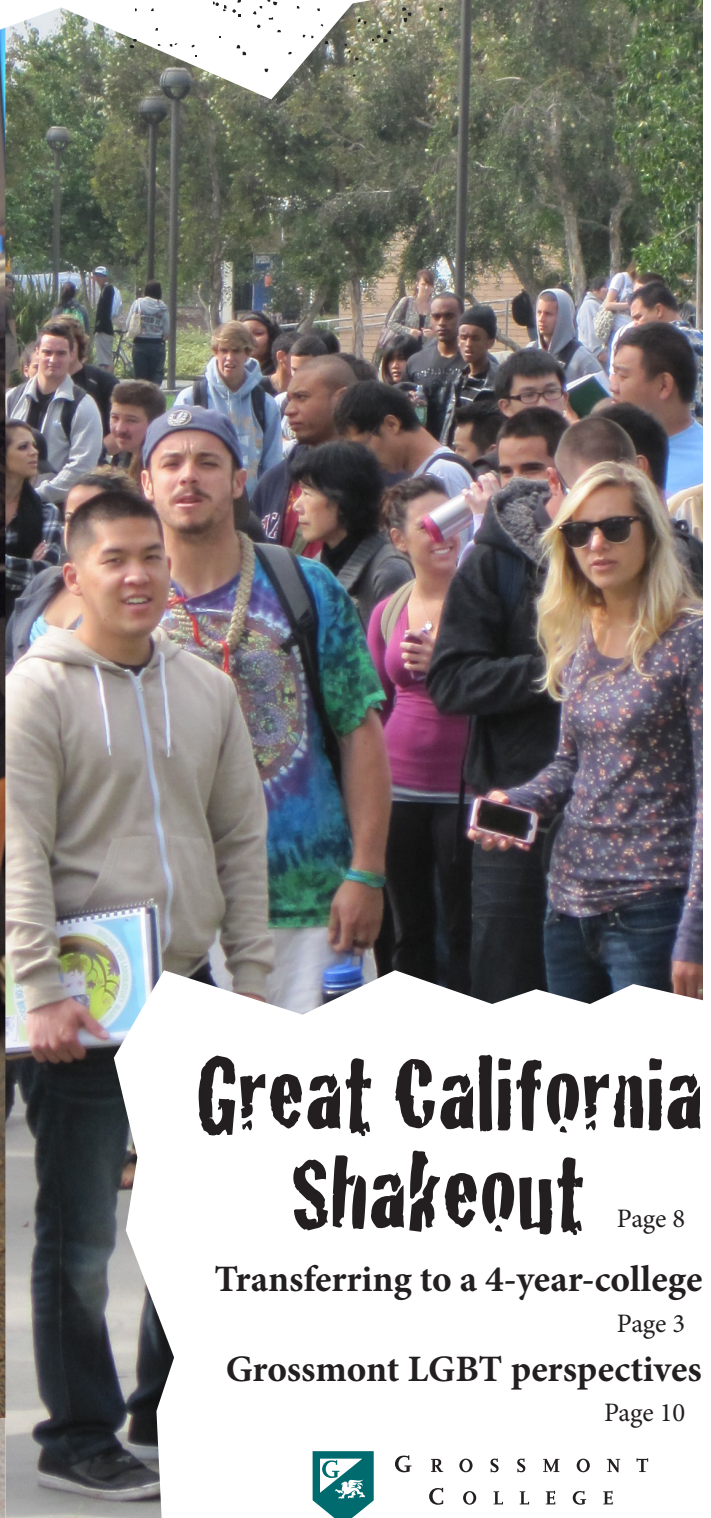


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Graceful Ballon, left, and Sierra Weischedel took cover under a desk at the sounding of the alarm for the Great California Shakeout drill. At right, students evacuated to the Quad as part of the drill. (Photos respectively by Stephen Harvey and Issac Jeitler. Design by Derek Dubler)



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Motives vary but 'Occupy San Diego' protestors enjoy solidarity

Story by Jacob Weber

Daniel seemed to relish telling me his stories about “going to war” in Seattle and of his arrests for speaking out against the Iraq War. He seemed to truly enjoy attending these rallies, which made as little sense to me as a soldier re-enlisting into the military for the fun of war.

Although the consequences of common combat are infinitely more dire than a presumably peaceful protest, still, that Daniel seemed able to simultaneously hold in mind both indignation and satisfaction, even eagerness—this apparent ambivalence was foreign and unsettling to me.

Is protesting really a cause for excitement? Doesn't direct-action normally mean that you feel wronged in some way? Aren't fun and frustration supposed to be at odds? My intention was to find out. Perhaps Daniel knew better than I— that, at protests, there is room for both anger and amiability—after all, soon after stepping off the trolley in downtown, I would join my first protest: Occupy San Diego.

Hippies and anarchists are apparently common at any protest, excluding, I still suppose, those of the Tea Party. Both kinds of

protestor were in force—noticeably more of the former than latter—at Children's Park, near the San Diego Convention Center, when I arrived. However, dwarfing both constituencies was the number of seemingly “average” Americans, having showed up sharply dressed and seeming mad as hell.

Protestors, old and young alike, aimed much of their anger towards corporate greed, sociopathic bankers, and, above all, an overall lack of a democratic process in our society. Yet as I moved through the crowd, listening to some conversations and partaking in others, I noticed some incongruity of aims between certain demographics of activists.

The seeming consensus among older activists was disillusionment stemming from the deregulation of Wall Street under Bill Clinton, which legalized “speculation”—engagement in business transactions involving considerable risk but offering the chance of large gains—with money deposited in commercial banks, such as Wells-Fargo, Bank of America, and Chase.

Meanwhile, the younger crowd at the demonstration seemed to be focused on frustration by the burden of student loans and a lack of employment by which to repay them. As for an overall consensus: the movement seemed insistent that large organizations, namely corporations and labor unions, are running our political system, countering the interests of most Americans.

We began to march.

The police were incredibly cooperative, blocking traffic and ensuring everyone's safety—a contradiction to the apparent atmosphere of Occupy protests in other cities, where activists and onlookers have reported pepper-spraying and baton-waving by Peace Officers.

We marched about a mile out from Children's Park, up to the City Administration Building, chanting anti-greed and pro-democratic messages along the way. After hooting and hollering at the government office for twenty minutes or so, we made our way back down to the park. After a half hour or so of rest, we spontaneously began to march, along a similar path as before, carrying the same message to the ears of downtown residents and, with any luck, to our government.

Throughout my time at the Occupy San Diego, there was a shared energy in the crowd that is difficult to describe, yet easy to understand if you had been there. The practice of privatizing gains and socializing losses in our financial system reeks of corruption, and everybody smells it. The reason most of us showed up at the rally was because a large number of corporations recently received multi-billion-dollar bailouts, while everybody else simply got sold out.

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“Corporate greed, sociopathic bankers, and, above all, an overall lack of a democratic process in our society.”



TRANSFER

COLLEGES SEEKING TRANSFER STUDENTS PITCH THEIR PROGRAMS

By Jessyka Holguin



Transfer day was conducted on the quad on Wednesday, Oct. 5. It was a cold crisp day but that didn't stop several representatives of colleges from throughout the nation setting up information booths on their programs and how to transfer.

I had the opportunity to discuss the requirements for getting into Cal State University at Northridge as well to learn about the top programs the school offers. In the representative's opinion, some of the top programs are accountancy, business, cinema and television Arts, and kinesiology.

Additionally it boasts a journalism program with spaces to enroll that has the benefit of being to the major news town that is Los Angeles.

I also spoke with a representative of San Diego State University, who said that no matter your major the most important thing is to make sure you have enough units and know exactly what you want to accomplish. If you know that you are interested in biology the University of California at Santa Barbara is a school that is known for its great program. It also has a pioneering environmental science department.

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PARTIES, WEED, SCHOOL MASCOTS AND HOME COOKING ALL COULD BE FACTORS IN COLLEGE CHOICES

By David Hurst



Finding an institution of higher learning is serious business. It's a decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. However, with everything being equal, it will be hard to not to consider even the smallest variable when determining what school to attend.

At Wednesday's Transfer Day dozens of Universities and Colleges offered similar curricula, schedules, majors, transfer requirements, and everything else that would be deemed important to a prospective student. So, when it comes down to making that decision what can separate one place from another?

How about a reputation? Arizona State University has been known as a top notch party school that has been ranked in the top 10 party schools several times over the years. Brooke Farmore is a Transfer Specialist at ASU and an alum from the class of 2002. She says the party reputation is not a recruiting tool and that their graduation rate is 68%. "The current (University) President came on board in 2002 and he's done a lot to increase the reputation of ASU as an academic institution," said Farmore. She noted that ASU is ranked 78th in the world as an academic institution, with nationally

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TECHNOLOGY DIFFERENTIATES COLLEGES OF TODAY AND YESTERYEAR

By Christina Torres



What's the biggest difference between colleges today and those of the past?

John Colson, Nancy Davis, and Wasan Thomas, though interviewed separately, came up with the same answer during the recent College Transfer Week

"Technology," each of them said.

Colson, Grossmont's vice president of student services, said back in the day when he attended the University of Georgia, "libraries use to be just libraries," whereas today they are integrated with technological centers and even student centers.

Davis, supervisor of student development services, expressed concern that students' social skills are suffering from the advancement of technology.

On the other hand, Thomas, a clerical assistant in the assessment office, said thanks to technology today it's a lot easier to communicate with students and faculty members.

Asked to describe some of their memories of their

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USD OFFERS VIEWS, ACADEMICS AND SPORTS, BUT IS EXPENSIVE

By Kellen Brauer



I couldn't help gravitating to the University of San Diego booth at the Transfer Fair on Wednesday. USD is the campus perched on the hillside at the west end of Mission Valley, overlooking SeaWorld, Mission Bay, and out into the ocean.

Ever since I was little USD has been my dream school. With my father being a building maintenance supervisor there, I have been closely involved with the school for several years.

One of the main attractions of USD for me is just the sheer beauty of the campus, but the academic programs it offers also make the school a hot ticket.

"The number one thing that students tell us as to why they like the University is the connection that they get from our teachers," said Associate Director of Admissions Maria Molley. "Our average class size is 22 students."

Established in 1949, USD is a Catholic faith-based school that was originally for only women, then had a separate school for men as well, but is now a coed University.

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(continued from page 3) When I asked the question: "What is your top program in your school?" several representatives said that business was their top program of choice for students. However, the University of San Diego has one of the best business schools. Bloomberg ranked USD's undergraduate school #36 in the nation, and #3 in California. Another school with a great business program is the University of Arizona, which is also known for their engineering program.

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(continued from page 3) alma maters, Colson said the University of Georgia was the oldest state-chartered institution of higher

learning in the United States. Davis said once a week while attending San Diego State University, she'd indulge in her favorite breakfast of huevos rancheros and hot chocolate. Thomas said she met some lifelong friends at San Diego State.

Worst memories? For Davis, it was a "nightmare" graduate school class in statistics. For Thomas, it was the hugeness of the SDSU campus and the difficulty parking there.

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(continued from page 3) ranked programs in business, engineering, and journalism.

She then acknowledged that it is a large public institution with a lot of people attending so a party is easy to find. She said it's pretty much up to the individual. "If you want to pay a lot of money to get a quality education or pay a lot of money to party is up to the student." So all things being equal, ASU throws the best party.

Humboldt State University has to fight against the reputation as a Cannabis Capital with its location in marijuana friendly Humboldt County. If you're looking to take courses such as Weed 101 then you are misguided. Humboldt State actually has a good reputation in natural sciences, natural resources, the environment, biology, chemistry, zoology, and business amongst other things. However, with all things being equal, if "higher" learning is important to an individual, Humboldt State should suffice.

How about location? UCSD, USD, San Diego State University, Point Loma Nazarene, San Diego Christian College, Ashworth University, and Devry are located here in San Diego. All things being equal, if you prefer not to leave the nest then you have some excellent in town options. The University of Hawaii was also represented at the fair. Again, with all things being equal, if you want to go away for school, why not Hawaii?

How about a mascot? So if you have narrowed your choices down to two schools and everything was the same about both, but one of the schools was UC Santa Cruz, how could you resist the Banana Slug mascot as a determining factor? If the other school of choice offers such unique majors like Marine Biology Program, Computer Science and Design Program, or Robotics, could it really top the school spirit that would come with being a Banana Slug? "It's definitely an advantage because it's so unique," said the UC Santa Cruz Admissions Representative.

So when making that big decision on where to continue an education, no stone should go unturned and every minute detail should be considered. There is something about every school that stands out for whatever reason.

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(continued from page 3) We are a Catholic school but we have never prohibited non-Catholic students to attend," said Molley. "We do not require students to go to mass, but we do have it if students wish to attend."

In my experience there, I have attended summer camps and even worked for the school as a painter. The staff is very focused towards making the students' stay at the campus as enjoyable as possible.

One of the summer camps I attended was a sports camp. USD is heavily involved with athletics as they have several Division 1 sports and even a nationally ranked Baseball team.

However, USD also has some top ranked academic programs. "Our school of business was ranked 36 in the United States," Molley said. "And in Engineering, we're ranked 21."

For many people, the daunting factor in attending USD is the cost which is currently at \$38,150 a year for tuition according to the University of San Diego website. But in my opinion, if you can scrape together the funds, it's worth it.

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Sociology professor describes medical racism as factor in Henrietta Lacks' cell use, South African AIDS epidemic

By Dylan Burke

Students throughout San Diego County are studying the case of Henrietta Lacks, an African American woman whose cervical cancer cells were taken from her without the knowledge of her family, reproduced countless times, and used in many different medical research projects, including efforts to develop vaccines for polio, AIDS and cancers.

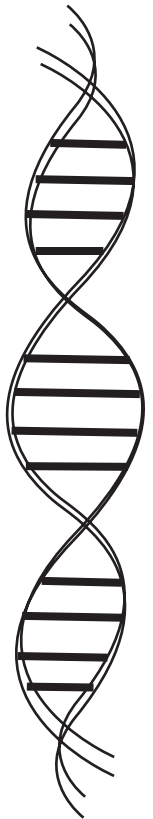
The fact that Lacks' family did not find out how her cells were being used for more than 20 years after her death was used as a point of comparison by guest lecturer Jamie Gates of Point Loma Nazarene College in a discussion at the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park Oct. 5 about why the South African government has resisted the use of drugs used to fight AIDS in other parts of the world.

As some black people in the United States have been mistrust-

ful of medical research done on them by white doctors and researchers – witness both the way in which Lacks' family was disregarded, and how in a Tuskegee study, treatment for syphilis was withheld from African-American patients – so too have African nations been mistrustful of medical and drug treatments emanating from colonial powers, said Gates, a sociology professor.

A decision by former South African president Thabo Mbeki to oppose the use of antiretroviral therapies, used in other countries, and to promote instead such indigenous remedies as beet roots and garlic for the treatment of AIDS was an important factor in the spread of the AIDS epidemic at exponential rates through South Africa, according to Gates, who heads Pt. Loma Nazarene's Center for Justice and Reconciliation.

While this policy has since been reversed by Mbeki's presidential successors, Kgalema Petrus Motlanthe and Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, it was understandable in the context of *(Continued on page 6)*



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Poll is in: Grossmont best community college in the county

In its annual poll of readers, the San Diego Union-Tribune found that Grossmont College is considered the finest community college in San Diego County and the third best institution of higher learning overall. It placed third in the rankings behind UCSD and San Diego State University, but ahead of the University of San Diego, Cal State San Marcos, Cuyamaca College (Grossmont's sister institution) and Pt. Loma Nazarene University.

No other community college in San Diego County made it to the list of the top seven, published on Wednesday, Oct. 12, by the Union-Tribune's online affiliate, Sign on San Diego.

Last year, Grossmont College came in first overall, even ahead of UCSD and San Diego State, but this year the larger institutions rallied their supporters to cast their votes by email in the poll.

"I am so proud that Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges received top rankings in the San Diego's Best poll," said Chancellor Cindy L. Miles of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. "Readers of the Union-Tribune have confirmed what we at the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District have long known: our colleges provide a top-quality education for our students."

"We were hoping to repeat as the top vote-getter following our selection for the award in 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008 and 2010, but we finished behind this time to two fine public universities," said Grossmont College President Sunny Cooke. "We are looking forward to next year's balloting."

Medical Racism...

(Continued from page 5) black suspicion of white medical racism, according to the Point Loma Nazarene sociology professor.

Following Gates' talk, Grossmont students Karen Amezcuita and Thirada Kingphung were interviewed at Grossmont College to tell their reactions. "The event helped opened a lot of topics. It really showed me all the issues involved in the Lacks story," said Amezcuita. "Though Lacks was exploited I don't think it's the same case in South Africa because most of the populations [In South Africa] with HIV/AIDS are black."

Kingphung said although the two topics were quite different, she felt it was useful to juxtapose them to explore the issue of how racism affects medical research.

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Henrietta Lacks Events

October 27, Thursday 7:00 p.m., Room 220 "Page To Stage" Performance

October 31, Monday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Campus Open House

November 1, Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Room 220 Film Screening + Guest Speaker

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'Occupy Tech Mall' defies Great California Shakeout

Story and photo by Russ Lindquist

This year, protests are as popular as ever. And, more and more, these events are sharing a common term: "occupy." The connotation is to take over the space, for the most part peacefully; and whether on Wall Street or in London, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Tijuana or many other locations—unrest is fast becoming the worldwide mainstream. Here at Grossmont College, during the Great California Shakeout on Oct. 20, one student effected what might rightly be called Occupy Tech Mall.

Andres Hernandez is a GC student and self-described homeless philosopher, Hernandez can regularly be seen on campus chatting with anyone and everyone, including this reporter.

Versed, since birth (rather, shortly thereafter), in both English and Spanish, Hernandez especially studies languages, having taken GC classes in Japanese and German, and having otherwise studied Latin, Greek, French and Tagalog, among others. He says that his aim is truth, that his means is conversation.

On Oct. 20, the truth was, during an earthquake drill on campus and state-wide, that Hernandez did not feel like leaving the tech-mall and computer with which he was studying when the drill began.

Ten minutes or so before the drill, the first of two announcements came through the public address system, forewarning tech-mall patrons—one hundred or so, by this reporter's estimate—of the impending drill. At 10:15 A.M. came the second and final reminder. At that time, about seventy percent of the students in the tech-mall left, calmly and casually, through the south exit, into the main quad.

Amid the murmurings, this reporter ascertained that many of the quiet majority aimed to avoid both the 10:20 crowd and the prospect of huddling under a table.

At approximately 10:20 came quake-resembling rumbblings courtesy of Professor Jim Papageorge and an entourage of his audio students.

A touch of irony: the faux-quake's epicenter was the main quad, exactly where the tech-mall's remaining thirty percent joined those who had earlier "evacuated."

Remaining with this reporter in the imaginary rubble of the tech-mall was Hernandez and Tutor Mohammed Naseem, the latter of whom Barbara Blanchard, VP of Academic Affairs, entreated to accompany

Hernandez, who refused to participate in what he called "cultural make-believe."

During the interregnum between the students leaving and returning, Hernandez and Naseem chatted jovially together, each further clarifying his own perspective: "If this were an actual earthquake then I certainly would have left," mentioned Hernandez, to which Naseem replied, "well, if this was an actual earthquake, and you refused to leave, then I definitely would not have stayed with you!"

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Andres Hernandez (left) disregards an admonition to leave the Tech Mall by Barbara Blanchard, VP of Academic Affairs, during the Great California Shakeout on October 20.



'Great California Shakeout' draws mixed reviews

By Kellen Brauer

The Great California Shake Out shook up the activity around the Grossmont campus as teachers and students evacuated classrooms.

The Shake Out was a planned earthquake drill that took place at 10:20a.m. on October 20 throughout California. Many schools and businesses were told to have evacuation drills to help citizens prepare for when a large earthquake rattles California. The GC Summit stationed reporters across the campus.

The audio department on the Grossmont campus set up speakers in the large quad to simulate the noise and to some degree, the way the earth vibrates during an earthquake.

Students evacuated to the quad were instructed to sit or lie down when the rumbling occurred. Media Communication Professor Jim Papageorge said this was intended to teach students that standing during a large quake could knock them off of their feet. In this accompanying video shot by GC Summit Arts and Entertainment Editor Nicolle Fedor, Papageorge also spoke about the need to stock up on food and water before an earthquake.

Campus police also stood alert to make sure all students and faculty were evacuated safely and followed directions. Even though the drill was organized and ran according to plan, the level of student participation was below expectations.

"The general feeling was apathetic," commented GC Summit Sports Editor Dylan Burke, who had stationed himself at the athletic department.

Other students mentioned that they did these drills in third grade and that the desks were too small for them to fit under now. Students were also very slow to react to the alarms and slowly moved under their desks or out of their classrooms, according to

GC Summit writer Sharyce Bailey, who was attending a sociology class when the drill began.

Reports also came in about several students who declined to evacuate. Andres Hernandez, in particular, refused a request from Grossmont College Vice President Barbara Blanchard to leave the Tech Mall, according to GC Editor-in-chief Russ Lindquist.

However there were faculty and students who treated this drill as preparation for these quakes that are almost guaranteed to happen in California. "This is efficient, you need to stay prepared, if we didn't have these every now and then no one would know what to do," said Grossmont student Fortunato (Frank) Tassone.

Prof. Papageorge, audio director for the Media Communication Department, provided some facts to students who clustered around him on the Main Quad. He said there is a "100 percent chance" that California will experience a large quake very soon.

Once all of the students were out in the quad, Papageorge started the audio rumbling again and instructed students to sit down in a simulation of a small 15-second aftershock that is almost certain to follow a large quake.

The "California Shakeout" exercise had been advertised



Throughout the state. Some students excused themselves from campus buildings prior to the announced 10:20 a.m. time, apparently to avoid participation.

“I felt that it should have been more of a surprise,” commented Bailey. “People would have been more surprised by us.”

When the drill ended, students headed back to class, marking the end of California’s largest earthquake exercise in history and bringing the day to a close.

Grossmont Vice President Tim Flood who coordinated the drill called it a “really successful event. It was the best good full test of evacuation routes.” Flood also said that everyone was out of their buildings in fewer than 10 minutes and said that it was a “well-planned, well-executed” drill.

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Audio Department delivers earth-quaking results

Story and photos by Issac Jeitler

The Great California Shake Out Earthquake Drill occurred today on Grossmont Campus brought on by the audio departments demonstration of a simulated earthquake. Professor Jim Papageorge set up 6 sets of speakers in the quad ranging from 28” subwoofer drivers to 15” loud speakers in order to recreate an earthquake type environment.

The system estimated by Papageorge to be around 30,000 watts of power was used to, “move a great deal of air to produce the simulated earthquake.” Sound effects were played through an instant replay machine which triggered the sound effects to pulse up to 50 cycles per wave through the system. A mixture of “earthquake and thunderstorm sound effects” were then used to create a low rumbling infused with bone jolting crashes which resemble an earthquake.

At the epicenter of the 50 sq. ft. speaker pyramid, anywhere from 115 to 130 dB (decibels = audio wave power and intensity) could be felt, equivalent to a 7.5 earthquake on the Richter scale. However, no participant was subjected to these dangerous conditions and sat back 50 feet experiencing an ear and body numbing 90-100 dB.

The quad was abuzz with students during the evacuation drill and not just the buzzing in their ears. Papageorge is an avid audio enthusiast and when he does a production, he goes big. “If this test took place in a small room, it would make the room reverberate.” Needless to say, the simulated version in the quad was huge and the campus helped in its part to participate in the largest National Earthquake Drill to date.

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LGBT community makes educational strides in California with major at SDSU, failure of petition drive to repeal SB48

By Jessyka Holguin and Dylan Burke

As of late the LGBT (lesbian gay bisexual transgender) community has become far more high profile in our society.

Just recently SDSU made LGBT Studies a major, only the second college in the nation to do so and the first of the California State University and College system. The degree requires a minor in another field to be approved by the chair or major advisor of LGBT Studies.

This major by many has been questioned and doubted, however there are other people who believe that the LGBT Studies program isn't any different from any other degree that an institution has to offer.

According to Susan Gonda, a history professor who serves as president of Grossmont College's Academic Senate, "It's a good thing [major in LGBT]. The reason for that is San Diego County has jobs available for students with this major," among them serving as a social worker.

Gonda said there is a high priority on study fields that are relevant and which draw sustained student interest. She said this is why Grossmont College offers courses dealing with LGBT subjects.

The LGBT Studies major may become even more popular in California, following Gov. Jerry Brown's decision to sign Senate Bill 48 into law on July 12.

The legislation by Senator Mark Leno of San Francisco requires public school history classes and textbooks to include contributions of gays, lesbians and transgender Americans. An effort by a group called "Stop SB48" to get a repeal measure on the California ballot failed to gather sufficient signatures.

Walking around Grossmont College, staff members of the GC Summit caught up with Michaela Tedesco, who said of the failure of the repeal petition drive: "That's good, now students won't be bullied as much." She said as children learn more about the LGBT community, there is an expectation that suicides and bullying will be reduced.

Gonda also is supportive of SB 48, explaining, "Any law that helps broaden students' knowledge about history and culture in the USA is a step forward."

Sue Caldwell of "Challenge," an on-campus Christian club, commented, "People should have equal rights regardless of sexual orientation" and "what I believe as a Christian should not change someone else's belief system."



Diana, left, and Adaline

America is land of free --but sometimes it can be immature about LGBT, other life styles

Story and photo by Issac Jeitler

Not all countries allow for the liberty to choose one's partner. The United States is one of those places where "freedom" is continuously stretched to new bounds. Land of the free it may be, but not always will these freedoms and lifestyles be accepted.

Adaline, an audio major at Grossmont College, has aspirations to one day work in the industry by being able to do any and all tasks put before her. In her mid 20s, Adaline has the choice to go to college, apply where she wants to work, live where she desires and date whom she so chooses. Adaline chose Diana. (Both asked that their surnames not be used in this story.)

Diana, a woman's studies major with a minor in economics, and Adaline have been together for three years, and living together for two. Both plan on moving to Colorado in the future to attend graduate school. These are all choices they had the freedom to make, but being accepted for who they are is another story. *(Continued on page 11)*



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Adaline and Diana...

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You may hear from talk shows, internet blogs, or even Lady Gaga's, "Born this way" that some people are literally born into the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender) community. Going from personal experience, Adaline added that youths growing up, "should be open minded to their emotions. Don't categorize yourself, go with what you want regardless what others think."

Knowledge and strength can allow curious and uncertain individuals to stand up for what and who they want to be in life.

Coming out with one's sexuality preference is not always easy and it's even more difficult to be completely open with anyone you may come across. Adaline does not have this problem. Fully embracing who she is, you won't see her acting any differently than any other person you will encounter throughout life. Aside from a few stares when she and Diana go out, they are treated much the same as any other couple, as they should be since they have the right to the pursuit of happiness. "Everyone has the risk of being stared at, we're no different."

Acceptance of the LGBT community is far from universal. Some members face bullying, vulgarities and discrimination. Each generation of people has to deal with new hate crimes and disparities. All sorts of people have their prejudices and will continue having them in future generations, but one way to slow the spread of negativity is through awareness.

Adaline said that she hopes that "within a few decades, the newer generations will be more acceptable" to society general, but says she is also well aware that some people will always side with "ignorance."

Bullying presumably has been ongoing since the dawn of man and still continues today in all communities, not just the LGBT. While it is a shame there is no sure way to completely eliminate abusing bullies, some campuses have clubs or counsellors for students to reach out in order to receive help or insight. Adaline suggested that, "training people on campuses so that students can ask them questions about bullying and sexuality would be a good idea."

While there may not be any changes in the near future, we can all hope that maturity sets in over the years and more people accept lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender individuals for who they are, and not just focus on their sexual preferences.

Live life long through being happy and enjoy the freedoms offered to you, not by discriminating someone else's lifestyle.

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Campus Christian club tells views on LGBT issues

By Roberta Steele

The FORGIVEN Christian Club's official stance on how it feels about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender rights movement is this: God loves us, each of us. He knows each of us and He made each of us uniquely and beautifully. Its member believe the entire Bible, which unambiguously opposes sin because it separates us from Him. But there is good news because He knows we are ALL sinners. He sent His Son, the only 'un sinful' God/man to teach us how to live life, to be our role model, to be our sacrifice for all the sin we have and will ever commit, IF we only: believe in Him, turn away from the sin, and ask for forgiveness each time we sin. Sin includes how we treat Him, others, and our own body, the Holy Spirit's home. This includes us acting without self-control: hatred, rage, lying, the bodily sins of adultery, homosexuality, murder, and others. He is with us each and every moment, but sin blocks us from communicating with Him and fulfilling the great plans He has for our lives. He detests not being near to us, for He loves us so very much! Remember, He detests the sin not the sinner. Jesus has two important rules, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourselves.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 NIV

However, several members of the club offered their personal perspectives on the matter. One member acknowledges the Bible does provide verses regarding homosexuality, but he believes that some Christians' application of this truth is mistaken. He is concerned these Christians are causing unnecessary pain by not addressing the issue properly. Perhaps they are combatting sin without the love and compassion that should be at the core of all Christian actions, thoughts, and words. One woman, whose oldest son is gay, made it clear she loves her son unconditionally stating, "It is a decision between you and God. It is not for me to judge, but to love."

Overall, the sentiment of the Forgiven Christian Club was God will bless you if you choose to walk with Him and not let sin get in the way of the wonderful future He has planned for us.

The FORGIVEN Christian Club meets Thursday at 4pm in Music Building 26, room 225. There current 6-week series is "I HAVE A QUESTION." It's a conversation regarding the validity of Christianity. We enjoy singing and sharing prayer requests. All are welcome.

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Women deserve better!

By Russ Lindquist

Would it be clear that our culture values men far more than women, if, in the US, women accounted for 90 percent of workplace fatalities, yet still came cries for “men’s comfort and safety”? The gender-opposite is reality. In relationships, what if women learned early in life that a woman’s role is to work a job that she hates in order to provide for the comfort, safety and security of a man who, often times, has been socialized to be an ungrateful misogynist—someone who hates women. The gender-opposite is true—and women deserve better than to be ungrateful trophies.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. But breast cancer is quite comparable to prostate cancer, and yet the cancer that affects only men receives only one-fourth of the monetary attention of the other, reflecting a powerful bias of concern—bias against men’s health. Women deserve better than to be self-centered, woman-centric chauvinists.

October is Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness month. Yet when I attended a viewing of *Telling Amy’s Story*, on campus, and took part in discussion thereafter, I recognized that the event was not aimed at discussing causes and complexities of DV but rather the aim was to indefensibly reiterate that DV is always one-sided, with women invariably as victims and men invariably as villains. Reality says otherwise, as do the most thorough academic-studies, and as would anyone being honest. Women are violent against men all the time—that won’t change by hiding behind female victims of violence nor by ignoring or mocking male victims or socializing people to believe that women’s violence against men is not a crime. Women deserve better than to be unaccountable abusers.

K-12 schools, according to famous feminist Warren Farrell, are far more likely to penalize men with the stigma of a special-education-human-hamster-wheel for not accepting, as readily as do women, a socialization of sedentary servility. Then, after high school, women are more likely to attend college and more likely to graduate college, even as there are many women-only scholarships but absolutely zero male-only scholarships, and financial-aid offices nationwide force men, and not women, to register for a war-draft in order to receive federal financial aid. Women deserve better than the small, confined space of an academic-pedestal.

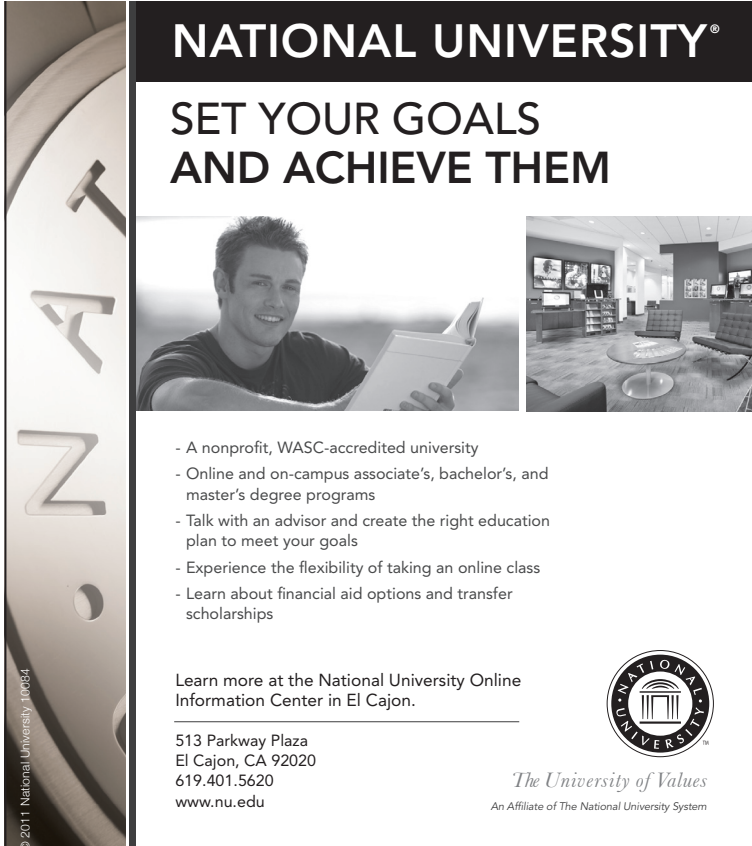
Healthwise, the average US man lives ten percent less life than a US woman, and his life will be far less comfortable; meanwhile, everywhere are programs focused on “women’s health.” Moreover, according to Farrell, once gender-roles become apparent, a man’s likeliness to commit suicide will have risen to become four times to *thirteen times* higher than that of females! Moreover, suicide is clearly connected to self-esteem, and although men commit suicide far more than women, still, many female-only programs focus on “the self-esteem of women and girls.” Yet even with such startling disparities, this month a focus at Grossmont College (GC) was on suicide in Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) communities, citing a single, weak study which said that LGBT are 300 percent more likely than non-LGBT to commit suicide. Ignored, all this month, was men’s incredible risk for suicide. Since the LGBT community is a fetish among many in academia, subordination of—and apathy towards—significant setbacks specific to men should be unsurprising. Women deserve better than to focus on an LGBT sliver of society, recklessly ignoring that men commit suicide exponentially more than do women.

Bullying of LGBT was also a month-long focus on campus, even as bullying of men is everywhere you look. Right here on campus, for example, women wear virtually whatever they want—even patently ridiculous and suggestive outfits—and yet social norms bind men to pretending that these women are professionally dressed and evoke respect; worse, alike the hey-day of tyrannical monarchies, if a man so much as too fully notices an amazingly provocative presentation by a woman—foolishly, the problem is thought by many to be that the man did not sufficiently avert his gaze.

Roxanne Tuscany, a GC communications professor and director of GC’s Speech and Debate Team, says that many a female student has amazed her by how unprofessionally the female student will dress in class, while expecting, even demanding, respect from her male classmates. Worse, Tuscany mentioned hearing of a “3-second rule”: if a man looks at a woman longer than three seconds then he is being inappropriate, even “hostile.” Now *that* is women bullying men (or men bullying other men to impress women and ingratiate themselves to women). Nevertheless, since hypocritical, woman-worshiping striving for pseudo-equality are a fetish among many in academia—the pervasive bullying of college men should be unsurprising. Women deserve better than to be hypocritical, Junior-anti-sex-league-esque catalysts for lustful glances (of two seconds or less) from sneaky, sexually retarded male students.

To anyone paying attention, and being honest, women deserve far better than what they are getting, both here at Grossmont and in our culture generally.

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Assemblyman Marty Block (foreground) and panelists Sue Gonda, Russ Lindquist and Marc Arizmendez listen to a question from the audience. (Photo by: Robert Sanchez)

Legislator offers Community Colleges some procedural relief

By Kellen Brauer

Assemblyman Marty Block (D-San Diego) has told a campus audience that California's Community Colleges should have a single assessment test upon which state colleges and universities all could rely.

Meeting with Journalism students on Wednesday, Sept. 27, Block said his legislation has made it through both houses of the Legislature and now awaits signing by Governor Jerry Brown. If approved by the governor, Block stated, "it will just make it a lot easier to get in and get out of community colleges."

Block was questioned at a forum in Room 220 by Sue Gonda, president of the Academic Senate; Russ Lindquist, editor of the GC Summit, and Marc Arizmendez, news director of Griffin Radio. As chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Block reviews all legislation affecting colleges and universities in the state. He was welcomed on campus by Chancellor Cindy L. Miles and President Sunita V. Cooke.

Block said the governor recently signed another piece of legislation that will aid community college students. Described as the CSU Appeals Bill, the legislation requires state colleges who reject a student for admission to explain to that student what appeals process is available to him or her.

"Last year, SDSU changed its policy. They had allowed local students into San Diego State as long as they met minimum eligibility requirements of CSU's," Block said. "With almost no notice, they changed their policy and said they were not going to accept those students," Block continued. Many concerns were raised about the state budget by the panel and in a question and answer session with moderated by journalism instructor Donald H. Harrison.

Block responded with some staggering figures. "When I first got into the Assembly, which was only three years ago, California had \$120 billion in the state budget, now we only have \$85 billion," he said. "So we've lost 25-30 percent of our budget."

Until the financial situation turns around, he added, there is little that can be done by the Legislature to increase revenues to the Community Colleges. However, he said, clarifying procedures –

such as by creating a standard Assessment Test for all Community College – can save the colleges money.

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Apple Computer founder Jobs benefitted humanity

By Dylan Burke

Steve Jobs, 56, died Wednesday Oct. 5, but anyone reading this on a campus computer or anywhere else in the world knows his legacy lives on.

The world will never forget about that man that made so much possible and truly making things much more convenient. We live in a world that has an overwhelming amount of technology in use around our schools, our streets, and our homes such as iPods, iPhones, Apples Computer and Macintosh and much more all creations of Jobs.

Grossmont College and other schools have been greatly impacted by the use of the PC. According to the Chairman of Media Communications here at Grossmont, Michael Grant, Apple Computers are better than most computers because they're good with graphic design.

Jobs' passing was a topic of conversation on campus. Michelle Jones has had an iPhone for as long as she can remember. Jones said, "I am bummed out he is gone, but as you can see [as we were walking the campus] we will continue to live in his legacy." Jones

“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.”

went on to say she is not a fan of Windows and really only likes to use Apple.

Another Grossmont student, Fernando Rico, remarked that he had previously owned four iPods, and had given two of them as presents — an example of why Jobs creations will go on for generation through generation.

According to Apple Inc. over 314 million people own or have owned an iPod since 2002.

Meanwhile, the approaching at Grossmont College will focus on career opportunities. Organizer Nancy Davis quoted Jobs' advice, "Follow your heart."

Davis also said that without computers we probably wouldn't have all the opportunities we have now.

Jobs' advice for people seeking careers was as follows:

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

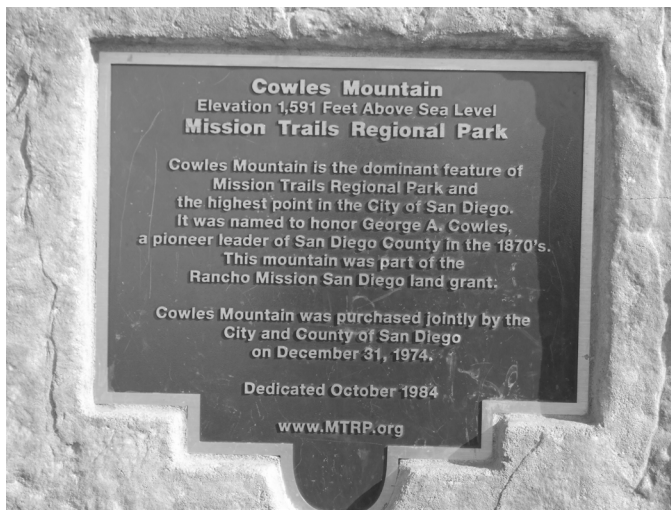
The man to whom the world owes much also said: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish."

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Local sightseeing: Cowles Mountain is S.D.'s highest point

By Issac Jeitler

People all over the world are increasingly becoming more involved in fitness workouts. While some choose to attend their daily, weekly or monthly gym ritual, others prefer the outdoors approach. Luckily there are plenty of opportunities for the public as parks and trails exist all around San Diego County and even in Grossmont College's own back yard.



Plaque at Cowles Mountain summit

Cowles Mountain (pronounced "Coals") is part of the Mission Trails Regional Park. Its summit is the highest point within San Diego city limits at 1,591 feet above sea level. Open every day of the year, the Cowles Mountain trail contains twisting turns with intervals of steep inclines throughout the 1.5 mile adventure.

Anywhere between dozens and up to hundreds of people partake in the climb every day. Kristopher H. who manages to make the climb at least once a month offered, "it's a good source of cardio and the scenery is always a nice escape."

Hikers are advised to take precaution with their footing and not to disturb or attempt to move any wildlife they may find on the trail.

Purchased by the city of San Diego in 1974, Cowles Mountain has been open to the public and free of charge ever since.

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Library offers individual study carrels as well as rooms for group study.

Campus Sightseeing: Library

Editor's Note: This article begins a new series by our features editor about on-campus places worth a visit.

Story and Photo by Issac Jeitler

One of the greatest resources a college can provide to its students is a well established library fit to suit the needs of inquiring minds. Often classes require researching a subject and the library offers a broad array of books covering numerous authors and subjects.

Available for browsing or check out are over 95,000 books and 25,000 e-books. The standard time allotment for keeping a library book is 14 days. To view an e-book, students must be currently enrolled. Reserved textbooks and other materials used in classes have a checkout reserve from anywhere between 3 hours and 7 days.

Other amenities provided throughout the library are computer access, electrical outlets for students to plug in their laptops, printers, scanners, copy machines and a dollar-changing machine that turns tens and fives into singles. Private areas are also available upon request for students working in groups.

The library accepts donations of textbooks and relevant DVDs from students who have leftover materials from past semesters. Patricia Morrison, Library Department co-chair, says "student donations are always accepted; we love to get materials that support our current curriculum."

The Library check-out hours are Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Maurice Payne #23 searches for a hole in the Saddleback defense. However, Saddleback, league leader, defeated Grossmont 37-23. (Photo by Cydney King).

Grossmont's original football coach returns to the sidelines

By David Hurst

During Grossmont's recent loss to Saddleback College, Bob Rump could be seen roaming the sidelines. It seemed as if every Grossmont affiliated individual stopped and exchanged pleasantries and well wishes with one of the original Grossmont Griffins. When Grossmont opened 50 years ago, Rump served as a staff member for the football and tennis teams. "I came down when the school originally opened, it's been an interesting career out here," he said.

Along with having coached the football and tennis teams, Rump has also been Grossmont's athletic director. Even now, five decades later, Rump still teaches tennis classes part-time. "I've always loved the school and loved my job here; [Grossmont College] is a big part of me."

Coach Rump is originally from Fremont, Nebraska, a town nestled between big city Omaha and college-football-crazed state capital Lincoln, the home of the University of Nebraska and the storied Cornhusker football team. Rump was a member of the Cornhuskers team in 1949 before serving in the Korean War for four years. Upon returning from war, he finished college at Midland University in Nebraska.

While at Midland U, Rump played tennis, basketball and football—at one point playing against legendary Nebraska coach and State Senator Tom Osbourne. Osbourne "played for Hastings College in Nebraska. He was a tight end and a great basketball player."

After being graduated from Midland, Rump answered newspaper ad for a Graduate Teaching Assistant at UCLA in the physical education department. The successful applicant would also help out with the tennis team. He applied for it and got it.

Having recently married, Rump left with his wife and two year old daughter and headed to Tinsel town. While at UCLA, he finished his Master's degree in two years and then took a job at William S. Hart High School in Newhall, California. "We ran the single wing offense there and had great teams."

Next, Rump took a job at Citrus College in Glendora, California, where he coached football and tennis for two seasons. Then he got a fateful call from an acquaintance who happened to be the president of a new college called Grossmont. He accepted an employment and the rest is history.

When asked about the rare combination of coaching tennis and football, he answered with a chuckle that he would "catch flack" for it. However, he added, "My tennis teams were awful good; part of that was

because of the discipline and conditioning we did with a football mentality." Under Coach Rump, Grossmont's men's tennis team won the 1986 state championship. Four years later he switched over to the women's tennis team and won four more state championships.

Today, when coach Rump walked onto the familiar turf, he was met with a 21-3 Saddleback lead over his beloved Griffins. He acknowledged that, "Saddleback looks awful good—they've always been good." It would have been hard to find a more vested spectator on that particular Saturday at Grossmont's Mashin-Roth Stadium.

He didn't let the outcome of the game against the #1 ranked community college team in the state dampen his hopes of a great season for the Griffins. "They got off to a rough start with losses to Mesa and Southwestern College," he commented. "They would beat those teams if they were to play them again—that's for sure. We've really improved a lot." During our conversation, a Saddleback receiver dropped a pass in the end zone. Coach Rump let out a triumphant yell, and then, with a priceless smirk, blurted, "I jinxed that guy!" You can take the man out of coaching, but you can't take the coach out of Coach Rump.

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Baseball coach stresses fundamentals, high GPAs

By Dylan Burke

The Griffins baseball team is getting ready for its upcoming season, which will start in the Spring semester. Their current practices cover baseball fundamentals and there are many different drills going on so that players who make the team are well prepared for both non-traditional games now in progress, and the traditional schedule in the Spring.

The Grossmont Griffins start with a 100-man roster in the Fall semester. Two classes of 50 players each learn advanced baseball strategy. During the Fall, ten baseball games are played to help the coaches determine who should make the team and who isn't ready. The roster is then cut dramatically with only one-third of the players making the team.

When Head Baseball Coach Randy Abshier was asked if cutting players has gotten easier he responded, "it's never to cut players" and went on to say that coaches explain to the players "what they're good at and what they're bad at and tell them if they and why they did or didn't make the team." Wesley Wallace (left) and Taylor Eichhorst

Abshier acknowledged two of his players who each have a 3.4 GPA and have earned scholarships, Wesley Wallace and Taylor Eichhorst. Abshier said he is especially big on high GPAs for all of his players and he said, "you can quote me on that, Choch is huge on GPA." When asked what GPA he is looking for, he responded that everyone on his team has at least a 2.70 with some reaching 3.50. He said he expects nothing short of that. The Griffins coach reported that "scouts come out to our games especially because of the (academic) reputation of our students. Ninety-five percent of the sophomores on this team transfer to their next school. We make sure they're getting transferred on time."

Abshier has pro baseball players come out to Grossmont to help the team. The professionals provide players with a sense of what the next level is and what they need to do to improve.

The coach has a friendly warning for batters on opposing teams. This year, Grossmont's pitchers average 6 foot 1 in height, and look even bigger on the mound.

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Portraying the 1880's in Style

Story by David Hurst
Photos by Christy Vikander



The Victorian Roses at Del Mar

Spectators at the US Polo Association's Spreckels Cup event on Sunday, Sept. 25, were treated at intermission to an exhibition by the The Victorian Roses Ladies Riding Society featuring Grossmont's own Jamie Gassert. As John Spreckels, the sugar magnate himself, might have said, "Sweet!"

Gassert is Grossmont College's graphics coordinator. You may have seen her work on this semester's catalogue cover commemorating Grossmont's 50-year anniversary. Santee residents can thank her for designing the seal for their city. In her free time she is an accomplished horse driver. At Del Mar, wearing a flowered bonnet, she drove her elegant Arabian horse, Mariah. It clearly was not her first rodeo.

The Victorian Roses Ladies Riding Society of skilled riders and drivers perform at numerous parades, rodeo ceremonies, as well as skit competitions, old West Shows, and costume contests. They also have a charity called Saving Horses Inc. which sponsors many of their events including the one at Del Mar. When asked for a description of the VRLRS, Gassert explained that her group attempts to historically preserve the feeling of the 1880s. The costumes worn by the VRLRS depict the 1880's era all the way down to the material used. "No synthetics," says Gassert.

The women are dressed from head to toe in 1880's style hats, dresses, gloves, and shoes. The horses, which come in all breeds, colors, and sizes, including

a miniature horse owned by Gassert, are decorated in roses and ribbons down their manes. Gassert also noted that the 1880's were pre-automobile so the horse and carriage, such as the one driven by Gassert, represented the only means of transportation. To emphasize the rose theme all the riders and drivers wear rose-colored outfits. They also have aliases with Rose being a common last name. Gassert goes by the name Priscilla Rose in honor of her 11th great grandmother, Priscilla Alden, who was a passenger on the famed Mayflower.

The VRLRS also has performed in the Tournament of Roses Parades which Gassert called highlights of her career. "It was a dream of mine since I was a little kid," she said. "My horse Barney (an Appaloosa) and I got in on our first try," she said. "You have to apply (for the Tournament of Roses Parade), you can't just go in and say I'm going."

She credited Grossmont photographer Stephen Harvey for helping her get the pictures she needed to qualify for the event. She has appeared in a total of three Rose Parades. Her next big career highlight was a Night of the Horse event at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It was her final event with her beloved and soon-to-retire Barney, who went in style as Gassert rode in the carriage. "We didn't walk or trot in, we galloped into

the arena!"

The VRLRS has appeared in the nationally-televised Equest Fest, The Mother Goose Parade in El Cajon, as well as events in Coronado, and San Juan Capistrano. At an event in Campo called "The Round Up," Gassert's Horse and Carriage carried the Grand Marshall into the arena for the opening ceremonies.

Gassert currently owns 2 Arabian horses, 3 miniature horses, 1 Welsh pony and a miniature donkey. "Is that enough," Gassert asks with a curious chuckle. She is a resident of Descanso, but is originally from Goshen, Ohio. It was clear that horses were going to be a major part of her life. When she was 12 she lived on a 20-acre farm and begged her parents for a horse. After her parents gave in they asked her if she wanted a cart and harness for her horse. She taught herself how to hook her horse up to the cart and drove off. "I could have died," laughs Gassert. In high school, the horse was the mascot at football games and Gassert would ride her during intermissions. It was that time in her life she perfected the skill of teaching horses how to drive the carriages. She met her future husband through horse events.

By intermission of the Polo match, Jamie Gassert had transformed into Priscilla Rose and sat comfortably in her carriage driving Mariah. Milton, her miniature horse, was driven in a smaller carriage behind Priscilla Rose. They drove around the field in rehearsed formations, weaving in and out of the horses being ridden by other Roses as elegant music played in the background.

"It clearly was not her first rodeo."



More information on the VRLRS can be found at www.victorianroses.org

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