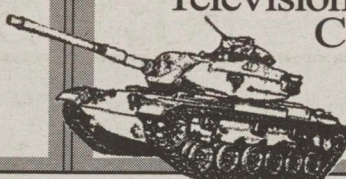




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## Yellow Ribbon Program

*Awareness  
+ Outreach  
= Prevention*

By JEANNE SAPP  
Pride Staff Writer

Almost 60 students showed up on March 24 to learn about the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program that was brought to CSUSM by junior Lindsay Hilz and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

According to the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign, suicide is the leading cause of death among college students. Going to college can be an especially difficult time of adjustment for students, many of whom are leaving home for the first time. Other stresses include leaving family and friends, high expectations of academic success, increased amount of homework, and, for some, working while going to school. These stresses can cause depression to appear for the first time, or aggravate existing depression.

"The Yellow Ribbon Program is a suicide prevention program that is worldwide, that serves all 50 states and 47 other countries," said Hilz. "I became interested in the program when my good friend committed suicide when I was 15 and they were handing these cards out at his funeral." The small white cards have a yellow ribbon printed on one side with a caption that says, "This ribbon is a lifeline." A person in distress can hand the card to someone, a parent, a friend, a pastor, or a doctor to reach out and ask for help.

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## Trading Civil Liberties for Safety

By MEG EPPEL  
Pride Staff Writer

As America fights a war with Iraq, some people are looking at the laws in place and questioning the security of personal liberties, while others are willing to lose some rights in exchange for safety. Looking at the history of America, civil liberties are often a victim of war.

To better understand the threat that war poses to civil liberties, it is important to review civil liberties in the past wartimes of America.

In 1798, only 10 years after the ratification of the Constitution, America entered the Quasi War with France and passed the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798. Among other laws, the acts made it illegal to protest against the administration's policy, a direct violation of the First Amendment. The Act was not very powerful because it only resulted in 25 arrests, of which only 10 were convicted.

In the 1860s, President Abraham Lincoln, in order to "keep the union together," passed emergency laws that violated the Fifth Amendment and Habeas Corpus, outlined in Section 9 of the Constitution. Military commanders were allowed to suspend due process and were held prisoners for years without a trial or at times, without suspicion of a crime.

The Espionage Act of 1917, which was passed during World War I, allowed for the prosecution of 2,000 people, convicting 1,000 of them. When ratified in 1918, it forbade opposition to the war by banning "disloyal utterances." Such utterances included "unpatriotic" conversation. For instance, criticizing the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and the Red Cross was also considered unlawful. Other comments that were banned were those questioning the U.S. and British relationship, discouraging women from knitting socks for the troops, and citing that war is contrary to the teaching of Jesus.

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## Higher Education

Legislation Offers To Take Bite Out of Tuition Costs

By JULIE MYRES  
Pride Staff Writer

"Higher education has become more important than ever to ensure America's economic prosperity, national security, and health. Yet swelling enrollments among low-income and working class families, massive state budget cuts, and rising tuition continue to strain our ability to ensure access to a college education for all Americans," said Representative George Miller, the Senior Democrat on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Miller, a Democrat from California, introduced two higher education bills to the House Committee in Washington on Mar. 18, 2003, known as the *College Affordability and Lifetime Savings Act* and the *College Opportunity for a Better America Act*.

According to the official remarks made by Miller at the presentation to the House of Representatives, the *College Affordability and Lifetime Savings Act* proposes to help ease the burden of student loan debt for millions of Americans. The act will possibly change the current student loan tax deduction benefit to a tax credit – which will deliver a larger rebate on the interest paid on student loans to borrowers. The savings for the typical borrower who is earning \$20,000 a year will more than triple to \$347 in their first year of repayment.

The Department of Education has reported that 7 million students are expected to take out federal student loans to cover the costs of their education this year alone. Student loans seem to be the only way for many

## Modern Day Shereroes Prevail

By SARA COLBRESE  
Pride Staff Writer

The leadership and strength of the women's studies program at Cal State San Marcos prevailed through the lighting problems in University Hall on March 26 as many gathered to celebrate Woman's Herstory Month with a performance titled: "Pop Cultured: Modern Day Shereroes - Monster

Grrl, Wonder Woman and Liberty – Upholding Truth, Justice, and the Feminist Way!" Instead of fussing about the malfunctioning spotlight these "Modern-day Shereroes" simply improvised with a set of strong arms and a DeWalt flashlight.

Regarding the lighting issues throughout the performance, Dr. Karen Schaffman of the visual

and performing arts department said, "Actually, it works well with monster Grrrls 'rough and ready' approach to life. Sometimes you have to do whatever it takes!"

Despite the lighting issues, Schaffman along with graduate student Erin Shems and female rapper Staci Goldstein, aka "Miss Liberty," sang the praise of women everywhere as they, according to

Schaffman, "creatively used word, image, and gesture to comment on pop culture with brazen desire and bold voices".

Each of the three women performed in a separate way, expressing their individual feelings about what it means to be women in society today. Goldstein,

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# Yellow Ribbon

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Luan Rivera, representing the Yellow Ribbon Program, said, "I want to acknowledge Lindsay because she's worked really hard to bring the program here." She also added, "I wish [suicide] didn't exist. But it does and it's a growing problem."

Rivera said that the actual statistics for suicide are much higher than reported because police won't label a death a suicide unless there's clear evidence, such as a suicide note, that the death was intentional. But other statistics about suicide are clear and alarming. Eleven young people, between the ages of 15 and 24, die by suicide every day in this country. Since 1990, there has been a 120 percent increase in suicides in students between the ages of 10 and 14 years old.

"Suicide is an equal opportunity killer," said Rivera. It is not particular to one race or socio-economic group. But, Rivera said, "Suicide is not about death and not about

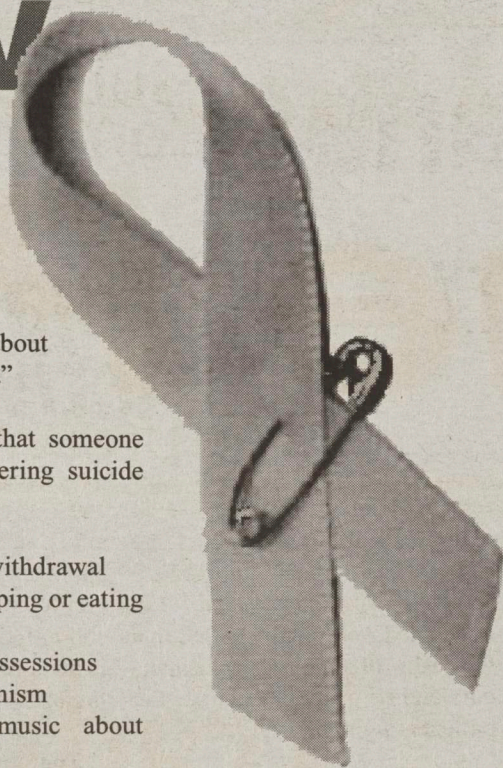
dying – it's about ending the pain."

Some signs that someone may be considering suicide are:

Depression or withdrawal  
Changes in sleeping or eating habits  
Giving away possessions  
Acute perfectionism  
Listening to music about death  
Hostile or reckless behavior

If someone is exhibiting these behaviors, Rivera says, a friend can help by listening, offering empathy, and giving a friend the hope that alternatives to suicide are available. But, Rivera cautioned the audience, "I want to stress to you [that] we don't want anyone in this room to be a counselor. We just want you to help them get help." "Don't leave a suicidal person alone," she said, and "don't be sworn to secrecy."

Lindsay Hilz is planning to start a Yellow Ribbon Program on campus this



fall, which will train Peer Education and Support (PEAS) counselors and Resident Assistants (RAs) in the new dorms. CSUSM will be the first college in the area to introduce and implement the program. Luan Rivera is writing grants in order to help fund it.

The Light for Life and the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program are holding a fundraiser on April 11. A concert will be held at Epicentre in Mira Mesa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, go to [www.yellowribbonsd.org](http://www.yellowribbonsd.org).

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college students and their families to be able to afford a higher education with the recent tuition increases and the failure of grants to keep up with these costs.

Many students do not have the ability to pay for their college education without financial assistance from loans, grants, or trusts funds, and high interest loans create a higher rate of debt for graduating college students.

Miller described the *College Opportunity for a Better America Act* by saying, "We can no longer afford to ignore the growing shortage of a skilled public service workforce. We must invest in our recent graduates [and] enable more of them to pursue public service careers."

The *College Opportunity for a Better America Act* proposes filling the need

for highly skilled workers in the public service sector by providing up to \$17,500 in loan forgiveness for graduates who enter teaching, child care, nursing, child welfare, and other high priority public service careers. The act would provide the financial means necessary to encourage and sustain a highly skilled public service workforce.

**"The National Center for Education statistics reported that the estimated need for teachers in the United States will be more than 2 million new teachers over the next 10 years."**

Many graduating college students do not favor public service careers because they don't pay enough to cover living expenses in California, and now because of state budget cuts there are fewer job opportunities available.

"Over the past eight years the typical student loan debt has nearly doubled to \$16,928, with 64 percent of students borrowing to finance their college costs. In addition, nearly two-fifths of all student borrowers graduate with unmanageable debt

levels, and as a result, many may seek higher-salaried positions rather than public service careers," according to Miller.

The National Center for Education statistics reported that the estimated need for teachers in the United States will be more than 2 million new teachers over the next 10 years. In a recent report, the American Hospital Association found that there is a national shortage of 126,000 nurses; just as the number of nursing school graduates decreased by 29 percent between 1995 and 2001. In addition, the number of unfilled child welfare specialists is rising; while the nation's childcare programs are suffer high staff turnover, driven by poor compensation. With the combination of higher tuition, state budget cuts, and secondary education being the minimum education needed for higher income careers, the two bills that have been presented stand to offer a break for students who need a little extra help to complete their goals of a college education or a career in public service.

## Sheroes Prevail

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fueled by the very recent death of her great aunt, whom she deems "the strongest woman I know," struck out at an oppressive society using harsh but effective words like "I'm not a feminist, I'm just pissed" as her mother and grandmother looked on through watery eyes.

Shems performed a piece entitled "Role Reputations. Resistance. Being Wonder Woman in Today's Society" as she approached issues of a woman's identity in U.S. society by matching images of herself, as daughter, child, and friend, with related terms such as submissive, witch, and skank. She also used music as another way to express her dissatisfaction about the way women are represented or treated in our society, by describing the likes of Wendy O. Williams, Blondie and Gwen Stefani with terms like "twat," "slut" and "goody goody."

The evening's last performance, "MonsterGrrrl," was performed by a brilliantly blue haired Schaffman as she flailed energetically about the classroom, flopping on tabletops like a fish out of water, and flashing the "Women Rights" manual to her audience.

This and many other unique and interesting events were held on campus this month. "It is a wonderful opportunity to honor all those women before us and today (including those fictitious characters!) who have worked and continue to pave the way for equal rights," said Schaffman.

A panel made up of the three performers gave closure to the evening, as the audience was encouraged to ask questions and engage with the current discussion of Women's History Month and Women's rights. The topics addressed included the role models of the three women, which included mothers, grandmothers, female artists, and earlier "girl power" movements in history as well as the reasons each woman gave for being active in such an ambitious cause. When rapper Goldstein was asked about her future goals as an artist she responded, "Being Miss Liberty is all about creating change and I plan on doing it one rap at a time."

"It was actually pretty shocking at first," described audience member Ashley Moses, "but I think that was the point. I had never considered some of the issues presented by these women. It really opened my eyes."



# Medical Marijuana: Controlled Substance for Compassionate Use

## Part II - Information and Activism

By JEANNE SAPP  
Pride Staff Writer

Every complex issue presents a variety of viewpoints, and the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes is no different. While anecdotal evidence is growing that there may be legitimate medical use for the drug, the federal government has determined that marijuana is illegal under any circumstance.

**The Physician:** *When blackness is a virtue ... And the road was full of mud.*

Just after the voters of California passed Prop. 215, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sent letters to California physicians, which stated that marijuana was an illegal drug by federal law and that they may not prescribe it.

A family practice physician in North County, who asked to remain anonymous, said that two patients have approached her regarding medical marijuana. Her response to the patients was that the federal government had determined that it was illegal and that she does not prescribe it.

When taking a medical history, this doctor will ask her patients

about marijuana use, but she does not note their response in their medical record. About the issue of recommending medical marijuana, the doctor said, "I'm undecided," although she felt that the risks of smoking marijuana outweighed any benefits her patients might gain.

Compared to available anti-anxiety drugs, the doctor said, "I thought [that marijuana] was less toxic than taking anti-anxiety medications and [that the patient] hadn't responded to any other medication." She directs some patients to the magazine *The Reader*, where classified ads list sources for marijuana. At the same time, she tries to dissuade patients from trying marijuana and encourages them instead to try an alternate medication.

**The Federal Government:** *I came in from the wilderness... A creature void of form*

The focus of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the safety and regulation of food,

drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, and electronic devices that emit radiation. While the FDA approves products for use, based on the reports of clinical trials submitted by manufacturers, it is not a research and development organization.

The FDA also has legal jurisdiction over interstate commerce, but it does not enforce laws that are enacted by individual states. The FDA does not license doctors or pharmacies, nor does it police restaurants or health spas.

In the case of new drugs or pharmaceuticals, the FDA approves them for marketing. Their goal is to protect patients from the risks associated with unapproved or insufficiently tested drugs. Marijuana, along with cocaine and heroin, has been labeled a "schedule one drug," which means it is one of the most restricted. The FDA has determined that marijuana has a high potential for abuse and no medicinal value.

"While the government continues to maintain that growing and using marijuana for any reason is illegal, it is allowing limited and closely regulated research in order to determine whether there is, in fact, any medicinal use for marijuana."

The DEA has taken the same stance and has prosecuted "cannabis clubs," a co-operative of growers in California who grow marijuana specifically for distribution to patients who are seeking the plant for medicinal use. However, the DEA website contains a news release from November of 2001, which announced that the DEA would allow researchers to register with the agency in order to develop "studies with smoked marijuana in human subjects."

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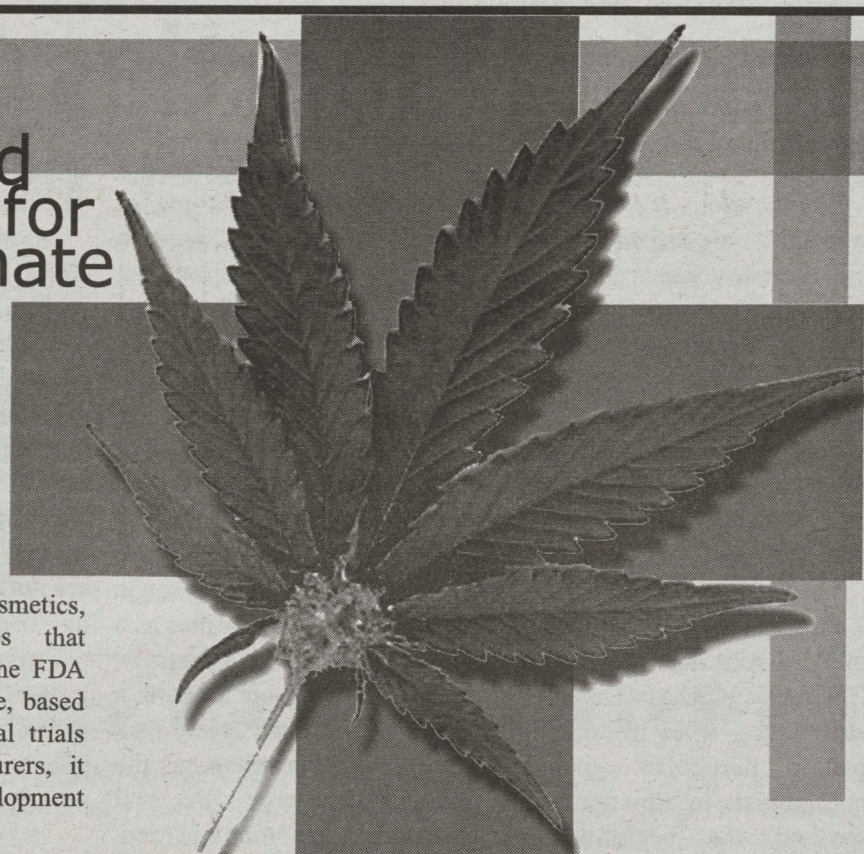
**What's Next:** *Come In, she said, ... I'll give you shelter from the storm.\**

The controversial issue of

medical marijuana continues to be debated. On one side, there is the government, at the federal, state, and local levels. Local law enforcement and some citizens are worried about an increase in crime if marijuana use becomes legal, widespread, and acceptable. On the other side, there are patients seeking relief from debilitating, and sometimes life-threatening pain. In the middle are the physicians, who are caught between wanting to treat their patients and not wanting to risk losing their licenses by prescribing or procuring an illegal drug.

While patients can try to lobby drug companies to produce medication that is as effective as marijuana without the risks, that takes time and money. Often, time and money are what these patients don't have.

*\*"Shelter From the Storm" Bob Dylan copyright 1974*



## Jewish-Arab Relations Expert Discusses Conflicts and Solutions



By JAMAL SCARLETT  
Pride Staff Writer

To better understand the turmoil that is ever-present in Palestine, one must understand the history, the present and the possible future of the nation. The CSUSM history department sponsored an event with professor and peace expert Sarah Ozacky-Lazar, who discussed the relations between Jewish and Arab nations. Ozacky-Lazar is co-director of the Givat

Haviva Institute's Jewish-Arab Center for Peace in Israel and received the UNESCO prize for peace education in 2001.

Ozacky-Lazar broke the lecture down into three categories. These categories were the history of Palestine and Israel, the current conditions, and the future state of Israel.

Ozacky-Lazar explained the history of the Palestine and how Israel became a state. She explained that from 1920-1947, the San Remo Conference granted Britain a mandate over all of Palestine. Britain was in favor of the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. However, surrounding Arab countries were in opposition to Britain.

After much protest and strife, Britain decided that it could not

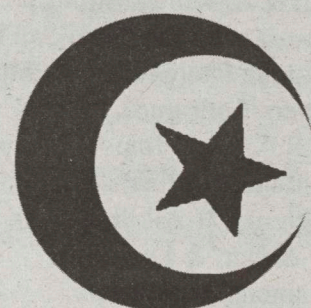
bring peace to Palestine and turned the matter over to the United Nations. In 1948, the state of Israel was established; the decision resulted in war with Arab countries and a war with Jordan, now known as the six-day war. Israel won the war with the help of the United States.

Ozacky-Lazar recalled Israel's feeling of independence. "We were completely isolated from the Arab world. There were borders around the state and the only way out was by the Mediterranean Sea and parts of Lebanon. It was like living in a ghetto," she said. However, she also expressed the joy of coming back to the cities that were talked about in the Bible. "Going to Mt. Sinai were Moses

"Many in Israel believe that a binational state with of all its citizens, rather than a Jewish state, is the only solution for Israel's future."

received the Ten Commandments, Jerusalem where our people lived for so long, and the Wailing Wall... It was breath taking," she added.

The main focus, however, was on the current issues that haunt the state of Israel. She expressed the bitter feelings of Palestinians and Israelis toward one another, and the daily bombings that plague the land. Students in the audience asked questions concerning the hatred of Israel among the Palestinians and their neighbors. "Many of our neighbors feel that we have intruded into the Arab world," said Lazar. She added, "Many rejected the idea of an Israeli state in an Arab world and still don't like it."



She acknowledged that the problems of the state are reaching its limits and action must be taken. Many in Israel believe that a binational state with of all its citizens, rather than a Jewish state, is the only solution for Israel's future. "We talk about everything out loud, including the idea of a binational state, even though many Israeli Jews don't want to hear about it," said Ozacky-Lazar. "We have to deal with alternatives because we all know it's bad the way it is now."



# Trading Liberties from page 1

World War II stole the freedoms of citizens based on their heritage. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration passed laws that forced Japanese Americans to live in internment camps during the course of the war. The government also instated curfews for Italian Americans.

Then, following WWII, Congress created the House of Un-American Activities (HUAC) which focused on eliminating spies in America, paying particular mind to communists in America. This sparked the beginning of McCarthyism, which spread throughout the country, placing fear into the hearts and minds of many citizens. It caused the loss of careers and blacklisting of many high profile persons.

Far from the McCarthy era and the wars of the 18th and 19th centuries, it may be difficult to see how these aforementioned laws that limited civil liberties relate to the present. Yet the passing of the Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act in 2001 has proven that when threatened,

America places civil liberties on the bottom of its list of priorities. The act, passed in the wake of September 11, coincided with the president's declaration of the War on Terrorism, which the U.S. is still fighting.

The act also suspends due process for aliens in America. It gives the president the power to seize property of any single person(s) that he identifies as a threat to the nation's security. Along with the creation of a National Electronic Crime Task Force, the government has the power to intercept wire, oral and electronic communication. The government is able to have companies disclose customer records or communications.

The PATRIOT Act differs from earlier acts of wartime by giving particular instructions regarding Arab Americans. The act states that the "civil liberties of all Americans, including Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and Americans from South Asia, must be protected and that every effort must be taken to preserve their safety." This is a direct opposite approach to the laws instated during WWII against Japanese Americans

and Italian Americans.

The opinions of Americans concerning civil liberties, especially with the technological advances, vary. James Gilmore, chair of the National Advisory Commission on Terrorism and a former governor of Virginia, has commented that the laws being put into place are not the answer to the threat of security. Gilmore said, "You'd give up everything by way of individuality, privacy, anonymity ... and even then you would not have total security."

Former director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, James Woosley, has taken a different perspective. Woosley has commented that the U.S. is not as intrusive as it could be. He believes that Americans "are going to have to make some other hard choices, as time goes on, about reconciling civil liberties and security, and realizing that, while we wish they didn't conflict in a war, they do."

Students at CSUSM also have opinions regarding their rights as American citizens. Nathan Thompson, a junior

and business major, believes that America is going in the right direction to keep the nation safe. He said that he does not "believe that there will be too much to worry about with these acts in place, and you have to look at the state this country is in right now and decide if the price of NOT having these safety checks there is worth it." He commented about the safety checks that are in place in the airports and other government interventions as "minor inconveniences are necessary. Americans are so spoiled in that way, that they haven't had to deal with any major inconveniences, and they don't even realize how easy they have it in this country."

Natalie Voehl, a biology major graduating in the summer, says that she is willing to sacrifice some civil liberties in order to ensure some safety. However, she clarifies that "there are certainly some rights that I would never give up - my right to vote regardless of race, sex, or age. Regardless of the state of our country, I believe we should always have the right to choose those people in power who are making decisions that directly affect our lives."

In the midst of the current

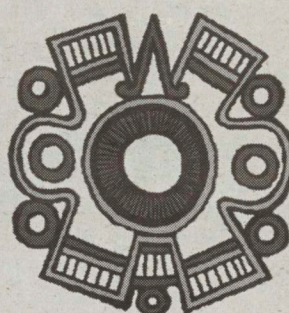
war, there have been rumors about the possibility of a PATRIOT ACT II, which would lengthen the time before which a suspect could appear before a judge, as well as granting more power to the FBI and allowing the government to keep records about legal and undocumented aliens as classified documents. Of this act, Voehl said, "From what I know about the Patriot Act II, suspected terrorists are subject to a 'guilty until proven innocent' type of law. This seems drastic, but so are the times. I hope, if I were investigated as a possible terrorist, I would be given a chance to explain and I would understand the intentions of the government to keep the citizens of the United States safe."

It is up to the citizens of America to determine if they are willing to allow their civil liberties to be threatened. The history of this country illustrates the ability the government to sacrifice rights in unstable times. The future will determine if America continues to sacrifice these "unalienable rights."

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# Lady Cougars Play Colby Invitational

By JESSICA A. KRONE  
Sports Editor

The Cal State San Marcos women's golf team found itself in 8<sup>th</sup> place at the 11-team Santa Clara Colby Invitational at the Rancho Canada Golf Course in Carmel Valley that took place on March 24 and 25. The Cougars finished the two-day tournament, which was held on the 5,937 yard,

par 72 West Course at Santa Clara University.

The Cougars were 16 shots back from eventual champions Eastern Washington University after the first round. They wound up 37 shots behind on the final day of play with a two-day total of 665 (329-336).

"I personally had a pretty hard

time at this tournament; with golf, the way you play can change any time. For the first day I played very well, and for the second day I played very badly. With golf, how you play is very unexpected, everything can change at any moment, you can play your best one day and the next day go out and shoot the worst score ever," sophomore lady golfer Stephanie Segura commented.

The best of the Cougars' team was senior Jennifer Tunzi, who shot strong rounds of 84 and 78, totaling 162 to finish in a tie for 18<sup>th</sup> place. Four strokes behind her was Junior Erin Thys who earned a 167 (82-85) to tie for 31<sup>st</sup>. Segura was another four shots back with a total of 171 (79-92), coincidentally good for 41<sup>st</sup> place. Sophomore Stephanie Goss posted two consistent rounds of 88 for a total of 172 to tie for 45<sup>th</sup> while senior Robin Shaft turned in scores of 84 and 89 to finish at 173 for a tie for 52<sup>nd</sup> place.

Segura added, "My thoughts for the next tournaments and for nationals are that we [as a team] have to work hard in performing well and coming together as a team. We need each other in order to go to Nationals. Our team is getting stronger as time goes by and hopefully, by the time nationals come around, we will be the strongest we have ever been."

Next up for the lady Cougars will take place at the Cypress Ridge Golf Club on April 14-15, hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

## Men's Golf Faces Top Competition

By JESSICA A. KRONE  
Sports Editor

The Cougar men's golf team finished third at the Diablo Grande Golf Tournament, posting a 54-hole total of (315-305-302) 922 in Patterson, CA on March 17 and 18. The Cougars were the only National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) team in the competition, while the other eight teams were from Division I schools.

"It's kind of fun because we're like a nobody, compared to a Princeton or University of Hartford and still [we] can beat some of those teams. It's a great opportunity," explained CSUSM golfer, junior Rob Keller, an economics major.

The CSUSM men's golf team was only four strokes out of second place and 32

shots behind the overall champions, the Badgers of the University of Wisconsin, on the par 72 course.

Four out of the five golfers finished in the top 20 for the Cougars, with Keller leading the way with a ninth place total of 228.

"The course was real tough, so it was a difficult task to get around there. The real narrow fairways and really thick rough was a challenge, so if you didn't hit the fairway, it was real tough to get up around the green," Keller described.

Brett Dolch posted rounds of 75, 77 and 78 to place 13<sup>th</sup> with a total of 230. Junior Cory Scoggin finished with a two-day total of (85-73-76) 234 to place 18<sup>th</sup> overall. Sophomore Ryan Axlund finished 19<sup>th</sup>, with totals of (82-78-75) 235. Junior Joe

Rathburn rounded out the Cougar scoring with a final score of (84-80-74) 238, while placing 27<sup>th</sup>.

Keller concluded, "We all push each

other to get better; it's nice to have the guys there, pushing you all the time. We all get along real well, our team's got great chemistry right now."

## Cougars Clubbed the Competition

By JESSICA A. KRONE  
Sports Editor

golfer Cory Scoggin, a CSUSM junior.



The Cougars, led by top individual scorer Rob Keller, shot a three-under par 69 as the men's golf team captured first place at the Coyote Classic Invitational at the PGA of Southern California in Oak Valley. Keller posted a three round total of 210 with rounds of 71, 70 and 69, including 14 birdies.

Cal State San Marcos competed against 10 other teams, with a total score of 871. This was an impressive seven over par for the entire squad on the 6,804-yard, par-72 Champions Course. The Cougars were recently ranked third among all National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) teams according to Golfstat.com, an official source for college golf scores and statistics.

"Most coaches out there don't seem to have a specific strategy for their players once on the golf course. [Coach] Fred Hanover makes sure that each of us knows how to play each hole, to best benefit the team and that we stick with our plan throughout the tournament. I think that is one of the deciding factors when it comes down to winning tournaments," commented

The Cougars remaining lineup came through with two teammates who tied for sixth place. Junior Joe Rathburn posted rounds of 76, 72 and 73 while sophomore Ryan Axlund fired a 75, 74 and 72 for both to finish the 54-hole tournament with a total of score 221. Scoggin rebounded from 53<sup>rd</sup> place in the first round to finish in a tie for 18<sup>th</sup> place. Scoggin produced rounds of 83, 74 and 70 to total a very respectable 227. Junior Brett Dolch shot three-day rounds of 75, 79 and 79, which placed him in a tie for 31<sup>st</sup> place.

"Rob, Brett, Joe and myself have been together since our freshman year when we were struggling to compete against top NAIA teams. Now that we are at the level of top Division II teams, it shows a lot about how much we have improved and learned, and about the talents of our coach. The four of us have been together for four years now and Ryan Axlund, has fit in very well with the four of us," Scoggin expressed.

The Cougars will be in action on the Cypress Ridge Golf Course on April 14-15, 2003, hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

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# Los latinos ciudadanos de corazón en la guerra

Por MARTHA SARABIA  
Editora principal

Los "mojados", los que vienen a quitarnos los trabajos, los "welfereros", los que no hablan inglés, los high-school dropouts. Estas son algunas de las maneras que muchas personas en este país usan para referirse a los latinos y latinas, o como ellos dicen a los hispanos. Tristemente el conflicto entre Irak y Estados Unidos ha demostrado todo lo contrario a estas creencias o mitos pero sobre todo ha puesto en descubierto la realidad de muchos de los latinos que vivimos en este país, que es ante todo también nuestro país.

Soldados en el ejército estadounidense como Aarón J. Contreras, Rubén Estrella Soto, George A. Fernández, José A. Garibay, Jorge A. González, José Gutiérrez, Francisco A. Martínez Flores, Johnny Villareal Mata, Diego Fernando Rincón, Robert M. Rodríguez, Erik H. Silva, y Jesús A. Suárez del Solar son algunos de los muchos soldados que hasta el día de hoy han fallecido representando a este país. La única diferencia entre ellos y otros soldados es que muchos de ellos ni siquiera son ciudadanos americanos. Un simple certificado de papel verificando su ciudadanía estadounidense no fue requerido por ellos

para dar la vida por este país. Estos soldados han dado la vida por un país que muchas veces se les ha negado como propio por no haber nacido aquí o por ser hijo de inmigrantes.

Dos de estos latinos han recibido la ciudadanía estadounidense póstuma a su muerte ya que ambos estaban en proceso de obtenerla. Sin embargo, lo que muchas personas no terminan de entender es que para estos soldados la ciudadanía ya se había alcanzado en el corazón, aunque tal vez no para aquellos que necesitan verificar la validez de algo en un pedazo de papel.

De acuerdo con el San Diego Union-Tribune, los latinos están sobrerrepresentados en las líneas de combate en la guerra actual. De cualquier modo, esto no es muy dado a conocer ya que solamente se reporta si hay un gran índice de desertión escolar o un alto nivel de delincuencia pero no si hay un exceso de latinos en las líneas de combate en la guerra. También cabe mencionar que entre los prisioneros de guerra se encuentra una soldado panameña. Pese a esto, muchas personas en esta nación siguen pensando que los latinos solo vienen a este país a tomar algo, a llevarse algo, pero como ya se ha demostrado esto no es cierto. Se ha demostrado que es todo lo contrario. Los latinos

también dan su vida como cualquier ciudadano americano por representar a los Estados Unidos. Es tanto el amor y dedicación que muchos inmigrantes le tienen a este país que sin importar si son ciudadanos legalmente o no, están dispuestos a darlo todo por recibir tan poco a cambio.

Digo tan poco a cambio porque las fuerzas armadas ni siquiera pueden ayudar a algunos de los familiares de estos héroes latinos a pagar por su funeral. El dinero dedicado a pagar por los funerales de los caídos es tan solo una parte de los gastos del funeral, es un poco más de la mitad de lo que se necesita. Dicha medida ha forzado a algunos familiares de los soldados fallecidos a verse en una situación difícil por la falta de dinero para pagar por un funeral. ¿Acaso el valor de sus vidas es tan poco que ni siquiera se ha destinado un fondo monetario para enterrarlos decentemente? ¿Acaso se necesita dar algo más que la propia vida para que el gobierno y sus instituciones del ejército puedan reconocer la gran labor de estos muchachos que han muerto luchando por representar a su país? En lo personal, no puedo encontrar una respuesta para justificar esto que está pasando.

Mientras tanto la lucha sigue y la lista de latinos y de soldados en general fallecidos en combate sigue y seguirá aumentando. Entre más destrucción se haga en Irak, más reparaciones tendrán que hacerse. Así que Estados Unidos tendrá mucho trabajo que hacer los meses siguientes después del fin de la guerra y por supuesto muchos millones de dólares que gastar para reparar lo que sus bombas y armas hayan destruido en el lejano país. Ya que después del daño hecho entraran a reparar lo destruido. Irónicamente, mientras se gastarán miles de dólares haciendo reparaciones a los daños hechos por este mismo, Estados Unidos no tendrá suficiente dinero para enterrar a los que murieron luchando en la tierra de las reparaciones. Ni siquiera de esta manera tan insignificante se les puede agradecer a aquellos soldados caídos que fueron ordenados a luchar por algo que quizás muchos de ellos nunca entendieron. Mientras tanto, los familiares de los soldados muertos seguirán no sólo buscando una explicación a la muerte de sus seres queridos pero preguntándose si tan enorme sacrificio valió la pena.

Que en paz descansen todos los soldados que han muerto en la guerra. Su valentía, amor, y sacrificio siempre serán admirados y recordados. ¡Gracias de todo corazón! ¡Gracias a los soldados ciudadanos de corazón!

## Selective Alcohol Policy

By ADRIAN CUNDIFF  
Pride Staff Writer

Seeing *The Pride* student newspaper first hand suffer the effects of the lack of advertising and funding, many questions entered my head, but one overshadowed the others. Is it the university's alcohol policy not to let *The Pride* student newspaper advertise happy hours at restaurants and bars, drink specials on college nights at dance clubs, and alcohol in general?

If this is so, why is it that Rick Moore, Director of the Office of Communications which puts out "In the Loop" every week, allows student organizations to advertise their social events at restaurant bars? According to Rick Moore, he does not want students at Cal State San Marcos to be perceived in this light (As bar flies), so why does put out these social gatherings which encourage students to stay after 8 P.M. for karaoke. Are these student organizations getting special permission from the president's office to do this?

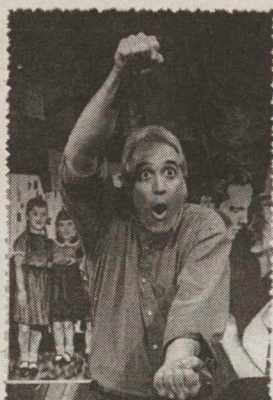
What about Cougar night at Zip & Zack's? I am not against having social gatherings at restaurant bars, on the contrary, I am all for it. But I am against university administration giving *The Pride* rules on what kind of advertisements they should have when they are not following it themselves.

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# As the World Burns:

## TV's Dramatic Portrayal of the War in Iraq

By CHRIS MARTIN  
Pride Arts Editor

From the onset of the *War for Iraq*, television media has firmly established itself as the primary supplier of information for the regular American. With over 500 "embedded" journalists traveling with coalition troops either on the ground or aboard ships it was expected that we would see coverage unlike that of any other war. In this first couple of weeks you couldn't watch anything without seeing constant news updates, press conferences or speeches regarding the campaign. As expected, the major news networks and local channels have continued to bring us constant coverage. Similarly, stations like MTV, E! Entertainment and Comedy Central have gotten into the mix. Even ESPN has begun bringing us feature pieces like former high school athletes, fallen in the name of liberty.

It seems to have been turned into a hybrid species unique unto itself: one part journalist, one part patriot propaganda, and two

parts soap opera. The question then logically arises; where do you draw the lines between news coverage, and unprecedented television drama/phenomena?

In this era of "reality" dominated TV programming, it has been said that the coverage of this war is the ultimate reality show. In this respect, no TV media is sacred. Although it has been debated whether or not the media is bringing the American viewer an accurate and unbiased depiction of our concentrated efforts in Iraq, it would be difficult to debate the press' effectiveness in terms of the war's entertainment value, at least here in the States.

There is no doubt that technology has, in large part, been responsible for the success of the country's newest hit show. Night vision lenses provide onlookers with an incandescent view of the war torn country even during the night time hours, which has proven to be a very lively time of day for military exploits. Satellite imagery and aircraft mounted cameras illustrate the devastat-

ing storm of coalition bombs that continually rain on Baghdad, Iraq's capital and largest city. Audiences have been bombarded with images of destruction congruent with the American view of military superiority over those we hunt, thus providing viewers a sense of continuity and leaving them with a sentiment of pride for their homeland. Not taking into account issues of morality or public opinion, the combination of first-rate technology and the "real" element of this war appear to have captured America's attention.

The cast of the most extravagant show in television history also proves to be rather impressive, as they have given life to an otherwise run-of-the-mill example of a military shellacking. The hero, our not so articulate Commander in Chief, has utilized his speech writers to their utmost potential by offering a stream of mouth watering one-liners worthy of Emmy nominations (if there were such a category), to the thousands of journalists worldwide who hang on his every word. In contrast, the villain, Saddam



ers aren't already drawing up the plans for *The Jessica Lynch Story*, a made for T.V. movie starring someone like Jennifer Garner or Jessica Alba.

So the war has action, intrigue and an extraordinary plot, complete with effects that would give George Lucas wet dreams. Add this to the fact that it is brought to life by a gifted cast, and by Hollywood standards, you've got a winner. In almost every respect it's the perfect show. That's right, I said almost. There are two key criticisms that any true fan of high drama could unearth without much difficulty. First of all the name of the war itself is somewhat lackluster. George Bush Sr.'s war was called Operation Desert Storm. Now that was a powerful name for a military campaign. Operation Iraqi Freedom is uninspired and just doesn't do it for me. How about Operation Finish What We Started Twelve Years Ago? That I could get behind. And the second criticism is that it's just not sexy enough. Every show on television that is "all the rage" is centered around sex. Let's face it. Sex sells, and without it how is the war supposed to compete with shows like *Blind Date*, *The Fifth Wheel* and *VIP*?

## Mob Rule is Not Freedom of Speech

By J. R. SAPP  
Pride Staff Writer

I watch with frustration as the "war protesters" block traffic, assault innocent citizens and reporters, impede business owners from making their living, and in general, shame America with their hateful and subversive behavior.

I know that there are many peaceful protesters who exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech and peaceful assembly. There are many others, however, who may not have even read the Constitution, which guarantees those rights, and who don't take responsibility for their actions. They are hiding behind the very Constitutional principles that they are seeking to destroy.

These activists are not protesting the war; they are protesting America. They

are enabling terrorism by diverting law enforcement from their duties to protect citizens. They are using the system to subvert the system. Their communist and socialist ideologies are offended by our representative democracy, and they will use any violence available to disrupt it. They are welcome to leave America and to go live under the repressive regimes that they are fighting to bring here. They are welcome to go to Russia or China, where communism is firmly entrenched. Surely there are hundreds of Russian and Chinese citizens who would be delighted to trade places with American expatriates.

It's likely that the same kind of people who are "protesting" the war were also in Seattle a few years ago, violently disrupting the World Trade Organization conference. This generation of protesters is cut from the same cloth as those who rioted in the Rodney King race riots in South Cen-

tral Los Angeles. Those rioters weren't fighting racial inequality. They were vandalizing stores, stealing televisions, and stomping innocent truck drivers nearly to death. They aren't protesters. They are opportunists and thugs, hiding behind righteous causes.

Yes, we all have a right to our opinions, and we have a right to speak those opinions freely. We don't have a right to abuse and vandalize and assault. The Constitution sanctions free speech; it does not sanction criminal behavior. Free speech must be protected. Criminal behavior must be prosecuted.

## Alcohol Policy from page 6

*The Pride* relies on a limited budget given to them by the university in order to operate. Many stories have been held back from staff writers because of the lack of funding. Why can't the same rules apply for *The Pride* newspaper and "In the Loop" when it comes to advertising? Going this route would give some power to *The Pride* over what is published and what is not.

There are many bars and restaurants in San Marcos and *The Pride* student newspaper, along with the bars themselves, could definitely benefit from having their business; especially next fall when Cal State San Marcos transforms itself from a commuter school into a 24-hour campus. I believe with the changing environment going on at Cal State San Marcos there should also be a change in the university's primitive alcohol policies.

## Editor's Note:

The *Pride* is currently undergoing negotiations with the office of Student Affairs and Student Health Services in order to revise our current advertising policy. They have been very helpful and hopefully we will see a change in the *Pride's* restrictions sometime in the near future. Stay tuned for further updates.



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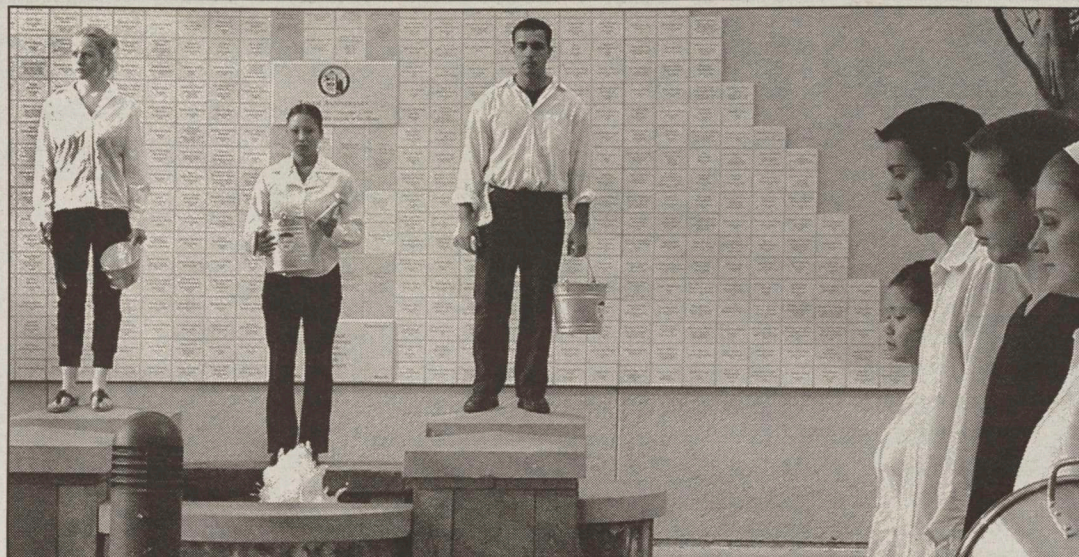
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The "Maids" often did their work with the mindset that there was purpose to life only when you created one for it.



# "I Said Work!"

## Dancers Pay Tribute to Maids

By JAMAL SCARLETT  
Pride Staff Writer

To look into the life of a maid in the eighteenth century is to see the way that society perceived gender, class, and the symbolic nature of domestic service. As part of women's history month, CSU San Marcos students came together to pay tribute to the life of these domestic servants in a dance entitled "Maids."

The history of domestic service is a story of invisible women, mute and forgotten. Polishing silverware, scrubbing surfaces and shining shoes were the

mandate of every maid's daily life. They were portrayed as lazy, lustful, stupid and dishonest, which left them inferior to all in social standing. With this position in the social hierarchy of the time, it seemed as though there was no imaginable way out.

Yet it was through their imagination that they found liberation. The "Maids" often did their work with the mindset that there was purpose to life only when you created one for it. To daydream was a form of resistance and a way to survive. To daydream was an art, rendering visibility to what is overlooked

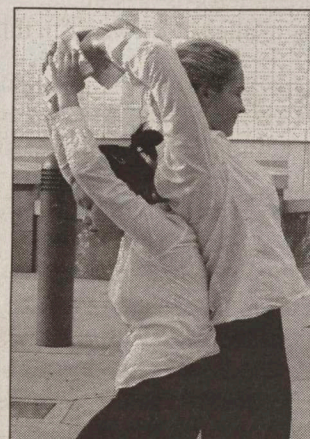
and unseen, to reinvent the world.

Cheryl Parry, creator of the maids project, gives us a glimpse into the lives of these eighteenth century heroines. Parry states that, "the transcendent experience of making meaning to life, reveals a unique resilience that these women had, an experience which has gone unexamined."

Karen Schaffman, choreographer of the artistic rendering of Maids was very enthusiastic about the performance. Schaffman states that the dance was a "testimony of work, both seen and unseen."

Schaffman further noted that many of the movements were exaggerated to express a yearning for transcendence.

Nimitz Bagtas, who played the role of the master in the play "Maids", brought a different perspective to the table. Bagtas stated that the maids' roles similarly portrayed that of the African slave because of their shackles of subservience and hope of salvation. "I said work!" Bagtas would shout as the maids did their chores. As the Headmaster, he made sure that all was under control.



At the completion of the dance, a standing ovation was given as the CSU San Marcos dancers bowed with achievement in their hearts, knowing that their message was clearly received.



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# A response to Anna Hall

I believe you have a misunderstanding of the concept of conservatism. By all traditional definitions, conservatism means cautious, moderate, or disposed to preexisting establishments, institutions and norms. Simply put, being a conservative means not wanting to “rock the boat” for the sake of stability. Understanding this, all media, except for independent media (both left and right), is conservative. ABC, NBC, FOX, CNN, etc. all broadcast to vast segments of the American public -- to people with extremely diverse backgrounds and opinions. Because of sponsorship, advertisements, and for the sake of ratings, these companies very shrewdly avoid pressing any extreme opinion (right or left), as they do not want to alienate viewers. In this

sense, the media is neither left nor right, but strategically moderate because they do not want to “rock the boat.” This is the argument of a conservative media: the industry chooses not to side with any particular cause; therefore, by definition the media is very conservative. Labeling the media as conservative is not necessarily a pejorative term though. It is simply stating that the industry is limiting the scope of discussion and the facts or viewpoints presented (left or right). Media bias is a two-way street.

My second point I wanted to raise is your fear of liberalism of which I will try to assuage. As opposed to conservatism (favoring the status quo), liberalism seeks to press the frontiers of social progress. I assure you,

liberals are not “Pinko Commie Socialists,” they are people just like you and me. However, rather than embracing the status quo, they challenge it in hopes of a more positive future. The history of the United States is rife with such examples. The American Revolution: a small minority of the colonial population decided that they had had enough and it was time to part with England. Their defiance gave us our independence. In the early 1800s, a pestering group of liberals waged a 30+-year campaign to end the horrid practice of slavery. In the late 1800s, the working man demanded his rights against the evils of unrestrained business; they gave us labor unions, eight-hour days, overtime, workman’s compensation, etc. After nearly an entire century of agitation

and civil disobedience, women procured suffrage with the 19th Amendment. In the 1960s we witnessed the Civil Rights movement for racial equality, feminism, and anti-Vietnam protests. Now it’s a struggle for gay rights. Even larger is the movement against war with Iraq. None of these movements were Anti-American, even though every single one of them was labeled as such. Without a doubt, the men and women overseas risk their lives to defend our freedom, but we cannot forget, or simply ignore, where these freedoms came from in the first place. We need each other. That is the beauty of democracy: we may not see eye to eye, but together we make it work.

In sum, you have mistaken

liberalism for communism, and conservatism for fascism. Your level of fanaticism against progress rivals that of the Middle Eastern Fundamentalism and is quite disturbing. There is a large difference from being a conservative and being right wing, and frankly, fascism at home scares me more than terrorism from abroad. If you are so concerned about PAN, you should stop by a meeting; the door is always open. Until then, stop with the witty clichés and clever quips and pretend to be an educated student. It is quite sad when Communication majors cannot conduct a civil discussion.

Stephen Schultz  
Senior, History

# Medical Marijuana Response

Dear Editors,

Recently, I read your article on Medical Marijuana. I found it interesting that California passed a proposition for the growing of marijuana for patients that need it for medical purposes. I think this is wonderful because of all of the sick people that can really use something to make them feel better.

However, this adds to my concern as to whether or not these sick patients may be adding to the growing population of young Americans using marijuana

today. I can’t help but wonder whether or not the reason why children are using marijuana today is because they have such easy access to it. This access is either through a loved one or someone they know that is growing it or using it on a daily basis. I am not saying that since terminally ill patients are able to grow this product, then they are going to give it out to everyone that they know. However, I cannot help but wonder why it is so easy for young Americans to get this product.

Growing marijuana for medical reasons is okay, but when there

are others around that can easily get a hold of it and use it for their own purposes, that’s when things need to change. I care very much about those that are going through great amounts of pain and suffering, however I don’t think that they should be able to grow this plant in their own house. I think that doctors should set up labs where patients can go and smoke as much marijuana as they think they need in the doctor’s presence. This in turn would probably cut down on the amount of kids and teenagers getting a hold of marijuana make it easier on adults to help these children get away

from this problem.

Even though patients are allowed to grow small amounts of marijuana in their homes, it seems logical that they would want to keep this product out of reach for someone they either know or love very deeply. The number of kids that are addicted to this drug is outrageous and by allowing patients to grow their own marijuana, we are pretty much allowing these children to become addicted.

In conclusion, I would just like to say that these patients deserve

the best treatment that they can get. It only seems logical that if marijuana is the answer, then that is what they would want. Giving them the right to grow marijuana in their own homes is putting a lot of trust not only to the patients, but to others as well. I think that these patients should be allowed to smoke this plant of their own free will, however I believe that it should be done in the presence of doctors.

Jennifer Fry  
Freshman, Biology

# Another Response to Commie Slackjaws

Dear Editors:

I’ve been following the letters on the subject of liberal bias on the Pride’s opinion page and pretty much shaken my head in wonder. I was unaware that today’s college students were unable to listen to a professor, sift through what he or she says, and then form their own opinions. Everything any of us says is going to have a bias to it, whether

we want it to or not. It’s human nature. The true test of a student is to be able to sift the chaff from the grain - that would translate to separating out the good from the bad for those of you who still need your hand held - and learn something anyway. Tada! You have now become an adult.

As a graduate student who did her undergrad work at a much larger university, I cannot speak

to the “liberal” bias of the undergraduate coursework here at CSUSM, except as it relates to what I myself teach. I don’t know that I present a liberal bias. It’s possible - even probable - that some of my students will answer in the positive. All I do know is that I try to teach my students to think critically and for themselves. If that means that I perpetuate a “liberal” bias, then so be it.

And to Ms. Hall and anyone else who objects to CSUSM’s curriculum, there are lots and lots of other institutions of higher education out there. One of the beauties of this country, which was pretty much founded on liberal principles -silly colonists -, was your right to go find another university. If you object so strenuously to this - what did Ms. Hall call it? - “Pinko Commie

Socialist’ People’s Republic of Cal State San Marcos,” you are always free to transfer to another school. But be careful. You might get stuck going someplace that requires you to think - again.

Julie Pickett  
LTWR grad student

# Sports and War

In this time of uncertainty for the United States, it seems almost frivolous to be discussing sports. However, as a prominent American institution, sports are profoundly affected by major international events, such as the war with Iraq. Interesting questions have arisen, not about the content of the games, but about whether the games should even be played. The leaders of all the sports currently in-season, which include college basketball, professional basketball, hockey, and baseball, have given serious and well-publicized thought to this issue, but thus far have all decided to let the games be played as scheduled.

In my opinion, this is the right

decision.

First and foremost, if sporting events were to be cancelled, we would be letting the enemy further affect our way of life. Whether or not you personally are a sports fan, there is no doubt that sports play an intricate role in the lives of many Americans. By changing our traditions, whether it is through postponing sports or anything else, we essentially bring the war home. That’s not to say we shouldn’t show our support (or opposition) for the war, nor does it mean we should avoid tributes to the soldiers who fight for us; we simply need to draw the line between proper and unnecessary.

Second, we must ask ourselves for whose benefit the games would be cancelled. The games certainly wouldn’t be postponed for the benefit of the government; it has much bigger issues to deal with than sports. The athletes themselves are not in any real danger, assuming they stay in the United States and Canada, so the postponement of games would have no apparent benefit to them. No protest from the general public has occurred. The consideration given to postponing the games, then, must be on behalf of our troops. However, there has been no noted opposition by the military to playing the games. On the contrary, many soldiers told

ESPN reporters in Kuwait that they support playing the games as scheduled. So if the games were to be cancelled, who would be helped?

Finally, sports act as a necessary diversion from the horrors of war. When half the channels on television are reporting on troop and civilian casualties for a war that the public is divided over fighting, we as citizens cannot help but become a little depressed. Sports take our mind off such issues, and allow us, if only for a couple minutes, to relax.

All that said, we still must remember to keep sports in perspective. By no means should

sports supercede international events, nor should any sporting event be played in which the athletes are in danger. Sports should never at any time – especially now – be the most prominent aspect of our lives. However, if we use sports as a means of temporarily relieving stress, and recognize that postponing the games will serve no other purpose than adding to that stress, we may be able to better cope with the unstable global situation of the present time.

Kyle Trembley  
Freshman, Prebusiness



# Things You Need to Know About NAFTA

Dear Editors:

I am a freshman at the university who is very concerned with how little students know about the insulting fiasco that is NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). Students should know about the oppression that NAFTA causes. The area that the agreement affects most is Latin America.

Albeit trade is way up from seven years ago, there are many problems that result from this. In no way does the lowered prices of goods from increased competition make up for all the job losses that emerged from NAFTA, not to mention all the environmental damages and social dislocation. NAFTA supporters believe that the agreement assists Mexico's economy drasti-

cally, but they do not know that the nation was already liberalizing its economy for the better before the United States unnecessarily stepped in.

They did this by beginning to invest in foreign goods and dropping tariffs. It's hard to tell whether the Mexican economy would be any better or worse today if NAFTA had not been agreed upon. During the United States debate over whether or not to pass NAFTA, pro-NAFTA economists proposed that there would be thousands of new jobs per \$ billion in trade surplus, obviously assuming that the United States' exports would explode with a huge increase. However, when the peso crisis launched Mexico into a recession, bringing the U.S. trade into deficit with it (the

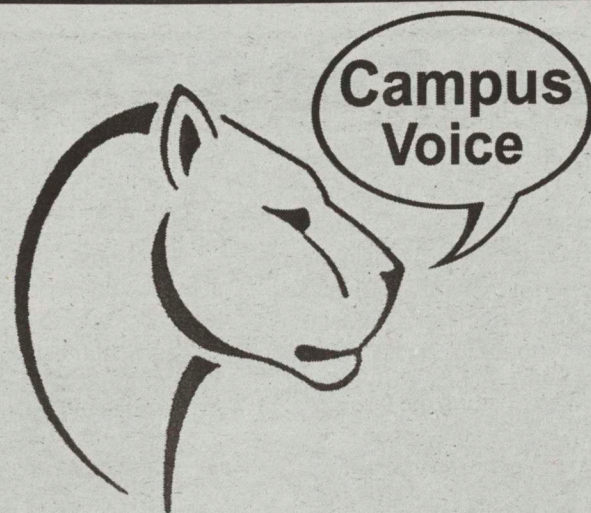
nation's exports surpassed that of its imports), U.S. job losses nearly reached the hundred thousand mark.

It turns out that Clinton's and Bush's proposed numbers about x number of jobs being created by x number of billion dollars was based upon guesses rather than proof. The massive amount of layoffs caused by NAFTA is indisputable. In the U.S., nearly 150,000 laborers were eligible for NAFTA's Transitional Adjustment Assistance Program in 1997, yet only five percent of them actually received any assistance or benefits from the program.

Generally speaking, laid off U.S. workers earn a much lower average commission after they find a new job. While the loss of jobs in the U.S. is easy to

recognize, Mexico's workers have also been losing jobs significantly under NAFTA. This is because it became much more difficult for laborers to unionize after NAFTA was passed. Companies usually threaten to close down part of their business after attempts at unionizing occur in their facilities, and fifteen percent of businesses did in fact close down at least part of their company after their employees unionized. The fifteen percent close rate is three times that it was in 1980.

The Mexican workers who are most negatively affected by NAFTA are the farmers. Many of them have been forced to leave their land because of the influx of cheap U.S. corn, which is allowed by the agreement. The Mexican's newly cre-



ated agricultural competition with the U.S. has created a disturbing amount of poverty and suffering for the Mexican farmers. It is also possible that NAFTA was partly responsible for the collapse of the peso in 1994. It is believed by many that the artificially high peso reduced inflation in Mexico and thus helped NAFTA get passed by congress.

Yet after NAFTA was passed, the organization needed a weak peso to get

Mexican exports to attract foreign investors. Living standards after the peso's collapse became horrible for many Mexican workers. Average hourly wages for Mexican laborers dropped significantly also.

The subject is important yet misunderstood by many people.

John Clayton  
Freshman,

## A Response From a "Pinko Commie Socialist"

As a member of PAN, I could not resist the urge of responding to a letter, which is full of insults and slurs (pinko commie socialist, pothead, brainwashed, uneducated, shut your slack jawed mouths), written by someone who actually does not deserve to be taken into account. However, for the sake of clarifying a few things for those who read the opinion titled "Slack Jawed" written by Anna Hall, I decided to write this letter.

First of all, I cannot understand why you are so angry with PAN? Why is it so hard for you to accept the fact there are people

out there do think different than you do? What happened to democracy, free speech and freedom to have different opinions? Did you come and try to talk to one of us?

I have a solution though.

I challenge you to a political debate. We can talk about any ideology, any thinker, or any writer. It would be a pleasure for me to hear your criticisms of Karl Marx and his works since you sound like you know what you are talking about in regards to Marx and Marxist theories. I would be delighted to hear your

disagreements of the Communist Manifesto or The Capital. If you wish, we can discuss conservatives and conservative ideologies: Adam Smith, Francis Fukuyama, William Saffire, Paul Wolfowitz? You pick. How about Islamic fundamentalism and Sayyid Qutb? Would you prefer to talk about Jerry Falwell and Christian Reconstruction theories? We can go way back and discuss Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustin. How about we discuss the emergence of contemporary political ideologies since the enlightenment from Weber to Kant, Sartre to Rousseau, Hobbes to Locke, Mussolini to Lenin? If your

argument is that PAN members are illiterate about politics and political ideologies and brainwashed by only reading Karl Marx, I challenge you to come and have a political debate with me, serious offer. A person who is capable of insulting, should also be capable of putting out an argument to back those insults. Maybe after that you will learn your lesson about not judging and insulting people you don't even know. Forget about Marx, I bet you don't even know the difference between Communism and Socialism.

One last point: I know this is

going to disappoint you but your letter did not offend me or upset me at all. I just had a big smile on my face when I read it. Obviously, 3 years of college is not enough for some people to get out of Junior High behavior

Have a nice day and do not miss Bill O'Reilly tonight.

With most sincere regards

Civan Erman Gokcimen  
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## Higher Education is Not Cheap

Dear Editors:

Since elementary school we're pushed to succeed, to go to college, and succeed there. And we're told that we need a degree to succeed. I've been attending CSUSM since the fall of 2002. Since then, tuition has gone up and parking fees have more than doubled. And they continue to increase.

Society looks at the lower class and blames their financial problem is due to the lack of education. How are they supposed to attend a higher education system without the money? Sure now there are scholarships, but now the middle class is the ones who see higher education as a financial burden. They're too rich to qualify for most scholarships yet too poor to be able to pay for the cost themselves without starching a penny here and there.

To get rich we must study, but to study we must be rich. In no way am I completely blaming CSUSM for the tuition increase, but for the parking fee increase and the ones yet to come, those words will be left unsaid. Sure I can write the governor or any other government official and wait months, if at that, for a response, but one voice is never as strong as hundreds or thousands. As for the parking increase, it was said that there was a window of opportunity to discuss the matter. I remember hearing about the meeting an hour before it was supposed to start.

Great notice.

Some of us have class that can't be missed, exams, or even work. The majority of students can't just drop everything in an hour. If something this important is up in the air for discussion a good

amount of notice (say a week or more) should be given, as well as notification of the discussion throughout campus. Because of the outrageous parking fees, students are taking risk by packing in the shopping area, and soon in near by neighborhoods (that are nearly a mile away from campus). At least than we won't have to worry about students not getting enough exercise!

Concerning the tuition, I'm not fighting for no fees, but at least a sensible one. For students there's three possible ways of dealing with tuition: pay it yourself, scholarships, or student loans. I can see how paying it yourself at a community college, but at a four-year it's stress. Do I have enough, what other bills will I not be able to pay, how many extra hours must I work? Scholarships, to me personally seem to be confusing. For the vast majority, just to qualify we have to be

poor, of a minority, have good grades, be involved in school some how, and have racked up community service hours.

And loans! It's the easiest at the moment thing to do, but after that it seems that you're getting your pay back for years after. The rates of tuition should be the same always, increasing discourages future students from applying to a four-year school. Our society stresses students to achieve high education, yet makes it a great expense that can't be obtained, and on top of that continues to raise the cost.

If the governor or a government official builds his campaign on what society values essential - education - he or she should increase the quality, not the price.

Jennifer Bello  
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# Suggestions for Persistent Parking Problems

Dear Editors,

The biggest concern I have with the Cal State San Marcos University is the parking situation. This is a big problem for many students attending the University. It takes a great deal of time to get to school with traffic on the freeways and then to drive around the parking lots for a half hour at a time is very annoying.

My own personal experience has been on Monday and Wednesdays I have class at 8:30am and I leave Fallbrook at 7:30am; it

takes me about 25-30 minutes depending on traffic to get to the school. On these days it is easy to find parking because students are just arriving to school, but when I leave and come back for my afternoon classes it takes me 20-30 minutes to find a parking spot.

A way to fix this problem would be to make the dirt lot being used right now as a temporary parking lot into a parking lot available all day long. The school needs to pave it and put up some lights for safety rea-

sons. I would think money would be available since they raised our parking permits so much. Another solution might be to get a shuttle service going which would be easier for those students parking farther away or coming from another destination, and this would give us more parking areas. These are just some suggestions; I know it is a lot harder to do than to say.

I have also heard of many students getting so upset because it takes so long to find a parking spot,

that they just leave school and don't go that day. There have been days when I am so tired of driving around looking for a parking spot, that I just want to leave but it seems every time that happens, I end up seeing someone leave so I find a parking spot. The administration needs to take this problem seriously. It is detrimental to the school and students if the students miss class.

I feel something must be done to improve the parking situation. We have the lower parking lot available

till 5:30pm and all the other parking lots. It would just be nice if we could add onto the lower parking lot because there is dirt out in front of it not being used; this area would give us a few more spots. I also think that the planners of the school should have thought about the parking situation before building a school. A school needs parking in order to have the students regularly attend their classes.

Jeanelle Colburn  
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# War Protesting: Both Right and Wrong

Dear Editors,

I am writing to you concerning war protestors. I believe that they have the right to protest, but only to an extent. The war has already started and the best thing they can do is support the troops. I know that this is America, the land of the free, but how do you think the troops feel when they see protestors lying in the street pretending to be dead Iraqis?

Seeing that kind of image may affect their ability to fight. I know if I were a soldier in Iraq, seeing those images on TV would discourage me to fight with the greatest of my ability. Our

troops need to know that we support them and that we appreciate them risking their lives for us. I am not for the war, but I believe that we should trust the President and his advisors. They know what is going on more than anybody else. I believe that they are doing what they believe is best for our country. I do not understand why protestors would waste their time protesting something that cannot be stopped now. Protesting out in the streets and blocking traffic is not going to accomplish anything.

Everybody has different views and different opinions about the war. I respect what protestors

have to say about the war, but I don't believe that they have the right to attack those who disagree with them. I personally want all of our troops to come home safely and I hope the war will end soon. I do support our troops and the President because I believe he knows best. The President does not make the decisions by himself. He has his advisors and cabinet members help him decide on what is best for the country. I believe that by removing Saddam, the Iraqi people will have a better life and the world would be safer.

By showing the world that we take our safety seriously, other terrorist groups will

think twice before attacking the United States and its allies. I come from a military family and maybe that is why I am so supportive of the troops. My dad and most of my uncles and grandfathers are or were in the military. A lot of them, including my dad, are veterans. They served this country proudly. My boyfriend and a lot of my friends are in the military as well, and some of them are in Iraq right now.

All they need is the sup-

port of the people. They need to feel motivated and appreciated in order for them to perform at their best. I do not expect anyone to agree with me. These are just my opinions. We shouldn't make our troops feel like murderers, because they are not. They are the heroes of our time. Our troops make the United States a safer place for all of us.

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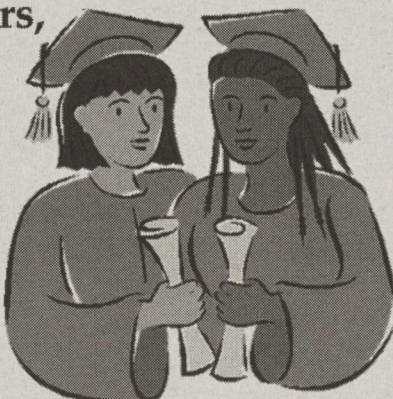
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