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'He will survive'

Captain of the CSUSM surf team represents 'a story of perseverance'

BY MICHELLE VELARDE Pride Staff Writer

The first week of this semester, campus was packed with preoccupied students looking for parking, crashing classes, and buying books. Thomas Gorman, a senior facing his last semester at CSUSM, stepped onto campus that week with a whole different set of things on his mind.

His father was ill with terminal cancer, and for the past two years Gorman had worked diligently to finish his degree, hoping that his father would be alive to see him graduate. However, by the end of that first week, his father had passed away at the age of 57, leaving Gorman just short of achieving that dream.

Gorman struggled to balance his emotional anguish with

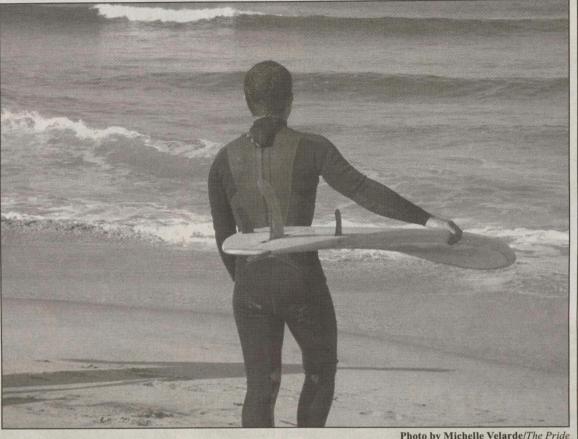


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Thomas Gorman's father taught him to surf when he was a child. After his dad succombed to cancer, Gorman began carrying on their morning tradition alone.

work and a hefty load of sixteen units. Although he did not want to drop any classes, he ended up dropping two because the work load, understandably, became too much for him to handle. Instead of graduating this month like he had expected, he will be back to finish next fall.

"It just gets a little bit frustrating, because you get so close to a goal and you think you're working towards something," he said. "There's kind of a sense of urgency to graduate, and now it's not happening. That's probably the hardest thing "

"It's that finishing his degree was so tightly linked to his relationship with his father," said Dr. Fernando Soriano, Gorman's human development professor. "He was racing against time, and when (his father) did pass away, he was still racing. You couldn't be a hamster going 100 miles per hour. He needed time to grieve."

"In some ways, Thomas' father was kind of the glue that held that family together," said Dr. Amber Puha, the coach of CSUSM's surf

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A race to graduate

Ceremonies to be held in two parts

BY CLAUDE SAYF Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM's spring graduation ceremonies will take place May 15, 2004, at the Grandstand on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Due to budget cuts this year, the ceremonies had to be consolidated into two events.

The first one is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. check-in. The second ceremony is scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. with check-in at 2:00 p.m.

Both ceremonies are the same, except for the groupings of majors that will graduate and the student speaker that will address the graduates. The two ceremonies will consist of several speakers and the actual name recital of the graduates shortly thereafter.

The majority of undergraduate science majors will walk during the morning ceremony, while those in the arts will graduate later in the day. The candidates for master's degrees will be divided along the same lines.

President Haynes will open both ceremonies with the and introduction welcome

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A list of commencement speakers



Elizabeth Kingsbury

As a liberal studies major at CSUSM, Elizabeth Kingsbury has already been an active public speaker. "I have been giving speeches for years on campus about domestic violence and child molestation," says Kingsbury.

Already accepted to the UCSD School of Law, she is hoping to become a sex crimes prosecutor.

Kingsbury, who was chosen to speak by a panel of CSUSM faculty and students, has an eight-year-old daughter, Katelyn



Karen Haynes

Before being inaugurated as the President of CSUSM on February 1 of this year, Karen Haynes held office at the University of Houston-Victoria beginning in 1995. She has written several books, including "A Dream and A Plan: Women's Paths to Leadership in Human Services," which was released last January.

Haynes earned a bachelor's degree from Goucher College in Baltimore, an M.S.W. from McGill University in Montreal and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.



Janet McDaniel

After thirteen years of service at CSUSM, Janet McDaniel was named the 2003-2004 Brakebill Distinguished Professor this spring. In the past, she was honored when the Credential Analysts of California named her the 1994 Teacher of the Year.

McDaniel earned bachelor's degree from Whitman College in Walla Washington and her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle.

BY NICOLE SULLIVAN

Pride Staff Writer

There won't be horses running, a famous rock band playing, or bets being placed. No, instead there will be cheers and maybe even some tears.

graduation at the Grandstand at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. There will be two ceremonies held on Saturday May 15: the first ceremony will be at 9:00 a.m. and the second at 3:00 p.m.

Carmen Villa, Associate Director for Communications Management Enrollment Services, has been a part of planning the graduation commencements since 1997. On May 15, she expects 700

More news.....pages 2&3 Variety.....page 6 Sports.....page 7 Opinions.....page 9 A & E.....pages 11&12 graduates at the first ceremony and up to 900 at the second ceremony.

Graduation ceremonies prior to 2002 were held in the grassy Cal State San Marcos class area by Kellogg library in Forum of 2004 will celebrate their Plaza, but because of the library construction, the graduation site had to relocate this year.

Of the move off-campus, Villa said, "I have done extensive research, driving up and down the county looking for an appropriate venue. Fortunately, Del Mar hosted us. They are a wonderful host and are very happy with us as well."

The question of whether the ceremony will ever be back on campus is still undecided. Villa said the decision is up to President Haynes, who will determine if and when CSUSM may be able to accommodate the large amount of graduates again in Forum Plaza.

Villa found that the students

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team, of which Gorman is the captain.

At the same time that Gorman was learning to write cursive letters as a child, his father was teaching him how to surf. Gorman's fondest memories are of the times he and his father spent surfing together, whether it was taking trips down to Mexico or just waking up and surfing at the Oceanside harbor.

"We surfed together for the better part of my life. We surfed every morning together until he fell ill," Gorman said. "We hadn't really went in the water together for the last three years."

"We spent a lot of time together towards the end," he said. "We saw each other all the time...but it still isn't enough time. It causes you to look back at days, like when you were in high school, and you decided to go surfing with your friends or someone else, when you could have surfed with your dad."

"He was a great dad, you know," Gorman said. "He was there to be there for you and at the same time to let you know when you were acting up."

Soriano could not help but notice the love Gorman had for his father. It was a "mutual, beautiful love that they had for one another," he said.

When his father was diagnosed with cancer, the cancer was in stage four and had already spread to his brain, lungs, and spinal

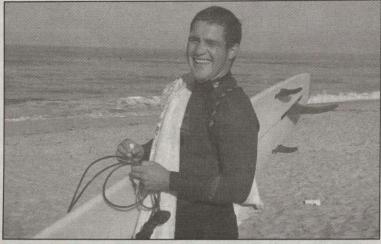


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Even with the death of his father, Gorman is full of smiles. "Thomas is not a quitter," says surf team coach Amber Puha. "You might be able to slow him down, but he will survive."

cord. After taking a few years off of school, Gorman came back when he realized that his father might not have much time left. The years when his father's illness progressed would prove to be some of the hardest times Gorman ever experienced.

Gorman helped his family take care of his father until he passed away. It was particularly hard for Gorman to watch his father's body give in to the cancer, and remembers doing things that "sons don't envision doing things for their fathers."

And while the entire duration of his father's illness was difficult, losing him this particular year was hard for Gorman.

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"He has been challenged like

Puha said.

"You really have no one to fall back on because your dad is kind of like the prominent figure when you're growing up. So you feel alone," Gorman said.

School became especially difficult. "Like, I'll try to leave and I'll have assignments I have to turn in, and I'll have to go back to the house three different times until I make it (to school)," Gorman said.

"Students are on this conveyer belt," Soriano said, "and when you get off that conveyer belt, you're way behind."

"Thank God for surfing," said Nathan Mikita, a long-time

friend of Gorman, adding that it played a crucial role in helping Gorman cope with his father's death.

Gorman has also spent a lot of time working with the developmentally disabled in San Marcos, and has been involved with the Special Olympics. He said that working with his clients has helped him keep going.

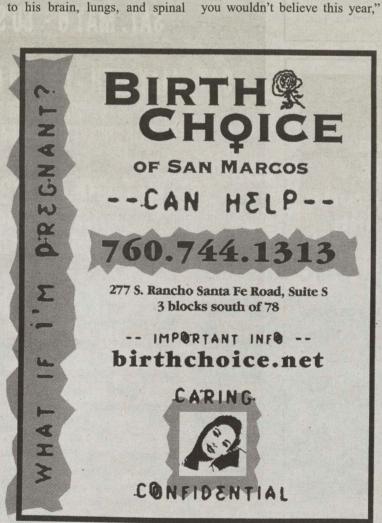
"They've been kind of an inspiration, you know. They called me up on the phone, and they can barely speak and stuff, but still they're just so full of life and they just keep going," he said. "You shouldn't give up."

Gorman has tried to stay positive, and wants to "enjoy life and take more free time," he said. "Maybe I'll be able to enjoy (next semester) more. It's kind of like, I could miss all this and never take the time to enjoy it."

Those around Gorman seem positive that he will get through this part of his life. "He sticks to his guns," Mikita said. "I'm proud of him."

According to Soriano, Gorman represents "the personal life and hardships that take place for students outside of school. It's a story of perseverance."

"Thomas is not a quitter," Puha said. "You might be able to slow him down, but he will survive."



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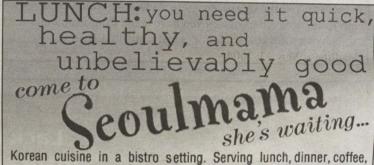
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still want their names called when they walk across the stage to receive their diploma, which is why there are two ceremonies being held.

"There are many advantages to the celebration being held in Del Mar," she said. "The stage is on the track and the guests have a perfect view of the whole process. You never have to worry about limiting guests."

Villa continued, "You don't have to sit in the sun for two hours, there are bathrooms on every level, great picture opportunities and many restaurants nearby. The only complaint we've received was that the guests had to pay for parking. Other than that there have no more complaints."

Sheila Manning, a graduate of the 2002 class who is also a current employee in the office of Enrollment Services Management as an information specialist said, "Having been a part of California State University San Marcos commencement as a student and staff member I've seen it from

both sides and been impressed on both occasions. Not only is it a beautiful venue, it also allows students to invite as many friends and family as they'd like."

A concern for some graduating next year may be the cost of such a venue.

"The cost does come from student fees," Villa sayd, adding that when AI tracked the budget, they found that the first year in Del Mar was not a significant cost increase.

"We rent the site as a package and the vendors are already included in that package: traffic, parking attendance, bleachers," Villa said. "Here at Cal State San Marcos we had to higher extra staff, have them work overtime, clean up before and after, hire highway patrol, rent facilities, chairs and bleachers. So they cancel each other out."

Charlotte Strauwald, a senior who will graduate May 15, says that she was a little disappointed that the ceremony will be held off-campus but is excited that she gets to invite her ten guests.

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portion. Professor Janet McDaniel will welcome the graduates and their guests on behalf of the faculty. Melani Da Pron will be the student speaker at the 9:00 a.m. ceremony and Elizabeth Kingsbury will be the 3:00 p.m. student speaker.

The Grand Marshal of both ceremonies will be Professor Dick Montanari.

The student Grand Marshal will be Honey Folk.

Guest will have access to unlimited seating in the Grandstand to observe the cermonies. Tickets are not required. Parking will be available at the fairgrounds for \$7.00 per vehicle.

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Last words with Brett Gladys

BY ELIZABETH BALDWIN
Pride Staff Writer

You see him flipping burgers at all the barbeques; you see him serving coffee and hot chocolate on Wednesday nights; and you see him socializing around campus on a daily basis.

Brett Gladys has spent this past year on the ASI Programming Board, helping to enhance student life at CSUSM.

After the last barbeque of the semester, wearing a green Hawaiian shirt accompanied with red-yellow board shorts, Brett sat down with The Pride for a Q & A session.

So what do you do for the school as a member of the Programming Board?

Uhhhh ... I wouldn't say I do anything for the school, I do it for the students.

That's where my interest lays: students having a positive college experience.

I work with the Programming

Board and right now put on social activities.

But I also work with all the other programmers to help them develop their ideas and help them around campus and other program necessities.

How long have you been working with the Programming Board?

I'm finishing up my second year. I've been there since the beginning.

What is your favorite part of the job?

When people pop their heads into the office and thank us for the work that we do. Or when any students are genuinely appreciative of the work we do.

What has been your favorite activity or event this year?

The Masquerade Ball. Why?

I like dancing. I would probably say I'm a dancing

machine. And it's exciting to see over 300 San Marcos students outside San Marcos having a good time together.

It was kinda like being at a club with a whole bunch of your friends without those sleazy guys that hangs out at places like PB Bar & Grill. The ones that hang out between the bar and the dance floor and hit on every single woman, even the ones you're with. You know the ones.

How does it feel to be graduating this month?

I'm excited to be done with school. It will be nice to go home and have no homework to do. Although all my professors would argue that I don't do it any way. It feels good to be recognized for all this work and I'm also getting a math degree. So, if anyone tries to step, I can be like, 'hey, I've got a math degree.'

What are your plans for the summer?

Initially, I was supposed to work. I was supposed to spend this semester looking for a job, but I didn't get around to doing that. So, I'm probably going to decide if I like Pacifico or Negra Modelo better and hang out with my dog.

What will you miss the most about CSUSM?



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Brett Gladys provides service with smile at the barbeque luncheon in front of Kellogg Library to promote CSUSM's annual Luau event.

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I think I'll miss my friends here lot.

Any last words of encouragement, or advice, for students that will be coming back to CSUSM next year?

I often hear people complain about lack of student life on campus, and they're wrong. There is student life on campus. You all hang out in the library and computer labs talking on Instant Messenger. You're sitting in your cars in between classes and your acting way too cool talking on

your cell phones.

I have a blast every single time I come to campus. And it is not just because I'm fabulously good looking. It's because I say hi to people. I go up to events and I try hard to make this place into a campus I want to be a part of.

So if you want this place to have student life ... get out of the library and computer labs and your cars, and say hi to somebody on Founders Plaza.



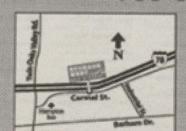
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Congratulations on your incredible accomplishment. The trials you have perservered leave us in awe of you. We thank God for you.

Love, Dad, Mom and Patrick

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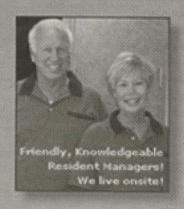
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As the playoffs appraoch us all



By JOSH SANDOVAL Pride Staff Writer

As finals week rapidly approaches I felt I could give you some words of encouragement straight from the world of sports.

Now that you have worked your brain into shape during the first 15 weeks of the semester which is what I call the regular season of school, it is almost time to show what you are made of. As we head for the home stretch we know we are getting to the end as we can see the finish line right in front of us. Finals week or as I call it the playoffs, is that week we are all forced to man up and step into the ring.

Some people start preparing weeks in advance for finals and they usually come out victorious when they write that home run A grade paper or pitch that perfect presentation. However, many people are pressure players like me. We wait until the last possible second to experience the urgency of going into the extra innings of studying at the wee hours of the night. The pressure players usually come out on top by throwing that Hail Mary touchdown to pass the test.

Throughout the studying process we occasionally stumble over those hurdles when we realize there are more exciting things that we could be doing. However, most of us keep our eyes on the trophy.

The trophy for some of you veterans is that piece of paper that you have worked for which says you are ready to retire from CSUSM. The trophy for us rookies is just the simple fact that we don't have to set an alarm for another three months.

So, as the playoffs approach all of us, remember to stick it out. Also don't forget to keep your eyes on the prize while giving 110 percent. So, with all of those sports clichés said, here is two more; Break a leg and go get



Jock Talk Women's softball takes 2nd at Nationals

BY JONATHAN RODLEY Pride Staff Writer

Six months ago 16 girls picked up bats and gloves and started throwing a softball around. Some had played in highschool, for others it was their first time stepping onto the field.

The girls had three coaches, led by Ferman Cardoza, head coach, to guide the Cougars at weekly workouts.

"They practiced hard in practice and it showed on the diamond," Cordoza said.

The team captain, Tisha McElhiney, scheduled games other colleges scrimmage. But these weren't other intramurals, the Cougars played against collegiate level teams.

"When we're out on the field, we push each other, we push ourselves," McElhiney said.

The team worked together, and as their relationships grew, their skill level improved, she said.

After 26 games, at 13 and 13, it was time for the National Championship.

In Chino Hills, at the field of dreams stadium, they faced teams from around the country.

The Cougars crushed their opponents early on with scores like 6-0 against the Naval Academy and 13-2 with Ohio

During day two, The Cougars defeated the number one seed Kansas State with a win of 4-2. That landed them automatically in the semis.

"Are you kidding me, you beat the number one team,' they couldn't believe it," McElhiney said about umpires and other team coaches.

"Eventually other teams started playing deep in the field."

After their success, it was time to face once again, The Navel Academy, which squeaked into the final by defeating Kansas

But the final unfortunately, is where the Cougars played their second and third losses of the tournament.

The Cougars' pitcher, Jamie Beaty, served the team proper during its nine game series with 80 strikeouts.

McElhainy hit over a .700 during the tournament and both players made it on the MVP team.

So after training for five months, the team to beat ended up being a fresh group of faces from Cal State San Marcos.

"We did it as a team, and we always have," McElhiney said. "We're doing it for each other."

The next season for Cougars softball begins Spring 2005.



Photo Courtesy of Tisha McElhainy

The Cougars smile for the camera after suprising the competition earning a second place trophy at Nationals.

Men's club volleyball

BY JONATHAN RODLEY Pride Staff Writer

During their first semester playing together, the ASI Men's Club Volley Ball team spiked their way into 15th place during the Men's National Volleyball Championships.

40 teams from around the country competed March 26-28.

According to Adrian Segalla, men's club volleyball director, "The Cougars have made a name for themselves."

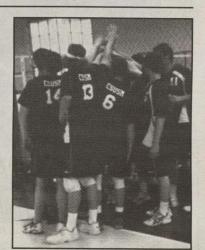


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Volleyball team in the zone at the National Championships.

Collegiate sports sign off for the season

BY JOSH SANDOVAL Pride Staff Writer

As the academic year ends, so does the year in sports for cougar athletics.

Among the highlights for the Track and Field team includes their performance at Point Loma Invitational finishing 2nd in the Women's 4X400 Meter Relay and finishing 2nd in the Men's 4X800 Meter Relay. The team is coming down the home stretch trying to finish strong. They did so with a victory in the Men's 4X100 Meter Relay at the UCSD Triton Invitational. The team still has the Occidental Invitational May 8 and the Claremont Classic May 15 before the team competes at the NAIA National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Men's golf team came into this year with high expectations and they have not disappointed so far. Among the highlights for the team was claiming 1st place at the Grand Canyon Invitational and a 3ed place finish at the CSU Bakersfield Invitational. The team competed last week in the NAIA Region II championships and took 2nd place overall which means they will be heading to the NAIA national championships in Olathe, Kansas.

The Women's golf team did not have the same high expectations that the Men's team had coming into the season, but they did not disappoint either. Among the highlights for the Women's team was 3ed place finishes at the Western Washington Invitational and at the CSU San Marcos Cougar

The Cross Country team had a decent season as well. The highlight of the year was a victory at the Vanguard Invitational. They ended strong with back to back top 3 finishes at the regional championships and then at the national championships.

So, until next year Cougar fans.

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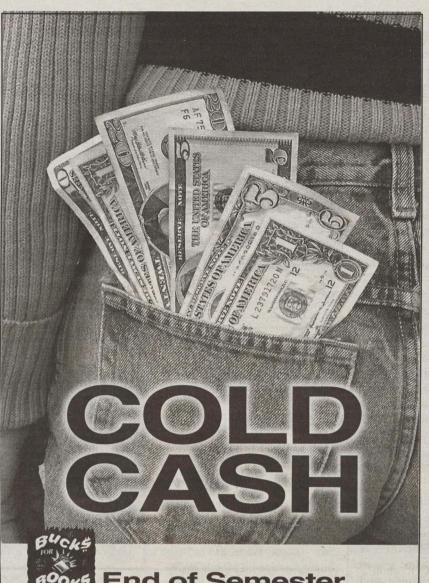
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By MICHAEL DOLAN Pride Ombudsman



tion of The Pride be the last edition for this semester. Over the course of the past semes-

ter, The Pride has truly solidified into a decent newspaper embodying the breadth of interests that comprise our campus community here at CSUSM.

The improvement The Pride has undergone is due to the dedication and hard work of the staff, from both this semester and last, as well as the interests and concerns expressed by readers in the feedback I received through email and in person. Without would be lacking in direction since our purpose is to provide a variety of stories that inform and also entertain our readers.

In addition to being the last edition of this semester and, as such this academic school year, this edition of The Pride also represents the last edition in which I will be assuming the role of ombudsman. As the first person to fill this role at The Pride, I feel it is both a necessary and pertinent component of

T h i s not only this, but for any news- that was obviously needed. Your week's edi- reporting agency. I hope that I have fulfilled the expectations as a reader representative by facilitating criticisms that were expressed into constructive improvements in The Pride.

During my time as ombudsman, I communicated with many readers on issues regarding grammar, spelling, content and the political orientation of The Pride. I recall last semester when the words I heard were rarely good and, in fact, were 27 quite scathing at times. Over time, the hard work that the staff had been putting in began to pay off: words of poignant criticism gave way to compliments on the recognized progress that The Pride was making.

reader feedback, The Pride some readers would never be won over by any effort that The Pride staff exerted to rectify the paper. However, my certainty was dispelled when some of the harshest critics emailed me acknowledge the steady progress and advancement of The Pride.

I thank all of you who did let me know your thoughts on what we were doing, especially those who were particularly harsh, because without that honest feedback, there would have not been the spark to initiate the change

voices were the ones I carried to the editors to let them know how the paper was being received.

Congratulations to all the graduates walking on the May 15; I wish the all of you the best in your future endeavors. Once again, thank you to all who made this experience what it was; a mutually beneficial affair that resulted in positive growth for all involved.

Corrections for VOL. XI NO.

"Love will tear us apart," should have contained a disclaimer stating that the names of the individuals in the story have been changed.

Claude Sayf's name was misspelled on the byline for his Even so, I was certain that article "Coach training Olympic hopeful."

The article, "Viva Las Alpha Chis," should be credited to A&E Editor, Melissa Rodriguez.

The photos of James Burst, Chris Sanchez and Jason Williams were a special contribution by Jeremy Long.

The acronym "ACO" should be "AXO" to accurately reflect the Greek alphabet.

The Pride apologizes for these

We've had a great time:

The Pride editors say good-bye for the year

As the Co-Editors-in-Chief, we would like to finally introduce ourselves to our readers and give proper recognition to the dedication of those that we could not have done this without.

At the beginning of the school year, The Pride began with two Editor-in-Chiefs, Jon Rodley and Elizabeth Baldwin. Jon had previous experience in journalism. Elizabeth had a strong foundation in accounting management.

The two of us joined forces and set out to use our individual talents to create the best weekly newspaper possible.

Each week, we strive to make The Pride fair and balanced, entertaining and accessible to all

We are very proud of all the challenges we faced at the beginning of the year. Through long hours, constant compromise and a committed staff, we have conquered every obstacle in our

A standing ovation to our section editors who have brought

so much creative genius to The Pride and have accomplished their jobs with the smallest amount of resources possible: Sarah Carlin, Katie Sammons, Lisa George, Melissa Rodriguez and Tom Pfingston.

Yes, mistakes have been made in The Pride (as many of our readers have pointed out). A huge round of applause goes to our Ombudsman, Mike Dolan, for his tireless effort to correct all of our errors.

A hip-hip-hurray to our adviser, Jenifer Woodring, who has been our constant cheerleader guiding us through all the ups and downs of a college newspaper.

And most importantly, we take a humble bow to our readers. We value all of our readers and thank you for your support. It is so wonderful to see students sitting on benches in Founders Plaza reading a copy of The Pride.

We wish you a fabulous summer.

Cheers, Elizabeth & Jon



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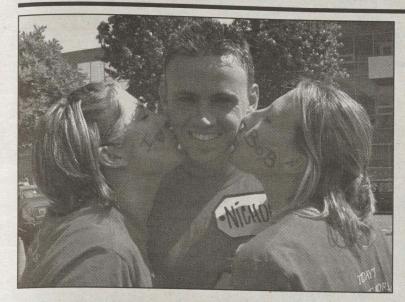


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The fun was right

Comm Society members Kristie Siegel (left), Nicholas "Nick" Crandall (center) and Brooke Ferandell (right) celebrate Crandall's stint on contestant's row at a taping of The Price is Right last Monday, April 26. Although he did not appear on stage Crandall won a set of knives and a minibar. The show will air on May 7, check local listings.



Deanna Walsh

Way to go!
You are a good sister and
I would not trade you for
anyone.

Except, a professional baseball player...

I love you Patrick

Celebrate victory Cinco de Mayo style

By ROGER NARANJO Pride Staff Writer

Viva Mexico! The holiday of Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and other parts of the Mexico. Cinco de Mayo is also celebrated in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day; Independence Day falls on Sept. 16.

What are the best places to celebrate?

If you're looking to "cut a rug" or simply looking for a more energetic night plan, you might consider Margarita Rocks in Oceanside with drink specials on Mexican beers and a spacious dance floor. On Cinco de Mayo, Margarita Rocks will be open to ages 18 and up.

Matt Hennessey, a CSUSM



Photo by Roger Naranjo/The Pride

Women and men fought side by side at the Battle of Puebla.

student, will be going across the border to night club called Tangaloo in Tijuana to celebrate the holiday. "What better place to be at on Cinco de Mayo than Mexico itself?" said Hennessey.

Café Sevilla is also a good call if you plan on impressing that special someone or feel you want to spend a bit more on dinner and entertainment. While the Carlsbad location offers musical entertainment and dancers, the downtown location offers a dance floor.

Cinco de Mayo brings the Bazaar del Mundo to the Old Town Historic State Park. The celebration will include live performances by mariachi bands. The three restaurants in the Bazaar will be offering happyhour food and drink specials from 4-7 p.m.

The Gaslamp is always a gas for big holiday parties for the 21 and over crowd. Margaritas and Mexican grub will sustain you while enjoying live music and dance performances. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate which is at Fifth Ave. and Island Ave. Arriba!



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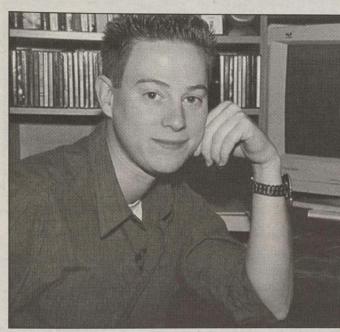
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Robert Woerheide

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By MARK PERRERA Pride Staff Writer

Tori Foley is a focused, intelligent and articulate person who has experienced both difficult and good times in her quest to get her education. Her eyes light up when she said that on her mother's side she's the first generation child to get a degree. Foley is graduating with a degree in visual arts with an emphasis on education.

Born in Guatemala, she was adopted at 3 and a half years of age and lived in Colorado till age nine before moving to California.

Her love for working with kids and the desire to be a teacher inspire and motivate her to stay focused.

Foley said that during difficult times when she wanted to throw

in the towel and change her major the support from her instructions, friends, family members and her husband got her through. These people were instrumental in understanding the commitment she had to make and help he concentrate on her goal.

Her advice to others is to be committed to their goals and dreams, don't give up, one day it will all come together. She said she loved the writing requirements at California State University San Marcos because it has improved her writing skills and she believes her instructions have pushed her go beyond her expectations.

By MICHELLE VELARDE Pride Staff Writer

When Robert Woerheide's father saw him reading Stephen King's "The Dark Half" at age thirteen, he said he wouldn't make it past page twelve. Ironically, it was that book that inspired Robert to become a

"I feel like that is something I can offer to the world," said the graduating senior.

Woerheide, who was published in CSUSM's Pride Literary Supplement, also arose as a leader in the creative writing community on campus.

"He was great at giving feedback," said creative writing teacher Dr. Profe Cesmat, "Robert gives the same respect to a rough draft as he does to a masterpiece."

Woerheide has also been published in the San Diego Troubadour and INSPORTS Magazine.

Along with some other CSUSM students he spearheaded an online literary journal called Perigee. "Just offering a venue through which people can be published, I think, is a good thing," Woerheide said. Cesmat agreed, and nominated him for a Vice President for Student Affairs Service Award.

"He's building the next generation of literary arts here in North San Diego County," Cesmat said.

"I write, I think, to understand myself in some ways, and how I feel about the world," Woerheide said. "To me, writing is a game, and if you know how to play it well, it's just so much fun."

(cdreview)



Photo Courtesy of No Gain

Pride Staff Writer

If Screeching Weasel took methamphetamines and sang in Japanese/English, you would have a sound similar to No Gain.

No Gain is a four piece, speedy pop punk band out of Tokyo, Japan, that serves up a sound reminiscent of F.Y.P., Spazz and Hi-Standard.

"It's Outrageous" the debut album from No Gain is twelve tracks of uninhibited songs about girls, surfing, and hardcore breakups, all done with Japanese style.

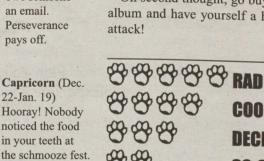
From the very first track titled "Never Change," listeners can't help but be drawn into the four part vocal harmonies, simple chord progressions, and melodies that will stick with you for days to come

No Gain singer, Archy, delivers a performance comparable to Jello Biafra of the Dead Kennedys, while guitarists Dee and Maki, back him up with strong harmonies that are best described as, GLORIOUS!

Drummer A2 delivers the final blow to listeners with doubletime beats and super quick fills, that make you feel like your heart may explode.

Overall, this album is made for those people who just want to freak out in their living room, with tunes to accompany their mental breakdown. If you have high blood pressure, don't like new music, and are under high stress from your uneventful life, you may want to stray away from this album.

On second thought, go buy the album and have yourself a heart



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Tori Foley

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Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec.

21) I think you

owe someone

Perseverance

Capricorn (Dec.

Hooray! Nobody

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in your teeth at

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Never let them

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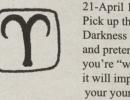
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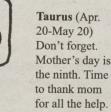
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Madame Melanie Hernandez's Special Predictions For Grads





Aries (March 21-April 19) Pick up the Darkness CD and pretend you're "with it" it will impress your young boss.





Gemini (May 21-June 21) Take your swimsuit on your "surprise" vacation. The pool is wicked.



Cancer (June 22-July 22) Enough with the wallflower act. You know you wanna back that thing up. Celebrate all your hard work.

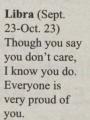


Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) The grumpy times are nearing an end now that you get to have it your way.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make some time for sunshine, Ye Olde Pale Face. A rosy glow makes for a good first impression at interviews.

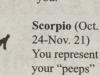




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Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) When doors start opening up it's a sign you should go through them. Don't turn down this offer.

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Good-Bye Pride Staff 2003-04 its been an awesome...and long year. Good luck with

all your endeavors