The Otter Realm has jumped out of the toilet and into the abyss of investigative reporting, taking a close look at the unique world of college mascots.

By Channell Rabiteau

The Otter Realm has broken down the key elements of any good mascot and put ours, the sea Otter, to the test. For this first battle, we have challenged our rivals across the bay to a duel of the mascots, UC Santa Cruz, please take a seat and pay attention.

OTTER VS. BANANA SLUG

One is an adorable yet ferocious sea dweller. The other is a ball of slime found on the forest floor. But which one makes the best mascot?

HABITATS

The sea otter, the icon of Monterey Bay, can be found in the sea anywhere from Mexico to Alaska and sometimes Russia. These little weasel wanna-be’s can really get around.

Native to the West coast, banana slugs stay mainly on the forest floor near the giant redwoods.

EATING HABITS

One of the only animals to use tools when they eat, they can consume 25% to 30% of their body weight in a day.

Will eat anything off the forest floor from vegetation to animal droppings and poison oak. Yummy!

MATING RITUALS

Females give birth between January and March to a 3- to 5-pound pup. How cute.

Since these slimy creatures are hermaphrodites they usually cross-fertilize. And since they have such large male organs, getting stuck together can be a problem. But have no fear; they have no problem growing off the stuck member. Yes, I said “grow” and “member” in the same sentence. Sorry guys.

CUTENESS FACTOR

Puffy cheeks with a goofy smile

Adorable: Sea Otter

Slime, lots of slime

Meanness Factor

If they ever bite you they won’t let go until they hear bones break. This means trying to catch them is a bad thing

Adorable: Sea Otter

The emit thick mucus so that they taste bad to potential predators

AND THE WINNER IS

With a 4-to-1 win over the slugs, the Otters are favored in any mascot-to-mascot street brawl.

Women’s basketball: uncharted waters

BY WAYNE LILE

As the school year rolls to an end, Amber Magner, the head women’s basketball coach at CSUMB, looks towards a bright future.

The young team, like everything else on the Seaside campus, is poised to make great leaps into the future. “We’re intent on developing a tradition here,” said Magner.

But while the future may look bright, the past has been anything but.

In the five years CSUMB has fielded a women’s basketball team, there have been five different coaches, a perceived lack of support from the athletic department, and glaring examples of funding shortfalls comparable to the men’s team.

The program was established on shaky legs and during the first two years, a near bare bones team was fielded.

According to Bill Trumbo, the CSUMB Athletic Director, the women had approximately 7 or 8 players during the inaugural 1997 season. The following year, that number dropped below 6 and no team was fielded.

Two years and two coaches into the programs history, it seemed destined for failure.

“During the 98-99 school year,” said Malia Johnson, a former player of the program, “the day grades came out we lost 3 players.” A year later, another player was lost due to academics.

“We found out the day before a game,” said Johnson, “that Holly Lees was one credit short of being eligible to play.”

Johnson said she believes these mistakes were the result of the high rate of coaching turnover and a lack of interest within the women’s program in general. “I never felt the athletic department was doing anything to make the basketball team better,” said Johnson.

Evidence seems to support this claim. During the 1999-2000 school year, 72 percent of the $78,055 spent on both the men and women basketball teams went to the men’s program. (For details, see the graph on page 5).

Two years of accounting documents supplied to The Otter Realm, for both the 99-2000 and 2000-01 school years, illustrate this.

Champion of social justice to speak at CSUMB commencement

More than 550 CSUMB students are scheduled to graduate in the sixth annual commencement ceremony to be held Saturday, May 25, at Freeman Stadium.

Tickets aren’t required, but friends, families, and guests who want to watch the ceremony are asked to in the stadium and seated by 9:45 a.m. The commencement starts at 10 a.m. and is expected to last for two hours.

The commencement speaker will be Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia, a Mexican cleric who has become an icon for social justice. He was the Roman Catholic bishop in Chiapas from 1960 to 1999, helping the indigenous people in that remote state build systems to battle oppression and poverty. He concentrated on helping preserve native cultures among the remote peoples, and addressing the roots of structural injustice.

For the first time at CSUMB, the commencement address will be Spanish because that is the language Bishop Ruiz speaks. An English translation will be provided.

The commencement message is expected to be the substance of the life work of Bishop Ruiz: “We are all brothers, and we all have the responsibility to create human communities that promote life, and not death.”

Students who are graduating can purchase caps and gowns at the CSUMB Bookstore before graduation day. They are to assemble at the Field House in front of the stadium by 8:30 a.m. for a class picture and preparations for the commencement. No rehearsals are scheduled.
You may be too late!
The Otter Realm's creativity contest closes May 1

The cutoff for entries in The Otter Realm's creativity contest is 5 pm May 1, 2002. If you haven’t entered by then, stash your goodies away for next year's contests.

Short stories up to 800 words, poems up to 25 lines, and photos can be submitted by email to the paper: OR@csUMB.edu, or dropped at The Otter Realm mail box in Building 86A, if they are in envelopes with names and phone numbers. But any entries after 5 pm May 1 will be discarded.

Entries will be judged by the staff of The Otter Realm, and the winners of each category will be published in the May 15th edition of the paper.

Summer jobs and internships
Want a summer job near campus? A local internship?

Check out the possibilities on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, when Student Activities and Career Development has a summer job fair in the University Center Ballroom from noon to 2 p.m. It’s for CSUMB students and alumni.

At least 16 businesses in the Monterey area are expected to be there looking for seasonal help. They range from state agencies and military organizations to hotels and nursing homes. If you’re going to be around, check them out!

Incompletes changing to Fs

CSUMB’s policy regarding incomplete grades will be changed in Fall 2002.

Incompletes, listed on transcripts as “I”, which are not completed within one year will automatically change to an “F”. Under the current policy, incompletes change to no credit, or “NC”, after one year. NC grades are not counted towards computing GPAs.

This policy is not retroactive. Any incompletes issued before fall will change to NC, not F.

Also, a new grade called “withdrawal unauthorized” will be implemented beginning in the fall. It will be issued when a student did not properly withdraw from a class and counted as units attempted in determining GPA, essentially the same thing as an “I”.

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Reactions to rent increases are harsh

BY JAMES THOMAS GREEN

The CSUMB Foundation board of directors voted on April 21 to raise the housing rental rates for those who all those live in Schoonover Park apartments by $65 per month next year. Schoonover Park primarily houses CSUMB faculty and staff.

This follows last month's announcement that rental and dining rates were being raised for students who live in the residence halls and Fredericks Park apartments.

There was only one "no" vote among the board members present. CSUMB President Peter Smith said that a policy should be set up for future rate increases to create a public comment period.

This was a very contentious meeting with members of the CSUMB community in attendance.

Ray Gonzales, who has been at CSUMB since the beginning, addressed the board. He pointed out that in his recollection, it was assumed that the housing would be subsidized in a rent control situation.

Gonzales also pointed out that salaries have not increased at the same rate as rent increases.

He said that "the (Foundation) board has made a mistake in thinking of housing as a cash cow, using the housing to fund other areas. We inherited a billion dollars of property from government and now we use that to fund other aspects of the university. I contend that we are letting the CSU system off the hook by doing this. If we compare rates to local rates, that's not the point. We shouldn't be comparing our rates to Marina and Seaside. We should be comparing ourselves to other CSUs."

Several members of the CSUMB community contributed their comments for this article.

David Heffelfinger said, "I don't go to CSUMB anymore but when I was going there, the people in charge of the housing always justified their rent increases by saying they had done an extensive study of rents for comparable apartments in the surrounding area."

"The one question I always had that they never did answer was if they had also done a comparative study to see how the incomes of the people living in the apartments compared to the incomes of the people living in the comparable apartments."

"I always thought that a fair and equitable rent would reflect the difference between the incomes of the people living in the campus apartments compared to the rest of the community. If the median student income is say 70% of what people living in comparable apartments are, then the rents should be 70% of what the surrounding communities' rents are." Student Briana Krank said, "As a recruiter for this campus, one of my main tactics is to encourage on-campus housing because it is one of the most reasonably-priced plans in the state. Our housing has now become one of the most expensive plans in the state and this will dissuade many students from attending this school."

"I also think that all students living on campus and their parents deserve an explanation as to why we are experiencing such a high increase and maybe some encouragement so that we aren't so in the dark about the changes that are affecting us."

Student Sema Seyedi said, "I would like to say that I would have never gone to CSUMB if rent prices were as high as they are now."

"Being a single mom leaves only a certain amount of time, money and effort. I feel sad that prices have increased so much, because I believe that it will hurt single mothers and disabled students who wish to go to CSUMB. I know the price increase will also hurt the low income students that CSUMB's vision statement so tries to embrace." Rebecca Bergeon, who works in the library, said, "I think that in some way one point should be made. We have heard so much about the dire straits of the state budget and we have been asked in many ways to understand this situation and act accordingly, i.e. our 2% salary increase and budget cuts in our departments. I feel that the CSUMB Foundation could offer their support of this situation by not increasing our rents. We have taken some of the brunt of the budget issues and they could, in turn, help the situation by no increases this year."

"I have been looking for a new job as rent increases and our paychecks don't. I can hardly afford to live here anymore. Our salary increase will NOT cover any rent increase so we lose money each year."

"Public forums will be set up soon to discuss the reasons for this rate increase."

New policy on humans in research

BY JAMES THOMAS GREEN

CSUMB and the CSUMB Foundation have created and adopted a new policy for the protection of human subjects in research projects. It may include student work, including some course work and capstone procedures.

This policy obviously comes into effect when procedures involve human tissues, records, samples, or other data. Less obviously, this policy also affects procedures to obtain information about a living individuals through the use of surveys, interviews, oral histories, observation experimentations, tests or work samples.

According to Linda Stamps, senior associate in Accreditation and Policy Development in CSUMB Academic Affairs, this policy was developed at this time as a result of requirements of state and federal laws. These laws are a response to revelations of atrocities committed in and since World War II.

Stamps says that these laws have serious enforcement consequences. If a campus violates these laws, funding could be cut off completely. A committee has been formed to review proposed research procedures. It is called the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, and among its duties, it will determine and certify all projects at CSUMB conform to the relevant regulations.

Students and faculty with questions about this policy and how it may apply to them can contact Stamps (Linda_Stamps@csumb.edu) or Cindy Lopez (Cindy_Lopez@csumb.edu), director of the CSUMB Grants and Contracts department.

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spending discrepancy. According to Trumbo, those numbers are misleading.

Included in the 99-00 figures are dollar amounts under the headings of “Foundation” and “Trust”. The figures listed under the heading of “Foundation” are figures attributed to fundraising activities held by the respective department.”

The “Trust” is a percentage of each team’s total gate receipts. “The foundation and trust money is separate from the general fund,” said Trumbo.

Data for the 2000-01 school year did not include a break down of “Foundation” or “Trust” funds. However, what was provided showed a sharp contrast between the amount of money spent on the women’s and men’s basketball teams.

For the 2000 season, a total of $10,070 was spent on travel for the women’s and men’s basketball team. Of that total, 99 percent—$9,941—of the money was spent for the men’s travel, while only $129 was spent on the women.

When Trumbo was hired as the new athletic director, one of his first actions was to hire a new women’s basketball coach. “We hired David Cannichael based on his past experience,” said Trumbo. “Dave came highly recommended.”

“That year the women’s program won more games then they ever had,” said Trumbo. “Cammichael definitely made inroads while he was here.”

But the same thing that ran coaches off in the past also ran Cannichael off. “We’re a new university,” said Trumbo, “and we don’t have the budget to hire coaches on a fulltime basis.”

Cannichael had come to the Monterey area with the hopes of finding fulltime work at Monterey Peninsula College, while at the same time working parttime at CSUMB. “Coach Cannichael came to Monterey to be close to his fiancee,” said Johnson. “When he wasn’t offered a fulltime job at MPC, he moved back to Sacramento.”

After only a year, Cannichael left the team. Hoping to entice Cannichael to stick with the program, Trumbo gave him a year’s leave of absence and hoped the coach would return to the program for the 2001-2002 season.

In an effort to hold on to some semblance of continuity, then-assistant coach Ken Gordon was offered the women’s coaching job in place of Cannichael for the 00-01 basketball season.

“Ken had never coached above the junior high level,” said Kelly Ghione, a senior and three-year player at CSUMB. “But he loved it and that’s why he agreed to take the job.”

In an effort to support the team, Gordon actively sought donations from doctors he worked with at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP).

“When we couldn’t get a van to travel to a game, Ken would borrow one of CHOMP’s vans to drive us,” said Ghione.

Johnson remembers, “Ken was a nice guy. He tried hard to take care of us.”

He tried so hard in fact that he raised and spent money he solicited from colleagues almost exclusively.

“We repeatedly told Ken he needed to turn in travel receipts,” said Trumbo. “We even suggested he use the doctor’s van directly to the athletic department.”

Gordon resisted, thus explaining the low dollar figure for the 2000-2001 travel expenses.

“More is most damaging about Gordon not turning in his receipts,” said Trumbo, “is that the following year’s budget allocation is based on the previous year’s expense.”

While not directly involved with the spending discrepancy, Trumbo hurt his standing amongst the women athletes on the CSUMB campus.

“During the first week of practice,” said Ghione, “Bill came into the gym to address the team.

The speech was common faire athletic talk. But at one point during the speech Trumbo made a comment that Ghione and other players took to heart.

“He was addressing the team and matter of factly said he isn’t a big fan of women’s basketball,” said Ghione. “They lack the basic fundamentals and aren’t conditioned for the game,” he said.

Ghione as well as other players took the remarks as a sexist statement on Trumbo’s part. Others, such as Johnson, viewed the remarks as just a statement of personal preference.

“The comments, of course, would make me angry. But you have to roll with it,” said Magner.

Regardless of the intended purpose of the speech, Trumbo feels he should be regarded in one respect, by what he does and not what he says. “That comment was no more than a statement of personal preference,” said Trumbo.

“Give me the opportunity to watch a women’s basketball game or a men’s game, I’m going to pick the men’s game,”

Trumbo leaves little doubt to his devotion for the Otter sports programs. “I love this sports program,” said Trumbo. “I go to all the games and would like nothing more than to see the women’s program get to the point where people get excited about it.”

Yet, the doubts about the women’s program still linger.

When Cannichael was here he accomplished quite a bit with the tools he had on hand. However, after he left little was done to build on the foundation he began to build.

“Under Ken the team was really understaffed,” said Trumbo. “Had I foresight rather than hindsight, I would have gone out after Cannichael left and found a new coach.”

After the 2001 season was completed, Trumbo officially heard from Cannichael that he would not be returning to the program. “At that point I decided I needed to do something about the program,” said Trumbo.

Because of the size of the university there is little room in the budget to hire a fulltime coach. “My effort then was to create a position where we could hire someone on as an administrator full-time, and also hire that person as a coach,” said Trumbo.

So in June 2001, with the help of Lucho Ortega, the athletic department created two fulltime positions under the auspice of recreation administrator. Application screening began in July of that year and was completed just two weeks prior to the beginning of the 2001-2002 school year. “I started the process in late July,” said Magner, “and by the first week of August I was hired.”

Magner is excited about the future of women’s basketball at CSUMB. “I’m interested in building a tradition here,” said Magner. “I want kids to know that when they come here to play, that they are laying the foundation for the future of our program.”

“That’s some pretty heavy stuff to be laying on an 18 or 19 year old, but hopefully it will motivate them,” she said.

Trumbo said that by the middle of the first season after Magner came to CSUMB from her job as assistant coach at Funnan University, there was an obvious difference in the program.

“Under Gordon, the women were making upwards of 20 turnovers a game,” said Trumbo. “During the 2000 season, there were games we should have won, but losing became such a norm it almost seemed it was comfort zone for the women.”

With Magner at the helm, Trumbo has seen changes in the program. “You could see this season that the girls were in such better shape,” he said. “They were running set plays, moving the ball into the low post and winning games.”

For her part, Magner said, “I’m more interested right now in recruiting numbers. Talent will come later. But in the meantime we need enough athletes so we can field a team and conduct practices.”

“Team concept is important,” said Magner. “And if you can establish that, then the possibilities are endless.”

Bill Trumbo


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How are you going to handle the rent increase this fall?

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I will just have to work more in result of these hikes. That’s about it.

Heather Kohlos, Sophomore
A withdrawal from the First National Bank of Dad

Sandra No, Staff
I’ll have no choice but to pay. However, as a new employee I think it sucks. Staff housing is supposed to be an incentive to work here. I don’t think it is fair to hike rents for employees that are barely making it now.

Desiree Flesher, Sophomore
The rent hikes are going to be very hard for students. I understand a slight increase, but not the amount they are planning. I plan to work two jobs to pay the rent.

Zac “Commando Zac” Rempe, Senior, MIE
I am going to sell all of my personal items... Give me a break! What do you think I am going to do? Pay it. Oh no, so our rent is $40 dollars more... I am now going to pay $260 that’s what, $400 cheaper than anywhere else in Monterey? Stop crying and get over it.

Desirae Flesher, Sophomore
The rent hikes are going to be very hard for students. I understand a slight increase, but not the amount they are planning. I plan to work two jobs to pay the rent.

Carson Franklin Jr., Senior, TMAC
I feel very fortunate to live on a campus with such affordable housing. This area is terribly expensive to live in. Without student housing I doubt I could afford to live out here. Wait ’til the whiners graduate and have to pay big-boy rent.

Katie Mowry, Sophomore
I live off campus now, and I am moving on campus next semester. So the rent hikes are still going to be cheaper than what I pay now.

Ramiro Franco, Freshman
I live in the dorms. Financial Aid pays for my cost of living. The only thing I don’t like about the rent hikes is that I will get less money back from Financial Aid.

Asya Guillory, Senior
Since I’ll be graduating next year the rent hikes won’t really effect me as much. However, I think it’s up to the students to organize and speak out about the recent changes happening with Res. Life.
High Hopes for a new season

BY CHANELLE RABOTEAU

As the short season comes to an end for the CSUMB women's rugby team, the Otters begin to look ahead to next season.

With the cancellation of a late-season game against UC Santa Cruz and the tournament in Santa Barbara completed, the Otters are left with a season record of 0-3 and excitement surrounding a new season.

"Absolutely, I think next season, if all the players return, we have an excellent chance of being a winning team," said Kimberly Char, sophomore.

While some players feel that the losing record was due to the lack of numbers on the field, veterans on the team are looking forward to growing enrollment bringing in new players.

"During the season we get a low number of players, then by the end of the season we have a full team. This happens every year and since the campus is growing every year, I think we will have better success for years to come," said Nicole Jones, junior.

Though this year's squad was mostly made up of rookies, the veterans were there to show them the ropes and get them ready to play rugby. And while most of the team will be returning next season, some may not have the same responsibilities.

"The amount of time that is needed to run it, I will not have time with capstone and working full time," said Carolyn Drouin, team captain.

Although Drouin will be cutting back her team responsibilities, it has not stopped her from undertaking new summer rugby projects.

"I'm going to try to start up a high school sevens team this summer," said Drouin. "It might make the teens get interested in college teams and, in turn, colleges."

Team members are not only looking forward to next season but hope to start a sevens team, which involves less people on the field then a regular rugby match. It means more running.

Those women interested in playing rugby next season, or who want to get involved with a sevens team for the summer, should contact Carolyn Drouin via First class.

Baseball ends season with weekend tournament

BY CHANELLE RABOTEAU

As finals loom over students at CSUMB, the Simpson Classic looms over the men's baseball team. However unlike some students, the Otters look to get a passing grade.

Teams that the Otters will be facing include regular season opponents Patten, UC Santa Cruz, and other familiar teams from their schedule. With all of the familiar teams, the Otters are ready to go into the weekend tournament.

Starting on Thursday, May 2, 2002, the Otters will take the mound vs. Humboldt, a team they faced earlier in the season.

Win or lose, the team to beat will be Simpson College. With a record of 0-4 during the season, the Otters are looking for an upset against their toughest opponents. However, Andrew Kihn, the baseball club president, is confident that the team will leave with a championship.

"We are seeded No. 2 going into the tourney and we believe we can win the whole thing," said Kihn.

But whether the Otters are winning or losing, the team would like to thank the ICC for financial help, and the students who come out to the games.

"I don't know what we would have done without the students' support," said Kihn.
Police Blotter

INCIDENT/ALARM
Intrusion/Burglary Alarm
APR 6 2002-Saturday at 04:40
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO INTRUSION ALARM ACTIVATION. CAUSED BY HEATER COMING ON.

INCIDENT
Party
APR 6 2002-Saturday at 00:40
Location: FREDERICK PARK 2
Summary: OFFICERS
RESPONDED TO LOUD PARTY. RA’S CONTACTED AND GROUP DISPERSED.

INCIDENT
Vandalism
APR 7 2002-Sunday at 00:25
Location: FREDERICK PARK 1
Summary: OFFICERS
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF EMBLEM STOLEN OFF VEHICLE. NO SUSPECTS.

ALCOHOL
Driving Under The Influence—0.08% BA
APR 9 2002-Tuesday at 01:38
Location: SECOND STREET
Summary: OFFICER
ARRESTED SUBJECT FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. VEHICLE COLLISION WITH FIRE HYDRANT.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Intrusion/Burglary Alarm
APR 9 2002-Tuesday at 05:00
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICERS
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF STOLEN FAX MACHINE.

INCIDENT
Suspicious Vehicle
APR 10 2002-Wednesday at 11:00
Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF VEHICLE DRIVING OFF THE ROAD. UNABLE TO LOCATE.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Fire Alarm
APR 11 2002-Thursday at 00:00
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICERS
RESPONDED TO FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION. WATER FLOW ALARM ACTIVATION.

ASSAULT
Spousal Battery
APR 12 2002-Friday at 00:00
Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF SPOUSAL BATTERY. ARRESTED SUBJECT AND TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL.

INCIDENT
Personal Welfare Check
APR 12 2002-Friday at 00:00
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF Possession of Crack for Sale. RESISTING ARREST. FIGHTING WITH OFFICER. AND CAUSING INJURY. TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL.

INCIDENT
Domestic Dispute
APR 13 2002-Saturday at 02:30
Location: FREDERICK PARK 1
Summary: OFFICER
ARRESTED SUBJECT FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK FOR SALE.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Fire Alarm
APR 13 2002-Saturday at 10:00
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION. WATER FLOW ALARM ACTIVATION.

INCIDENT
Suspicious Vehicle
APR 13 2002-Saturday at 11:45
Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS BEING DRIVEN RECKLESSLY ON STREET. UNABLE TO LOCATE.

INCIDENT
Driving The Wrong Way on One Way Street
APR 13 2002-Saturday at 12:40
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF THE SMELL OF SMOKE CAUSED BY BURNT TOAST FROM PREVIOUS CALL.

ALCOHOL
Driving Under The Influence—0.08% BA
APR 15 2002-Sunday at 21:00
Location: FREDERICK PARK 2
Summary: OFFICERS
ARRESTED DRIVER FOR DUI AND MULTIPLE VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS. VEHICLE STORED AND SUBJECT TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL.

INCIDENT
Assistance to Public
APR 17 2002-Wednesday at 12:15
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
ASSISTED SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY IN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT SUBJECT.

ALCOHOL
Drunk in a Public Place
APR 18 2002-Thursday at 18:15
Location: 91/CHILDRENS CTR
Summary: OFFICER
ARRESTED SUBJECT FOR DRUNKNESS IN A PUBLIC PLACE. TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL.

FALSE ID
Falsely Identifying Self
APR 19 2002-Friday at 02:30
Location: FREDERICK PARK 1
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF LOUD PARTY DISTURBANCE. SUBJECT IN CUSTODY FOR FALSELY IDENTIFYING SELF. TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL.

INCIDENT
Animal Control
APR 19 2002-Friday at 02:30
Location: FREDERICK PARK 2
Summary: OFFICER
RESPONDED TO REPORT OF LOOSE PITBULL IN AREA. UNABLE TO LOCATE.

SERVICE
Assistance to Public
APR 20 2002-Saturday at 08:25
Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 2
Summary: OFFICERS
CONTACTED OWNER OF VEHICLE. DOME LIGHT LEFT ON.
Matt Kritscher moves on

BY KELLY BLAND

Student Activities and Career Development Director (SACD) Matt Kritscher had his last day at CSUMB Friday, April 19, 2002. He held the position for six years.

Alethea De Soto will be replacing him as the director of SACD. She comes to CSUMB with 15 years experience in recruiting.

Kritscher's next chapter begins May 1 at the College of San Mateo, where he has taken a job as director of Matriculation and Student Entry.

Though Kritscher will not be on campus any longer, he offered words of encouragement to the growth of CSUMB.

"Students should always come first in every decision. I think CSUMB needs to focus on this mandate more closely with allocation of resources. We have the most residential campus in the state of California and probably have the least amount of space dedicated to student life (student lounges, sports fields, outdoor seating areas, etc.). I hope the students and the university administration can work together to make CSUMB a more attractive place to live and learn, both aesthetically and functionally," he said.

Reflecting on his time spent at CSUMB, Kritscher said, "It's been very interesting, fast-paced and a great professional development experience, though I think CSUMB could improve in being more student-centered."

Kritscher noted how he helped to get more student space to make CSUMB "more student-centered."

"I'm just glad I was able to help the students get some space on campus, including the Student Center and BBC. Students need to continue to advocate for more access to the University Center for events, and the residence hall module buildings for student lounges in Buildings 204, 206, 208, and 210," he said.

A cheerleader for students and organizations, Kritscher spent much of his time at CSUMB with Student Voice, attending many of their meetings and serving as their administrative liaison. Student Voice recognized Kritscher's efforts in their April newsletter.

A good-bye reception was held at the BBC in his honor.

Cheese and wine will help students get to Tibet

BY MICHAEL DVORAK

This summer, 24 students and community members will pack their toothbrushes and hiking shoes and head to Tibet for two weeks. Itinerary highlights include a mountain trek to Mt. Kailash in western Tibet and a visit to the Forbidden City in Beijing.

"Today more than ever we need our young people, our future leaders, to understand others' cultures and this is an opportunity for them to do so," says faculty adviser and class mentor Dr. Kani Blackwell.

This first-hand experience is a follow up of a class, Cultural Studies in China and Tibet, which students are attending this semester. The class studies Chinese history, Buddhism, the history of Tibet, and the present relations between China and Tibet.

"We will not only be taken to new heights in our scholastic pursuits, but we will literally be ascending the high altitudes of the autonomous regions of Tibet," says student William Laird.

On May 9th from 7 to 9 pm in the University Center, a student-organized fundraiser will be held to help raise $27,000 to fund the students' trip.
Welcome to “What’s Up!” This listing of events lets CSUMB students know what’s going on on campus. Find out about great activities like when the shuttle heads to downtown Monterey, what movies are showing at the World Theater, and what music group is coming to campus.

You can find “What’s Up” on General News and in the Events folder, both are located in The Source, and on our website http://csumb.edu/events every Friday afternoon. You can also have it e-mailed to your mailbox – just e-mail Joan Weiner and ask to receive “What’s Up” every Friday.

“What’s Up” is geared toward CSUMB students, although it contains useful information for staff and faculty as well. To publicize an event on “What’s Up,” simply fill out a publicity intake form from the University Advancement conference folder and send it intercampus mail to 86A or e-mail it to Joan Weiner on FirstClass. If you need disability or interpreter accommodations to attend these events, please promptly contact the sponsors of the event.

Every Saturday
What: Free Shuttle to Monterey
When: 4 pm–2 am
Where: Starting at 4 pm shuttle leaves lot #12 every hour on the hour. Arrive at Monterey shuttle stop at 6 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 2 am.
For more information: Please contact SADC at 831-582-3845

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

Every Monday
What: Intramural Volleyball
When: 6-8 pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Every Tuesday
What: Free Shuttle to Farmers Market

Every Wednesday
What: Intramural Basketball
When: 6-8 pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Every Tuesday
What: Free Shuttle to Monterey
When: 4 pm–10 pm
Where: Starting at 4 pm shuttle leaves lot #12 every hour on the hour. Arrive at Monterey 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 2 am.
For more information: Please contact SADC at 831-582-3845

Every Thursday
What: Chat the Movies
When: 7 pm
Where: Student Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Paul Strudwick via FirstClass

Every Friday
What: Intramural Disc Golf
When: Noon
Where: Disc Golf Course
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Every Wednesday
What: Piecemakers Quilting Group
When: Noon
Where: Black Box Cabaret
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Lynda Haddox at 831-582-4118

Every Wednesday
What: Intramural Basketball
When: 6-8 pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Every Second Wednesday
What: Teacher Credential Meeting
When: 5 pm
Where: Building 3
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Lydia S. Martinez at 831-582-3638

Every Monday
What: Intramural Soccer
When: 6-8 pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Every Wednesday
What: Intramural Soccer
When: 6-8 pm
Where: Otter Sports Center
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

FREE Evening: open mic/poetry night, snacks, refreshments.
When: Noon–2 pm open market / 7:30 pm–10 pm open mic/poetry
Where: Open Market at Dining Commons Lawn, Open Mic/Poetry at BBC
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please contact Leon Gomez via FirstClass

Wednesday, May 1
What: Cheer Clinic
When: 7-9 pm
Where: Building 93
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please contact Linsey Klim via FirstClass

Thursday, May 2
What: Los Cenzoles Mexican Arts Center Performance (song and dance)
When: 7:30–10 pm
Where: BBC
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please contact Leon Gomez via FirstClass

Thursday, May 2
What: "Los Cenzoles"
When: Noon
Where: Disc Golf Course
Cost: Free
For more information: Please contact Amber Magner at 831-582-4646

Friday, May 3
What: Semana de la Raza: dance fest. Ollin folkloric group, DJs
When: 7–Midnight
Where: BBC
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please contact Leon Gomez via FirstClass

Saturday, May 4
What: Cheer tryouts
When: 9 am–noon
Where: Building 93
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please contact Linsey Klim via FirstClass

Sunday, May 5
What: Spring Concert
When: 3 pm
Where: Music Hall, Bldg 30
Cost: Free
For More Information: Please call 831-582-3009

Monday, May 6
What: Student Voice
Charter re-elected president; many new faces join him

BY GLENN CRAVENS

As the leader of the CSUMB Associate Students Leadership, sophomore John Charter will remain at the helm after winning the CSUMB student election on April 17 and 18, 2002.

Charter defeated Farah Hussain by a 2-to-1 vote margin to retain his seat as president. In all, there were five contested seats.

Chief of staff Michael Clemmens became the vice president defeating Yuri Jimenez and Marina Kalsbeek. Matthew Mueller became the new financial director, beating Daniel Pangelina by a 2-to-1 margin.

Public Relations director Katie Murphy defeated incumbent Cory Schmidt, getting two times as many votes. Jason Howard defeated George Nagata to become the residential hall senator.

Kelly Bland, Anthony Popovic, and Jay Singh all became at-large senators, taking the top three positions. Four students applied for the duty. Bland led the vote-getters, followed by Popovic and Singh.

In other issues, the Associated Students Constitution and Otter Student Union bylaws passed with 9-to-1 margins. The constitution deals with what the Associated Students Leadership is about, while the bylaws are the rules of the Student Union.

Winners of their respective elections say their terms will go well if they can get students involved.

After winning, Howard wrote his goals regarding his term. He wants to get more students active with the campus. He would like to name the residence halls, improve dining services, and ask students what is needed to improve the res halls.

"I need the students' help and cooperation with this. And with their help, we can make the halls a collective ideal," Howard said in an e-mail.

Bland, new to the union, said she will ask the veterans about what the issues are and what to do. She would like to have monthly socials to get student input on what's important to them.

"As a member of (Student Voice), I strive to get all voices heard," Bland said.

For information on the constitution, bylaws and the election, log onto voice.csumb.edu.
Life as a slogan: license identity

BY SARAH YATES

It's not just any Honda, it's my Honda!

-Dianne Knippenberg

People are always trying to find new ways to express themselves, be it through a tattoo, piercing, or even the way they dress. But one of the most popular ways for people to express themselves is through their cars, and even more specifically, their license plate frames. License plate frames can show support for a team, a school, or even a specific hair color. They are a way of making your car stick out from the rest of the crowd, even in a crowded parking lot.

They give your car a little bit of your own attitude, from cute sayings like "Daddy bought it, but I got it," to racy sayings like, "If you think I'm cute now, wait till you see me topless."

"I think that customizing your car with a license frame, puts your own personal touch on your car. It's not just any Honda, it's my Honda," said Deanne Knippenberg, freshman.

Apparently Deanne is not the only one trying to make a statement. Customized license plate frames seem to be a growing fad everywhere. You can find quite a collection right here on the CSUMB campus.

Photos by Sarah Yates