

Campus police officer saves life

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Pride Staff Writer

On Monday, January 22, at around 6p.m., Campus Police responded to a report regarding a student in Markstein Hall. She had gone into cardiac arrest, was left unconscious on the floor and was not breathing. When Officer Angela Fanucchi arrived at the scene, she was told by a student who stood along side the victim, that he had given the victim two rescue breaths. Officer Fanucchi quickly did an assessment to find that the victim did not have a pulse, nor was she breathing.

Officer Fanucchi immediately confirmed the paramedics and began CPR on the student and almost at once, the student regained her breathing and pulse.

Within four minutes of calling the paramedics, they arrived.

The paramedics made it clear

that if Officer Fanucchi had not acted as quickly as she did, the chances of the student surviving could have been much worse.

The paramedics quickly transported the student to Palomar hospital where she was able to recover.

Lieutenant Miller said, "Officer Fanucchi's actions clearly saved this person's life and she has set a standard for other officers to strive for."

Officer Fanucchi is the same officer who arrested a non-student, a 31 year old male, for a possession of a 30.30 rifle on campus over the winter break.

In the past, Officer Fanucchi has worked with SDSU's Police Department and Harbor Police. She joined CSUSM's team in November.

Sergeant Jesse Flores said, "She's a great, dynamic employee. She's a go-getter, very proactive."

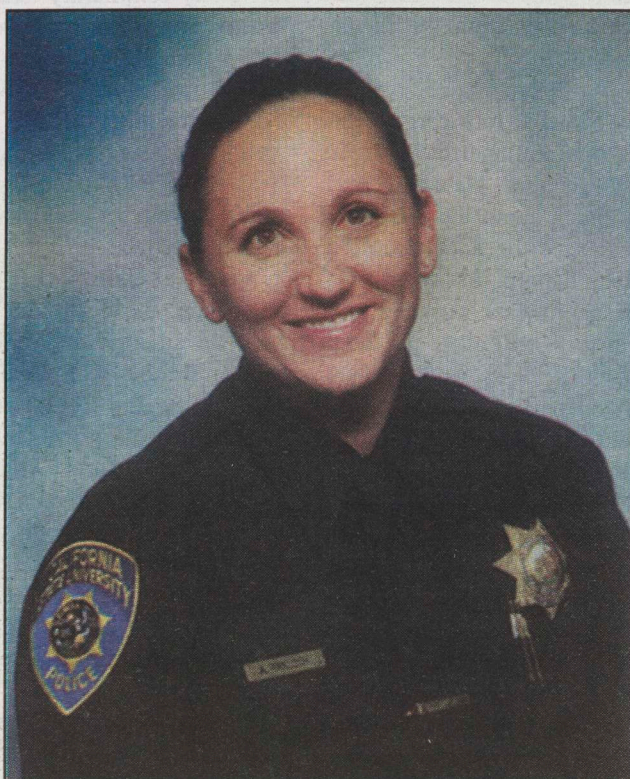


Photo courtesy of Campus Police

CSU board of trustees gives pay raise to top executives; professors look to strike as only option

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
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On Monday, January 22, members of the San Marcos chapter of the California Faculty Association took part in informational picketing to educate the campus on the lack of negotiations and adequate pay raises that the CSU Board of Trustees and the Chancellor's office



Photo by Kelly Corrigan/The Pride
Dr. Janet McDaniel, Professor of Education during last Monday's informational picketing.

have forced upon the faculty of the CSU system. In their effort to educate the students and the community, CSUSM professors held signs and chanted in favor of a fair contract. Two days later, the CSU Board of Trustees gave a 4% pay raise to all CSU presidents and several top administrators, the result of what had been in the workings since July.

In spite of Monday's informational picketing and November's rally when 1,000 professors and 500 students chanted in front of the Chancellor's office in Long Beach, the executives received a pay raise from the CSU Board of Trustees which would put some of them up to earning \$377,000 annually. In all their efforts for gaining a fair contract and a halt in student tuition raises, this recent pay raise adds another wrinkle to the complexity of what has become a salient issue of misplaced priorities.

Janet Powell, CFA President of the San Marcos chapter, said, "The CFA was not surprised by recent events of the CSU Board of Trustees' decision to raise top administrator's salaries or the Governor's Budget which will likely raise student tuition by another 10%. It is because of this type of disregard for faculty and

Cross cultural center moves; welcomes all students

BY KIM ANDERSON
Pride Staff Writer

The Cross Cultural Center, formerly known as the Multi-cultural Center, has moved from Craven Hall 4110 to Craven Hall 3400, just down the hall from the new Cougar Central. Its office hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. "The Cross Cultural Center has a great environment," says senior Randy Saldivar, a Kinesiology major, "very diverse and alive, it is a great place to meet new people." The Cross Cultural Center, or C3, is not only a wonderful place to hang out, but it also provides programs that strive to affirm the diversity of the campus community. The C3 has a couple of events planned for February, and more in the works for the upcoming months.

Diana Wong, administrative peer educator at the C3, explains, "(A) program we are starting every third Thursday of the month is 'Dinner Dialogues.' This is where students, staff and faculty are welcome to come to

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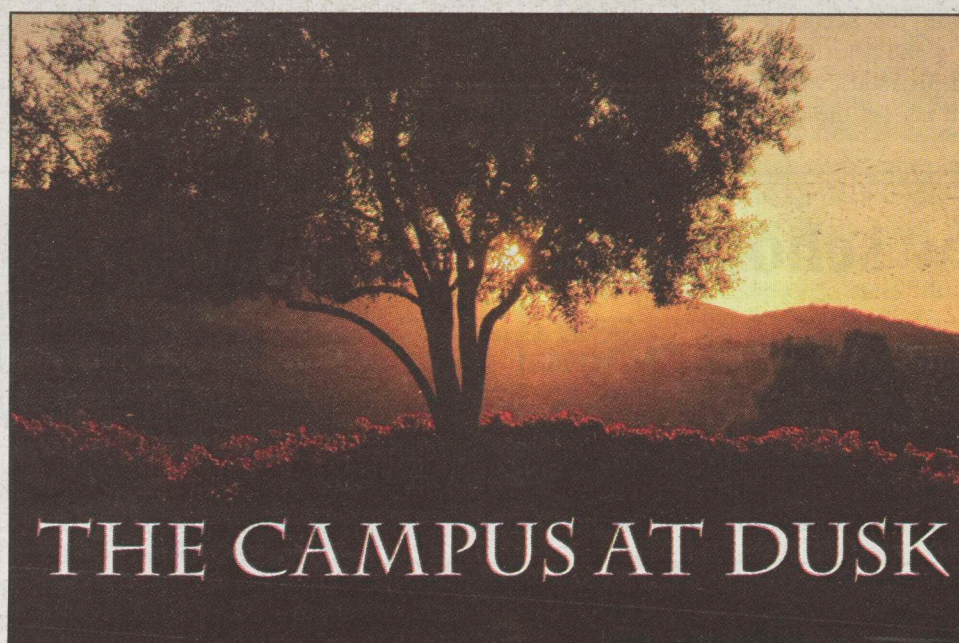


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Inaugural softball team ready to take the field

BY KYLE TREMBLEY
Pride Staff Writer

Spring will mark the first time Cal State San Marcos has fielded a softball team, and Head Coach Jennifer Milo expects the squad to be competitive sooner rather than later. If the fall was any indication, she's right on the money.

"The fall pre-season went great," says Milo. "The hard part with a new program is

judging who you are and just how good you can be. Playing in the fall gave us a huge confidence boost."

That's because the inaugural San Marcos squad stood up to some serious competition this fall, and was able to hold its own. Playing in an All-San Diego tournament, the Cougars gave Division I-A contenders SDSU and USD great games and played them down to the

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Recyclemania 2007 begins

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Pride Staff Writer

Just last year, CSUSM was hailed the Grand Champion of Recycling in the Recyclemania competition that has become even more popular among colleges and universities across the nation. And now, from January 28 to April 7, we are taking part in the competition once again.

But this year, there's new

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students that is forcing us to consider striking. We are concerned about the future of the CSU, our salary negotiation [is] one symptom of a much larger issue."

Dr. Powell added, "We are not against raises for anyone; all employees of the CSU are underpaid. We are just discouraged that the Board of Trustees have chosen to favor top administrators by giving significant raises to them while at the same time walking away from the faculty bargaining table."

CFA Secretary, Professor Lance Newman took part in Monday's informational picketing as well. Professor Newman said, "I'm angry about the misplaced priorities of the administration, but I am hopeful that determined activism, like the possible two-day strikes, will show the depth of faculty unity and seriousness and will help convince the administration to think again."

On February 6, the CFA will hold an informational meeting for all faculty in order to make the decision to strike as they take all the variables of the strike into consideration. The CFA has made it clear that the last thing they want to do is to disrupt students' studies and academic performance although it is possible that classes could be cancelled on the two day rolling strikes.

Dr. Powell said, "At this point, the CFA believes that the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Trustees are very much out of touch with the needs of those who are at the heart of the CSU, the students, staff, and faculty. They did not get the message at

our protest in November and they seem to not be getting it by our picketing now. Striking seems to us to be the only option."

Professor Newman and Dr. Powell agreed that students can do their university a favor and let their voice be heard by writing letters and speaking out against the mismanagement of faculty, students and staff. Professor Newman said, "What we need most right now is a unified message from all parts of the university community--students, faculty, and staff--that says, 'It's time to rebuild our school. The CSU is the future of California, but for too many years, we've seen rising fees, stagnating salaries, and shrinking budgets.'"

Dr. Powell believes that students should be involved when it comes to issues that affect them and those around them such as siblings and children. "Letter writing to the Chancellor's Office, the CSU Board of Trustees, legislators, and the Governor are efforts all students should participate in on a regular basis. I hope that students will do whatever they think is best for themselves and future students and encourage them to research these issues and come to their own conclusions."

Dr. Powell added, "The CSU has long been considered the 'people's university'. The promise of an accessible education is disappearing as more students will not be able to attend college due to high tuition and the university will not be able to recruit or retain quality professors, staff, and administrators."

For more information, visit www.csusm.edu/cfa.

The Pride encourages students to write letters to the Governor's Office and/or to the Chancellor's Office regarding a fair contract for CSU faculty.

When communicating with these offices, it is important to include your name and address in your letter.

You can write a letter to the Governor at:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Or to email the Governor visit,
<http://www.govmail.ca.gov>.

You can write the Office of the Chancellor at:

Office of the Chancellor
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

New scholarships available to CSUSM students

BY AMANDA RUTHERFORD
Pride Staff Writer

There are two great scholarships that are available for students who are juniors or above, or those working on achieving a

doctorate degree. The first is the Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, due March 23rd 2007. The second is the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive, due February 16th 2007.

The Pre-Doctoral Scholarship is for \$3,000 while the Chancellor's

Doctoral Incentive is for \$10,000. Those who earn the Pre-Doctoral scholarship earn a free summer internship at the institution of their choice.

According to Lisa Bandong, the Campus Program Coordinator, "The California Pre-Doctoral Scholarship and Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program are two scholarship programs from the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University. Both programs require CSU faculty sponsorship, and that is why our campus administers them through the Faculty Center. The funds from both of these programs come from the California State Lottery."

Bandong is the go-to person when students begin the process of receiving a scholarship. She will meet with the students one-on-one to discuss their "goals, the application and selection process, and most importantly, the faculty sponsorship." The two scholarships have different requirements but both need a faculty sponsor. It's a good thing to have a relationship with the sponsor for the faculty who know the student can better support students and help students with their goals. Bandong's advice is for "students working consciously on building relationships with their profes-

sors in all of their courses. Students should learn as much as they can about their professors' experiences and talk with their professors about their goals and plans."

"The Pre-Doc is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of potential university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are CSU juniors, seniors or graduate students that are economically and educationally disadvantaged" said Bandong. "The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program seeks to provide loans to doctoral students who are interested in applying and competing for CSU instructional faculty positions after completion of the doctoral degree." The Chancellor's Doctoral has a forgivable loan for students who return to teach at a CSU campus, and once they begin teaching, 20% of the loan is forgiven with every year of service. Though the scholarship does not guarantee employment to any of the CSU's, it definitely helps decrease money owed if students decide to work in the CSU system.

For more information regarding these scholarships, contact Lisa Bandong at 750-4019 or visit <http://www.csusm.edu/fc/loans>.

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- Doctoral students planning to attend a doctorate program in AY 07-08 or already enrolled are encouraged to apply.

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competition. Rutgers, Penn State and Stanford have entered into the 10 week contest. Although according to Carl Hanson who works in Facility Services, Chico State is even a greater competitor. "They're very well known. They're one of the top recycling schools. This could be a big challenge, we need everybody's help but we're very confident that we'll win again."

In 2005 and again in 2006 CSUSM won first place. But in 2005, only 45 schools entered in the competition. In 2006, 93

schools entered. This year, just over 200 schools are in the competition.

The winner is decided based upon a percentage of all the waste that is recycled. Last year, 50.9 % of our total waste was recycled.

When CSUSM earned the Grand Champion trophy, it was nicknamed The Tin Man. It is currently on display in the dome. If we lose this year's competition, we lose The Tin Man to the winning school.

Hanson encourages all of CSUSM to recycle. "All we have to do is just recycle and we can win. We have enough contain-

ers to take a minute to put it in the right container."

Hanson acknowledges that our campus has a unique recycling consciousness that other schools don't possess. "We have a good program, with great faculty and students and staff. It's our system. It's our culture. Older campuses have to reinvent themselves, it's a lot harder to start it up."

(Photo at right) The 2006 Recyclemania Grand Champion trophy, 'The Tin Man', on display at The Dome.



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dinner and discuss the topic of the night." The first of the Dinner Dialogues series will be held in the Dome from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on February 15, 2007.

Another program coming up is Multicultural Mondays. Always held on the last Monday of the month, the next Multicultural Monday will be held on February 26. Time and place to be determined. This next Multicultural Monday is called "Shake Your Money Maker," which will be about analyzing media stereotypes and examining its cultural influences on how it impacts society.

Other programs in the works include The Safe Zone Program and Christian Athletes Forums among others.

These cultural activities are very important steps in realizing the Cross Cultural Center's goals which are to promote an awareness of culture and the aspects that form cultural identity which include race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, abilities, sexual orientation and religion.

Senior Jay Franklin, a Human Development major, explains the importance of C3, "Without a CrossCultural Center, there wouldn't be an area with all the resources

available to cultural and ethnic groups in one specific location." The C3 has, among their resources, a multicultural library which is a collection of over 100 books, CDs and DVDs that address various diversity and multicultural topics. Through the Multicultural Student Leadership Council, the C3, and their cross-cultural collaboration, they aim to dismantle the notion that only certain cultural groups benefit from learning about other cultures.

The programs and services offered by the C3 are taking steps in the right direction in order to accomplish their goals. As an added bonus, the actual C3 is the perfect place to go to meet new people and make friends. Freshman Brittany Nickolas, an Environmental Biology major, shares, "C3 is a great place for anyone for anyone and everyone to come and feel included. I'm glad it's here."

Melissa Fajardo, a Human Development sophomore, adds, "C3 creates a comfortable vibe among students and faculty who stop by."

That student opinion so closely mirrors the C3's objectives is a testament to the center's effectiveness. The C3 can be reached at 760-750-4958 for more information.

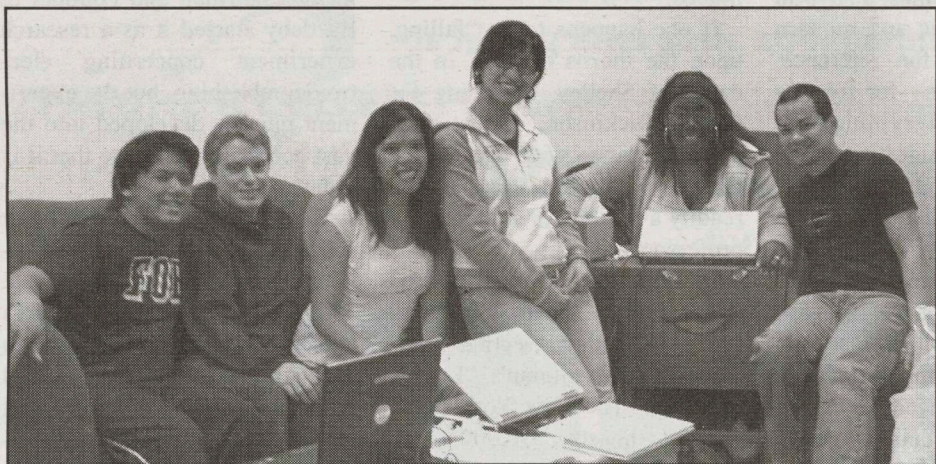


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From left to right, Randi Saldivar, Andrew Kingwell, Melissa Fajardo, Diana Wong, Brittany Nickolas and Jay Franklin hang out and work at the C3 during University Hour.

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Get to know your Librarian

BY KELLY CORRIGAN
Pride Staff Writer

They are here to answer students' questions. Whether students need to complete those tedious annotated bibliographies or even if they just want to locate one book in the midst of thousands of titles. They are here to help and they are willing to do so eagerly and promptly, as they work within your discipline and deadline. They are your campus librarian and they're here to take the daunting out of research.

In a newly advertised feature of the Kellogg Library titled, "Ask a Librarian," the librarians of CSUSM want to make research as quick and accessible as it can possibly be. By accessing the library website at

<http://library.csusm.edu>, students can click on the Ask a Librarian link which will take them directly to a page that will accommodate the kind of help a student may need.

In total, there are five kinds of help any student can access. Two immediate forms of help are available only during the library hours. This includes the In Person help in which students can walk up to the Research Help Desk or request help by phone in which students can call 760-750-4391. These services are available only during the library hours. On any given day, there are 12 librarians on call in Kellogg Library to meet with a student in person or to answer questions over the phone.

Another immediate form of help the library offers is the Internet Chat. The Internet Chat feature under Ask a Librarian is a global network in which librarians all over the world sign in to a

network that works similarly to instant messenger. Students can have conversations with librarians at any hour there are at least 30 librarians are signed in at all times. Outreach Librarian Melanie Chu says, "This could be the best way when a student has to do last minute research at 2 a.m."

The fourth service under Ask a Librarian, is e-mail. On any day of the week, a student can submit a question through e-mail and one of the campus librarians will answer the question or questions, within 24 hours.

The absolute best way to do research, according to Chu, is to meet with a specified research librarian. There are 12 librarians who work in specified departments. Yvonne Nalani Meulemans is the Science Librarian. Ann Manning Fiegen is the Business Librarian. Judith A. Downie is the Humanities Librarian. In any subject ranging from Anthropology, in which Chu works, to Ethnic Studies or to Mathematics, there is a librarian for every subject.

All 12 research librarians work closely with professors, so they know what the professors expect out of their students and they know the amount of research that has to be done. "The important thing is, we don't do research for you, we teach you how to find the research you need." Chu added, "As long as you're not procrastinating, this is the best way to do your research."

To find out who your librarian is, visit http://library.csusm.edu/services/research_help/

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 7a.m. to 9p.m. On Fridays, 8a.m. to 5p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, 10a.m. to 5p.m.

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Police Beat

Possession of Firearms

On Saturday January 13, around 9 p.m., Campus Police noticed a blue pick up truck in Lot E with a two year expired registration sticker. Campus Police held a routine traffic stop but learned that the driver, a non-student, a 31 year old male, had a dagger in the side of his door and a 30.30 hunting rifle in the back seat. He was booked into jail and pled guilty for weapon possession on campus. He had driven onto campus in order to gain internet access.

Petty Theft

On January 17, an employee of Cougar Central reported that someone had taken \$100 dollars from her wallet which was in her purse and inside a drawer near her desk. There are currently no suspects.

Vandalism

Over the winter break, 3 letters were stolen from the CSU sign in Craven Circle. The letters, M A E are missing. The total loss is \$300. If you have any ideas regarding where these letters may be, contact the University Police Tips line at extension 8477. Campus Police have some leads but they would like to have the returned property.

Domestic Violence

On January 23, a domestic violence arrest took place at the UVA when a relationship turned violent. The female student received minor injuries from the male student. The male voluntarily came to the Campus Police to be interviewed. Based on his statement, he was arrested and booked into jail for domestic violence.

Drunk in Public

On January 26, just 15 minutes after midnight, a student was arrested for being drunk in public near the Prominence Apartments. The student was immediately booked into jail.

Any information on any of the ongoing investigations should be reported to Campus Police at 760-750-4567 or by emailing Lt. Miller at dmiller@csusm.edu. The Campus Police tips line ext. is 8477.

What's lost is ready to be found

BY KIM ANDERSON
Pride Staff Writer

Remember two semesters ago when you lost your favorite pair of sunglasses on campus? I know you were resigned to accept their fate as permanently missing, but I have some news that is designed to bring people just like you a little hope: our campus lost and found.

It is run by our campus Police Department, located at 441 La Moree, and although not technically on campus, the building is very easy to find using Map-Quest or Yahoo Maps. Lt. Bob Jones, who helps run the lost and found, says that though it is campus policy to keep found items for 180 days, they still have items that were found a year ago in their collection.

Jones says that their current collection consists of keys, books, cell phones, iPods, wallets, and lots of sunglasses among

other articles. In order to claim your lost items, all you need is to describe your item to the police station. If you lost a key, they let you rummage through their key collection instead of describing it, because keys rarely have any distinguishing characteristics. You can check with them in person at the aforementioned address, or give them a call at 760-750-4565. If your item was recently lost, sometimes they are not immediately recovered, but they eventually get turned in to the lost and found.

If you find something on campus, and being the upstanding citizens you all are, you can turn it in to several different places on campus: the checkout desk on the third floor of Kellogg Library, the help desk on the second floor of Kellogg Library, the ASI offices in Commons 207, or at the Clark Fieldhouse. Articles turned in to these depositories are given to the Police Department on a daily or

weekly basis, depending on how valuable the item is. Cell phones and wallets are usually picked up by the Police Department right away.

When items like cell phones and wallets are turned in to the police lost and found, the police make every effort to find the owner, and they usually do according to Jones. After articles are not picked up after a certain amount of time, some are placed into a statewide lost and found if they have serial numbers and bar codes that more easily distinguish them, or they are placed into a statewide police auction and sold in Los Angeles.

If you have lost an item or found one, you now know what to do. The hours of the Cal State San Marcos Police Lost and Found are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, you can send e-mail to the lost and found at psadmin@csusm.edu.

Website of the Week

BARTLEBY.COM

BY PAMELA CASTILLO
Pride Staff Writer

Bartleby.com is a literature haven that combines a hybrid selection of classic and modern literature ready for reference. The website offers—for free—a huge resource of everything from English usage guides to quick reference of famous quotations, encyclopedias, dictionaries, a thesaurus, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction literature.

For students this means easy access to a lot of information. Some of the information offered is otherwise expensive and/or hard to find. Bartleby comes in handy for little things like figuring out: "who was it that said that one famous quote, anyway?" As Gertrude Stein says, "Writing and reading is to me synonymous with existing," and this is just one example of the thousands of famous quotes that can be easily found on Bartleby.

With the 2,500 word writing requirement per course at CSUSM, sooner than later most CSUSM students can and should utilize these references. With Bartleby students can quickly have access to key pointers in the correct usage for the sometimes confusing words like "affect" and "effect," or "accept" and "except." Additionally, the expansive encyclopedias can be extremely helpful.

The website also contains full texts of anthologies and volumes of classic literature, including Charles Dickens, Aesops Fables, Herman Melville, Nathaniel Hawthorne and F. Scott Fitzgerald, and offers access to the poetry of Emily Dickinson, T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost, John Keats,

William Shakespeare, and Oscar Wilde, to name a few. The verse, fiction and non-fiction collections offered by the website are unique indeed.

If one happens to be "falling, upon the thorns of life," in the name of Shelley, searching for Poe or Dickinson, or just need some guidance with "Beowulf," Bartleby has the easy button readily available for students and professors alike.

In 1993, Bartleby.com offered their viewers the first publication of its kind, an electronic version of Walt Whitman's, "Leaves of Grass." The New York based website boasts 370,000 web pages, 10,000 poems, and an elaborate collection of quotations at over 86,000, which is the largest collection available to date. Also offered are the latest versions of the "Columbia Encyclo-

pedia" and "The American Heritage Dictionary."

According to the website, Steven H. van Leeuwen, the President, Chairman and Founder of Bartleby started it as a research experiment concerning electronic publishing, but the experiment quickly developed into the vast accessible resource that it is today.

When a viewer feels that he or she is ready to purchase a favorite selection for one's private collection, Bartleby also offers books for sale in connection with Amazon.com. Bartleby and Amazon forge the common goal to accelerate the wide availability of literature. William Shakespeare himself might have done research at this website, had the resource been available to him. So, make no delay to check out this priceless resource.

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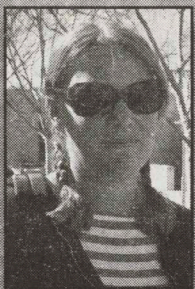
University Voice

What important issues do you wish there was more coverage of in the mainstream media?



Micah Bearce
Senior, Political Science

"The most important one is official corruption and people's refusal to prosecute people in power that have abused their power, such as police and congressmen. Most of the time they get a slap on the wrist if it's even reported."



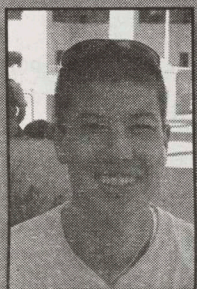
Laura Lavelle
Senior, Human Development

"The thing I would like to see more in the mainstream media would be education issues for children and college students and the things that affect parents and students."



Jessica Montanez
Senior, Communications

"I think that there is a little too much coverage with celebrities and there should be more coverage on what's happening, like the war in Iraq and political issues because celebrity information is always changing."



Ryan Suzukawa
Freshman, Undeclared

"There should be more information on the war in Iraq just with Bush because it seems like we are hidden from the information. I want to hear about more information, the deeper story of what's going on."



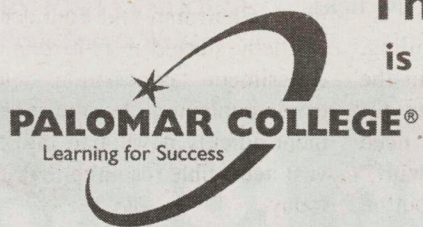
Daniel Bellino
Freshman, Computer Science

"More information on the war. We hear so much about celebrities getting divorced. A lot of people care about what's going on over there, it would be nice to hear about what's going on there rather than Britney Spears getting divorced."



Richard Padaon
Freshman, Computer Science

"We should focus on more serious matters like the war and all the poverty in our society instead of all this Britney Spears stuff."

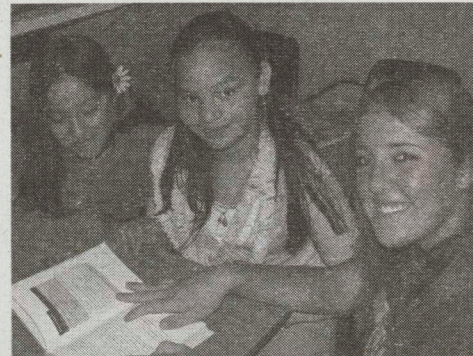
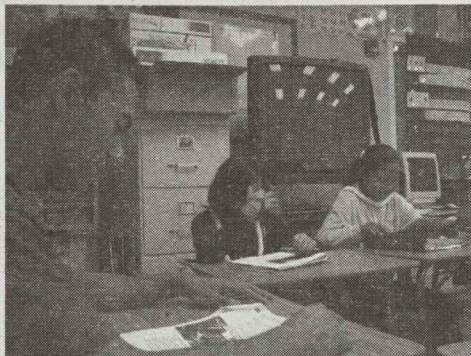
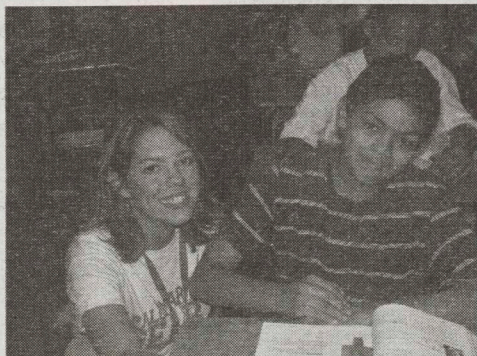
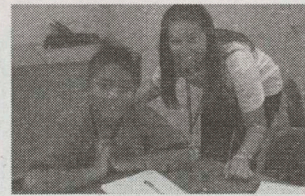
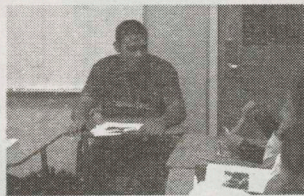


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Freedom of the Internet

BY DAVID GATLEY
Pride Staff Writer

The freedom of internet access and use is at risk. In the near future you will not be able to access most of the websites you visit daily, unless these websites pay a premium to Internet Service providers, such as AT&T, Time-Warner and Comcast. Your high speed internet will not apply to any site you go to, but only those chosen by your Cable Company or Internet Service Provider (ISP). This is not a warning, this is already happening, and the Internet needs our help.

If you are not yet familiar with the term "Net-Neutrality" this is nothing new; bloggers, active citizens, websites, and activists have been trying to bring attention to the topic for years. According to www.savetheinternet.com "When we log onto the Internet, we take lots of things for granted. We assume that we'll be able to access whatever website we want, whenever we want to go there. We assume that we can use any feature we like; watching videos online, listening to podcasts, searching for information, emailing, and instant messaging, anytime we choose. We also assume that we can attach devices like wireless routers, game controllers, or extra hard drives to make our online experience better.

What makes all these assumptions possible is "Network Neutrality," the guiding principle that ensures the Internet remains free and unrestricted. Net Neutrality prevents the companies that control the wires bringing you the Internet from discriminating against content based on its ownership or source. But that could all change.

The biggest cable and telephone com-

panies would like to charge money for smooth access to Web sites, speed to run applications, and permission to plug in external devices. These network conglomerates believe they should be able to charge website operators, application providers, and device manufacturers for the right to use the network. Those who don't make a deal and pay up will experience discrimination: Their sites won't load as quickly, their applications and devices won't work as well. Without legal protection, consumers could find that a network operator has blocked the website of a competitor, or slowed it down so much that it's unusable.

cable companies, including AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and Time Warner, want to be Internet gatekeepers, deciding which websites go fast or slow and which won't load at all.

They want to tax content providers to guarantee speedy delivery of their data. They want to discriminate in favor of their own search engines, Internet phone services, and streaming video, while slowing down or blocking their competitors.

These companies have a new vision for the Internet. Instead of an even playing field, they want to reserve express lanes for their own content and services, or those from big corporations that can

It now falls to the Senate to save the free and open Internet. Fortunately, Sens. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) and Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) have introduced a bipartisan measure, the "Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2006" (S. 2917), that would provide meaningful protection for Net Neutrality.

On June 28, the Snowe-Dorgan bill was introduced as an amendment to Sen. Ted Stevens' (R-Alaska) major rewrite of the Telecom Act (S.2686) [now HR.5252]. The committee split down the middle on the measure, casting a tie vote of 11-11.

Though meaningful Net Neutrality protections were not added to Stevens' bill, the fight for Internet freedom is gaining serious momentum as the bill moves toward the full Senate later this year. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) has threatened to place a "hold" on the entire legislation unless it reinstates Net Neutrality and prevents discrimination on the Internet.

What can you do? Like any other important issue, you can write your congressman, and hope they read it, you can go to hundreds of informational sites such as savetheinternet.com and sign Internet petitions and hope that your name does something. Or perhaps more realistic, you can talk about it. Ask your friends if they have heard about it. Bring up net-neutrality in class and see if your professor will get a little off topic for a 20 minute debate about the freedom of the Internet. We are a generation defined by electronic, available, and most importantly, free media.

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The network owners say they want a "tiered" Internet. If you pay to get in the top tier, your site and your service will run fast. If you don't, you'll be in the slow lane."

What does all this mean? Well, say for instance you hate Myspace and prefer Facebook. If you are a Cox Cable subscriber and Facebook doesn't pay Cox money to host the site, you won't be able to access the site from your home computer. Or perhaps Fox News and Time-Warner have a partnership, if you have internet access from Time-Warner (Roadrunner) you won't be able to go to ABC, The New York Times, or NBC for news. Basically your Internet will become limited, and you will be restricted access to the sites you want to go to.

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afford the steep tolls, and leave the rest of us on a winding dirt road. Congress is now considering a major overhaul of the Telecommunications Act. The telephone and cable companies are filling up congressional campaign coffers and hiring high-priced lobbyists. They've set up "Astroturf" groups like "Hands Off the Internet" to confuse the issue and give the appearance of grassroots support.

On June 8, the House of Representatives passed the "Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act of 2006," or COPE Act (H.R. 5252) -- a bill that offers no meaningful protections for Net Neutrality. An amendment offered by Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), which would have instituted real Net Neutrality requirements, was defeated by intense industry lobbying.

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Jock Talk With Josh: The Super Bowl

BY JOSH SANDOVAL
Pride Sports Writer



I hate the Super Bowl.

That may be something of a shock to hear from a sports writer, especially one who loves football. But hear me out on this one.

The game is built up for two weeks. It is talked about in the media for those 14 days as the greatest game that will ever be played, and more times than not I have admitted to seeing better high school games.

The long break in between the conference championship games also gives the media plenty of opportunity to beat the same stories to death. I can't tell you how many times I have heard that Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy are the first black coaches to make it to the Super Bowl. Also, how Dungy gave Smith his first job in the NFL and how they are best friends. I wish I could tell ESPN that I only need to hear these things once.

I also know that Peyton Manning has yet to win the big game and that Adam Vinatieri has been the difference in three Super Bowl titles. Also, don't mention the fact that Mike Ditka coached the 1985 Bears, which won the Super Bowl. Oh, and I do know that Rex Grossman has been sketchy this season. If I hear one more thing about Marvin Harrison and Manning being in sync for more touchdowns than any other duo in

NFL history I may actually puke. I also know that Harrison is unlike all the other receivers in the league in that fact that he talks with his game and not his mouth, so save that as well.

What may annoy me more than all the story lines being thrown at me is that everyone thinks they are an expert on who is going to win. Everyone from the casual fan to the "experts" on Sportscenter have a take on who is going to win. The following are different reasons I have heard for why each team is going to win. The Colts' offense is too good. The Bears' defense is too good. The Colts' defense isn't reliable. The Bears' offense is too inconsistent.

All of that is just the build up to the game. The actual game pisses me off more than the build up. The game takes like half a day to play because there are so many media timeouts for the multi-million dollar advertisements to be played on television. By the time the game gets to halftime we have to see an hour concert from some singer who is so washed up their skin is wrinkled. I really don't want to see the symbol, Prince, perform in the middle of a football game. If I really wanted to see Prince perform I would turn the way back machine to the 1980's.

Not to mention the announcers. CBS isn't as bad as FOX, but they are still pretty hacky. If I hear another announcer duo trying to be a couple of stand-up comedians I might reach the point of putting the television on mute and recording my own commentary to the games.

With all that said, I am still going to watch the game because of the Super Bowl pools and great food at the parties.

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Super Bowl XLI

Thoughts and predictions about the game

Why the Chicago Bears will win

BY MIKE MILLBURN
Pride Staff Writer

First, I feel compelled to mention the oh-so-small detail that I absolutely loathe the Bears. As a rabid fan of Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers, I find the fact that they are in the Super Bowl detestable. That being said, however, I believe that they will in fact handle the Colts and win their first Lombardi Trophy since the mid-1980s.

The biggest factor for the Bears is the brain of quarterback Rex Grossman. While I don't doubt his arm, it is his decision making that will be the largest area of concern. He has been a proverbial Jekyll and Hyde this season; one week he'll play like Johnny Unitas, the next week he'll look like former Charger vagabond Ryan Leaf. Whether or not he keeps his head in the game will go a long way towards determining a Bears win.

The Bears' backs will have a big game against a suspicious Colts run defense. While the Colts' defense has played well during the playoffs, they still give up 173 rushing yards per game. Expect the platoon of Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson to have a monster day.

The receivers are not great, but they get the job done. Mushin Muhammad and Bernard Berrian are the main targets, but don't discount backups Rashied Davis and Mark Bradley. They are more than capable of catching the deep ball and burning the Colts' defensive secondary. While the Bears are definitely a run-first team, the pass game is capable of taking over a game.

The Bears' offensive line is one of the best in the business, led by center Olin Kreutz and right guard Roberto Garza. The Colts' defensive line has been beaten up all season by teams with dom-

inant O-lines, and it will happen again as the pocket should keep Rex Grossman upright for most of the game.

Now to the bread and butter of the Bears: their vaunted defense. The team's front seven is only equaled in ferocity by the San Diego Chargers. While they will be without all-world defensive tackle Tommie Harris, this line is still dangerous, as they have combined for 31 sacks. Don't get me wrong, the Colts' offensive line is a good one (as Peyton Manning has been sacked only 14 times this season), but they have not faced a line this good all season. Manning will have nightmares about these guys in the off-season.

The three linebackers could start for any team in the league, and are the heart and soul of the defense. The unquestioned leader is middle linebacker Brian Urlacher, who may be the best linebacker of the last 15 years, though Ray Lewis may argue that statement. A six-time Pro Bowler, Urlacher is joined by fellow Pro Bowler Lance Briggs, who led the team with 113 solo tackles. The strong-side backer, Hunter Hillenmeyer, is a future star in the league.

The secondary has speed everywhere, starting with corners Charles Tillman and Nathan Vasher. But the most dangerous member of the secondary is rookie Devin Hester. Imagine a younger and faster Dante Hall and you'll get Hester, who can return the ball for a touchdown every time he touches it. Safety Danieal Manning is another rookie who is getting better at just the right time.

While the offense does just enough to get by, the defense and special teams are far too good to ignore; they will overwhelm the Colts and win the big game 27-17 with Thomas Jones claiming the MVP.

David Church
Colts 25, Bears 24
MVP: Adam Vinatieri
4-4 FG's

Jeremy Albers
Colts 31, Bears 21
MVP: Marvin Harrison
8 Catches 136 yards 2 TD's

Why the Indianapolis Colts will win

BY PAUL BAIMBRIDGE
Pride Staff Writer

For the first time in 36-years, the Baltimore...oops, Indianapolis Colts are back in the Super Bowl. It has been a while since their last visit back in Super Bowl V when they were the Baltimore Colts.

If you only watched the regular season you'd think I'm crazy for saying this, but their defense is a big reason why they are going to win the Super Bowl. Their No. 32 ranked run defense during the regular season was one of the worst in NFL history, giving up 173-yards per game and even gave up 375-yards to the Jacksonville Jaguars on December 10. That defense isn't the same defense that is now in the Super Bowl. Of the three playoff games, their defense has given up 32-yards to Larry Johnson, 53 to Jamal Lewis and 93 to the plethora of runners New England trots out. The Colts defense is stingy and they just stopped three of the top eight offenses the AFC has to offer.

Now from the Colts' defense to the opponent's defense. New England's defense is known throughout the NFL as being very confusing, showing different looks in order to confuse the quarterback and making it difficult to read the coverage. New England's defense was ranked No. 6 during the season, right behind Chicago, which was ranked No. 5. The Patriots gave up a total of 14.8 ppg, second only to the Ravens, a team the Colts literally kicked to death 15-6, which gave up 12.6 ppg. Chicago's defense shouldn't be too hard, since the Colts figured a way around New England and Baltimore.

How about Rex? Rex Grossman has been in the league since 2003 but has been riddled with injuries until this year.

He is an up and coming QB in this league, but his talent is still raw. The Super Bowl is just too big for an inexperienced and inconsistent QB like Grossman to come in and beat a guy like Peyton Manning when it matters most.

Manning finally beat the Patriots; every single time the media dubs it the Colts' year the Patriots have been there to give them the boot. It happened in the AFC Championship game in 2003 and in the Divisional round in 2004. If Manning wanted to get to, and win, the Super Bowl he was going to have to go through the Patriots. Manning has beaten the Patriots, is now in the big game and is ready for this moment.

There is a resiliency about the Colts this year that I have never seen in previous years. Every time the Colts lose in the playoffs they always lose without putting up a fight. We've seen them win big in the playoffs, but wow do they lose horribly; 20-3 to the Patriots in 2004, 24-14 to the Patriots in 2003 and 41-0 to the Jets in 2002. The Colts seem like they actually want it and you can see it in the way they play. When it was 21-6 at the half against the Patriots in the AFC championship the Colts were never out of it. Manning hurt his finger on his throwing hand during the game, and almost came out of the game. What did Manning and the Colts do? The defense held, Manning stayed in the game and led them on the eventual winning drive. With emotional leaders like Manning on offense and Bob Sanders on defense, the Colts are primed to win 34-24 with Manning going 20-of-34 for 379 yards and 3 TD, while claiming the MVP.

Joshua Sandoval
Bears 34, Colts 30
MVP: Rex Grossman
24-30 3 TD's 290 yards

Richard Esperti
Colts 34, Bears 31
MVP: Dallas Clark
Will have third straight big game

What you need to know for Super Bowl Sunday

BY DAVID CHURCH
Pride Staff Writer

February 4, 2007 will bring football fans together once again when the defensive powerhouse the Chicago Bears take on the strong-armed offense of Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts. Crowning a new champion and making history by putting the Bears coach, Lovie Smith, and Colts coach, Tony Dungy, in the history books for being the first African-American to coach

a Super Bowl team. Now the question is where are you going to watch it?

For those who enjoy large crowds and the bar scene I would suggest Players Sports Bar in Clairemont Mesa (7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.). Here you will be able to enjoy all you can eat and drink for a price of \$75. They have over 70 televisions, eight 7½ ft. wide screen HD televisions and a 10-foot wide screen HD television.

If you don't feel like making

the long drive, you can catch the game at 55 Yardline Sports Bar (1020 W. San Marcos Blvd. #114). They will have several specials and you can enjoy the game on one of their 20+ televisions.

For those who are planning on throwing the greatest Super Bowl party ever, here are some reminders of those must haves. The first thing you need to get when planning for your party is chips and dip.

After you get those, you can

move over to the frozen food aisle where you can pick up some Buffalo wings and frozen pizzas, unless you are planning on ordering pizza which is always recommended.

The next step would be to go get soda and beer, as refreshments are the key to every party. For those with a sweet tooth, you will want to stop by and get pretzels and M&Ms before checking out.

The final things you'll need to get are plastic cups, napkins and plates. To really make

your party go with the Super Bowl theme, you will want to purchase football decorations. Finally, it is time to enjoy the game.

But the most anticipated event during the Super Bowl is the Pepsi Half Time Show that will be featuring six time Grammy winner Prince. Pepsi has also announced that they will be giving away a \$100,000 jewel-studded soft drink can to one of the fans during the game.

Cougar baseball ready to pounce

BY JEREMY ALBERS
Pride Staff Writer

The CSUSM baseball program is off and running. With a group of mainly freshman, sprinkled with some veteran experience, Coach Dennis Pugh leads the Cougars into their first year of play. It won't be instant success with this bunch but the near future is bright.

Coach Pugh is a San Diego area coaching legend and his track record speaks for itself. As coach at Mission Bay high school, his teams won 18 league titles and 8 CIF championships.

When asked about the acquisition of Coach Pugh, Athletic Director Dr. Stephen Nichols said, "We are really, really lucky. Pugh's name carries weight". Nichols even went as far to say that he did "cartwheels" in his office because he immediately recognized the potential for the program to compete.

Nichols, who attended Long Beach State and Ohio State, understands the importance of having major sports such as baseball at CSUSM.

"It's here for the students," said Nichols. "Last year, soccer was a blast."

The baseball team will compete in the NAIA Division I, playing teams such as Point Loma Nazarene and San Diego Christian. The freshman laden Cougars have some offensive talent with a young pitching staff with no true frontline starters.

Coach Pugh used a high school metaphor to explain the situation this year, "It's like playing varsity baseball with a ninth grade staff."

The team has potential, with former all-CIF players ready to flex their college muscle which has led Pugh to acknowl-



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edge that there are some expectations in this first year.

"Effort and improvement from our kids," said Pugh.

This team expects to grow together. Some schools try to load up with junior college kids that will play a year or two and be gone. Coach Pugh and his staff went another route. They wanted good young talent that could build a solid core for the future.

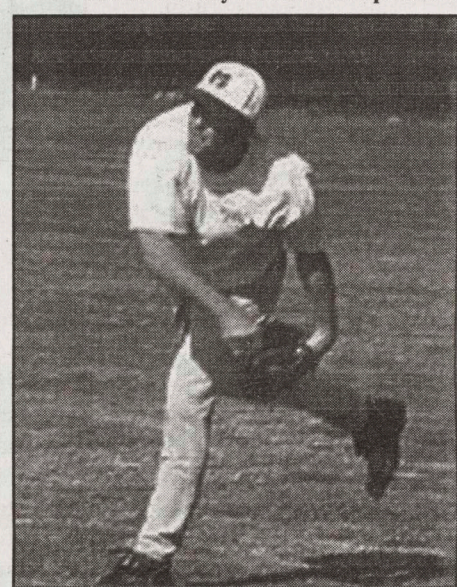
One thing stunting the potential of recruitment is the lack of an on campus baseball field.

"Other programs use it against us," said Pugh. "We are very thankful to San Marcos High, without them we would be playing in the street, but the high school field hurts us."

There is a fundraiser in April, called "The Field of Dreams" to generate support for a new multi-use stadium at CSUSM.

For more information on baseball and other sports check the athletics website on the CSUSM homepage. To come out and support the team, head over to San Marcos High School located at 1615 W. San Marcos Blvd, a couple miles from campus. The next home game is Friday February 2 at 2p.m.

If you like offense, this team should be very entertaining to watch. When asked if he had any comments to the student body, Coach Pugh said, "Come on out. We're here for the students. They voted for this program and we appreciate that."



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wire. Milo, along with assistant coaches Jamie Burton and Tanya Ledesma, were very pleased with the performance. Though the exhibition matches obviously don't count towards the CSUSM's spring record, the games did wonders to help the team establish an identity.

And that identity starts with pitching. Melissa Lerno, a sophomore transfer from Palomar, turned down scholarship offers from Division I-A schools to attend CSUSM. The hard-throwing right-hander dominates hitters, posting a 0.91 ERA last season on her way to being named Pacific Coast Conference Player of the Year at Palomar College.

Lerno will be joined on the mound by freshman Erica Coelho. While Coelho doesn't bring the same velocity that Lerno does,

her great control and ability to move the ball within the strike zone are a perfect complement to the Cougars' ace. Since the squad will play mostly double-headers this season, opposing teams will have to deal with the pitchers' vastly different styles in back-to-back games – which Coach Milo believes will keep hitters off-balance.

Rounding out the pitching staff is one of the team's biggest surprises this off-season, freshman Amanda Sanchez. Having not pitched since her sophomore year of high school, Sanchez was able to pick up right where she left off, and has established herself this pre-season as the team's short-reliever.

In the field, the name of the game for CSUSM is versatility. Every athlete on the roster can play multiple positions, and Coach Milo is entering the season planning to take full advantage of

that.

"We're basically two-deep at every position," explains Milo. "The friendly competition for playing time is helping push the players."

The squad's excellent pitching staff will be throwing to catchers Tasha Stokes and Lindsey Prevolos. While both are very talented in their own right, Coach Milo expects them to split time throughout the season, due to the physical demands of playing the position. They're also solid at the plate – Stokes has "tremendous" power, according to Milo, and the potential to be an All-American.

In fact, both players will likely be in the lineup at the same time, with the one that's not catching playing first base. Sophomore Aly Brown will be in the rotation there as well.

At second base, Milo believes she has a good mix of players who are all solid defensively. Freshman Malarie Barnard will definitely see a lot of action there, and Erica Coelho figures to play second when she's not pitching.

Filling the key position of shortstop will be Holly Russell and Samantha Valenzuela. Russell, a Mission Hills High grad, is one of the team's most experienced players. She's expected to bat in the middle of the lineup due to her excellent hitting potential and power.

Freshman Amanda Sanchez is expected to play third. She has very good reaction time – a

crucial trait to playing the hot corner. Melissa Lerno, whose .353 batting average at Palomar was overshadowed by her pitching, will also see time at third when she's not on the mound.

Coach Milo expects the outfield to be the strength of the team's defense. "As whole, they're very quick and cover a lot of ground," she says. "All our outfielders could play any position in the outfield."

Leading the group is center-fielder Danielle Tucker. Lake Elsinore High's 2006 Female Athlete of the Year, Tucker's commitment this fall to giving 110% effort at all times earned her co-captain status on the Cougar softball team. Her blazing speed serves her well both in the field and at the plate, where the slap-hitter is expected to bat leadoff for the team.

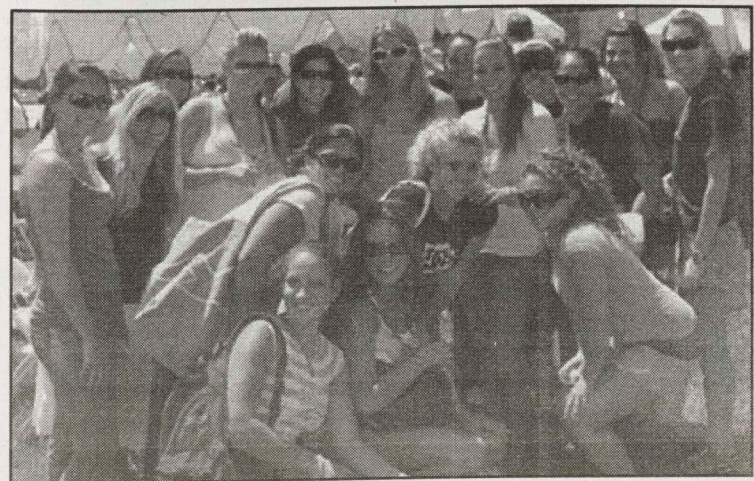
Joining Tucker as a co-captain is leftfielder Leilani Madrigal. As the only junior on the team's freshman-heavy roster, Madrigal provides leadership and experience to the group. She also provides a great bat – a .535 average at Los Angeles Valley College. She'll likely hit second and share time in the outfield with Clairemont High grad Lauren Turner.

Finally, right field is expected to be anchored by Elizabeth Bush and Joy Leon. Leon was Fallbrook High's Most Valuable Offensive Player last year, and is moving to the outfield from first base. Bush, also a freshman, will see time in centerfield as well as

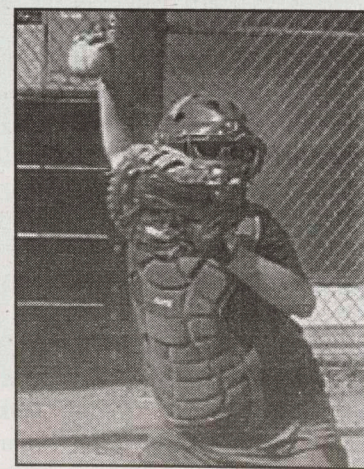
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Though the Cougars' inaugural team brings plenty of talent to the table, making the playoffs will be a challenge. CSUSM competes in the very difficult Region II of the NAIA, and will face all the powerhouse schools from the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC).

According to Coach Milo, the biggest key to succeeding will be for players to step into leadership roles and carry the team through its tightly-packed 50-game schedule. The team will also need support from the Cougar community, and all fans are encouraged to head out to Mission Hills High to catch some great softball action. The squad will lead off its season on Saturday, February 10th in a home double-header against Vanguard University starting at noon. Admission is always free, so come out and support your CSUSM softball team throughout its first season!



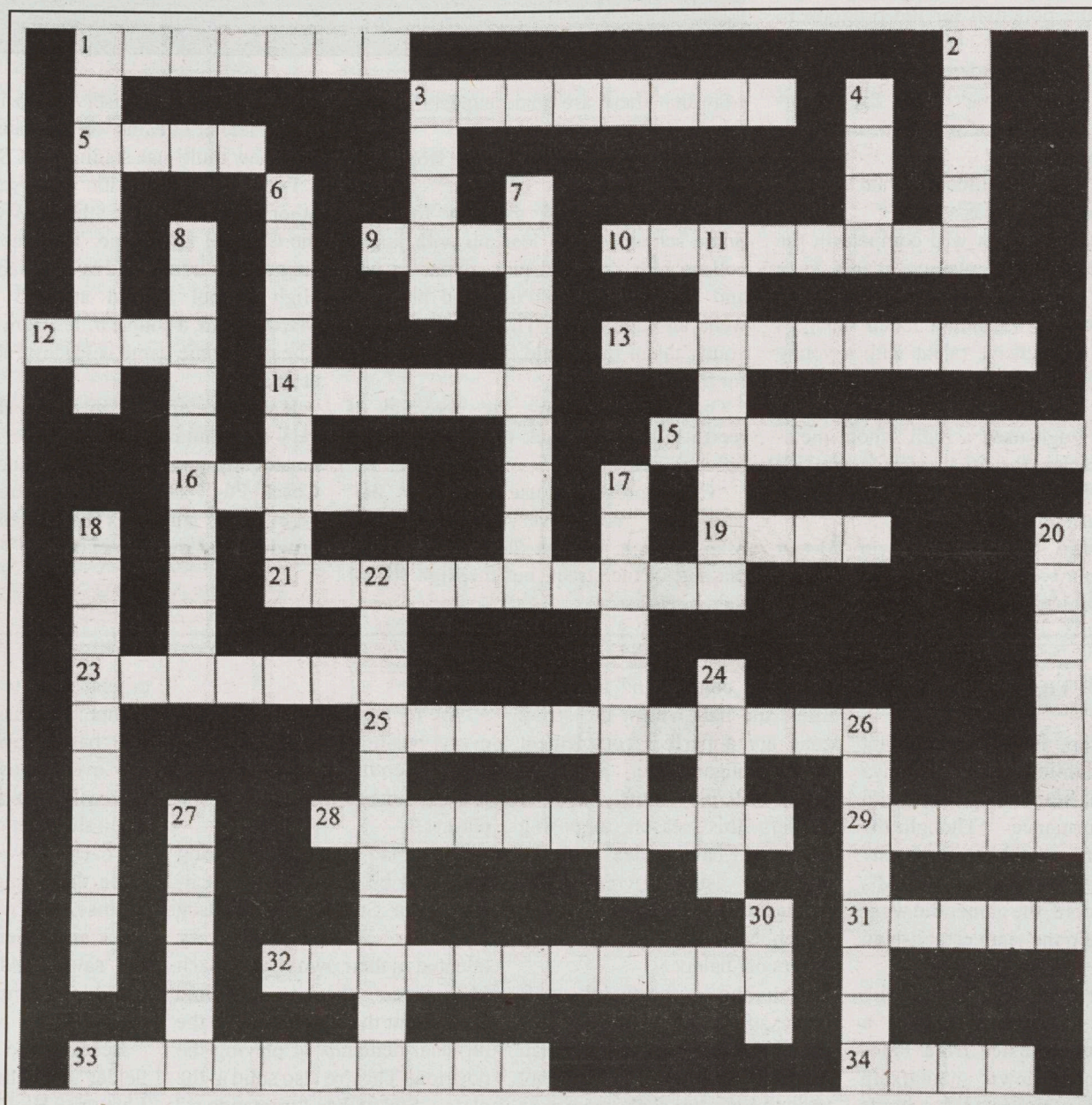
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Across

1. Speaking toy with pull cord action and farm animal noises.

3. Adhesive art for children.

5. The board game in which you try to conquer the world, with dice.

9. The rideable stick that bounces.

10. Sport featuring "double dutch and bubble-gum"

12. "Colonel Mustard, in the kitchen, with the candlestick."

13. Board game in a magical land with delicious treat themes and color squares.

14. Ken's girlfriend (until recently).

15. The board game that fosters future generations of buzzer phobic surgeons.

16. The original video game entertainment system starring a frog that crosses traffic.

19. The game of _____ with cars and peg people and a mountain spinner.

21. The funny substance that can copy newspaper, make fart noises, or entertain your imagination for hours.

23. Little green soldiers featured in home alone.

25. Vegetable children made into dolls.

28. Water park in your very own backyard, small hill, garden hose, and band-aids required.

29. Colored building blocks that can create buildings, spacecrafts, cars and an amusement park.

31. Master of the Universe.

32. Popular train set.

33. "You sank my _____!"

34. Milk caps gone competitive, watch out for slammers.

Down

1. Mom and dad's favorite spelling board game with double word scores and outlawed dictionarys.

2. "_____ American Hero!"

3. Memory challenging color sequence game.

4. Walk the dog or go around the world with this toy.

6. Colorful bears that kill with kindness.

7. The board game where catching a rodent is fun!

8. Binocular slide-show.

11. "Do not pass go, do not collect 200 dollars"

17. Miniature cars for the collecting.

18. _____ shortcake.

20. "_____ (noun) is going to _____ (verb)."

22. Presidential sticks made for building.

24. 52 special laminated papers featuring the queen of hearts and the suicide king.

26. Hawaiian dancing with a plastic ring.

27. "The very best thing of all, there's a counter a counter on this ball, see if you can beat your very best score, see if you can jump a whole lot more."

30. Card game with reverse, wild card, draw four and numbers. Some Spanish required.

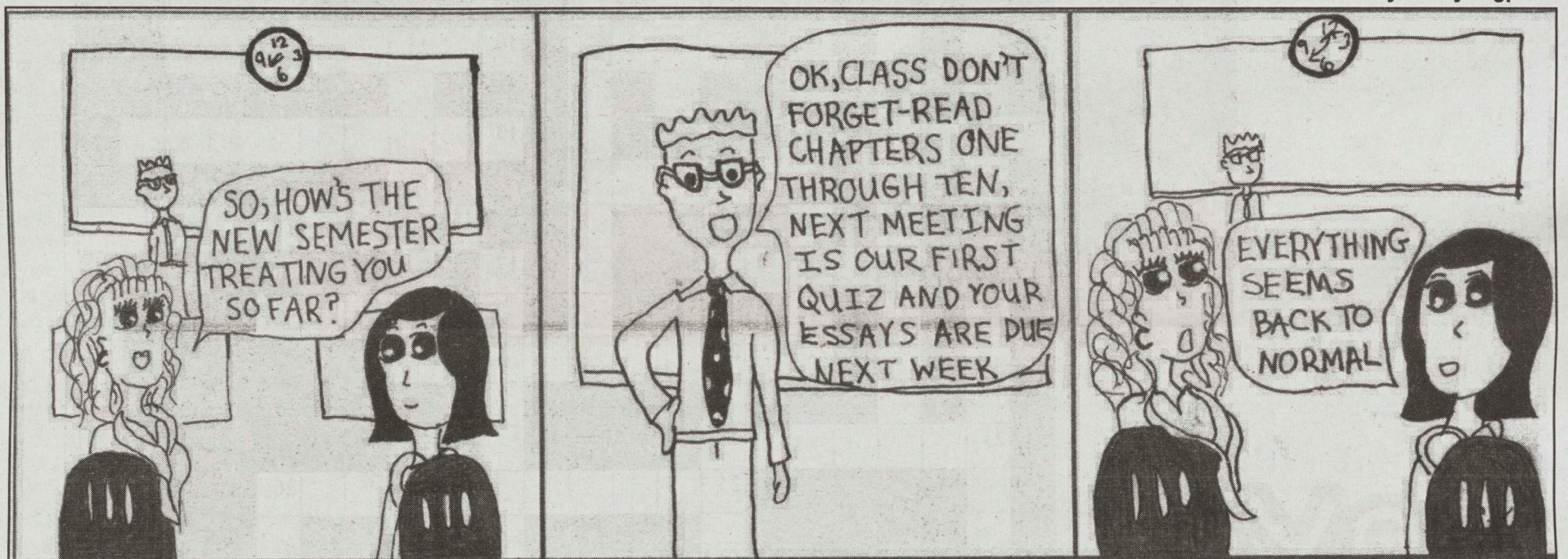
NUTS

By Greg Bishop



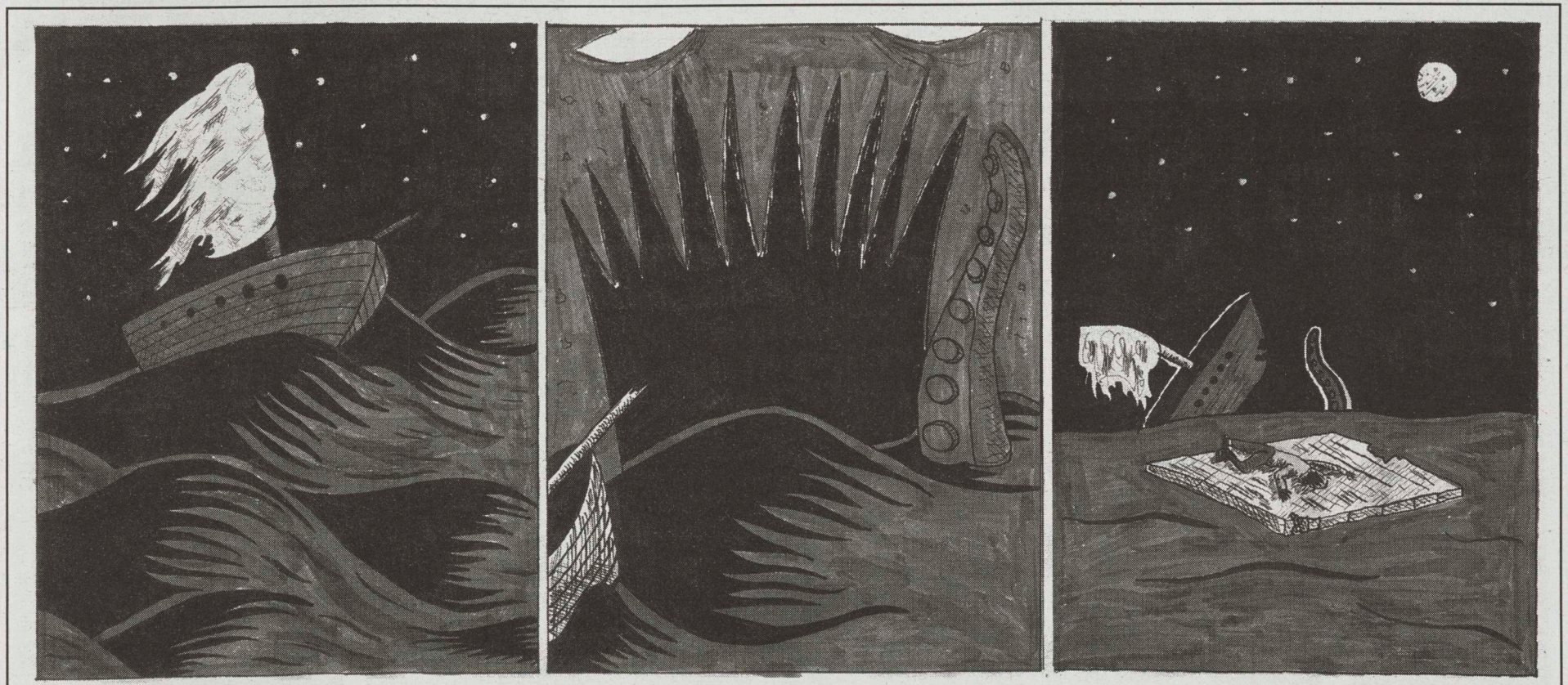
Just for shiggles

By Jenny Bigpond



Trainwreck Theater

By T. Ward



-Part One-

Movie review:



"Night at the Museum" makes for a great night at the movies

BY SARAH PULTZ
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What do you get when you combine Ben Stiller, Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney, Robin Williams, and Owen Wilson? I'll tell you what you get, Hop Scotch, you get one heck of a funny movie. It's hard to believe that the screenplay for "Night at the Museum" was written by two men who also gave us "Reno 911!" but Ben Garant and Thomas Lennon, along with director Shawn Levy, have turned out a truly great family film — so great, in fact, that I've seen it twice — once with friends and once with family. I will add a word of caution for people with very young or very sensitive children: there are a couple of scenes that could get pretty intense, especially for children who are afraid of mummies, dinosaurs, or skeletons. These scenes and some crude humor are what earn the movie its PG rating.

In "Night at the Museum," Ben Stiller stars as Larry, a divorced father who has a new get-rich-quick scheme every month. Worried about disappointing his son yet again, Larry takes a job as the new night guard at the Museum of Natural History in New York. Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney,

and Bill Cobbs play the guards who trick Larry into taking over their jobs. Larry quickly learns that, thanks to a magic Egyptian tablet, all of the museum's exhibits come alive between sunset and sunrise. Larry's job is to keep the exhibits from escaping without destroying the museum or getting himself killed in the process. This is no small task since the museum's exhibitions read like a list of History's Most Wanted,

from Neanderthals to Mongols. Owen Wilson and Steve Coogan give him particular trouble as a cowboy and a Roman general who answer the question, "What would happen if Roman expansion ever came up against Manifest Destiny?" Robin Williams rounds out the stars as the wise, if a bit nutty, Teddy Roosevelt, who alternately cajoles and coerces Larry into responsibility and heroism.

With such an amazing cast, it's hard to imagine how "Night at the Museum" could have gone wrong. Ben Stiller gives a good performance, and Dick Van Dyke will always be one of my favorite actors. It's well worth sticking around through the credits to see their outtakes. However, Mickey Rooney steals the show as an octogenarian with a short man's complex who likes to pick fights with epithets

like "lunch box," "applesauce," and "butterscotch." In addition to the major stars, "Night at the Museum" has a talented supporting cast. Ricky Gervais, from the British "The Office," is brilliant as the museum director. Carla Gugino plays a sweet, strong, and intelligent love interest for Larry, and Brad Garrett voices a comically belligerent Easter Island head.

The exceptional acting and exciting story all but hide the film's few "What the heck?" and "Hey wait a minute!" moments. One particularly confusing scene shows a shadowy figure sneaking into a dark room and doesn't seem to have made any sense to anyone I talked to. I was also left with some serious doubts about the credentials of the curators at this fictional museum. Since when does a natural history museum have exhibits about Columbus, Mongols, Aztecs, and the Civil War? Since when does an ostrich belong in an exhibit on African mammals? Also, why do the ancient Romans speak English, while Columbus speaks Italian and Genghis Khan speaks gibberish? Ultimately, however, I think these are all fun questions to debate with friends which add to the movie's humor rather than take away from its appeal.

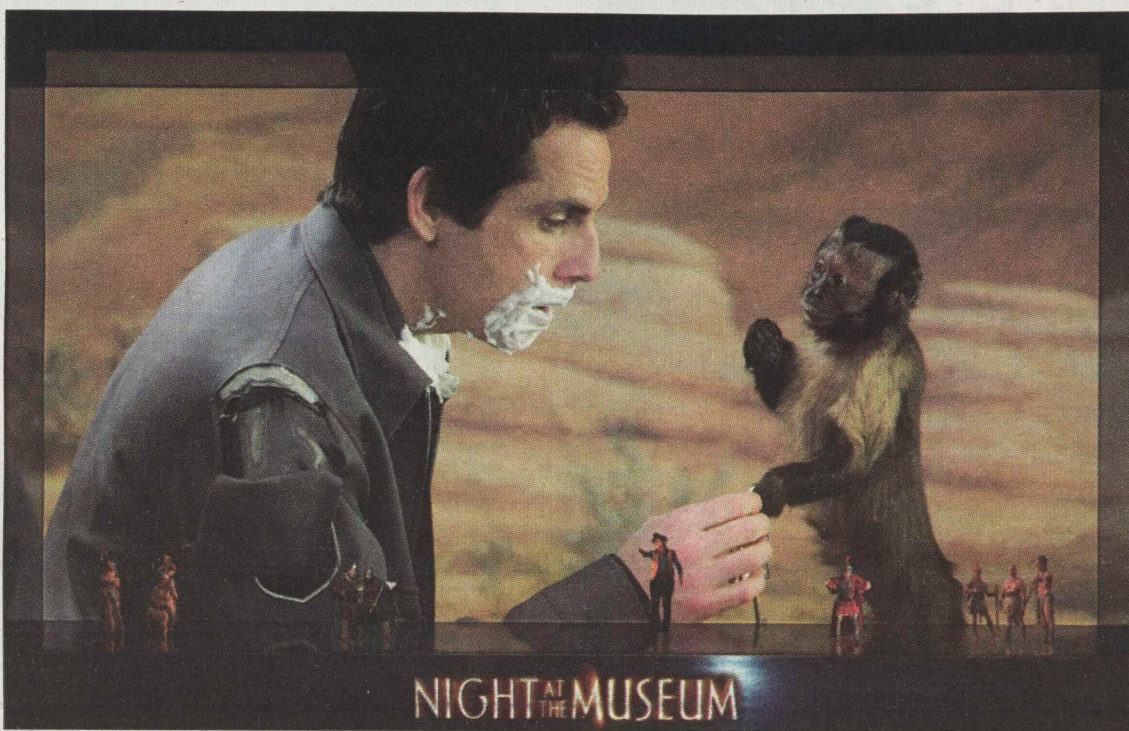


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Beer of the Week

Pyramid Apricot Weizen

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Pyramid brews Apricot Weizen in Walnut Creek, California. In 2000, Apricot Weizen was selected as best "Fruit Beer" of the Northwest Pacific region in the United States Beer Tasting Championship. In 1985, Pyramid introduced a year-round wheat beer. The company claims to be the first

brewery to produce year-round wheat beer in America since Prohibition. The company brews their beer in five alehouses along the West Coast. The closest alehouse sits in Walnut Creek, where the company brews their beer and offers a place for customers to eat and drink.

The adventure began on January 24, which happens to be my birthday. This special day is celebrated in honor of such greats as Martin Luther King, Jr. and JFK. A great beer had to be selected for a great day. Browsing through the ales and lagers, a clear title appeared behind the frosty door — Pyramid Apricot Weizen. When the employee asked for identification, I sprung for my wallet as fast as a Cougar could. With a smile and a white bag filled with joy, I proceeded home.

Visually, the packaging and label creatively describe the beer. The beer has a brownish orange tint that

looks like an apricot in hue, with no "twist off here," a bottle opener was required. As I poured the cold liquid into a frosty glass, it produced subtle sounds similar to a slow moving stream. Once the beer was poured, an aroma test was conducted. The beer gives off a sweet smell of apricots. Images of being in an apricot farm were the first ones into my brain.

The first sip was enlightening and refreshing. The beer has a bold and delicious apricot taste combined with the crisp classic taste of a wheat beer. My tongue rolled in enjoyment. The beer is unfiltered for full flavor and aroma. I enjoyed the beer and then another. Selflessly, I gave out the remaining four beers to each one of my roommates. With a nodded approval, we added one bottle to our collection of beers.

Do not worry, my Cougars, if I do not attend classes next week. I just might be underneath a Pyramid Apricot Weizen beer tap somewhere in Walnut Creek.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.pyramid-brew.com/home.php>

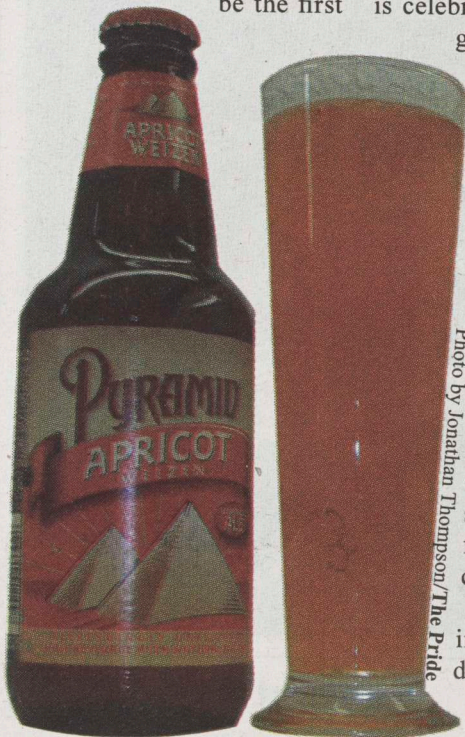


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Drink of the Week

Jamaican Winter

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Mix rum and ginger ale in a glass filled with ice. Squeeze and drop in the lime. Enjoy!

With temperature lows at 65°F and highs at 95°F, it is easy to see why people flock to Jamaica during the winter season. There are the white sandy beaches, the lush greenery, and the pulsing reggae rhythms that relax the mind and stir the spirit. And speaking of stirring the spirit, there's a simple cocktail that, if you close your eyes and think of swaying palm trees and glittering azure oceans, might put you in mind of the alluring isle of Jamaica. Jamaican Winter introduces the crisp quality of ginger ale to the smooth flavor of rum. Add a slice of fresh lime and some ice and feel the seasonal affective disorder seep away.

All right, so it's not as good as the real thing, but chances are you've just spent all of your Jamaican vacation money on books.

1 ounce light rum
ginger ale
lime wedge

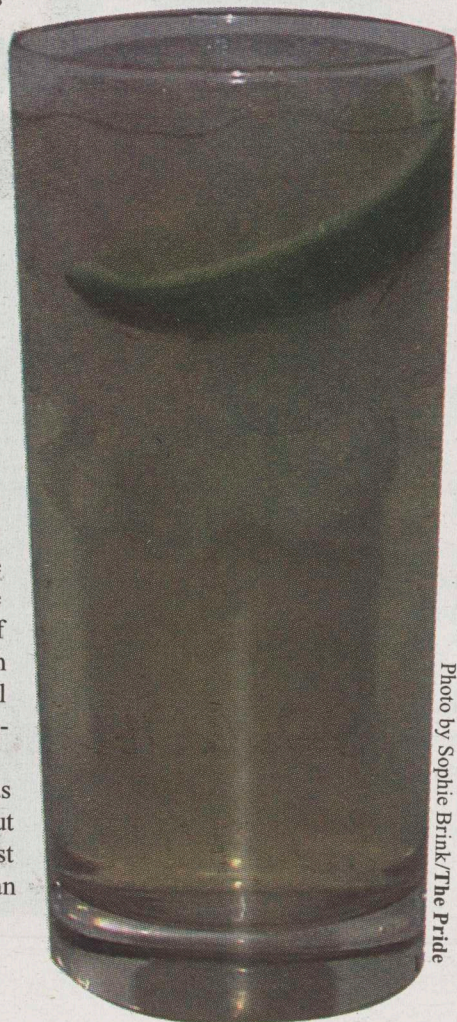


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