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Scandal at CSU Stanislaus raises concern over an upcoming Palin appearance

BY BEN ROFFEE
News Editor

A new chapter has opened in the scandal at CSU Stanislaus as administrators now face allegations of corruption over the destruction of documents pertaining to an upcoming visit by Sarah Palin, the former governor of Alaska and Republican Vice Presidential nominee. At the center of the scandal is the CSU Stanislaus Foundation, which has refused to make public information about the visit in spite of a drawn out campaign by California State Senator Leland Yee to publicize Palin's speaking fee.

The CSU Stanislaus Foundation plans to host a private gala in June with Palin as its keynote speaker. According to the Foundation, the event will serve as a fundraiser for the CSU Stanislaus campus. The controversy mainly centers on the foundation's status as 501c3 auxiliary organization, a privately funded non-profit entity that would not normally be required to reveal private information to the public. CSU Stanislaus has upheld a recent decision to withhold the release of the information, citing a clause in the contract with Palin that prohibits disclosure of information relating to the visit.

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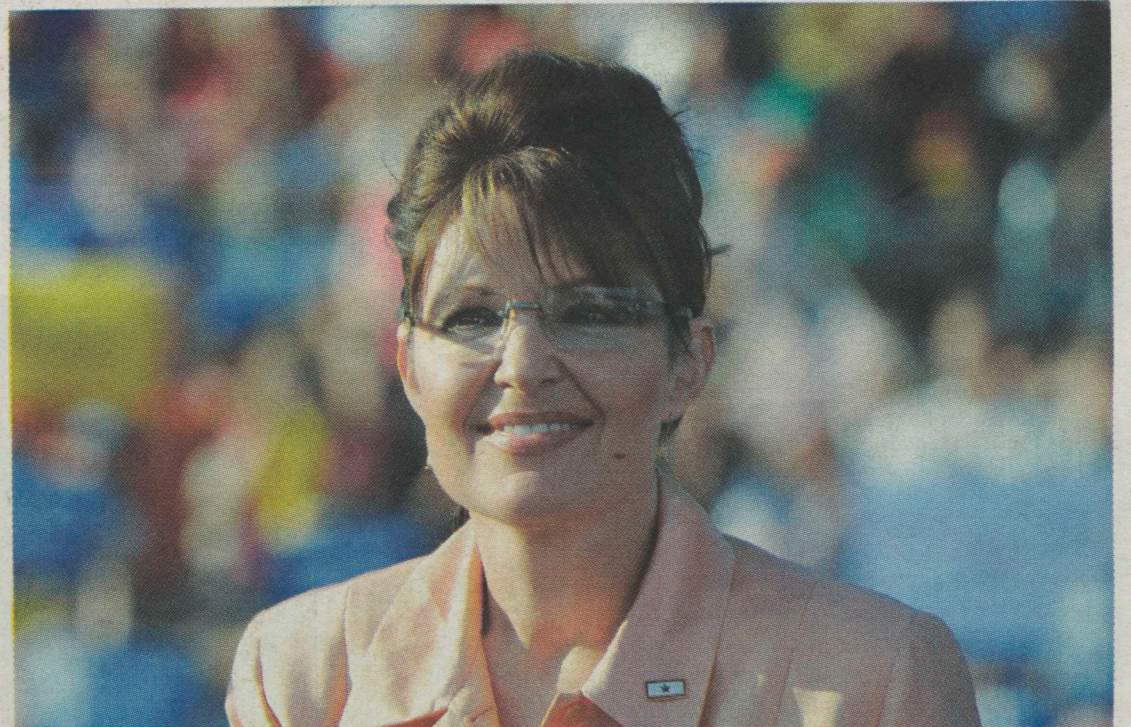


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advocacy group based in Sacramento, filed suit against the school last week, claiming the overlapping duties of taxpayer funded administrators in overseeing the foundation make it subject to public disclosure laws. The documents were turned over to the office of the Attorney General and an investigation on the matter has been opened.

On April 9, students were alerted to potentially suspicious activity when several administrators cars were seen parked on campus

during a furlough day. Two students, Alicia Lewis and Ashley Briggs, reportedly witnessed activity inside a closed building and saw a student disposing of garbage in one of the dumpsters outside. The two were among several students that had been actively searching dumpsters for documents pertaining to the visit by Palin. Upon searching the dumpster, the students found the files shredded among other university paperwork.

Responding to the findings,

Senator Yee said, "It is truly shocking and a gross violation of the public trust that such documents would be thrown away and destroyed during a pending investigation."

Earlier this month, CSU Stanislaus denied a request by Senator Yee that documents pertaining to Palin's visit be made public, with its compliance officer stating, "the University has no documents that are responsive to

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Abortion topic furthers conversation on campus Associated Students Inc. hosts first ever CSUSM debate

BY JAMES ROCHE
Pride Staff Writer

Associated Students Inc. hosted their first live debate on the topic of abortion on April 20.

The debate took place in Arts 240 on campus during University Hour, allowing all students the opportunity to come. Students who attended the debate received free pizza to watch as author and pro-life speaker Alan Shlemon and CSUSM Women's Studies Professor Cecili Chadwick explored this controversial topic.

Each speaker had 10 minutes

to make their argument, followed by five minutes each for rebuttal and five minutes for closing statements. Each speaker received prior notice of how long he or she had left, such as five minutes and one minute. The audience was to remain quite during speeches and only react after a speech has finished.

Pro-life speaker Alan Shlemon spoke first about abortion and why he feels it should be illegal. Professor Chadwick countered this with her views of why abortion should remain legal.

"Abortion is wrong because it

kills an innocent human being. So what I've done is argue the question 'What is the unborn?' And I've said, look, if the unborn is not a human being then it doesn't matter whether you have the abortion, go ahead have the abortion.

"But if you ask the question... and it turns out to be a human being like you and me, then abortion is killing an innocent human being and that's what's wrong," said Shlemon when asked about his views after the debate.

Professor Chadwick is pro-

choice and feels this type of decision is down to the individual.

"Abortion should be legal because the state should not be involved in decisions about what women can and can't do with their bodies. It is widely documented that state interventionism is an inappropriate and ineffective way to reduce the number of abortions in this country," she said after the debate.

She also feels this topic needs to be discussed less in public.

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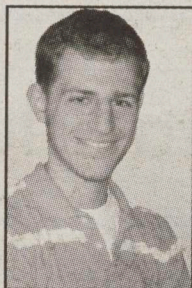
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Settling the wake of the iPhone leak

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer



Mobile phone companies raised the bar of their smart phone over the past year and have put the pressure on Apple's iPhone. In one of the rarest events in the technology world, internet users found pictures of the fourth version of the iPhone online last week.

Apple has a reputation for not revealing its products early or giving sneak peaks, but pictures of

their new device ended up Gizmodo.com after an alleged employee misplaced a test model in a Silicon Valley bar.

Given Apple's reputation, this could have been an accident, and very bad news for the person who lost the phone. If it was an actual model of the new iPhone, I think this was done on purpose.

Just as some studios "leak" copies of movies to create online buzz, I think Apple misplaced the phone to gain viral interest. New

phones such as the Motorola Droid and the soon-to-be released HTC Incredible have taken customers from Apple. I think Apple leaked the phone to get smartphone users to wait on their new model.

The look of the phone is also very different from the previous three incarnations of the iPhone. This means customers will need to buy new cases and accessories if they want to protect their device. This leak gives third party companies a chance to have these accessories available on the release day of the new iPhone.

While there are plenty of new



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specs to discuss on the new model, which can be found all over tech websites, the most important factor that people found on the leaked model was the microSIM card. Most phone companies around the world use the standard SIM card to provide a phone with its number and give it service with a provider.

The use of the microSIM means hackers cannot unlock the new iPhone to work on other networks that use SIM card, such as T-Mobile. This also means that Apple will stay with AT&T as sole carrier of the iPhone in the US.

I think this also debunks any rumors that the iPhone will go to Verizon. Tech critics and bloggers have bashed Apple's partnership with AT&T. The demand of the iPhone has strained the AT&T network, but it appears the fourth version will stay with the same carrier.



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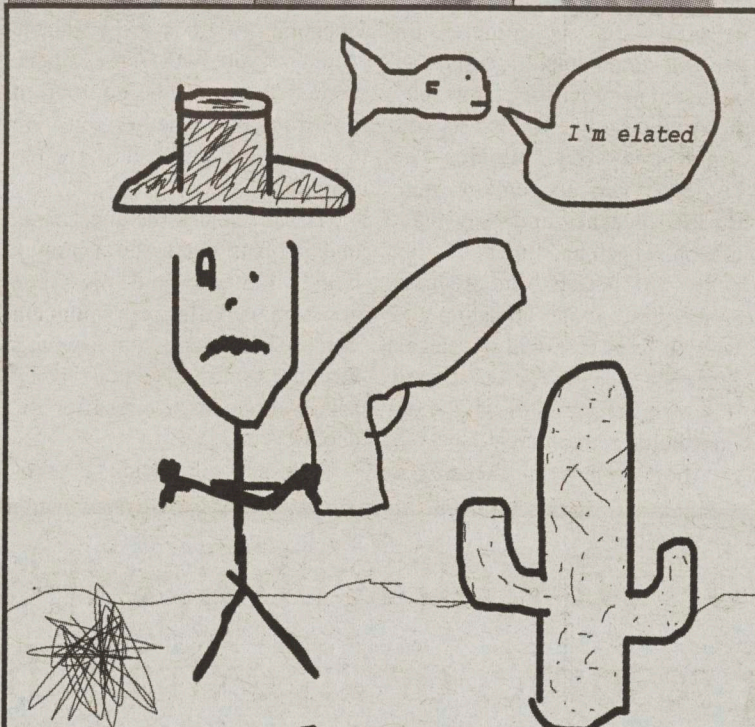
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your request." The discovery of the shredded documents following a denial by the administration that such documents existed has raised questions as to whether or not the destruction of the documents was intentional.

Senator Yee has been at the forefront of an effort to make CSU operations subject to greater oversight, specifically targeting 501c3 foundations found at CSU campuses.

"Found within the same files as regular university business were financial statements and documents of the CSU Stanislaus Foundation — demonstrating

that the foundation is operated by taxpayer-funded employees within the university itself," said Yee. How can they possibly claim that no tax dollars are being used for the Palin event when state employees are called in on their furlough day to help avoid public scrutiny?" Though the precise fee for the visit could not be determined from the confidential documents, Senator Yee and others estimate it could be as high as \$100,000. The documents did reveal several other stipulations, however, including first class airfare and luxury accommodations for Palin.

CSU Stanislaus President responded to the allegations,

saying, "we welcome the investigation and expect it will clarify how a foundation document could have ended up in a state senator's hands."

Issuing a statement on behalf of the foundation, President Matt Swanson said, "It's a dark day when an entity that's sole purpose is to raise money for student services and university programs is falsely accused of wrong-doing. The foundation is a 501c3 that raises money for the university. Our sole aim is to raise money for university programs and student services. Given declining state support for higher education, private fundraisers are more vital than ever."

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She said, "The fetus and the woman are one person and that one person is the woman. In order to give women control of their bodies we need to stop using them as a battleground for this debate and allow all decisions about their bodies to be made at their discretion."

During the debate, both speakers were able to agree that they wanted fewer abortions but differed in how that is accomplished.

Alan Shlemon wants fewer abortions because that will mean less "innocent" human beings from dying. Professor Chadwick wants religious restrictions on contraception lifted and women

educated better about sex. They also both agreed that abortion is acceptable when it threatens the mother's life; this means a without an abortion, the mother will die and the unborn as well.

The debate finished with audience members' questions asked to the speakers who had roughly one minute to respond. Alan Shlemon was asked about his views on abortion in the case of rape. He responded by saying rape was not a justification for abortion as a small child conceived through rape would not be killed after it was born, so he wonders why an unborn should be killed as they are the same.

The debate ran in a civilized manner. The speakers mostly kept to their time limits and the

audience was respectful during the speeches.

Suzanne Schmidt is one the student representatives at large for ASI who decided to host the event. "I thought of doing a debate the moment I was told that the event that I was required to host didn't have to be just another meet-and-greet," she said.

On the topic of abortion, she said, "We chose abortion for many reasons. It is a very important topic to many people. It was suggested by students."

There will be more debates to come, although when and on what topic unclear, future discussions could include the topics of gay marriage and lowering the legal drinking age, according to Schmidt.

Police Beat

April 17-22

April 17-18 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

A female student's iPod is stolen between 9 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. on the 17 and 18. The student realized her iPod was missing a filled a report with the University Police. Any information? sdcrimestoppers.com

April 18 before 11 p.m.

A University Police Officer made a stop at the Circle K on Twin Oaks and encountered a person weaving outside. Officers took non-student Jeremiah Hahn, 26 into custody for being drunk in public.

April 19 6:45 p.m.

University Police arrived to the scene when to non-student males stopped in the CSUSM parking lot O during an incident of road rage.

When officers arrived, the two males had already stopped their altercation and the incident has been ruled mutual combat by

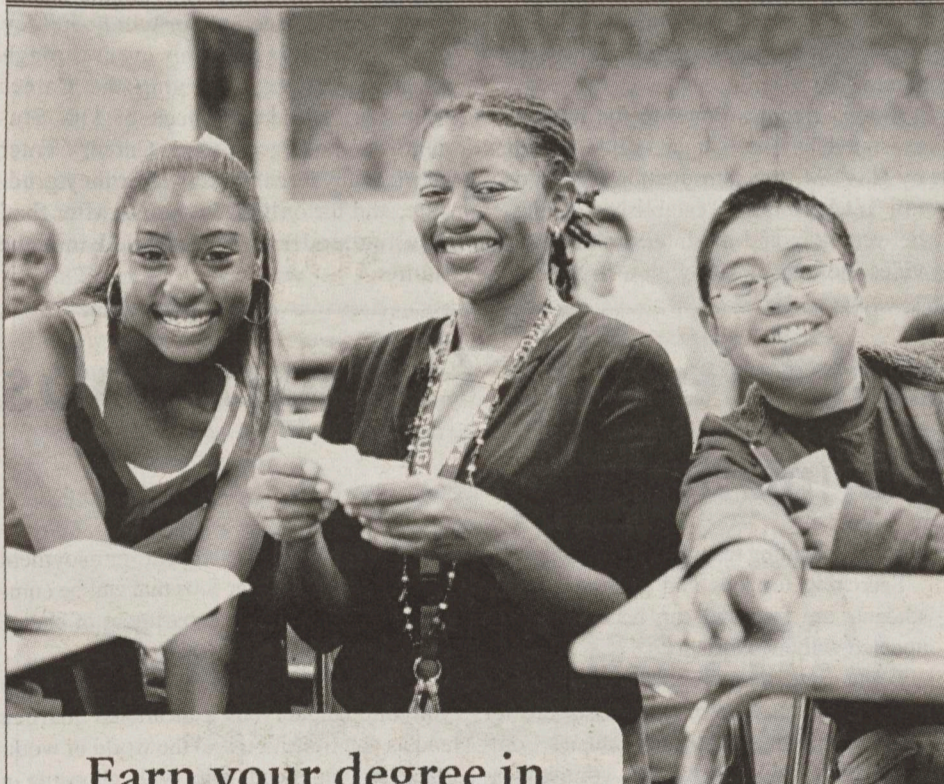
the UPD, meaning both parties agree that they are both at fault.

April 19 11 p.m.

UPD officer stopped male non-student, Jason Johnson 30, for reckless driving in parking lot E. The officer discovered marijuana in the truck when Johnson opened his glove box. Officers arrested Johnson for possession of marijuana.

April 22 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Officers receive a call about a vehicle burglary. A male student, 19 reported to University Police that someone stole his CSUSM Parking Permit between 2-5:30 p.m.



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Interviewing tips to snag that job

BY MALLANE DRESSEL
Pride Staff Writer

A lackluster interview can cause some of the most qualified people not to obtain the job they desire. The school year is coming to an end, meaning students graduating, and those looking for summer jobs or internships will need help to stand out among rest. With the country's tough economy, the number of people applying for a job has greatly increased, making the impression given at an interview vital for attaining a job.

Firstly, the interviewee should be applying for jobs that they qualify for and desire, because the interview is all about explaining why they would be perfect for that position. A wonderful way for a student to organize their thoughts and practice for

the interview is by taking advantage of the mock interview program at the Career Center here on CSUSM campus in Craven Hall. Pam Wells, the director of the career center, stresses the importance of practicing and researching before an interview.

When asked what students usually do wrong in interviews, Wells stated, "Typically they don't give specific examples, and that's something that I think is very important to do in an interview because they are providing evidence to the interviewer that they actually know what their talking about." MSN's Career Builder website suggests that the interviewee should include examples that "involve being helpful, understanding the unwritten rules, being respectful, reliable, and competent."

If a student wants to partake in a mock

interview they need to book an appointment either by email, or phone a week in advance. The student can be recorded for the price of three-dollar, the cost of the DVD, so that the counselor can coach them on how to improve their conduct, and content for their actual interview. The counselors will tailor the mock interview to specifically fit the student's needs, such as if they were interviewing for a teaching credential, graduate school, or a particular job.

The interviewee should not only research the company and the position they are applying for, but also themselves. The United States Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook lists under preparation, that the interviewee should "Be ready to answer broad questions, such as 'Why should I hire you?' 'Why do you want this job?' 'What are your strengths and weakness?'" Pam Wells suggests that the student should take the time to write out at least 10 adjectives that a supervisor would use to describe them, as well as writing down strengths with specific examples.

The Occupational Outlook Handbook also suggests asking questions about the position and the organization while avoiding questions involving salary or benefits of the job. Pam Wells' statement concerning researching, was that "There is so much information out there, if you don't get as much information as you can about the company, about the program, about the specific job, it translates to your not that interested in that position." By analyzing the job description the interviewee can also better tailor their interview questions and examples for that particular job.

When it comes down to the interview, as stated by the Career Guide provided by CSUSM, the introduction is very significant because it "establishes a rapport between you and the interviewer...it provides the interviewer with a first impres-

sion through your appearance, manner, and personal energy." The interviewee should give a strong handshake; make eye contact, and politely addressing the interviewer while using proper English. It is important that the interviewee be energetic. Pam Wells suggests that if the interviewee has the opportunity to pick their interview time, they should schedule it for when they're at their best. If they are a morning person then they should try to have the interview then.

Proper attire can be crucial to an interview even if the job they are applying for only requires casual attire. CSUSM's Career Guide makes an insightful statement, "Remember, appearance is not just the clothing, but how you handle yourself." The interviewee should wear professional attire with no extreme colors, and shy away from extravagant jewelry or hairstyles because the interview is not about making a fashion statement. For interviewees unsure of what to wear, Pam Wells suggested that they should dress better than what the interviewers would expect in order to make a good impression.

Students of CSUSM have a great opportunity to improve their interviewing abilities by going to the event held by the CSUSM Career Center on May 20 called "So You've Graduated Now What" at the Clarke Grand Salon from 8:30 to 1:30. At this event an alumni panel will talk about their careers, and give advice to students. Recruiters will discuss the job market in this present tough economy, and give interviewing tips. Students who graduated in December or will be in May can take advantage of this event through reserving a spot by giving the Career Center a refundable check of \$10. Students can still receive free Career Center services for three months after they graduate, and for only \$25 a month after that, insuring student's success well into the future.



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Find a job by using student friendly CougarJobs Student-based job search engine made easy

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Editor-in-Chief

Finding a summer job that can be enjoyable and offers flexibility for student's schedules can be easy through Cougar Jobs.

Cougar Jobs is an easy way for students to access on-campus and off-campus job postings. Through the Career Center, Cougar Jobs provides accurate and timely job listings for students looking for a job.

Cougar Jobs can be accessed through the Career Center's web page at www2.csusm.edu/careers/cougarjobs.

Cougar Jobs provides employers, faculty,

and students access to search for jobs, post available jobs, or update certain requirements for potential employees.

All types of jobs are offered through Cougar Jobs, full-time, part-time jobs, and internships can be easily found.

Cougar Jobs offers an easy way to navigate through the site by offering very specific search options to narrow the field of interest. Search by major, location, and even local on-campus jobs offered exclusively to students only.

Most employers offer in-depth job descriptions as well as contact information if the job is of interest to students, links are also avail-

able for uploading resumes and cover letters.

Searching for jobs and posting jobs for students are free and can be refreshed or updated without restrictions.

Some exclusive job opportunities for students on-campus are research assistants for various departments such as Daniel's Communication Lab, which helps communication students with technical problems and course work concerning video editing and other equipment. Student assistants working in Daniel's Communication Lab gain valuable hands on experience with new video technology.

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Spray on your perfect tan

BY SARAH GADDIS
Pride Staff Writer

With summer so close tanning is becoming a priority, but the risks of too much exposure to harmful UV rays are starting to send people to other means of attaining the perfect summer glow.

Tanning has been around for years and will continue to be a summer activity for many years to come, but bringing awareness to the effects of soaking up those rays is essential to any future tanner.

Many aim to achieve a healthy glow each summer, but the truth is that the skin's reaction to sunlight and producing a bronze tan is the skin's own natural defense mechanism against sun damage. Producing natural Melanin, the dark hue in sun drenched skin, is in effort to protect the skin from Ultra Violet (UV) rays. It is common knowledge that UV rays are harmful, but the issue is quickly forgotten in favor of the skin tone that is perfect for

summer clothes.

Alternatives to UV tanning beds and outdoor tanning are easy, quick and better for your skin.

Exposure to the sun can cause many risks to our bodies that many people are still unaware of. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services over exposure to the sun can result in premature aging, skin cancer, eye damage, and immune system suppression. Later in life, sunspots and age spots can appear giving skin an uneven tone that often worsens with age.

Tanning beds have also become a frequent activity because of their accessibility and rapid results, but in tanning beds are also a danger for our skin, and have required certain states to impose an 18 and up restriction for tanning bed usage. According to MSNBC, recent results from a study done by the World Health Organization might be just the incentive that the FDA needs to ban tanning beds

for those under 18.

The risks are very real and because none of them are fast acting, many people disregard them. Skin cancer can be considered the most feared result of tanning. Dr. William James, president of the American Academy of Dermatology Association stated that, "What was formerly considered a disease of older men is ballooning in young women, the very target audience and number one customer of the tanning industry."

Even though the risks are great in the most common way of getting that summer glow, don't be discouraged, there are many other methods that are just as convenient without the harmful side effects. Spray on tanning has become more and more popular in the last couple of years and the popularity is widely due to the fact that with this method the perfect tan can be achieved all year long.

Tanning Salons are popping up all over San Diego and the results are the same,

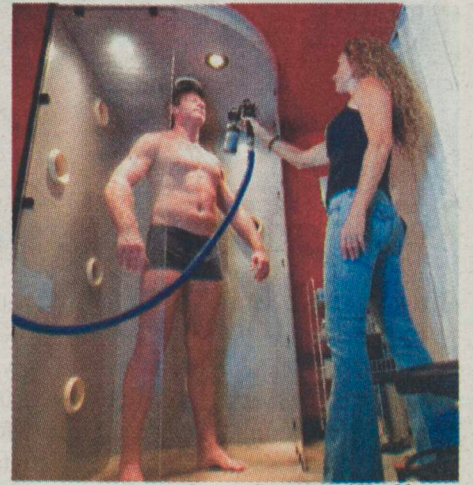


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if not better than laying out for hours. Spray on tans now come in a bottle as well and are easily found in any convenience or beauty store. The options available for achieving the perfect tan without the risks are plentiful and there is no reason for anyone to continue damaging their skin.

CSUSM wins RecycleMania 2010 as expected

How our campus keeps up with going green trends

BY KATRINA KISTLER
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM won the national "Grand Champion" title in a 10 Week recycling competition, Recycle Mania, which took place from January 17 to March 27 of this year.

The title of "Grand Champion" goes to the school with the highest percentage of waste recycled on campus. CSUSM beat out over 600 university competitors from the United States, Canada, and as far away as Qatar to win the honor with a 71.82 percent recycle rate.

A trophy, for the victory can be seen at the Big Cat Food Court on campus.

"Our campus was created with recycling in mind," said Carl Hanson, Recycle Mania leader and the recycling program coordinator on campus.

Hanson mentioned the early development of our campus, growing up in the

early 90s when the start of environmental issues were just becoming a growing concern.

"We have evolved a great waste diversion system on this campus, it [recycling] was here from the beginning and soon became a part of our culture."

Students involvement make a difference, through raising awareness and other leadership efforts felt throughout campus. "While students come and go, it is their increasing enthusiasm, especially with the rise of the "Green Revolution," which gives the program its energy. There have also been outstanding individual student leaders over the years that have made a difference," continued Hanson.

Hanson feels that CSUSM has always had an advantage over other campuses for the winning Recycle Mania because it is the effort that our campus makes all year long and not only during the Recycle Mania contest.

"Our recycling rate numbers are consistently high, so we don't have to really 'gear up' for the 10 week competition each January."

CSUSM has proven to be a leader in recycling because "going-green" is important to faculty, staff, and students. The future for recycling at CSUSM looks promising and the title helps set our campus as a model for other universities to improve recycling efforts.

Other ideas that our waste management division system team is working on for future development includes working with food services to increase recyclable, reusable and compostable products, according to Hanson.

The team is also looking into developing a food composting program on campus.

As a continuous leader in recycling, it becomes a trademark that our campus



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community cares about their environmental impact in our community and each make a conscience effort to help our environment.

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Across the board in Sports

Baseball finishes regular season with 6-5 win over Azusa

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

The stands behind the home dugout were full at Poway High School Monday night, as Cougar baseball closed out its 2010 regular season with a rousing 6-5 victory over Azusa Pacific.

CSUSM closes out its most successful season to date with a 31-13-1 record. Azusa is 17-28 with three games remaining.

Prior to the game, CSUSM honored its seniors playing the final home game of their careers: Omar Manzanarez, Ricardo Moran, Chris Skaalen, Travis McCracken, Josh Miller, Mike Pena, McClinton Heil, and Eric Julien.

And on the field, the Cougars, led by those seniors, did their family, friends, and fans proud with an excellent effort to earn a hard-fought win.

It started on the mound with McCracken, who was in full control for his six full innings of work. He allowed six hits and three walks while striking out two, with the only blemish on his record being a two-run second inning. He earned the win to finish the season 7-4.

At the plate, Kevin Silvett got things going early, drilling a two-run home run over the fence in left in the bottom of the first.

With the score 2-2 in the

second, CSUSM would score the remainder of its runs in the bottom of the frame. Steve Harris led off with a walk, and Pena smoked a single to center. Manzanarez then drove home Harris with a base hit of his own, and Moran crushed a huge double to left-center, bringing home both runs. Silvett then tallied his third RBI of the game with a base hit that scored Moran.

That would be the end of San Marcos' offense for the day, as Azusa sidearm reliever Scott Sakoda entered and allowed just two hits over the final seven innings.

That put the game in the hands

of the CSUSM pitching staff, and they would come through. Azusa got three runs in the seventh off Johnny Omahen, who hurt himself with a throwing error – but Omahen was able to strand the tying run on base and get out of the inning with a 6-5 lead.

Julienne then entered in the eighth, and with runners on second and third with two outs, struck out the inning's final batter to escape. He stayed in to throw a hitless ninth, securing the big win and picking up his third save of the season.

CSUSM will begin play at the A.I.I. Conference Tournament in Jackson, Tennessee on May 6.

Nelson's walk-off caps off softball's season-ending sweep of Hope International

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Brenna Sandberg finished up a school-record and NAIA-best 32-win regular season on Saturday, and Lauren Nelson's game two walk-off home run capped off Cougar softball's nearly flawless sweep of Hope International, 7-0 in game one and 8-0 in game two.

Number 13-ranked CSUSM finishes the regular season 35-13. Hope International finishes its season 14-32.

It was business as usual for Sandberg, who has been brilliant this season from start to finish. She was dominant in game one, going the full seven innings and

allowing just three hits and no runs. She walked just one and struck out 11.

At the plate, CSUSM took a 2-0 lead into the fifth, where they blew the game open. Ciera Ashman continued her red-hot hitting with a lead-off double, and Alicia Ingram slapped a double of her own. Alyssa Dronenburg then drove in Ingram with a sharply hit single, and after a base hit by Nelson and a productive ground out by Erica Coelho, Shanti Poston knocked in both runs with a big base hit to left. After getting to third on an error in the outfield, Poston then scored on an Elizabeth Bush ground-

out, making it 7-0.

Ingram had three hits in the game for the Cougars, and Ashman had two hits and scored two runs.

Game two was much of the same, with CSUSM taking an early lead and extending it late. Ashman led off the bottom of the first with a booming triple, and Ingram doubled her home. A Shanti Poston base hit with two outs put CSUSM up 2-0 early.

That lead would increase in the fourth, with Ashman, Dronenburg, and Coelho all driving in runs to put the Cougars up 6-0.

Meanwhile, Sandberg was cruising on the mound, sur-

rendering just two hits and one walk while striking out four. She gave way to Ashman after the big fourth inning out of reach, and Ashman went on to throw two innings of no-hit ball.

In the sixth, after Dronenburg singled with one out, Nelson provided a quick ending to the contest with a bomb over the fence in right. That made it 8-0, ending the game via the mercy rule.

With the regular season now in the books, Coach Dave Williams' squad will set its sights on the A.I.I. Conference Championship starting May 6 in Houston, Texas. Last season, CSUSM finished runner-up.

Harbor wins again as Track & Field competes at UCSD

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Competing in a field of top collegiate teams and decorated international athletes, Cougar track & field posted many strong finishes at the UCSD Triton Invitational on Saturday.

Leading the way, as he has done much of this season, was Anthony Harbor. The versatile first-year Cougar won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.81 seconds.

Harbor also competed in the 4x100-meter relay team, and along with Thomas McDougald, Nicholas Stein, and Nicholas Henderson, finished second with a time of 41.69 seconds. That same team took fourth in the 4x400-meter as well, running 3:17.96.

The women's 4x400-meter team, consisting of Krystle Osby, Brianna Murdoch, Lucia Asbury, and Monika Valenzuela, also took fourth, with a time of 3:54.03.

Jessica Sandoval was the runner-up in the 3,000-meter run, coming in at 10:09.69.

Along with his performance in the 4x100, Thomas McDougald also earned second in the individual 100-meter with a time of 10.73 seconds.

Dustin Blankenship tied for fourth in the steeplechase at 10:01.23 seconds.

Dave Edwards finished fifth in the 800-meter at 1:53.63.

Yachi Fails placed seventh in the triple jump, with a distance

of 10.69 meters.

Yuto Someya finished seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.24 seconds.

Osby placed eighth in the 100-meter as 12.22 seconds.

Monika Valenzuela took ninth in the 400-meter with a time of 2:14.76.

Cougar track & field will compete next weekend at the UC Irvine/Steve Scott Invitational, one of two scheduled meets before Nationals starting on May 27th.



Surf Report

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Cloudy

High Tide: 9:34 AM
Low Tide: 2:57 PM
Wave Height: 3-4 ft

WED

Sunny

High Tide: 10:22 AM
Low Tide: 3:32 PM
Wave Height: 1-2 ft

THURS

Sunny

High Tide: 11:10 AM
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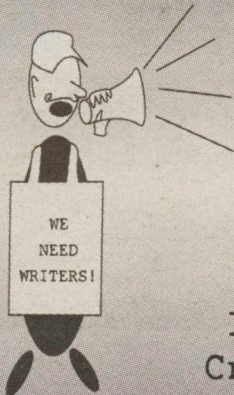
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Incredible poetry and experience worth sharing

BY MALLANE DRESSEL
Pride Staff Writer

To celebrate National Poetry Month, several poetry readings were scheduled in the San Diego County area. An event Sunday, April 25 at the Georgia Cole Library near downtown Carlsbad was devoted to presenting pieces from mystic poets, Hafiz, Dickinson, and Rumi. The five poets presenting works from these writers were Ishmael von Heidrick-Barnes, Jill Moses, Brandon Cesmat, Shadab Zeest Hashmi, and Jon Wesick.

The poets presenting these works are part of the organization Magee Park Poets, which was started in 1989 by a group of aspiring poets who gathered in Carlsbad's Magee Park. The presenter Brandon Cesmat, a creative writing teacher here at CSUSM, reflected on how events, such as the one Magee Park Poets organized, are vital for student writers because "it's important for students to understand their heritage, and the community that's here."

The reading was opened by Ishmael von Heidrick-Barnes reading Hafiz's "The Vintage Man" using steady pronunciation and eye contact, which drove the message into the audience's soul. Hafiz has already stimulated so many poets, such as Emerson who stated, "Hafiz is a poet for poets...He fears nothing, he sees too far, he sees through-out..." The manner in which Heidrick-Barnes presented the piece allowed the audience time to reflect and interpret the piece as it moved along. The presentation of this piece made Cesmat's commented on how "hearing pieces read out loud can actually increase the brains engagement" seem completely evident.

Another highlight of the reading was the poem "Death" by Emily Dickinson, presented by Jill Moses, which revealed the main theme of mortality, which can be seen in works of all the poets being presented at the event. Cesmat followed by adding movement while he



Photo by Mallane Dressel

read the poem "The Music We Are" by Rumi. His performance of whirling around in circles across the room emphasized the lost meaning presented in the poem. Cesmat explained how Rumi "inspires people to think past barriers, for example the line... 'The anemones blush because they have seen the rose naked'... This idea of not being divided sea to sky, land to sea. He thinks expansively because he's not held back by borders."

Cesmat originally started his writing career as a journalist, and changed to creative writing after earning his MFA from San Diego State University. He has won San Diego Book Awards in both poetry and fiction. He looks forward to reading at Grossmont College where they have been analyzing his first book, "Driven into the Shade." He is editing a second edition for Classrooms of Poets established by CPITS, California Poets in the Schools. Through this organization, he developed the program Laureates in Training, a program that recognizes student poets devoted to the poetry writing process, and poetry in the community.

After the presentation of the pieces by the mystic poets, the floor was open for whoever wanted to share a poem. Leah

Karp shared her piece called "Rumi's Place" from her published book of poetry "Inner-scapes," inspired by the way Rumi has the ability to describe the indescribable. Cesmat shared a descriptive piece, "Sliding From Seeds," that was reminiscent of the far-reaching explicit metaphors found in Rumi's work.

Through this sharing process, those in the audience that were not part of the Magee Park Poets were able to see how the poets being praised at the event had affected the poets in the audience, but it also made the event feel less open and more exclusive. In order to have the event

create a learning experience for all poets in the community the event should have been publicized more extravagantly than just through selected mailing and email. By expanding their audience to people outside of the Magee Park Poets, they will be encouraging younger and unknown writers to recognize poets that should have a profound affect on their writing. This would also cause the Magee Park Poets to possibly be exposed to more diverse poetry, allowing them to manipulate their writing to even greater heights because one of the best ways a poet can learn is by studying their peers' poetry.

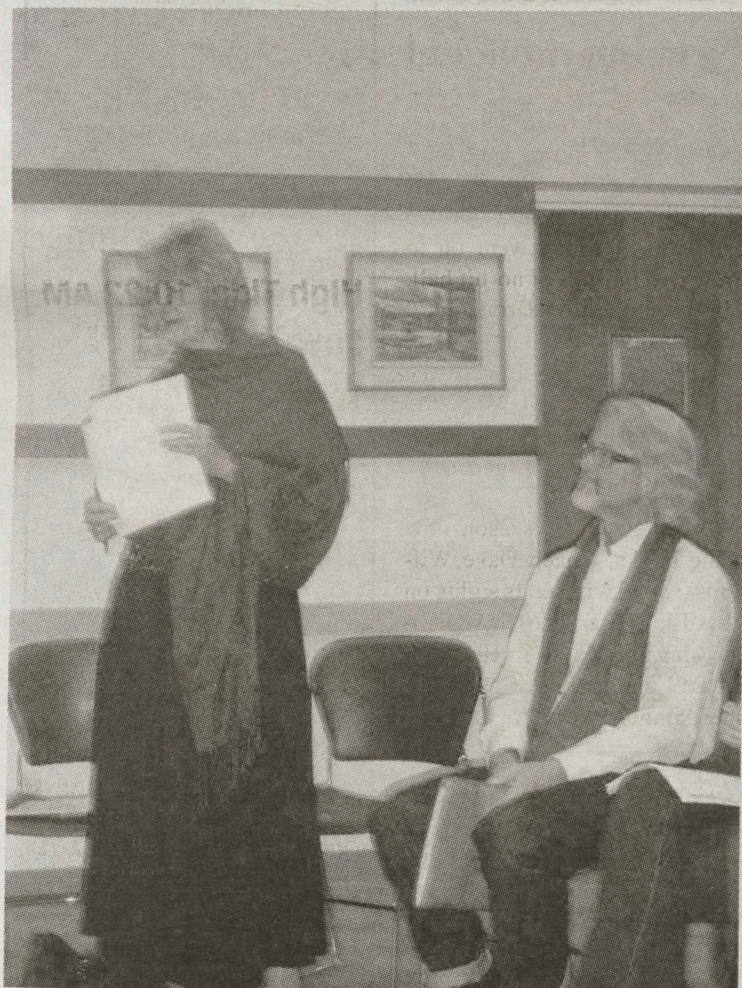


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Please Give
Starring Catherine Keener
and Oliver Platt
Directed by Nicole Holof-
cener

This indie flick explores cultural issues in a story about a couple who wish to expand their home. Themes of privilege and wealth erupt when the couple befriends their elderly neighbor who would be displaced by their expansion.

A Nightmare on Elm Street
Starring Jackie Earle Haley
Directed by Samuel Bayer

Since Hollywood has already remade, "Halloween" and "Friday the 13th," it is no surprise they would redo this horror classic. Freddy Krueger, one of cinema's most infamous slashers, stalks and slaughters teens in their sleep. Haley is already renowned for his creepy performances, so the Krueger claws and sweater may fit him well.

Furry Vengeance
Starring Brendan Fraser
and Brooke Shields
Directed by Roger Kumble

Brendan Fraser plays a developer planning on building in his local forest. His life becomes a circus when the animals of the woods rebel in this slapstick family flick.

The Human Centipede (First Sequence)



Starring Dieter Laser, Ash-
lynn Yennie, and Ashley C.
Williams

Directed by Tom Six
This horror flick takes the 'torture-porn' genre, inspired by "Saw" and "Hostel," to a new level. The film follows

Image courtesy of Summit Entertainment
a psychotic doctor who kidnaps women and surgically connect them into creature described by the title. Despite this gross-out concept, director Six claims everything in the film is medically accurate and possible.

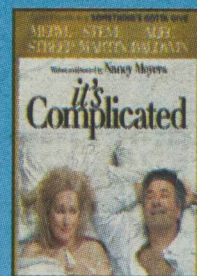


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DROPPING: DVD RELEASES

By Bill Rhein / Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday, Apr. 27



"IT'S COMPLICATED"

Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, and Alec Baldwin star in this film and get mixed up in a love triangle. Streep's character searches for balance in her love life when her ex-husband returns to her as she was falling for a new man. This story is slightly predictable, but worth a rent for the actors.

Rotten Tomatoes: 57/100

Internet Movie Database: 6.8/10



"DISTRICT 13: ULTIMATUM"

This action sequel struggles with its plot and overdone story, but the stunning fight scenes and martial arts are stunning and impressive. Damien and Leito return in this film where they take on multiple gangs and crime bosses in a corrupt district.

Rotten Tomatoes: 73/100

Internet Movie Database: 6.5/10



"THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS"

Though this flick was overshadowed by "The Dark Knight," this film was the last film for Heath Ledger. The story follows a ringleader and the devil who make a wager on who can gather more souls. Director Terry Gilliam expertly uses Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell, and other actors to fill in for Ledger's incomplete scenes.

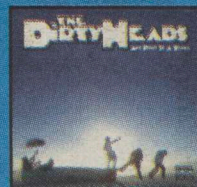
Rotten Tomatoes: 65/100

Internet Movie Database: 7.3/10

CD RELEASES

By Katrina Kistler / Pride Staff Writer

Tuesday, Apr. 27



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Any Port in a Storm
DIRTY HEADS

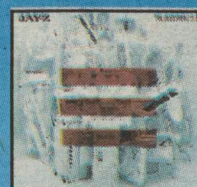
Dirty Heads new hit single, "Lay Me Down" has received an immense amount of support from the music industry. This southern Californian based group blends a mixture of reggae beats and fun rhythms, with some feel-good lyrics. This album is due out April 27, 2010.



ROCK

Fearless Love
MELISSA ETHERIDGE

Melissa Etheridge's album is due out on April 27, 2010. This much-anticipated album is the tenth album release of her career. Tracks like, "Indiana" have become popular telling a story a young girl overcoming a difficult childhood. After overcoming cancer, Etheridge has proved to be on a mission to reach success with this album.



RAP

The Blueprint 3
JAY-Z

This album's release is due out on April 27, 2010 with sixteenth much-anticipated tracks. Both Pharrell and Jay-Z are highly accomplished individuals that have been very successful within the music industry. Anytime these two ambitious stars join forces, it is sure that you will be in for something special.

Rotten Tomatoes scores are based on a percentage of critics who liked the film and are found on rottentomatoes.com.

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