

Letter to the editor: ASI's Alumni masquerade refusal

My name is Raul Montero, I am an alum from Cal State University San Marcos. I am writing to you because I am very disturbed and upset regarding how Alumni are being treated by ASI.

I have been going to Masquerade Ball for four years now, one year as an alum. To me this is tradition, and [the] Masquerade Ball is like Homecoming for CSUSM. I have been trying to get to the ASI office before it closes at 5 p.m. a few different times, [but] for a working professional it can be very difficult to get there by that

particular time. Each time I was only late by two to five minutes and ASI was closed with nobody inside. I decided to call the ASI office to see if there was some way to arrange one single ticket for myself to the Masquerade Ball. When I did call, a message was relayed to me by the receptionist at ASI. The message was that Alumni are not allowed to purchase or obtain tickets for the Masquerade Ball.

First of all, I have been to Masquerade Ball before as an alum and did not have trouble getting a ticket. So is this a new

rule or is [ASI] just flat out lying to me?

Second, is this how the school treats its own Alumni? By telling alumni that they are no longer allowed at CSUSM functions since they aren't a student anymore?

I am sorry, but this is an outrage. I have never felt like I have been treated with such disrespect before in my life. If anything, Alumni should be at the top of the list, seeing that it is difficult for them to obtain tickets to the dance because most alumni are working professionals. Is this

what we are telling prospective students? Sure, attend our school, but once you are Alumni you are no longer welcome?

I honestly feel like the school has spit in my face; and at the same time the school is asking me for monetary contributions to CSUSM. I really hope The Pride feels my concern and shares it with the entire student body, because it seems to be the only organization on campus that isn't spitting in the face of the Alumni.

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