Associated Students put on 20 events; only seven of them are successful

by Nancy Kersgard

Have you ever thrown a party and only a small amount of people show up when you were expecting a large crowd? It so, then you know exactly how the Associated Students feel this semester.

So far this semester, the AS has put together 20 assorted activities of which only 7 were successful. They were the belly dancer, the pie-eating contest, the street dancing show, the window painting contest, a ping pong tournament, a comic show and a speech by Sen. William Cranwell. If Oceanside, one unsuccessful event was on Nov. 19, when Capitol recording artists, Burnin' Sensations, played at the MiraCosta gym and only 175 people showed up. About 400 people were needed for the AS to break even.

Cruz Cerda, adviser to the programming chamber said he doesn't believe the lack of student interest is because students don't care or don't like the wide range of activities offered. Cerda said the AS tries to meet a variety of needs.

Another activity that bombed this fall was a classical music duet from Los Angeles' Muniqua LA who usually perform for $1,500, but agreed to play here for just $100. About 100 people were there for the show. The amount of time put into a project is "incridible" said Cerda.

A random sampling by the Chariot showed that students didn't know about school activities or were not interested. The AS provides a board listing all events just past the entrance to the student center on the left.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Age

Sex

What kind of activities would you like to see at MCC?

Comments

Check musical preference:

\[ \text{rock} \quad \text{jazz} \quad \text{country} \quad \text{classical} \]

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Comedian Tony Stone (Photo by Meri Simon)

Comedian at MiraCosta: big laughter on campus by Andy Mauro

"Close enough," he said, and proceeded to break up the group with an impression of "Billie Bob," a back country hick.

I had to walk three miles to school when I was a kid, lived next door to the school but I always got lost," said Stone.

The 37-year-old veteran salesman with a master's degree from North Texas State. He began performing comedy about four years ago when he and a friend started doing skits at creative arts center put on by Eckankar, a group that Stone said asked his audience if any were from Texas but had to settle for Fallbrook.

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What did Albert Einstein and Karl Marx have in common? They both had beards, except for Einstein.

Comedian Tony Stone was describing a typical student/teacher exchange in his home state of Texas to a chilled but enthusiastic lunchtime gathering of students in the MiraCosta student center last week.

"This is the first time I've been in competition with a ping pong table," said Stone, "but no, it's great."

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"I have to be close to the ballplayers," said Seeley. "I'm not a coach who can be aloof,"

Budget struggles are one of the disadvantages of college coaching, Seeley said. Fund raising and coaching take a lot of time, he said. Money for equipment, he said, is always a problem.

Seeley said the most frustrating thing to him is that athletes do not come out of high schools better prepared.

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Tuition undeniable, Craven says

by Edward Karlson

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Snails, weeds: a new recipe to cure budget woes

by Andy Mauro

How many times as a child in grade school were you assigned the task of writing an essay on the meaning of Christmas? It was always difficult to separate the toys and candy from the more serious concerns that teachers seemed to favour.

And now, as an adult with children of my own, I find my approach to Christmas hasn't really changed that much.

Sure, I could go on about Christmas being a time for reaching out, renewing contact with friends, relatives, and the human race in general. We finally donate to that charity we've been thinking about all year. We attend the parties, visit our aunts, smile at strangers we pass at the mall and are moved by television commercials for Hallmark Cards. Our emotions are much closer to the surface during the holidays. Christmas is also a time when many take stock of their spiritual health. Even if we've strained a bit from the religious commitment we may have once felt, we find ourselves thinking about those not so distant beliefs, perhaps wistfully recalling the sense of security and well being that religion gave us in the past.

But when I get really excited about the approach of Christmas, I find myself recalling those past Christmas Eves of total anticipation. Those times when I just couldn't believe it was finally here. Lying in bed, eyes wide open and a grin on my face, all warm and tingling inside. What a delicious feeling!

I remember waking up in the pre-dawn darkness, thinking I'd never be able to get back to sleep. And then, of course I remember awakening a couple of hours later to the magic jingle of Santa's bells. I remember the jump out of bed, the yell to my sisters, and the dash down the stairs past my smiling mom in her bathrobe.

And there in the living room, spread out under the Christmas tree was the scene I'll never forget. Here and there a recognizable item — a Teddy bear, a basketball, a Barbie doll — but mostly just a mass of brightly colored boxes and bows.

Now I find myself building those same memories for my children, and enjoying the experience just as much the second time around.

Christmas is really a time to recognize our blessings. We owe it to ourselves to see and appreciate the special joys we have in life.

Snails, weeds: a new recipe to cure budget woes

by Ruth Fenner

Stop! Don't mow down those dandelions! Don't stomp on another snail! MiraCosta College has an opportunity to use these valuable assets to serve financial needs, stage a community interest event, appeal to natural food buffs, and we can reduce the workload for the groundskeepers at the same time!

Not only that, but we can score a nationwide "first", too, because it is highly unlikely that any other college has thought of presenting a low-cost (but snob-appeal) fundraiser such as a Dandelion Wine/Escargot Fete.

Our college has thought of a Gala Snail Derby before cleanup their little insides on a diet of cornmeal. Meanwhile, on the hor- ticultural front, the groundskeepers will be delighted to gaze upon those natural treasures of our herd as they fatten and grow across the plants and paths simply begging to be turned into juicy hors d'oeuvres.

We might begin immediately with a Snail Roundup and Rodeo Day with students doing the wrangling during breaks between classes, bringing the snails to a central location for a Gala Snail Derby before committing them to the fattening up process. Then they can be kept in a display case in the library so we all have a chance to watch the progress of our herd as they fatten and perhaps turn into a little of our annual budget.

And - wait a minute - do we needn't worry over whether or not we'd draw major attendance? Remember, there are people out there who may not care to support school bond issues or underwrite scholarships but who will see the socially pretentious, excuse me, prestigious advantage of purchasing tickets (tax-deductible donation, of course) for our affair.

And - wait a minute — do we have any carob trees on campus? We could do-cards-coated arts, too. We have lots of ants...

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The spirit of Christmas lives on in the memories of holidays past

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Happy holidays to all!

CAMPUS QUESTION: What do you want from Santa?

Theresa Lander, 18, Law Enforcement — "I want my car to be fixed and not to be considered as opinions of the student body or the college. Editorialists, unless otherwise designated, are the expression of the editorial staff.

Kim Ray, 18, Business Administration — "I want a red Toyota 4x4."

Eric Monzoglio, 21, Theater Arts — "I want a personal invitation to audition for Bob Fosse's next production and to perform for the Queen of England and the royal family."

Bret Weishaar, 19, Business — "I want a blonde or a brunette around."

Janet Sowers, 23, Business Management — "I don't want any material things. I just want happiness on my own terms."

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MC bookstore has wide gift range
by Sally D. Worth

OCEANSIDE—Remember last year when you did your Christmas shopping or was it rushing!?! and you fought the crowds, traffic, and stood for hours in long lines to cash your checks? It may be possible to bypass this crowd this year, and shop at the bookstore there at Miracosta. The bookstore carries not only the necessary books for courses, but also offers a wide selection of gift ideas.

Are you thinking of a unique way of sending a message to that important person in your life? Why not pick up a HOTO message doll for only $4. Tired of sharing your stuffed animals with your little brother or sister? Give them their own stuffed animals! I'll only cost you $5.99 for the least expensive ones.

Comedian captures laughs at MC

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"I bombed my first set out in a club in New York. Actually, I bombed my whole first year," said Stone, laughing at the memory. He moved to La Jolla and began performing at the Comedy Store whenever he had an amateur night. Eventually he became the emcee at the Comedy Store, a post he held until about six months ago. He likes to talk about Texas in his routines.

"My comedy routines often revolve around the dumb jock implication." He blamed his early lack of recognition in high school. "You have support and control of some years of tangible and intangible college education." He compared the Soviets' action in this punk club, asked a girl to dance, and she kneed me in the groin. I found Stone's goal is to make a comfortable living out of comedy. He performs locally at clubs, banquetts and colleges. He has a company called "Comedy Unlimited," which serves as an agent for comedy acts. He also puts on comedy workshops at area colleges. "It's mostly for toastmasters and other public speakers," Stone said in an interview after his performance. "There're always a few lawyers, maybe a teacher, some theater people."

"We talk about the basics of comedy — surprise, incongruity, unlikelihood, absurdity, the clever twist to the commonplace." Stone is working on a book based on the material he presents in his comedy workshops. A major publisher contacted him with the idea after reading his columns in the CSSD catalog.

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One of Stone's immediate concerns is developing a routine that would play on television. A lot of his material that seems to work best on the raunchy — fine for the nightclub scene but not enough to attract the attention of network censors.

The Associated Students invited Stone to Miracosta as part of its campus entertainment program. The 30 or so students who were present for the show next month will be helping to keep the show on track.

Suppes, who can be contacted Wednesday nights at Moby's Broiler in the Point Loma area.

2 MCC teachers celebrate 25 years

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phasis away from academics toward big money. Coaches, he said, would talk about their players getting drafted but say nothing about their players' sports activities nowadays. Miracosta's bookstore offers a variety of sportswear, such as jogging outfits, tank tops, shorts and jackets. In fact, right now, the store has a table full of shorts and shirts that areoucher on sale for $5. "What are you buying tennis anyone?" Give them tennis balls, visor, wrist and sweat bands, and tennis towels.

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"My dad a replacement for his old and worn out briefcase. They are available for $27 on up."

The store also has a selection of calculators, Cross pens and other major brand pens, poster calendars, Frisbees, Miracosta license plate frames and mugs. And don't forget the assorted books in the store.

Speaker says Russia does not suffer from U.S.

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if he didn't get those countries. Korbonsky said the United States only recognized the Soviet Union in 1933 so it could trade with them and that the trade did not meet expectations because Russia traded more with Germany.

Korbonsky jokingly expressed a reluctance to discuss Soviet actions against Communist bloc countries, speaking on the grounds that the real issue is the Soviet's relationship with the United States, which is "all that counts." He compared the Soviets' action in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany to the American "police action" in Korea, when the North Korean army, supplied and trained by the Soviets, invaded South Korea. Korbonsky defended the Soviet invasions of Eastern European countries on the grounds that these countries had Communist governments which were being threatened. He cited the "Brezhnev Doctrine," which says that Russia is the most established Communist country and must intervene when other Communist states are threatened.

Of Poland, Korbonsky said, "Well, you know, it's complicated, I get emotional about my former country. It's a very complex issue."
Cagers win two in season debut

by Andy Mauro

MiraCosta's basketball team won its season opener against Orange Coast College, 73-68, with tough last- minute defense and clutch free throw shooting.

But then the team didn't even have to play the final minute of its second game last week to emerge a 66-56 winner over Mt. San Jacinto College.

The coach of Mt. San Jacinto, incensed over receiving his second technical foul of the game, pulled his players off the floor with about a minute remaining and the score 66-50 in the Spartans' favor.

The incident put a damper on the crowd at the game, taking away from the fine start of the MiraCosta squad, 2-0 on the young season.

Despite the win, coach Clete Adelman wasn't about to order up the playoff tickets yet.

"We played much too sporadically," said Adelman. "It didn't look good."

Pretty bleak might have been a more accurate description. But MiraCosta kept hanging on, converting a turnover or getting a Jerry Bush jump shot every time Orange Coast was taking away from the fine start of the MiraCosta squad, 2-0 on the young season.

After a missed shot at the other end, Brown again got the ball, made a quick move around his defender and drove to the basket to put the Spartans ahead for the first time in the final quarter, 68-66.

Orange Coast then threw away the inbound pass and had to resort to fouling in an attempt to get back the ball. In the final 15 seconds, MiraCosta converted five of six foul shots, including four by Bush, to salt away the victory.

MiraCosta's big man, Torerge Bryn, had an impressive debut, dominating the boards and intimidating Orange Coast the whole game. He ended up high point man for the Spartans with 19. Bush had 18, most coming in the second half when his team needed the lift.

In the slightly shortened game against Mt. San Jacinto, Bush and forward John Madrid each put in 15 points, followed by forward James Wilson with 11 points.

"It looks like it'll be different players picking us up in each game," said Adelman. "We're going to need all 11 guys. I like that, everyone's a part of the effort."

Next up, the Spartans leave the friendly confines of the home court for three games in the Cypress Tournament (see "Late Scores" box). Adelman hopes the busy schedule in the next few weeks will serve to "pull the team together" before conference action gets under way Jan 7.

MC wins state title

by Andy Mauro

MiraCosta's women's cross country team won the Community College Division I State Championship in Fresno last month, the culmination of a season full of success.

The Spartans cruised through the regular season undefeated in conference meets, but then saw their winning streak broken the week before the state finals. The team from East Los Angeles edged the Spartans by two points in the Southern California Championships.

But in the race that counted it was a different story.

"It was one of the most complete preparations for an athletic event I can recall," said Adelman. "We were really on top of things all year long."

It all started with Adelman and his wife, Meredith, helping us with organization as well as physical and mental preparation.

"The week of the race the team eliminated distance running and went with short, quality work."

"We tried to visualize ourselves as quick and decisive in our track and field," said Adelman. "We allowed the distance (muscle) fibers to rest."

The team traveled to Fresno the day before the race and was able to run the 5,000 meter course that afternoon. The day before the race the women were up at 6:30 am running the course for a second time. Next came the stretching and "visualization" work.

"The girls all knew the course by this time," said Gilbert. "We sat down and mentally worked out our race. We thought about the uphill and downhill portions, where we run into the wind, where to kick for home. The team developed its race strategy."

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