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**“SAFE” Invaders**

By Caroline Musto

On Wednesday, April 25th, at about 5:45, the totally unexpected happened. The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office “SAFE Team,” carrying large guns and creeping around Sixth Street, converged with the 6:00 rush of students leaving their classes. Naturally, witnesses were shaken and some expressed their anger and disapproval to the administration over e-mail.

While many witnesses to this case of bad judgement and bad timing thought that it would naturally be Army soldiers doing such exercises on Fort Ord, the men were actually part of CSUMB’s mutual aid team made up of local police agencies, which does have permission to conduct practice training exercises at deserted buildings on Fort Ord.

News and Public Information Officer, Holly White, sent out a statement around 3:00pm Thursday explaining that, “The ‘SAFE Team’ routinely dresses in fatigues, helmets, etc. The CSUMB police department had authorized the training exercise to take place in one of the deserted hammerhead buildings near Seventh Avenue. However, as the students, staff, and faculty who witnessed the event can attest, the training exercise was mistakenly allowed to expand and included Sixth Avenue. The decision to expand the exercise beyond the authorized area was made by the on-site supervisor from the Sheriff’s Office who was in charge of the exercise without notification of anyone on or off campus.” No apology has yet been given by the on-site supervisor.

Notification procedures were definitely lacking in Wednesday’s potentially sticky situation. Though the SAFE Team would be, as White put it, “the team we would call if we needed assistance in a critical situation that exceeded CSUMB’s police department’s capabilities” Angelica Cricchio asked a good question, “How were we supposed to know that this was not a critical situation?”

With the recent violence happening in schools across the country, Wednesday’s ordeal certainly had imaginations racing to figure out whether something was really wrong or not. “They were crawling around the building, hiding behind corners, scaling staircases,” said Professor David Takacs. “One was in a prone sniper position, aiming his gun at students who were leaving classes...Frankly, I was terrified. I ran back inside to call Campus Safety, who eventually arrived, about 15 minutes later.”

However, if a tragic event such as a school shooting were to happen on CSUMB’s campus, the SAFE Team would have a better idea of the geographical layout of the campus, increasing their effectiveness in such an event.

White went on to say that CSUMB President, Peter Smith, was not knowledgeable of the training and, “has canceled any further training on the CSUMB campus until a complete agreement with appropriate assurances and specific notification procedures can be developed.”

If you have further questions concerning the training exercises, contact CSUMB’s Chief of Police Maltby at x3360.
A Conversation with bell hooks

By Tracy Anne Burke

We are the possibilities of a new world. A humane world. A just world.

Bell hooks, in a conversation lead by CSUMB’s own Professor Amalia Mesa-Bains, talked about the importance of taking knowledge outside of the classrooms and institutes of higher learning and into the public. hooks said that we must use a “public culture as a space where one can share knowledge,” and how we can all “take in knowledge in the sharing of conversations.” Her down-to-earth attitude and comfortable grace lent the audience a feeling as if they were talking with a close friend.

Professor Mesa-Bains talked about how public culture means and represents different things for different people and how sometimes false histories can make certain people question their own identities in a public culture that in no way reflects their own experience. hooks encouraged the audience to challenge representations that “deny you your humanity” while also building solidarity with like-minded people.

Professor Mesa-Bains continued that at CSUMB, the like-minded people needed to start working together to build a collective consciousness on campus and that we must start with a place where we can sit down together, put our feet up, listen to music and dig into the problems we as a campus community are facing, and work together to begin to live up to our Vision.

“Tisica”

From “Tisica”

You thought you had peasant ankles. You thought you could die in the camp and no one would know your smell.

“Cotton Rows, Cotton Blankets”

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HCOM Professor, Diana Garcia, Wins Prestigious Book Award

By Jen Reeves

“My first thought when my publisher called was a deep sense of gratitude that the plight of farmworkers had been recognized. I keep getting this sense that the book won the award, not me, that the committee heard all the voices in the book.”

Diana Garcia

Selected excerpts from When Living Was a Labor Camp

You thought your cough reflected dank air—mist rising from the creek; bad air—the outhouse midday.

Consumed by cough and sweat, you wait as veiled nuns collect your ochred sheets each daybreak. You approve.

Sweat from friends and family allowed no contact, you bask invisible...

From “Tisica”

You thought your arms thickened long ago lugging trays of figs.

Sprawled on the back of a flatbed truck we cradled hoes, our minds parceling rows of cotton to be chopped by noon. Dawn stuck in the air: Blackbirds rang the willows.

From “Cotton Rows, Cotton Blankets”
Peace and Quiet

By Kechia Smith-Gran

Imagine not speaking for 12 hours or 8 hours or 4 hours or 2 hours. While many people on the CSUMB campus did not participate, some students and faculty picked up the gauntlet and accepted the challenge of a Day of Silence. The 12-hour event, sponsored by the Office of Residential Life and was from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 19, and was designed to offer an opportunity for family, friends, allies to show support for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Liberal Studies sophomore Catherine Anne Crist participated. She says that she was surprised by one reaction. “The reaction that I got from people was generally a positive thing but there were a few people who didn’t understand why we were being silent. I was a little shocked that a friend of mine, who I have known for seven years, wasn’t all that supportive. He was one of the first people that I came out to in high school and has supported me ever since, but his reaction was very strange. I told him the night before of what I was going to do and his response was ‘oh, come on!’ I was completely shocked. It was totally unexpected for him to respond in this manner.”

Crist was not alone in her experience as both positive and negative. Frank Hernandez, a Human Communication (HCOM) freshman, and vice president of All in the Family, too, faced a surprising reaction from someone who he knew. “Well, most of the reactions that I received were positive reactions, something I expected in a way. I had been telling all of my friends and classmates about the Day of Silence for a few days, so most knew I was participating. I received no negative feedback then, so I figured no one knew had a problem with it. I did however have a negative reaction, which caused a lot of confusion on my behalf. A classmate of mine, came up to me and asked me why I was not speaking. I showed him my card, and his response was ‘Are you gay?’ Quite shocked, I stood there not knowing how to react without speaking. So I grabbed a sheet of paper and pen and began writing. I wrote, ‘What does my sexuality have anything to do with participating in the Day of Silence?’”

Hernandez went on to say that he felt this classmate felt that it was okay to treat him a certain way because he could not talk for a short time.

Regarding the effectiveness of events like the Day of Silence, Janelle Sanders, residential advisor and HCOM senior, said, “This seemed to bring awareness to people about those who are oppressed and/or hated. When you have never been oppressed or hated because of who you are, it is extremely difficult to understand or know that events like this enable those who choose to participate to feel or experience even if for only one day, what that is like or actually what it might be like for those that are oppressed and hated everyday. To those who choose not to participate, if nothing else, they see or read, etc. that there are people (many) that are still to this day silenced because of who they are.”

Allies, it appears, may be a very positive addition to awareness events for the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual community, providing the visible and invisible support for their family, friends, coworkers, peers. Crist said, “I feel that the more allies that participate in something like the Day of Silence, then more people will ask questions and become interested.”

Some people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning did not see Day of Silence with the same view, however. Graduate student and president emeritus of All in the Family, Angelic “Angie” Cricchio agrees that any opportunity to educate and bring awareness is positive for all involved. She does not, however, share the view that silence is a way to do it. “I feel that to silence an already silenced group is just more oppression. I also feel that it’s kind of an assimilationist politics; ... any time spent being silent is time that these voices could have been heard, perhaps talking about our experiences.” Cricchio continued, “I wasn’t at the discussion [held at 8 p.m. on April 19], and I don’t doubt that it was a good discussion, but again, it was a limited audience. So for me, I’m more of a ‘Let’s get out there and get information out so that there aren’t any questions of why you’re being silenced, or why you are silent, or why you want to be silent.’” Several times during the interview Cricchio stressed that her was in no way slamming the Day of Silence event. “I guess as in any political movement, there isn’t just one way to be anything, and especially to identify as a group, which I think was the point of this whole entire event [Day of Silence].”

Hernandez, who also serves as vice president for AITF, agreed about the silence aspect. “I feel that most individuals could argue that point” that silencing an already silent group is not exactly a good thing. “But I personally feel society almost expects the GLBT and allied community to shout out whenever there is reason to. The fact that we chose to be silent made others really think about the cause.”

Most of the 20 people who met to discuss their participation, as well as the few who spoke with the Otter Realm (and off the record) however, felt that silence was an appropriate tool to spread the message, despite the risk that comes with not talking and making their voices heard. Crist and others agreed the perception that by not hearing the voices of the oppressed, that it may send a message to the oppressor that it is okay to silence the ‘other.’ But there is also the belief that “sometimes silence is more powerful than words.”

Overall, the Day of Silence was a positive one for them, and they discussed strategies for improved participation. All in the Family will work with Residential Life, and perhaps other student organizations next year to bring awareness to a wider audience, perhaps collaborating with the local colleges and universities.

The event did receive some criticism via a forwarded email on the FirstClass email system, which in turn generated the usual ‘tag, you’re it’ environment found on Open Forum, the conference which is notorious for the hostile material posted there. The email was allegedly from a friend of a CSUMB student, implying that to identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning is a ‘sin,’ since “these people were not born that way! It was a conscious choice.” The message was eventually forwarded to General News, which sent a firestorm of opposing views across the university email system. The ensuing posts included heated debate over whether the original post should have been classified as a hate crime, and another war of words began over the definition of hate crimes, the sovereignty of freedom of speech, as well as responsible computing.

In an attempt to calm the furor, Carlos "Gabriel" Celis, Treasurer for AITF, as well as one of the students who brought Day of Silence to CSUMB sent a letter to the campus addressing the origin email. The message said that he was grateful for the concern shown over the overall content of the message, he had exchanged emails with Ms. Girard, and they were “trying to understand each other.” The final line of message was succinct and powerful, “Remember the goal is to educate.”

According to the planners of Day of Silence, it was a success because some people were open to the idea of basing human rights and allies. “We can only offer people information and clear up misinformation about our community. It is up to the individual to embrace or reject our ideas of equality and human dignity, no matter what their sexual identity,” wrote a first-year freshman who did not want to be identified. Ironically, she wore the blue Day of Silence card for 12 hours, but had yet come out to her family and friends. Perhaps one day she will be able to tell her story with words, not silence.
Are you tired of standing in a cloud of smoke outside of buildings on campus?

To protect CSUMB students, the Campus Advocacy and Mentorship Program is working to make sure that there is no smoking within 25 feet of campus buildings and dorms, and that no smoking signs are put up on all campus buildings.

To show your support or join the effort please contact Jennifer Williams at the American Lung Association of the Central Coast

1-800-LUNGUSA or jwilliams@ALACCoast.org

This project funded by Proposition 99, the tobacco tax initiative
Men’s Basketball Team Holds 2nd Annual Awards Banquet

The CSUMB Men’s Basketball team celebrated the 2000-01 season and handed out awards at the annual basketball banquet on Wednesday, April 25. The event was held at Café Abrego in Monterey, and gave players, coaches, and supporters a chance to reflect on the 2000-01 season, as well as look toward the promise of next year.

Following a dinner of either Grilled Salmon, or Roasted Chicken, the formal ceremony was called to order by CSUMB Athletic Director Bill Trumbo. Trumbo, welcomed everyone in attendance and acknowledged the Sports Department staff for their hard work all season. He also commended the coaches and players on their effort this year, saying, “I’ve been a long time basketball fan, and I like what I saw. I really liked the character of our team... and how they came out and represented our University.”

Head Coach Bill McClintock, took the floor next to speak about the season and distribute player participation awards. McClintock said he was “very pleased with the season,” and pointed out various highlights, including victories against defending conference champ Menlo, and the season’s first victory versus Race Express, a game in which leading scorer Dexter Amey had 40 points. (Amey’s 40 points established a new school record for most points in a game, breaking the old mark of 33 set by departing senior Matt Dalhamer.)

Coaches McClintock also applauded departing seniors Darin Kamiyama and Matt Dalhamer saying their steady and sometimes spectacular play would be missed.

Dalhamer played for three years for the Otters, and is CSUMB’s all-time leading scorer. He plans to be a coach in the future, but had this to say about this career:

“I had a great two years under coach McClintock, who taught me a lot about the game. I’m sad that it’s all over, it’s really starting to hit me, but I enjoyed my three years here.

Darin Kamiyama also played for three years and holds the school record for most assists in a game. (13) Kamiyama, who won the Basketball Scholar Athlete for the 1999-2000 season, is graduating early to pursue a teaching career. Coach McClintock said of him, “Darin was a very smart ball-

player, who played within his limitations.”

Once the players received their participation awards, it was time for the individual honors to be distributed. The awards were voted on by the players.

The first award presented was for Most Inspirational Player, and went to Junior Andy Cannon. Cannon made a solid contribution to the team, and as Coach McClintock said, “got better as the year progressed.” Many times he was the first player off the bench when substitutions were needed. Cannon thinks this award was a testament to his teammates’ faith in him, “It was nice that my peers voted for me.”

The final award of the night was for Most Valuable Player, and went to junior forward Dexter Amey.

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Amey shot 67% from the field, and was a unanimous 1st team All-Conference selection. He averaged 20 points and nine rebounds per game which both tied for best in the league, while his 67% shooting also led the conference. Amey was pleased with his performance but does feel he and the team will get better and make a playoff run next year:

“I wanted to make our team win, whether it was getting rebounds, scoring points...diving for loose balls. It feels good to be recognized for my skills and for what I brought to this team. My team mates also got me the ball when they saw I was hot, so I couldn’t have done some of the things I did without them.”

Assistant Coach Pat Costa presented the award for Most Improved Player to center Billy Curry. Coach Costa said Curry was originally to be developed slowly, but a lack of depth early in the season forced him into action. With each game he became a better player, and finished the season as a reliable weapon both offensively and defensively.

Curry led the Otters this season in blocked shots with 40, but felt he was just doing his job, saying, “This (award) shows that I’m working hard, and trying to get better. By me getting better, I’m trying to help the team win.”

The award for Scholar Athlete of the Year went to junior reserve Abe Pedroza who has maintained a lofty 3.7 GPA throughout the year. Pedroza transferred from Holy Names College, and played a key role in scouting opponents. Early in the year, Pedroza was able to get extended playing time and performed soundly. He said the banquet was “a nice end to the season.”

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Following the banquet, all the talk was about next year’s team and how they will perform. Coach McClintock is excited about next season, as he will have point guard Gary Flores back. Flores sat out this season, due to injury. He also plans on moving guard Jay Lockett from point to shooting guard next year.

Starters Billy Curry, Dexter Amey, Rocky Steryo, and Lockett are all returning next season. Coach McClintock called Steryo, “probably the best shooter I’ve ever coached.”

The Otters will once again play a tough pre-season schedule including games versus Long Beach State and The University of Pacific, both Division I schools. The team will also be travelling to Hawaii next year.

Coach McClintock believes in the value of a tough pre-season, saying, “You don’t get better unless you play teams that are as good or better than you, that’s what we’re hoping to do.”

The Otters will be hosting The 1st annual Sea Otter Classic in January 2001 here at CSUMB. All the players agreed that they will be ready for next season and vowed to make the playoffs.
Two CSU Monterey Bay Students

By Elizabeth Ahrens

Cristy Cassel and Wendy Henninger have been awarded the Students That Are Recognized for Service (STARS) Award given to one student at each California State University. This award is given to students that show exemplary work in service learning. These two women received this award together by collaborating on their capstone for graduation. As ESSP majors, both Cristy and Wendy worked toward a common goal within their capstone; promoting sustainable agriculture.

Cristy and Wendy decided to work with children in creating an understanding and appreciation for agriculture. They went to Salinas to teach children about Organic Agriculture. The children that were involved were a part of a program called RISE. To be in this program, students must have an interest in math and/or science and also come from a low-income family. Both women learned many things after working with these children. Wendy noted, "Working with these students showed me that I can help to make a change in their lives and help to make a healthier choice in what they eat and how they think about agriculture."

The STARS award is given to one student at each CSU. Monterey Bay was the only exception having two students. This award is granted to acknowledge the exemplary student’s outstanding efforts in their service learning projects and their ongoing commitment to serve community. Students were chosen based on their efforts that improved the lives of individuals, or the community at large in at least one of the following areas: social justice, social economic, health, public safety, or environmental issues during the last year. The CSU Office of the Chancellor and the Office of Service Learning created the STARS award last year.

"The STARS award recipients are student leaders at the California State University and exemplify our students’ dedication to community service,” said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. “They have raised awareness on issues facing the elderly and disabled, promoted sustainable agriculture, tutored children, and provided over 10,000 hours of community service within the past year.” Knowing this, our campus can be proud of Cristy and Wendy for being placed in such an excellent category.

Students throughout the CSU system perform a total of 33.6 million hours of community service every year. That would be a minimum wage value of approximately $193.2 million. CSU students’ exemplary community service

Want Your Classes? Then you Better Pay Up!

Registration Changes Lead to Frustration

By Behnaz Hejazian

Gone are the days of students working long hours at summer jobs to save up enough money to pay their tuition fees come August. Starting this May, with fall registration on our heels, there will be a new registration process at CSUMB. As opposed to the past, where students were able to wait until the semester began to pay their dues, students now must pay before they are able to register. According to Henry Villanueva, Associate Vice President of Academic Programs and Learning Support, the policy was implemented in order to, “get a handle on how many students and which students will be attending CSUMB. In the past, students did not have to make a commitment until August thus not giving the university ample time to plan for courses and students would complain about not having enough sections.”

The goal of this new policy is to help assess how many students will be actually enrolled in courses, so that classes can be scheduled accordingly. “The policy was a collective decision to better deal with student needs, enrollments, and obtaining necessary faculty to teach courses,” states Villanueva. “This is a common policy throughout the CSU system and the nation.” In other words, this is not a new policy or something that has never been done before. Apparently, it is a reliable method of better serving the students in their educational endeavors. “It is a much better system all around, students should have opportunities to add into more sections, the university will have more time to respond to the need for more professors [and] sections,” concurs Steve Brown, Director of Student Academic Advising and Articulation.

So, if the new registration policy is such a golden opportunity for the university to better itself, then why are some students distraught over the decision? The first obvious reason is that students who are not financial aid deferred have to come up with a rather large chunk of money in a short time, something that they had not planned for. The notice was only delivered to students a month ago via a mass e-mail and a typed letter sent to students and parents. This does not leave a lot of time to work and save up the necessary funds. Of course, there are ways around everything, and the new policy is no exception.

The first option is to pay tuition through an installment payment plan, which allows students to pay their dues in three installments. The first installment, which is the largest portion of the payment, is due prior to registration but no later than May 30, 2001. The second payment is due July 2, 2001, and the final payment must be in by August 1, 2001. Another option is to fill out the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form as soon as possible. This will allow students to receive either need-based financial aid, or a student loan, which can help students regardless of income level. In any case, when the financial aid office receives a FAFSA application they will send the student a fee deferment letter, which can be used to register and postpone payments of fees until financial aid is disbursed. Forms are available in the financial aid office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Lastly, students who are not financial aid students and are experiencing difficulty are encouraged to contact Cory Castaneda in Business and Finance.

Another common concern among students with regard to the new registration policy is the issues of whether there will be a priority based system, or if it will be strictly first come, first serve. HCOM senior, Rose Erwin, voices concern regarding what will happen to her next fall. "I am particularly concerned [about this policy] because the classes that I need to get next semester I absolutely have to get because I'm graduating...I just don't think it [the policy] is going to work. I'm envisioning total chaos." This concern clearly outweighs the prospect of more classes and more professors for students who are graduating, and whose primary concern is the few classes they need to take in order to do so.

Further, there is one aspect of student life that will not be affected by this change in policy; student housing. Students will still be expected to pay a deposit [$125 for the residence halls and $100 for the apartments] before they can be assigned a space, and they must be paid in full or have a financial aid deferment before they can move in. According to Andy Klingelhofer, Director of Residential Life, "Paying their [student] university fees does not affect this part of the process...that was not part of the equation."

In closing, whether you like this policy or not, registration is only a week away. The faculty at CSUMB urges students to submit their proposed schedules on PLANNER WEB, as these need to be reviewed and approved before students can register. According to Academic Advising, 66.5% of students still need to submit their proposals, and only 16.7% of students have an 'OK to register’ status. Registration begins May 1, 2001 (April 30th for priority registration), so get your schedule in, pay your dues, and get ready for Fall 2001. Best of luck!
are STARS!

has earned the CSU system not only much work, but it has earned the students valuable lessons about their community.

The plan for service learning through the CSU system is to provide direction for each campus to maximize the potential of service learning. The two key objectives of the five-year plan (1997-2002) are to engage students at each CSU campus in at least one service-learning experience prior to graduation, and to offer an ongoing variety of service-learning experiences so that students will have those opportunities.

Students at CSU Monterey are required to take eight units of undergraduate service learning classes; four each two years. CSUMB students are offered many choices of classes including America Reads, Afterschool Programs, and Emergency Room Volunteers, among others. These students are offered opportunities through active participation within the community. Wendy and Cristy are role models within our university for all students participating within their service learning classes. Congratulations Wendy and Cristy, CSU Monterey appreciates your hard work in making our community a better place.

Vandalism Creeps onto Campus

By Gabriela Lopez

Explosives, Broken windows and damaged flyers have been a new addition to campus life at CSUMB. Though flyers are commonly torn from doors and walls, having windows shattered is something that is not only uncommon, but, well, scary. Within a few weeks into spring semester, a string of vandalism began, damaging school, staff and student property.

During the week of Diversity Days, two residents’ cars had their windows shattered and property stolen. Hyon Chu Yi, Resident Director for Halls 204-206 had her car broken into. “My car was vandalized. Someone placed what looked like either a homemade bomb or a very heavy fire-cracker onto my wind-shield which shattered my windshield.” The other car was that of student Eric Chavez, who had his car stereo and hockey equipment stolen from his car. It is not known whether the two incidents are related, but a similar explosive was used in three other incidents soon after.

In Res Hall 206, sometime during the middle of a March night, an explosive was taped to the window of a first-floor dorm. The residents of that dorm woke to find a large hole in one of their windows, and glass on their floor as a result of the explosion. The explosive used to break the window of the dorm was homemade with what seemed to be a brown bottle as told by the University Police Department in a meeting last month. No one was hurt, because the windows in the dorms are thick enough to prevent the explosive from shattering the window, but the event did cause residents, and Hyon Chu Yi to be concerned for campus safety.

“As the Resident Director, I immediately followed up with residents with a letter that was sent out via e-mail. After several other incidents of vandalism occurred...I sent out another urgent e-mail to my residents and also called an emergency building wide meeting to discuss the issue.” Hyon Chu, the University Police Department and Residential Life held a mandatory meeting for all students living in Res Halls 204-206 to not only discuss the severity of the damage done to these students, but to allow students to express their concerns, fears and even any leads they may have had. “I had several leads which I followed up on and while we were able to get names of a couple of individuals, we could not press charges because no one was willing to come forward without their names being held confidential.” Although no one was caught, Hyon Chu told the Otter Realm that the person believed to be the “culprit” was evicted from the Res Hall for other reasons, yet evicting the culprit doesn’t mean that the campus is safe again. “...even though our community is small and it’s very easy to fall in the mental trap of ‘nothing happens on our campus’, we are just like any other community and we are not immune from violence and theft.”

Although there have not been any recent incidents similar to those at the beginning of the semester, there are still those who vandalize students’ and campus property. In the dorms, remnants of posters are found on the floor, and at times, a burnt poster or two will be on a wall. There are students who are concerned with the vandalism of flyers, but in general, the majority of the students that live in the dorms do not seem concerned about this issue. “I think that the cops should call on people for trashing school property. Posters getting torn down, oh well. That is definitely annoying and sad to see so much hard work go down the drain as soon as you put it up, but it’s just a piece of paper,” said student Carrie Drouin in regards to posters being torn down. If posters are not a concern to those that reside in the dorms, and dangerous property damage has stopped for the moment, is vandalism on campus a serious issue?

“I think that even with a few incidents it is a serious issue as vandalism always indicates a lack of respect for others and an inability to address problems and frustrations in a productive manner,” said Bonnie Burnell, Student Activities Coordinator. On Sunday, April 22nd, the bulletin boards in front of Student Activities and Career Development, and the Student Center, were opened and had their posters torn. The student who tore the flyers was caught as he made his way to tear flyers in the World Theater bulletin board. As of Friday, the student had not been charged with vandalism, but had been given a warning.

There seems to be little concern for the vandalism of posters and school property, as it becomes a common sight in the dorms and in other buildings on campus. Posters are always torn off buildings, right? But shouldn’t action be taken before vandalism becomes a common and accepted thing on campus? Should the campus be concerned with the safety of the residents?

“Vandalism is an indirect act of violence and could be a warning sign of worse things to come, including direct violence to the individual or group. If it is not directed towards an individual or group, it is still creating a hostile environment wherever it occurs,” were Career Development Coordinator Jerry DeLeon’s comments about vandalism. Like Jerry, Katherine Ellis, student and Resident Advisor, feels that not doing anything about the vandalism that occurs will only result in worse vandalism. According to Hyon Chu, the UPD is working on having more officer visibility in the Res Halls, particularly at night, but students should continue to prevent situations that can bring more vandalism.

As Carrie Drouin put it, “People need to wise up. If they destroy something, it’s going to effect everyone, including themselves. Also, all the litter everywhere. Hello people, we have to live in it. If the campus looks [bad], what kind of message is that going to send out?”

Ozomatli at CSUMB

By Elizabeth Ahrens

This is the first large scale concert ever to be offered to CSUMB students and members of the public. “Ozomatli,” a band that brews a vital concoction of Latin salsa, urban hip-hop, and jazz funk. Ozomatli formed in Los Angeles in the mid-‘90s.

For more information: Please contact Student and Career Development at 582-3845, www.ozomatli.com.

You better be there...everyone else will!
Brokaw and Eastwood Visit CSUMB for Panetta Lecture Series

By Brian Kees

On Sunday, April 22 Tom Brokaw and Clint Eastwood were the guest speakers for the third slot of the 2001 Leon Panetta Lecture Series. For the three years now, former Clinton White House Chief of Staff, Leon Panetta and his Institute for Public Policy at CSUMB, have held a lecture series on the Monterey Peninsula. The theme for this particular lecture was, "The Generations Past, Present and Future," stemming from the Title of Brokaw's book, The Greatest Generation. Panetta invited the speakers to a press conference before the evening lecture in the University Center.

Brokaw is the sole anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw since 1983. Born in South Dakota in 1940, he graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree in Political Science. He has been with NBC since 1966 when NBC asked him to move to Los Angeles. "That move to LA was the most important career move of my life," said Brokaw. "When I got there my first assignment was to cover a California gubernatorial candidate that had no chance to win. Little did we all know that Ronald Reagan would become what he did."

Brokaw has an extensive history of "firsts" in the world of journalism. He conducted the first exclusive one-on-one interview with Mikhail Gorbachev, which won a DuPont Award. He was the only U.S. anchor on the scene the night the Berlin Wall fell. He was also the first American anchor to report on human-rights abuses in Tibet and to conduct an exclusive interview with the Dalai Lama. He also has received two Emmy's for his work on NBC. But it's another first that means the most to him.

In 1998 Brokaw published his first book, The Greatest Generation. It was the fastest selling Random House non-fiction book ever. Like many authors, Brokaw had trouble getting motivated to write. "It took me a while to build up the courage to write a book because I didn't know how well it would do."

Eastwood who is a largely successful actor and director/producer was here because he is, along with Brokaw, a child of the "greatest generation." Eastwood is a former Mayor of Carmel, and served in the military on Fort Ord. Eastwood has been in many successful films such as Dirty Harry, In the Line of Fire, True Crime, and Unforgiven, the latter winning Eastwood an Oscar for Best Director. He has been the recipient of many lifetime achievement awards including, most recently, the Kennedy Center Honors. He is currently the Chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and part owner of The Pebble Beach Company. Eastwood, who spoke after Brokaw in the press conference said, "Boy I tell you speaking after Tom reminds me of being in a Richard Burton film, his voice is so strong and deep."

The topic of the lecture series was lightly discussed throughout the press conference. Eastwood, who said he had read Brokaw's book, seemed to have a lot of feeling about the times surrounding and during World war II. "I was 11 during the bombing of Pearl Harbor," said Eastwood. "I remember the devastation that filtered throughout the whole country."

"That Generation was so strong and went through so much, there is no comparison with today's troubles to theirs," said Brokaw, comparing younger and older generations. "Their only air conditioning was opening the window, so they would laugh at our power crisis. We don't know hardships compared to them, and they wouldn't feel sorry for us." When asked if the subsequent dying off of the Greatest Generation will be bad for future generations Brokaw answered, "No, I think there is so much that the children of that generation know, and even grandchildren of that generation know. From stories and interaction with their grandparents, that future generations will be fine. In large part also because the world is not the same place, and future generations will probably not have the same type of problems."

The lecture which filled the packed Monterey Conference Center, could be seen and heard by the public on Cable Channel 26, and KAZU 90.3 FM.
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STUDENT VOICE UPDATE

The Budget Hearings

By Cory Schmidt

As the Student Voice cabinet changes hands, last minute decisions are being wrapped up. Focus is shifting to the upcoming year, and a recommendation concerning next year's budget must be made to the new board. Budget Hearings were held by the financial committee listen to budget requests and answer questions about those requests.

Some requests, such as the $5000 requested for more recycling bins on campus, received support from the financial committee and the Student Voice Board of Directors. Others, however, were less straightforward and received a little more resistance.

A stipend for a Campus Planning and Energy expert was requested at $5000/semester. Through this, the work of the Environmental and Campus Planning Senator would be split into two areas. Some questions were raised as to the need for a position that has not been created within Student Voice. Delegation to committee members was suggested as an alternative. Nothing was decided, and discussion will continue on this topic before a final recommendation is made.

The most concern seemed to lie in the requests made by the Student Union Committee whose requests included $24,560 in hiring expenses for an architect and a Student Union Director along with funding for students to attend conferences. The relationship between Student Voice and the Student Union was unclear, and that caused some concern as to where responsibility for funding lies. Also, the amount requested was significant, but was given as a rough estimate. The Financial Committee wanted to see more concrete numbers regarding this request. "I am happy that Student Voice members are being so careful about allocating their funds. It shows that they are trying to prioritize their spending," stated Farah Hussain, Student Union Chair. "During the past year, I always encountered resistance when my ideas were something that Student Voice has never done before," continued Hussain.

The Student Union Committee also submitted a request for $3,900 for a BBC consultant as well. This would be a full time summer position for a student to help with the creation of a business plan along with other tasks surrounding the opening of the BBC, which is set for October of 2001. Concern arose as to the amount of the stipend since it is a much larger amount than any of the Student Voice Board members receive for a full year's worth of work. Questions were also raised as to the ability of a student, who had limited experience, to accomplish this large and important task. "It's natural for the board to be skeptical and worried about proposing full-time work for the summer on the BBC. Student Voice has never paid a student...to do full-time work for an auxiliary student organization," commented Hussain.

Groups whose requests did not exceed what they were allocated last year, such as ICC's request for $55,001 and the Event's Workgroup's request for $54,000, for the most part went unquestioned. John Charter, Student Voice Financial Director, suggested that half of that funding be recommended for allocation for the first semester, and the second half to follow after the midyear review. This would allow for more flexibility in spending for the next year.

As to the controversy surrounding the Student Union requests, "I believe that it is important that Student Voice does what it can to be supportive and help Student Union get started. Farah [Hussain] has made a revised proposal which solves many of the concerns brought up at the hearings," stated John Charter, Student Voice Financial Director.

"The budget is like a picture of Student Voice priorities and what we stand for, which is why Financial Committee must carefully evaluate all of the request and decide which ones serve and represent students with the greatest impact," commented Charter. "It tough making decisions on how to allocate money when all of the budget requests are great, as was the case at the budget hearing."

Student Voice's total estimated budget for 2001-2002 lies at $263,463. Projected expenses for the next year are $140,000. The total requests for funding came to $143,461. A summary of the Budget Hearings along with one of the Financial Committee meeting which followed can be viewed in the Student Voice folder on First Class.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Otter Realm,

In "Supreme Court Goes to Pot" (April 4, 2001), Patrick Kuhl makes the erroneous statement "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." It has long been known that smoked marijuana is effective in reducing chemotherapy-induced nausea when patients are unable to keep down Marinol pills, a fact that Kuhl not only doesn't report, but ridicules. Information on the many studies that confirm this finding can be seen online at:
http://www.medjscience.org/Pages/science/zeesestates.html

Information about new studies in progress can be seen at:
http://www.medjscience.org/Pages/science/emerging.html

There is information on publications on this subject in various countries at the bottom of the Canadian government's webpage requesting proposals to study medical use of marijuana: http://www.cihr.ca/funding_opportunities/cihr_funding_pgms/req_for_proposal/rpmarijuana_e.shtml

At the website of the Marijuana Policy Project, there are links to information on how research has been thwarted by the U.S. Government: http://www.mpp.org/FDA.html

But hey, we don't need the U.S. Government to badmouth this plant that has been in use as medicine for thousands of years before it was outlawed last century, we've got Patrick Kuhl to do it! Would somebody please get him to stop?

Sincerely,

Donna Worden
Student Voice Election Results

Congratulations to the future 2001-2002 Student Voice Board of Directors and to the new Student Union Chair. There were a total of 483 ballots. About 19% of our student population voted! (One of the highest voter turnouts in the CSU.)

President
John Charter 191
Carlos Armenta 122
Carolyn (Carrie) Drouin 110
Briana (Bree) Krank 58

Chair
Alfonso Lopez 400

Judicial Director
Jeff Farless 365

Public Relations Director
Cory Schmidt 355

Academic Senator
Matthew Fiori 238
Brenda Valles 194

Events Senator
Renee Infelise 145
Yuri Beckelman 103
Ryan Ayers 90
Omar Horrington 79

Environmental & Campus Planning Senator
Tamara Murphy 386

Residential Life Senator
Kathryn Ellis 260
Jainesh (Jay) Singh 151

Multicultural Senator
Gabriela Lopez 303
Jose Salgado 103

Technology Senator
Eric Chavez 396

Student Union Chair
Farah Hussain 388

The Otter Realm feels it is important for the campus community to know and recognize their Student Voice leaders. Five are featured in this edition and the other six will be featured in the May 16th edition.

End of the Semester Donation Stations

By Matthew Fiori

The newly elected Environmental and Campus Planning Senator, Tamara Murphy, had her first committee meeting last Tuesday night at the Student Center. As one who is interested in doing his part for the planet, I joined her there, along with another student, Matthew Marksby. Together we made signs for a project Ms. Murphy has begun for Student Voice, a series of "donation stations" where students can put unwanted items as they clear out their dorms or apartments for the summer. There will be a box for clothes, another for school supplies and an area for furniture and other miscellaneous items no longer wanted. "There is a tremendous amount of waste in America," says Murphy, "and this waste not only pollutes the earth but also fuels the pattern of over-consumption that threatens our environment."

IMIE Car Wash a smashing SUCCESS!

By Jackey Antonian and Tami Martin

In just four and a half hours, IMIE Students raised $800.00 washing cars! The weather was great and the turn out was incredible. Students were out there cheering in the streets, washing, rinsing, drying, polishing, vacuuming, window cleaning, and more! At our peak moment, there were 10-12 cars being worked on simultaneously while there was a line of 5-6 cars waiting. Absolutely great teamwork and IMIE Spirit! We had a great time and a lot of fun! Many people complimented our work and energy. They even wanted to know when the next Car Wash was!

Burger King was a super sponsor. They allowed us to use some of their supplies, gave us the space, gave us 20% off Value Meals with free drinks all day and gave all of our car wash customers 10% off Value Meals. In turn, we were able to generate additional business for their restaurant. So much so that they have invited us to return anytime for future car washes.

Inter Club Council Board of Officers
Fall 2001

Chair: Carolyn "Carrie" Drouin
Treasurer: Rudolph "Jacob" Heuser
Student Voice Liaison: Renee Infelise
Secretary: Elizabeth "Liz" Huff
Communications Officer: Kenneth Paulino
By Elizabeth Ahrens

If you need disability or interpreter accommodations to attend these events, please promptly contact the event sponsors. If you are planning an event open to the campus community, and would like to announce your event in Otter Happenings, please contact Elizabeth Ahrens via FirstClass. All events listed are free unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday May 2 - Sunday May 6
What: The Winter's Tale, Directed by Tom Humphreys
Where: Thursday - Saturday at 8pm, Sunday (matinee) 3pm
When: Where: World Theater
Cost: General Admission $10, Students with ID $6, CSUMB Faculty/Staff/Military $8
For more information: Please contact the World Theater at 582-4580.

Thursday May 3
What: Monterey County Child Care Planning Council's Strategic Plan Public Forum
When: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Where: Child Care Center, building 91
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Kathleen Murray-Phillips at 796-3530.

Friday May 4
What: Reception for Diana Garcia, recent recipient of the American Book Award
When: 10 - 11am
Where: Living Room, University Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Yemen Martinez at 582-4401 or FirstClass.

Saturday May 5
What: Bike Monterey
When: 10am
Where: Meet at building 93
Cost: Students, staff, faculty $10 / Community $20
For more information: Julia Montgomery at 582-4644.

Monday May 7
What: Student Voice Inauguration
When: 12:15pm - 2pm
Where: University Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Anita Castleline at 582-4541.

Monday May 7
What: The inauguration of a student-faculty photo exhibit, "Globalization in a Mexican Peasant Community: La Tortuga"
When: 2 - 4:30pm
Where: In an event room following the inauguration
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Lily Martinez over FirstClass.

Monday May 7
What: Last day to drop courses for serious and compelling reasons ("W" grade assigned)
When: 12pm - 1pm
Where: Otter Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Hector Urine via FirstClass.

Tuesday May 8
What: Teacher Credential Informational Session
When: 5 - 6:30pm
Where: Bidg. 3, Conference Room
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Hector Urine at 582-4536.

Wednesday May 9
What: Fall 2001 registration for continuing students registration for Summer 2001
When: 5 - 6:30pm
Where: Bidg. 3, Conference Room
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Lydia S. Martinez, Credentials Analyst at 582-3638.

Thursday May 10
What: Trombonist
Where: Music Hall, building 93
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Jean-Paul Hill, Alex Pettit, Heather Kohles, Paul Strudwick or Anton Prange via FirstClass.