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CSU budget cuts: tough times ahead

By Sophia Bianchi

As the year 2001 comes to an end, the CSU system finds itself in a bit of a dilemma—facing a $35 million CSU budget cut.

“We are in hard times because of the recession,” said Chancellor Charles B. Reed. “September 11th has hurt destination states, California being one, with tourism as well as business.”

While all CSUs have been coping with a slight budget cut this month, they are now faced losing more substantial financial funding, Reed said.

A growing enrollment on campuses like CSUMB will make the money loss that much more painful. Chancellor Reed acknowledged that it’s “not a pretty picture. Tough times are ahead.”

This past fall the CSU system admitted 82,000 students. That was the highest enrollment rate to date, primarily because the economy is down so jobs are scarce and people are eager to get more education.

While CSUMB will have to persevere through the difficult times, there are no plans in the works to cut student services or activities, and no services that are intended to accommodate growth are to be cut.

School officials have said President Peter Smith is determined to make the necessary cuts at CSUMB without compromising the integrity of the university experience for students.

A major concern for CSUMB is the funding of the summer session, the officials said.

However, Chancellor Reed said summer sessions are not endangered. “I am a strong advocate of summer-session courses,” he said.

As for the future of CSU faculty, Chancellor Reed said he is concerned about keeping the number of faculty on staff and is determined to protect the faculty from the budget cut.
And so we say goodbye to the growing crowds on campus...

By China Buryn

The real world is different than the dreams. Years and years of many lives are spent in preparation for growing up, for adulthood, for becoming whatever it is we are supposed to be. The ideal of college is that it will serve as the transitional gateway into this abyss of maturity—this world where one can do what they want when they want—this imagined world of euphoria.

In contrast with this once idealistic, childlike view of adult freedom is another aspect which accompanies the coming of age—the realization that there is no perfect world and that every freedom has a price.

College is the place that proves this lesson. It is the beginning of every challenge and every joy: it is where hearts are first truly broken; when friends are first truly lost. It is just the beginning of weddings, funerals, working, laundry and paying bills.

The classic parent cliché so tediously repeated in younger days, that college is the beginning of the rest of our lives, hits harder now that the rest of our lives isn’t simply a dream, but the reality before us.

Stepping into this reality also means stepping away from the security of the past. So often in youth a home means much more than a place to live, it’s a security to depend on. Getting an apartment, a home, or even a dorm room is one of the first, as well as one of the most significant steps in growing up. Problems with housing are no longer easily solved by other adults, but will instead be one of our lifelong challenges.

Perhaps one of the first instances of such can be seen at our own front doors. The CSUMB “housing crunch” expands far beyond its 1,300 acres to every nook-and-cranny of every dorm room, apartment, office, and classroom on campus.

When the land was first given over to the planning of a new state university in May of 1994, great heights for expansion and much preparation for that expansion was done not just with the idealistic hearts of dreamers, but with the minds of planners.

Almost four years ago more than the majority of both students and faculty lived on campus. Still in 2001, a majority of students and half the staff live on campus, but with a greater quantity of both compared to previous years.

With such numbers constantly rising—while everything else such as school funding and actual land space stays the same or less—it should come as no surprise that there’s just not enough room for everybody anymore.

With enrollment at about 3,000 this semester, the space issue is jumping up everywhere.

This year alone, $14 million went into erecting two new dorms—Buildings 208 and 210—which include new features such as lounges and larger rooms. Currently, 80 rooms are shared by three people each while about 10 rooms are used by four. Those students who share their rooms with a greater number pay lower rents. Looking closer, CSUMB’s average rooms are about 380 square feet, compared to 200 square feet for the average double room on most college campuses.

Andy Klingelhofer, the Director of Residential Life at CSUMB, responds to housing shortage questions by saying the university will “continue to develop new housing” and “meet demands” of the students in the CSUMB community.

The housing master plan calls for adding two more residence halls within two years, and new apartments between 2004 and 2005.

Within an estimated three to five years, the school plans on developing single-student housing on the main campus, the primary location being the land between the MLC, near Third Street and the baseball field.

The idea is to have suite-like housing, a design possibly including such amenities as weight rooms, pools, larger rooms and community-building ideas like the drive-in already established this semester. Transferring single-students to the main campus could eventually separate single students from families.

As Brian Dawson, the Area Coordinator for Frederick Park explained, “It’s not that they [single students and families] are much different, but that they have different lifestyles.”

Other issues often dealt with in Frederick Park involve, of course, the loss of space. Finding ways for both students and staff to deal with housing problems is a constant task. Many students are making spaces such as laundry rooms, storage rooms, living rooms and garages into living quarters.

Although Frederick Park guidelines do not allow living in garages and storage rooms for safety reasons, they also understand the want for a private room. Just recently Frederick Park has rewritten a section of the rule book and now allows living in laundry rooms, as long as there is no water heater present.

Although living situations at CSUMB and in the surrounding community can seem difficult, Brian Dawson said we need to realize we “have it pretty good here.”

As it was from the beginning, Klingelhofer explained, “The campus is committed to growth...”

But while CSUMB is expected to grow to 8,000 students (15,000 counting distance-education students) in a little more than 20 years, the commitment to growth can only last for so long. This too shall pass into another college memory.

Cutting the ribbon

By Patrick Kuhl

Building 47, the model of centralized services, was officially opened on Thursday, December 6, 2001, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours, appetizers and a raffle.

The Campus Service Center, as it’s called, attracted students, staff, and faculty to the event.

Tours for those interested in seeing what the center has to offer gave visitors a chance to see what happens behind the scenes within each department centralized in Building 47.

During the tour sessions, hungry folks were treated to a bountiful buffet of appetizers which were catered by the crew from the Otter Bay Café. It included California rolls, Italian sausage-stuffed mushrooms, and other gourmet snacks.

A raffle was held after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. To be eligible for a raffle ticket, a donation of canned goods was required. The prizes awarded were donated by the departments that comprise Building 47.

Tony Lucas, Director of the Campus Service Center, gave a speech in which he cited the history and purpose of the center as driving forces. “This represents a commitment on behalf of campus leadership to the students at CSUMB,” he said.

The center is a solution to problems students faced. The centralization of inter-related services bridges physical and literal distance between departments now unified in one building.

Katie Tito, a student assistant who helped give tours of the building, was excited to see that people were interested in the building. “It is encouraging to see that campus leadership is following through with promises they made to students to be the first priority of this school,” she said.
December 17, 2001

Blast off: The new and improved SV website is up and running

By Kelly Bland

Free tee shirts, food, and music helped to launch the renovated SV (Student Voice) web site. It was an event put on by SV that was held on December 5, 2001, in the main quad of campus.

SV Technology Senator, senior Eric Chavez, and student Alex Zamora worked this past summer with the goal of developing the best AS (Associated Student) websites in the California State University System.

“We set the goal of being the best and easily accessible for CSUMB students,” Chavez said.

Thanks to Chavez and Zamora, the new SV website has a better look, new design, better content, new organization, and easier navigation.

A table with lap top computers set for the SV web site gave students a chance to check out the changes.

Students were also given the chance to sign up for SV committees online. SV committees give students a chance to get involved on campus. The committees include: technology, public relations, events, academics, diversity, and finance.

Musical sounds of Thrift Hop gave the web launch a festive flair. SV John Charter pumped up the crowd as well. Charter gave away tee shirts to those who answer his SV related questions correctly.

The Student Voice PR (Public Relations) Committee organized the event. Junior, Cory Schmidt, PR Senator, and her PR Committee planned the web launch so that CSUMB students will know how to get information and involved with SV.

The web site URL will be seen on tee shirt signs, and mouse pads to help publicize the site as well as SV.

Charter and the SV Board of Directors are conducting a door-to-door campaign to promote SV as well. For more information about SV check out the new site: http://voice.csumb.edu.

CSUMB student will cast votes

New voting member of the CSUMB Foundation Board of Directors, student James Green, will represent the student body. Green earned this privilege when appointed by Student Voice as the Foundation Representative.

“I will represent the interests of the students primarily by my vote, which would be the equal of any other board member,” said Green.

As the student representative he will gain insight on where the Foundation’s funding comes from, how the funding is to be paid, and how the budget process works overall.

“I will learn the realities of the financial processes between the Foundation and CSUMB. In other words, what is or is not possible,” stated Green.

According to Green, the most important part of his time will be spent communicating with students both via e-mail and by meeting with students. He wants the students to know what the role of the Foundation is in the CSUMB community.

“I will maintain a constant dialogue with students,” added Green.

Green plans to discover what Foundation issues students are concerned with and bring them to the attention of the board members.

Student Voice develops a new constitution

By Mac Clemmens

A group of students have embarked on the task of creating a new constitution to define the power and structure of Student Voice for the years ahead.

Led by the Associated Student body President John Charter and Student Voice Judicial Director Jeff Fairless, the SV Constitution Committee aims to develop a constitution that will represent students democratically and create a shared governance between student organizations while maintaining a strong system of accountability to students.

According to Matt Kritcher, the Associated Student Advisor, “[The Constitution must] establish the terms, scope and decision-making structure of the student body association so as to ensure fair and consistent representation of the student body.”

The committee’s largest challenge lies in bringing together the various organizations on campus, and developing a specific context in which they interact.

One area of concern surrounded The Student Union, one of Student Voice’s constituent organizations. It expressed a need, during meetings, to become a more autonomous constituent.

Student Union Chair Farah Hussain explains, “Student Union is a different animal...if it is under Student Voice...[its] needs may not be addressed consistently.”

The committee vowed to work through such “rough spots” and create a constitution that works both for the Student Union and the students at large.

Panetta’s Friday night forum on terrorism

By Tharee Davis

"Is small pox a real threat?"

The packed World Theater was full of silent tension.

"Yes—although low," said the chemical and biological weapons expert, Dr. Jonathan Tucker of the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

"The disease exists only in two labs in the world under tight security. If the deadly virus did get out, it is so contagious that is why our national security is highly concerned."

"Is it possible America will bomb Iraq next?" asked the forum sponsor Leon Panetta, Director of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

"Unless U.N. officials are allowed into Iraq for inspections of suspect chemical plants, there is a possibility for terrorist threat," said former Secretary of Defense William Perry. "If there is reason to believe Saddam Hussein is a terrorist threat against America, the war on terrorism would expand into Iraq."

Dr. Kiren Aziz Chaundhry, specialist on the political economy of the Arab world and a professor at UC Berkeley pointed out, "America needs to seriously search its soul as to why there is such hatred for us," before considering more bombings.

The UC Berkeley professor felt that U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East was a key issue behind the World Trade Center attacks.

Ambassador Dennis Ross, recognized as the architect of the Middle East peace process during the Clinton administration, said U.S. policy in these Arab countries has put much effort into stabilizing the region. However, "Unless the Arab leaders can compromise with each other, then any foreign peace process will be ineffective."

A question from the audience asked if there was another solution to the present bombing campaigns.

"Limiting the funds of known terrorist groups is an effective approach at this time," replied Dr. Ross. "But the world must seek to rebuild the infrastructure of its failed states such as Afghanistan in order to limit the activity of extreme groups."

Leon Panetta concluded Friday night’s forum on terrorism and national security with, "Open discussions like these in an educational environment serves as a tool to bring our community together to gain more insight on the new war America faces."
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INCIDENT Warrant Service OCT 2 2001-Tuesday at 21:25 FREDERICK PARK 2 OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT SUBJECT FOR WARRANT SERVICE. INFORMED THAT SUBJECT HAS PASSED AWAY.

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INCIDENT Animal Control OCT 12 2001-Friday at 11:11 12/LIBRARY OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF GRAND THEFT OF COMPUTER PARTS.

INCIDENT Missing Person OCT 12 2001-Friday at 13:20 RESERVATION ROAD 010675 OFFICER PICKED UP RUN-AWAY JUVENILE. CONTACTED MOTHER AND TRANSPORTED TO RESIDENCE.

INCIDENT Fight/Disturbance OCT 5 2001-Friday at 00:51 FREDERICK PARK 2 OFFICERS RESPONDED TO REPORT OF GROUP OF TEN PEOPLE FIGHTING IN THE STREET. PEPPERBALL SYSTEM DEPLOYED. MARINA PUBLIC SAFETY ON SCENE TO ASSIST. SUBJECTS GONE AND PARTY DISPERSING UPON ARRIVAL. MATTER OF RECORD.

INCIDENT Assisted To Another OCT 7 2001-Sunday at 15:00 99/HEALTH CENTER OFFICER ASSISTED FEDERAL POLICE IN INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE GUN SHOT.

INCIDENT Other Assaults-Simple, Not Aggravated OCT 15 2001-Monday at 18:30 90/OTTER SPORTS CENTER 010689 OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF FIGHT. VICTIM DOES NOT SEEK PROSECUTION. SUSPECT PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING CAMPUS.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances OCT 17 2001-Wednesday at 08:15 SCHOONOVER PARK 1 010696 OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE. CONTACTED NAVY FIRE. NAVY FIRE SECURED PACKAGE IN A CONTAINER AND RELEASED IT TO CAMPUS.

INCIDENT Motor Vehicle Theft OCT 17 2001-Wednesday at 08:15 SCHOONOVER PARK 1 010696 OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF STOLEN QUADRICYCLE.

INCIDENT Assistance To Another OCT 17 2001-Wednesday at 22:30 WAINWRIGHT PARK 010698 OFFICERS RESPONDED TO REPORT OF FEMALE YELLING FOR POLICE. UNABLE TO LOCATE FEMALE UPON ARRIVAL. DAMAGE TO SOCCER FIELD. UNKNOWN SUSPECT SPUN DOUGHNUTS WITH VEHICLE ON GRASS.

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INCIDENT Other Assaults-Simple, Not Aggravated OCT 20 2001-Saturday at 01:30 FREDERICK PARK 1 OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT OWNER OF VEHICLE FOUND IN WALNUT CREEK WITH BROKEN WINDOWS. OWNER OF CAR MOVED OUT OF THE AREA LAST SPRING.

INCIDENT Student Conduct Code Violation OCT 20 2001-Saturday at 19:45 208/RESIDENCE HALL 010708 OFFICER REPORTED SUSPECTS FOR VANDALISM OF UPD PROPERTY.

ASSAULT Other Assaults-Simple, Not Aggravated OCT 20 2001-Saturday at 23:45 FREDERICK PARK 1 010707 OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF FIGHT IN PROGRESS. SUBJECT WILL PRESS CHARGES. UNABLE TO CONTACT ONE OF THE SUBJECTS, LEFT CARD TO CONTACT OFFICER.
A prisoner of prejudice breaks out

By Emily Garton

"Growing up in one square-mile," is the way Japanese-American Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston explains the Japanese-American internment camps of the early 1940s.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, hundreds of thousands of innocent Japanese-Americans—citizens by naturalization and citizens by birth—were forced into the prison camps by the United States government.

Thanks to the Institute for World Cultures and Languages, Houston, the acclaimed author of "Farewell to Manzanar," honored CSUMB Thursday, December 6, 2001, with a look into the life of an internment camp located right off highway 395 in the Southern California desert.

From ages seven to eleven, her family was "imprisoned for who they are, not what they did," Houston explains.

"I was one of the youngest," she says. "My book is really about my father and forgiving him... See, it's important to preserve these stories."

Acknowledging 100 years of anti-Asian sentiment on the West Coast, Houston notes that before Pearl Harbor even, there was a growing body of legislation against Asians immigrants and their families because they were "becoming economic competitors."

"Our family was relocated to Manzanar in June 1942 because my grandfather was under suspicion of selling oil to Japanese submarines. There were 10 camps located along the West Coast," Houston says.

The American government acted out of fear, hysteria, and intense propaganda. "The media was as inflammatory then as it is today," she says.

Inspired by a nephew who asked the simple question: "How did living behind fences make you feel?" Houston probes deep to pull suppressed feelings out of her bruised psyche.

"I had a deep sense of shame and guilt, I felt so humiliated," Houston reveals. "The barbed-wire fence was a wall, physically and emotionally."

After World War II ended, the camps closed and Houston's family, "re-entered America."

"We were silenced," between the '40s and '60s, Houston says. But "consciousness began changing" when Dr. Martin Luther King sparked the civil rights movement that swept across the nation, she says.

"Dignity and pride bring self worth, strengthening society," Houston realizes now, she says.

She got encouragement and applause at her CSUMB presentation. "This is not a story just for your family, but for everyone," says husband James Houston, co-author of the book.

"We, the whole nation, owe Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston a sincere debt of gratitude for breaking the silence and sharing her story with us. The story is so beautifully told that it has won national and worldwide recognition," says Professor Thomas F. Abbott. "Her story tells us that we must always be on guard to ensure that our leaders never again break the Constitution and imprison innocent civilians because of their skin color or ethnicity."

The United States government created a commission in 1980 that awarded each Japanese-American internee the sum of $20,000. "Nothing can ever pay for the loss of freedom, but only in America can we have this redress," Houston says.

"The constitution binds us together," she says. "It is the fabric of the nation."

Preservation is her goal in order to prevent any more other acts similar to those of the Japanese-American internment camps.

"We cannot afford to forget the lessons of history and never let this happen to another group in America again," Houston says.

She relates her experiences to CSUMB. "The transformation is amazing, from military to university is fantastic. It is amazing to be speaking here. This campus has so much potential."

After all the wrongs Houston has encountered in her life, her heart is filled with forgiveness and love, she says. America is beginning to "embrace the differences, seeking out the common bonds. What are they? The ideals of freedom, equality, justice, compassion and gratitude."
The fields in the neighboring Salinas Valley are rich with the crops that provide food for our tables. They are also rich with the thankless labor of the farmworkers who tend the crops. Here are photos of some of those unknown workers, as they toil in the fields of plenty.
Finding Christmas

A column by Elizabeth Ahrens

The holiday season is an important time for all of us to relax, spend time with family, and celebrate.

We all celebrate different holidays and we all have different and unique traditions. Everyone heads to the malls and congests department stores flinging coupons through the air, but that is not what the holiday season should be about. The holiday season started because of true tradition, much of that is family tradition.

Let's listen to Joslyn Sinclair: "The day after Thanksgiving we get out our Christmas decorations and start decorating the house. Time permitting, we also start our annual gingerbread house. The whole day, nothing plays on the sound system except 'The Carpenters: A Christmas Portrait.' It's just a tradition. And the youngest in our family gets introduced to baking, which usually includes a lengthy clean up period.

Once we finally get a tree, everyone gets out their ornament and we hang them together, reliving the old funny stories of Christmases past. I love the holidays."

Many CSUMB students noted that they spend time with their families.

Senior Adam Bumgardner: "My holiday traditions mainly revolve around seeing and talking with family that I wouldn't see except at a wedding or some birthdays. It is a time to catch up and make new promises to keep in touch."

Melissa Bond: "When I was younger the only thing I looked forward to was the presents. But now, living so far from most of my family, I realize that my family are the real presents."

We have all come so far, after we realized that there was no Santa Claus and we grew up, that we now know what the true holiday season is all about. I was surprised to see that many of us, in fact, can truly see through the advertisements and see that the holidays are a time for remembrance. It is a time to remember how things used to be and celebrate traditions.

Lauren Moseley noted that her family traditions have never changed, and she would like to spread those traditions to her family of the future. "The day is spent enjoying our gifts and getting dressed for dinner," she said. "This is one of the two times a year that we eat Syrian food. Along with turkey, jelly salad, sweet potato casserole, and cheesecake, we also get homemade grape-leaf rolls, hashwa, sheeha and baklava. This good food is enjoyed in the company of close family and appreciated by all who are there."

When Matt Parker sits down for holiday dinner with his family, "Each family member, even guests, have to sing a song to eat. We have to stand up and sing before we can be served. It is just a tradition."

What comes to my mind is what about those people in the world who have no family or tradition?

Just today I was walking out of the grocery store and passed a man that must have been freezing cold.

He was wearing a red smock and army. We have all seen him.

I looked incident. "And the only way to give is just a tradition."

"The day after Thanksgiving we have our Christmas decorations and see that the holidays are a time for remembrance. Why should that woman have to walk around in the cold so that she can buy gas just to get home?"

I thought, well it is the holiday season, but I wanted to hit myself.

Screw the holiday season, I thought. Should it have to be the holiday season for someone to give this poor woman a dollar? It should be the kindness of our hearts, active 365 days a year.

I think that we all need to remember that we are each lucky enough to be attending college and furthering ourselves so that we might not have to beg people outside of stores for money.
Otter hockey can get rough

CSUMB’s roller hockey team is showing signs of maturity in its third year. The relatively new team led by team captain Cullen Jones, defenseman John Reedy, and forward Loran Sharp lost a close 5-4 locals only game to the Marina Water City team. The two teams practice and play at the Water City rink, located on Fort Ord at eighth street.

The young Otters have solid offensive lines, strong stick handling and passing, with speed to match. “We’re still a young team. With a little more work on plays and breakouts we could have a more competitive squad,” says senior Loran Sharp.

In a no hitting league, penalties come quick. Many players aren’t adjusted to this style of play. “Even the slightest nudge can get you thrown in the [penalty] box,” said Sharp. Otters defense could use more practice aggressively playing the body, without finding their way into the penalty box. There is a fine line between the two, but with time the fresh defense will come into its own.

“We’re working on the basics, with time we’ll get better” said Reedy.

With strong goalies behind them, the Otters will find their way to the winner’s circle more often in the near future.

CSUMB left the last tournament on December second with a 2-2 record. Reedy said “With more practice we’re going to be a threat to powerhouses like Cal Poly SLO, UCSB, UNR and Cal Poly Pomona.”

By Matt Parker

High hoops for women’s basketball

Coming off a rocky preseason with a record of 1-7, the women’s basketball team heads into conference play with high hopes.

“Honestly, our preseason was extremely tough,” said Coach Amber Magner. “We were playing against NAIA [National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics] All-Americans and national tournament teams,” Magner said.

With the preseason behind them and conference play already underway, players on the team are full of optimism for the upcoming schedule.

“We have been preparing throughout the preseason and I hope all of the hard work will pay off in our conference games,” said Captain Kelley Ghione, who leads the team in scoring and minutes played.

Not only are the players putting in a lot of hard work with practices that last until late in the evening, but so is the team’s newly acquired coach, Magner.

Magner, who comes to CSUMB from a Division I school, Furman University in South Carolina, hopes to improve the women’s program here at CSUMB.

“saw there was an opening out here so I applied,” said Magner. “Not to mention, I saw this as a great opportunity to try and turn this program around and bring some stability to the program.”

Magner is also adding depth to the bench by recruiting a volleyball player and a soccer player to join the team.

“Well we had between six and seven last year, this year we have 10, so things are looking up,” said Senior Dori Simson.

With all the hard work that has been put into the team, members of the team hope that the fans will come out and watch the lady Otters play the game they love.

“Most of the CSUMB community thinks that the women’s basketball team is a joke, but it’s not,” said player Katie Barnes. “Everyone comes out and watches the guys’ team, but rarely the women’s, even though women’s are just as fun to watch as the men’s, maybe better.”

Simson agreed with Barnes. “We do much better when we have a large crowd cheering us on and having support from our school,” she said.

Upcoming games for the Otters include away games for Friday the 14th against Concordia, and Saturday the 15th against Biola.

Those looking to watch a basketball game—either women’s or men’s—are out of luck this week. The men will be in Hawaii for a tournament, playing against the University of Hawaii and other schools. Schedules for both the women and men are available at the OSC, Otter Sport Center.
**OTTER HAPPENINGS**

By Elizabeth Ahrens

Every Saturday (Last shuttle of semester: December 18th / First shuttle of semester: February 5th)
What: **Free Shuttle to Monterey**
When: 4:00pm - 2:00am
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 at 45 minutes after the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour. Last shuttle leaves Doubletree at 2:00am.

For more information:
Please contact SACD
831-582-3845

Every Monday
What: **Student Voice meeting**
(all members of the campus community are invited to attend.)
When: 12:30 - 1:45
Where: University Center (or see the Student Voice conference folder for changes in location.)
For more information:
Please contact Cory Schmidt via FirstClass

Every Tuesday (Last shuttle of semester: December 18th / First shuttle of semester: February 5th)
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 at 45 minutes after the hour. Return to lot #12 on the hour.

Last shuttle leaves Doubletree at 9:40pm.

For more information:
Please contact SACD
831-582-3845

Every Thursday
What: **Peacemakers Quilting Group**
When: 12pm
Where: Building 12
Cost: Free
For more information:
Please contact Lynda Haddock at 831-582-4118

Every Friday
What: **Otter Christian Fellowship Bible Study**
When: 7-9pm
Where: Building 18 / Room 120
Cost: Free
For more information:
Please contact David Hensler via FirstClass

**TAPS (Transportation and Parking Services)**

Office Hours
December 1-21:
Normal business hours (8am - midnight)
December 24:
Open 8am - 5pm
December 25-Jan 1:
Closed
January 2-25:
Open Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm
January 28:
Normal business hours resume (8am - midnight)

For more information:
Please contact TAPS at 831-582-3573

**Escort Service Hours**: December 1-21:
Normal escort (Nightwalk) hours (6pm - midnight)
December 24-Jan 1:
No TAPS escort service.
Police Officer Escorts may be acquired by calling 831-655-0268

When: Tour is June 5-25, 2002
Cost: $3,320 for students 26 and under,
$485 additional supplement for adults
For more information:
Please contact Maria Tringali via FirstClass

Tuesday December 18
What: **Women's Basketball vs. CSU Hayward**
When: 5:30pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
Cost: $5 general
Admission / $2
Students with ID, alumni, staff, faculty, and senior
For more information:
Please contact ASRH at 831-582-3015

December 18-20
What: **Assessment Period for students**

The campus will be closed December 25 - December 31.
Spring 2001 classes will begin Monday, January 28.

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OCT 26 2001-Friday at 01:30
FREDERICK PARK 2
OFFICER CONDUCTED PEDESTRIAN CHECK. SUBJECT INTOXICATED, WALKING HOME.

INCIDENT Open/Unlocked Door Or Window
NOV 1 2001-Sunday at 01:00
FREDERICK PARK 2
OFFICER TOOK REPORT REGARDING THEFT OF CONCRETE PAVING STONES FROM FRONT YARD.

INCIDENT Suspicious Group
OCT 27 2001-Saturday at 00:15
FREDERICK PARK 1
OFFICERS QUESTIONED AND DISPERSED LARGE GROUP OF SUBJECTS WALKING "LOOKING FOR A PARTY."

INCIDENT Maintenance Emergency
NOV 1 2001-Thursday at 15:05
18/MEDIA LEARNING
COMPLEX OFFICER ADVISED OF THEFT OF WATER DISPENSER INSERT.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances
NOV 1 2001-Thursday at 15:05
18/MEDIA LEARNING
COMPLEX OFFICER ADVISED OF THEFT OF WATER DISPENSER INSERT.

INCIDENT Maintenance Emergency
NOV 1 2001-Thursday at 08:25
FREDERICK PARK 1
OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF PUMPKINS IN INTERSECTION. MAINTENANCE NOTIFIED.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances
NOV 2 2001-Friday at 09:50
14/STUDENT CENTER
OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF WHITE POWDER ON FLOOR. DETERMINED TO BE FLOOR STRIPPER MATERIAL.

INCIDENT Other Vehicle Code Violations
DEC 1 2001-Sunday at 07:35
FREDERICK PARK 1
OFFICER RESPONDED TO REPORT OF SPURIOUS SUBJECT GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLING.

INCIDENT Theft From A Building (Petty)
OCT 24 2001-Wednesday at 16:21
206/RESIDENCE HALL
OFFICER TOOK REPORT OF SOMEONE STEALING WET SUIT WHILE STUDENT WAS IN ROOM. WET SUIT HANGING FROM DORM WINDOW.

INCIDENT VANDALISM
Vandalism/Damage $1,000
To $5,000
OCT 25 2001-Thursday at 04:00
208/RESIDENCE HALL
OFFICER TOOK REPORT OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER TURNED ON IN ROOM. POSSIBLE SUSPECTS NOTED.

OTHER VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS
DEC 6 2001-Thursda y at 14:30
FREDERICK PARK 1
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