

## Tukwut Powwow Celebration



Native Americans embrace their heritage during the Powwow at CSUSM.

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By ADRIAN CUNDIFF  
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos along with the local tribal community celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tukwut Powwow in honor of the late "Uncle" Henry Rodriguez an elder from the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians.

In honor of the late Rodriguez the theme for this year's powwow was the Luiseño phrase, "Yawáy-wichi Temét Nóllyam," which translates to "Have a Beautiful Day." Rodriguez was well known for his dedication in educating people on Native American issues.

WWII Navajo Code

Talker Joe Morris, Sr. shared his experiences in the war and spoke about the key role Native Americans played in the war. Morris received many different awards for his service in the United States Marine Core; one of which included a Certificate of Appreciation from the President of the United States.

The celebration featured gourd dancers, traditional drumming, singing, Aztec Fire Dancers, and Kumey-aay Bird Singers. Vendors were also on site selling traditional Native American jewelry, clothing, fry bread, Native American art, and food.

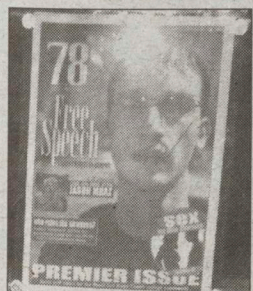
Native Americans from different parts of the coun-

try took part in this event either by observing or by participating. Frank Ritz (Navajo) was amongst one of the observers. According to him, "A powwow is a time when all tribes of different Native Americans get together and participate by dancing and having different drummers from different tribes sing songs that

are unique to each tribe. It (Annual Tukwut Powwow) is small powwow but a good one because it's growing. I have noticed more and more people come to watch each year and if more things are added to this powwow it can possibly be as popular as the one at

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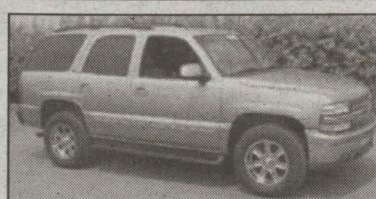
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# Meet the Dean, OR NOT

By MELISSA RODRIGUEZ  
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Four hundred fliers were handed out, posters tacked on almost every billboard on campus and announcements were made in many classes advertising the College of Arts and Sciences open forum.

Representatives for the College of Arts and Sciences at CSUSM spent a good deal of time and energy to spread the word to students announcing an opportunity to vent frustrations and have their questions answered directly.

The open forum provided an opportunity for students to voice their concerns regarding class availability and scheduling difficulties. The Dean of Students, Vicki Golich was available to hear concerns Wednesday and Thursday during the noon

hour at Founder's Plaza.

Few students came out for the forums and many of the students who did show up to ask questions were those already involved in student government.

The representatives were discouraged that their efforts seemed unappreciated. They believe that there are many students that have grievances and questions, yet few students choose to take advantage of the opportunities provided for them to express those concerns.

"Why complain if you don't come to the forum? We have the Dean here, someone



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you can actually complain too. Why complain if you aren't going to do anything about it?" said DiDi Lund, a College of Arts and Sciences representative for Associated Students, Inc.

Students who would like to express their concerns to the Dean can email her at [vgolich@csusm.edu](mailto:vgolich@csusm.edu) or they can attend the next forum which will be held sometime next month.

# Free Speech Trashed at CSUSM

By SARAH CARLIN  
 Pride News Editor

During the second week of September a new publication debuted on campus only to be thwarted with opposition. Of the three 78 Magazine distribution bins placed at the Cal State San Marcos campus two remain.

The 78 staff is composed of current and former journalism students from all three campuses that the magazine serves.

78 Magazine reaches the three college communities which run along the 78 highway, these campuses are: Cal State San Marcos, Palomar College, and Mira Costa College. The publication reaches 46,000 students, faculty, staff members, and local residents. 78 Magazine hopes through publication to, "fill the gap in the San Diego's alternative publication scene."

The premier issue consisted of articles such as: "A Status Report on Student Rights", "State Budget Cuts Chip Away at College Media", "Battling for the Airwaves: Media Ownership and the FCC", and "Get It On in the Dorm". The magazine also offered readers a fashion section, music review, band profile, and comics.

At the CSUSM campus the 78 Magazine has met some opposition. Approximately 900 magazines were reported missing from three different bins on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Campus Police.

Desmond Barca, art director at the magazine said, "One bin is missing and I found 100-150 (issues) in a recycling bin."

"Approximately 900 issues were stolen over the weekend between Sept. 19 and the 22. That is a stack that stands between two- and three-feet tall; somebody had to hear about it or see it, and maybe someone will call about it. We have had no problems on any other campuses," Barca said.

According to a report put out in the fall of 1993, The Student Press Law Center stated 'free' does not mean

the publication is worthless. It is not difficult to prove that this is a misconception. Even free newspapers are paid for through some sort of funding, whether supported by a university or advertising revenue. There are other costs involved in free press such as: printing costs, staff salaries, photo supplies, and phone bills.

Cathy Nguyen of Student Health Services said that from a public health perspective, the language used specifically in the "Get It on in the Dorm" article raises concern about sexual behaviors in the residence hall, gender biased issues and safety. She expressed concern that the article's message of taking advantage of inebriated girls could lead to sexual assault. Nguyen added that there were other great articles in the magazine, and that particular article was a more of a reflection of the writer's inappropriate judgments.

"I thought it was pretty lame. There is nothing higher education about it—the article about sex—they are placing an image on (our) school" said Sociology Senior Abel Martinez.

Tom Chambers, editor for the 78 Magazine, said, "Basically we feel violated. If any where in this country or state where we should be able to exercise freedom of speech, it should be on a college campus."

Chambers commented on the irony in the fact that the publication's front page article was on the topic of free speech. The article gave a good run down on the fight students are winning pertaining to free speech rights on college campuses. College campuses are a place where there should be a free exchange of ideas. We want to contribute to that.

Senior in Business Administration, Michael Johnson, said, "It covered controversial issues and brought to light some issues that usually aren't discussed."



Photo by Sarah Carlin/The Pride



Photo by Adrian Cundiff/The Pride

Danielle "Dancing Cloud" Morreo and sister Erika "Flying Hawk" Morreo

## POWWOW

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Barona or Sycuan."

The two-day celebration took place on the lower field on the corner of Twin Oaks Valley Road and Craven Road and was free and open to the public. The celebration lasted all day Saturday and ended at 5 P.M. the next day. The university's American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) organized the celebration.

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# Outstanding Turnout at Forum Held for Prop 54

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF  
Pride Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, 75-100 students gathered beneath the clock tower to listen to activists voice their concerns on why to vote NO on California's Proposition 54.

President of the North County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Rob Howard, Associate Professor of Communication Dr. Dreama Moon, and Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Garry Rolison took part in speaking, answering questions, and addressing students concerns regarding Prop. 54.

Prop. 54, which is scheduled to be on the special election October 7, ban the use and collection of ethnic and racial data in California. This ethnic and racial data is widely used by many different companies including: healthcare organizations, Police departments, schools, businesses, government agencies, etc.

Dr. Moon said, "White women are diagnosed with breast cancer at a higher rate than any other group of women. Asian Americans are at a higher risk for hepatitis B. Latinos are more likely to die from complications of diabetes and African Americans die from heart disease than any other group." She also said that healthcare professionals use ethnic and racial data to find out why certain groups suffer from certain types of illnesses. Without the information these agencies will not be able find a solution.



Photo by Adrian Cundiff/The Pride

Dr. Moon also brought up the issue that she has been involved with the San Diego Police Department of racial profiling. She said that Hispanics and Blacks are more likely to be stopped by police officers in proportion to the population and that the San Diego Police Department acknowledges that police officers often engage in

racial profiling and have developed programs to teach officers how to cease this practice.

Howard said, "Minority communities are targeted by tobacco companies and have higher rates of smoking. Prop. 54 would keep us from knowing that. Also suicide rates, lead poisoning and other

environmental hazards cannot be linked under this proposition to racial and ethnic communities. When you ban information what you do is you prevent yourself from working on a cure." Without ethnic and racial information people would not know what is affecting whom in these communities, therefore slipping between the cracks.

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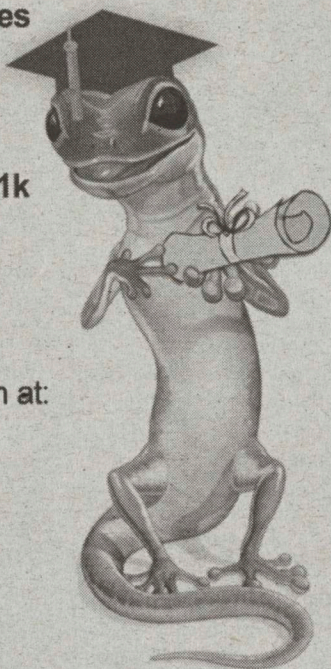
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# I'll Take What's Behind Door Number Two:

*Making the Next Decision, Graduate School*

By LISA GEORGE  
Pride Features Editor

Perusing through the many graduate schools and degree options, a prospective grad student must remember that in times of recession, graduate schools are inundated with applications from hopeful students.

There is much more to applying to any graduate school than simply emailing the application and providing the necessary letters of reference. Think about the all important Statement of Intent, the Graduate Record Examinations, if you are entering a literature related study, what would you submit as your 10-15 page writing sample? How are you going to pay for everything? What experience do you have in the field you will be studying? That's enough to think about for now.

A few hints about the guidelines for submitting all the necessary requirements. Your Letter of Intent should be a constant work in progress. It isn't the paper you finish at four in the morning and it isn't another one of those drawn out CSUSM ten page research papers. This is who you are and what you plan on doing. Everybody enjoys talking about themselves. Filter what you write. This will take some research.

It is wise to mention a professor at the college which you are applying to whom you would like to work with. How is their program a perfect fit with what you intend on doing? How are you an asset to this college?

Literature and Writing Studies professor Heather

Hayton recommends that you "spend lots of time on this." Of those students she has seen accepted into graduate school each of them wrote, rewrote and revised their Letter of Intent/Statement of Purpose seven to twelve or more times. This is a very important document and deserves the effort and time a ten page paper would take, maybe even more.

Many students have heard of the GRE. It is in students' best interest to start practicing for this test as soon as possible. The GRE is yet another one of the many standardized tests which play a big part in the acceptance to the next phase of many adults' lives. Professor Hayton recommends studying for this test 10-15 hours a week.

There are three sections to the GRE: analytical writing, verbal, and quantitative. One concept you may be sure of is the writing requirement here will help you immensely as the GRE test date gets closer. It is imperative students prepare for this months in advance. Once you know that graduate studies are in your futures, get your first of many preparation books. To be competitive, Professors Stoddard-Holmes and Hayton both recommend that out of a maximum score of 800, students should achieve a score of at least 600.

This will reward the applicant with a competitive edge and a more attentive review of the other items necessary for the application process. Schools will look at both the overall score as well as the section specific to your graduate goals such as mathematics, writing, or verbal.

Interested in the Graduate Management Admissions Test? This test follows the same broad sections the GRE does: verbal, quantitative, and analytical skills. The difference is the approach taken to test these areas. The GMAT's scoring scale is from 200-800.

There are also LSAT, MCAT, and Subject Specific tests. Research each of these options carefully. You want the best for your future. A Masters degree could provide the status and recognition it may take to achieve your dreams.

Here is a final word of warning. Make sure references are approached far in advance so that they will write the very important letter of recommendation within the time constraints important to the applicant. It is wise to tell the reference that their letter will remain confidential: the candidate will not be reading it. This will allow the reference to be more expressive in their response.

The reference should be a faculty member or distinguished person who knows you well and will write glowing praises. It is important to provide each of your references with a list of your strengths, accomplishments, and goals from which they will draw when writing the letter.

Above all else, make sure that you "enjoy every minute of it. You'll never be there again" said Hayton. The time spent in graduate school will be two very important years to develop your writing skills, your professional goals, and yourself. Personal as well as professional growth will come hand in hand with a graduate degree.

## GOT JOB?

By CHAD SPINKS  
Pride Staff Writer

Hundreds of prospective employees roamed throughout more than 70 booths of companies who were eager to hire new faces. The job fair, hosted by the California Center for the Arts of Escondido on October 2, provided an opportunity for job seekers to look for work in one concentrated location.

CSUSM did not host the job fair this year, but was one of the sponsors. CSUSM Job Fair Coordinator, Pam Wells, said, "We are not hosting the job fair on campus this year due to budget cuts, but we will have an on campus job fair scheduled for April 15, next year."

Many employers expressed an interest in offering undergraduate and postgraduate students opportunities such as internships and basic field experience. Kathleen Bloomfield of Community Interface Services (CIS) said, "We do like seeing students. I was a student myself when I was hired here." She added, "We have flexible jobs, many where you set your own schedule."

Robyn Heckler, Human Resources Manager of TRI-AD, said, "We are involved in the senior experience project and we offer internships for students. We currently have about ten student employees and we try to be flexible with scheduling around school."

The event attracted all types of individuals looking for work. Erick Emms, a CSUSM senior, said, "It's pretty big, and it has a diverse selection of employers, from retail to professional. I'm just looking to see what's out there."

\* Students who missed the event can look forward to future job fairs currently in the works. The Rancho Bernardo and Poway Chambers of Commerce will host a career fair on Oct. 21. Last year the fair attracted over 1200 job seekers.

In regards to seniors who are graduating this, December, Pam Wells urges students to bring resumes to the Career and Transfer Students Services (CATSS), adding "The RISE (Resume/Interview Services for Employment) program submits student resumes to over 40 companies. The deadline for December graduates to submit resumes is Oct. 10."

Provided by the job fair committee were complimentary bagels and coffee, along with handouts from the Employment Development Department (EDD) on job finding tips. Attendants were also given access to a booth reserved for resume critiques.

For an extended list of upcoming job fairs and employment resources, contact Career Counseling or visit the website at [www.csusm.edu/CATSS](http://www.csusm.edu/CATSS).

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# Men's Golf Takes Fourth Place at Idaho Falls Classic

By LISA GEORGE  
Pride Features Editor

A round of great scores was the result for the Men's Golf Teams at the University of Idaho Fall Classic last Saturday. Competing with 12 other teams, CSUSM scored a team total of 875. In the middle of the 6,663 yard, par-71 golf course at UI, Cal State San Marcos scored 875 (290-300-285).

Cory Scoggin, senior, 210( 67-77-66) tied for fifth overall

Rob Keller, senior 215 ( 72-72-71), tied for 10<sup>th</sup> overall

Brett Dolch, senior, 225( 76-77-72) tied for 43<sup>rd</sup> overall

Nick Sherman, freshman, 227 ( 75-76-76) tied for 49<sup>th</sup> overall

Casey Sartori, freshman, 229 (76-75-78) tied for 54<sup>th</sup> overall

The Men's Golf Team plays again at the Cal State Bakersfield Invitational, October 27 and 28

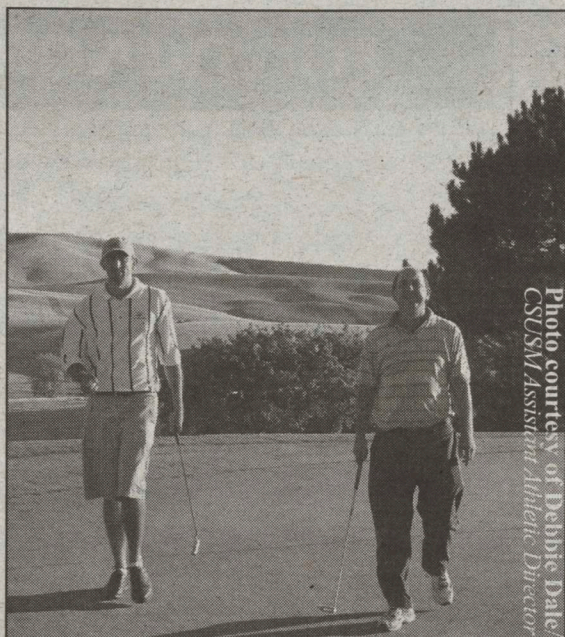
The Women's Golf Team played a round at Grand Canyon University. Stephanie Segura, a senior, placed second overall.

Stephanie Segura, Senior, 153 (78-75), 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kyle Safford, freshman, 165 (83-82) tied for 12<sup>th</sup>

Jennell French, freshman, 167 (84-83) tied for 14<sup>th</sup>

Erin Thys, junior, 168 (83-85) tied for 16<sup>th</sup>



Rob Keller and Fred Hanover finish putting on the 6th hole.

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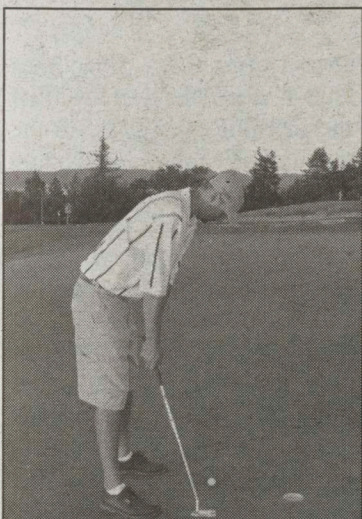


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Rob Keller puts for par.

And Katie Obregon, freshman, 185 ( 95-90) placed 27<sup>th</sup>

The Women's Golf team plays again at San Diego State University, October 20 and 21.

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## All Hail the Ombudsman

By MICHAEL DOLAN  
Pride Ombudsman

Here we are three issues into the semester and our confidence is high at The Pride. We, as a group, are excited with the response we are getting from the readers. Personally, I share this enthusiasm with the others because I am seeing empty newsstands and students with The Pride around campus. Also, I think the enthusiasm we have for the paper comes through in our reporting.

The interactions I have had on campus with students and faculty are pro-

ductive. Quite honestly, I have yet to hear any harsh criticism of The Pride and our stories. Be that as it may, if there are any harsh critics out there go ahead and email as well.

On the topic of emails, I have received some emails that do concern me. The primary concern I have is that we are reporting on topics that encompass the entire campus, not just to specific groups. In this case, it is graduate students that have voiced interest in our workings at The Pride. As I perused the three issues up to this point, I noticed that

there were not articles specifically addressing the concerns of graduate students. Our articles cover stories that affect the campus as a total community from faculty to both undergraduate and graduate students. However, if there is something that we are missing in regards to our coverage of graduate activities, please let me know and we will work on those ideas.

That is it for this week. My email address is [dolan005@csusm.edu](mailto:dolan005@csusm.edu). Please contact me and voice your thoughts on The Pride.

## THE PRIDE Corrections

THE PRIDE apologizes for the following errors:

Vol.XI No. 2, News Section, page 3, "PROP 54: Yes or No?" The Pride apologizes to Professor Stephan Nichols, Dr. Karen Nicholson, Cherine Heckman, Sean Mattingly, and Cheyenne Barr for printing contact details without permission.

Vol.XI No. 3, Editorial Section, page 5, "Parking at the Dorms". This article was written by Michelle Wills, Pride staff reporter.

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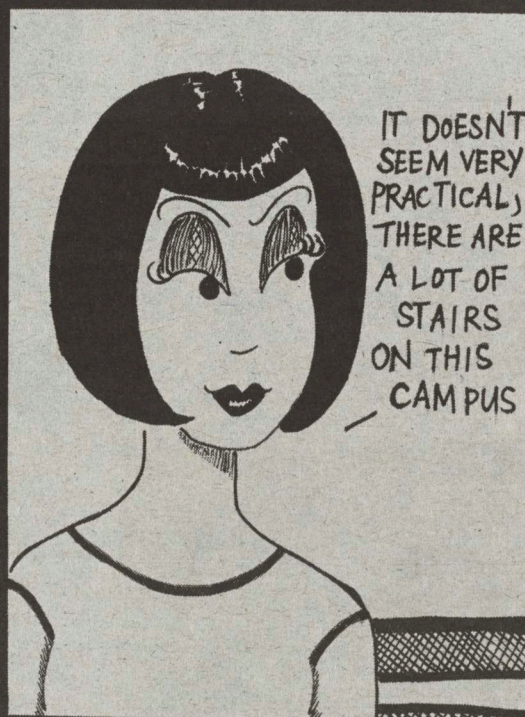
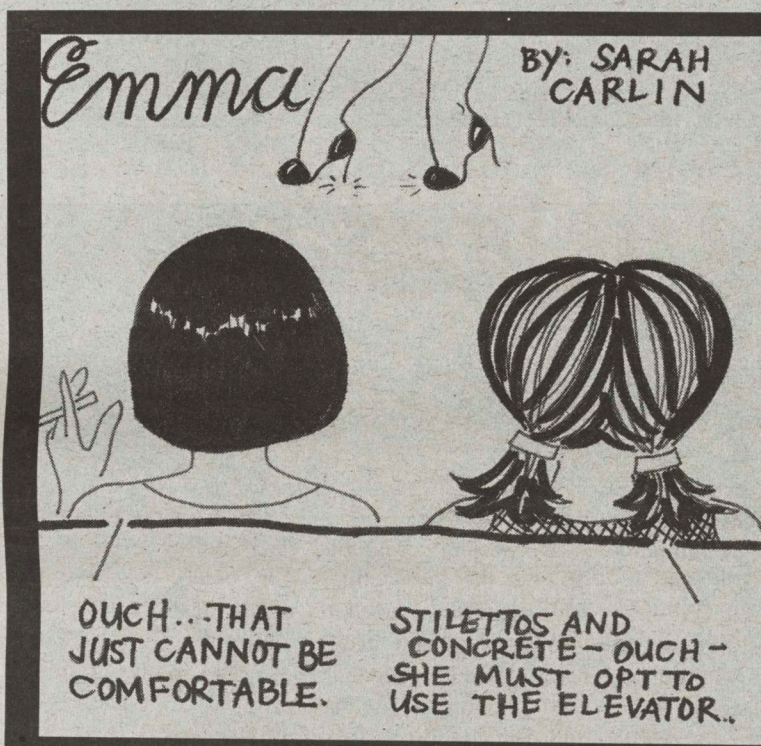
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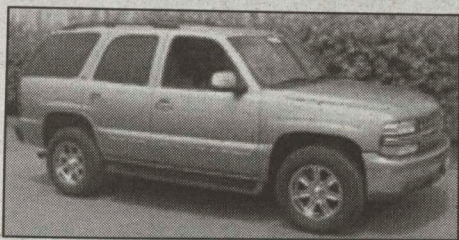
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## LETTER TO THE EDITORS



By RYAN THOMAS  
CSUSM Student, College Business

I'd like to congratulate the College Republicans on a successful event last week. The SUV and truck show sure was neat. I would also like to thank the College Republicans for clearing up my misconceptions about the Republican Party. I was under the false impression that Republicans stood for things like fiscal responsibility, individual freedoms, economic opportunity, family values, accountability, and common sense. I'm sure glad to be informed that the new crux of the conservative agenda is SUVs.

I was under the misimpression that the root of "conservative" is "conserve". SUVs don't conserve anything, so I guess I was wrong about that. So what does being Republican have to do with driving a wasteful vehicle? This question puzzled me as I walked through the protestors in Chavez Plaza. I thought to

myself, perhaps the College Republicans are just celebrating our freedom to purchase any vehicle we want. That seems noble enough, but as Americans we have many freedoms. Are our CSUSM Republicans going to celebrate our freedom to purchase pornography? What about guns or booze? If we're going to celebrate our freedoms on campus we might as well have a giant porn display, get liquored up, and showcase the latest firearms in Chavez Plaza. I'll make sure to show up wearing my finest fur coat and baby otter loafers. Such an event would surely attract the masses to the College Republican cause.

The more I think about it the more confused I get. Republicans promote individual freedom, but our College Republicans showcase the irresponsible excess resulting from this freedom. By aligning conservatives and SUVs the message is clear: Republicans at Cal State San Marcos really are the selfish and uncompassionate people you thought they might be. Once again I want to thank the College Republicans for setting the record straight. Republicans are not here to defend small business, encourage economic growth or lower your taxes. Republicans are not here to create jobs, promote moral responsibility, or to ensure equality of opportunity. We're here to sell you a bigger car.

## FULL-TIME EVERYTHING

By TABIKA ROJAS  
Pride Staff Writer

It's 6:15 in the morning. The sun is not yet up, but my day has already begun. I find myself in the kitchen preparing breakfast, and calling out to my children, usually for the fifth time, that it is time to wake up and get ready for school. My morning usually flies by in a flurry of clothes, cereal bowls, and the ever-popular hunt for the missing shoe that has somehow managed to find its way into the bottom of the clothes hamper.

I am, like many students here at CSUSM, a returning student after a hiatus in my education. The decision to return to school was not an easy one to make. I am a mother of three young sons, a wife, and a Licensed Nurse in the work force. I had to consider the overwhelming task of juggling home, school and work. In the end, my strong desire to obtain my degree and follow a career that I have always wanted outweighed any trepidation I had about returning to school. I am thankful that I have the support of my husband to depend on. We have developed something akin to a well-choreographed dance when it comes to our busy schedules. When he comes home from work I go out the door to either attend class or go to work myself.

It hasn't always been easy. Sometimes the classes that I need are offered either too early in the morning or too late in the evening to accommodate my work schedule or my family schedule. Occasionally I will get a phone call in the middle of class to inform me that one of my children is sick, and so I must leave class early to go pick him up.

While it is not easy to parent and return to school I have begun to notice that more people are making this choice. I see parents around campus frequently. I see them in the University Store with their children in tow while they purchase their books. I notice parents grabbing a quick lunch with their child before rushing him back to daycare and heading off to their next class. It is comforting to know that I am not alone in the uphill battle of balancing family life and obtaining an education. If asked what advice I could give to parents who are intent on obtaining their degree, I would have to say don't give up. Not only are you courageous but you are also teaching your children a valuable lesson. Education is important and it is never too late to go back to school.



# Fortune Cookie Says, "Eat Me, I'm Free"

By RYAN BERNAL  
CSUSM Student

Fortune cookies are the only free food at Cal State San Marcos. You can pay 99 cents for a crunchy bowl of day old rice, or grab a pocket full of fortune cookies for free. Do not mistake *free* for *good*; the fortune cookies are by no standard worth bragging about. *Free*, however, is always noteworthy. Most students who eat at The Dome fail to notice there is no price tag posted for fortune cookies. Students walk in the food arena and walk out five dollars poorer when they could have satisfied that undeniable urge for proteins, carbohydrates and sugars for free with a fortune cookie.

The history of the fortune cookie dates back to the 13th and 14th century when the Mongols occupied China. The Chinese needed a way to communicate dates of uprisings without being caught. Lotus nut paste moon cakes were filled with important

information and then distributed in safety knowing Mongols had not acquired a taste for the recipe. This strategy eventually led to the formation of the Ming Dynasty and the freedom of China. Furthering the tradition, Chinese 69'ers put messages of good fortune into a cookie, instead of a cake, and exchanged them at the Moon Festival. Since then, the tradition of the fortune cookie has been extended to a complimentary desert provided on behalf of Chinese restaurants.

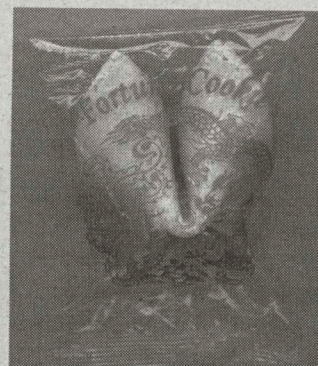
On numerous occasions I have used fortune cookies as a means of survival. As a freshman at CSUSM, my friends and I would take platefuls of fortune cookies and share them amongst ourselves to substitute a five-dollar meal. During my sophomore year the act of sitting around a fortune cookie covered table underwent a transformation similar to that of the moon cake- survival strategy to tradition. Two or three of us would walk in the exit of the food

arena, grab a free plate, turn to the basket of cookies and begin stacking. After twenty to thirty cookies were on the plate, head for the exit and return to the designated table. My junior year represented a stage of rebellion. The goal, make a clear statement about food in The Dome. Instead of walking in the exit, we entered through the entrance. As a group we glanced over the different options of food (as though interested) and after utter disgust, walked to the beverage machine, filled a cup with ice water, turned to the fortune cookies and filled our pockets with enough to imitate a full meal. Then we would wait in line, along with other paying students, pay the fifteen cents due for the cup of ice water and snicker as though fifteen cents was too much to charge for ice water.

Fortune cookies have a lot to offer a person: A meal, a snack, a messaging system, a history, a tradition, a word of encouragement, even a business. It is

amazing how many people look past the free basket of cookies in The Dome. The basket is in plain sight on the right hand side of the counter, conveniently adjacent to chopsticks, soy sauce and spicy mustard. "You are sociable and entertaining" and "You will be showered with good luck" because "You are going to have a very comfortable retirement" if "You constantly struggle for self improvement- and it shows."

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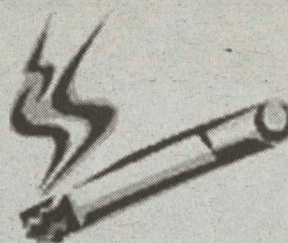
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## What are Drugs, really?

By MICHAEL DOLAN  
Pride Staff Writer

I was recently talking to a friend of mine on the subject of what are commonly referred to as illegal drugs. She said to me that she would never use illegal drugs again as she pounded a coffee and smoked a cigarette. I was amused by watching her smoke and drink as we



had this conversation. I wondered just how the law has instilled a mentality to only think of ourselves as drug users if we are using drugs deemed illegal, regardless of their health

risks. When I pointed out the contradictory nature of her argument, I was treated the traditional response for someone in her position, "I know, but..." Is that an acceptable response for someone who has just been enlightened to the normalcy that permeates within drug use? It must be since that is the answer one will most likely receive in this situation. However, that answer does not poke at the heart of the matter which is drugs are drugs regardless of how they are defined by law and

society.

A perfect example of how the law defines and shapes our acceptability of certain drugs can be found in alcohol. While popular in use and acceptability, alcohol has not always been the social fixture it is today. During Prohibition, the law would have the public believe that alcohol was a bad drug. While that did not deter everyone from drinking, it did change the perception society has of alcohol and its consumption. When Prohibition ended, alcohol's negative stigma also ended, making the prevalent drug it is today. Alcohol is not alone in being defined in terms that are dictated by the law. All of our controlled substances are defined as such.

I now refer back to my friend who was drinking coffee and smoking while explaining her choice not to use illegal drugs. She is readily using drugs in the nicotine and caffeine she consumes on a regular basis, but she does not perceive this consumption as dangerous or problematic since this usage is legal. Also, society, while increasingly discouraging smoking, openly encourages coffee drinking. Think about how many of those green circles with the lady in the middle you see as you drive around.

Is there something fundamentally wrong with our society encouraging one kind of drug use while punishing others who use another type of drug? Yes. There is a problem with a double standard in our social fabric. I think we can start to move in the right direction by realizing that they are only drugs regardless of legality. These drugs are defined by laws which are not absolute and are subject to repeal. These laws shape how society views certain drugs and their usage. When thinking about drugs and reasons behind "why" and "how" for our own usage, we should be thinking of the drugs we take and how our perception of them is shaped by the forces of law and society.

This column is not intended to insinuate a free for all drug bender; it is intended to bring to light the complex and contradictory nature of our society. I should remind my friend that the next time she is enjoying her cup of coffee while reading a newspaper article about a police raid on a drug house to look around her coffee house and ask herself, what is the difference and why won't this place be next?



# Movie

## Review:

### Anything Else

By KRISTEN REES  
Pride Staff Writer

This quirky yet romantic comedy should have been rated N for nuts. This film is unique because the main character, Jerry Falk (Jason Biggs) narrates each scenario for the audience. The film is full of off-beat and hilarious antidotes.

Jerry, a young up and coming comedy writer, is trying to figure out why his eccentric girlfriend Amanda played by Christina Ricci won't sleep with him anymore. Jerry's new friend, school teacher and aged comedian David Dobel (Woody Allen) gives Jerry all sorts of advice about Amanda throughout the film. He fires Jerry's lousy manager and teaches Jerry how to survive in New York City. Unfortunately Jerry has a weakness

when it comes to ending relationships with anyone.

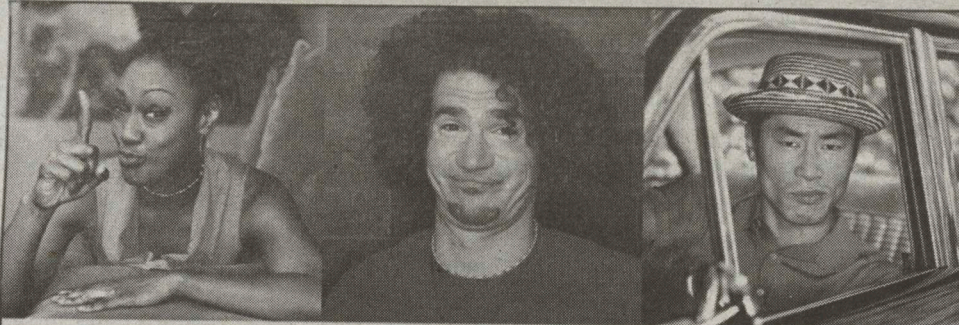
He can't bring himself to break up with Amanda even though he believes that she is cheating on him. Jerry's situation quickly worsens when Amanda's alcoholic mother, Paula played by Stockard Channing, moves in with them.

This film is unique and funny. It isn't your typical romantic comedy. The neurotic girlfriend, and the over analytical Jerry, are amusing but not so much as Allen's character. Woody Allen does a masterful job at playing Dobel and was probably the reason why I enjoyed this film so much. Having the main character narrate throughout seems a little odd at first but the casting was done so well that the story is very believable and very entertaining. Anything Else is a young and funny. I would recommend it to anyone.



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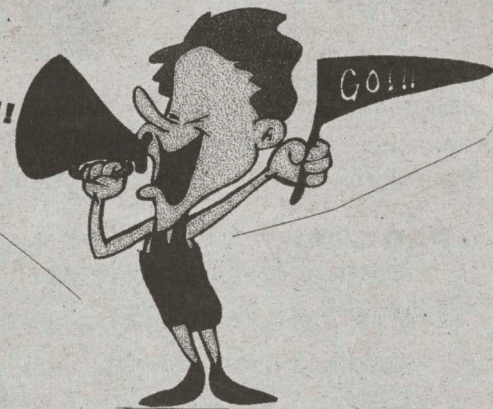
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Time: 7:00 pm

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