Summer Bridge into Academic Life

By Kachla Smith-Garan

Forty-two incoming freshmen had an opportunity of a lifetime: to get acclimated to college life and academics for six weeks over the summer. They were part of CSUMB's "Focus 2000: Summer Bridge" program that is designed to reach students who might not have considered college an option, but now will have a greater chance to succeed academically. The "pre-freshmen" were invited to participate in a rigorous academic experience with built-in support and encouragement from the many faculty members, tutors and staff working with them. The Summer "Briders" stayed in the residence halls for their stay, transitioning from home life to campus life.

The Focus 2000: Summer Bridge students gained the opportunity to earn up to 10 credits for their hard work by successfully completing enriched technology, writing, research, and math courses. As they begin their freshman year, they have already learned how to negotiate the support systems in place for them to have success on the academic front.

In addition to the coursework, they learned how to access university resources such as the library, financial aid office, and tutoring center. The Summer Bridge students attended daily presentations and a variety of workshop topics provided by CSUMB staff and faculty including public speaking, team building, public/community service, time management, note taking, and digital storytelling.

José Martinez-Saldána, Director of Student Support Services, has been with the program since it began as a capstone project of CSUMB Liberal Studies graduate Mary Caballero-Martinez in 1996. He reflected, "Since we started Summer Bridge as a six-day program for 18 Educational Talent Search students, the program has grown to a full six-week program for 42 entering CSUMB freshmen."

He looked back on the past six weeks. "The best part of participating in FOCUS 2000: Summer Bridge was seeing 42 students grow from high school seniors to college freshmen. How did they grow? In a variety of ways, including in their maturity, their confidence in themselves, and the way they interacted with each other. Equally impressive was their academic growth. Each student participated in three courses, Math 98, ProSeminar and Tech Tools. For example, at the beginning of the program six weeks ago, only a handful of students knew how to use computers, at the end all are quite comfortable with a PC. All the students improved their critical thinking abilities."

Maria Elena Tantalo, the Coordinator for Summer Bridge, spoke glowingly of the outcome when asked what was the best part of participating in Focus 2000: Summer Bridge. "It absolutely has to be the students sharing with each other, helping each other through the whole experience. I have to say that being a part of their orientation into CSUMB has been a pleasure."

With all success come challenges, and Focus 2000: Summer Bridge was no exception. Martinez-Saldána also had struggles with the program. "The biggest challenge was to keep all 42 students focused on the end product... their successful transition from high school to CSUMB. This was a challenge because some students who were excellent throughout high school found themselves struggling with some of the materials. Others who had ways to 'get by' with poor study habits discovered that those 'skills' would not cut it in college."

Martínez-Saldána also wanted to be sure that the lessons the students learned did not make them lose confidence or get discouraged.

Tantalo found that her major challenge involved personal interactions within the program. "Oh my goodness," she began, "clearly the combination of so many unique personalities, both of the students and staff, can sometimes be overwhelming. There are so many dynamics involved. The Summer Bridge program is intensively and vigorously structured, and was extremely demanding for all of us."

Despite the challenge, however, Tantalo does not sound as if she will be giving up being a part of the transformation that the students and staff go through during the program.

Castrille's Rene Bravo, 17, one of the students chosen to be part of the Program had high praise for his experience. "The best part in participating in the FOCUS Summer Bridge Program was experiencing it. I had the pleasure of making new friends and learning to manage my time efficiently. I am also happy to have received ten units for my efforts in the program," Bravo said. His introduction to time management was pretty steep, but he persevered. "The biggest challenge of the FOCUS program was having a very limited amount of time to work on homework and very limited amount of sleep." We were kept very busy, we would wake up at about six-thirty in the morning and most of us would go to bed around two-thirty in the morning, leaving us with an average of about four hours of sleep," he lightly lamented. Many college students are faced with learning how to manage time around their studies, jobs, and families, so the Summer Bridge participants learned another lesson early.

The hard work and success of both the Summer Bridge students, staff and faculty was celebrated in excitement-filled closing ceremonies held on the last day of the program. With a backdrop of childhood pictures paired with current ones, the students interacted with their peers, tutors, faculty members and family members as they were acknowledged for their own efforts and thank those who helped them get there.

The Focus 2000: Summer Bridge students have just begun their journey into higher education, and with support and guidance along the way, they'll be gathered around the commencement stage together in a few years.

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The beginning of the the 2000-01 school semester means that it's time to embark on another season of CSUMB Athletics! During the summer there was constant activity amongst the entire department which promises to make this year in Otter sports most exciting yet!

Last year, the CSUMB sports teams provided some thrilling moments, which will always be remembered. Now it is time to provide even more memories, and begin a new chapter in CSUMB history.

In the upcoming weeks, The Otter Realm will attempt to get the campus community caught up on all the current happenings in the Athletic Department. From the hiring of a new Athletic Director, Bill Trumbo, to the opening of the new sports fields, there is much to talk about.

Trumbo in his first year as Athletic Director is looking forward the upcoming year saying, "I'm really enthusiastic about what's here, the newness of everything."

Besides varsity sports, there is also a number of athletic clubs on campus who were very successful last year. Club sports will also be featured in The Otter Realm on a regular basis.

The Otter Realm is looking forward to doing a thorough job covering all aspects of CSUMB sporting life. In doing so, we hope to keep the community well informed and generate more support for our Athletic Programs. Stay tuned...

CSUMB recently learned that the University has been awarded over $9 million in federal and state grants that will be used for academic programs starting this fall.

CSUMB received its largest single grant—$1.8 million—from the U.S. Department of Education's Title V Fund, which will be used for academic support programs for migrant students over the next five years. The program will increase support provided to targeted students, many of whom are Hispanic and migrant, by developing comprehensive writing and language development programs; developing a junior year writing program; developing study skills; developing on-line interactive tutorials and community-based access; and expand tutorials in math, science, and technology.

Another aspect of the program will be the development of a faculty and peer-mentoring program.

"We are very fortunate to have won this grant," says Dr. Ray Gonzales, Director of the Academic Skills Achievement Program at CSUMB. "These funds will allow us to provide needed services to targeted students. Additionally, the increase in programming will not be restricted only to Hispanic students. Even though we qualified for the funds as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSD), the new programs will be accessible by all students."

Along with Title V the university received three other grants that were awarded on the basis of CSUMB's Hispanic enrollment (25%) and its high number of migrant students. The CSU Chancellor's Office awarded CSUMB a $657,000 grant to begin the CSUMB/California State University High School Cooperative Program (CAPF). The program will target three high schools in the Tri-County region (Gonzales, Watsonville, and San Benito) for assistance from CSUMB faculty and students over the next three years. Faculty from the university will work together with corresponding teachers in the three high schools in an effort to increase the preparedness of high school students for successfully completing math and English requirements for successful college admission. CSUMB student tutors will also work at the high schools towards this same goal.

"This is a win-win for everyone," notes Gonzales. "CAPF will help high school students graduate better prepared for college and hopefully CSUMB will recruit some of these students."

Dr. Carlos Gonzales, Director of Migrant Services at CSUMB, lead a team that was successful in winning two large grants from the U.S. Department of Education's Migrant Unit. The first is the $2 million College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), which will serve migrant students from throughout the state, but primarily migrant students drawn from Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. The CAMP program is designed and committed to providing a comprehensive array of support services to first-year students such as outreach and recruitment, Instructional services, leadership development, health services, financial assistance, and career development.

The second federal migrant grant is the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), which will be jointly administered by CSUMB and the Monterey County Office of Education. This program will assist migrant and seasonal farm workers to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma and enroll in post secondary education, vocational training programs, or careers in the military. The program will establish on-campus and community-based programs, as well as a summer residential program where course work, career counseling, and health care referrals will take place.

"We now have several million dollars to carry out an effective program that will not only benefit the hundreds of migrant students who come to our campus, but allow us to serve the general student body as well with many new programs, such as expanded tutorial services, mentoring, counseling, and financial aid," says Dr. Carlos Gonzales.

In addition to these programs, several million dollars has also come from the Federal Government to conduct Upward Bound, Summer Bridge, and Talent Search, which are administered in the CSUMB Student Success Office by José Martinez-Saldana.

"In the past, I saw many of my students come out of school because there were few support programs available to them," notes recently graduated migrant student Cynthia Fernandez from Watsonville. "Many of us get here needing a lot of help. I think CSUMB's new programs are really going to help a lot of students."
Fairy Shrimp Species
Identified in Fort Ord Vernal Pools
by Mary Patyten

They were big! They were green! And they were all over the place!

To listen to Dave Rosenow, senior ESSP student, you'd think he had seen a host of horrific monsters in Fort Ord's vernal pools, like the ones that scared movie-goers in The Creature from the Black Lagoon. While nothing that dramatic happened, Dave and fellow ESSP student Erin Mitchell's discovery was still pretty exciting.

Dave was helping Erin collect data last spring on her capstone project documenting the differences between Fort Ord's vernal pools and permanent ponds. What the two stumbled upon was a bunch of small crustaceans rarely seen in the vernal pools, called fairy shrimp.

It was not the first time that the elusive shrimp had been spotted. In March of 1999, a few fairy shrimp had been found in another vernal pool, all females and young ones. "They (fairy shrimp) have been found in only a few pools on base," said ESSP biology professor Suzy Worcester at the time. The discovery was really exciting, said Worcester, who noted that "We've just extended their known distribution on Fort Ord by 25% or more."

Until Dave and Erin stumbled across the swarm of male shrimp this spring, no one knew for sure what species these shrimp were, though, because only males can be used to determine species. Local biologists and conservationists were extremely interested in determining the species, as some shrimp are listed as endangered, while others are more common.

The shrimp found this spring were identified as Linderiella occidentalis, a species native to California. According to Professor Worcester, this species of fairy shrimp is listed as Category One under the Endangered Species Act, which is only a step away from an official Threatened Species listing.

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The fairy shrimp of Fort Ord's backcountry are part of a unique and fascinating ecosystem. These shrimp and a host of other tiny animals spring to life in vernal pools when winter rainwater fills depressions in the landscape. As summer's heat dries the pools, the tiny creatures lay their offspring in the mud to wait for the next season's rains. A complex community of plants and animals has evolved to survive vernal pools' seasonal existence, some species only recently discovered.

Research Continues

Vernal pool ecosystems have received very little study. These pools inspired two ESSP capstone projects which were completed this year, and research continues through a class taught in the spring by Dr. Suzanne Worcester.

ESSP's "Vernal Pools of Fort Ord" classes have been researching the backcountry's vernal pools since spring semester, 1998. CSUMB students wade out into the shallow pools armed with sampling equipment, such as green-meshed nets, brown and clear sampling bottles and tupperware containers for capturing pool creatures. Electronic meters read water pH, dissolved oxygen content, salinity, and other chemical variables. Dramatic differences in water chemistry and diversity of plants and animals may be seen in pools separated by only a few hundred yards.

These "pools of mystery" hold many unsolved questions. For instance, why is the water in Fort Ord vernal pools tea-colored? Conventional scientific wisdom says that tea-colored water is caused by tannic or humic acids, such as one finds in nutrient-poor bogs which harbor only a few species of plants and animals.

Yet Fort Ord vernal pools do not suffer from a lack of biodiversity or nutrients. When vernal pools dry up in the summer and fall, a lush growth of plants replaces the pools. These plants die at the end of the year, replenishing nutrients in the next season's pool, and fostering exceptionally high biodiversity: vernal pools harbor more species than most other aquatic environments. The seeming contradiction of high nutrient levels and high biodiversity accompanied by tea-colored water remains an intriguing topic for further research.

Vernal pools' rich waters are enjoyed by a host of creatures besides fairy shrimp. Dragonflies, damselflies, midges and predaceous diving beetles all use the pools as nursery and home. In April and

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May, legions of tadpoles transform and leap from the water as toads and tree frogs. Specialized vernal pool plants also thrive in the demanding semi-aquatic environment. Delicate white popcorn flowers keep pace with the retreating pond edges, and tiny floating Azolla ferns dot the water's surface.

The abundance of small creatures draws predators in the form of wading birds, ducks, hawks and snakes, as well as four-footed predators such as bobcats and foxes.

In the past, Army machinery and manpower raced through the pools, tearing up and polluting them indiscriminately. Now under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, Fort Ord's vernal pools enjoy relative tranquility. They are open to the public, and provide a wonderful setting for picnicking, hiking, and bird-watching.
CSUMB Receives Nearly $14.5 Million for New Science/Academic Center

by Kechia Smith-Gran and Robert Mazurek

Governor Grey Davis signed the 2000-2001 appropriations bill, which contained the State of California’s first capital outlay expenditure for construction of CSU Monterey Bay’s new Science/Academic Center. The facility, which will be the first new building for the six-year-old campus, will focus on innovative science education. The State appropriation of $14,450,000 will represent the core of a public-private partnership to construct the 64,000 square foot Center. A community Facilities Committee, chaired by Bob Antle, is working to raise the private and corporate gifts that, along with State Capital Outlay funds, will support the development of the $22.1 million complex.

State legislators from the Central Coast were instrumental in working to get the state to include the $14,450,000 in the budget. “We are extremely grateful for the support of Senator McPherson and Assemblyman Keeley for their guidance and support for this project,” said CSU Monterey Bay President, Peter Smith. “This was the first time the State of California appropriated capital outlay funds to build a brand new building on this campus, and it could not have happened without the help from our State Senator and State Assemblyman,” according to Smith.

To date, CSUMB has received more than $60 million in federal grants for renovation and reconstruction of facilities built by the Army, and now converted to academic uses. “We know that future growth and development of CSUMB must come from the State. We have been fortunate to have received past funding from the federal government to get us started, but the State now seems ready to play the major role in supporting our build-out,” according to the campus founding president.

State Senator Bruce McPherson was pleased by the funding, and by the chance to present CSU Monterey Bay’s program needs to the State. “I’m extremely encouraged that CSUMB will receive the necessary funding for the construction of a new Science/Academic Center. This important allocation from the State is a clear indication that CSUMB is well on its way to becoming a major influence in education not only in the Central Coast, but throughout California,” Senator McPherson said.

Fred Keeley, State Assemblyman for District 15 and Speaker pro Tem of the Assembly, also played a major role in securing the funding for the project. “I was very happy to work with Senator McPherson in seeking state funding for the new CSUMB Science/Academic Center. This is an innovative, hands-on science program that is designed to meet the unique challenges of the Central Coast,” according to Keeley. “It is altogether fitting and proper that the state support resources such as this Science/Academic Center which will benefit all Californians,” he concluded.

The Science/Academic Center will be located near the center of the campus, and will form the core of a developing science complex as the campus grows. The Center will house faculty offices, classrooms and laboratories for geology, chemistry, biology, physics, math and computing.

Students and faculty will be able to utilize a learning courtyard, and a 100-seat lecture hall and seminar room according to Professor Chris Hasegawa, who heads the campus Earth Systems Science & Policy program. Hasegawa and his faculty colleagues have helped design the facility to meet the teaching and science needs of the 21st century, according to the project architect, Anshen & Allen of San Francisco.

According to Beverly Wood, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning and Development, groundbreaking ceremonies are planned for spring 2001, with the construction to begin in early summer 2001. The Science/Academic Center is due to be completed in spring 2003, with student use scheduled for fall 2003. “We’re grateful that our delegation and the Chancellor’s office have helped us receive this money from the state. This has been a real team effort,” said Wood.

Dr. Bert Rivas Retires

by Tracy Anne Burke

Dr. Bert Rivas, Vice President for Student Affairs, and one of CSUMB’s founding administrators, announced his retirement effective October 15, 2000. Dr. Rivas said in an electronic message to the CSUMB community: “Precipitated by plans for an organizational change, I have decided to retire effective October 15, 2000.” Dr. Rivas began working at CSUMB in 1994 and has been the Director of Student Services, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and most recently, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dr. Rivas states: “My time at this great university and its vision has added immeasurably to my life’s professional goal of serving students and assisting them achieve their life time dreams through education. I am fortunate to have been part of this wonderful experience and to have shared it with you.”

In Dr. Rivas absence, Dr. Lucha Ortega will be responsible for many of the duties Dr. Rivas was previously responsible for. In a message dated August 16, 2000, Provost Dr. Diane Cordero de Noriega stated, “Due to Dr. Bert Rivas’ retirement, I have asked Dr. Lucha Ortega to assume the role of Administrator in Charge for the Student Affairs Division. The Student Affairs Division will continue to operate as it has in the past, and Dr. Ortega will report directly to the Provost.”

There will be a party honoring Dr. Bert Rivas in October. Please contact the Student Activities and Career Development Center (SACO) at 582-3812 for more information.

The Otter Realm would like to thank Dr. Rivas for his service to the CSUMB community and wish him peace, happiness and success in all future endeavors.
The Otter Blotter

The following are excerpts from CSU Monterey Bay’s Otter Blotter which, under the Freedom of Information Act, is available for public viewing in Building 2E.

Tuesday, August 1, at 1:00am
Officers provided a tour of the Police Department and talked on “Safety and 911” for the children of the University Child Care Center.

Wednesday, August 2, at 1:00am
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with a traffic stop that resulted in two arrests on Highway One and Reservation Road.

Wednesday, August 2, at 4:45pm
Officer responded to a report of a subject violating a protective order in the Administrative Center.

Thursday, August 3, at 1:30pm
Officers responded to a report of a field fire on Yorktown Court.

Friday, August 4, at 3:00pm
Officer investigated a report of “theft of personal identification” on Minnister Court.

Thursday, August 10, at 1:40am
Officer stopped a driver for possibly driving under the influence of alcohol at Joaquin Fire and Twelfth Street.

Thursday, August 10, at 1:15pm
Officer monitored traffic at First Street and General Jim Moore Boulevard.

Friday, August 11, at 12:20am
Officers responded to a loud party complaint in the area of Sherman Court.

Friday, August 11, at 5:55am
Officers responded to a loud noise complaint on Fourth Street and First Avenue.

Friday, August 11, at 7:50am
Officer observed a suspicious person at Fourth Street and First Avenue.

Friday, August 11, at 11:30pm
Officer observed a loud party complaint on Peter Currington.

Sunday, August 6 at 11:10am
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle near Eighth Street cut-off and Third Avenue.

Monday, August 7, at 7:15am
Officer monitored the bus stops in the Schoonover I and II housing area during the first day of school.

Monday, August 7, at 2:20pm
Officer monitored the bus stops in the Schoonover I housing area.

Monday, August 7, at 9:00am
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle at Second Avenue and Lightfighter Drive.

Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00am
Officer responded to a fire alarm activation in the Dining Commons, building 2.

Tuesday, August 8, at 9:30am
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with a neighbor dispute in Marina.

Thursday, August 10, at 2:00am
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with a dumpster fire.

Thursday, August 10, at 9:00am
Officer responded to a report of suspicious circumstances in Administrative Center, building 2.

Thursday, August 10, at 10:40pm
Officer investigated a report of burglary from a room in Residence Hall 206.

Friday, August 11, at 3:35am
Warning issued to a driver regarding tinted windows on vehicles.

Friday, August 11, at 5:45am
Issued a verbal warning regarding a broken windshield during a traffic stop.

Monday, August 13, at 2:15am
Officers responded to a report of strange noises outside the Residence Hall 206.

Monday, August 13, at 11:14pm
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle on Combs Court.

Monday, August 14, at 1:15am
Officer stopped a driver for possibly driving under the influence of alcohol at Del Monte Boulevard and Reindorfl Avenue.

Monday, August 14, at 4:42am
Officers investigated a report of vandalism on Schoonover Court.

Monday, August 14, at 10:00pm
Officer investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle on Warrenton Court.

Monday, August 14, at 3:00pm
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with a report of a suspicious person at the Marina Equestrian Center.

Monday, August 14, at 9:35pm
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked at the Abrams parking lot.

Tuesday, August 15, at 2:00am
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with an arrest on 1st Street Road.

Thursday, August 17, at 4:00pm
Did a bike patrol of Palm Campus area.

Saturday, August 19, at 2:00am
Administrated DUI, Field Sobriety Test to a driver after a traffic stop on Del Monte Boulevard in Marina.

Saturday, August 19, at 1:00pm
Officer assisted the Presidio of Monterey Police Department with moving items back to the nearest gas station.

Sunday, August 20, at 10:15pm
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with an arrest at the Marina Civic Center.

Sunday, August 20, at 1:20am
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked at General Jim Moore Boulevard east of the Fremont Stadium.

Sunday, August 20, at 7:40am
Officers were requested for a welfare check in Residence Hall 202.

Monday, August 21, at 12:05am
Officer stopped a vehicle on General Jim Moore Boulevard that matched a description of a vehicle Seaside Police Department was looking for.

Monday, August 21, at 3:25am
Arrested a subject for a local traffic warrant. (Cited 023060) and released at the court.

Tuesday, August 22, at 4:45pm
Issued a citation for 2425(A) VC, excessive speed.

Friday, August 18, at 11:45am
Assisted Marina DPS with transferring the driver to dunes campground during a DUI.

Friday, August 18, at 1:34pm
Officer assisted Marina Public Safety with an arrest at Residence Hall 202.

Friday, August 18, at 5:00pm
Issued a verbal warning for a strange person at the Abrams parking lot.

Monday, August 21, at 2:52pm
Officer stopped and cited a driver for failure to stop for a school bus at Schoonover Drive and Humboldt Court.

Monday, August 21, at 5:50pm
Officer responded to a report of an illegally parked vehicle on Trenort Court.

Tuesday, August 22, at 9:00pm
Complaint of barking dog noise and citizen arrested in the area of Forth Street.

Wednesday, August 23, at 1:30pm
Fire alarm activated in Residence Hall 202 by burnt popcorn.

Wednesday, August 23, at 2:45pm
Officers assisted a juvenile problem at White Court and Schoonover Drive.

Wednesday, August 23, at 2:00pm
Officers responded to a report of a missing person at Scott Court. The subject was found shortly after the report was made.

Wednesday, August 23, at 3:30pm
Officer responded to a fire alarm activation in Residence Hall 202. A resident was burning incense in a dorm room.

Wednesday, August 23, at 8:35pm
Officers assisted Marina Public Safety with a welfare call at Island Avenue.

Wednesday, August 23, at 9:15pm
Officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked at General Jim Moore Boulevard.

Wednesday, August 23, at 10:20pm
Officer was requested for a welfare check at Residence Hall 202.

The Otter Bay Cafe

by Christin Svensen

When you walk in, you notice things like linen napkins, crystal glasses, and silverware. It looks like a nice restaurant, and it is. The Otter Bay Cafe opened its doors on August 19th with very little fanfare, but with a real restaurant look.

The cafe opens bright and early at 8:00am with fresh muffins and pastries. The morning menu includes lattes, mochas, espresso, cappuccino, and French-roasted coffee.

Lunch starts at 11:30. According to Ray, “We wanted to offer a lighter fare at lunch, and we were looking for entrée salads as the push.” When asked what makes the food different than the food served at the Dining Commons, Ray explained, “We are using things like 1/2 pound chicken breast and hamburgh patties, whereas in the Dining Commons the chicken and burgers are 1/3 pound.” On the menu you will find things like Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Rib-Eye steak, Cobb and Chef salads, and sandwiches. Other lunch features of the cafe are their pre-made salads and sandwiches to go, for those who don’t want to have time to eat at the restaurant.

At 2:00 the full menu shuts down, according to Jeff Nagel, chef for the Otter Bay Cafe. “The pub menu that is available during lunch will continued throughout the day,” Jeff explained. “If I am here and if someone comes in and wants a burger at 3:00, I am not going to say no.”

The restaurant has been enjoying a full house at lunch time, and Ray hopes that it will continue, especially with the new dinner menu coming online soon. The dinner menu is still being developed at this time, but will look similar to the lunch menu with the possible addition of a pasta dish. For dinner the difference will be larger portions, as well as more selections. Since no dinner would be complete without dessert, the cafe plans on having a great selection for those who just want dessert. According to Jeff, “If someone just wants to come in and have chocolate cake and a champagne split I have no problem with that.”

Right now the restaurant closes at 7:00, but once the alcohol license comes in (about two weeks according to Ray), the restaurant will close at 9:00pm during the week and at 11:00pm on Thursday and Friday. Ray is hoping that people will come for the food, and enjoy the alcohol as a by-product. The alcohol license for the cafe is only for beer and wine. The cafe has a bar that is overlooked by a big screen T.V., with seating for those who don’t want to sit at a table to have a glass of wine or beer. Currently, the restaurant takes Otter bucks, the meal plan, and cash. Soon the cafe will take credit cards and ATM cards, but that may be a few weeks down the road.

A couple of days before the official opening of the cafe, there was a dry run with 65 staff, faculty and students invited. Fifty-five showed up to try the new restaurant. Ray was pleased with the turnout, and with the comments and suggestions he received during and after the event. Using the dry run as a model, it was easy to see where improvements needed to be made, according to Ray. “It went well... we made some changes to both the menu and the style of service based on the feedback,” he said.

All of the staff are now at the cafe, including chef Jeff Nagel. Jeff came to the area via the U.S. Army. He came first to learn Russian at the BII 23 years ago, then came back 6 years ago for a refresher, and moved back for good 4 years ago. He received his training at the New England Culinary Institute, and has worked for such notable restaurants as the Fishhopper, Fresh Cream, and Angelina’s Bakery. He intends to make his own · desserts, pastries, and wine. When asked who Ray thought his clientele would be, he responded by saying; “This restaurant isn’t intended to be a faculty and staff restaurant, and it’s not intended to be a student restaurant; it’s intended to be a place where everyone can come and eat.” Ray went on to explain, “If you want to spend 30 to 45 minutes to sit down and have a nice meal, this is the place to come. If you want a meal in 5 to 10 minutes, then you want to go to the Dining Commons or Food Court.”

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**Otter Happenings**

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**
- Bookstore (Building 29): Special Hours First Week of School: Monday-Thursday: 7:30am-7:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm; Sunday: Closed
- Library (Building 12): Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-10:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday: 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm
- Reference Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm; Saturday and Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Technology Service Desk: Tech Support: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Phone Support: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3965

**Library (Building 12):**
- Building Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-10:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday: 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm
- Reference Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm; Saturday and Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3965 or www.monterey.edu/tsd

**Wellness Activity Center (WAC) (Building 90):**
- Monday-Friday: 6:30am-10:30pm; Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm (Hours subject to change, please call to confirm)
- For more information: 831-582-3011

**Media Learning Complex (MLC) (Building 18):**
- Monday-Tuesday: 8:00am-10:00pm; Wednesday: 8:00am-midnight; Thursday: Midnight-10:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-10:00pm; Saturday: 8:00am-midnight; Sunday: Midnight-10:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3733

**Campus CLOSED**

**Building Hours**
- Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-7:00pm
- Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Sunday: Closed
- For more information: 831-883-1082

**Dining Commons:**
- Breakfast: 7:00am-7:00pm
- Lunch: 11:30am-2:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm
- Dinner: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Weekends: Open only during meal times
- Brunch: 11:30am-2:00pm
- Dinner: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3838

**Student Center**
- Building 14: Monday-Saturday: 12:00pm-12:00am
- For more information: 831-582-4630

**Health Center**
- Building 99: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday and Sunday: Closed
- For more information: 831-582-3965

**Library (Building 12):**
- Building Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-10:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday: 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm
- Reference Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm; Saturday and Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3965 or www.monterey.edu/tsd

**Technology Service Desk**
- Tech Support: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm; Phone Support: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3600 or www.monterey.edu/tsd

**Food Court**
- Monday-Thursday: 7:00am-7:00pm
- Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday: 11:00am-3:00pm
- Sunday: Closed
- For more information: 831-883-1082

**Dining Commons (DC) (Building 16):**
- Food Court
- Monday-Thursday: 11:30am-2:00pm and 5:00pm-11:00pm
- Friday: 11:30am-2:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm
- Weekends: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Cafeteria
- Monday-Friday: 7:00am-7:00pm
- Breakfast: 7:00am-9:30am
- Lunch: 11:30am-2:00pm
- Dinner: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Weekends: Open only during meal times
- Brunch: 11:30am-2:00pm
- Dinner: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- For more information: 831-582-3838

**WHAT'S THERE TO DO AROUND HERE**

by Caroline Musto

There's more than just golf to the Monterey Peninsula!

If you're looking to do something other than 18 holes of golf or racing at Laguna Seca as well as a way to spare your wallet try these:

- Take a hike. Walk the Pacific Grove Recreation Trail from Lovers Point, it follows the water's edge to end at Asilomar State Beach. Keep an eye out for bikes on the paved sections and surfers riding waves at Asilomar.
- Take a ride. Cruise through the famous 17 mile Drive (enter at the Pacific Grove Gate at Sunset Dr.) The winding road is legendary for white beaches, turquoise coves, and twisted cypress trees. Or avoid the $7.25 per car entry fee by biking or walking in.

Tour the Point Pinos Lighthouse, (Lighthouse Ave. and Asilomar Blvd.: 1-4 Thu-Sun; free, 6:48-3116), the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast.

Tour the Bay. Get close to Marine Life in a Kayak from Monterey Bay Kayaks (693 Del Monte Ave., Monterey: $25 per day includes wet suit; reservations recommended; 373-5357), Go on your own or a guided natural history tour.

Leave the bug spray at home. Don't miss exhibits explaining the monarch butterfly's marvelous migration at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (Forest Ave. at Central Ave.; 10-S Tue-Sun; free; 6:48-3116). Now informed you're ready to appreciate the bugs in the Monarch Grove Sanctuary (Ridge Rd. just off Lighthouse Ave.; docent-led tours 12-3 Mon-Fri; 9-4 Sat-Sun; for group tours, call 884-746-6627). Butterflies begin arriving in October; the population decreases by February.

Ever read Cannery Row? Cruise past cool old houses on John Steinbeck's Pacific Grove Tour. Nineteen stop brochure shows tourists some interesting places the author (and his Cannery Row protagonist, Doc) lived and worked. The brochure is free at the chamber of commerce, 333-3004 or 800-656-6650.

Hang out with the sea lions. Leave early and you won't have to wait in line to get into Point Lobos State Reserve (on State 1 just south of Carmel; $7 per vehicle or walk in at no cost. If you need more information call 624-4909). Nine miles of hiking trails lead through 456 acres of forest and and bluffs for views of seashells, sea lions, and otters. The entry fee is worth the spectacular views of shorelines and abundant wildlife.

Shop around. Tuesday's Farmers Market on Monterey's Alvarado Street is the best place to do your produce shopping as well as peruse the street vendor stalls for other trinkets and artwork. The Framers' Market is truly a community event complete with street performances and delicious edible treats. Open from 3:00-8:00pm (Weather permitting) parking can be a problem. Don't get discouraged.

After the Farmers Market head to the Dream Theater for $2 Tuesdays. The Dream Theater is not only a historical landmark but still operates, showing recently released films in two theaters, one with an incredible deco ceiling.
Horoscopes

by W.C. Morarity

Virgo (August 20-September 22)
You're liable to be feeling fairly energetic and should generally come across very well to other people right now. You ought to be able to make a positive impression a little more easily than usual, and this should help you in terms of any sort of romantic interests today. Don't be afraid to take a few risks and express your feelings.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
You probably won't feel like doing much except spending a lot of private time at home alone just relaxing. And there's nothing wrong with that. It could actually do you wonders! It's a good time to get away from the demands of the outside world for awhile and find a little peace and quiet.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
You're liable to be feeling fairly sociable and will probably manage to stay pretty busy right now. Interactions with your friends will be very important to you and if you're not able to get together with them, then you'll at least want to call them up and have a good chat. Communications of all kinds will be in the spotlight today, and you're liable to have a few interesting conversations before the day is through.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
You're liable to be focused on achieving as much as you possibly can in a material sense right now. This could mean that you'll be eager to do what you can to prove yourself in your career and bolster your image and reputation. And you could very well end up being rewarded for your efforts in some way.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Your energy level should be fairly high and you'll probably feel like doing something really fun right now. You won't want to deal with the same old routine today. You'll want to strike out and do your own thing. You won't want to do what other people expect you to do; you'll want to do what you want to do. And if you just set your sights properly, you could have some interesting new experiences today.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
You're liable to be focused on some financial obligations that you have to or with someone else, and you'll probably be willing to work very hard and make many personal sacrifices for the financial betterment of you and your partner right now. It's a good time to try to restructure any kind of joint financial arrangements, and to think about paying off some debt or about how you might be able to invest your money more wisely.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)
You ought to find it a little easier to express your feelings in a close, personal relationship today than it may have been recently, and this should help you and your partner to enjoy some good times together right now. Plan to do something romantic if you can, and don't be afraid of expressing your feelings for one another.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Most things should end up going fairly smoothly for you today. You're liable to be in a fairly cooperative mood right now, and this should help you out whatever you're doing today. You'll probably just feel like keeping quiet and focusing on the job at hand.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
If things seemed to be picking up a bit yesterday, the trend should be continuing today. Communication will be very important to you right now, particularly in regard to any sort of romantic relationships. It's a good day to express your affection for your loved ones and to let them know how you feel.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You'll probably feel like spending a lot of time around the house where you're able to focus on your family and your private life, and that connection will provide you with a great deal of security right now. You'll probably be feeling very attached to your family and might be willing to do whatever you can to help them out today.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Your energy level should be fairly high and you'll probably feel like sharing all your thoughts and feelings with everyone you meet right now. It's a good day to get out and about and involved in your environment. And you'll probably have a few things you need to take care of anyway. The people you meet today are liable to have a lot to share with you, and you could find out some very interesting things.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
You'll probably be willing to deal with all your responsibilities and obligations today without too much complaint. You'll probably just want to keep to yourself and take care of business right now—which is fine. It's a great time to focus on the practical aspects of life and to put things in good running order. You're liable to get a great deal of satisfaction from helping other people right now.