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Making History at CSUSM: The 1st Annual Black History Month Breakfast

Amanda Bergara PRIDE STAFF WRITER

The rain stopped and the sun peeked through the clouds for CSUSM's 1st Annual Black History Month Breakfast. The catered event, which included poetry, song, and inspirational speeches, was sponsored by Associated Students Inc., outside at Forum Plaza at 8:00am, Feb. 28, 2000.

CSUSM student Roger Frazier started off the event by singing the Black National Anthem, a song about liberty and learning from the past. Then ASI President Waleed Delawari and CSUSM President Alexander Gonzalez welcomed students, faculty, staff and administrators in attendance.

Gonzalez stated that CSUSM is a "campus of firsts" and hopefully the event would be a continual program. He also said that



Starla Lewis addresses students the Black History Month breakfast Photo Courtesy of Susana Gonzalez

"maintaining and increasing diverof the tenets this university was founded on."

Starla Lewis, mother, artist, sity on campus" is a primary goal college professor, activist, emoof CSUSM and "diversity is one tional healer, diversity trainer, recipient of the Bob Marley Peace Award in 1999, and currently the Department Chair of Black Studies at Mesa College, was the guest

Lewis challenged educators to listen and learn from their students. She said, "teaching in an academic area can only be measured by what we learn" and "the responsibility of teaching is mutual" between student and teacher. She encouraged educators to teach people how to tap into the disciplines that not only provide a paycheck, but that give fulfillment and joy. She also called upon the institutions riculum that educates students in being more diverse and inclusive.

Black America, 1977, performed a tribute to Negro spirituals, the first songs of African-Americans,

speaker. Her message was inspi- while Gloria Johnson accompanied rational as she discussed society's her on the keyboard. Negro spiriinternalization of racism, sexism tuals combine African oral tradiand classism, and challenged tion and music, and originate from everyone to see aspects of them- the southern plantations. "Spirituselves in those of different ethnic- als are Bible stories set to music," Hopkins said.

> The breakfast concluded with Darlene Willis, Executive Director of ASI, soulfully reciting excerpts from Maya Angelou's poem Still I Rise. Willis ended with the excerpt: "I am the hope and the dream of the slave, so you see I'm going to rise. In fact, you're going to rise. In fact, all of God's children are going to rise."

Afterwards, CSUSM student for divergency, developing a cur- Evelyn Thomas commented on the event by saying, "Everybody that spoke today was a reminder of what our people have accom-Claire Hopkins, former Miss plished and what we will continue to accomplish."

Mail-order Brides Grace "I'm Going to College" the Library

Andrea Cavanaugh PRIDE STAFF WRITER

You have met someone only briefly. Now imagine marrying that person in a ritual reduced



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to a mere transaction. Although it sounds like a Fox TV special, or a remnant from the Middle Ages, it describes the phenomenon of the mail-order bride, a practice that has existed for centuries and continues to this

Mail-order brides are the subject of an exhibit entitled "Heads and Tales: Brides of the Millennium" which opened in the CSUSM Library on March 1. Artist Leslie Nemour's exhibit is a series of portraits based on photographs taken from catalogs which market foreign women as potential wives.

Most of the faces in the series are framed with a wishbone, what Nemour describes as an internal charm of fate," a device which "keeps the women at a distance from the viewer." The interpretations of the wishbone in her work are myriad, Nemour explained. "There isn't just one way to view an artwork...the references are multiple. For example, the bone as a wishing device in our culture, or the part of the skeletal structure that protects the heart, a charm such as a milagro from Mexican culture."

The idea of marriage as a commodity that can be bought or sold indicates a larger trend in our society of "sex without intimacy," Nemour said. She

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Victoria Segall PRIDE STAFF WRITER

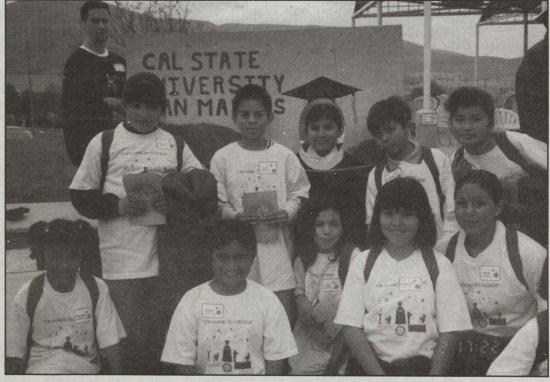
Chants of "I'm going to college! I'm going to college!" were heard through-"I'm Going to College".

Going to College" enables the cards. fourth-graders to catch a glimpse into the life of an average college student.

Prior to their visit, the out campus Friday, March 3, students received a six-week as 150 excited fourth-grad- long curriculum where they ers from Central School in learned to fill out CSUSM Escondido took part in a admissions and scholarship program appropriately titled, applications and learned the the meanings of a "major" gram is to help young stu- tral School students also School. dents, who may not see received letters of acceptance college in their future, real- to the University from Presiize they do have the oppor- dent Gonzalez and their very tunity to attend college. "I'm own CSUSM student

The daylong program began with a brief orientation and welcome by Dilcie Perez, Assistant Director of Student Academic Services Outreach Programs (SASOP) and coordinator of "I'm Going to College". Afterward the students separated into groups basic elements of college, like led by members of Alpha Chi Omega, Tau Kappa Epsilon The purpose for the pro- and a "bachelor degree." Cen- and teachers from Central

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Green Group -Alfonso Denegri's Class from Central School.

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pointed to personal ads and cable sex channels, which have also appeared as themes in her work, as other examples of ing and marketing." "marketing vehicles

communicating," Nemour said, "we're getting better at promot- focus on the spiritual."

"I'm an artist, not a sociologist. For me it is as much about painting as it is about social issues." Nemour warns against reading too much social criticism into her work. "Ask yourself, how would this work be different if these were portraits of random women, as opposed careers than they do about you?' to mail-order brides?'

"It's a commentary on the difficulty of meeting people and practice continues into the present signifies a deeper problem, "We're not getting better at the "emphasis of the physical is so fascinating. "I'm not con-

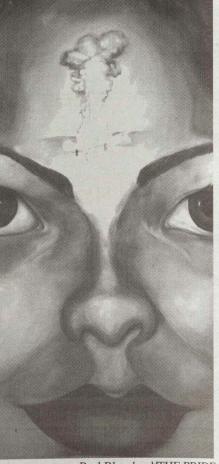
"They're very pleasant to Their risk is financial."

look at," student Matt Cowgill said as he viewed the paintings at the exhibit opening. "They [the mailorder brides] want to be on a pedestal...they're presenting themselves in the best possible light." Tony Allard, adjunct professor of digital media, agreed. "I'm in love with every one of these women."

"I think that's the way everyone in our culture i trained to look at women, Nemour said. "Provocatively."

Some American, Canadian, and European men relish the prospect of marrying a younger, foreign-born wife. They are attracted to what they perceive as the naiveté of women who have not been raised to expect career, spending power, or the autonomy that women in more prosperous countries take for granted. "That's the hype of the mail-order business," Nemour said. "Are you tired of American women who care more about their They encourage a bitter attitude toward American women."

"The women interest me having face-to-face relation- because they are treated as a ships," Nemour said. "In the product...it urges me to define days of the wild frontier, mail- some humanity and individuorder brides solved a geograph- ality in their representation," ical problem, but that's not the Nemour said. "I work off of case any more." That the visuals. The women are visualized, the men are invisible." The women are the focal point Nemour said, not only a vast of Nemour's work because, she impassable plain of communi- says, "it's the mystery and the cation and intimacy but also risk" of what they are doing that to define a person...a lack of cerned with the men," Nemour said. "They are not leaving their homes, cultures, and families.



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Student Jennifer Hughes said, "She has captured these women's expressions beautifully. Each one tells its own story." Each painting tells a story not only about the woman pictured but also about her hopes for marriage and a new life. "The theme of relationships has always been prominent in my work," Nemour said, along with "the difficulty in maintaining traditional aspirations and goals in relation to the complexities of contempo-

The exhibit, which runs through March 31, is part of CSUSM's celebration of Women's Herstory Month.

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With their ID cards, the students visited the financial aid office where they received a "scholarship check" worth \$500 pretend-dollars for purfunded the program enabling the students to receive their many other books.

Along with the books, the students received "I'm Going to College" T-shirts and backpacks and a Caesar's Pizza lunch, also funded by Rotary International. The day also included a tour of the campus, "classes," and graduation photographs taken of the fourthgraders.

While fourth-grade students known as the 'Green Group' waited patiently for their "art-class" to begin, group leader Steven Reardon shared his personal college experiences and college survival tips. Reardon, who has taken part in the program since the fall of 1997, told his Green Group

the importance of arriving to campus February 25, have college classes on time. Upon taken part in the program since hearing this advice, one curi- it began at CSUSM in 1993. ous student asked, "If we're SASOP had initially funded the late, do we get detention?"

chasing books at the Univer- enjoy their trip to CSUSM, Rotary International sity Store. Rotary International many describing the overall Kaufman & Broad Home Corexperience in one word: "Fun." poration, help provide funds for When asked what their favor- the schools. books, which included diction- ite parts of their visit were, aries, Ronald Dahl books, and answers ranged from the computer labs, the library and it's School's assistant principal, model of the campus and pur- mentioned the tremendous supchasing books from the Univer- port the "I'm Going To College" sity Store.

> Alfonso Denegri's second time the first step in an important taking a fourth-grade class on the program. Denegri commented that the program gives the children extra motivation in school. He said many students now realize that they have other options, like college, to look forward to after high school. He also mentioned that past students still talk about "I'm Going to College," keep their student IDs and wear their T-shirts around school.

Central School and Paloma Elementary, which visited

program in the past, until the schools paid for the program. The students appeared to However, new sponsors, like

Cano, Central Carla Program has received from parents and the community. Cano It was fourth-grade teacher, further commented, "This is journey for our children."

Black History Month -A Celebration for All

By Afton T. Porter for The Pride

Black History month is a celebration of the history of America, and not just the history of black Americans. Black history month is a time in which we as the total assemblage of America need to recognize the contributions that so many African-Americans have made to this nation. These range from inventions like the stop light invented by Garret A. Morgan to equality for all persons under the law, a struggle fought by the leaders of the civil rights movement, that in turn benefits each of us today.

Scholarly efforts like that of Shirley Overstreet, an African American scholar whose literary piece on the lack of minority scholars with jobs in education, draws further attention. Overstreet's work grasped the attention of a Kansas City school board president who noticed the problem in his district, and wanted to do something about it. Inspired by Ms. Overstreet, Mr. Knotton, the school board president, started a petition to the city's mayor, about the lack of minority scholars in education in his school district. Currently the mayor of Kansas City is reviewing with the board the petition that was submitted.

Ms. Overstreet is not the only Afro-American scholar who is seeking a better life, for Afro-Americans and other minority groups as well. Other African-American scholars follow in Ms. Overstreet's footsteps by speaking out about issues that affect all Ameri-

CSUSM Student Drops out to Care for Family

Father Unjustly taken away by INS?

Sonia Gutierrez & Trevor Knudsen PRIDE STAFF WRITERS

Izabel Solis withdrew from her classes at CSUSM in order to support her family in a time of need. She is currently working three parttime jobs to pay for the family's rent, utilities, and legal costs, because her father has been incarcerated since February 3. Felipe Solis Villaruel is at Camp Barrett, a county jail where Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) houses non-citizens awaiting deportation hearings.

Izabel was beginning her junior year at California State University San Marcos pursuing a BS in sociology with plans to continue college for her MA in forensic psychology. She had hoped to become a profiler for the police department after she completes her studies. Now Izabel, the eldest Solis child at 20 years, works at San Marcos Middle School in the Gear-Up program, and as a tutor at two North-County high schools, to provide for the family of

On February 3rd, five INS officers arrested Felipe Solis Villaruel, allowed at the time of their release

Izabel's father. The officers were to stay in the country. looking for a suspect who had no relation to Mr. Solis. The officers coerced Solis into letting them enter the house. After the officers entered the house, they proceeded to interrogate Solis and four of his young children, asking, "Are you hiding someone under the bed?" and "Is this man your father, or are you lying?" The children are 11, 6, 5, and 2 years of age.

After confirming Solis's identity, the officers took Solis into custody to deport him on the grounds of Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRAIRA). Mr. Solis has a prior conviction and served 181 days in jail and 90 days probation for attempted arson--Solis had thrown a bottle of perfume (combustable material) on to the roof of a neighbors home, and had called the fire department himself. Solis was allowed to remain in the US after serving his sentence. The 1996 law, however, requires the deportation of immigrants with criminal convictions, even those who have already

According to information on the web site for the Law Offices of Manulkin, Glaser & Bennett, Immigration Attorneys:

"Immigrants convicted of a crime defined by immigration law (not by criminal law) as an 'aggravated felony' are deportable. Under IIRAIRA, crimes as minor as shoplifting now constitute aggravated felonies. Furthermore, the new expanded definition is retroactive. Thus, legal immigrants today may be placed into deportation proceed- has been extremely difficult to ings for minor offenses they committed 25 years ago. This is true even if the offense was not defined at the time as an aggravated felony (and therefore may not have been a deportable offense), and the immigrant at that time was punished in the criminal law system."

INS has apparently made an amendment to the ruling in a press release dated July 12, 1999, allowing some of those who have served their sentence by October 9, 1998 to be eligible for release.

In the press release INS Comserved their sentence and were missioner, Doris Meissner, said, "In one provision of the new [1996]

law, at least 13 federal district courts have ruled that INS has greater flexibility in implementing the law's mandatory detention requirements than we had thought. As a result, INS will conduct a case-by-case review and exercise discretion on those individuals who completed their criminal sentences prior to Oct. 9, 1998, do not pose a danger to the community, and demonstrate a strong likelihood to appear for their hearing."

According to Izabel Solis, it acquire any information about her father, either from the INS, or from Mr. Solis's Immigration attorney, Thomas A. Mix. On February 4th, immigration officer Robles claimed Solis's bail would be \$7,500, and later when a friend, Dan Leonard. tried to pay the bail, he was informed that there was no information about Mr. Solis. Dan was not able to find information until February 7th when an INS judge informed him and the Solis family that Mr. Solis could not be allowed bail. Even the attorney hired by the Solis family proved ineffective at answering questions. When Izabel's sister,

Patricia, requested Mix to explain her father's case, he told her that she would not be able to understand.

Since Mr. Solis is a residential alien, not a citizen of the US, he was not entitled to the same rights that protect US citizens. Upon his arrest, he was not entitled to an attorney and had to find and pay for an attorney on his own in order not to be deported without a trial. In addition to this, Mr. Solis claims that he and other INS detainees are under immense pressure to choose to be deported rather than go through the lengthy and expensive trial pro-

According to Ricardo Favela, vice president of MEChA at CSUSM, this problem facing the Solis family is not an isolated case. "It is only US policy towards Mexican and Latin American people. . . This type of Gestapo tactic is policy towards Mexican and other Latin American people here in the U.S. It is a fact that Mexican and other indigenous-looking Latin American people are the only people in this nation who have a special police force specifically working to watch

CSUSM and Grant Middle School GEAR **UP** for Kids

By Joni Miller PRIDE STAFF WRITER

In August of 1999 President Clinton announced an award of \$120 million for grants under the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). The award will help more than 250,000 disadvantaged children, beginning in the sixth grade, to prepare for, enter and successfully complete college.

GEAR UP's goal is to have every college to partner with at least one middle school in a low-income community. Grant Middle School is one such school, comprised of 71% Latino students, many of whom are economically disadvantaged. Cal State San Marcos, in partnership with Grant Middle School, has been selected to participate in this new federally funded program.

Currently the program offers in classroom tutoring, mentoring and an after school, on site program five days a week for all sixth graders. Besides academics, the after school program will include a weekly Life Skills Series, Cultural Series, Fine Arts Series, and a Wellness Series. Academic and Athletic competitions will be held of Fridays and recreational activities will be afforded on a daily basis as well. GEAR UP will also be offering a summer program to provide year round academic support and mentoring for these students. Other activities will include field trips to cultural and academic institutions to increase

their knowledge and preparedness for college.

Part of GEAR UP's agenda is to involve the community in participating toward the student's success. Director Bills stated that not only is GEAR UP committed to the students, but also the program is working to engage more parent involvement as well as increase staff development programs for the teachers at Grant approach as it serves everyone, Those students especially need to Middle School.

In January of 2000, the ACCESS program at CSUSM sent out letters to college students at CSUSM and local community colleges, hoping to recruit tutors and mentors for the new project. Under the direction of Mr. Timothy Bills, along with his assistants Maria Munoz (academic advisor to Boy's and Girl's Club of Escondido) and Ginger Reyes (CSU Alumni and GEAR UP office manager), several students were interviewed and selected to participate in the new program.

The students or COMPAS (College Opportunity Mentors Promoting Achievement) participated in a vigorous training course to develop and enhance their tutoring and mentoring skills. Working in partnership with the Escondido Boy's and Girl's club, Palomar Counseling Services and the Escondido School district, the COMPAS are committed to GEAR UP's mission to see these kids through col-

Currently Grant Middle School has about 500 sixth grade students. Each and every student will be paired up with a mentor/ COMPA. That mentor will hopefully see that student through high school and successfully enter and complete college. Each year and it has a huge potential to be given the challenge and the GEAR UP will incorporate the next year's sixth grade class at Grant, as well as maintaining the original class of sixth graders who would then be seventh graders.

expects to have over 2500 students participating in GEAR UP. Bills stated that GEAR UP is a cially those students who have "smart approach, an egalitarian been underrepresented in the past.

make a difference."

Bills also stated, "Instead of the disjointed educational pipeline of the past, it's time to start building bridges, working with Over the next five years, Bills middle schools, high schools and colleges to transition the student's educational experience, espe-

support that they need to succeed."

Any CSUSM, student interested in becoming a part of the GEAR UP/COMPA team or participating in a service learning opportunity is encouraged to call Tim Bills at Grant Middle school (760) 432-2452 ext. 206.

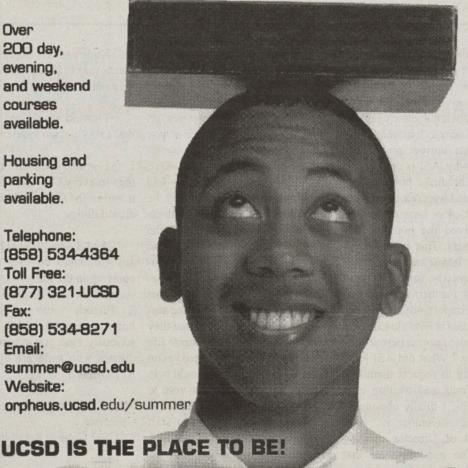
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This Desert Life: Counting

Crows **CD** Review

Kimberly Valentini PRIDE STAFF WRITER

The Counting Crows released a new CD titled This Desert Life last November. The CD is an outstanding third effort from a dynamic group.



Counting Crows' first album back in 1993. Far better than August and Everything After, This Desert Life is destined to turn out more than just one popular single. Their third studio album, and first in over three years, helps to disprove the notion that music groups can never top the success of their first CD.

1998. These albums are not as Life. I give the CD 5 stars.

Everyone remembers the polished as This Desert Life, but catchy tune "Mr. Jones" from will be enjoyable for the hard-core Counting Crows fan.

With singable tunes like "Hangin Around," and "St. Robinson in his Cadallac Dream," as well as pensive, thought-provoking songs like "Amy Hit the Atmosphere" and "All my Friends," any Counting Crows lover is sure to eat up this new CD. Even those who Other albums from the Count- are apprehensive about Dan Vicking Crows include Recovering the rey's distinctive voice are going to Satellites, from 1996, and Across be captivated by the strong musithe Wire Live in New York, from cal and lyrical force in This Desert

OPINION

By June Hodges

Question: What is your major and how do you plan to use it to make the world a better place?



Kensa Harris, senior

"I plan to use my degree in Global Business Management to work with people of different cultures in order to increase culture sensitivity and understanding."



Mami Torigoe, senior

"My degree is in Business Management with an option in accounting. I plan to volunteer my services as a tax consultant to those who have a limited income."



Susan S. Casey, senior

"My major is business and I plan to use it to change management attitudes and practices today in the United States. I would use a coaching style and assist employees rather than instill fear in them."



Alexandra Tuttle, senior

"I'm a business administration major with an emphasis on marketing/management. I'd like to be a marketing director for a nonprofit theater program so that I could bring theater to as many people as possible."

Words to Live

By June Hodges

You cannot shake hands with a closed fist. Golda Meir

As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might. Marian Anderson

I do the very best I know how - the very best I can and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. Abraham Lincoln

No virtue is ever so strong that it is beyond temptation. Immanuel Kant

It is our responsibility, not ourselves, that we should take seriously. Peter Ustinov

Let lawmakers, judges, and lawyers think less of the law and more of justice. Phillip Berrigan

There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect something for nothing-but we all do and we call it hope. Edgar Watson Howe

Dear Fellow CSUSM Students:

show you why. ASI is now saying that the Christmas bonuses that ASI approved with our money last semester is okay because no students received the bonuses, just staff members. This makes it okright? NO! It was still our elected ASI members who voted in favor of the bonuses. Furthermore, and perhaps more importantly, ASI voted for the bonuses behind closed doors with no student access permitted. I wonder why? What did ASI fear? After having to request them two different times and waiting over three months, I finally obtained a copy of the November 12, 1999 ASI Board of Director meeting minutes. The minutes show that the board went into closed session to vote on this issue.

I am writing in response to their fellow students, discuss an member-ASI Executive Vice President, important issue and then open the Robert Radovich's letter where he doors and say, we vote yes on called my ideas "ignorant". My what we talked about while you that I was elected to attend opinion was correct and I will couldn't come in? This is wrong and by NO definition FOR THE STUDENTS. In addition, I feel that Robert Radovich may not be the best ASI member to address this issue because according to the minutes, Radovich failed to attend this important meeting. The students needed Radovich's moneysaving "NO" vote but, he let us down. In 1998, ASI asked the students to raise their fees so that they could better promote campus life activities. I reluctantly voted yes on the raise as I thought it would help better CSUSM. I did not vote to raise my tuition so ASI could give Mike Sannella our money away to certain staff members for Christmas bonuses. Heck! We all work very hard all year long and we don't expect Christmas bonuses. I say to Robert

Radovich and his insulting com-What is this! They lock out ments that if I were an ASI BOD

-I would attend the meetings

-I would open all ASI meetings to every CSUSM community member, NOT hide them behind closed doors.

-And I would VOTE NO on any Christmas bonuses that may come up in the fall.

Friends, I can not stress the importance of taking ASI elections seriously. I ask you to vote for candidates who truly are FOR THE STUDENTS.

Chairman **CSUSM College Republicans**

Dear Editors:

As two officers of the Victorious Club [official CSUSM student organization for students with disabilities], we would like to respond to the article in The Pride about the disabled parking issue.

Since the beginning of the fall semester, disabled parking has been increasingly more difficult to find. Part of that seems to stem from the changes made by Parking Services to the Special Medical Permit for students. Students had previously basis, however they were reduced to a maximum of two weeks. After this change, many students simply went to their doctor and obtained DMV handicapped placards.

In regards to Professor Von Son's statement about seeing people park in disabled spaces and then run to class, just a reminder: not all disabilities prevent people from running, nor are

all disabilities visible. Some examples of "hidden disabilities" would be asthma, heart problems, back problems, and others.

One thing that could be done to help alleviate the problem would be to place "wheelchair preferred" signs on the spaces that have wheelchair access. Another option that should be thought about is having the University Police randomly verify disabled permits. This would effectively stop any problems of abuse.

We share in Professor Von Son's used these permits on a long-term hopes that this problem will be alleviated quickly.

Sincerely,

Rita Reynolds President The Victorious Club Stacey Helton Treasurer The Victorious Club

OPINION

MEChA Statement on Prop. 21

Proposition 21 is an initiative known as the "anti-gang violence" initiative which will be on the ballot on March 7. Many organizations throughout California, including churches, stand against this inhumane proposition due to its cruel nature. It will allow for 14 year old children to be tried as adults for certain crimes and will mix children as young as 14 years old into the adult penal system. These children will be Mexican, African, or any other brown youth that the police illegally label as "gang members". We know that white children will not be targeted as much by this law. If it goes into effect, Proposition 21 will strip many black and brown youth of their constitutional rights, including their right to privacy. The initiative will allow for wire-tapping of "gang members" phones. This initiative is another great idea from Pete Wilson. The following will put the Proposition into its historical context and what this law represents to the Chicano/Mexicano Movement.

We must understand that Prop. 21 has nothing to do with crime and everything to do with social and population control. In the "Voter Information Guide" which contains the complete text of the initiative, the proposed law refers to the prospective increase in the population of people of color in California: "The problem of youth and gang violence will, without active intervention, increase, because the juvenile population is projected to grow substantially by the next decade" (119).

Legislation which incarcerates youth more easily and for longer periods of time are the State of California's strategy in dealing with the increase of black and brown people. We must understand that the term "gang" and "gang member" are labels put on Mexican/Chicano youth as an attempt to divide our people, to criminalize and to dehumanize those of us who resist white North American culture. This label also allows the state to take away the constitutional rights of youth. The historical origin of today's so called "gang members" are rooted in our culture of resistance to white supremacy. The first warriors who resisted U.S. colonialism such as Joaquin Murrieta and the "Pachucos" have always been outcast as bandits and gangsters by the media and the court system of California. Today, since we are not taught our history, most of us are ignorant of these facts, and play the part of being "gang members" instead of being warriors for our people. We say we are warriors, not gangsters.

We must understand that the legislation of Proposition 21 is used to expand the Prison Indus-

trial Complex. It goes hand in hand with Prop. 227, denying our youth the right to an adequate education, and Prop. 209, which limits the number of Chicano/Mexicano professionals who could defend la Raza, and Prop. 184 which makes it easier for the state of California to lock up as many Mexicans and Africans as possible.

Prop. 21 is part of California's legacy of keeping brown and black people poor, uneducated, incarcerated and powerless. Just as Prop. 187 created hysteria about "illegal aliens", Prop. 21 will create more racism against Chicano/Mexicano youth and further divide our people. For example, the labeling of our brothers and sisters as "gang members" separates them from the rest of our gente and even the term itself connotes violence, drug-dealing, and criminal activity. Thus many of our own people will say that this is what these "gang members" deserve.

This is an attempt by the state of California to weaken or destroy the strong sense of carnalismo that is a part of our culture. Carnalismo is the idea that we are all brothers and sisters and we all have a responsibility to take care of each other. Thus Prop. 21 is also an attack on our culture. M.E.Ch.A. says Chale con Prop. 21, and an attack on one is an attack on all. Prop. 21 is also an attempt to blame the victim for his or her own problems. It should be well known by now that the C.I.A. and the U.S. Government are responsible for the majority of the drugs and guns in our communities. Finally, there is an important lesson to be learned from this proposition and other racist/genocidal legislative attacks that have been handed down to our people ever since we were conquered and colonized by the U.S. 152

Until we develop our organizations, there will always be Prop. 21's, Prop. 187's, Prop. 209's, and we will always be a powerless and exploited people; even if we become the majority in our own land once again. We demand that

- 1. The full constitutional rights of youth to be protected and guaranteed.
- 2. The media and court system to stop labeling and documenting our youth as "gang members".
- 3. The C.I.A./U.S. government to stop importing drugs and guns to our communities.
- 4. Full prosecutions of police who participate in conspiracy, drug dealing, murder, and promotion of barrio violence.

We ask that Mexican/Chicano youth stop calling themselves "gang members", and to take on the responsibility of defending their gente.

Dear Editors:

I was so pleased to read Mike Sanella's letter in the Feb. 21 issue of *The Pride*. It is great that students are speaking out about their experiences with student government here at CSUSM.

The ICC meeting on Feb. 11 was indeed a very frustrating experience. The rules guiding the ICC budget ARE EXTREMELY vague and unclear. It is a pity that our student government maintains such a bureaucratic mess. At our last BOD (ASI) meeting, we discussed the possibilities of trying to simplify/clarify the mess. I sincerely hope that there will be action behind those words. Student clubs should not have to waste time and energy trying to fight the system.

I, too, was very shocked that HUNDREDS of dollars could be spent on flyers that will be trashed, while not a single penny could be spent on T-shirts (for Student Parent Alliance club events) that were to be used over and over.

As for the experiences I've had with our student government, I'd have to say that I probably share a lot in the same feelings of frustration as Mike. That is what motivated me to speak out and write this letter. Our ASI is a bureacracy...a BUSINESS, as it is often said, and it seems that most decisions and policies are made with business sense in mind...not student needs. Students can't always come first in a business and that is what causes our ASI to be so lacking.

I know that there are only a couple months left in this semester, but I really feel that changes can be made. I got into ASI and on to the BOD as the Post-Bacc. Representative. I have been in office for about a month now. The reason I got into ASI was because I was not happy with how our government was serving us. The office was vacant and so I put in my application.

There is room on the board for others who want to try to change how things are done. As of our last BOD meeting, there were at least 2 positions open. Please come and get an application from the ASI office and start changing things for the better.

If being on the BOD is not your thing, then at least come to our meetings and tell us if we are doing things right, wrong, or whatever. Our next meeting is Friday, March 10 and there will be items on the agenda that affect ICC (inter club council).

ASI is YOUR government. Our budget is over 1,000,000 dollars!!! If you don't like something, come and tell us. Leave notes in our boxes at the ASI office. Email us. Write it up and send it to the Pride so your voice can be heard! Tell us how you want that million bucks spent.

Michelle Jacob

Dear Editors:

I am concerned about the shabby disrespect that the ASI and the ICC board have for the Brown Act. To date, they have violated it left and right. The ASI board, on November 12, 1999, violated it by going into closed session without 24 hour written notice prior to the session. Under the Brown Act, what they discussed is not even one of the items of an agenda that is permitted to be discussed in closed session. Both of these offenses are only misdemeanors, but do we want lawbreakers to govern us? What other laws are they breaking? I do not know what the rest of my fellow students feel, but I do not want criminals representing me on the student government.

We need to elect some new and honest blood to ASI. How many of you are aware that the ICC chair is only an appointed official? In my opinion, this needs to be raised to the level of an elected official, rather than being a puppet of ASI.

If more students were actively interested in the actions of the ASI, change would come about more quickly in the interests of the students, rather than the ASI. If you don't feel comfortable going to the meetings, write to the paper and let your voice be heard! Don't forget that those ASI elections for next year will be held in April. This is a concrete way to let your voice be heard.

Thank you for your time and patience,

Rita Reynolds

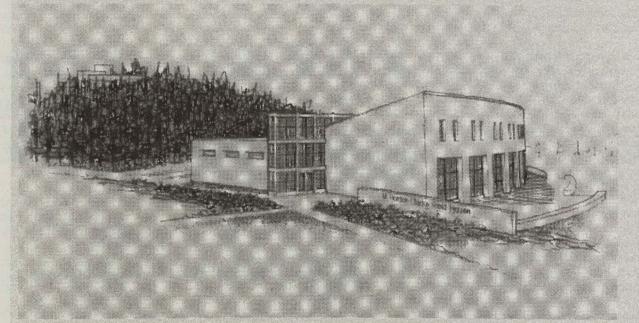
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In fall 1999, the University Student Union Advisory Board is in the process of designing Phase One of the Union facility in conjunction with the Clarke Field House. The Phase One facility will be small but will provide the first conference facilities on campus and will be located adjacent to the first exercise and athletic facilities on campus.

Several subcommittees of the University Student Union Advisory Board are currently seeking additional student members. If you would like more information about the Finance, Facilities, Programming and Relations, or Personnel Committees, please contact the chair of the Personnel Committee, Kara Kornher, at 750-4905 or kkornher@mailhostl.csusm.edu.

OPINION

Encinitas Too White For Black History Month

By Joni Miller

As many of you may know, February was Black History Month. Our campus, as well as many other organizations and institutions celebrated the contributions African-Americans have made to the world through art, music, and literature. One such event was scheduled to take place at the "101 Artists Colony" in Encinitas on Saturday, February 19.

The event, a superb night of music, poetry and fellowship, and including wonderful local talent, among them CSU San Marcos Professor Sharon Elise, was abruptly cancelled the night before it was to take place.

On Friday, February 18th, an article appeared in the "Preview" section of the North County Slime (oops) Times. It hailed the event as a celebration of Black History Month. The article also included interviews with local artists Jihmye Collins, Professor Elise, and Artist's Colony board member Robert Walker. The last paragraph of the article read: "This month celebrates Black History, and we are dedicating the event on Saturday to Mumia Abu-Jamal, the ex-Black Panther on death row for the 1982 slaying of a white Philadelphia police officer."

(Mumia is a black man who many feel has been unjustly accused, tried, and sentenced to die for a crime he did not commit).

As soon as this news hit the street, three Encinitas City Council members and the San Diego County Sheriff's department contacted the Downtown Encinitas Main Street Association (DEMA, an umbrella organization under which the 101 Artists Colony operates). They threatened to withdraw support (financing) from DEMA, who in turn informed 101 that all funding would be withheld from them, if the event went on as scheduled. Funding from DEMA to 101 includes providing physical space for the gallery, and grant money for the First Friday Arts Festival. Without funding, the 101 Artist's Colony would be shut down.

In a nutshell, Robert Walker was denied access to the gallery for this event. Public demonstrations protesting the event were being organized with the support of San Diego Sheriff's Department, using off-duty policemen on the picket lines. Walker was not willing to put any artists in harms way of the potential danger of protesting and picket lines by offduty cops.

Although Walker's belief that dedicating the event to Mumia was appropriate, he did not feel he had the right to put anyone in jeopardy because of his own personal beliefs. Walker did not want to see the 101 Artist Colony, which has supported poetry readings and other events for the past two years, shut down. Robert Walker handed in his resignation to the Colony's Board.

We all lost something and someone very important here. Because of the power of the Sheriff's department and a lot of white folks with money, "art" did not take place on February 19. A celebration of Black History Month was DENIED because its dedication to Mumia offended someone. Or scared them!

If closing down the event wasn't bad ough, Monday's edition of the North County Slime (oops again) Times, gave their official "Raspberries" to Robert Walker for his position

Are you scared yet? Our right to free speech has been violated here! And lily-white Encinitas thinks they did a good thing -- BE AFRAID! BE VERY AFRAID!

If anyone is interested in supporting Robert Walker's efforts, you may contact him at (760) 632-0696.

152 years of U.S. Colonialism

daily basis. 152 years and two days after the U.S. forced Mexico to sign away almost half of her land, her gold, her resources, and her people, the U.S. continues to violate Mexican people's human rights. On the night of February 4th, Felipe Solis respectfully allowed five Border Gestapo agents to enter his home. The agents were looking for a man by the name of "Rodriguez", an alleged "illegal" resident. Thinking all Mexicans look alike and that all Mexicans lie, the Border Pigs began to accuse CSUSM student Izabel Solis' father of being this man. These pigs even accused the children in the home of lying about their own father's identity. The Border Gestapo then kidnapped Izabel's father, and I say kidnapped because he was taken against his will, with no warrant for his arrest. Although he is a legal resident, he is considered "deportable" due to a past conviction. Thus, he and his family are now being punished for a crime for which Felipe had already served time. Can anyone tell me if these incidents happen in a white neighborhood?

It was also reported a few weeks ago in Fallbrook that a 17 year old Mexican youth, labeled as a "gang member," was beaten in front of witnesses by a Fallbrook Sheriff (a supposed grown man). These labels (illegal, undocumented, gang-member) imposed on Mexican and other Latin American people are only used to dehumanize

ple's human rights are violated on a further allows U.S. police and immigration forces to brutalize and terrorize Mexican people on a daily basis with no repercussions. It should also be noted that between 1998-1999, in a period of 15 months, five males have been shot and killed by police and sheriffs throughout towns and cities in North County. Four of these males were Mexican and one was Native American. Yet these killings have been swept under the rug.

The recent uncovering of the LAPD officers involved in drug-dealing, conspiracy, false incriminations, and frame-ups only serve to affirm African-American and Mexican people's mistrust of police in our communities. Instead of feeling protected by the law, these cases give evidence to the rumors in our communities about the role of police in keeping our people drugged-up, divided and living in fear of the law. It should be clear that these incidents are not isolated.

Much like the murders, beatings and kidnappings, these criminal and terrorist acts being carried out by the state are only public policy towards Africans, Mexicans, Latinos, and Asians. The only purpose of the police is to maintain the inequality between the rich and the poor, and police will do all that is necessary (or what they are told to do) to make sure that we stay in our places as poor, exploited and powerless people. This is the reason why the police and the FBI militarily

Mexican and Latin American peo- individuals in our community, which attacked the Black Power and Chi- is carried out in our public schools and ments were aimed at eliminating the gap between the rich and the poor, which is a direct threat to the rich.

> Thus, it should be clear that the brutality, drug-dealing, kidnappings, frame-ups and promotion of gang-violence on the part of the police and I.N.S. is only policy towards Mexicans, Latinos, and African-Americans, and are not isolated incidents. On top of all this, racist laws and legislation legalize and institutionalize these inhumane policies. The case of Izabel's father is a result of stricter immigration laws, which only allows for the Border Gestapo to enter into people's homes and kidnap family members with no justified reason at all. Also, 3-Strikes and Prop. 21, which will be on your ballot this week, allow for the state to fill California's prisons with black and brown people. The state of California has reinstated slavery through the 13th amendment by allowing for the privatization of California's prisons. This literally means that private businesses and corporations can literally buy or build prisons, which will be used as a source of cheap labor and massive profits. This is California's response to the projected increase of people of color. Lock them up and throw away

Despite all that I have mentioned, there still remains the worst crime that probably affects us most and is carried out on a daily basis as well. This crime

cano Power movements. These move- universities and is the teaching of individualistic and capitalistic ethics and values. These principles teach us to care more about our individual selves and our bank accounts than our people, our neighbors, our brothers, and sisters here and across the world. They teach us how to fit in this corrupt and rotten society instead of teaching us how to transform it.

Education should be more than job skills. A true education will teach people how to take control of their own lives and how to create their own destiny (Keep in mind, Manifest Destiny was once an idea in some white supremacist's head). Colonialism has stolen our people's dreams of creating a just and equal society and has told us to get-in where we fit-in. A true education will teach us how to have respect for our people and ourselves. A true education will instill a sense of dignity in our people so we know when to say, "enough is enough." A true education will allow us to figure out how to end poverty, how to end police brutality, and will teach us to respect each other as human beings. A true education will take away all of our fears of standing up for what is right, because if you are afraid of dying, then you are afraid of living. A true education will liberate us once and for all.

Ricardo Favela MEChA Vice-President

Dear Editors:

I am writing regarding the Computing Policy Agreement that CSUSM students are being forced to sign in order to receive computer privileges on Campus. Although there was an article in this week's edition of "The Pride" addressing this issue, I am still disturbed by being forced to sign a computer policy agreement that strips my freedom to use the computers on campus in whatever manner I choose. use these services to begin with? The students themselves should determine the validity of this computer policy agreement, not the CSUSM adminis-

Most people working for this university seem to forget, they are here to serve our needs, instead of us being forced to serve their needs and cona change in how current and future gestion, there should be WELL PUB-LICIZED OPEN FORUMS AND/OR SURVEYS for all CSUSM students to voice their opinions about important CSUSM policies being created or Eddie Goan

revised that directly influence Student Life and Academics. The CSUSM student body, not just the ASI should determine the need and validity of CSUSM policies before being submitted to President Gonzalez and his administrative staff for approval. In addition, the same open forum format regarding new university policies should be provided for all CSUSM Faculty and staff.

The way CSUSM administrators are running this university needs to Aren't the students paying tuition to change. However, it is up to us, the students, to actively speak out to these CSUSM administrators who consistently attempt to create policies that are not beneficial to the academic success and personal growth of those who pay good money to attend California State University, San Marcos. It is very unfortunate to witness a large group of CSUSM students taking the time cerns. We, CSUSM students, should to debate with a street preacher. Yet, decide on the terms of a new com- no one but myself can attend an ASI puter policy agreement, not Teresa open student forum occurring at the Macklin and her office. Also, Teresa same time to discuss concerns related Macklin, Director of Academic Com- to unfair university policies involving puting, states all appropriate authori- computer use, parking services, etc. ties have approved this policy. How- It is no wonder the CSUSM adminever, I see no evidence of this policy istration is less concerned with curbeing approved by the student body. rent student life issues and more con-Did the ASI approve this policy? I cerned with the physical development doubt it. Obviously, there needs to be of campus buildings and the recruitment of future students. Shame on policies that directly influence the you, CSUSM students, for not taking students who pay to come here are enough initiative to actively speak out approved and implemented. One sug- more on issues that have a direct negative impact on our academic and personal experiences at this university.

Sincerely,

Dear fellow CSUSM students:

would like to respond to Robert Radovich's Letter to the Editors. He discussed saving the student's money, but he was not there when the ASI voted (in a closed session) to give the ASI office staff Christmas bonuses. Not only did this not save student's money, this is in direct violation of ASI's own by-laws:

Article V, Section 1, D "The Board of Directors shall not take action on any issue until that issue has been publicly posted for at least seven (7) days except in the case of special meetings," as well as in violation of the California Brown Act, Sections 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5 and 54962 (the complete Brown Act may be downloaded at http://caag.state.ca.us/piu/

This is unacceptable for our student government. In addition to losing my trust and my respect for not following their own by-laws, they have broken the law. In addition, there are criminal and civil penalties for violating this I can only hope that ASI will do law. Is our student government pre- the right thing and rescind the deciing the bonuses given to the staff, or bonuses. would they rather face the following penalties as specified in the Brown Stacey Helton

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pared to remedy this action by rescind-sion regarding the staff's Christmas

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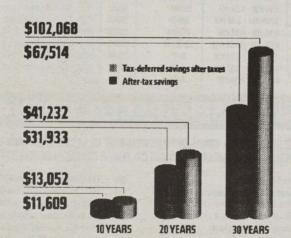
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Tuesday, March 7, 2000

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Thursday, March 9, 2000

ACD 102

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