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Keynote Graduation Speaker, Jay Harris, to Impart Life Lessons to 2001 Grads

By China Buryn

The real world is a scary place. On May 26, 2001, the graduates of California State University, Monterey Bay will be sent off to a new phase of life with the words of one man who is not afraid to stand up and make a difference.

The goals of education are endless. People around the world work hard and give up a lot in order to receive their high school, then undergraduate, and sometimes even higher degrees. After reaching the pinnacle of academic success, they may set off to fill their idealistic vision of 'saving the world.' Somehow though, the real world constantly proves not only that it does not want to be saved, but sadly that sometimes it cannot be saved. After 30 years of reality, Jay T. Harris, renowned publisher of the San Jose Mercury News will be speaking at this year's graduation at CSUMB, has resigned from his position all in the name of a dream.

In the beginning, everyone begins with dreams. Gradually, as people gain time and experience, it is common to hope that one day those dreams will be fulfilled. For many, the fantasy of doing what Jay Harris has done could very well be enough. A successful career, a rewarding family life, and perhaps even one day to be lucky enough to stand before a crowd of inexperienced, hopeful graduates and give to them the wisdom and dreams of a spectacular life.

This is a dream that could fulfill anyone.

In less than two months, the fifth annual commencement ceremony at CSUMB will provide this dream for Jay Harris. Although the surprising news of Harris' resignation from his acclaimed position has created rapid waves of interest; CSU Monterey Bay invited him to speak before all the excitement. President of the University, Peter Smith, explained the reasons for inviting Harris as the graduation keynote speaker were because, "As an African-American man who has risen through the ranks to lead a large urban newspaper in one of America's fastest growing areas, Mr. Harris has significant life lessons as well as professional experiences and social observations for our community. I think he will bring class and dignity to the graduation while connecting powerfully with the values of the Vision Statement."

While the university’s goals are based on high-quality education and multicultural learning, the Vision Statement concludes with an even greater purpose. It trusts that all who exit the doors of CSUMB will work together to, “...provide California with responsible and creative leadership for the global 21st century.”

The character of Jay Harris exemplifies this purpose.

During his 30 years in journalism, and the last seven as the highest-ranking newspaper executive in the country, Harris attributes his accomplishments to his tight grip on moral ground. The simplicity of never forgetting who he is, as well as realizing that “through my experiences in college and my early years as a journalist I learned that hard work, perseverance, continuous study and a steady moral compass were the keys to success for me.”

Succeeding as a recognized advocate of the public interest, Harris has made achievements not only for himself but also for a wide variety of others. After growing up on the East Coast and graduating from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, Harris has filled his 30 years in journalism as a reporter and editor, as an educator, and as a corporate executive.

He has obtained honorary doctorates from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Santa Clara University in California. He has served as assistant dean of the Journalism school at Northwestern University, established the American Society of Newspaper Editors' annual national census of minority employment in newspapers, and continues to aid the community by serving such groups as the Bay Area Council, the Silicon Valley chapter of the American Leadership Forum, and many, many others. In addition, Harris is a member of the National Advisory Board of the Poynter Institute, the center for educating in the finest skills of journalism.

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Announcements

- Be sure not to miss the DJ’s Eden on the evening of April 7th. Only $5 with student ID and proceeds go to the Child Development Center.
- Come support Women’s Rugby on Saturday, April 7th in Frederick’s Park when they take on the surly Surf City Sirens.
- Don’t forget to vote for Student Voice Senators on April 16th and 17th. Make your vote count!
- April 7th. Only $3 with student ID and proceeds go to the Child Development Center.
- If anyone has information that would assist in this investigation please call the UPD at 831-655-0268.
School Shootings and White Denial
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I can think of no other way to say this, so here goes: white people need to pull our heads out of our collective rectum. Two more white children are dead and thirteen are injured, and another "nice" community is scratching its blonde head, utterly perplexed at how a school shooting the likes of the one yesterday in Santee, California could happen. After all, as the Mayor of the town said in an interview with CNN: "We're a solid town, a good town, with good kids, a good church-going town...an All-American town." Yeah, well maybe that's the problem.

I said this after Columbine and no one listened so I'll say it again: white people live in an utter state of self-delusion. We think danger is black; that White folks are nothing like those people in the cities, we'll be safe. If we can just find an "all-American" town, life will be better, because "things like this just don't happen here.

Well bullshit on that. In case you hadn't noticed, "here" is about the only place these kinds of things do happen. Oh sure, there is plenty of violence in urban communities and schools. But mass murder, wholesale slaughter; take-a-gun-and-see-how-many-you-can-kill kinda craziness seems made for those safe places: the white suburbs or rural communities.

And yet once again, we hear the FBI insist there is no "profile" of a school shooter. Come again? White boy after white boy after white boy, with very few exceptions to that rule (and none in the mass shooting category), decides to use their classmates for target practice, and yet there is no profile? Imagine if all these killers had been black: would we still hesitate to put a racial face on the perpetrators? Doubtful.

Indeed, if any black child in America—especially in the mostly white suburbs of Littleton, or Santee—were to openly discuss their plans to murder fellow students, as happened both at Columbine and now Santana High, you can bet your ass that somebody would have turned them in, and the cops would have had a path to their doorstep. But when whites
discuss their murderous intentions, our stereotypical danger looks like cause us to ignore it—they're just "talking" and won't really do anything. How many kids have to die before we realize that? How many dazed and confused parents, Mayors and Sheriffs do we have to listen to, describing how "normal" and safe their community is, and how they just can't understand what went wrong?

I'll tell you what went wrong, and it's not TV, rap music, video games or a lack of prayer in school. What went wrong is that white Americans decided to ignore dysfunction and violence when it only affected other communities, and thereby blinded themselves to the inevitable creeping of chaos which never remains isolated too long. What affects the urban "ghetto" today will be coming to a Wal-Mart near you tomorrow, and unless you address the emptiness, pain, isolation and lack of hope felt by children of color and the poor, then don't be shocked when the support systems aren't there for your kids either.

What went wrong is that we allowed ourselves to be lulled into a false sense of security by media representations of crime and violence that portray both as the province of those who are anything but white like us. We ignore the warning signs, because in our minds the warning signs don't live in our neighborhood, but across town, in that place where we lock our car doors on the rare occasion we have to drive there. That false sense of security—the result of racist and classist stereotypes—then gets people killed. And still we act amazed.

But listen up my fellow white Americans: your children are no better, no nicer, no more moral, no more intelligent than anyone else. Dysfunction is all around you, whether you choose to recognize it or not.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, and Department of Health and Human Services, it is your children, and not those of the urban ghettos, who are most likely to use drugs. That's right: white high school students are seven times more likely than blacks to have used cocaine; eight times more likely to have smoked crack; ten times more likely to have used LSD and seven times more likely to have used heroin. In fact, there are more white high school students who have used crystal methamphetamine (the most addictive drug on the streets) than there are black students who smoke cigarettes.

What's more, white youth ages 12-17 are more likely to sell drugs: 34% more likely, in fact, than their black counterparts. And it is white youth who are twice as likely to binge drink, and nearly twice as likely as blacks to drive drunk. And white males are twice as likely to bring a weapon to school as are black males.

And yet I would bet a valued body part that there aren't 100 white people in Santee, California, or most any other "nice" community who have ever heard a single one of the statistics above. Even though they were collected by government agencies using these folks' tax money for the purpose. Because the media doesn't report on white dysfunction.

A few years ago, U.S. News ran a story entitled: "A Shocking Look at blacks and crime." Yet never once did either the writer, or any of the folks on the panel explained that having separate but equal status isn't enough. It is white youth who are twice as likely to have used LSD and seven times more likely to have used heroin. In fact, there are more white high school students who have used crystal methamphetamine (the most addictive drug on the streets) than there are black students who smoke cigarettes.

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Foundation Housing Grants

By Cory Schmidt

With a letter in hand to propose an increase in housing grants, Foundation Student Representative and Student Voice PR director Gerardo Salinas attended the Foundation meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

As of now, there is $120,000 available for housing grants per year. This is distributed in increments of $1100 to students in need of aid. This amount has been at a standstill for a three-year period. According to CSUMB’s financial aid office, of all the students utilizing financial aid, 33% are in the high need bracket. Simply not enough money is awarded to pay for complete room, board, and tuition. For this very reason, all available resources for this program are desperately required.

An increase of $80,000 in funding was asked for, bringing the total to $200,000 per year with the possibility of making this jump over a two-year period. With an increase in funding, students who did not previously have the opportunity to live on campus would be able to do so, and in turn would be able to attend more classes. This would raise CSUMB’s retention rate and would allow for more full-time students which is a necessity for the success of the university.

The Foundation is currently looking at a budget deficit of $900,000 for the 2000-01 year, making it difficult for them to facilitate this request. Funds have already been promised to programs such as the BBC and the KAZU radio station. A loss of $192,000 was experienced due to the costs of building new residence halls.

Rent is planned to go up by 10% next year in Frederick’s Park. This is due to the project’s increase in utilities cost. “Utility bills are especially high and the school’s contract with Enron is running out. It is very cheap and [the school] must now find a way to replace that,” said Student Voice Senator of Residential Life Briana Krank.

“If they’re going to increase the housing costs by 10% and not increase the housing grant substantially, it shows that they don’t care about students who are having trouble affording housing on this campus,” stated Salinas. On a positive note, CSUMB still maintains the second lowest costs of all the CSU’s. However, the need is still there. The foundation has agreed to sit down with Bonnie Brown, Director of Financial aid to assess how much need is there and to explore the subject further.

Elections Postponement

By Cory Schmidt and Jason Sanchez

Student Voice elections have been postponed in order to incorporate more of the student community. Because elections will affect the entire newly elected candidate and the students they represent, the dates have been pushed forward two weeks to allow for a campus wide advertising campaign and more time for candidates to apply for office. The new schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 11
Candidate Applications for Office Due 5 PM

Monday, April 16
Candidate Speeches in Dining Commons 12:15 PM

Monday, April 16
Vote in front of Student Center 1:30 PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 17
Vote in front of Student Center 8:00 AM-8:00 PM

Friday, April 20
Election Results to be Posted 2 PM

For more information and application materials visit http://voice.monterey.edu.

USA Media Proposal for Upgrade of Cable Service

By Cory Schmidt and Jason Sanchez

USA Media, CSUMB’s current cable provider, has made a proposal to upgrade the cable plant for the residence halls, Frederick Park, and Schoonover Park. The proposal includes the following:

1) To rebuild the entire cable plant infrastructure from the headend right through to each building on East Campus. The tune? According to USA Media about $1.2 million.
2) Current 750 Mhz systems will support a 70 channel offering and we’ve negotiated three channels for CSUMB (TAT-TV, ASAF, and a third channel).
3) High-speed cable modems, new technical architecture to support dense use on the cable modem, and a brand news CMTS.

The 70 channels would be digital adding about $10 per month to rates. The high-speed cable modem in every unit would add about $20 per month to rates. This provides the basic service of one router per apartment, but should there be multiple computers, a router, at $90-$100, must be purchased for each additional computer. All residence halls and apartments would receive this upgrade and the cost would be automatically included in housing costs.

There was some concern raised during a Housing Work Group meeting pertaining to this coinciding with the push for wireless, which is still another 2 or 3 years in the future. However, “while this is not the only possible solution for television and high speed data, it’s the one we currently have in front of us,” stated Lev Genieck, Chief Technology Officer of CSUMB in correspondence with Student Voice Academic Senator Matthew Fiori.

Schoonover may Open to Students

By Cory Schmidt

A definite shortage of housing exists at CSUMB, which will be compounded by the increase in enrollment for the 2001-2002 academic year. Since CSUMB’s opening, the housing in Schoonover has been rented to those involved either with the military or education, with the premise that they could remain there until a need for student housing arose. The need is here, but no official decision has been made as of yet. “Now that there is a need, we will most likely be opening Schoonover to students,” said Briana Krank, Student Voice Residential Life Senator.

Resistance to the idea originally formed because families would be taken from their homes in Schoonover in order to accommodate students. However, this is a possibility residents should have been aware of from the start of their rental period. Another reason for this resistance is due to the fact that the rent in Schoonover is higher than that in the current student apartments. In the past, the income from Schoonover has made up for the low rent in the residence halls. This could potentially cause a hike in the price of dorms for incoming students.

The largest need among students is housing for families as theirs is the largest waiting list. If Schoonover park is to be made available to students, this group would have first priority. “The fact that there are a number of three-bedroom units in Schoonover makes it a logical decision to open these apartments to families first,” stated Krank.

In an e-mail, Andy Klingelhofer, Director of Residential Life stated, “there have been no formal discussions regarding a change in the current status of Schoonover Housing.” There are many steps to this process, and discussion is only the first. Klingelhofer went on to state that should the decision to open Schoonover Park be made, a number of parties would need to be involved including the Foundation Board of Directors, operators of Schoonover and Frederick Park and Residential Life.
Greek organizations, such as Sororities and Fraternities, were introduced here at CSUMB.

By Megan Keogh

“I would join a sorority if there was one here. It would be a good for students to have something to do here on campus.”

Erika Jacobo, Liberal Studies, Freshman

“I enjoy our campus without them, but people should be free to have them if they want.”

Megan Wong, HCOM, Senior

“I think it’s a good idea and I would join one. It would bring a different feel to the campus.”

Carlos Armenta, TAT, Junior

“I think we are a unique campus. Having these would make us like any other university”

Silka Saavedra, Administrative Assistant, ASAP

“I think some students who feel Greek organizations are exclusive rather than inclusive are attracted to our campus because we don’t have them here. Having this system here may tarnish our individualized nature.”

Emily Gonzales, Coordinator of After School Learning Program, SLI
Earth Week is Coming!

By Chris Lee

Many people in the CSUMB community know that there are problems with the earth, but feel helpless because they don’t know how they can help. MBASE (Monterey Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Environment) hopes to give concerned people an outlet through Earth Week 2001, which is April 16-22. The week at CSUMB will be highlighted by various events, including musical performances, movies, and a campus clean-up.

Marisa Mercado, an MBASE member, is very excited about the prospects of Earth Week, particularly the knowledge it will bring to the campus community saying, “Many know their problems, but they don’t know what they can do about it within their own lives. We want to show them where they can plug in to be part of the solution.”

The theme of Earth Week 2001 is “Connecting the Social with the Environmental.” MBASE member Kevin Miller believes this is an overlooked area concerning the earth. “We hoping to raise awareness about the fact that you can’t detach environmental issues from social issues, including issues of class or race. They are intertwined.”

In the weeks prior, volunteers will be making their way through campus housing looking for donations of clothing to be sold at the Earth Justice Fair on Wednesday April 18th. Clothing will be sold for $0.10-$0.25, with all proceeds, and unsold clothing going to Dorothy’s Kitchen.

If you do not live in campus housing, but have donations, you can contact Kevin Miller via e-mail at kevin_miller@monterey.edu

*The difference in starting salary between a bachelors and a UCR MBA Graduate. Based on 1999 statistics.
**Based on a 40 yr. Worklife.

Earth Week 2001 events
(as of 3/31):

Monday, April 16th
Music in the Quad 12:00-2:00pm
Main Quad
To kick off the week’s activities, we are having a free musical event in the quad. Featuring the Son of Chinfluju and a nifty harp band from Berkeley.

Tuesday, April 17th
“Who’s Counting?” 7:00-9:30 pm
University Center

Wednesday, April 18th
Earth Justice Fair 12:00-2:00 pm
Main Quad
A big ole’ fair in the quad with Jonah and the Whalewatchers (a good local reggae band), clothing (no kidding!), and tables for local non-profits.

Thursday, April 19th
Democracy Film 7:00-9:30pm
University Center
The great film “This is What Democracy Looks Like” by Indymedia about the 1999 WTO protest in Seattle. There will also be a discussion about the global economy’s downfalls and a number of speeches from people who were actually at the protest from CSUMB.

Saturday, April 21st
Benefit Show 7:30 pm-1:00 am
University Center
A benefit show for Amorganics - featuring the Son of Chinfluju, Firme, Laura Love Duo, and Linda Arceo. Tickets are $5/student, $10/general.

Sunday, April 22nd
Earth Day Cleanup 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Intergarrison Road
Teachers of Tomorrow is cleaning up a bit of the earth along Intergarrison Road.

For more info on Earth Week visit clubs.monterey.edu/mbase
Personal Growth and Counseling Center Offers New Support Services

"Prevention is our number one goal here, before intervention, we work to give students tools to use that are practical."

Gary Rodriguez
Health Educator

By Megan Keogh

For many students, the middle-to-the end of the semester is a stressful time of year. Counselors at the Personal Growth and Counseling Center at CSUMB have created support groups, peer counseling, and group counseling, exclusively for CSUMB students, faculty and staff, and urge anyone feeling stress to seek these provided services.

Stress is one of the many issues students may hope to solve by visiting the center for counseling. They may also seek counseling for issues such as relationship or communication problems, drug and alcohol abuse, or depression. Any student with a problem affecting their well being for any reason is urged to visit the center. As Gary Rodriguez, health educator for the program explains it "Prevention is our number one goal here, before intervention, we work to give students tools to use that are practical". The tools Gary is referring to may be anything from drug and alcohol prevention education to, roommate mediation, or skills aiding in the adjustment to college life.

Students who feel comfortable talking with someone closer in age have the option of attending a peer counseling session at the Peer Counseling offices in the Campus apartments, located at 3001 Antietim CT. Here they can meet with peer counselors who are students like themselves. The counselors may assist students in getting connected to existing services such Academic Skills Achievement Program, services for people with disabilities, and financial aid. Julie Juarez, one of the founders of the program who has also been a peer counselor since 1998, says that she feels peer counselors play an important role in the counseling center because "...they are very hip to what is going on around campus, being part of the system themselves, they know how to utilize resources for students." The Peer Counseling program is also open to students seeking help with issues such as date rape, depression, roommate problems, and loneliness. This program gives students the opportunity to talk with someone their own age, who will listen objectively.

The center is known for offering one to one counseling, but many people aren't aware that they also offer support groups for those struggling with specific issues. Currently the two on-going groups, are titled "Woman's Problem Solving and Support Group" facilitated by Sharon Riley, MFT Intern and Lynne White Dixon, L.C.S.W. and "African American Men's Group". Facilitated by Mel Mason, MSW. For those who feel they cannot commit to an ongoing group, the Center offers session classes in which certain issues are addressed. Classes typically run one day a week, for five weeks, and are free of charge. Classes starting the first week in April include "Living With Loss", "Woman's Reentry class", and "Dealing with interpersonal relationships". Both the support groups and session classes have been created as a result of need that the counselors of the center saw repeatedly through its clients. They urge anyone who feels they have a need not being addressed to bring it to them.

"...[peer counselors] are very hip to what is going on around campus, being part of the system themselves, they know how to utilize resources for students."

Julie Juarez
Peer Counselor

Students interested in volunteering with the center have several options. They can join POSTPONE, (Positive Outcomes and Successful Teens Through Planning Outreach Needs Awareness Education) a project designed to develop a Peer Mentor Program. CSUMB is part of this large effort going on in the local community and is joined with The Woman's Crisis Center, and Planned Parenthood.

Through this program CSUMB students can become trained educators in the field of sexuality, risk reduction, and reproductive health issues. Once they complete training in this field they become mentors who are responsible for traveling to local high schools and facilitating workshops regarding these issues the with the students.

For students who wish to participate in the peer-counseling program, they must take a three-day peer counseling training class, which is offered once in the fall and spring.

Students who are interested in joining the POSTPONE project should call 582-3973

Students in need of counseling contact the Personal Growth and Counseling Center at Building 99 or call 582-3969.

Students interested in joining or receiving Peer Counseling may go to 3001 Antietim CT. or call 582-4850.
Celebrating the Spirit of César E. Chávez (1927–1993)

"Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves—and be free.”

—César Chávez

"We shall strike. We shall organize boycotts. We shall demonstrate and have political campaigns. We shall pursue the revolution we have proposed. We are the sons and daughters of the farm workers' revolution, a revolution of the poor seeking bread and justice."

César E. Chávez

By Behnaz Hejazian

A new holiday has been established to celebrate the life and legacy of César Estrada Chávez. Governor Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 984 into law creating an official César Chávez Day of Service and Learning on March 31st. This year, schools across the state closed on Friday March 30th to officially recognize the holiday, celebrating the first of what will become an annual tradition.

César E. Chávez is well known as the late President of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW). To many, he is also remembered as a passionate civil rights activist and leader, whose principles of non-violence have earned him recognition alongside M.K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Born on a small farm in Arizona, Chávez began his life as a migrant farm worker at the young age of ten. He spent his entire childhood migrating throughout the Southwest laboring in fields and vineyards.

Throughout his life, Chávez dreamed of creating an organization that would help farm workers whose suffering he knew so well. In 1962, his dream became a reality when he founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), later changed to the UFW.

"We draw strength from the very despair in which we have been forced to live. We shall endure."

César E. Chávez

Regardless of the many struggles he faced, Chávez consistently adhered to principles of non-violence, public action, commitment, organization, and community involvement. Through his hard work and dedication to the Farm Worker Movement, farm workers succeeded in gaining higher pay, family health coverage, pension benefits and other contract protections.

César Chávez passed away on April 23, 1993 at the age of 66. Today, his legacy lives on. This inaugural year of the César E. Chávez California state holiday is being observed on Friday March 30th throughout California. CSUMB students, faculty and staff took the day off and gathered in the World Theatre for a symposium dedicated to the life of César Chávez. Amongst the activities were guest Speakers who spoke of their memories working with Chávez, live entertainment, art displays and a free live performances by Teatro Campesino, along with poetry readings with Diana Garcia, Yolanda Gutierrez and Donald Urioste.

The event that Emily Gonzales, After-School Program Coordinator for SLI, described as "a kick-off event for what we hope to be a month-long celebration" was very successful in terms of the central purpose: a celebration of what Chávez did for the Farm Worker Movement.

According to Emily Gonzales, "Education about his life and work and embodying his values is important—not just taking a day off from school."

"Talk is cheap...It is the way we organize and our lives everyday that tells what we believe in."

César Chávez

Many other activities have been planned in honor of the César Chávez Days of Service and Learning (see sidebar). The purpose of these activities is to practice the values of Chávez in ways that best exemplify his values of conservation-based education, community improvement, human service and multi-cultural education. The goal of the Service Learning Institute is to actively implement César Chávez trainings into the classroom. Educating future generations to carry on his work was always on César's agenda. It is evident through the observance of his birthday as an official holiday, and the activities planned in honor of the César Chávez Days of Service and Learning, that his legacy remains strong.
Supreme Court Goes to Pot

By Patrick Kuhl

Wednesday, March 28, 2001 — The Supreme Court took the first step in what looks to be a lengthy court hearing on an issue that has pitted states desiring to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes against the federal laws that prohibit the drug. As far as the federal government is concerned, marijuana is illegal and should remain so. Recent efforts by federal enforcement agencies have led to arrests in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Voters in Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have already approved ballot initiatives allowing the use of marijuana for medical purposes. In Hawaii, the Legislature passed a similar law and the governor signed it last year.

Lawyers for the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative in California, spearheaded by Gerald Uelmen, are utilizing an appropriately deemed "medical necessity" defense in federal court. They argue that the federal judges and juries have the right to decide if the drug is necessary, in certain circumstances. Justice Antonin Scalia said, "That's a vast expansion beyond any necessity defense I've ever heard of."

A ruling in favor of the Oakland based club would allow them and other similarly operated clubs to resume distribution of the drug in California, approximately five years after passing Prop 215 in 1996. A ruling for the federal government would not negate Prop 215, but would prevent Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative and other California clubs from openly distributing the drug. The court is expected to make a ruling by the end of June.

There is no medical proof that the drug even works to the advantage of patients suffering from illnesses such as cancer and AIDS, much less works better than the currently available alternatives. Regardless, nine states have laws allowing the legal use of marijuana to treat numerous ailments. Advocates of medical marijuana say the drug can ease side effects of chemotherapy, save AIDS patients from wasting away or even enable multiple sclerosis sufferers to abandon their wheelchair and walk again.

Barbara Underwood, representing the government, said the 1970 Controlled Substances Act "leaves no room for the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative and others to act as marijuana pharmacies." So it appears the main issue for the Supreme Court is whether a patient's need for marijuana supersedes the 1970 federal law that classifies it as an illegal substance.

The Clinton administration recently put a temporary stop on distribution of the drug by the Oakland group and five other California clubs in 1998. All the clubs eventually closed down, with the exception of Oakland, which redirected its efforts into registering potential marijuana recipients while it awaits a final ruling.
Meet One of CSUMB’s Most Successful Teams

By Chris Lee

Although this team has been one of CSUMB’s winningest, they are anonymous to many people in the campus community. Although the Baseball Club is not recognized as a varsity sport, the team does everything a varsity squad would, including playing the likes of Humboldt State and UC Santa Cruz.

Led by Head Coach, John Martinez, the baseball club has thrived since its creation five years ago. In fact, it is currently the longest standing club at CSUMB. This year success is at an all time high as the team has done well in competition, (7-1 at press time) and has 16 members, the most ever.

First year pitcher, David Lease, has cherished his time on the team saying it has helped him to remain in good spirits during the school year. “It’s been a fun environment,” he said. “I enjoy being around all the guys on the team.”

The Otters play a 15 game schedule including trips to Oakland (Patten College) and Santa Barbara (Westmont College). Many of the teams they play compete in the California Pacific Conference, which is the same conference all the CSUMB varsity teams play in.

The team plays a rivalry series against the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs with the winner taking home the coveted Turkey Transbay Trophy. After winning last years series, the Otters currently own the Trophy. (CSUMB leads 2001 series 2-0).

The team is led by a very balanced hitting attack, and features two pitchers who anchor the staff, Tom De Clair and Rob Russell. The batting line-up gets on base frequently, which has allowed the Otters to average nearly 8 runs per game.

The Baseball club feels it is ready to take the next step and become an official varsity sport, and judging from their on-field performance they are right. The only thing standing in their way is an official CSU rule (Title IX) which basically states that if a school has more women than men, then there should be more women’s sports offered.

In order for the baseball club to become a varsity sport, they must enter with a comparable women’s sport. In this case it would be women’s softball. Currently there is no standing women’s softball club, however, steps are being taken to create one for next year.

This has proven to be very frustrating for those on the team, as Coach Martinez expressed saying, “It would be nice to have something to play for at the end of the year,” such as a conference title.

Pat Kelly, who has been with baseball club for three years, has no doubt the team is ready for varsity play saying, “We beat most of the teams in the Cal Pac Conference, so we can compete.”

The team will get a chance to show what it can do Easter Weekend when they head down to Santa Barbara to face Westmont College, which is one of the top college baseball teams in NAIA. The Otters will use this game to see how they measure up against top competition.

Besides receiving money from the CSUMB Inter Club Council, (ICC) the club does it’s own fundraising as well. They sell hats for $22.50, which can be ordered through any team member. The hats are green with a gold “MB” emblem on the front, and are sized to fit.

The Otter Baseball club plays its next home game on April 6th at 12:00pm, a doubleheader versus Simpson College. Following that series, the team will be on the road before returning home on April 20th for a rematch with Simpson.

As the baseball season moves on, the team hopes success will continue while also sending a message to the rest of the NAIA, that the Otters are a force not to be ignored. As Kelly said, “All we can do is go out and play.”

For info on the baseball club contact John Martinez via First Class. If you’re interested in women’s softball, contact Channelle_Raboteau@monterey.edu
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25. Lidded container
29. Cretan mountain
30. Matt's cohost
31. Past
32. Medieval Scandinavians
34. Two dozen XLVs
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36. Tea variety
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40. Cozy corner
41. Flock
42. "Dragnet" star
46. Actress Swenson
47. Wings
48. Long March leader

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17. Carson's predecessor
18. Room's boundaries
19. On
20. Room's boundaries
21. Pedestal figure
22. Coach Parseghian's predecessor
23. "The doctor..."
24. Jerry Herman musical
25. "Cakes and..."
26. Manufacturer's rival
27. Currency exchange fee
28. Letter-man's rival
29. 39-Down, e.g.
30. Retained
31. Weekend wear
32. Medieval Scandinavians
33. Summer shoe
34. Pugilist's ploy
35. Container
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Starting Now You can submit your proposed schedule for next semester on the PLANNER Web at infosec.monterey.edu. For more information please contact Student Academic Advising at 831-582-4727

Every Wednesday in April What: Working It Out: Improving Your Relationships - A 5 Session Class Facilitator: Sharon Riley, MFT Intern When: 12:00-1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center, building 99 For more information: Please contact Mary Treasure at 582-3969. Call to sign up.

Every Wednesday in April What: Women's Re-entry Support Group Facilitators: Lyne White Dixon, LCSW & Caroline Haskell, MSW When: 12:00 - 1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center, building 99 For more information: Please contact Mary Treasure at 582-3969. Call to sign up.

Tuesday April 5 What: Ready2Net Program 3 California State University, Monterey Bay will be addressing the issues of E-commerce, E-learning and E-services at its next President's Symposium: Ready2Net program, slated for satellite broadcast on Thursday, April 5. This is program 3 of 4 sections; topics covered in the past two programs include "Vision, Leadership and Change-Taking Education to the Edge of the Possible" and "Inside the Web: What Teachers Education." When: 11:00am-12:30pm Where: Satellite broadcast: Webcast at csumb.edu/ready2net For more information: Please visit csumb.edu/ready2net

Thursday April 5 What: Scramble to Start Your Nest Egg* (Practical advice from financial experts) When: 6:30pm Where: University Center For more information: Please contact Lin Blaskovich at 582-3962

Wednesday April 5 What: Piecemakers Quilting Group When: 12:00-1:00pm Where: MLC, building 18, room 171 For more information: Please contact Lynda Haddock via FirstClass

Friday April 5 What: African American Men's Forum. Facilitator: Mel Mason, MSW When: 12:00-1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center, building 99 For more information: Please contact Mary Treasure at 582-3969. Call to sign up.

Friday April 5 What: What's a Degree of Reality (Alternative Life Pathways) Representatives from the Peace Corps, AmerCorps/VISTA, Teacher Corp and the Volunteer Center will talk about the opportunities in their programs. Bring your lunch—cookies and drinks provided. When: 12:00 Where: University Center For more information: Please contact Lin Blaskovich at 582-3845

Friday April 6 What: Jimmy Santiago Baca poetry reading followed by reception and book signing When: 7:00pm - 9:30pm Where: World Theater Cost: Free For more information: Please contact Diana Garcia at 582-4464

Saturday April 7 What: Free Shuttle to Monterey When: 2:00pm - 2:00am Where: Starting at 2:00pm shuttle leaves lot #12 every hour on the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour. Last shuttle leaves Doubletree at 2:00am. For more information: Please contact SACO 582-4580

Saturday April 7 What: Bike For Ord When: 10am Where: Meet at building 93 Cost: Students, staff, faculty $10 / Community $20 For more information: Please contact Julia Montgomery at 582-4644

Saturday April 7 What: Women's Rugby Game vs. The Surf City Sirens When: 1:00pm Where: Field off Abrams, behind Anteater apartments For more information: Please contact Carolyn Drouin via FirstClass

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Sunday April 8 What: Passover Seder When: 6pm - 10pm Cost: Free, $3 donation suggested For more information: Please contact Michelle Simon at 384-1757

Every Sunday in April What: Catholic Masses with the Newman Community When: Where: Building 44 For more information: Please contact Matthew Fiori via FirstClass

What: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! President's Award for Exemplary Student Achievement When: Where: University Center For more information: Please contact Lin Blaskovich at 582-3845

Tuesday April 9 What: Free Shuttle to Monterey When: 2:00pm - 2:00am Where: Starting at 2:00pm shuttle leaves lot #12 every hour on the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour. Last shuttle leaves Doubletree at 2:00am. For more information: Please contact SACO 582-3845

Tuesday April 9 What: Skip the Buffalo Wing And other tidbits for a successful business lunch* When: 11:30am Where: University Center Center for lunch and learn what to do, and not to do, during a business lunch. Presented by Sosedo. Call or email by April 5 to reserve a place.582-4723 or Lin_Blaskovich@monterey.edu

Wednesday April 10 What: Senior Send-Off Social Hour* Happy hour food and non-alcoholic drinks provided by the Alumni Association Cost: Free For more information: Please contact SACO 582-3845

Wednesday April 10 What: Film screening and discussion "This is What Democracy Looks Like*** When: 9:00pm Where: Music Hall Cost: Free For more information: Please contact Mary Treasure at 582-3969. Call to sign up.

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Wednesday April 10 Tuesday April 17 Film screening & discussion about women's lives in the global economy**

Thursday April 11 What: Film screening and discussion "This is What Democracy Looks Like***

Thursday April 13 What: Animal Tracking and Signs When: 10am Where: Where: Meet at building 93 Cost: Students, staff, faculty $20 / Community $40 For more information: Please contact Julia Montgomery at 582-4644

Friday April 13 What: Free Shuttle to Farmer's Market When: 4:00pm - 10:00pm Where: Starting at 4:00pm shuttle leaves lot #12 every hour on the hour. Arrive at Gettysburg shuttle stop at 6 minutes past the hour, arrive Princeton shuttle stop at 11 minutes past the hour, arrive Doubletree at 31 minutes after the hour and leave Doubletree 45 minutes after the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour. Last shuttle leaves Doubletree at 2:00am. For more information: Please contact SACO 582-3845

Monday April 16 Band in the Quad**

Meeting When: 2:15pm - 1:50pm Where: The Meeting House For more information: Please contact Hedy Wainscoat via FirstClass

Thursday April 26 What: Memory of the Holocaust Memorial Day Award winning film "The Last Days" will be shown, after screening Renee Firestone will talk about the Shoah Foundation and her experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust When: 6:00pm - 10:00pm Where: Music Hall

Friday April 27 What: The Recital (Vocalist Alice Thompson) When: 12:00 Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center, building 30 For more information: Please contact Michelle Simon via FirstClass

Friday April 28 What: A documentary film "Jose Rizal" When: 6:00pm - 9:00pm Where: Music Hall, building 30

Saturday April 28 What: Christmas in April Helping community rebuild homes for elderly, low income, disabled or families with children. All through Monterey, Salinas, Marina and Seaside, transportation provided When: 9am-5pm For more information: Please contact Catrina Flores via FirstClass or 582-3687

Saturday April 28 What: 3rd Annual Heritage Music Festival Featuring Grammy Award Winner PONCHO SANCHEZ When: 4:00pm Where: World Theater Cost: Tickets $20 & $10 For more information: Please contact Nicole Mendoza or Chas Croslin at 582-4580