The President's Corner

As we end our first semester and head into a time of year that for many people symbolizes hope, love, and celebration, it seems to me that we at CSUMB have much to celebrate. It has been an extraordinary year for many of us, and an equally extraordinary fall semester for us all. Without learners, there is no university. And so it is fair to say that in this important sense, we didn't exist until late August 1995.

From Outward Bound and box lunches to the opening of the Multi-Media Learning Complex and all of the other on-campus buildings and hot food over the counter, there have been big changes and improvements. And there will be more throughout the spring term and beyond. The Pomeroy Center, now known as the University Center, will be buttoned up in January for a retrofit and will come on line towards the end of the semester as a common meeting and eating place for us all.

Our assessment and ProSeminar programs are improving steadily and, with everyone's help will become institutional fixtures in the spring. And Service Learning, off to such a great start, will continue to grow and affect all aspects of the CSUMB educational program.

As impressive as all of these things are, they are not what I am celebrating this holiday season. Not the new buildings or the emerging landscape or the program development that continues at top speed or the teaching and learning which many people consider to be exceptional. Not the emergence of student organizations, clubs, governance structures, the Black Box Cabaret, or the athletic programs.

No. My celebration is about deeper meanings that include and extend beyond the observable achievements that have occurred over the last several months. I am celebrating the triumph of the human spirit that has made all of these things possible. Your courage as individuals and as a community of seekers has been remarkable. And I think we are learning an important lesson. Ultimately, success here at CSUMB or anywhere else is about more than having the President of the

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The Visual and Public Arts Institute invites you to their inaugural open house event December 14 and 15, 1995 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Reception: December 14, 6:00 p.m.
Division Hill Art Barracks
Along Third Avenue between First and Third Streets

United States visit (as exciting and wonderful as that was) or the other triumphs that we have enjoyed as we build this University together. Success is about how we treat each other, how we respond when things go wrong, how we, as pioneers, endure the fatigue and the weakening spirit and find out strength to continue. These are marvelous traits and we have them at CSUMB in rich supply.

That's what I am celebrating this holiday season. Happy holidays to you each and all!!!

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Are they open?
The entire campus, except the University Bookstore, will be closed from December 23 - January 1 for the holidays and January 15, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In addition, please note that some offices will have different hours during all or part of the break.

The Wellness Activities Center
M - F Noon - 9 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Library Learning Complex (including the computer labs and the classroom):
December 20 - December 22, 1995
open 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. only and will close at noon on December 22.
Open January 2 - January 21 M - F
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. Closed
Sun. Closed

Regular hours will resume on January 22, 1996.

The Campus Bookstore:
December 22 9 a.m. - Noon
December 26-29 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
January 2-22 M - Th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Black Box Cabaret will open officially on or about January 22! It will feature a full-service Java House and will be open every day from the morning to the evening! The Cabaret will provide entertainment, such as live performances, music and poetry readings, and more!

The Dining Commons
December 20, 1995 - Lunch will be the last meal for Residential Hall students.
• December 21 & 22, 1995 - Open for breakfast and lunch (cash only).
• December 25, 1995 through January 1, 1996 - Closed.
• January 2, 1996 through January 21, 1996 (lunch) - Will reopen for breakfast and lunch (cash only).
• January 21, 1996 (dinner) - The Residential Hall board operations will begin.

Closure dates for the Residential Hall
The Residential Hall will remain open as necessary to accommodate students who must remain on campus due to work or family needs. A list of those students approved to stay, along with their room and telephone numbers, will be provided to Public Safety and staff on duty. All other students will be asked to vacate for building maintenance reasons.

Residential Hall Reopens
• January 21, 1996 - Residential Hall reopens.

Fredricks Park Student Apartments
• Students are allowed to remain in student apartments for the duration of the holiday period.
• New family students will be allowed to move in January 2, 1996. Single students will be allowed to move in January 21, 1996.

Staffing and Security
• RDs will be on duty throughout the holiday period and can be reached by beeper at 645-3518.
• RA night coverage will be provided in the Residential Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 am. The RAs can be reached by beeper at 645-8304.

The Guest Facilities
• December 21, 1995 - January 1, 1996 - The Guest Facilities Program will be closed.
• January 2, 1996 - The Guest Facilities Program will reopen.

Christmas Tree Pick-up
• Trees will be removed on regular trash collection days Friday, January 5, and Friday, January 12.
• The tree must be no longer than 4 feet (please cut to length) and be placed on curbside.

Schoonover Move-In and Move-outs
Move-in and move-out dates for all residents will be scheduled prior to December 20, 1995 or after January 2, 1996. This brief period of time will permit the department to ‘gear-up’ for the new year.

Emergency maintenance services will be provided by calling 646-4565. For other emergencies, contact Public Safety at 582-3390.

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On Line for Student Employment Opportunities...

The staff of the Residential, Learning, Wellness, and Student Services (RLWSS) Center have been very busy developing the Institute for Career Exploration and Development. Here are a few of the services that will be offered next semester:

- **View on line** part-time, seasonal, and full-time off-campus employment as well as on-campus student assistant positions. Pull up the Institute's Home Page or pick up a hard copy of the listings located in binders outside of the Institute in Building 23.

- Look for our First Annual **Camps, Resorts, and Local Summer Jobs Fair** on March 13, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on campus. The exact location will be announced closer to the date. Additional information will be posted on campus and on line on the Institute for Career Exploration and Development's Home Page. Also available on this Institute's Home Page is a listing of upcoming job, career, service learning, and volunteer fairs.

- This Home Page can be a link for researching career opportunities. You can link to hundreds of career exploration tools on the Internet via the Institute’s Home Page. View national and international full-time job listings, take a interest test, explore opportunities within the state government, and research graduate school.

Student Organization Update

by Dina Brown, RLWSS

**Planet Otter**

CSUMB's Planet Otter Club has been busy! The club has hosted speakers from local environmental groups, helped to sponsor Campus Cleanup Day, and held their first hike for the CSUMB community in the Fort Ord back-country.

The club meets twice a month and will be offering hikes in Garland Park and Toro Park in December. Planet Otter is also making plans for a camp-out in February to start off the spring semester and BIG plans for Earth Day in April. Club members are representing CSUMB in various environmental activities and organization in the local area. For more information, call either Cindy Beach or Address Chicano at 393-9073.

**Student Voice**

For the past three months, students have been meeting on a regular basis to create a student government system that is in keeping with the vision of the University. Their major issue has been to discuss how to establish student representation and how to gain a voice on campus. As a result, they have named themselves the "Student Voice."

So far they have selected 15 to 20 representatives to serve on various campus-wide committees, including the Campus Master Plan and Strategic Planning Task Force, Faculty Recruitment, and Student Fees committees. These student representatives will be attending the various meetings and bringing information back to the larger group for more input and general updates on what's going on in and around campus.

(For more information on how to get involved with the Student Voice, call Dina Brown at 582-3616.)

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Getting your Grades (continued from page 1) and make the change.

At this point, the transcripts you receive in January are unlikely to reflect whether you met any of your outcomes. The best source of information for this is your instructor.

Adding and Dropping a class... If you would like to drop or add a class that is open for next semester, you may do so this week, December 13, 14 and 15, 1 - 4 P.M. in the Admissions and Records Office.

Help wanted for orientation... New student registration and orientation will take place January 22, 1996. The Admissions and Records Office is looking for returning students from each major to help with orientation. If you would like to help orient the 150 -200 new students next semester, please call the Admissions and Records Office at 582-3518 before you leave for the holidays. Thanks in advance!

Lest you forget.... Classes for the spring semester begin January 24. Fees and tuition must be paid by February 9.

If you are interested in forming a student or student/community organization, please contact Dina Brown at 582-3616 or stop by Building 23 after December 14th.
On the Lighter Side......

Holiday Wishes from the CSUMB Community

1. What I really hope to receive this holiday is ... "a brand new Mac 8500 with a 2-GB internal drive and 75 MB of RAM, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, a color scanner, and MS Office." What I'll probably receive instead is... "a biblical plaque from Hallmark with strange large-eyed children." Wynter Nichols, staff

What I really hope to receive this holiday is... "a date for New Year's Eve." What I'll probably receive instead is... "an invitation to babysit some two-year old." Leah Caro, staff

What I really hope to receive this holiday is... "money. Oh, sure, I could say peace for all and stuff like that, but the fact is: money, money, money." What I'll probably receive instead is... "a case of Top Ramen and a pack of tube socks." Rafael Rodriguez, student

What I really hope to receive this holiday is... "a day where I am pampered. No cooking, cleaning up after dinner and playing hostess." What I'll probably get instead is... "a day where I am encouraged to be a wonderful hostess for a day." Reyola Carlisle, staff

"Buy a plane ticket to get me to that exclusive island and back. And use the rest to pay for school. (Maybe save enough to fly a few friends and family out to join me.)"

Michelle Wiskel, student

"Go to New York, shop, go to shows, and eat at exclusive restaurants." Rose Kapp, staff

"Sleep for two of the days, then buy some stuff for my parents and take my friends to dinner at a nice place so we could all dress up. Then treat them to a night on the town." Sarah Lerma, student

"Have my honey drive me to Reno, stay in a swank hotel, and try to win my retirement at the 25-cent slots." DJ Morales, staff

"Go on a fishing trip with my dad and a friend down to Mexico." I would put the four days between two weekdays and a vacation and enter the California Baja (Ba-ja-ja) Anything Goes Sailboat Race.

Steve Arvizu, staff

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3. Next year, I will....(If I were to make a New Year's resolution, it would be to........)

"Achieve and maintain balance in my life." Claudia Rico, staff

"Be nicer to people, appreciate what I have, and do better in school." Sarah Lerma, student

"Stay fit and healthy throughout this upcoming year." Richard Cole, student

"Do a lot less partying and a lot more studying." Travis White, student

"Eat right, get fit, and call my mother. It could happen." Rafael Rodriguez, student

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4. What means the most to me this holiday season is....

"The love of family and friends that is so much more noticeable during the holiday season." Brenda Woolf, staff

"Sleep." Leah Caro, staff

"Having my first Christmas at home with my husband and our new baby." Rose Kapp, staff

"Celebrating my first Christmas because I was raised a Jehovah's Witness. I am really looking forward to my first Christmas tree." Sarah Lerma, student

"It means I am done with the first semester. I made it!" Rafael Rodriguez, student

"Connectedness to those I love, my ancestors and guardian angels, friends and colleagues, a vision of an optimistic future, and the concepts of integrity and community." Steve Arvizu, staff

The Otter

There once was an otter that swam in the sea
Contented, protected, and well-fed was he;

With a slick glossy coat, and small five-fingered hands,
He searched for his food in the kelp-forest sands.

A careless beachcomber walked down by the shore
Left a newspaper blowing, three pages, not more.
The beast read the headline and in an otter voice
Said, "Well, look at that, I'm the critter of choice!"

What fame and what fortune will soon come my way
As the Mascot at CSU Monterey Bay!

It came down in the end to the Orca's and me
Two of the best mascots there ever could be
But they'd never choose such a bold, cunning killer
The subject of many of sea farer's chiller;

It's the soft, fuzzy creatures man takes to his heart.
We're cute just like ducklings, we're frisky as kittens
We look good on sweatshirts, and t-shirts, and mittens."

Then he floated away, with a clam in his paws
Cracking open the shell with his powerful jaws
Otters have a nice smile, but just there, underneath
Is a mouthful of dagger-like, razor-sharp teeth!

*in the interests of gender equity, "she" will also work

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Art on the Move

Here's your opportunity to show your creative side-and show it off to all, everyday, all day.

CSUMB, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), and Obie Media are sponsoring a mural contest. The winning mural will be displayed on the official CSUMB shuttle. Not only will the shuttle have the special CSUMB look designed by and for the CSUMB community, but it will also be one of the first compressed natural gas buses to be put in action in Monterey County.

If you are interested in participating in the design contest, you need to submit a design on the required template by February 1, 1996. All entries will be judged by a panel comprising representatives of CSUMB, MST, and Obie Media. The final selection will be approved by the MST Board of Directors.

Please contact Dina Brown at 582-3616 or Keven Saunders at 582-3845 for the rules and regulations.

The Fun Center at CSUMB

by Dina Brown, RLWSS

Imagine if you will, a place to go on campus to play a game of pool or one of the latest video games. Better yet, a place to go in between classes to watch one of the hottest soap operas. And how about a quiet place to study or meet with other students?

Beginning spring semester, you'll have all this and more!! Students working on a class project with Professor Tom Anderson in conjunction with Kevin Saunders from Residential Learning, Wellness, and Student Services, proudly announce the upcoming opening the campus "Fun Center." The Fun Center, located in one of the former military Hammerhead buildings on Sixth Avenue, will offer a variety of recreational activities and will be run by students, with the advice and support of Professor Anderson and those in the RLWSS.

There will be a dance party at the Fun Center December 14 beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information about this facility or the "sneak peak," call Kevin Saunders at 582-3845.

University Police Department

by Jay McTaggert

The police department is adding staff to provide better service. The process is underway to hire an additional three police officers, raising the number of sworn personnel to 14. If all goes well, the new officers should be in uniform early next year. In addition, a Public Safety Assistant will be hired to help with both the Parking and Community Service Officer programs.

Good news about parking! The large paper permits about which so many of you have complained, will no longer be used for faculty/staff or student permits. The current permits will be replaced by reflective hang-tag permits which are hung from the rear view mirror. Special adhesive-backed permits will be available for motorcycles. Sale of spring permits begins on January 16 at the police station.

As a service to the community, the police department offers "vacation checks" for residents gone for an extended period. Any of you leaving for part or all of the winter break can contact the police department and request extra patrol of your residence while you are gone. Call 582-3360 for additional information.

Child Care

CSUMB students are now able to register for child care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years at the Presidio of Monterey Annex (POMA) Monterey Road Child Development Center. The center will open its doors on January 16. For more information, please call the center at 582-1058.

Before and after-school child care is now available for the children of CSUMB students, faculty, and staff at the POMA Porter Youth Center. Porter Youth Center is located on the corner of North South Road and Normandy Road and is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fees are based on a sliding scale according to family income. For more information, please call 242-7822.

For any questions regarding CSUMB child care, please contact Ardith Tregenza in RLWSS at 582-3525.

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Provost Arvizu has new role

Dr. Steven Arvizu has been given new and challenging leadership responsibilities as executive vice president at CSUMB and special assistant to the chancellor of the CSU, Barry Munitz. Arvizu will have special responsibilities for long-term institutional development; entrepreneurial, collaborative, and cross-institutional activities; accreditation coordination; and representation of CSUMB in a variety of areas.

Dr. Arvizu will also assist Chancellor Munitz in special CSU initiatives including planning for new CSU campus expansion in Ventura and Imperial Valley, statewide reform initiatives, and intersegmental cooperation.

In March 1993, Dr. Arvizu became an early pioneer in the development of CSUMB and was the first full-time academic staff member assigned to CSUMB to develop the campus. He will continue at CSUMB in this new role and joint appointment, but will also be serving in more off-campus activities in the future.

The Bookstore will begin Book Buy Back December 12-December 19. Students can receive cash for their books during this time. The Campus Bookstore is committed to providing the highest return to students during Book Buy Back.

Give unto others

The students and staff/faculty of CSUMB encourage you to support individuals in need from the CSUMB community and the surrounding communities this holiday season. If each of the 1,000-plus members of the CSUMB community participates, think of the impact we can make! Of course, this is THE busiest time of the year, but it is also the most trying for those in need, so please, consider reaching out and making a difference. In no time at all you can make a meaningful difference in someone’s life. Here are some ways you can help.

Please donate any of the following items by December 14! (All of the organizations to whom we will donate items are Service Learning Projects.)

The collection boxes are located in the bookstore, Freshman Community Center, Library, Media Learning Complex, Service Learning Institute, Single Student Housing Annex, Student Information Center, University Center, and Wellness Activity Center. The last day to drop off donations is December 14.

Food - Nonperishable food will be given to members of the CSUMB community in need and Peninsula Outreach, a Seaside-based homeless shelter.

Clothes - Children's and adult's clothing and shoes, and toiletries are needed for the Migrant Farmworking Project based in Soledad and the Monterey County Department of Social Services' Mobile Outreach Services Team (M.O.S.T.) The clothing and shoes may be used but should be in good condition.

Help the "Otter Realm"

The CSUMB newspaper will go from the "Ugly Duckling" model to a real, bonafied University newspaper next semester. While this first issue's focus in on the lighter side of life at CSUMB, the REAL CSUMB newspaper will include a question and answer section to help you get the information you need, articles by investigative reporters (maybe even you?) about almost everything and anything, human interest stories, etc, etc. Just picture it: pictures, graphics, articles with actual substance, and all of the news, information, and chat fit to print.

To make this paper a success, we need the participation of students, faculty, and staff. All those interested, make note! We will hold a meeting to discuss the future of the paper February 5 at noon in the Dining Commons, and for those who can't make that meeting, the same discussions will be held February 7 at 5:15, also in the Dining Commons. We'll also discuss what to name the paper (for now, it's being called "Otter Realm," a name born during a really serious sugar rush) and how best to develop and organize working groups of people interested in making the paper a success. So, whether you are a budding journalist, or just like to tell people what's up, come to one of the meetings set for February 5 or 7. In the meantime, we hope you enjoyed reading the Ugly Duckling version of your school newspaper.


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A Message from the Institute for Communications Science and Technology  by Dr. Robert van Spyk

Out first semester EVER was remarkably like giving birth. There was the agony, then the ecstasy of seeing it all come together. We were sore (from lifting computer equipment), needed lots of liquids (provided by Peter on Thursday after­noons), ample nourishment (provided by Steve during our looong faculty meetings), and barely got any sleep.

And, under Dean Jim May, it really did come together. When the demand for Tech Tools was unexpectedly high, Marsha Moroh used her magic wand to create twelve sections. Lynne Grewe assembled solid Imaging and Internet classes, and John Ittelson, lured under what he might now think of as false pretenses (nah, the workload is minimal...) from Chico, w - o - a - h! magic with classes and industry alike.

But what really pulled it together was our students. You want to use a lab? Sure you can, here are the boxes with computers - : s - a - m - e - h and put them together! You want to use software? OK, here it is for you to install and configure. And here is i - s - t - i - c - h - t - i - c problems that need to be solved, and of course we need brochures and Web pages... And so it went, with our students pulling together to create THEIR learning environment.

Industry, noticing this amazing progress, jumped in. We are becoming a SUNSITE as the core of our new GIS program, an Apple Technology Center, a Silicon Studio training site, and a significant SONY editing site. Next semester students, staff, and faculty will collaborate to fit all the technology pieces together to create what during the spring will turn out to be a Media Learning Complex and Technology Curriculum Center second to none in the CSU system!

A New Face at the SLI  by Michelle Slade

The Service Learning Institute is pleased to welcome its newest staff member, Carol Lasquade, as the assistant director of Service Learning. Carol has moved from Denver, Colorado, where she was the program coordinator of student support services at Metropolitan State College, to join the ever-growing CSUMB family.

Carol brings a wealth of experience with her. Just a few of her past experiences include serving as coordinator of the Summer Bridge Program at Metropolitan State College and program coordinator of the Upward Bound Program at Monterey Peninsula College.

To assist in making Service Learning experiences meaningful, Carol will be developing manuals and guides for faculty, students, and agencies involved in Service Learning courses. She will also implement CSUMB’s first Summer Leadership Program which involves a corps of 14 students in a 4-week curriculum that combines service and coursework which will enable the students to assume site liaison responsibilities for CSUMB service learning courses during the next academic year. (Keep your eyes open for more details to come regarding this exciting opportunity!)

Please join us in welcoming Carol to the CSUMB family. Feel free to stop by the Service Learning Institute to meet Carol. Her enthusiasm and energy is catching (which is great considering most of us need all the enthusiasm and energy we can get during the holiday season)!

Did you know...
...that the approximate number of e-mails sent by faculty and staff on a weekly basis is 12,600?
...that out of 360 campus bookstores nationwide, the CSUMB University Bookstore is the only one where clothing and gift items outsell books?
All members of the CSUMB community are cordially invited to the

Winter Holiday Celebration
December 16, 1995 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

at

The University Center (Pomeroy Hall)

R.S.V.P.

Please call to reserve your space at 408/582-3531 by December 13, 1995

Reggae Band will provide music 8-10 p.m.

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CSUMB Catalogs are still available!

Order fast!
Cost: $5.00 Students
       $8.00 General
(plus tax and postage if mailed)

Contact:

University Bookstore
100 Campus Center
Seaside, CA 93955-8001
408/883-1062

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Presidential Inaugural Visit T-Shirts still available to order through the CSUMB Bookstore for $12.50 (plus tax and shipping). Now's your chance to get your own commemorative item from CSUMB's Dedication Day.