Over four hundred staff and faculty and a sprinkling of students were on hand to hear President Peter Smith acknowledge that more attention needs to be paid to student services in his annual State of the University address given January 25 in the World Theater. The President focused on CSUMB's priority of making more available student services, and talked about how far the university has already come.

It should not be a question of how good we are on a great day, but how good we are on an average day.

DR. PETER SMITH PRESIDENT CSU MONTEREY BAY

Prior to Dr. Smith's speech, the CSU Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Academic Officer explained some of the statewide CSU goals with a three part agenda - which he said was actually a list of eight priorities but he never got to the other five. In addition to two addresses, 90 faculty and staff members were honored with a 5-year service award pin.

The crowd in attendance at the packed World Theater was abuzz with conversation, seemingly enthusiastic to be there and eager to hear what priorities CSU Monterey Bay will be concentrating on in the coming year.

Everyone from new and old faculty and staff members, to Residential Advisors, to officials from Monterey County were there when the Academic Senate Chair, Steve Watkins opened the annual event with a short statement welcoming everyone to the event and introducing the Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. David Spence, whom he said was an advocate of the most hotly debated issue in higher education today, shared governance, or, in English, who will run the universities - faculty or administrators. Spence took the stage and emphasized that, as a top officer in the entire CSU system, it was especially gratifying to him to see the University concentrat­ing on in the coming year.

During the 2000/2001 winter break, FOAM and the CSUMB Foundation's Department of Residential Life inspected dormitories and some student apartments. Two types of inspections were conducted. FOAM conducted inspections to verify that apartments were ready for new tenants to move in. The Residential Life department of CSUMB conducted "Health and Safety Inspections."

In the case of the "Health and Safety Inspections," none of the inspectors had any specific qualifications or credentials to conduct health and safety inspections, such as backgrounds in fire prevention, etc. Rather, the inspections were primarily done by Resident Advisors (RAs), who are themselves students.

Regarding the purpose of the "Health and Safety Inspections," Andy Klingelhoefer, Director of Residential Life said, "We want to make sure the smoke detectors work, that flammables are not stored next to hot water heaters and furnaces, to indicate that there aren't huge holes in the walls, to make sure we don't have issues with cockroaches, with rats, all of those kinds of things on a regular basis."

Mike Hartley, Director of Fort Ord Asset Management (FOAM), said that FOAM did not have any role in the "Health and Safety Inspections" except to print and post the 24-hour entry notices, but did participate in the new-student move-in inspections. FOAM is a private organization that manages the CSUMB apartments under contract.

Many apartment dwellers that were home at the time of the "Health and Safety Inspections" believe that many RA-inspectors did little to actually check health and safety issues.

Student Eric Heffernan said, "they did not even look at my water heater that is in bad shape but they went throughout every room and every closet looking for something green or more roommates, pets, and such. It was not cool I had to take the day off of work to make sure they did not rape my apartment looking for something I did not have. It is suspicious that a landlord would search themselves by a committee of themselves."

Student Matthew Marksbury said, "Safety Check huh? Then why did they check my water heater? Or my smoke alarm? The closets, laundry room, backyard, fridge, and garage must be the most potentially hazardous areas of the apartment, because that's all they checked here. Who knows?"

Some apartments did get more thorough safety inspections, but some apartment residents weren't pleased about what they considered excessive inspections. Student Edwin Dean said, "they came in, glanced around all the rooms, and checked the closet with the heater and water heater. They also checked inside my refriger-

Be sure not to miss...

Diversity Day's Keynote Speaker: Winona LaDuke at 8:00pm on Monday, February 5th in the University Center Ballroom. Free for CSUMB students, $3 non-students, $5 general.

"An Evening of Dragons" with Pam Africa and Friends at 7:00pm Thursday, February 8th in the Music Hall, building 30. Admission is free.

The Virginia Monologues (performed by student actresses) 8:00pm in The World Theater, Feb. 15-17.

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Student Voice would like to welcome everyone back. We know that students are the life of this university and it is our goal to meet the needs of as many students as possible. Please feel free to contact us at (831) 582-4067.

After a long break of fun and sun or no sun at all, it's time to start school. Student Voicers had their break, but it's back to work for all of us. Since last semester we have had a few changes. We have had three vacant positions filled by new student leaders. The new Financial Director is Richard (John) Charter. The new Residential Life Senator is Briana Krank. Our new Chair is Kari Rawlings. The Student Union Chair, a new position developed for the purpose of starting a Student Union, is Farah Hussain.

We are searching for an interested student to fill the position of Technology Senator. Our previous Tech Senator Hoss Koch did an excellent job and was tremendously dedicated to the Student Voice. He had to step down to dedicate his remaining semester to school. The position is now vacant and applications are now available. If you are interested in applying to become our Technology Senator please contact Jason Sanchez at (831) 582-4468. Applications will be available in the Student Voice Office, located in the Student Center, Bidg 14. All applications are due by February 12.

Student Voice would like to hear from its readers. Full name, address and day time phone number are required for verifi- cation purposes only, not for publication. Letters may be up to 300 words and must be factually accurate. Letters may be edited for length only. Threatening or tasteless letters will not be printed and will be reviewed by the Otter Realm editorial board. There are several ways to submit commentary.

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Welcome to spring semester, 2001 and a happy new year to all. As we all know, change is constant and with the new year, the Otter Realm has been making rapid and important changes in order to better serve its readers and to become a better learning lab for interested students.

Since the beginning of fall semester, 2000, the Otter Realm has been researching change. We're looking for ways to improve the paper with academic and financial support as well as convert the structure of the newspaper to a more independent format. We have been working with an exploratory committee lead by Interim Dean Joe Larkin, and members of both University Advancement and Human Communication in order to come up with a proposal that can be presented to the cabinet for further review and, ultimately, for their financial and academic support.

In order to write this proposal about the future of the Otter Realm we conducted a campus survey yielding about 250 responses. We also contacted nine other university newspapers to see how they have grown, how they are structured within the university, and how they sustain themselves financially.

With the constructive suggestions we received from the campus surveys we now have a better idea of what approximately 10% of the campus wants. Ten percent just isn't enough. I encourage readers to find an Otter Realm survey on FirstClass' General News or Open Forum or request one from me by e-mail and fill it out. Your suggestions will help to strengthen the campus newspaper for current and future community members.

One common suggestion from the surveys was more letters to the editor. There is nothing the Otter Realm would like more than to print input from the readers. Whether it is comments about campus, community or world issues, or even constructive criticism of the Otter Realm, we encourage reader response and look forward to more letters. Please see our new letters to the editor policy on page two.

We hope to serve the campus better with our new announcements section. Announcement requests can be sent to OtterRealm@monterey.edu and must be 30 words or less.

We have brought on a new features service, kFX, which is a weekly service from King Features to keep the campus entertained with comics, cartoons, advice, horoscopes and puzzles. I hope you like what we choose and whether you do or don't, give me some feedback by, you guessed it, writing a letter to the editor.

The Otter Realm strives to bring this community together. We want the outside community to recognize the capabilities and talents students, staff and faculty at this university possess. The Otter Realm wants to reach out further into those outside community to let locals know what's up here at the Ord. We've substantially lowered our ad rates in the hopes that Monterey County businesses as well as on campus entities will be more inclined to advertising in the Otter Realm.

With the beginning of the new semester the Otter Realm will be appointing a new editorial board; News/Academic Editor, Features/Entertainment Editor, Sports Editor, Global Community Editor and Copy Editor. We are also looking for more people to write articles for the paper and, we're looking to hire a dedicated few to sell advertisements, the life blood of any newspaper.

Most importantly, I want you to look forward to every future issue of the Otter Realm. Much dedication and research has gone into the improvements that have been made and will be made in the semesters to come. If you have any questions about how to get involved you can email us at OtterRealm@monterey.edu We want to hear from you.

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He pointed out that most universities have four to six years to prepare their campus, academically and recreationally, for incoming students before opening. In light of the fact that Monterey Bay had only six to eight months, he called what we have been able to accomplish over the last six years, from the Capstone project to Service Learning, "simply amazing."

According to a National Survey of Student Engagement, Dr. Spence continued, Monterey is in the top half for student engagement in the university and the 90th percentile in terms of active and collaborative learning.

Dr. Spence went on to say that shared governance between the faculty and administrators is important to the CSU system and outlined a three part agenda to that effect. First, it is vital to involve people early in the decision making process. Second, rather than having the different sides meet separately and form their views separately, it is important to work out positions together from the start. Third, in the event that an agreement absolutely cannot be reached, it is incumbent upon administration to explain to the faculty why their view was not taken.

Finally, Dr. Spence concluded, CSUs have to be accountable to the public. Right now the CSU graduation rate is a solid 60% to 65%, which is around average in comparison to other colleges. But that's still 40% to 45% who do not graduate, and what the public wants to see, according to Spence, is higher graduation rates. Then they, the public, will be happy to support measures to grant the CSU system with more needed money and resources. "We can do better," asserted Dr. Spence, "we must do better."

Next, President Peter Smith took the podium. He began by reminiscing about 2001: A Space Odyssey, noting that we have now arrived at that date, and although much of what was predicted has yet to transpire, CSUMB has taken on a life of its own much like the H.A.L. Supercomputer. In last year's State of the University address, Dr. Smith had said that developing institutions go through four stages: forming, storming, norming, and performing. CSUMB is still in the process of "norming" through strategic planning. The President took a moment to thank Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega, the Cabinet, faculty, and all that have contributed to the effort, whose mention was met with respectful applause.

Dr. Smith continued to explain that there are currently seven different groups working on plans, which, "when complete, will form the framework upon which CSUMB will grow over the next several years." Included are plans effecting Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Information Technology, Communication, Resource Accumulation, Campus Development, and a Financial Plan for the next five years. Smith stated that his "highest priority as President is to go beyond the successful completion of these plans, to see the integration of their priorities into budgeting, decision making, and daily operations." He also called it "critically important" that the plans be made public to benefit from discussion and inclusion of all priorities.

Dr. Smith went on to congratulate the various offices which helped CSUMB come close to its enrollment targets saying that "we came just thirty students short of our targeted capacity for Fall 2000." He did not address how an additional thirty students would have impacted the already chaotic atmosphere students experienced on move-in day; the well-documented singles forced into doubles, doubles forced into triples, students going without beds, and the overall lack of space.

Dr. Smith referred to the 2000 National Survey of Student Engagement, in which CSUMB fared particularly well in the masters institutions category. Monterey Bay freshmen and seniors ratings put CSUMB in the 70th percentile for "Level of Academic Challenge," and in the 99th percentile for "Active and Collaborative Learning." For "Enriching Educational Experience," seniors again put Monterey Bay in the 99th percentile, while freshmen had CSUMB just under the 90th. But when it came to "Student Interactions with Faculty," freshmen placed CSUMB in the 70th, indicating positively that students deepen and increase their interactions and relationships with the faculty and staff as they grow more accustomed to CSUMB. Finally, when it came to "Supportive Environment," Monterey Bay was at its weakest in the 60th percentile with seniors and the 40th, the only below average score, with freshmen. Still, CSUMB rated extremely well overall, leading Dr. Smith to proclaim that "we have committed ourselves to the role of being an example for other institutions to follow in moving from rhetoric to reality in these [our stronger] areas."

"Our current [enrollment] goal is to eventually serve between eight and nine thousand full-time residential and commuter students," Dr. Smith went on to say, adding that we will increase numbers by four to five hundred students each year. We will also increase our distance learning programs to serve another four to six thousand. The maximum on-campus residential number comes because of potential water regulations.

With the fact in mind that our lowest survey score was for the lack of a "Supportive Campus Environment," Dr. Smith stated that the campus will implement four support-related initiatives to "improve support for academic success, support to help students cope with non-academic responsibilities, support needed to thrive socially, and support that fosters quality relationships with other students, faculty members, [and administration]."

Number one, the Freshmen Year Experience will start in late Spring of students' senior high school year with an early registration, and support from then on. Number two, the Campus Service Center (building 47) will become a "one-stop shop for essential services," easing the hassle and confusion of being sent from one building to another. Number three, two new residential halls will be opened. And number four, a renewed commitment has been made to improve Freshman ProSeminar through increased training of ProSem scholars.

The President then made a call to action to the people to make a personal commitment to the students, explaining that "The most essential ingredient of quality student support is the human dimension." He went on to state that "what really distinguishes our faculty is the unwavering commitment to serving students. It should not be a question of how good we are on a great day, but how good we are on an average day." The president continued by saying that the university has to tell the students about new programs instead of just hoping students will find and use them on their own. "Taking care of one need of one student... [makes] a huge difference in our ability to achieve our educational mission and vision," Dr. Smith assured, "[and] in whether society eventually benefits from everything that one student has to offer."

Just as advanced technology means nothing if the staff can't understand it, said the President, a diverse student population means nothing if the university doesn't work to meet their individual needs. His next statement that the "willingness to support others is fundamental to mutual respect" was met with a round of impromptu applause. Dr. Smith then wrapped up his speech by asking everyone to join him in a renewed commitment to student support and services not just to make the university look better, but because it's the right thing to do. He concluded that in the future, we'll hopefully be able to look back and remember 2001 as the key year in CSU Monterey Bay's evolution to support each and every student.

After Dr. Smith was done, around 90 staff and faculty members were introduced and stood onstage as they were recognized with 5-year service award pins for their outstanding dedication and commitment to serving the university. Following the presentation, there was a reception in the World Theater lobby with food and coffee. The day which was intended as a staff/faculty training day continued with various activities, culminating with a New Student Orientation welcoming in the evening.

Mr. Pollack's sentiments were echoed by Juan Avalos, Director of Institutional Assessment and Research, who stated that it was encouraging to know that a strong focus will be put on student experience in the budgeting process, and "very exciting" that the university will be working to improve its campus environment. Mr. Avalos disagreed with those who thought the previous year's address was better, saying that it was more focused this year and Dr. Smith "spoke to the audience." All in all, Mr. Avalos considered it a very good speech.

Jose Martinez-Saldaña, Director of the Student Success Center, said that as an advocate for student services, it was his job to consider recreation and things as simple as where a student will be able to go to buy shampoo if they need it. He backed up Mr. Avalos' comments, contributing that this is the first time student services has been a priority. "It doesn't do any good to bring them here," said Mr. Saldaña "if they fail the first semester." He acknowledged that there are many smaller disagreements and complaints which Dr. Smith did not bring up, but emphasized that for a setting like this, with the wide and varied audience, one can't be too specific.
Chief of CSUMB's Police Force, Joe Maltby, said that the CSUMB Police Department had no role in the planning or execution of any of these housing inspections. Chief Maltby said the CSUMB PD had no knowledge of the growing, nor were the residents under any suspicion or investigation, prior to the growing being reported by the inspectors.

Not everyone was upset by the idea of the inspections, nor upset that the purpose of the inspection may not have been clearly or accurately stated.

Student Jeff Arnett said "I'll go on the record by saying this: I think the idea of safety inspections is fine. Whether or not the 'safety' of the unit is actually being inspected is of no consequence to me. I'm glad that FOAM is taking the initiative to maintain a safe and legal atmosphere for students and their families. Our unit was inspected last week, we were given a 24-hour notice posted on the front door, and my wife was home during the inspection. It was quite obvious to her what the individuals were looking for. I find it hard to believe there wouldn't be any major safety hazards under our bathroom sink. Nonetheless, since we have nothing to hide, we didn't mind it a bit. I'm glad to know that I don't live by someone that uses their unit as a meth lab or weed farm."

Student Sara Anderson, who lives off-campus, said, "The first University I went to used to have fire drills so that they could inspect your rooms. Anything they found (it had to be in plain sight) you were responsible for, which included pets. I got busted for having pet frogs."

Some residents have called the legality and appropriateness of the purpose and execution of these dwelling searches into question.

Some residents have brought up the question of "reasonable notice," as, in the case of student housing during a month-plus long winter break, it might be reasonably expected that many, if not most, students would be away. Thus a 24-hour notice placed on a door of someone who's known to be away might be seen as violating the spirit of "reasonable notification."

Director Klingelhofer was asked for his reaction to this logic and said, "First all I'd say is that it's not reasonable for us to expect that most of the students in the apartment would be gone (during the winter break). In the apartments, the students are in and out. Legally, by license agreement, 24-hour notice is given. Ideally longer notice should be given. One of the reasons for doing it (the inspections) during the break is person power. It takes a lot of time to go through and in many cases they have to be re-inspected, particularly when new students are moving in." Klingelhofer went on to say, "Since a majority of our staff are students in some fashion or other, it's easier to do it at that time."

According to Director Klingelhofer, "University housing is dealt with differently than California landlord tenant law...under the Education Code." He expanded on that by saying, "University housing is considered different than the outside housing. Although we conform in many ways, there are other pieces given the property is owned by the State of California in the long term."

Sections 1953-1954 of the California Civil Code (See Sidebar) outline the only conditions under which a landlord may enter a dwelling, and further states explicitly that regardless of whatever any lease or license agreement may otherwise, those rights may not be signed away. Director Klingelhofer indicated that he believes universities are exempt from those Civil Code Sections by the California Educational Code, although at press time, he did not know specifically which code section provides the exemption. Director Klingelhofer said he would provide the specific code(s) for publication in the next issue of the Otter Realm.

However, a search of the California Educational code, using the keyword "housing" on the California State Web Site <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=edc&codebody=housing&hits=All> did not reveal any code section(s) which obviously gives universities, either explicitly nor implicitly, the authority to ignore Civil Code sections 1953-1954.

These dwelling inspections have also seized the attention of several student groups.

The Residence Hall Association, an organization that says it represents the dormitory dwellers, issued the following statement: "The Residence Hall Association realizes the concerns of the students both in the residence halls and the apartments. Although more explanation and notice would have been preferred, the safety inspections are included in the license agreement, and were done in the best interest of the students."

CSUMB's student government, Student Voice, is scheduled to discuss these inspections at their January 29, 2001 meeting, and the results from that meeting will be reported in the next issue of the Otter Realm.

The inspections are no longer going. Director Klingelhofer said that more apartment inspections are planned for the Spring break. Director Klingelhofer said that anyone who knows that they will be away during a break, and who does not wish their apartment or room to be inspected while they are away, should notify FOAM and schedule a time before or after the break so they can be home for the inspection.

Mike Hartley of FOAM said that the Housing Workgroup is now reworking the housing licenses. Hartley recommends interested students contact Brian Dawson, founder of the Frederick Park Community Council, an organization entirely composed of students. Hartley added "at the end of the day, we want to do what's right."
For one week CSUMB is asking you to "Celebrate Yourself" in a series of events called Diversity Days. Beginning Friday, February 2nd and ending on February 10th, the First Annual Diversity Days will be an opportunity for self and cultural awareness. Eating, dancing, singing and discussing are only a few of what the week has in store. Most events are free for CSUMB students and many are open to the public. To learn more about Diversity Days, the Otter Realm Contacted Hyon Chu Yi, Chair of the event.

"Diversity Days is about increasing the pace of conversation and moving past the rhetoric with a week of dynamic and educational programs to help us celebrate ourselves and learn from each other. My hope is that this week will revitalize our diversity efforts at this campus and reaffirm our commitment to the vision which brought so many of us here" commented Hyon Chu to the Otter Realm.

Hyon Chu along with Resident Advisors (RAs) make up Res Life’s Diversity Committee, which came up with the idea of Diversity Days. The Diversity Days Committee wishes that this experience will “provide opportunities for individual growth” when it comes to diversity awareness as well as bring a positive change to CSUMB in learning to become a more multicultural community.

"Let’s Groove Tonight" will kick off Diversity Days on Friday night and at the same time celebrate Black History Month while students dance the night away at the University Center Ballroom, sponsored by Black Students United. Dancing will continue on Tuesday, February 6, when Ibrahima Ngom and his drumming group teach healing dances from Senegal, Africa.

One of the main events during the week is keynote speaker former Green Party Vice Presidential Candidate, Winona Laduke. Laduke is a renowned Native American Indian activist and advocate for environmental, women and children’s rights. Students have the opportunity to dine with Ms. Laduke at the Otter Bay Cafe for $5.00 before the dialogue, which is free. The opening dinner will feature traditional dishes from Asia, the Middle East, Central America, Europe and Africa and will take the form of an all-you-can-eat buffet. This is an important event for students, says Hyon Chu as it, "exposes students to a national political figure who is known to be one of the most influential leaders in the United States." The event will also give students the opportunity to eat and speak to Winona Laduke in-person. Laduke will be on campus to speak on Monday, February 5th from 5:30 to 8 pm.

Other guest speakers include Dr. Toni Humber, Professor of Ethnic and Women's Studies at Cal Poly Pomona, Elaine Brown, and well-known speaker Pam Africa. Dr. Humber and Elaine Brown will speak on Friday February 9th and Pam Africa will speak on Thursday.

Students will also have the opportunity to dine this week with President Smith while discussing the progress of the campus in achieving the goals of our Vision. "DisABILITY Dinner on Thursday February 8th will be an experiential five-course dinner as participants learn what it feels to have a physical or learning disability."

The Cantare Samaritan Singers, a children’s choir from Oakland will take part of Wednesday’s events for Diversity Days. Live bands, a BBQ and Club Fest, a showcase for all student clubs and organizations will also be a part of Wednesday. That same evening, "Remember the Titans" will be shown at the World Theater for free.

Diversity Days also has in their schedule of events various workshops, such as the Religious Wars workshop, the LGBT Program [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender] sponsored by All in the Family, Linguistic Diversity, and "NCBI Building Community and Welcoming Diversity" where students will explore and discuss diversity and prejudice.

A series of "Passive Programs" will be available throughout the week and after. Part of the Passive Programs is a poster contest with a $200 cash prize called the "You Are Welcome Here" poster contest in which the message of the poster will welcome all individuals into the CSUMB community.

"Just Ask, It's Okay" is a campaign to help create an environment where students may feel safe about discussing or questioning culture and diversity. Those who choose to participate will wear buttons with the name of the campaign, which will let others know that that person is available and willing to answer questions from students who may not feel comfortable in engaging in the scheduled discussions. Those interested in participating in "Just Ask, It's OK" may pick up buttons at Residential Life (84E).

For faculty, Hyon Chu mentions that they "hope faculty will use Diversity Days as a supplement to the class experiences." Folders have been prepared for faculty with materials to aid them in implementing Diversity Days into their courses if they wish to. Any faculty member interested in these packets may pick up them up in the Residential Life building (84E).

Diversity Days 2001
Celebrate Yourself

**Monday, February 5th**

- **Opening Celebration/Dinner**
  - 5:30-8pm
  - Otter Bay Cafe
  - $5 student
  - $7 general admission
- **Keynote: Winona Laduke**
  - 8:00pm
  - University Center Ballroom
  - Free to CSUMB students, $3 students, $5 general admission

**Tuesday, February 6th**

- **Religious Wars (Free Lunch)**
  - 12-1pm
  - University Center Conference Rooms
  - Free

**Wednesday, February 7th**

- **Club Fest**
  - 11-2pm
  - Main Quad
  - Free
- **Dinner with the President**
  - 5-7pm
  - University Center Ballroom
  - Free

**Friday, February 9th**

- **Linguistic Diversity**
  - 11-1pm
  - University Center Conference Rooms
  - Free

**Saturday, February 10th**

- **Feature Film Presentation**
  - 8-10pm
  - World Theater
  - Free
  - "Remembering The Titans" (1st Showing on 2/8)

**Passive Programs:***

- "Just Ask, It's Okay campaign"
- You Are Welcome Here Poster Contest

**CSU Monterey Bay**

**February 2nd-10th**

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* All programs are free to Frederick Park Residents *
In celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., CSUMB presented Dance Theater of Harlem for two ballet demonstrations and performances on Thursday, January 18 in the World Theater.

The audience was privy to what goes on behind the scenes of a ballet performance. The dancers took the stage at the World Theater to demonstrate a typical day of dance practice. There were exercises at the barre, point rehearsal for women, jump rehearsal for men and lifts demonstrated by partners. Volunteers from the audience were brought up on stage to perform different styles of dance. Music was played while three children danced on stage. The ballet master demonstrated classic steps of ballet used in the children’s dances, showing the audience that ballet is the foundation for other types of dancing.

The introduction was helpful during the second half of the demonstration when the lifts and jumps could be recognized in the professional's performances. Three pieces were performed. The first, Adagietto #5, was very modern and performed by one woman and two men. The second was a historic piece titled, “Firebird (pas de deux).” The dance was originally done in Russia and is based on Russian folktales. DTH adapted the tales and relayed to the audience the firebird’s mystical ability to fight evil. The finale was by far the most entertaining piece. Excerpts from South African Suite brought the crowd to their feet with the recognizable techniques demonstrated in the introduction. Danced to South African orchestra music, the performance combined modern and classical dance with South African culture and tradition.

Dance Theatre of Harlem was founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and a mentor of his, Karel Shook. The creation of the company was inspired by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the hope that the company would offer children the opportunity to learn about the allied arts. Now, 31 years later, DTH is known as a major dance institution, encompassing a neoclassical dance company, a leading arts education center, and a national and international community outreach program.

The company is committed to the enrichment of the lives of young people and adults around the world through the art of dance. Their schools offer training to more than 1,000 young people annually and they offer a community program located in Harlem, which is open to any child who wants to learn to dance. Dancing Through barriers, DTH’s educational and community outreach program, brings arts to young people in schools and community centers all over the world.

The Otter Realm was fortunate enough to score an interview with one of the dance artists, Amy Johnson of New Orleans who has been following DTH since 1986. “Ever since I saw DTH perform Creole Giselle I knew that I wanted to enter DTH’s summer program,” admitted Johnson. Johnson returned to DTH’s intensive six week summer program year after year up until being hired after graduation by DTH last July. “DTH has changed my life a lot,” she said. “I’d find myself being the only African American student in a ballet class in a small city, perhaps where there isn’t as much artistic expression in all the disciplines. My city [New Orleans] was known for jazz but it didn’t have black ballerinas. The atmosphere of Dance Theatre Harlem was really comforting, it really pushed me to work harder when I saw other people with similar physical attributes succeed at what I worked so hard for.”
Tele-dramatic Arts and Technology (TAT) students are worried there isn't enough money to go around. Recently Benny Ambush, the fifth TAT director in five years, announced his departure from CSUMB. Ambush stated that he was leaving because, among other reasons, there is a perceived lack of appropriate budgeting for staff and faculty as well as for productions. Many upset TAT students arrived at a town hall meeting with their director before Christmas break. Students expressed a variety of responses to Ambush's departure including:

- Having done several fundraising events before, TAT sophomore Briana Krank organized a group of several students to wrap presents at Borders in Sand City in order to raise money for TAT. In a program established by Borders, local groups can wrap gifts at the store, with supplies provided by the store, and keep whatever profit they earn by wrapping gifts for patrons. Krank was joined by several other TAT students and supporters, including Jen Browne, Shannon Pielock, Crystal Schmitt and Kathryn Ellis. "We didn't raise a lot of money (approximately $200) but the point was we wanted to do something. A lot of TAT students want to help but they don't know what to do. I thought, even though it wouldn't raise a lot of money, it was something that made a few of us feel like we were doing something for our major," stated Krank. According to Krank some TAT students were neither appreciative nor supportive of her and the other students' efforts. "A lot of my classmates are wondering if this is what TAT has come to. Some see fund-raising as begging for charity and that is not what they think is best for TAT," she said.

- Krank continues, "So many TAT students are so uninformed about what is going on with our major." Krank says many of the students know TAT is having some problems but don't really know what they are. Rumors spread quickly and the one about TAT being phased out is just a myth but there are real concerns about the future of TAT. "Everyone is just so frustrated," begins Krank. "We all pay the same amount of tuition and we TAT students don't all feel we are getting out all we can."

Krank is not the only student confused about what is going on in TAT. The situation is complicated and requires answers from a variety of different people from Academic Affairs to Budget Committees. Keep watching the Otter Realm for more information.

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Perhaps you returned to your cozy college home to discover the perpetual green blink-blink of your VCR clock and the completely wrong time on the clock. If you were anywhere else in California over the break you probably know that the power has been going off all over the state. Twenty-seven million Californians are sucking the energy right out of the state.

Californians are rolling in and out of what is referred to as a Stage Three Electrical emergency. The Stage Three alert is declared when operating reserves have fallen below one and a half percent. The Stage Three declaration means that the California Independent Operating System (Cal-ISO) can make up for the loss of reserves by accessing emergency assistance from federal and state agencies.

Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric used to be the three energy utilities in the state. Then the state switched over to what Cal-ISO refers to as “public electron highways.” The Cal-ISO is the new controller of the state’s “power grid.” The Cal-ISO states that the “grid is a network of long-distance, high-voltage transmission lines and substations that carry bulk electricity to local utilities for distribution to their customers.” Power plants that demand up to 45,000 megawatts of power during “peak demand hours,” 6:00-10:00am and 4:00-8:00pm, are connected to the grid. Seventy-five percent of California falls then under the control of Cal-ISO.

All Californians are being urged to conserve energy. When energy cannot be conserved, Stage Three alerts are declared and rolling blackouts are possible. Rolling blackouts are rotated around different areas in the grid, leaving selected areas out of power for at least forty-five minutes and no more than two hours. Consumers have no control over the blackouts as they are determined by Cal-ISO personnel.

According to Jim Roberts, the Physical Plant Manager for Facilities Services & Operations, the best thing CSUMB can do is conserve as much energy as possible and try to be tolerant. Suggestions for conserving energy include minimizing the use of space air conditioners, reproducing and copying equipment, fans and/or individual space heaters, lighting in hallways & lobbies, unused office, lab or living spaces, dispensing machines, and use of elevators.

Roberts reminds CSUMB to, “bear in mind always that the blackouts are short in duration and you should always be patient.” According to Roberts, if power goes out during class time, it will be at the discretion of the teacher whether or not to dismiss the class. “However,” begins Roberts, “faculty and staff are to remain at their work stations.”

Remember to have a flash-light handy, conserve as much energy as possible and don’t forget to save computer documents often.

According to a message sent to First Class by News and Public Information Officer Holly White, “Should a power failure occur, most buildings have emergency corridor lighting that will activate automatically. Fire alarms and some telephones should be operational. Most telephones with display options or that plug into an electrical socket will not work and, of course, voice mail will not work. Some wireless computers will still work but will not be able to connect to CSUMB’s server. Should the power go out the university will continue to operate as normally as possible. It is the responsibility of the department or office supervisor to assess the building environment to take into account the safety, availability of light, and ventilation. In the event your building environment does not provide adequate natural lighting or appropriate ventilation to continue operations, the supervisor is to notify the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC can be reached by calling x3360 from cell phone or a functional office phone. In addition, anyone with concerns about the outage may come to the EOC, located next to the University Police Department. Decisions regarding general campus closure will be made by the President’s Office or designee and communicated through University Advancement. Whenever possible, the university will remain open. Working in areas that are naturally lit, employees may be able to use this time to working on assignments that do not require the use of electricity. Once the electricity is out, if further communications are necessary including an update of the expected length of the outage, appropriate staff will be sent to each building or module to provide updates.”

Outdoor Recreation
POM: Bldg. 228, Lewis Hall, 242-5506/1133
OMC: Bldg. 4260, Stilwell Community Center, 242-6155, Tue - Thu. 4 - 7 p.m.
WWW.POM-ODR.COM

Trips & Tours
January
Las Vegas Extravaganza Tour
Jan. 12-14, $149
Hockey Game, SJ Sharks vs Colorado Avalanche
Jan. 20, $50
San Francisco Get Acquainted Tour
Jan. 27, $23
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Monterey Wine Tour
Feb. 3, $20
Hockey Game, SJ Sharks vs Chicago Black Hawks
Feb. 10, $50
Disney Magic Tour
Feb. 17-19, $199
San Fran Get Acquainted Tour
Feb. 24, $23
Best of Broadway, Fiddler on the Roof
Feb. 24, $65
March
San Jose High Tech Museum
Mar. 10, $30
Hearst Castle (I Max Presentation)
Mar. 17, $35
San Francisco Get Acquainted Tour
Mar. 24, $23
Battle of the Bay
SF Giants vs Oakland As
Mar. 31, $35

Fees includes transportation and admission; overnight trips also include lodging. The Outdoor Recreation Office will arrange private tours packages for anywhere in California, for groups of eight or more. Call 242-5506.

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The Otter Realm hopes to serve those who do not have the time to search FirstClass for the police activities log by printing in their entirety can be found in the Conferences folder in FirstClass.

**VC VIOLATION**

**Monitoring Traffic**

JAN 12 2001-Friday at 07:30

Location: Frederick Park 1

Summary: Officer monitored traffic for possible violations of passing bus with flashing lights. No drivers were cited.

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Sam ‘n’ Dave
Explain it all to you
By Samantha Weaver
and Dave Smith

Dear Sam and Dave:
Valentine’s Day is fast approaching, and I was thinking about proposing to my girlfriend on that day. My best friend told me that proposing on Valentine’s Day would be a bad idea because if my girlfriend and I were to break up or divorce, we would always associate Valentine’s Day with a bad memory. So, my question to you is, am I a fool or a romantic?

— Lovesick in Louisville

Sam says:
If the worst result that you can think of from you and your girlfriend breaking up is that you’ll have bad memories associated with that day, then marriage isn’t really what you should be considering.

If you think there’s a possibility of a breakup, work on your relationship before you make a lifelong commitment. Divorce may be common, but that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t do everything you can to avoid it—especially before the marriage even starts.

In general, I have no objection to proposing on Valentine’s Day. One day is as good as another when you realize that the woman you’re with is The One, and that you want to spend your life with her. If she is indeed The One, you’ll have a good memory to associate with the day of romance.

If you decide to put off the proposal just to hedge your bets in case the two of you break up, then I hope she says no—for your sake as well as hers.

Dave says:
I’d have to go with “romantic fool.” Sure, it would be romantic to propose to your girlfriend on Valentine’s Day, but your friend does have a point. You and she could very well break up or divorce and that could make things emotionally sticky for you down the road when you hook up with another woman.

Also, proposing marriage or even having the wedding on Valentine’s Day, to me, is a little hokey and overdone. A lot of people seem to want to place their own personal holidays on the same date as traditional holidays (like getting married on New Year’s Eve or Valentine’s Day).

If I were you, I’d find a day to propose that has emotional significance to you and your girlfriend—like the date when you first kissed, or asked her out on a date. Something like that would be even more romantic, and wouldn’t doubt bowl your girlfriend over, because I’ll bet she doesn’t think you would remember the actual date of something like that.

Of course, the final decision is yours, but I would tend to agree with your best friend.

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The V-Files
By Bethany Murray

Looks can truly be deceiving. Or perhaps it’s our own natural assumptions that can be deceiving. We never think of desserts, sour cream or fruit drinks as having any form of meat in them. But read carefully, read everything very carefully ...

Remember how much fun Jell-O was to make and to eat when you were growing up? If there was a gelatin dessert around, you knew it was a party. But alas, gelatin, glistening in its seeming innocence, is often not vegetarian.

According to the glossary on the Vegetarian Times Web site (http://www.vegetariantimes.com/essential/g.html), it’s “a clear, tasteless thickening agent made from beef and veal bones, cartilage, tendons and other tissue, or from pig skin. Vegetarian gelatin, which is made without animal byproducts from plant gums, is available at some specialty and natural food stores and by mail order. Some kosher gelatins also are animal-free. Read ingredient labels carefully to be sure.”

You also might buy a bottle of Jell-O gelatin capsules. Gelatin even pops up in some dairy products and frosted cereals. Imagine my astonishment when I read the ingredients of a cereal I’d eaten often, and the word “gelatin” was there. In cereal! I never saw that coming. Imagine cereal not being vegetarian. But stranger things have happened.

There is a minimum amount of insects allowed in many foods we eat—after all, these foods grow outdoors. It’s bound to happen, and it’s possible that it cannot be avoided. But look for a product called carmine, or cochineal, that’s used as a red coloring in some foods and beverages. It’s made by crushing a Mexican bug called the cochineal insect. Not only is nonvegetarian, it can also be a danger to people with certain allergies.

And then there’s lard. For anyone who might like a definition, Webster’s has lard as “the fat of hogs, melted down to become a white, soft solid; esp., the inner abdominal fat.” Mmmmm, appetizing notion, isn’t it? Watch out for it in refried beans, and other kinds of beans, too—the canned ones at the supermarket and the beans you get eating out, both at fast-food and full-service restaurants.

Some places might cook their beans with bacon or ham. And chicken stock can crop up in the most innocuous places such as potatoes, rice or—even this—spinach-and-artichoke dip. It will all depend on the restaurant and on the particular chef cooking at the time. I was at a buffet in Orlando, Fla., once and found out that one chef there would cook the vegetables themselves in chicken broth.

Everyone should read labels anyway, but vegetarians end up having to carefully examine the list of ingredients on every single thing we buy. You simply never know what’s going to appear.

Strange But True
By Samantha Weaver

- The first casualty of the Civil War was from a snakebite, not a gunshot.

- The Australian walking fish is not confined to the water; its fins are so constructed that it can walk on land. But that’s not all! It’s been known to climb the lower branches of trees and roost there for hours, snacking on insects.

- Party bet: Ask someone in what year the first person died in a parachuting accident. He isn’t likely to say 1837, when Robert Cocking of England released himself and a homemade rigid-frame parachute from a balloon. For unknown reasons, the experimental prototype failed, and he fell to his death and a place in the history books. The very first parachute jumps, by the way, may have been made as early as the late 1600s, when acrobats with umbrella-like devices leaped from towers. The earliest documented parachute jumps occurred in the late 1700s.

- There is a Spanish proverb that states, “There are many good women, but they are all dead.”

- Still more of the 1845 rules for wives: “Occupy yourself only with household affairs; wait till your husband confides to you those of higher importance, and do not give your advice till he asks for it”; “Never be curious to pry into your husband’s concerns, but obtain his confidence by that which, at all times, you repose in him. Always preserve order and economy; avoid being out of temper, and be careful never to scold”; “Never take upon yourself to be a censor of your husband’s morals, and do not read lectures to him.”

- In 1820, Missouri imposed a $1 annual tax on bachelors.

- Early books, which were actually scrolls, were made from papyrus, an Egyptian marsh plant. The Greeks got their papyrus primarily from the city of Byblus in ancient Phoenicia. Because Byblus was where book-making material came from, the Greeks’ word for book is “biblion,” which gives us the English word “bible.”

- If you leave Tampa, Fla., and fly due south, where will you first make landfall in South America? Actually, you won’t. You will miss the continent entirely—on the west.

Thought for the Day: “Nothing shows a man’s character more than what he laughs at.”—Goethe

- In 1830, Missouri imposed a $1 annual tax on bachelors.

If you have a strange factoid to share, or would like to comment on one of ours, you can contact Samantha Weaver at strangefactoid@mindspring.com or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. ©2001 King Features Synd., Inc.
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January 28-Feb 1
What: RA Selection Information Sessions
There will be 4 RA Information Sessions in various locations for both the Residence Halls and Frederick Park.
For more information: Please call Res Life at 831-582-3378

January 31
What: EARLY FOCUS, prayer and bible study
When: 7:00pm (meets each WEDNESDAY, please note the change of day)
Where: Dining Commons 2 (Steinbeck Room)
For more information: Please contact Anton Prange or Victoria Fischer via First Class

January 31
What: Third annual Presidential Scholastic Bowl
Ready2Net
When: 11:00am-12:30pm
Where: Join the webinar at ready2net.monterey.edu
After 10 years of hype and promise, what lessons has higher education absorbed in its capacity to shape fluid organizational structures that can respond to the rapidly evolving Net? For E-commerce to succeed, will it be profitable? For E-learning to be sustainable, it must make a significant difference--it has to improve education outcomes. The future is about leadership that can form alliances, organize assets and create new competencies for the Net.
For more information: Please check out ready2net.monterey.edu

January 31
What: "Culture, Difference, and Power."
A presentation with Christine Sleeter, reception to follow
When: 3:30-4:30pm
Where: University Center, building 29
Christine Sleeter will be "unveiling" a multimedia "e-book" that created that will be published on a CD-ROM. Sleeter created the e-book at CSUMB and it is a book in terms of quantity of material and student use in a course, ..students would use it at a computer, but can also print the text, and there's enough text that is printable to be the equivalent of a thick textbook. It also includes video, interactive activities, artwork, etc. Video includes interviews with several campus faculty, and also vignettes of 7 local classroom teachers in their classrooms and one local school (Starlight Elementary in Watsonville). The e-book is for use in courses like Developing Listening and learning teacher education. It is being published by Teachers Press of Columbia University, and will be available commercially in April.
For more information: Please contact Christine Sleeter via First Class

February 1
What: National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) training workshop
"NCBI Building Community and Welcoming Diversity"
Where: University Center, Conference Room, building 29
Cost: Free
For more information: Please call Hyon Chy Yi at 831-582-3808

February 6
What: Religious Wars
Where: noon-1:00pm
Where: University Center, conference room, building 29
Cost: Free
For more information: Please call Hyon Chy Yi at 831-582-3808

February 8
What: National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) training workshop
"NCBI Building Community and Welcoming Diversity"
Where: University Center, Conference Room, building 29
Cost: Free
For more information: Please call Hyon Chy Yi at 831-582-3808

February 9
What: "Voices of Liberation" with Elaine Brown, former Black Panther leader, and more
Where: 8:00pm
For more information: Please contact Rohinie Bawa at 831-884-0337

February 10
What: "Remember the Titans" A film presentation (2nd showing)
Where: 8:00-10:00pm
Where: World Theatre, building 28
Cost: Free
For more information: Please call Hyon Chy Yi at 831-582-3808

February 15-17
What: The Vagina Monologues (performed by student actors)
Where: 8:00pm
Where: The World Theater
For more information: Please call 917-0445

February 24
What: Musical Planting Days
When: 10:00am-2:00pm
Where: Fort Ord Public Land.
follow the signs from the Fort Ord /CSUMB entrance off of Hwy 1 or Imjin Road
Join the the Watershed Institute's Return of the Natives Project for the last day in a series of 5 musical planting events (began Dec 9th) in the Ft. Ord Public Lands. Join in a wonderland of restoring wilderness habitats by planting native plants and removing invasive plants, all take place of some of our area best folk musicians, plants, tools and snacks provided. Bring a coat and a sack lunch. This is a fun outdoor event for all ages.
For more information: Please contact the Return of the Natives Event Information Line at 831-582-3689 or email drew_ready@monterey.edu

March 3
What: Monterey Bay Half Marathon
When: Check-in begins at 6:30am, race begins at 7:30am
Where: Where: CSUMB Stadium
Cost: Pre-race entry will be $30, Race day entry fee will be $35, if there is space available (700 participant limit)
For more information: Please call the Race hotline at 831-582-3015

Plan your schedule early for Women's Rugby Practice:
Monday: 12:15-1:30pm
Tuesday: 3:15-4:45pm
Wednesday: 7:00-8:30
Thursday: 3:15-4:45pm
For more information: Please contact Carolyn Drouin via First Class