The University Police responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 2500 block of Minuteman Court on November 3, 2000 at approximately 5:25pm. The victim, a CSUMB student, told officers that a white male had gained access to her apartment by claiming he needed to leave a note for one of her roommates. The girl then proceeded to sit down on the couch to watch television. The male sat next to her then used a pillow to pin her down and then sexually assault her. The attacker then fled on foot. The victim was transported to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula where she was treated and released.

In order to inform the campus community of the incident, The University Police department sent out a memorandum on the incident to the campus Internet conferences, "Open Forum" and "General News." Unfortunately the campus server was down Saturday morning so most of the campus community did not receive the information until Sunday, two days after the incident.

The Residential Advisor on Minuteman, Catrina Flores, held an informal meeting regarding this incident on the evening of November 7, 2000. The University Police Department's Sg t. Jim Procida was there to relay the facts of the incident and dispel any rumors that were circulating. There was a rumor about how some kids had been asked to approach the apartment about roommates but the sergeant had stated that this had been investigated and proven a misunderstanding.

Apartment Coordinator, Brian Dawson, was also present to answer any concerns about housing safety. He told students to, "travel with someone else and try to choose a lit direction," in order to stay as safe as possible.

The students who attended the meeting repeatedly raised the issue of campus lighting. They also suggested putting blue light emergency phones, like the ones on the main campus, out in the campus apartment housing. Dawson told students if they needed an advocate in the lighting issue that he would be that person.

The Monterey Rape Crisis Center wrapped up the meeting with poise and realistic advice. Rachel Allen and Amy Votta offered information on prevention, body language and home safety. Rachel Allen told the students "if the survivor had not come forward, no one would be here or would have found out at all." She went on to say that, "only 16% of rapes get reported and only two to four percent go to trial or get convicted." The importance of an organization like the Monterey Rape Crisis Center is of tantamount importance since victims may feel safer talking to a MRCC counselor rather than an officer.

The Monterey Rape Crisis Center is having a Rape Prevention and Safety Awareness class on November 16, 2000 at 6:00 pm in the University Center.

Students and Faculty have been asked to report any information regarding this incident to the CSUMB Police Department at 831-655-0268.
Empowerment for Women
A Talk with Self Defense Instructor, Christine Derr
By Kechnia Smith-Gran

[Reporter's Note: More than two weeks before the reported sexual assault on campus, the Otter Realm spoke with Health and Wellness instructor Christine Derr, who teaches a women's self-defense class on campus. This article pre­
empts the originally scheduled Part II of the three-part series on campus crime due to the timeliness of the inter­
view.] Not everyone knows that a women's self-defense course has been offered at CSU Monterey Bay since its humble beginnings. Instructor Christine Derr has taught the class since the university opened in 1995, as well as being part of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center staff. The class has been canceled twice in the past five years due to low attendance, but that has not been the case for the past two semesters. "The average class attendance was about 10-12 students. We’ve gone up to 25 last semester, and in fall 2000 I had 33 students show up," said Derr.

When asked if she thought that the increased attendance had anything to do with more reports of crime against women on the Monterey Peninsula, Derr was pragmatic. "I think the influx of students, particularly freshmen attending CSUMB, has as much to do with the increase as does awareness of personal safety issues. ...I think just as a real awareness of what is happening in the immediate environment, that the risk of sexual assault is a real one, especially when you’re a young woman," she explained.

"One of the things that we talk about in class is that it’s not the only age category that’s at risk, but at that age we know that we’re vulnerable. So coming onto a college cam­
pus, especially one that’s isolated, I think that’s one of the things that students talk about, too, is they get here and see how far away from everything we are. They remember living in the residential areas in Frederick Park. Derr knows that there a lot of "safety issues" related to a col­
lege community, including the dormitory set up of the resi­
dence halls.

Derr stressed that her course does not involve the media stereotype of self defense classes in that there is none of the stunt man flips and twists associated with self defense classes. "We don’t even teach flips, that’s more of a martial arts thing," she said and went on to explain the course that she does offer. "The course was developed by three women who were martial artists, but they got together because they found that their students weren’t able to defend themselves." She went on to say that the course, which has been offered every semester, is about "looking at risk factors, educating women about real facts versus myth.s." Derr recounted a stone cold truth for many of the assaults that occur: it’s more likely to be someone that you know who’s attacking you, and that it’s more likely that they’re going to surprise you by using some of the elements of the relationship in order to commit the assault.

A woman, Derr says, needs to “determine ahead of time that she will use physical force if she needs to, even if it’s somebody that she knows in one way or another. If you don’t think that that ahead of time, you’re going to use it, even if you’re a skilled martial artist.”

One of the aspects to the Women’s self-defense course that Derr is proud of is that any woman can take the course. "The course was developed so that anybody with any level of ability can learn how to defend themselves. So I’ve had women with visual impairments, with some phys­
ical impairments, I’ve taught some classes to seniors, and women with developmental disabilities, so the idea is to counter that some of the martial arts moves are the most simplest forms so that anybody could learn how to do it. I mean people often say, ‘I’m not in good enough shape; I’m too small; I’m too big, too old,’ and it doesn’t mat­
ter, there’s something for everyone.”

The course is devised to incorporate basic physical moves, as well as the mental aspects of personal safety. Derr’s course focuses on verbal self-defense awareness and avoidance. In the class, the students who’ve been victims of crimes talk about the warning signals that they may have had. "There were some red flags and we talk about that, tuning into your gut feelings and your intuition. Women have a great sense of self-defense awareness but sometimes we talk ourselves out of it, especially in an acquaintance-type of situation or in partying situations. Those are the kinds of things that students talk about the most, and that you’ve got to learn to how to not disable your personal safety system if you’re going to keep yourself safe, and keep the people around you safe, so we also talk about that.”

Being aware may take the form of looking out for someone who may not be able to use good judgment at a particular time, not just on one’s own behalf. "Sometimes you can see things happening; you see a woman who’s really drunk and you see that she’s maybe behaving in ways that maybe make her more vulnerable, and that may just be that she’s not tuned into her environment," Derr described a com­
mon scenario. "She challenges her students with the ques­
tions, ‘What can you do to help? What can you do on that person’s behalf to watch out for them’? Derr teaches her students that they can be assertive on someone else’s behalf.

Regarding crimes against women, Derr hesitated to point to only one theory, but believes that socialization plays a big part in the relationships of gender and power. "I think it has to do with the long histories of the different rela­
tionships between men and women, and that sexual assault/rape has to do with power and control, so I always try to talk to people about taking it out of the sexual arena. It’s using sex as an act of violence. So anywhere where there’s an imbalance in power in any kind of a rela­
tionship, that’s where there is more likely to be domestic violence, emotional violence and the act of sexual assault and rape.”

Derr went on to talk about the socialization of gender roles and discussed the books written about comparison of girls versus boys and how these roles continue to be pro­
duced and passed on "generation after generation." She does not have a training in human qualities found in men and women, but instead suggests that women learn to find their voices.

"One of the first things we do in the very first day of class is to learn how to yell. [You] learn how to get into your gut and learn how to yell versus scream. That’s a skill, that from the very first day, they learn and take with them, hope about making a scene, being willing to be in your power and do what you need to do, whether it’s for you or somebody else, and that that’s often just a real differ­
tent experience just right off the bat, to be able to be that vocal and that forceful," Derr stated.

The beginning self-defense course is offered in the fall and is usually followed by the "advanced" class in the spring semester but interested parties should check the CSUMB course schedule if they are interested in attending the class. "Overall, by the end of the semester, students say that it should be required for all women coming in to CSUMB," a pleased Derr said.

She is also closely associated with the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, and works with them to provide train­
ing and awareness workshops in the communities of Monterey County. Derr’s Women’s Self Defense course is offered this Spring semester on Tuesdays at 10:00am. Sign up for HWT 134 to learn to find your own voice.

Otter Blotter
By Carmelita K. print

Dear Editor,

One maxim of economics is that inflation occurs whenever there are too many dollars chasing too few goods. A maxim of demographics is that overpopulation occurs when there are too many people chasing too little habitable land. How could anyone not conclude that California has reached the level of being classified as overpopulated after examining the following evidence?

One: California fertility rate of 2.6 children per woman has now equaled that of Sri­

Lanka and Chile according to the US Census Bureau and State population statistics. Two: The demand for new housing has already exceeded 250,000 units per year according to the state Treasurer, Phil Angelides. Five: California’s present overpopulation of 35 million will swell to a space choking hole of 52 million in 25 years if no new population limiting legislation is enacted. What must be done to prevent our quality of life from dropping off at an exponential rate is to enact immigrat­
ting legislation e.g. HR 41. Other population growth reducing measures such as limiting tax exemptions to the first two children and requiring that all health plans offer contraceptives must also be enacted.

Bill Hickman
Salinas Resident

The following are actual excerpts from CSU Monterey Bay’s University Police Department.

Saturday September 23, 2000 @ 9:50 PM
Officer(s) arrested subject for possession of amphetamines.

Saturday September 24, 2000 @ 12:40 AM
Officer(s) arrested subject for disorderly conduct and public intoxification.

Saturday September 24, 2000 @ 4:15 AM
Officer assisted Marine Department of Public Safety with a K-9 search in school area.

Saturday September 26, 2000 @ 11:00 AM
Officer(s) investigated a report of possession of amphetamines.

Sunday September 26, 2000 @ 7:35 PM
Officer responded to a family dispute in which a son was fearful of his father’s anger so he called 911 and hung up the telephone.

Monday September 26, 2000 @ 9:45 PM
Officer assisted Marine Dept. of Public Safety with a verbal dispute involving numerous sub­
jects on Reservation & Seacrest Roads.

Wednesday September 27, 2000 @ 11:55 PM
Officer responded to a complaint of loud people. Officer cited and released a minor for possession of alcohol.

Thursday October 19, 2000 @ 2:10 PM
Officers observed a suspicious vehicle at Bunker Hill Drive and Saratoga Court. Subject was walking home.

Friday October 20, 2000 @ 11:30 PM
Officers observed a suspicious vehicle at the Abrams Courts. Officers were unable to locate the driver.

Wednesday November 1, 2000 @ 3:15 PM
Officer responded to a report of shots heard in the area of Geijerbury Court. Officers were unable to locate any suspects.

Wednesday November 2, 2000 @ 9:15 PM
Officers responded to a report of two naked males running in the street in the Yorktown Court and Bunker Hill Drive.

Thursday November 3, 2000 @ 5:25 PM
University police responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 2500 block of Minuteman Court.

Friday November 4, 2000 @ 9:40 PM
Officer assisted resident advisor with a complaint that 20 people were in their front yard.

Sunday November 5, 2000 @ 9:40 PM
Officers responded to a report of shots heard in the Sposytvania Court area. Officers were unable to locate any suspects.

Tuesday November 7, 2000 @ 12:15 PM
Officer investigated a report of theft from a locked motor vehi­
cle at Gettysburg Court.

Tuesday November 7, 2000 @ 11:55 PM
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious person going door to door at Minuteman Court.

Wednesday November 8, 2000 @ 1:30 PM
Officer assisted Marina public safety with an apparent suicide in their backyard.
This fall, eleven CSUMB students went to Mendocino County, California for a Service Learning Immersion Experience focused on Native American and rural community development, led by Instructor Freea Burnstnad, Integrated Studies graduate student and Community Partner, Cloud Forest Institute (CFI). Through CFI, the students worked with eight community groups including The Eel River Watershed Forum, The Tribal Technology Preparation Center and Live Power Community Biodynamic Farm - a Community Supported Agriculture farm.

One of the eight groups was Native American Community Economic Development and were drafting Memorandum of Understandings between CFI and its community partners in Covelo, University Service Advocate, Arana Suarez-Zimmerman told me her experience with Native American tribes who were forced to relocate there in the 1800s. The community of Covelo is also home to a population of subsistence farmers, ranchers, loggers and other colonizers. Situated near the Mendocino National Forest and Lake Pillsbury, historically, the economy has depended on lumber and fisheries - primarily salmon fishing. This has changed over time. Eight years ago Louisiana-Pacific pulled their mill out of Covelo because there were not enough trees left to cut and the rivers have shown critically low fish counts for over ten years now. The community has been in an economic depression since these natural resources have been exhausted.

This past year Tribal Council could not do their own private (tribal timber land) cut, from which the proceeds fund most of their budget and is the financial mainstay of the tribal community. This year has been tough, but there are many looking to make changes that will shape and improve the future of Round Valley.

For the group preparing to go to Ecuador, the week offered some very important preparation and realization of group dynamics and working together in cross cultural, collaborative circumstances. Maia Scott wrote, "Working [this] close with someone you don’t know, or in some cases do not care to know, things have a tendency to escalate and tensions can run high especially if you are coming from different backgrounds, personally and academically diverse. What I learned was so much more than we could have learned in any classroom environment. There is now a certain family-like bond that encompasses our class from these experiences that we have had together.

As you can see a week can be so much when the time is used well. The student participants who attended the 2000 Covelo Service Learning Immersion Experience will be reflecting on all that they learned and applying it to their personal and professional lives for a long time to come. This experience happens every fall break as part of the ISSM 398S prerequisite course to Real Life Learning: Ecuador, but others are welcome to participate. If you are interested in participating in next year’s program contact Dara Zimmerman or Freeda Burnstnad through first class.

Your Health at CSUMB
Hepatitis and Meningitis facts everyone should know
By Karli Aaro

Your parents may have recently received a letter addressing the importance of getting a vaccine for meningitis and hepatitis B. College students living in the dorms should take the meningitis disease very seriously.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection that causes inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. This disease affects about 3,000 Americans per year and causes about 300 deaths. Meningitis seems to be on the rise, especially among college students. There is about 500 to 125 cases of meningitis that occur on college campuses annually with 5 to 15 of the students dying from it.

So why are college students more at risk to getting meningitis? Studies have shown that they are more susceptible because they live and work so close to each other in the dorms. Other risk factors that go along with college life are smoking, second-hand smoke, and excessive alcohol consumption.

Meningitis is spread by coughing, sneezing, sharing a drink, a cigarette, a spoon, or by kissing. The symptoms are similar to the flu. They include a fever, bad headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, lethargy, and red or purple-black spots. Any of these symptoms deserve to be checked out by a doctor or nurse.

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver caused by certain toxins, drugs, and infections. Hepatitis B is a very serious disease. It is easier to get than AIDS and it causes 250,000 deaths worldwide each year and about 200,000-300,000 people are infected with it each year in the U.S.

Hepatitis B is found in blood and other body fluids. It is spread through sexual contact, sharing razors or toothbrushes, and contact with infected blood. Some people with hepatitis B don’t have symptoms. If symptoms occur they include fatigue, fever, muscle and joint ache, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, and dull abdominal pain. These symptoms should definitely be brought to a doctor or nurse.

Luckily you can prevent meningitis and hepatitis B with vaccines. You should talk to your doctor or nurse about getting a vaccine for meningitis and a vaccine for hepatitis B. The hepatitis B vaccine comes in three doses. The second dose is given a month after the first dose and the third dose is given 2 months after the second dose. You can receive these vaccines from the health center on campus. It is $75 for the meningitis vaccine and $65 for the hepatitis B vaccine. If anyone would like to know more about these two diseases you can pick up pamphlets about them at the Campus Health Center.

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Dia de los Muertos, November 2, 2000

Members of the community were invited to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos at CSUMB. Activities included face painting, a procession to Divarty Quad and the traditional Ofrenda, offerings made to those who've passed through this life.

No bones about it, Ryan Unmack displays his love and appreciation of life at CSUMB's Dia De Los Muertos celebration.

Photos by Caroline Musto

Marisa Mercado and Visual and Public Art Director, Amalia Mesa Bains, pose with a life size action puppet.
CSUMB Hosts Second Annual Kelp Kraze Day
By Brian Kees

On Saturday, November 11, 2000 CSUMB hosted the second annual Kelp Kraze Day, the entertainment portion of On-Campus Admissions Day which is an opportunity for prospective students to bring a completed application to CSUMB and be admitted on-the-spot.

This year’s installment of Kelp Kraze also had many activities for students, faculty, prospective students, and parents to engage in. There was a rock climbing wall, a bungee run, both of which had constant lines of people wanting to try the games. Activities also included a dunk tank, and pseudo sumo wrestling. There were many food stands for selling their gourmet wares to the hungry and a book sale to satisfy the entertainment portion of On-Campus food stands for selling their gourmet wares to the hungry and a book sale to satisfy the hungry.

Another well-received performance by Chubby Lopez, a 102.5 radio KDON Disc Jockey, was the locally popular ‘Salinas Grammar’. Salinas grammar is a remake of ‘Country Grammar’ which is a song done by newly famous artist, Nelly. Both the Otter Sparky’s Rootbeer, a fresh strawberry cheesecake stand, and a food stand hosted by the Alumni Association.

Several performances kept the crowds attention. The newly formed CSUMB Cheerleaders performed to a receptive audience. Team Captain Stephanie Peilham said, “Over all we were pleased with our performance. It’s hard to perform routines on mats because they slide around and aren’t that stable. But we had fun and were happy that people enjoyed our performance.” The cheerleaders will be performing at upcoming home basketball games.

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Women's Basketball Team Defeated in Season Opener
By Chris Lee

The 2000 season debut was one the Otters hope to soon forget, as they were easily handled by California Baptist University of Riverside, 76-22. To their credit, the Otters played hard throughout, despite being outmatched by the Lancers quicker guards and bigger forwards.

In the first half, the Otters came out slowly while the Lancers controlled the offensive glass and connected from the three-point arc en route to a 36-12 halftime lead. Halftime marked the debut of the Otter Cheer Team, who encouraged the crowd with variety of chants and dance routines.

To start the second half, Cal Baptist came out looking to push the tempo and pick up where they left off in the first half. They were successful as the Lancers pressure defense forced CSUMB into 46 turnovers. This suffocating brand of defense, kept the Otters out of sync all night, limiting them to only two field goals the entire second half. Nothing came easy for the Otters the entire game, because the Lancers contested every shot and put pressure on every pass as well.

Otters head coach Ken Gordon felt his team never got into the flow of the game, but also gave credit to the Lancers' smothering defense, saying, "We've just got to stick to the fundamentals, and not panic."

Though it was not the best night for the Otters, it was the first game of the season and the team definitely looks to get better as the season continues. Katie Barnes led the Otters in scoring with seven points for the game.

Next Home Games: December 2nd at 7:00pm vs. CSU Bakersfield and December 9th at 7:00pm vs. Fresno Pacific.

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In the toddler room of CSUMB's Child Development Center, filled with nap mats, art projects and toys, a press conference was held Thursday, November 9 to discuss the financial state of the CDC. Along with concerned parents and students, also present were Cecilia Burciaga, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Matt Kritschger, Director of Student Activities and Career Development, Public Relations Senator, Gerardo Salinas, and Kevin Miller, former Student Voice Chair and organizer of the press conference.

Kevin Miller began the press conference by reading a resolution adopted by Student Voice stating that the $119,000 the CDC received each year was not enough to run the Child Development Center efficiently. Student Voice requested that $40,000 of student fees would be allocated for the CDC. "Whereas a previous operating budget of $119,000 per year has failed to meet the needs of the university. Whereas it has been shown that a base budget of no less than $150,000 per year for the CDC is necessary to keep this vital campus resource financially stable. Whereas concerns over the CDC's future have surfaced with the resignation of the Vice President of Student Affairs; Therefore, be it resolved that Student Voice requests the estimated $40,000 in student fees ($150.00 x 2666 students) be allocated to the base budget of the CDC for no less than two years."

The Student Voice Board of Directors adopted this resolution on June 21, 2000. "Over the summer, another thing happened. The Provost gave $15,000 to the Child Development Center, in order to give it more funding and Peter Smith, our president took $40,000 away from it," Miller said. In regards to another major issue of the CDC Miller also said, "In the resolution it states clearly that we're saying that $119,000 isn't enough and that we want to give them an extra $40,000. So Peter, I guess, thought that the $119,000 was enough and took the $40,000 away, basically negating the resolution that we passed."

Kevin Miller discussed challenging the University to continue giving the disputed $40,000 to the Child Development Center, so that in time, the CDC can be funded by the California Department of Education's Child Development Division, which funds the bulk of most budgets for child care in the State.

Cecilia Burciaga also spoke about applying for grants by saying, "We have two immediate things that we need to work on right now. One is in January we will get an application for a state grant from the Child Development services agency in California. We need to apply to that agency to get some solid money. Number two: we are hoping to get some funding grants from the Packard foundation, so we are working on that." Student Voice is also trying to become the "governing body" over the Child Development Center and thus giving them the authority to make decisions for the CDC.

Audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and give suggestions as to what is needed for the CDC and how to achieve the goals set forth by Kevin Miller and other audience members. Joya Chavarin, parent and Interim Administrative Analyst of the CDC said, "eventually we have to grow up so we could be like the other CSUs in regards to CSUMB's childcare. Gerardo Salinas, Public Relations Senator suggested that the CDC collaborate with other departments and to spread the word. "If there is enough community support that this is a priority, then this can succeed."

One person who is supporting the issue of the CDC is Umar Abdur-Rahim, President of the Black Student Union (BSU). Umar Abdur-Rahim, suggested an immediate follow-up meeting after the press conference along with submitting a petition to President Smith and forming a committee for the CDC. Umar seemed to be greatly concerned with the situation the Child Development Center is in. "What is it going to take? Is it going to take a child to die to fix this situation?" Abdur-Rahim said. Abdur-Rahim also mentioned that he along with the BSU support the Child Development Center.

One parent felt that there needs to be less apathy about the Child Development Center and it's financial troubles, and another said that "This is a community issue." Gerardo Salinas, as well many of those present at the press conference felt that it was necessary to inform the different departments of the financial problems of the CDC as well as the surrounding communities. "If we each commit at least one email and/or one note, we can reach a lot of people," Salinas said. Thursday night, a sign-up sheet was passed out to the audience where they were able to commit to send emails or letters in support of the CDC.

Those present showed enthusiasm to not only to write email or letters, but also to form a committee that will present the issues of concern to President Smith and the University. After discussion, the main goal echoed throughout the meeting was to have the University financially support the Child Development Center for two years, at which time, they hope to be funded by the state. The audience also agreed to form a committee, form some form of business or long-term plan, and make students and the community aware of the issues the CDC faces, so as to gain more support. They also agreed to meet on Friday at noon to further discuss the issues.

Although the Child Development is going through financial hardships, they still are focusing on what is important: the children. Cecilia Burciaga said, "one of the things that I'm very, very proud of, is the fact that there really are no complaints from the part of the parents in terms of how their children are cared for—the important stuff. Is my child being cared for? Yes, are the teachers child-centered? Yes." Burciaga also stated, "parents are happy with the way their children are cared for at the CDC, and that the staff there is child-oriented and work hard to keep the center going well. The teachers are doing a spectacular job. And, yes, they know there's not a lot of money, and they know, but in the end, they'll stop a conversation and go focus on a child, all the time. They really are doing a great job."

If you are interested in learning more about these issues or want to be part of the committee, contact Kevin Miller via FirstClass.