The President's Column

(This is the second and final installation of excerpts from President Smith's first State of Our University Address given to the CSUMB staff and faculty January 19, 1996. Copies of Dr. Smith's speech are available through the University Advancement/Public Relations Office in Building 01.)

"The Commitment to Pluralism: "Creating and maintaining an ethic of pluralism requires an organizational attitude about diverse people, cultures, styles, and stories. Our commitment to pluralism must reach beyond the curriculum to our hiring, our daily interactions, and our willingness to learn from each other continuously. And it must be based on mutual respect tempered with generous portions of honesty and restraint. Typically, issues of diversity are discussed in the negative. Something happened. Something was said. A pattern is detected. What happens next, how we deal with the event, is what is important and difficult. Dealing positively with the negative and getting results must be the key to our learning here. Our environment must be open to disagreement and reward reconciliation and growth without punishment.

You have my commitment that continuing and strengthening the ethic of pluralism in our daily lives has my highest priority — for students as well as members of our working family, in our curriculum which proudly emphasizes global studies, service learning, and language and culture as requirements for life in the 21st century, in our hiring, and in our commitment to continuous renewal.

We have made an extraordinary start because people cared enough to work hard on this ethic. But like any other habit, it will weaken if we don't exercise it hard and regularly." (The next Otter Realm will have an original column from Dr. Smith.)

Newspaper Meetings

Newspaper will now meet twice a month on:

the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month (except during spring break)
at noon in the Dining Commons

If you are interested in getting involved, or are already actively participating in the Otter Realm, your attendance is mandatory. Assignments, deadlines, and crucial information will be given at these meetings.

The date for March is:

Wednesday, March 13

April the Otter Dies

We regret to report that April the otter died on February 16 due to complications in her pregnancy. The 5-year-old otter was rescued on a San Luis Obispo County beach in 1990 by the Monterey Bay Aquarium in 1990. She was returned to the bay after several weeks of rehabilitation. Four months ago April left the Monterey Bay and relocated at San Diego's Sea World.

April went into labor on Sunday, and gave birth to a stillborn pup on Monday. Although she had to be given round-the-clock care by animal care specialists, April died Friday morning due to a systemic infection related to the pregnancy. April's death touches us all, for she represented the otter in all of us.
Where in the Web Is.....?

By Marc J. Oehlman

OK, so your boredom has become terminal! You have wiped out all comers at foosball; the racquetball court has become your domain; Michael Jordan no longer returns your calls and that b-ball now gathers dust; and reruns of Jerry Springer are just not cutting it! What is a student to do? Ahhh, that computer there.. you know, the one that cost the equivalent of a new Yugo. There are gobs of stuff floating about out there, you just have to flip that switch, log on to Trumpet, then Netscape, and then...?

There are literally thousands of places to see and explore on the Net, and there is studying (ACK! sorry!). So here are five of our favorite web sites — ones that are not only interesting and perhaps educational, but fun and just plain different as well.

1. WHITEHOUSE.GOV: Our number one choice as it is an election year and with the TelCom bill which gives the government sweeping censorship powers! Become involved with the politics of this country! Let your elected officials know how you feel about whatever is on your mind! Remember, choose or lose!

2. APPLE.COM: For all of you Apple owners out there who want to know more or who wish to bash Bill Gates in a receptive arena, this is the place for technical and general information.

3. NETSCAPE SEARCH for computers: For the few, the proud, the PC owners, here is a general area where you can search for information that will suit your needs. Tech information, consumer warnings and gripes, everything you really don’t want to know, but are curious about anyway. Use the Netscape search engine and have the "all web pages" clicked on.

4. CDNOW.COM: Over 15,000 CDs from American rap to Zimbabwe reggae. There is industry news (re: gossip) and information available from all musical genre.

5. SUCK.COM: No, this is not what it sounds like, although it can be a bit lewd! Rather, it is a house of unrequited zings and zangs against everyone and everything. No one is safe here, and everyone is welcome here! Here is where you place your favorite peeve and critique your least favorite politico! You might even learn something!

I have cruised these sites, spending more time in some than in others, and will provide this disclaimer — there will be explicit language and references here and there, so if this bothers you, just turn the "channel."

Please send your contributions with a brief description if you want "your" site to be included in the next issue. Submission guidelines and address: we will not publish sites which are considered to be demeaning or derogatory of any race, gender, or cultural group — period! Send submissions to: marc_oehlman@otter.monterey.edu

New at the Library Learning Complex

Come and check out the changes in the Library Learning Complex. Most of our core print collection is now on the shelves. You can find materials using our new on-line catalog, Voyager. Books can be checked out, and although journal issues do not circulate, there is a self-service photocopy machine to make copies of articles.

Many other articles are available in full text through the library’s electronic database systems such as Expanded Academic Index, FirstSearch and Lexis/Nexis. If the articles you want are not available electronically or in the library, you can e-mail us your requests using our Electronic Document Delivery Form (located on the Library's Web page) and we can get them for you quickly and at no charge.

Need an introduction to how to use our electronic resources? There will be a series of hands-on workshops during March, covering our on-line catalog, periodical databases, Netscape, Web search engines, and much more. The dates for the workshops are:

Tuesdays
(March 5, 12, & 19) 3:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M.

Wednesdays
(March 6, 13, & 20) 10:00 A.M. -11:30 A.M.

Both will be located in Library Room 125.

Please register for the date and time of your choice, by sending an e-mail RSVP to Eddy Hogan at least three days in advance. eddy_hogan@monterey.edu.

Planet Otter...

in association with Monterey Institute of International Studies' Green Planet Club presents Rainforest expert Michael Marx. Michael Marx is the founder of Earth Nation, and was formerly with the Rainforest Action Network. He will present a multimedia presentation on:

Thursday March 14, 1996 at 7:00 P.M.
Irvine Auditorium
Monterey Institute of International Studies
499 Pierce Street, Monterey

Donations will be accepted at the door from adults, and children are free. For further information call Angel at 384-0562.
Deep Thoughts
By Tyanna Thayer

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it." - Unknown

"The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tides, and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire." - Tielhard de Chardin

"If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?" - Stephen Levine

"Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him." - Aldous Huxley

"This life is a test. It is only a test. Had it been an actual life, you would have received further instructions on where to go and what to do!" - Unknown

"Why is a "Lollypop" so called? In the northern part of England the word "lolly" means tongue. A lump of candy that you "pop" in your mouth onto your "tongue" is quite aptly called a lollypop." - Why do We Say It? (the book)

"The eyes believe themselves, the ears must listen to others." - Fortune Cookie

"If the people lead, the leaders will follow." - Peace Project

It's of Major Importance!!
By Beth Appenzeller

When you applied to CSUMB, the majors that were listed in the admission application were majors that are generic to the entire California State University system. As you know, CSUMB has many unique majors. Where else can you study teledramatic arts and technology?? While hanging out with students studying earth systems science and policy?

Okay, so you know that. (What is the point, you are asking...) It is very important that Admissions and Records has the correct major on file for you because degree requirements are linked to the year you declare your major. We will be sending you a FirstClass message asking you to declare your major. If you aren't a FirstClass 'junkie', then please stop by the Student Information Center, Building 21, and declare your major!

Service Opportunities.... Something for everyone!
Attention all animal lovers!
The SPCA of Monterey County serves to promote and educate people on animal welfare issues, wildlife rehabilitation, spay/neuter clinics, and animal adoption/placement. The SPCA currently has openings for animal companion volunteers. Duties include exercising, feeding, and grooming animals.

Do you like to work with children?
The Big Buddy Program of the Monterey Peninsula matches carefully screened adults one-on-one with children from single family and/or disadvantaged homes covering the Monterey Peninsula and surrounding areas. Big Buddies are in great demand. Interested volunteers must be willing to commit four hours per week to quality (not expensive) activities for their little buddies. Contact Michelle Slade at 582-3631 for information on all volunteer opportunities.

Take Note...
The student population at CSUMB is more diverse than any other CSU, except CSULA. Now that's reason to show Otter Pride!

Spotlight On Service
By Michelle Slade
Do you volunteer? Are you involved in tutoring others, helping the homeless, or teaching others to read? Do you or someone you know give valuable time to help others less fortunate? Do you know someone who is making a difference? If so, the Service Learning Institute would like to recognize students, staff, and faculty who are making a difference in the lives of others. Outstanding volunteers will be featured in the "Spotlight on Service" in each edition of the Otter Realm. If you would like the "good deed" of an outstanding volunteer recognized, pick up a nomination form from the Service Learning Institute.

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CSUMB Otter Realm
Newest Institute at CSUMB

By Leslie Davis

I am happy to introduce one of CSUMB’s newest institutes — the Institute for Career Exploration and Development. This Institute will provide career development opportunities to students, including on- and off- campus employment opportunities, on-line career exploration resources, job fairs, workshops, counseling, and advising. The Institute is located in the Student Services Office, Building 23.

All career service information will be posted on line as well as at the Institute. Look on line for on- and off-campus job listings, and for fair and workshop information. On line access is available via Netscape from the CSUMB Home Page. Brochures on how to access our on-line services are available at the Library, Student Information, Media Learning Complex, and Student Services.

In our "Career Room" in Building 23, we have binders of the same job listings that you can view on-line such as on-campus jobs, part-time positions, and international employment opportunities. We also have a binder full of summer job announcements with information sheets and applications, non-university sponsored internships, and career exploration resources. Come check it out!

For more information, please call Leslie Davis at 583-4070 at the Institute for Career Exploration and Development.

Summer Job Fair!

Meet and interview with employers from over 30 resorts, summer camps and local businesses about summer job opportunities.

Interviews will be held on site by interested employers, so bring your resume and come prepared!

Preparation! Preparation!

Wednesday, March 13, 1996

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

At the Campus Center

(in Dining Commons and Bookstore)

Minute Interviews

By Frankie Yourgulz

These minute interviews feature a question(s) that is asked around campus, and different responses from students, staff, and faculty. This month the questions were: "What do you like about CSUMB?" and "If you could change something, what would that change be?"

Here are some of the responses received.

"I like that there are not that many students. If I could change something, I would change the color of the buildings."
- Biatriz Regalado, Student

"I really like the community and that people are working to create a comfortable living situation for students of different ages and backgrounds and the shared community feeling in the neighborhoods. I would like to see students and faculty working together more often, both in and out of class."
- Sara McClellan, Student

"I like the fact that I can design my own learning experience (major), and the emphasis on doing community service. If I could change something, I would change the cultural make-up of the student body."
- Devena Wilson, Student

"I like the fact that it's new, its vision is innovative and we have an extraordinary faculty and students. I think we need to develop public activities and work on increasing the multiculturalism of the student body."
- Rina Benmayor, Faculty

"I like the fact that anything is possible, and we have the opportunity to open the door anywhere we want to. I would change the landscaping to have more trees, flowers, etc."
- Felix Benitz, Student

March 1996
Outstanding Students of CSUMB

A big congratulations goes out to three CSUMB students whose papers have been accepted by NCUR-10. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, NCUR, is a forum for faculty to discuss the curriculum in undergraduate research. At the first conference, 15-20 faculty met together and shared ideas about student research. Out of that group a national board was assembled, the NCUR Board of Governors. While the earliest NCUR faculty gatherings were small and informal, NCUR now boasts the Undergraduate Research Network, which offers sessions for faculty development in undergraduate research. This national conference on undergraduate research is a forum for students to give presentations and performances, and display artwork about their undergraduate research projects.

Three CSUMB students, Deborah Ann LaBarbera, Gregory R. Balza, and Tamie M. Aceves, are among the privileged students chosen to present at the NCUR-10 Conference in North Carolina in April. Tamie, a CSUMB junior, has focused her research on the children of central California coast migrant workers, particularly those attending CSUMB. Tami points out "the reason the research projects were able to take place is due to our project-based learning labs at CSUMB." Gregory, also a junior, has based his research project on homelessness, and gained much of his insight by volunteering at "Dorothy's Kitchen" where he not only helps serve food to the homeless, but interacts with them in the hope of better understanding their lives. Gregory's goal for this project is to "dispel myths about the homeless and encourage people to become more involved."

Deborah, a CSUMB senior, is researching polyamorous virtual communities on the Internet. These are communities that have developed online, such as our own FirstClass system. "I am studying to see if the norms and values of such an alternative lifestyle are comparable to those of the family unit as we know it." Deborah appreciates the access she has to the Internet provided by CSUMB, as it is a big advantage in completing her research project. Research of this sort is timely and requires a lot of work. We wish all three CSUMB students lots of luck and support on their venture to North Carolina in April!

Want to Get in Touch with Your Spiritual Side?
By Giovanna Billotti

Many students have expressed to me the desire to come together in a spiritual setting that is nondiscriminating and open to everyone. I am currently trying to organize exactly that. I am working on establishing a Newman Catholic Community on our campus using the basic format already established on other UC and CSU campuses.

This establishment will provide a positive opportunity for us to bond. A community of this sort will provide a place where all students are free to come together or individually, to share, learn, and express their faiths or religious beliefs. This is by no means exclusively for Catholics. Some of the services include quiet time to meditate, formal services, bible study, counseling, leadership seminars, or just socializing. This will be a strong beginning in building a faith community on our campus.

I look forward to hearing from students who are interested and supportive. Please e-mail me with your name and phone number. I will keep you up to date on our progress.

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Michelle Wiskel hard at work!
City Council Meetings

Did you know that attending a City Council meeting is a great way to become informed about what is happening in surrounding communities, and a platform to voice your own questions and concerns. They are open to the general public, and everyone is welcome to attend. The following is a list of the dates, times, and locations, for Marina, Monterey, Salinas, and Seaside City Council meetings. For more listings contact Holly White at 582-3653.

Marina: Marina City Hall
211 Hillcrest Avenue
Marina, CA  93933
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers

Monterey: Monterey City Hall
Pacific and Madison
Monterey, CA  93940
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 4:00 P.M. in Council Chambers

Salinas: Salinas City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA  93901
Meets the first three Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. in Council Chamber Rotunda

Seaside: Seaside City Hall
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA  93955-0810
Meets 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers

Wellness Updates

By Matt Kritscher

• A racquetball team league, competitive ladder and challenge court games, are beginning this week starting with the challenge court duels on Friday nights from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. at the WAC. Marc Oehlman is the coordinator and may be reached at 883-2542.

• Volleyball League Intramurals have started up in the WAC starting March 5 on Tuesday nights 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Don Golden is the coordinator and may be reached at 384-5256. Entry deadline was Feb. 27 for teams wanting to play in the league. (Whoops!)

• Open play soccer will continue on Saturdays at 2:00 P.M. at the field across from Bunker Hill Drive in Fredericks Park and an organized league is in the works. Aaron Farley coordinates the open play on Saturdays and may be reached at the WAC at 582-3716.

Financial Aid Bulletin

By Dina Brown

Do you need financial aid to continue school? The financial aid forms for 1996-97 are available now! Don't delay. Due to limited funds in certain areas, to receive the best financial aid awards you must have completed and mailed this form by March 2. Applications turned in after March 2 will still be accepted. See the Financial Aid Office or the Student Information Center for more details.

***Don't forget, you must file a financial aid application every year!!***
Earth Day Comes To CSUMB!
Mark your calendars! April 23 is Earth Day! The Watershed Ecology Outreach Program, the Service Learning Institute, the Planet Otter Club and the Wellness Activity Center are combining efforts to host local high school students and children from the Seaside Boys and Girls Club for a day of environmental activities on campus. Volunteers are encouraged and appreciated. For more information, please contact Laura Lee Lienk at 582-3689.

Watershed Institute Restoration Events
The Watershed Institute is planning several community and K-12 school habitat restoration events and would like to invite all CSUMB students, faculty, and staff to participate. For more information, call the Watershed Institute at 582-3685/3689.

Restoration Workday: Saturday, March 2, 1996 at 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge-Iceplant Pulling and Planting Party.

Restoration Planting: Thursday, March 7, 1996 at 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (lunch included)
Student Planting Day at Natividad Creek Park.

Restoration Event: Saturday, April 13, 1996 at 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
High School Restoration Symposium at CSUMB

Restoration Planting: Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
National Youth Serve and Learn Day at CSUMB/Earth Day on Campus"Send a Plant to College" Restoration Planting

Watershed Institute Receiving Community Assistance
The Watershed Institute is receiving community assistance in the form of many hours of volunteer labor from a group of developmentally disabled adults. Headed by MPUSD teacher Bill Klein, small groups of the developmentally challenged adults will travel to campus by public transit and then go on to work in the greenhouses of the Watershed Institute or in the Institute's other restoration sites on campus. Also working with Mr. Klein and the group is service learning student Suzi Porter. If you see these folk on campus, bid them a friendly hello!
**List of Activities for March**  
(for details of these events call Dina Brown at 582-3616)

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| 2 P.M.             |      | Open Soccer                                  |
| March 17, Sunday   | •     | St. Patrick's Day                            |
| March 18, Monday   | Noon  | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 7 P.M.             |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 19, Tuesday  | Noon  | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 20, Wednesday | • | First Day of Spring                          |
| Noon               |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 7 P.M.             |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 21, Thursday | Noon  | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| Noon               |      | Student Voice Meeting                        |
| 7 P.M.             |      | Alcohols Anonymous                           |
| March 22, Friday   | Noon  | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 5 P.M.             |      | Open Ultimate Frisbee                        |
| 5 P.M.             |      | Organized Volleyball Workout for Advanced Players |
| March 23, Saturday | 9 A.M. | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 2 P.M.             |      | Open Soccer                                  |

| March 24, Sunday  | •     | Eating on the Run                            |

| March 25, Monday  | •     | SPRING RECESS                                |
| Noon             |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 7 P.M.           |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 26, Tuesday | •     | SPRING RECESS                                |
| Noon             |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 27, Wednesday | • | SPRING RECESS                                |
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| March 28, Thursday | • | SPRING RECESS                                |
| Noon           |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 7 P.M.         |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| March 29, Friday | •     | SPRING RECESS                                |
| Noon          |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 5 P.M.        |      | Open Ultimate Frisbee                        |
| 5 P.M.        |      | Organized Volleyball Workout for Advanced Players |
| March 30, Saturday | • | SPRING RECESS                                |
| Noon          |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 9 A.M.        |      | Open Basketball (WAC)                        |
| 2 P.M.        |      | Open Soccer                                  |

**Attention Ski Junkies**

For all of you snow lovers, there is a ski trip to Lake Tahoe on March 22-24 for $165 per person. This price includes transportation, lodging, and lift tickets. There are also family discounts available and free rental of ski equipment is provided by the outdoor recreation center. You can sign up at the WAC or call the outdoor recreation center at 242-5506. There are also one day ski trips on March 16 and April 6 available for $59 for adults and $18 for children. The trip includes van transportation, all day lift tickets, skis, boots, and poles. For first timers, lessons are available for an additional $10. It offers both alpine and cross country skiing. To make arrangements call 242-5506.

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Tony Burciaga giving one of the keynote speeches at the grand opening of the Library Learning Complex.

Brian Lamb, founder of C-SPAN, and Tony Burciaga, writer and poet, were the keynote speakers at the grand opening of the Library Learning Complex February 20. Despite the rainy weather, about 350 people from the CSUMB community and local communities attended.