

## *Bike Registration Program Launched!*

In Fall of 2009 Parking and Commuter Services will be launching the first Bicycle Registration Program for the campus. Throughout last fall and spring, information was gathered from other sister campuses along with some of the surrounding municipalities. This information was used to customize a program for the campus.

Bicycle registration is FREE and PACS strongly encourages participation for the security of your property. To register, bring the bicycle to Parking and Commuter Services located in FCB room 107. Once the registration form is completed, PACS staff will verify that the description of the bicycle matches the actual bicycle. The bicyclist will receive a wallet card and a bicycle ID tag. The wallet card can be filled out with the bicycle identification information and the ID tag will be adhered to the bicycle. This information will be entered into the RIMS management system through University Police for tracking



Chelsea Scoglio, the first CSUSM student to register her bike with PACS.

and identification purposes if the bicycle is lost, stolen or abandoned.

By signing up for the program, the bicyclist may be eligible for incentives.

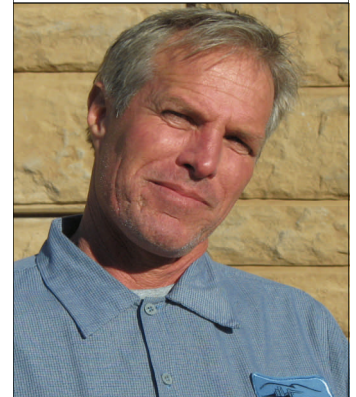
To encourage participation in the program, the Commuter Coordinator will have a registration table at various bike rack locations on campus during the first couple weeks of the fall 2009 semester.

A special thank you to Sandra Young (University Police)

and Jace Getskow (student employee) for assisting in the development of the program. Thanks also to Hugo LeComte (ASI Recreation) and the CSUSM Cycling Club for their input.

For more information visit our website at [www.csusm.edu/parking](http://www.csusm.edu/parking), e-mail [parking@csusm.edu](mailto:parking@csusm.edu), contact the Commuter Coordinator at 760-750-7500, or pick up a bike registration information pamphlet in the Parking and Commuter Services office.

### TESTIMONIAL



Gregg Wilson of Facility Services rides his bike daily to work. He has been doing this for 3 ½ years and takes approximately 30 minutes one way. He has a route that takes him mainly on back roads and bike trails. Why does he do it? Gregg said he sees huge benefits to riding to work. He got rid of his truck and no longer has any of the costs of owning a vehicle. He saves time because he doesn't have to "plan" to exercise...he exercises five days a week.

One of the biggest benefits he finds is the spiritual aspect of biking, "You are outside, seeing incredible sunrises and wildlife and it gives me peace." He has also met some really nice people that he sees on a daily basis on his commute to work. It is all part of the rewards Gregg reaps from biking to work.



### ECO TIPS: MEAT EATERS GET POOR GAS MILEAGE

David Pimentel of Cornell University calculates that it takes nearly twice as much fossil energy to produce a typical American diet than a pure vegetarian diet.

This works out to about an extra 200 gallons of fossil fuels per year for the average



meat-eater than for a pure vegetarian diet.

This means that meat-eaters are "driving" an extra fourteen miles every day whether they really drive or not, when we look at how much extra fuel it takes to feed them.

### BIKE TO WORK DAY

Another successful Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15, 2009. The campus sponsors a Pit Stop for the riders. This year 4 new riders stopped by, 3 of which were women and our first rider from Kaiser. PACS gave out snacks, drinks and T-shirts to the riders.

