



Recreational Fee Really a Track Fee?

By: Tim Farmer
Pride Staff Writer

"I didn't know we had to pay for [the track]," said Martha Moore, a credential student here at CSUSM.

Every student must pay a \$35 Recreation Fee with their registration dues, but not too many people know what they are paying for.

When students pick up an *Explanation of Mandatory Fees* sheet from the Cashier's office, they see the Recreation Fee broken into three different parts.

The first part is the ASI Recreation Program, a \$5 fee for expenses incurred by Associated Students, Inc. Second is the Recreation Fee Provision, a \$12 fee for funds set aside to support one-third of the Financial Aid requirement. The third part is the Campus Recreation Program, which was implemented in spring 2001, an \$18 fee to ensure that debt payments, such as construction costs, maintenance and any additional projects, are paid in a timely manner.

When asked about the Recreation Fee Provision, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Gerrie Hatten, said that the Financial Aid office now sees none of that fee, but in the past, one third of any new mandatory fee was put into a general financial aid pool.

Dr. Francine Martinez, Vice President of Student Affairs, says that \$30 of the Recreation Fee goes directly to paying off the track. When asked about the *Explanation of Mandatory Fees* sheet that was printed this semester, Martinez said, "There must have been a mistake because the one-third requirement was rescinded last spring."

The track itself is a mystery to many students. "I didn't even know we could use it. I thought it was only for the track athletes," said Melanie Ostberg, a junior.

CSUSM's Mangrum Track is open to students Monday through Friday from 12pm to 1pm, and from 5pm to dusk, which is now around 5:30pm; and Saturdays from 7am to dusk. The track is open when it is not being used by athletes or for previously scheduled events. The track is also open to the public.

"I do feel a little slighted that the public has access to it as well. Why, then, are we paying for it but the public isn't? Anyway, if it's not something I need, then why am I paying for it? Also, I would like to know what I'm paying for," said Ostberg. "I found out that we could get regular doctors visits because we paid
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Santana High School Shooting: Media's Affect on the Students of Santee

By: Tim Farmer
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"Do you guys enjoy making us kids feel like shit? Why don't you just leave," said Santana High freshman David Toombs to a group of reporters outside of the Santee Teen Center.

In the wake of the shooting at Santana High School last Monday, news reporters from all over the world have swarmed the Santana High School campus. Toombs' statement expressed not only his feelings, but also the feelings of a majority of the teenagers in Santee.

At the Teen Center many students come in and talk openly about their emotions. Students feel safe in the center because the people that work there have earned their trust and show their concern for each student's well-



Bryan Zuckor (left) and Randy Gordon (right) were the two students killed in last week's shooting. Memorial services were held for both teenagers last weekend.
(Courtesy Photo/SignonSandiego.com)

fare. When the students talk to the Teen Center representatives about reporters, they usually say the same thing: they hate them.

Most of the reports that are being broadcast are focusing on

how the students are scared to go back and why such a frail kid would start a shooting spree. Many of the students say the media is overlooking a huge portion of the emotions felt by all

that were affected. Many of these teens try to cope with the tragedy in different ways.

At the Teen Center, there is a book that students can write in so they can work out their emotions. In some poems that were written in the book, there was talk about not being able to find a girlfriend, or how they remember their grandfather's funeral, or how they always feel alone, or how they are angry about the incident.

Dustin Hoft, a 17-year-old friend of one of the victims, had his picture taken without his permission, while he was mourning outside of the school on the day of the shooting. His picture was put in *The New York Times* and many other newspapers.

Every day, a reporter comes to the Teen Center asking for
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In Light of Santana Shooting, San Marcos High "Hit-List" Surfaces

By: Nathan Fields
Pride Feature Editor

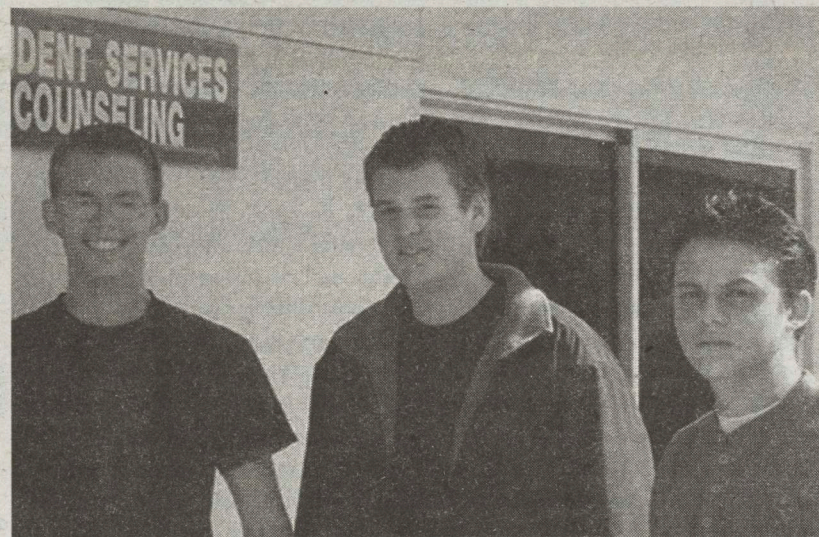
Three days after the fatal shootings at Santana High School, San Marcos High School Principal Frans Weits released a statement that the school was "adopting a zero-tolerance policy regarding all inappropriate statements concerning weapons, threats to do bodily harm to any student including bullying any student, or causing disruption of any school activities."

The statement continued that any student engaging in such behavior, or encouraging another student to do so, would be suspended, pending further investi-

gation, with the possibility of transfer or expulsion.

The statement was issued more than a week after a San Marcos High teacher received a handwritten "hit list" written by a student on Wednesday, Feb. 28. A student who saw the list composed seized it from its author and handed it to the teacher during class. The list contained the names of some of the author's fellow students that he possibly would kill if he had the chance.

Classmates described the student who created the list
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San Marcos High School students wait outside of the counseling office. Most students that spoke to reporters said they felt confident that nothing such as the Santana shootings would happen at their school, even after the hit list.
(Pride Photo/Melanie Addington)

Cesar Chavez Celebration Set

By: Marlino Bitanga
Pride Staff Writer

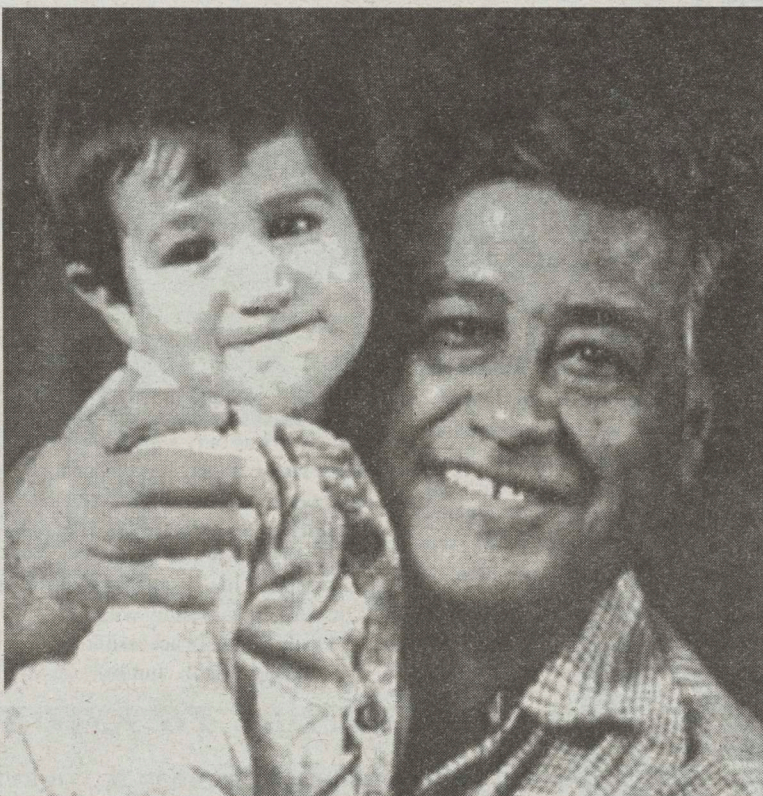
In a meeting Thursday, March 8, "more than words can say," a famous quote by Cesar Chavez, motivated students, faculty and community representatives to take a big step forward in planning for the Cesar Chavez Celebration, scheduled to kick off March 28, 2001.

"Last year we decided to do a candlelight vigil to reflect what Chavez had meant to us. There was no planning or promotion," said Pedro Anaya Jr., Cesar Chavez Commemoration Committee Coordinator. "Next thing I knew, we had a turnout of about 20-30 of our friends remembering how and what Chavez stood for. It was one of the most intimate experiences I've ever encountered. We decided that we needed

to do this again next year."

Organizations such as MEChA, the Cesar Chavez Commemoration Committee, Community Housing of North County and the CSUSM Dean of Students office, as well as other volunteers, have planned an array of activities and exhibits, including a mariachi band, a film viewing and panel discussions.

In addition, Assistant Dean of Students, Tim Bills, affirmed that efforts are being made to provide students and teachers with resources and lesson plans for teaching the life and work of Chavez. Bills added that a team of university students would present learning activities to K-12 students at local schools. "I want to challenge students and our staff so that by the end of the celebration we can ask ourselves, where do we go from here?"



Cesar Chavez and unidentified child. CSUSM will be holding a celebration beginning March 28, for the Cesar Chavez Holiday. There will be no school March 30, in celebration of the holiday.
(Courtesy Photo/SFSU.edu)

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CSUSM Sports: Puddle Jumping

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Try to remember back to the times when you were a kid with no responsibilities, no image to live up to, and no worries about anything of dire significance. The only things you thought about were playing and eating. Before, after and even during a meal, your entire being revolved around play. For some it was baseball, for some it was surfing, for others computers, but it was all in the name of fun.

The other day, while rain poured down, I noticed my discontentment with the fact that I had to forge through the rain. I had responsibilities. I had no choice in the matter. I had to put on my jacket, adorn a sorrowful grimace and hastily go from my car to class. As I circumvented each and every patch of standing water, I had what some would call déjà vu. I had been in these wet shoes before. The wet soles, the uninvited squish, and that cold feeling only damp feet can

have, all sent me back 20 years to that irresponsible life I lived as a kid, just looking for some fun.

Without putting much more thought into my feelings, since I was dripping my thoughts away, I proceeded through the California deluge (a light sprinkle) and on to my morning class. Once I was in the building and comfortable, my mind again began to wander back to the past, looking for the origin of my rekindled feelings. They weren't awkward feelings. It just seemed as if something was different in my approach to my morning activities, like a subtle change over time had gone unnoticed. The lecture proceeded as normal and my thoughts returned to day's activities.

The sun began to shine through the dark skies after class ended, and as I walked down the stairs toward the parking area, it hit me. I looked out upon a sea of students, and behold: all of them were jumping over small pools of water, avoiding what I had lived to find as a kid: the ever-elusive rain puddle.

Laughing at the image before me, I turned in front of University Hall. The staff at CSUSM was one step ahead of me. They had set out cones, illuminating the perfect course, so I wouldn't miss one opportunity to puddle jump. I saw in that one instant the games of my youth come full circle, and turn what most would consider miserable weather into a day of fun.

So for those of you who say CSUSM doesn't support enough sporting events, I introduce you to the new Intramural Puddle Jumping Competitions. As the rainy days persist, don't miss your opportunity to practice. In addition to the courses generously marked by bright orange cones, there are other obscure, more elusive spots. These areas support all skill levels, from beginner to the long-distance hurdler.

People are always quick to judge sports and their athletic worth, but as kids it was always great when the water accumulated around the neighborhood

and competition was stiff. So don't pass judgment on a sport that dates back hundreds of years, and, although obscured by new technologies (i.e. levels and drains), finds a renewed home here on campus. Although many of you may try to discredit the popularity of such a sport, look around and even at yourself. I see you all practicing, if not by a conscious effort, by an instinctual notion—that inner drive for sport!

Don't be discouraged by the lack of sports on campus, because as CSUSM grows, so does the availability of sports activities. Look for next year's introduction of the Stair Climbing Olympics, and don't try to deny that you're practicing. I see all of you, huffing and puffing, getting your time in on those stairs each day. And just think: if the heads at parking administration decide to build up rather than out, you'll be one step ahead and ready for the new and ever expanding structures at Cal State San Marcos.

Deus Ex Machina: The God of the Machine

By: Daniel Huey
Pride Staff Writer

Vending machines are convenient when they work, but can stress you out when they don't.

As I stood in front of the vending machine near ACD 126, it grinned at me, daring me to try to buy a simple pack of chewing gum. I fished in my pocket and sorted through my change until I pulled out 60 cents. I pushed my change into the slot. The machine grinned at me and made clicking sounds while it sucked down my money. I fiddled with the buttons on the front of it and made my selection. The vending machine hummed and spewed my pack of chewing gum onto the louvered panel.

I thought it would drop through, but the gum just sat there, paid for but inaccessible. The louvered panel only swings one direction, so someone cannot reach in and steal any snacks. The weight of the gum was not sufficient to cause the panel to swing down.

I wanted that gum, so I thought about how to get it. I figured if I bought some peanuts that the weight of the peanuts and the gum would be enough to flip the door down and I could get the gum. I counted out another 75 cents and fed it to the machine. Again the machine hummed and pushed my peanuts out, but they failed to fall down onto the louvered door.

I grimaced as I realized that I was out one dollar and 35 cents

and still did not have my gum or my peanuts.

I pulled four quarters out of my pocket and fed them into the slot. Above the pack of peanuts was a cherry pie waiting for someone to buy it. It was my hope that as the cherry pie dropped toward the louvered door below that it would knock against the peanuts, causing them to fall. When the pie and the peanuts hit the louvered door, their combined weight would open the louvered door and I could get my gum. I made my selection and the pie fell. The peanuts stayed. The pie and the gum fell through the louvered door. I spent two dollars and 35 cents for a pack of gum.

Should I get some coffee from the other vending machine over on the quad, or will I end up on my knees, in front of the place where you pull the cup out, trying to push my tongue into it and slurp at the coffee trickling into the drain because the cup failed to drop? I think not. Today the machines are not friendly. I hope my car starts when I put the key into the ignition.

As I was putting my gum into my pocket, someone else began fishing in her pocket for some change to by some snacks from the vending machine. Should I warn her to be wary of vending machines selling gum? Or should I just watch her try to outsmart that machine? Oh no! She's going for the cookies. I wonder how much they will end up costing her. I forced myself to walk away.

The Campus Beat

What are your feelings about the Santana High School shooting?
What do you think about the possibilities of this happening at CSUSM?

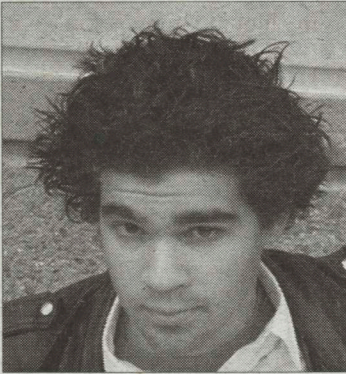
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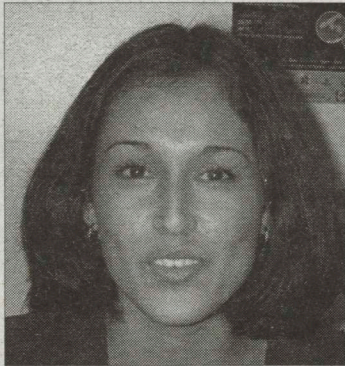
"I feel it was a tragedy and it was something that should have never taken place to begin with. My prayers go out to the family and friends of the victims at Santana High. Violence can happen anywhere. I just pray it doesn't happen here."
Danaisha Ridgeway (Freshman)



"It's very scary. Especially being that this took place so close to home. I feel it's less likely at colleges, period. Maturity has a lot to do with it. Most people that attend college are here by choice and they're more goal-driven."
Dean Manship (ASI President)



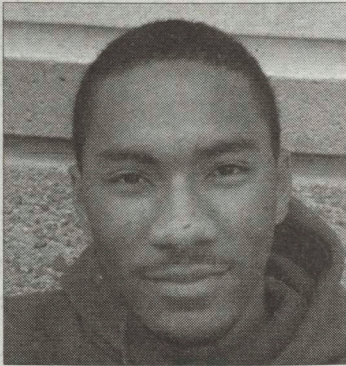
"Something's obviously wrong with that student involved in the shooting. I don't think it could happen here. Tensions usually are far less violent here at college than at high school."
Chad Spinks (Sophomore)



"My aunt and uncle work there! What concerned me was that the suspect was an average kid who got picked on a lot. There are millions of kids just like him. Individuality has a lot to do with it. I'd like to think it couldn't happen here."
Jessica Silva (Sophomore)



"I knew it was only a matter of time of that happening again. I wasn't too surprised...it's really sad, though. People have different ways of handling stress. You can't rule out any campus from being targeted nowadays, especially with how easily guns are accessible."
Chad Austin (Junior)



"I thought it was unfortunate. Calling people names nowadays can get you capped? Something is missing. I can see it happening here because it seems like people at CSUSM might overreact when dealing with trials and tribulations."
Anthony Blacksher (Sophomore)

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Hit List at San Marcos High School

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as an intellectual and straight-A student, who ate lunch alone in an empty classroom, enjoyed drawing houses and had an obsession with wolves.

In a press conference on Thursday, Principal Weits said that, once apprehended the following day, the student was interviewed by the school's crisis counselor and by sheriff's deputies. Officials determined that the boy was not a threat to himself or others. Weits reported that the boy had been teased consistently at San Marcos High and prior to high school, and was asked to make the list by another student whose name was in the list. The student was suspended for nearly a week after writing the list.

High school officials then waited until Monday of the following week, to inform the parents of the children on the list. Some parents said they were not informed until Tuesday, almost a week after the list surfaced. Other parents said they were not notified by the school, and only learned their children were on the list when the children called them from school on Tuesday, prior to a mediation meeting for students on the hit list.

Media and Santana

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him, looking for an interview and more pictures of him. Hoft continues to dodge the reporter because he knows that he'll be asked questions that bring up memories he is trying to move on from. "Not one reporter that I have heard interview students says, 'I feel sorry for what happened to your friend,' or 'I feel for you.' They don't care one damn bit about us," said Hoft. "If I ever catch that reporter when you guys [teen center staff] aren't here, I'm going to beat his face in."

Walking home from school on Thursday, 18-year-old senior Chris Sweda was asked questions by a reporter from a local paper.

Bob Harman, the Director of Pupil Personnel, advised that the list be taken seriously and said the school will alert parents immediately if such occurrences happen in the future. The high school is sending a letter concerning the incident and zero-tolerance policy home to all parents this week. "They should make it be an example that you do not joke about these things in the school," said parent Catherine Ingle. Ingle removed her child, who was on the list, from the school. Ingle and others urged school officials to penalize seriously the student who wrote the list in order to communicate a message of zero tolerance.

Weits made it a point to emphasize that "this sort of behavior starts in the homes and we are communicating with parents to insure that they begin teaching their children respect in their homes. Certainly we have to teach respect at school, but it begins at home."

San Marcos High School senior, Steve Lukich, said that by not punishing the student enough, high school administrators are almost letting this stuff happen. "It's pretty weird, with all of these shootings going on and stuff, that a kid who brings a fluorescent toy, a squirt-gun, to school, gets immediate suspension for several days, but someone who makes a hit list is treated like this."

Asked if he thought something similar to Santana could occur at San Marcos, Lukich replied, "There's maybe a few potentials and it might, but I'm not stressed out about it. It's almost so common now, I mean, in New York, Pennsylvania, Twenty-Nine Palms. And somebody brought a gun to school in Fallbrook. So it's happening, but I won't let it affect my life."

Other students said they felt that the measures taken by school officials were reactionary. Dismissing the occurrence, Rachel Crouthammel, a senior at San Marcos High said, "They made something out of nothing."

San Marcos High School saw at least 17 suspensions last year because of physical fighting between students. Most of these occurred during a series of racially motivated fights on the campus last May that resulted in 13 suspensions in 10 days. The present hit list shows no relation to any previous instances of reported conflict.

"We need to teach these students that there's room in this world for all of us," said Principal Weits. The hit list was composed in a freshman geography class.

Sweda was saying how many students at Santana pick on him because of his weight, but said he would never think of shooting anyone. Another reporter nearby rushed over when he heard Sweda say "picked on" and "shooting," and asked Sweda, "Are you feeling angry? Are you going to try to finish what Andy started?" Sweda, angered by the news writer, punched him and broke his nose, and Sweda continued to walk home. He said he felt no remorse and that everybody praised him for doing so.

Along Magnolia Avenue, the street that runs in front of Santana High, students gathered on the median with signs encouraging passersby to honk their horns; this was to disrupt the live interviews by the

reporters and make them leave. "People are trying to move on and these guys are causing a lot of pain to us," said Nick Lindner, a 16-year-old friend of Hoft and participant at the Teen Center. "I didn't really know the guys that were killed, but I'm trying to be here for Dustin and everybody else, but these reporters keep harassing them and making life miserable for them."

"If one of these reporters would just ask how we are feeling or at least act like they care about us, then maybe we would be a little more cooperative," said Lindner. "The first thing you asked me today was how was I doing. The only difference [between you and them] is I know you care."

Explanation of Recreation Fees

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for the Health Services Fee. I only found that out because I had to get a vaccine shot and they did it there."

"I love this school, and I know I'm supporting the future of this campus, but I feel that we have the right to know what it is we are paying for," Moore said describing her feelings about having to pay the fee.

At this time, there are no restrooms or locker facilities built at the track. As of July 2001, a \$50 student fee will take effect that will help build the proposed student union/field house scheduled for completion in 2004.

In the meantime, there is one portable toilet and one drinking fountain available.

Golf Team Places Third

By: Claudia Ignacio
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos' golf team hosted their first tournament at San Luis Rey Downs golf course in Bonsall on March 5 and 6. "We had some great performances. Overall we placed third," said coach Fred Hanover.

Out of eight schools, Cal State San Marcos' golf team placed third. Individual scores included 222 from Brett Dolch, a sophomore who placed third overall; 228 from Joe Rathburn, a sophomore who placed tenth; and 232 from Tony Sellers, a junior who placed twentieth.

The next women's and men's golf tournament is scheduled for March 26-27 at Monterey Bay.



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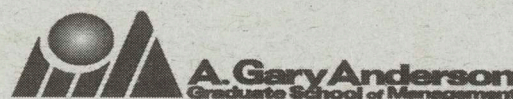
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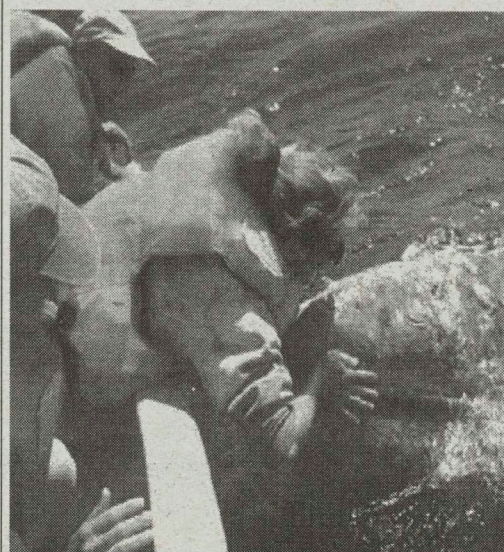
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Campus Events

Wednesday, March 14

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Open-Mic Poetry Reading**
Time: 11:45am-1:30pm
Location: Library Courtyard
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Achtung! The German Table
Time: 12:30pm-1:15pm
Location: The Dome
If you would like to practice your German, meet some other people interested in the German culture or some native "Krauts," please join us and bring your lunch.
For more info. contact Astrid Ronke at aronke@csusm.edu.

Using MLA/APA Formats
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Location: ACD 420
Review the rules for MLA and APA formats at this workshop.

Open Fora: Dr. David Dowell from CSU Long Beach
Time: 3pm-4pm
Location: Commons 206

Open Fora for finalists for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Search Committee for the CoAS encourages students to attend the Open Fora, where you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates, hear about their background and vision for the future and ask questions.

Thursday, March 15

Career Skills Series
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: Craven 4201
Learn the current trends in paper and electronic resume writing and the job search process.

Using Sentence Variety
Time: 12pm-1pm
Location: ACD 420
Learn how to craft simple, compound, complex and compound-complex sentences. Also learn how to use verbal phrases for even more syntactic fluency.

NLRC Open House
Time: 3:30pm-5:30 pm
Location: NLRC offices, located at San Marcos City Hall Building (1 Civic Center Drive), Suite 150
The public is invited to CSUSM's NLRC Open House. For more information, call the NLRC office at (760) 750-3500.

Friday, March 16

Open Fora: Dr. Spencer McWilliams from the University of Houston, Clear Lake
Time: 10am-11am
Location: Commons 206

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Careers for Liberal Studies Majors
Time: 12pm-1pm
Location: Craven 4201

Native American High School and Community College Conference
Planning meeting with the American Indian Student Alliance
Time: 3pm-4:30pm
Location: Craven 5306-A
Please contact Michelle at jacob007@csusm.edu for more info.

Tuesday, March 20
Women's Herstory Month Film Series: The Speeches of Famous Women
Time: 11:45am-1:30pm
Location: Commons 206

Club Meetings

Tuesday, March 13
College Republicans Meeting
Time: 4:30pm-5:50 pm
Location: ACD 111

Thursday, March 15
Environmental Club: Surfrider General Meeting
Time: 7pm
Location: Meets every third Thursday at the UTC shopping center in La Jolla above the Well Fargo building.

Friday, March 16
ICC Meeting
Time: 1pm
Location: UNI 373

ASI Board of Directors Meeting
Time: 3pm
Location: TBA
Please call the ASI Office at (760) 750-4990 for more info.

Sports

Saturday, March 17
Track: Santa Barbara Relays
Location: Santa Barbara

March 19-20
Golf
Location: CSU Monterey Bay



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Thoughts from...
Helen Keller

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Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened,

ambition inspired, and success achieved.
-Helen Keller (1880-1968)
American author and lecturer

Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all- the apathy of human beings.
-Helen Keller

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.
-Helen Keller

When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.
-Helen Keller

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