By M. J. Oehlman

Set in the heart of the Central Coast agricultural community, CSUMB warmly received United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta on Tuesday, December 2nd at the CSUMB Meeting House. Sponsored by the Arts, Human Communication and Creative Technologies Center as part of the Multi-Cultural Speaker Series, this event was also co-sponsored by MECHA and Student Voice.

Dolores Huerta co-founded the UFW with Cesar Chavez in 1962, and directed the grape boycott of 1970 which resulted in the first collective bargaining agreement for farm workers in California. As one of the UFW’s most visible symbols, she is continually traveling the country delivering speeches, holding rallies, lobbying lawmakers and, in short, nurturing the cause she helped establish. Inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 1993, she also received the ACLU’s Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award in that same year.

As part of the ongoing efforts to organize strawberry workers and battle the use of methyl bromide and other pesticides, the UFW is engaging in a massive campaign to garner support for the underrepresented agricultural workers nationwide. Fighting anti-union tactics which are reminiscent of the earliest days of farm labor organization, the UFW is trying to reap the same benefits that collective bargaining has brought workers in the mushroom, wine grape, and rose industries for the roughly 20,000 under-represented strawberry workers in the state.

The parent organization of the UFW, the AFL-CIO, has pledged to pump “millions”, according to Time magazine (November 25, 1996), as that organization reconstitutes its broad effort to become a visible and more proactive union for the traditionally under-represented worker. The UFW is the nation’s fastest growing union, and has set its sights directly on the California strawberry industry, an industry controlled for the most part by eight corporations, including local corporations Driscoll and WellPict.

Some headway has been made, with agreements between the UFW and the Safeway grocery chain. Along with Safeway, the nation’s second largest grocery chain, Lucky, Ralph’s and A&P grocery chains have agreed to act as a watchdog over growers and suppliers treatment of their field workers. Combined, these three companies operate over 2,200 markets nationwide. While none are bound by a contract, or are even required to display written terms of their agreement with the UFW in their stores, the fact that the UFW has gained this form of recognition which they have not had in decades is considered to be monumental in the struggle to organize farm labor.

An agreement between Coastal Berry Co., formerly known as Garigiulo Inc., a subsidiary of Monsanto Corporation, to allow its roughly 1,500 seasonal workers to organize if they so choose was also reached. Coastal produces 15% of the nation’s strawberries and has agreed to bargain in good faith with the UFW if the workers indeed unionize.

Dolores Huerta’s talk was directly connected with the local drive to organize strawberry workers and the effort to have their grievances addressed. The strawberry workers and UFW seek five basic and simple rights: a living wage; clean drinking water and bathrooms in the fields; job security; health insurance; and an end to sexual harassment and other abuses.

For more information on the UFW and the Strawberry Workers Campaign, call the UFW at 408-763-4820, visit their web site at http://www.ufw.org or contact Mary Caballero-Martinez here at CSUMB via First Class.
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Well, it's December, and of course that means Christmas is almost here, as well as my girlfriend's birthday, both of which are traumatic events on par with, say, the sinking of the Titanic. Of course, those misfortunes on the Titanic did not have to deal with the nuances of fashionable gift giving, much less the lines at Lucky's during Thanksgiving week (hint to Lucky managers- 16 people in line is a civil upris-ing)! Of course, I hear the lines at the lifeboats were not a laughing matter either. But back to my point, which is, basically speaking, I am troubled and I find gift buy-ing, well... troublesome.

Gift-giving from a man's perspective is as dangerous as trying to figure out your ULR's (University Learning Requirements to the uninitiated), Unreasonable Learning Requirements to the initiated) by yourself. I still can't understand why my assessment for a foreign language was denied (Scottish, Australian, and Canadian)! Anyway, gift-giving is dangerous to the inexperienced, and well, I am all of that and more. So, if you must buy something for your wife or girlfriend, heed these words of wisdom: USE CAUTION!

Buying a woman something useful or practical is just not allowed under any circumstances! Women's Rules, Article 6, Section 7, Paragraph 13, Line 6.2 CLEARLY states that: "if a man so much as looks at a vacuum cleaner, dishwasher, or any other household appliance or convenience that you might have to use in what might be considered anything close to manual labor, weight loss or figure reduction... you have the right to scream, withhold snugglebunnies, and tell all your friends what a cheap, insignificant, and uncaring #$%^ man you are, or worse!"

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Wanted! A Few Good Bodies!

By The Overworked Otter Realm Staff

As the spring semester looms before us, we here at the Otter Realm are preparing to really move into our "new digs" Yes, it's true! We will get our very own form, army barracks-- and we can't wait! No more crowded staff meetings with one desk and two chairs in a cubicle that would make a hamster claustrophobic! We even have two computers!

With all this expansion going on, we are now recruiting for staff positions for the spring semester. Positions include photographer, advertising, copy editing, graphic arts, sales, general office, and of course, reporting. Some editorial position will also be available, and may be applied for by submitting a resume to Editor Jennifer Wilson at the Otter Realm office. For those interested in marketing, public relations, consulting or journalism, bylines and production credits look great on a resume!

For those needing credit, there are two classes which will be offered through Human Communications. One is HCOM 386, News Writing. This course is designed to help acquire the skills needed for writing in mass media. Concepts including interviewing, information gathering, ethics, and understanding news sources and will be taught in a combination lecture/lab environment with the Otter Realm serving as the lab portion. The second class is HCOM 387, Media Production. It is blandly a desktop publishing course involving Quark Express. Principles of layout, design and production of newsletters to newspapers to magazines will be covered. This course also will involve the Otter Realm.

Both classes are four units each, and are taught by Professor Raul Reis. For those who cannot make these classes, the option also exists for an independent study. Of course you can work for the Otter Realm for absolutely nothing as well! All we require is attention to those pesky deadlines and a responsible work ethic. Those interested in an independent study or who want to be involved with the Otter Realm should contact Jennifer Wilson at 582-4066 for more information.
Commencement Week Planning Has Begun!

By Ted Benbow

Representatives from the various divisions of campus, including two members of the Student Voice Board of Directors, met on Friday, November 21, to begin the planning for CSUMB's second graduation ceremony. The committee began exploring issues surrounding venues, activities, and planning processes needed to bring this exciting event together.

One of the hottest topics is the need to identify a keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony. Last year, CSUMB was honored to have Leon Panetta give the keynote address. Panetta was instrumental in the establishment of CSUMB on the former Fort Ord and currently serves as both a special consultant to the CSU administration and as an instructor here on campus.

This year, the Commencement Committee is interested in receiving input from graduating seniors. The Committee would like to have suggestions for speakers whose work reflects the core values of CSUMB's vision. Some initial ideas have included: Al Gore, Jimmy Carter, Maya Angelou, and Edward James Olmos. Student submissions should indicate the name of the suggested candidate, along with a brief description of why they would be the best choice. Please direct input to "Commencement" on FirstClass.

Do you know your RHA Board?

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) Board is a group of students from the residence halls who act as a voice for the students. So far this year, they have dealt with issues such as the naming of the residence halls, the lock down process, and the problems with the Dining Commons. The RHA Board consists of two board members per residence hall. The RHA board is not similar to the RA position. The RHA Representatives are here to represent the voice of the students in many issues with this campus. If you would like your voice to be heard, contact your RHA Representative. You may also contact the RHA Board Chair, Chris Stabler, or the RHA Vice-Chair, Scott Miller.

Monterey Symphony Offers TREATSEATS Discounts

By Otter Realm Staff

The Monterey County Symphony is now participating in the TREATSEATS program operated by Target and Mervyns stores. Discounts are given in the economy unreserved sections for the Carmel concerts (unreserved seating without TREATSEATS is $18) and the unreserved balcony section for the Salinas concerts (unreserved seating without TREATSEATS is $15). The two-for-one admission is valid with one full paid admission price. Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to each concert.

You can redeem the TREATSEATS coupons by purchasing tickets in person at the symphony office at Sunset Center, Room 7, Carmel. You can also purchase tickets one hour prior to the performances at the venue box office, or mail payment with TREATSEAT coupon. One coupon is required for each two-for-one discount admission purchased. Tickets are subject to availability and not valid with other discounts.

To receive a season brochure, or for more information, call the Monterey County Symphony at 624-8511.

Look for TREATSEAT displays in local Mervyns and Target stores to get your discount coupons which offer two-for-the-price-of-one admission discounts for the following performances:

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Winter Residency

By DeBorah Gadson

During the winter break, the Residence Halls will be open. Students wishing to stay during the winter may do so; however, they need to let Jerome Maese, the Residential Life Coordinator know what their plans are. Jerome voiced that there was a high demand from the students to stay during the winter and he is trying his best to accommodate them. During the winter break, there will not be regular RA duties, so things such as lock outs will take a little longer to respond to. Because of the necessary inspections of unoccupied rooms, it is most important that you communicate with Jerome as soon as possible exactly what your plans are and if you are going to be staying in the same room or not. There will also be floor meetings to answer any questions students may have. You may reach Jerome at 583-5865.
Parents Club
Taking Half-time
By DeBorah Gadson
The Parents Club is up and rolling. They had their first official meeting where they elected club officers. Some of the items discussed on the agenda: alternative child care for those CSUMB students whose children can not attend the campus, as well as a Kwanzaa celebration. The newly elected ASU president, Vashone Huff says, “It’s a start and we know we have a lot of building to do, but everyone involved has a good attitude and their spirits are high. I expect good things from the club.” The ASU is also making plans to work with the Multi-Cultural Club on some events in the future. The president of the Multi-Cultural Club, Kempton John, feels, “very positive and strong about both clubs collaborating and shaking this campus up. As clubs, we both want the same things as far as diversity, recruitment, and camps. Our events are a key to breaking the range of ethnicity.” Some of the events in the future which we are to bring more artists to the campus, as well as a Kwanzaa celebration.

All in the Family
By DeBorah Gadson
All in the Family is the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance (LGBTA) at CSUMB. They are here to help create a positive environment conducive to the well-being of the CSUMB campus community and the surrounding communities. Membership is open to faculty, students, staff, and their friends at CSUMB. They welcome diverse life experiences and viewpoints and we respect the confidentiality of members due to the sensitive nature of sexuality and gender identity issues.

In the past they have staffed safe sex booths at school events, raised money for and attended San Francisco’s annual AIDS Dance-a-thon, and sponsored a retreat at which they participated and facilitated workshops addressing issues of internalized oppression and ally development. Future plans include continued activism for safe sex and AIDS awareness, mediated discussions on society and sexuality, participation on “queer panels”, development of relations with other local LGBTA’s and continued support for CSUMB community members.

They meet weekly—the first Wednesday of the month at 12:15 in the BBC and Tuesdays at 7:00 the rest of the month. Meeting announcements are posted to the conference folder on First Class. Visit their web page at: http://www.monterey.edu/students/cocciacorinnea/world/lgba.html and you may e-mail Michelle Gan or Corinne Coccia with any questions.

United Overhaul
By Otter Realm Staff
The electric eels are a student organization on campus where students with a background in electricity can acquire, express, and utilize their ideas. E2 is also a student chapter for IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and for ACM (Association of Computing Machinery). They meet on the 1st and 3rd Wed of every month, (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and for ACM (Association of Computing Machinery). They meet on the 1st and 3rd Wed of every month, Saturdays at 11:30 PM in the Foundation BBC, (which is a part of the Foundation United Overhaul). BO$$ usually meets in the BBC on Mondays at 9:30, Thursday from 6:30-PM and Thursday from 1:30 until 5:00. All members of the CSUMB community, whether student, faculty, or staff, are invited to come check out the action!

Modern fencing is an extension of the duelist era that occurred in France and Italy around the late 18th century. From those beginnings, the weapons of foil and epee evolved. Saber evolved as a counterpart to the cavalry system of fighting with sword from horseback. Fencing emphasizes flexibility, precision, timing, strength, and speed. Due to the style of footwork that is used, it is low impact. Fencing has a major advantage over other sports in that, since precision and timing are the major components of it, there is a level playing field for everyone (in other words, the triathletes and football players do NOT have an advantage). Men and women are at the same level, and routinely compete against each other.

For more information, please contact Joel Kaufman via e-mail or at 657-0802.
Otter Volleyball Athletes Take Cal Pac Honors

By Mary Ann Rinehart

Their names didn’t flash across a scoreboard in lights and just a handful of fans cheered them on as they represented CSUMB this semester but self motivation and the love of the game guided Kari Benard and Katya Kushnir into the volleyball winners’ circle of the California Pacific Conference.

Benard, a freshman from Lucerne Valley, Calif., was named to the 1997 Cal Pac All-Conference Women’s Volleyball Second Team. Kushnir, a senior from Visalia, Calif., received the 1997 Cal Pac All-Conference Women’s Volleyball Team Honorable Mention.

CSUMB team captain Kushnir, who also received Cal Pac honors in 1996, was pleased with CSUMB’s improvement and performance on the court in 1997.

“All of us came together as a team and executed some great plays,” Kushnir said. “We had a lot more talent this year.”

Benard, a middle hitter and blocker, saw a lot of playing time under the watchful eye of CSUMB volleyball coach Denise Castro.

“I didn’t expect that much playing time as a freshman,” Benard said. “But the honor of being on a second team my freshman year is one of the most exciting things in my life. I never expected it.”

Also twice recognized as setter of the week in the conference, Kushnir hopes that the honors extended to her and Benard will heighten awareness of the volleyball program at CSUMB. She and Benard believe other schools and players are noticing the Otter athletes.

“Other teams know they can’t just walk all over us,” Benard said. “I think we could have beaten every team we played this year but lost it mentally or emotionally.”

As the women’s volleyball team continues to build its pool of talent and playing record, the team will send off four seniors this year. Kushnir, Leslie Matlack, Sandy Lazzaroni and Brittany Ulrickson will graduate or complete playing eligibility. Although the team will lose four talented members, they have a strong setter (Carli Young) waiting in the wings and tough defense to carry them into next season. In addition to talent on the court, however, these volleyball Otters are hoping for additional support off the court.

“The fans were pretty quiet at our games,” Benard said. “The students want the teams to win but we need the school behind us. The last game of the season was great.”

Having a school behind you cheering you keeps the team together and keeps us pumped. You want to put on a good show and give it all. You want to ‘give it your all’ all the time but the fans can make a big difference.”

Kushnir also recognizes the difference of support on campus. After playing high school volleyball at Redwood High School, she played volleyball at a junior college for two years. At the College of the Sequoias, volleyball games provided a setting not only for the wellness of athletics, but served as a venue for the community to converge and interact on campus.

“People just didn’t show up for a final game,” Kushnir said. “They supported us all season. We had serving competitions between games and had a D.J. and it was a big deal with all the coaches, the athletic director and faculty. The community was really involved.”

Kushnir will take her honors with her when she graduates but Benard will carry them into next season. In addition to talent on the court, however, these volleyball Otters are hoping for additional support off the court.

The volleyball Otters continue to recruit more seasons. According to Benard, collegiate women don’t have to be star athletes to make the team. “To me, athletics is the greatest thing for a student,” Benard said. “If I fall behind I can’t play. I have to keep up my grades. Denise can show anyone how to play. She’s a great coach,” Benard said. “If a student wants to play volleyball, she has to have dedication and a desire to play and will be an asset to the team.”

Runs Host Turkey Trot & College Invitational on CSUMB Campus

By Mary Ann Rinehart

The CSUMB Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Team hosted the inaugural CSUMB Turkey Trot and College Invitational on campus November 16. Sponsored in part by Big Sur Water, Monterey Produce, Monte Mart, Lucky’s -Marina and the Fremont Street Safeway in Monterey, the event generated funds to help the cross country team in its travel and training endeavors.

Participants included 38 runners who tackled the challenging 4.8-mile course, which included 40 percent trails. Alex Peterson of Marina won the inaugural Turkey Trot with an impressive 28:34 finish. Annie Conneau of Carmel Valley finished first among women with a time of 35:02.

“The course was pretty challenging,” said local runner Lisa Storm of Salinas. Storm finished first in the women’s 30-39 age group and won a drawing for a turkey at the post-race awards ceremony.

Pierre Delfause of Carmel was the lone entry in the 80+ age group and as the tunes of vintage Tom Petty echoed over the loud-speaker system, Delfause crossed the finish line at 1:02:43 and drew cheers from spectators and fellow runners.

In the collegiate division, CSUMB’s Erik Uppman finished first at 34:35 while Renee Hoebel took the women’s honors with a 37:04 finish.

Photo by Mary Ann Rinehart
Alex Peterson of Marina cools down after winning the inaugural CSUMB Turkey Trot.
Coach's Corner

On the field with CSUMB Soccer Coach Hector Uribe

By Mary Ann Rinehart with Hector Uribe

CSUMB Soccer Coach Hector Uribe recently wrapped up the university's inaugural varsity soccer season. Coach Uribe holds a United States Soccer Federation "A" license and is a California Youth Soccer Association Staff Instructor. Uribe played collegiate soccer at Divisions, I, II and III, earning varsity status for All-League in all three divisions. A two-time All-American, Uribe graduated from CSU San Bernardino (B.S.) in 1992 and CSU Sacramento (M.S.) in 1994 and has coached competitive soccer for the past two years.

The Otters posted an 8-6 final record, scoring a total of 44 goals. Here's an overview of CSUMB soccer from Coach Uribe's corner.

Q: As a new sport on campus this semester, what were your expectations of the inaugural season?
A: When I was first hired, winning wasn't an expectation in the interview. We knew we were going to win at least one game last year, but I can't say anyone expected what the boys were able to do.

Q: How much time did you have to prepare your team for the season?
A: I was hired just about three weeks before our first game and I moved here a week and a half before the season started.

Q: What did you experience when you first arrived at CSUMB?
A: Working for a lady like Bobbi (Bonace, CSUMB Head of Athletics) is incredible. She's been 100 percent behind me since the day I was hired. It makes the job of a rookie coach a lot easier. She is one of the most caring, respected athletic administrators I've ever seen.

Q: Is winning a vital part of your coaching?
A: Teaching players how to play the game fundamentally sound is my focus and through that winning comes. When people play for me, they can say they've learned something from me and enjoyed themselves in the process.

Q: In your opinion, what's the reaction of your team after turning in a winning season?
A: I have my team's support. We have a very young team and one of the biggest concerns of the students is if I will be here next year. I am very committed to the school and my wife (Catherine) is very supportive. Coming here was tough because I didn't know anybody. I moved here from Davis where my wife is completing her Ph.D. She probably won't be able to join me here for another year and a half. She has asked me if this is where I want to be and if this is where I want to dedicate my coaching profession. It is.

Q: What kept your students motivated this season?
A: Everybody on my team is very dedicated to education. Some students asked to be excused from practices for projects in field service. They understand that playing soccer is second to their education. We play with the ultimate goal that the athletes leave the university with a degree.

Q: What was the season highlight for you as founding coach of the team?
A: The highlight was how the team finished their last game at home. For all the effort they put in all season, they saved the best for last with a 7-0 victory in front of probably our largest crowd. That team (Cal. Maritime Academy) had beaten us 1-0 in overtime earlier in the season. That team (Cal. Maritime Academy) had beaten us 1-0 in overtime earlier in the season.

Q: How will you take the soccer program to the next level at CSUMB?
A: We need to be more skilled technically. Team chemistry is also important. Our incoming freshmen will bring to the team the importance of how vital the technical skills are in today's soccer. Players need to have a sound understanding of the fundamentals of the game and to have the tactical awareness during games. They need to be able to read the game and to take advantage of the opponents' weaknesses.

Q: When will you begin your next phase of CSUMB Soccer's future and what can Otter Soccer fans expect next year?
A: We haven't even started recruiting and I have 15-20 interested in coming to the university. Freshmen have e-mailed me and I have received about 10 resumes. I'd like more time with our players in the off-season to develop their skills. We hope to start spring soccer with the boys. That has to be approved by Dr. Bonace and whatever she says goes. That may not happen until March. We can encourage the athletes to go join an adult team. Winning eight games took a lot of dedication. These students love the school and it's a relaxed group that gave me 100 percent. We have a lot of interest and a lot of returning players and you'll see a strong team again next year.

Turkey Scores

FEMALES: OPEN
1st Over-All: Alex Petersen, Marina 28:34
2nd Over-All: Adam Garbanzo, Salinas 30:12
3rd Over-All: Steven Skaggs, Monterey 31:07

MALES: OPEN
1st Over-All: Erik Uppman, CSUMB 34:35
2nd Over-All: Renee Hoebel, CSUMB 37:04
3rd Over-All: Jade Harper, Monterey 39:38

COLLEGIATE MALE WINNER: Erik Uppman, CSUMB 34:35
COLLEGIATE FEMALE WINNER: Renee Hoebel, CSUMB 37:04

Top: Levi Hanzel-Sello rules the field for CSUMB. Photograph by Steve Zmak.
Center: CSUMB Soccer Coach Hector Uribe looks forward to working with CSUMB student athletes to build the university's soccer program. Photo by Mary Ann Rinehart.
Peter’s Party

By DeBorah Gadson

Peter’s Party is every Thursday, from 4:30 - 6:00, in the BBC. Peter who? Why a party? Peter Smith, our President, told me the history of how this party (which somehow unknown to him received his namesake) came to be. Before the students were here at CSUMB, the staff was working very hard and there was no time for enjoyment. So Peter Smith, as far back as March 2, 1995, would go out on Thursday afternoons, pick up a few bags of potato chips, coke, beer and wine and put these out on the conference table. A message would go out on the internet for everyone to come on down.

The staff would get off work a little early and get together for an hour or so and just hang out. When students came, and for by the individual. It seemed that the same few people showed up, and when someone new did show up they felt a little bit excluded.

Today, it is much like a lounge where everyone is welcomed and everyone is invited. There is no meeting table, agenda or formalities just a time to be available.

Peter Smith said, “My commitment is that if I am in town, I am going to be there. It’s not exclusive, it’s not inclusive, it isn’t about anything. It’s just a place to be.” And he states that “It’s going to be there every week while the university is in session.”

Peter Smith and Student Voice are very interested in what works. It is okay to be at Peter’s Party and not be a part of “that.” It’s just open time where student, faculty and staff can all “be.” It is Peter’s Smith’s desire that some form of Peter’s Party would become a part of CSUMB custom.

Home Sweet Housing Assignments

By DeBorah Gadson

In late February, Housing and Residential Life is setting up what they are calling “Assignment Week” as a way for students to reserve their unit for the Spring 1998 school year. Many are thinking, “Why so early in the year?” Tulia Cobain-Garcia, the Assignment Analyst, has this comment, “We are trying to get a systematic way for students to reserve their units for next year. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to make a reservation at the same time.” Assignment Week will be February 23 thru 27. Here is how it will work. One the first two days of this week (23 & 24) those students who want to keep their same room or same apartment would come to housing and turn in their interest card. That’s it. If for some reason you can not come in person, then you may send someone else in with your card and a letter stating you want the same unit.

The third day of this week is changes that you may want to make, for instances, same area or building (Frederick’s 1, Residence Hall 202, etc.) but different street or the same area or building (Frederick’s 1, Residence Hall 202, etc.) but different street or same unit. Peter’s Party would become a part of CSUMB custom.

If you haven’t already, you will be receiving a Housing Assignment letter and interest card. There will be an opportunity to meet with your Residential Advisors to further help with any questions you may have.

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Let's Resolve This

Editorial by M. J. Oehlman

Seems as this has been the year for student/university conflicts, and I suppose that must be normal. With such a small enrollment, however, it seems that our per capita rate of conflict per student is higher than the norm. While some issues have been resolved amicably, there have been several instances, some of which are continuing, that require the services of a full-time ombudsperson.

Realizing of course that CSUMB is new and that finances are scarce, that a full-time person in this position might be considered a luxury to many, I would beg to differ. Considering the fact that we are new and evolving, that many services are lacking, and that there is no fluidity or cohesiveness in this university experience to this date, it is a reality that conflicts will occur. Unfortunately, some of these conflicts have reached the stage where talk of attorneys and lawsuits have become prevalent. There is no doubt that this is counter-productive to all concerned.

Technically speaking, CSUMB does have a person in this position: Ardith Tregenza. Unfortunately, she also serves several other administrative functions, thereby exposing a clear and direct conflict of interest. As stated before, this situation has occurred from a simple lack of budget to recruit and place someone independently in this position. This does not absolve the university from responsibility, however.

There have been and continue to be issues between students and the university which have deteriorated to the level of stony silence. Case in point: there is a student who has had difficulties with housing. The issue has ballooned to such a state, due to non-payment of alleged back rent, that the student sought legal advice. Without taking sides, all parties have committed errors in judgement, the fact remains that there is no mediation available for this dispute as those administration officials involved in this particular case have been instructed by the CSU attorney not to communicate with the student as the threat of legal action is supposed.

This is unfortunate and, simply put, a grievous error. Not only is there no option for redress by the student to an impartial board which, I might add, has no students (peers) on it, but in addition, it is contrary to what this university is supposed to stand for: equality, fairness, equal protection under the law, etc. It's time for people to step back from their adversarial positions, to look what it is that is wrong, and take steps in concert to solve these issues. In the short term, that is the only way these problems can be solved.

Yet it is the long term which must be taken into account and, to this view, the university must make a priority of incorporating a truly independent mediator as well as a fair system of hearing student/administration disputes which involve the peers of all interested parties. It would be naive to say that disputes will not occur in the future. It is more than likely that they will increase as the student population grows - a growth that might possibly be faster than the university can handle.

Perhaps all parties involved should take Dr. Debian Marty's class in Cooperative Argumentation - the task of not finding out who is right or wrong, but the task of fixing what is wrong. It's way too early to be calling each other names and pointing fingers in this young life of CSUMB, and it is way too early for CSUMB to start throwing temper tantrums. It is time we grow up and listen to what we teach.

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Proposition 187

By Chris Horton

A recent e-mail sent by Guillermo Ceja Jr. stated that "Today (November 17th) Judge Marianna Pfaelzer from the Federal District Court in Los Angeles, struck down each of the core provisions of Proposition 187 as unconstitutional, based upon the Congressional Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996".

Most liberal organizations agree that it is wrong to hire immigrants to work for us and then turn their children away from school. According to the Sierra Club’s press release in relation to this law, “The last thing we need is more sick Californians, more children without inoculation, more patients in crisis in our emergency rooms. The last thing we need is more children out of school without adult supervision running loose and without hope. Proposition 187 won’t reduce illegal immigration. People do not come to California so that they can send their children to school in a foreign language. They come to work. They do not come to work for little green men from Mars. They come to work for Californians.”

This is not the opinion of Governor Pete Wilson. The political strategy by Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican, was aimed at diminishing all major social services for illegal immigrants. The elimination of an enticing factor, that being America’s educational system, was to help diminish the desire for Latinos to illegally immigrate. This measure would make all Latinos suspect and deny education to all undocumented children.

Alan Keyes, a conservative right winger, stated that “Others have criticized the voters of California for demanding, through Proposition 187, that the integrity of residence and citizenship within our borders be supported with effective enforcement of the distinctions between legal and illegal immigration. They have implied that this demand is evidence of bigotry, intolerance and racism. Since when is it racist to insist that laws, which no one denies our right to make, be enforced against foreign citizens who violate them?”

Mike Stanaland, Technology Senator for Student Voice and founding student here at CSUMB, points out that "Proposition 187 does nothing about the fact that thousands of California businesses and hundreds of thousands of Californians hire workers in violation of our laws and provide the jobs that encourage them to come.”

Attorney General Dan Lundgren is quick to point out, however, that “This is the third round in a ten round heavyweight prize fight”. Fortunately for those immigrants whose lives would be most adversely affected by this law, the second and third rounds have been in their favor.

Thomas Hansen Recital

The program will include Mozart, Beethoven, DeBussy and Prokofiev

by Genice Jones

One of the Bay Area’s most dynamic and distinctive young pianists, Thomas Hansen, will be performing at the CSUMB Music Hall on Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. A native of Massachusetts, Hansen exhibited prodigious musical gifts early in life and began to teach himself piano at the age of four.

A graduate of the New England Conservatory, he also holds a graduate degree from the University of Michigan, where he studied under distinguished pianist Theo-dore Lettvin. Mr. Hansen has earned enthusiastic critical and audience acclaim for his solo performances and appearances with orchestra. He is Artist-In-Residence at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California. His scheduled program at CSUMB will consist of Mozart’s Rondo in A Minor, Beethoven’s Piano Sonata Op. 109, DeBussy’s Images Book 2, and Prokofiev’s 7th Sonata.

All CSUMB faculty, staff, students and community are invited. Tickets are $3.00 for students and $6.00 for general admission, cash only. Seating will begin around 2:30 and is first come first serve. For more information, please contact the CSUMB Music Department at 582-4085.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to respond to an article in the October — *Otter Realm* that contained some inaccurate information. The article discussed the authority of the Presidio of Monterey Police to search vehicles or persons entering the Presidio of Monterey Annex (POMA), formerly Fort Ord. The article states that, "...if a person is on federal property, a Federal Police Officer has the authority to require a search. The officer may search the person, the vehicle, and residence without having to provide justifiable cause for doing so."

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures and requires that warrants may only be issued based on probable cause, applies on open military installations, like the POMA, in much the same way as it does on a state territory. The authority of an installation commander to authorize searches is roughly coextensive with the authority of a magistrate to issue search warrants. Search authorizations issued by commanders and warrants issued by magistrates must be based on probable cause.

The Presidio of Monterey Police obtain either a warrant or a search authorization when one is required. They, like their state counterparts, also conduct searches when an exception to the warrant requirement applies. For example, an automobile may be searched based on probable cause alone. A search warrant is not required to search any part of a lawfully stopped automobile, including the trunk, or any containers within it that the police have probable cause to believe contains evidence of a crime. This is true in every jurisdiction, state or federal, in the United States. The law recognizes that, because cars are mobile, evidence could disappear before a warrant is obtained, and therefore, citizens have a lower expectation of privacy in an automobile than in a home.

A search warrant also is not required under a variety of "exigent circumstances" exceptions recognized in the law. Unique to military installations, it allows searches on military property without probable cause, under certain circumstances, based on a commander's inherent power and responsibility to protect military installations and the public, and maintain discipline on the installation. For example, the theft or disappearance of an assault rifle or explosive device would justify a search not based on probable cause. An installation commander, even on an open post like the POMA, could order the gates closed or blocked, and direct that all cars leaving the post be searched until the rifle, or other dangerous article, was recovered.

However, military necessity does not apply unless there is such an urgent need. The "consent to search" warning signs posted at the gates of the POMA contemplate military necessity. A person who enters the installation in a vehicle containing contraband, such as unlawful drugs or weapons, for example, takes a chance. If the commander directs a vehicle search for valid military reasons and the unlawful item is found, it can be used as evidence in a criminal trial even though the police had neither warrant nor probable cause to believe the driver committed any crime.

Presidio of Monterey Police Officers are fully aware of their authority and limitations under law and regulation. As Mr. Edds of the University Police states in your article, "(He has) never heard of a consent search conducted by a Federal Police Officer that would not have been warranted in the State of California." Despite suggestions in your article to the contrary, we are, and all should be, proud of the professional job the Federal Police do protecting our military installations and the safety of the public, every day — 24 hours a day.

Captain Lawrence Lucarelli
Special Assistant
United States Attorney

Adrienne Rich

By J. Berry

"Adrienne Rich is guilty of inclusion." stated professor Gabriella Guterez in her introduction of the world-acclaimed poet to California State University Monterey Bay last September. Professor Guterez was referring to a poetry presentation Ms. Rich chose to hold in Watsonville instead of the usual Santa Cruz locale, inviting often underrepresented people such as local poets of many cultural backgrounds, children, people in poverty and people in prison. Welcoming banners adorned the presentation area where local poets and others read alongside Ms. Rich, who, as Professor Guterez said, was obviously guilty of inclusion. "Poetry is inclusive by nature; it is an ocean, not just a pond." said the acclaimed poet.

When asked how she structured time to write, she answered, "Writing is a biological urge, a necessary part of my life. My writing time is built around my life, the everyday necessities of children, family and work. Night time becomes my "day time" for writing. The critical, cynical, cold-blooded eye of morning is my critiquing time, for reviewing what I have written in the privacy of night."

Referring to her declining the prestigious National Medal of the Arts from President Clinton she added, "This government dishonors the people, disrespects the people of this nation and I am not honored by such a government." She stated that by turning down the award she was protesting the "nakedly repressive" arts policies and the "increasingly brutal impact of racial and economic injustices in our country." Ms. Rich is "struck by the silence around women's issues" and also by the "conspicuous silence of any discussions about alternatives to capitalism. Always look where the silence is thickest." she advised.

Ms Rich walks her talk. She not only brilliantly articulates our national conscience, she also acts on that conscience, inspiring and perhaps even daring us all to do so as well.

Let's Ask Zoey

You may send your questions to Dear Zoey on First Class or to: dear_zoey@monterey.edu

Dear Zoey,
I really don't have anywhere to go. Will I be allowed to stay in my dorm room during the winter break? Signed, Homeless

Dear Homeless,
Yes you can. Speak with Jerome Maese. His number is 582-3865.

Dear Zoey,
Why can't I have alcohol in my dorm room. Where can I find the facts about this?
Signed, Boozer

Dear Boozer,
If you are living in the dorm, it is probably because you are under the age of 21. The state of California prohibits alcohol consumption by anyone under 21. To find this fact, look in your rental agreement, page 5, section 8.

Dear Zoey,
With all of this WASC stuff going around, is my degree going to be worth beans?
Signed, Unaccredited student

Dear Unaccredited student,
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**December**
- Dec. 3: Wednesday Hospice Tree of Life Lighting Ceremony, Monterey, 642-2035
- Dec. 3: Wednesday Student Organization Year end Celebration
- Dec. 5: Friday Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Monterey, 646-3866
- Dec. 6: Saturday 18th Annual, Marina Christmas Bazaar, 863-2165
- Dec. 7: Sunday Dance Kids Inc. 'The Nutcracker, Carmel 624-3729
- Dec. 8: Monday Student Voice Meeting, 12 noon, building 4
- Dec. 9: Tuesday Last day of Fall semester classes
- Dec. 10: Wednesday Institute for Teledramatic Arts & Technology TeleDrama Actors Performance Showcase (TAPS) Location TBA, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12: Friday La Posada, Monterey, 646-3866
- Dec. 13: Saturday Seaside Christmas Tree Lighting, 899-6270
- Dec. 13: Saturday Happy Holiday Parade, Seaside, 899-6270
- Dec. 13: Saturday Stillwell's Snow in the Park, Pacific Grove, 373-3304
- Dec. 13: Saturday 38th Annual Santa's Fly-In, Carmel Valley, 69-3983
- Dec. 15: Monday Last day of Fall semester classes
- Dec. 16-18: Tuesday Assessment Period
- Dec. 18-20: Thursday The Living Nativity, Pacific Grove, 372-5875
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