne asada, fries, cheese, and guacamole, but I suggest holding the guacamole as it does tend to overwhelm the other vital flavors in the burrito here.

From the excellent array of salsas you may want to go with the simple red hot sauce. Unlike the harsh and unforgiving hot sauce of most other taco shops, Jalapeños provides their customer with a smooth and balanced blend of flavor and spice that complements a California Burrito unlike any other salsa to date.

When ready, the composed and neat exterior of the burrito deceives the eager customer, who at this point is completely unaware of the chaotic splendor within. The first bite breaches the calm exterior and unleashes torrents of incredible flavors. In a daze, the remainder of the burrito quickly disappears, the final bite as glorious as the first.

In such a volatile and competitive field, the search for the best Cali Burrito is unending. The California Burrito at Jalapeños may not be the best; I just haven't found a better one yet.

DROPPING:  
CD RELEASES FOR SEPT. 25

## ALTERNATIVE

## The Shepherd's Dog

IRON &amp; WINE

BY JESSICA GONZALES

Sam Beam, Iron & Wine's lead singer, is at it again, mixing his indie sound of blues and folk to make his third studio album.



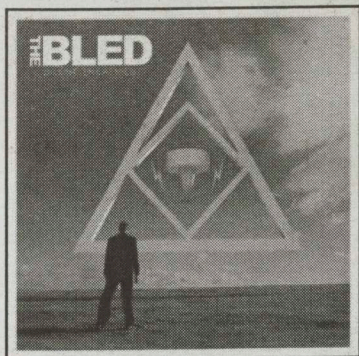
## COUNTRY

## Still Feels Good

Rascal Flatts

BY ROXANA SAID

Hit-making country trio Rascal Flatts is coming out with their fifth album, hoping to beat their previous successes. The group never ceases to make great and inspiring music.



## METAL

## Silent Treatment

The Bled

BY TIM MOORE

The Arizona post-hardcore band is hoping to please fans with a heavier sound reminiscent of their first full-length album, "Pass the Flask." The Bled's most anticipated release to date promises powerful vocals and heavy guitar riffs.

Images courtesy of Sub Pop, Lyric Street and Vagrant Records

HALO 3: THE ONE RING  
TO RULE THEM ALLBY ELBERT ESGUERRA  
Pride Staff Writer

It has many names to it – the killer-app, the epic saga, or the best 15 seconds in video gaming. It only takes one word for people to weigh in exactly what the title means – amazing.

The third and final installment of the gaming saga that is Halo for the Xbox 360 hit shelves at midnight at various retailers across the nation. Many people lined up outside Gamestops and EB Games as early as 9 o'clock to be among the first to get their copies.

"Halo 3 is much more than a video game release—it's the biggest entertainment event of the year," said Peter Moore, the former vice president for Microsoft gaming and interactive division.

As part of the promotion for the game, Pontiac and Microsoft teamed up to give gamers a chance to play the game in San Francisco and New York on IMAX screens earlier this month. Participants received copies of the game prior to its launch date.

The story of Halo centers around Master Chief Petty Officer SPARTAN-117, or Master Chief for short, and the war between the United Nations Space Command and an alien army called the Covenant. In the climax of the previous installment, Master Chief has stowed away aboard a Covenant vessel that is headed for earth, which sets up the final chapter.

Halo is this generation's touchstone for pop culture in the same way that Star Wars and Lord of the Rings has for earlier generations.

Earlier this past summer, a few gamers were treated to an online beta test to give a glimpse of what people will be in store for – Mongoose ATVs, new multi-player maps, and character remodels.

Some of the other new additions included will be bigger, badder weapons, bubble shields, 8 new vehicles, an equipment Forge system, 4-player co-op campaigns, new levels, and a high-definition 1080p output to name a few.

In 2004, the launch of Halo 2 sold over two million copies on its first 24 hours generating roughly \$125 million in revenue. Pundits have expected that number to rise to over \$200 million due to the three editions that were made available to consumers ranging anywhere from \$59.99 to \$129.99.



Image courtesy of Microsoft



# Transformers:

## Putting the "OH \$%&# YEAH" in

# IMAX

BY TORIA SAVEY  
Pride Staff Writer

I knew things were going to go well when an adorable little usher said, "Please DO NOT ask us to turn down the sound, because we CAN NOT. This is IMAX." Well, alright then.

I lost faith in the first 30 seconds, with a smarmy premise that actually includes a deep male voice saying, "But we were already too late." You expect him to say, "DOT DOT DOT," just in case the audience didn't get the suspense.

But then something amazing happened. Asteroid-type objects started hurtling across the screen and the theater started shaking from the sound. Within three minutes, it blew my mind.

I'll give you an overview of the movie and then we can talk significantly more about IMAX, which was the important part. The kid from Even Stevens on the Disney Channel is all grown up, gets his first car, and then finds himself embroiled

in a robotic civil war from outer space which has finally spread to Earth. It involves a chase with a police car and a Camero, which I never thought I would see outside of the 1980s, and lines like, "It's you and me, Megatron." There's also a totally unrealistic hot blonde systems analyst. Every 15 year old boy in the audience was like, "HEY! She's wearing a mesh shirt!" I found myself at several points humming, "Hiiiiighway to the DANGER ZONE" since that was just about the only thing missing from the cheesy writing and crap soundtrack.

But man, I would see it a second time and maybe even a third time just for the special effects. I thought everyone was joking about the beauty of IMAX, but there were

honestly moments that I felt like I was running for my life with the characters or flying in the Air Force. The point of view flying scenes were unbelievable, and the part at the beginning with the base and the...well, you'll know what I'm talking about when you see it.

Suffice to say, the movie won't be winning any Academy Awards, but that's not the film's purpose. It can be summed up best in the words of the friend who accompanied me, "Dude, that was amazing. But if I had written it, I would have just had them credit me as 'Anonymous.'"



Image courtesy of DreamWorks Pictures

# Fall TV line-up

## Entertainment outside of school

BY JACLYN CARBAJAL / Pride Staff Writer

If you're a college student, fall is about one thing: the fall semester. Life for the next few months takes a sideline to homework, essays, classes and reading. Between your busy schedule, it would be nice to see a few good shows here and there, right? If you're like us, getting into a new show is a commitment for an entire season, maybe even a whole series. To save you from wasting your time on a show that gets canceled midseason or you get tired of, we've taken the liberty of assigning a guide for the average student.

MONDAY



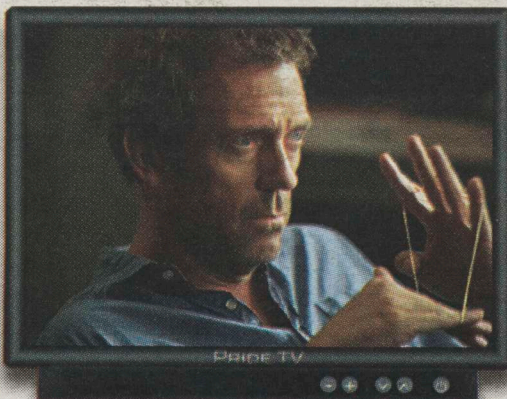
### 9 P.M. - Heroes

Mondays are never fun, but the show that makes them a bit more enjoyable is back. The second season began Monday, but one episode shouldn't set you back too far, considering the network promises a whole new adventure. The show is a modern take on the Marvel comics of yesterday and the cast is hot.

### 10 P.M. - Journeyman

And a new one from NBC right afterwards, if you don't want to touch the remote after Heroes. A little bit mystery, little sci-fi, half a tablespoon of romance, and you have a show about a journalist who keeps getting sucked into the past and changing the things he finds there. But why?!? Hopefully, it doesn't get canceled before we find out.

TUESDAY



### 9 P.M. - House

It's Tuesday. You're already asking if it's Friday and you find yourself more and more sarcastic. This returning hit series is just what the doctor ordered. It's dry. It's edge. It's completely different than any of the other doctor dramas on primetime. In addition, new cast members left and right should keep even followers of the show on their toes.

### 10 P.M. - Cane

After your homework break between 9 and 10, return to the screen for a family drama with more than a few twists. The Duque family runs a rum and sugar business and fights against outsiders and each other to keep it solvent. Featuring Hector Elizondo, Rita Moreno and Jimmy Smits - the show should be incredible.

WEDNESDAY



### 8 P.M. - Pushing Daisies

Three days into the week. You're procrastinating. You come across a show you've never heard of, Pushing Daisies. Set to begin October 3rd, it's one of the critically acclaimed shows of the season. It's about a guy who can bring back the dead momentarily with the touch of his hand. It sounds interesting enough to give it a chance.

### 9 P.M.

With Bionic Woman, another critic's darling, and Private Practice, the offshoot in what will soon become a Grey's Anatomy empire, you're going to have to pick for yourself.

### 10 P.M. - Dirty Sexy Money

The name alone should draw you in. But in addition, it's got an awesome cast, and a bunch of rich people trying to get away with doing whatever they want and failing at it.

THURSDAY



### 9 P.M. - Scrubs

We were going to recommend The Office but I wanted to give Scrubs a shout out as well. Then I thought, why not both. The Office starts at 9 pm and Scrubs immediately follows

at 9:30 pm. Both shows are hilarious, consist of a relatively young cast and don't consist of a hard to follow plot line, which is always good if you can't commit to every episode, every week.

FRIDAY



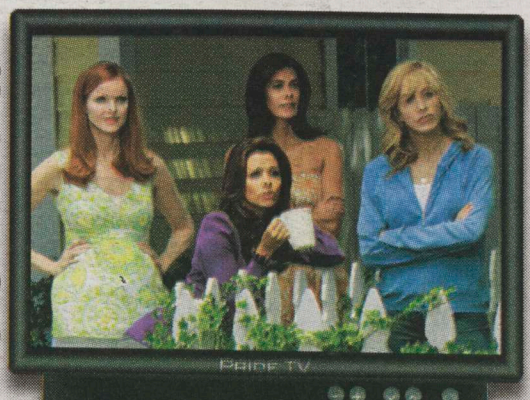
### 9 P.M. Moonlight

This has the potential to be a disaster. Hot guy is a vampire and a private investigator (Angel, anyone?). We think it probably has a 50/50 chance of getting canceled, but...what if it turns out to be really good?

### Women's Murder Club

We should put both these shows in those inflatable sumo suits and make them wrestle. Unlike Moonlight, this show has some tried and true TV actresses, well, solving murders. It's also based on a best selling book series. Unless the network hires dry witless writers, we think this one could be around a while.

SUNDAY



### 9 P.M.

### Desperate Housewives

Sunday night is a saving grace to anybody who enjoys the drama of Wisteria Lane. If you haven't watched an episode of Desperate Housewives yet, it isn't too late to get started. The show is full of scandal, sex, mystery and satirical humor. Girls love it and

so do guys. Trust us. We know a few who've been brave enough to give it a shot. While this is by no means a complete list, and you may choose to follow your own crazy desire, we here at the Pride have given you a TV jumping-off point. Now go watch, grasshopper.