Fuel Cells come to CSUMB

By Phil Mckenna

As the women's soccer team arrived at the Otter Soccer Complex for practice last Wednesday they found their parking lot transformed into a fuel cell test drive station. "Fuel cell, what's that?" asked one athlete as the prototypes drove by.

"Solar cars" answered another.

"Oh, that's great! If it's raining I guess you just stay home, huh?" They snickered.

The curiosity in, and misunderstanding of, hydrogen fuel cells, the latest in zero-emissions automotive technology, is common. Such misunderstanding is partly why California Fuel Cell Partnership recently hosted the CSUMB fuel cell vehicle ride and drive.

On Sept. 4 at the soccer field parking lot CSUMB students test-drove the latest fuel cell vehicle prototypes from eight international automobile manufacturers.

The public ride and drive, the first such event for fuel cell cars in Monterey County, was part of the 300-mile California Coast 2002 Road Rally from Monterey to Santa Barbara. California Fuel Cell Partnership, a consortium of automobile manufacturers, fuel providers, fuel cell technology companies and government agencies, organized the event.

The shiny SUVs, minivans and sedans seen racing around the Wellness Activity Center were hydrogen-powered electric fuel cell vehicles. A fuel cell is an electrochemical device that produces electricity efficiently, silently and without combustion.

Fuel cells combine hydrogen with atmospheric oxygen to produce electrical energy. Hydrogen fuel can be obtained from water, natural gas, methanol or other petroleum products.

The technology has been around for more than 100 years. In 1839 Sir William Grove, inventor of the modern battery, produced electricity using a fuel cell at a workshop in London. Since then, there have been several attempts to use the technology. By the 1960s, some automobiles were powered by fuel cells, but they were not a viable alternative because of high costs and their size.

In the 1990s, the Department of Energy's hydrogen initiative provided financial assistance to five fuel cell companies. The initiative has yielded a number of milestones: fuel cell vehicles that have been driven thousands of miles; cars that can drive for more than 300 miles on a tank of hydrogen; and fuel cell technology that can make it a game changer.

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9-11 remembered

By: Peter Ashman

As a light, cold fog rolled into the quad, CSUMB students, faculty and staff gathered around the flagpole to observe the one-year anniversary of the attacks on the United States.

Flowers, letters, poetry and signs were left in remembrance. A piper turned into music the words people had in their hearts, and strains of "Amazing Grace" filled the air.

Around the country, moments of silence were observed, prayers were sent and thanks were given to the firefighters and policemen who lost their lives and those who served in New York and Washington.

In the evening, President Bush gave a moving speech from Ellis Island. "We resolved a year ago to honor every last person lost," Bush said solemnly. "We owe them remembrance, and we owe them more. We owe them and their children and our own the most enduring monument we can build: a world of liberty and security made possible by the way America leads and by the way Americans lead our lives."

Across the country, security scares and an upgrade of the alert condition to "orange" resulted in a state of heightened anxiety nationwide. U.S. Embassies abroad were put under heavy guard. Several flights were diverted from their destinations, and the Ohio State Building in Columbus was evacuated.

Although attention was initially focused on the anniversary observances, U.S. officials were privately warning that the risk would not pass with the day's end. Officials were hopeful that at least some of the attacks were averted due to the increase in security.

Around the globe, in 20 time zones at precisely 8:46 a.m. local time, choirs sang the National Anthem to honor thousands of lives lost.

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Rape Awareness

By Kelly Bland

Here is the scenario: you and your date are driving home from the movies. Suddenly, you realize that your date is not driving back to campus (well, at least not the way you are familiar with).

"Maybe there is a short cut that I do not know about," you wonder.

No short cut. You end up in an abandoned parking lot. It is quite, dark, and nobody is in sight. Your date comes on to you.

"No," was not heard.

You decide the ending.

These two date-goers could have known each other for years, weeks, or even days. Rapes, in some cases, are our acquaintances, not only people we just meet. No matter what, it is so crucial to be aware of how to prevent rape.

Statistics nationwide tell of most rapes occurring at the beginning of the year.

"Generally the first six weeks of the academic year," said Lieutenant Jay McGaBart of the University Police Department (UPD).

Adjusting to a new environment and, meeting new friends can both lead to rape. It is important to be informed and take extra precaution.

What is date rape?

"I define rape as any sexual activity with an individual without the consent of both parties. Approved sexual activity (whether one says "ok" or does not respond) when both individuals are under the influence of drugs or alcohol is not consent. It's rape, and it is not acceptable," Nat Rojkanasathira, 2nd year, Resident Advisor (RA).

Is this a concern at CSUMB? Yes, just as much as any other college campus is in nation.

In 2001, 5 forcible sex offenses were reported to the UPD. All of them occurred in the Residence Halls. One nonforcible offense, which did not occur in the Residence Halls, was also reported.

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A world of diverse expression

BY AMANDA WOLLARD

Her door is covered with colorful drawings in paint, crayon and marker. Puffy clouds drawn with a child's precision give off the essence of naivety and creativity. But behind her door is a powerhouse of information and innovation.

Dawn Gibson-Brehon is the brains behind the performing arts program at the World Theater, and her office reflects her determination to bring a wide array of artists to our community each season.

As the director of the World Theater, Gibson-Brehon began the first season of performing arts presentations in February 2002. With two of the six shows selling out, Gibson-Brehon considered the season a success. But are ticket sales the only indicator of a good season? Hardly.

Artists undergo extensive scrutiny before being invited to perform at CSUMB.

"It's important that artists understand this is a learning environment," said Gibson-Brehon. "I believe artists should service our community outside of their performances."

With this in mind, the World Theater shares its visiting artists with the community. A community partnership with Crampton Elementary School, for example, allows elementary students to see live, abridged performances from CSUMB's visiting artists.

This year, the World Theater is opening its season a few months earlier, which will enable several more artists to perform. The Paul Taylor Dance Company, the first show of this season, sold out.

"There was even someone standing outside underneath the 'Sold Out' sign, holding a sign asking for two tickets," said Gibson-Brehon.

With such an incredible start for the season, Gibson-Brehon is excited to welcome upcoming artists, such as the Ethos Percussion Group in October and the Kronos Quartet in February. The Kronos Quartet may be familiar to students through their work on the film score for "Requiem For a Dream".

Besides the performing arts schedule, the World Theater is host to many other events. CSUMB's Residence Hall Association holds its weekly Thursday Night Movies at the World Theater, and many Capstone students use the facilities to showcase projects at the end of the year.

"School-related programs are beneficial to the World Theater," said Gibson-Brehon, "they promote the atmosphere and environment, if not necessarily the show."

Attendance was high to the first Thursday Night Movie, which featured the film "Spiderman."

"A younger crowd generates a different dynamic," said Gibson-Brehon, noting the energized and engaging crowd. She hopes students will come to recognize the World Theater as a safe and inviting institution on campus. With this in mind, the World Theater offers special student prices for tickets; sometimes half the cost charged to the general public.

Looking Ahead

Student Voice moving forward on skateboarding issue

BY IAN MYSLIVEC

Ever since the recent crackdowns on skateboarding, Student Voice has been getting an earful from students demanding that something be done.

So far, the University Police Department has issued six tickets and arrested one person for skateboarding on campus, far more than they did by the same time last year. The tickets are $270 each. In response to this, Student Voice is brainstorming solutions that would be acceptable to all the parties involved. Possibilities include creating bike/skating paths, petitioning for a skate park, and creating a waiver, which would allow the use of skateboards for transportation, but ensuring pedestrian safety and preventing campus damage. Since roller skates and bikes are also banned on campus, but not on public roads, Student Voice has renamed the issue the Person Powered Transportation Issue.

Senator-at-Large Kelly Bland is doing further research into legalizing skateboarding on campus. She will be talking to officials from Sonoma State University to get an understanding of their skateboarding policy, which permits skating on campus.

Sonoma State University is a California State University with a student population similar to ours, so it might make a good school to model a skateboarding policy on.

Reasons for the skateboarding crackdown include damage done to the steps in front of Residence Hall 203, and a change in CSUMB’s insurance policy.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendar:

Oct. 16th: An Evening with Frida Kahlo: A Multimedia Lecture and Performance
An evening of images, songs and culture celebrating the life and art of Frida Kahlo

Oct. 24th: Ethos Percussion Group
Ethos Percussion Group utilizes a wide variety of music styles and instruments from around the world. The CSUMB Student Choir will join Ethos Percussion Group in a special performance of Missa Luba Mass in Congolese.

Oct. 30th: Ronald K. Brown/Evidence
Acclaimed choreographer Ronald K. Brown will showcase his distinctive style of choreography that merges African dance, ballet and hip-hop. Brown often combines spoken word and movement to address important social themes such as racism, AIDS, love and loss.

More information can be obtained at the World Theater’s website: http://worldtheater.csumb.edu or by going to the building itself, located on 6th Street, Building 28.
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In 2000, there were a total 3 sex offenses reported and in 1999 there were 5.

Under reporting is a major problem law enforcement faces when it comes to sexual assault. 

"[Sexual assault] is one of the most under reported violent crimes in the country," said McTaggart.

"Students come to a place that is unknown to them. It is a larger place," said Josie Camacho, educational/events director of the Monterey Rape Crisis Center "[as new students] your inhibitions are low. You are meeting new people and sometimes trust a little too much."

With its backcountry, open fields and abandoned buildings, CSUMB can be a frightening place.

"Looking at the surroundings here... it seems like rape would happen often. There are a lot of back roads and empty barrack which are very scary," said 1st year Melissa Wagner.

Jacqueline Silva, a 1st year, said, "I live in 204 and next to the dorm is what they call 'the 204 rape trail.' There are bushes and stuff, which really freaked me out. But, it was funny since I highly think someone can't get raped there. Yesterday I was over at 206 visiting some friends and the cops got there looking for some guy who is wandering on campus at night, following girls and talking to random girls asking them 'how do the dorms look from inside?'"

It is crucial to report date rape or sexual assault as soon as possible. Tell a close friend or even your RA.

"RA's are trained to know what to do," said Taggart.

The crisis lines at the Monterey Rape Crisis Center are 831-375-4357 and 831-633-5900. The UPD can be reached at 831-582-3360. In case of emergency you can always dial 911.

The Crime and Violence Prevention Center in Sacramento reports: Many rapes occur in or near the victim's home. One of the best ways to prevent sexual assault is to practice good home security.

Tips from the Prevention Center for dorms as well as off-campus apartments:

• Install effective locks on all doors and windows—and USE them.
• Install a peephole viewer in your door and NEVER open your door without knowing who is on the other side.
• If strangers telephone or come to your door, don't admit that you are alone.
• If you live in an apartment, avoid being in the laundry room or garage by yourself, especially at night.
• If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, DON'T GO IN! Go to the nearest phone and call UPD.

Tips on how to avoid danger:

• Whenever possible, travel with a friend.
• Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible.
• Walk confidently, directly and at a steady pace on the side of the street facing traffic. A rapist looks for someone who appears vulnerable.
• Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where rapists can hide.
• If you think you are being followed, walk quickly to areas where there are lights and people. If a car appears to be following you, turn and walk on the other side of the street.
• If you are in danger, scream and run or yell "fire."

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Opinions

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Thank you,
Chanelle Raboteau, Editor-in-Chief

One year later: Are we safer?

MICHAEL DVORAK

“It is the duty of the patriot to protect his country from its government.” —THOMAS PAINE

One year ago more than 3,000 peoples lives were taken after planes crashed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. As many grieve over the tremendous loss of human life, we must be sure nothing of this nature happens again.

How do we ensure, beyond any shred of doubt, another September 11 cannot happen? Should we depend on our military or intelligence agencies who failed to protect us the first and hopefully only time? Should we adopt “president” Bush’s explanation that the perpetrators motives were simply because they hated our freedom and democracy? Or did we possibly create the environment for terrorism to manifest itself and thrive? If so, how do we end it?

In order to stop terrorism, we must cease to proliferate it.

We must rethink our foreign policy.

First, we need to immediately stop training, funding, and arming terrorist organizations. The C.I.A. has confessed to formerly employing Osama bin Laden, not to mention Saddam Hussein and Manuel Noriega. Currently we are arming and training Colombia’s military, which has a sickening list of human rights violations. In addition, we are supplying weaponry to Indonesia, Egypt, and other oppressive regimes all over the world, any of who, or who’s victims, could be tomorrow’s potential terrorist threat.

Next, we have to stop the War On Terror. No hard evidence was made public proving that a certain group or individual was responsible for the September 11 attacks. Nevertheless, the U.S. military’s bombing campaign in Afghanistan has killed more civilians then the attacks on September 11.

The New York Times reported American forces bombing residential areas in and around Kabul. In addition, U.S. planes bombed Red Cross warehouses twice. Even former president Jimmy Carter characterized the War on Terror as “similar to those of abusive regimes that historically have been condemned by American presidents.”

There must also be a radical shift in our global military presence. Having bases all over the world and naval ships on every sea is bound to piss some people off. Stationing troops near Saudi Arabia’s holy shrines infuriates not just Bin Laden. Reports of U.S. soldiers raping woman in Okinawa, Japan doesn’t create a positive image abroad.

Lastly, we, the American people, must demand that war be viewed as a measure of last resorts, not of first choice. No nation on this planet has bombed more than the United States; it is stupidly arrogant to think it wouldn’t come back to us. Exemplifying peaceful diplomacy is a prerequisite to genuine security.

If you desire change, visit www.house.gov/writerep or www.senate.gov and demand it!

You don’t know how lucky you are

BY: PETER ASHMAN

I hail from a small town in western Colorado called Grand Junction. It’s okay if you’ve never heard of it; there are people in Colorado who have never heard of it. I’ve only lived in California for a few months, but I’ve heard so many negative things about it that I’m not sure those of you who are from this area know how good you have it.

I’ve heard more than a few people complain about the lack of things to do here in the Monterey Bay area, I’ve heard complaints about the weather, about the smell down by the wharf, etc. This is not to say that I haven’t heard many complimentary things, so don’t flip out on me. If you like it here, than this is obviously not directed toward you. If, on the other hand, you believe Seaside is a lousy place to spend your college years, think long and hard about what you are about to read.

The western slope of Colorado is much like the Mojave, except 4,000 feet higher. It’s not only miserably hot during the summer; it’s miserably cold during the winter. We have a mall with about 20 stores, a swimming pool and a handful of movie theaters that show movies several weeks after the rest of the country sees them.

Now those attributes, in and of themselves, don’t seem too bad. However, western Colorado also sports a rich agrarian culture. And by rich I mean rodeos every weekend, Monster Truck rallies every month and actual activities such as “goat roping,” “bronco bustin’,” and “cow tipping.” Every Tuesday, the entire valley stinks from the gaggling effects of ‘chicken grinding day’ at the industrial chicken farm. These are all everyday occurrences in my hometown. Not quite as nice as spending the day at the beach in my opinion, even if there are dead sea lions or fish. They smell better than the dog food factory in Grand Junction; trust me.

If your Wranglers fit just a bit more loosely, you can always buy a hatchback Honda Civic and drag race it up and down “North Avenue,” our main street, late at night, or in the middle of the afternoon because you can’t find a job, thanks to the close-minded local business-owners. Most of the nightlife in Western Colorado involves driving to the middle of the desert and getting puke-drunk.

On occasion weekends however, the sallow, washed-out remnants of an 80’s hair band will play the prestigious Mesa Theater and Club, but you can only see RATT so many times before you want to physically pull your eyes out and stomp on them repeatedly. In Monterey, on the other hand, there are plenty of things to do. Even if it’s just tide pooling or driving down the Coastal Highway, there is always something to see or do. There are reggae festivals and car shows, jazz festivals and fishing, just to name a few. Still can’t find anything to do? Check out some of the stuff going on around campus. Go watch a roller hockey game or go scuba diving.

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You can even get credit for surfing.

The point, fellow Otters and Otterettes, is this: the Monterey Bay area, including this campus, is a veritable cesspool of fun stuff to do. I realize that metaphor is a little oxymoronic, but I just decided I really like the word “cesspool.” And “veritable.” I wonder what that means anyway. Oh well. To those of you who can’t find anything to do, look around you. You live in a cesspool! No, seriously, take a good long look at the awesome place you have chosen to educate yourself. If you still don’t like it here, you’ve obviously never smelled ground chicken.”
Put that building back, ASAP

BY MAC CLEMMONS

I’m so glad the ASAP (Academic skills achievement program) building moved. I didn’t like its convenient location, or that it was right next to the shuttle stop. I didn’t like that it had lots of private space for tutors to work one-on-one with students. I mean, way too many people utilized that space. Way too many people were getting valuable help. Students should at least have to walk half way across campus. They shouldn’t have just left the ASAP building where it was. After all, that would be, like, logical.

Oh wait, maybe keeping ASAP right where it was would have been a sound decision. Not that having a crusty administrative building parked in the middle of the quad doesn’t satiate my fancy, but for the 100+ students that went there every week to get help, the move was less than thrilling. Perhaps that’s why a whopping 25 students—and I’m being generous—went to celebrate at the moving ceremony. Big wonder.

A petition bearing the signatures of nearly 400 students circulated campus. The petition was never delivered. However, a letter of concern, which outlined student concerns about the new location’s inadequate lighting, lack of shuttle service and danger to student safety, generated a cordial “I’m-really-sorry-but-too-bad” response from Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega.

And isn’t that frustrating? The move itself was the real response from our administration. The students tried their hardest to keep ASAP where it was, but ultimately failed.

The largest challenge in advocating the rights and privileges of students is getting them actively involved in campus decision-making. If a student had been serving on the campus planning or space management advisory committee, this disaster might have been averted. But by the time the students mobilized their forces, the decision had already been made.

Well, lesson learned, and in the meantime, we’ll all try to enjoy the extra walk.

Cheating

BY: JON PAZ

Cheating is the most ridiculous form of passing an examination.

It does not show the student nor does it show the teacher true insight into the capabilities of the student. However, due to the rising pressures put on students and because schools are made out to be centers of examination more than centers of education in the 21st century, students are finding that they have no other choice.

Granted that cheating teaches a student nothing, where failing might teach a student to study. The education styles of most schools in the U.S. have made the examination the most important part of the class, where the most important part of being schooled is to LEARN.

In schools around the country teachers are constantly warning students about the next test in their class, as well as the “ever so amazing” SAT, or even Advanced Placement tests. Moreover, this causes students to pay more attention to passing a test than to being educated.

If the only thing students care about is passing a test they will never care about the class. Many teachers complain that their students are absent all too often or that their students do not participate. This may very well be because they do not feel they are there to be taught. Maybe they feel that they are there to be tested.

If all the motivation someone has is that they must learn to be tested then most likely they will find a way to pass and not a way to learn. Finding a way to pass does not by any means say that a person is going to study. Finding a way to pass means that they will find a means of passing where they do not need to learn a thing. This option could conceivably mean cheating.

If emphasis were placed on learning the information they are there to be taught rather than on being tested, then students would probably be interested in the class. If students knew that their only obligation was to attend class to learn so as to be better people, then they might even study when they arrive home.

In addition, students should be able to curve their learning to their interest at some point before college. These interests will most likely have linkage to what they would like to do with their future.

Test, exam, quiz, pop quiz, etc. should be rid from the vocabulary of teachers other than times very few and far between to make sure their class is on the right track.

If learning became the emphasis of American school instead of testing, then this country might actually be on top of the worldwide education scales. It is time for a change and it must start with every teacher.

The students are ready and willing to learn and change their ways. Are the teachers?
Welcome Freshmen

Freshman, freshmeat, newbies and all of the names you will hear this year, pay attention this is for you.

Last semester's staff has taken the time to try an enlighten you about CSUMB or at least help you survive here. Like any advice, take everything with a grain of salt. But remember we have been here longer than you have. Enjoy.

Your Editor,
Chanelle Raboteau

Dear lovely,
incoming freshmen,

JACQUE GASSER

There are only a few important things that you should know when you step onto this campus as a freshman.

Roommates: Walking into your room for the first time and meeting the person you will be spending the next 8 months with is pretty freaky. You never know if your roommate is going to be a gothic, metal blaring, freak with 200 different piercings and tattoos... or a quiet, mousy geek who sits at a computer all day playing video games.

There is no way getting around the fact that you will not like your roommate, or don't get along with your roommate. Dislike and disgust is inevitable, but the fact is that you will be living with this person for EIGHT MONTHS. And, although it may be hard to believe at first, at the end of those eight months, you are going to miss your roommate.

Classes: We all know the story... get up, roll out of bed, go to class. Well, it's true. Especially with the dorms being so close to classes, it is VERY easy to go to class immediately after slumber. Of course, it is also VERY easy to miss classes or ditch classes. There are no secretaries calling you up to 'check on you' or to call your parents. You are on your own and believe me, DO NOT FALL BEHIND! Teachers have little sympathy for missing or late work if you don't respect the teacher enough to show up. Suck it. It works also.

Food: It sucks. Always has, always will. They will never have anything you want, or anything that you feel is important to your health. GET OVER IT AND EAT.

Also, another quick thing to mention. GET INVOLVED. You will meet SO many more people and have a lot more fun than if you hide in the hole that we call dorm rooms. They're not even that great, why would you stay there?

Play a sport, join a club, join an organization, go to events that your RA sends you emails for. -JG

Advice to freshmen

Dear Incoming Freshmen,

SARAH YATES

With my one years experience at CSUMB, I have several bits of advice for incoming students. First, buy a season pass to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. It is a great place to go on a boring weekend, and the $17.95 admission will add up quite quickly. Buy a season pass the first time you go, and I guarantee that it will pay for itself before the week is over.

Second, try to restrict yourself from 11pm runs to the Otter Express for ice cream, because the freshman 15 is NOT a rumor. Third the downtown Monterey farmers market is always a good place to go for a change from D.C. food. Other than that, I have fun, don't sign up for 8a.m. classes, because you wont make it by midterms, and join the Otter Realm. -SY

My advice to new students:

JAMES THOMAS GREEN

Welcome to CSUMB. Now that you're here, you're going to have a lot of people telling you a lot of stuff. My advice to you as a new student is to check out things for yourself. Don't believe everything you hear.

There are some people who are bummed out and bitter. Sometimes they truly have been screwed by the system here at CSUMB, and sometimes they are just negative people who would complain to Saint Peter about the hellish conditions in Heaven.

More than once I've dealt with someone claiming authority they don't have. If some administrator or other authority figure tells you something that doesn't seem right or fair, call them on it. Don't just call them a butthead, ask them to back up what they claim by pointing out where they get their authority. If someone at a counter tells you something, ask to see the supervisor, or even the department head. If someone tells you that CSUMB is not legally bound to do what's in the catalog, tell him or her that they are. Make them point out where in writing what they claim is valid.

One of the first things you should do is learn how to use the CSUMB e-mail system, called First Class. This campus is very tightly bound to the e-mail system, and you will be at a big disadvantage if you don't learn to use it soon.

Check out the various conference folders. They're sort of like bulletin boards where people talk about all kinds of things, from "Lord of the Rings" to "Student Voice" to the infamous "Open Forum".

Get involved with clubs and student government too. There are lots of things that can be done and there is a great need for students to do things.

Don't forget to have fun too. -JTG

Advice for incoming freshmen in 150 words or less...

MATT PARKER

Take a variety of classes to find out what you like. Once you find a major and concentration get to know the professors in it, get involved. This is a small school, so take advantage of it. Since it is a small school get to know as many as people as you can, and if you're anything like me make an effort to remember peoples names (I'm the worst at it.)

Learn the wacky acronyms and the terminology of the school, it makes it a lot easier to speak CSUMB. If you explore the nooks and crevices of campus you can always find a free computer, and a clean and empty bathroom (I have my special throne, but who doesn't).

If the fog gets you down, but down the bong, get out of your dorms and explore Big Sur. It's a magical place unlike anywhere I've been in the whole world, and bring a camera! Learn the balance of getting your shit done, and having fun (you read me).

Last but not least you can receive a great education here at bargain prices, but like anything else it what you put into it. So go get smart. -MP

Advice for the adverse life at CSUMB

WAYNE LILE

I've been given the opportunity to offer you, the new students some advice as you begin to navigate the chasm that is CSUMB. Listen and listen well all you newbies. Stop what ever you're doing, file the paper work for a transfer to a new university and don't look back.

An education should not come with the price you'll most certainly pay (mental that is) if you stay here. But if you decide to stick it out, be sure you stay on top of everything. Administrators here would rather be sitting in a dentists chair dealing with a tooth extraction than give you a straight forward answer.

Play by their playbook. If you believe what you hear and not what you see in writing, you'll have already lost. This university doesn't play around when it comes to securing their tuition for another semester and neither should you when it comes to graduating.

I wish you luck, not because I want to see you succeed, but because you will need it. Keep your head up and always speak to support yourself and fellow students. No one else will do it for you. -WL

Chanelle's Top 17 lines of advice for incoming freshmen

CHANELLE RABOTEAU

1. This college isn't for everyone.
2. No sororities or fraternities.
3. Monterey is not really a college town.
4. CSUMB is a small campus where everyone knows your business.
5. Professors know when you miss their class; some care, some don't. (Classes are small, trust me they know)
6. Check what majors CSUMB has to offer, just because it is a CSU doesn't mean it will have everything that you want to take.
7. Get all of your GE (General Education) done in the first 2 years.
8. Yes there is a Technology requirement, get over it.
9. Yes you have to take up to 202 in some form language (an excuse to study abroad, I think so).
10. Get to know the Otter Talk
11. You will get lost going to the apartments for a party at LEAST once. (Shit happens, the journey is half the fun)
12. Food sucks, but then again so does all college food.
13. Walk, don't drive to class, it's not that far.
14. Pajamas are an acceptable form of dress.
15. Don't get too friendly with people of the opposite sex within the first two weeks; you have the rest of the semester to get to know them.
16. Always go in groups to parties, try not to leave anyone behind.
17. Laugh hard Smile often. Its college, have fun. -CR
ASAP celebrates move with Open House

BY KELLY BLAND

The Academic Skills and Achievement Program (ASAP) moved from visible Building 12 to hidden 21 but, they had a problem: students may not be aware of the relocation. As a result the tutoring program hosted a lunchtime open house on Sept. 4.

The celebration took place during a sunny afternoon that brought 150 attendees. The festivities included a catered barbecue style lunch. Students were able to pay with their meal plan; the Dinning Commons (DC) provided the food. Live music was also provided from bands: Phicus and Last Friday's Generation. Tours of the new facility were available as well.

ASAP is a free tutoring service provided to CSUMB students. It's catalog states: "A wide variety of students with varying skill levels use ASAP... our mission is to ensure that you know the process for overcoming similar problems [study skills] in the future. Our goal is to provide resources and skills so you become an independent, self-guided learner."

Building 21, the new ASAP location, is on First Street. It is across the street from Resident Hall 208.

ASAP is sharing the building with the Pro Seminar office. Pro Seminar is the first step to completing the English University Learning Requirements at CSUMB.

The open house was a ploy to get students, faculty, and staff aware of their location change. "We want students to know that ASAP is still here; we just moved locations," said Jay Signh, ASAP student employee.

The ASAP team recognized new visibility concerns as a result of their move. "The problem now is we were on the way to the library and DC. Now we are hidden," said Ray Gonzales, Director of ASAP.

He also mentioned poor lighting and the lack of a crosswalk as setbacks. "We requested crosswalks on First Street, painted signs, more lighting, and possibly landscaping," said Gonzales. Landscaping can be difficult due to the scarcity of water, however.

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Police Blotter

For those of us, which occupied the workstations open during the summer, we can remember a quieter time. Now, graced with the presence of hundreds of new students we have turned in our quiet and peaceful workstations, for a college campus. Welcome back; see what you guys have done.

California State University, Monterey Bay
University Police Department Daily Media Log

Alcohol
Drunk in a public place
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 29/University Center
Summary: Officer arrests individual at "rave" celebration for being drunk in public. Individual also found to be in possession of marijuana.

ALCOHOL
Drunk in a public place
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 29/University Center
Summary: Officer assists in booking individual arrested for being drunk in public and transports that person to be lodged at county jail.

INCIDENT
Suspicious person
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Parking lot 12
Summary: Officer contacts persons in parking lot who appears disoriented. Finds that one individual is assisting his inebriated friend home.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Intrusion/burglary alarm
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Frederick Park II
Summary: Officers respond to alarm call for medical assistance for a subject having a reaction to prescribed medication. Individual was transported by ambulance to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Intrusion/burglary alarm
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 14/Student Center
Summary: Officer responds to alarm activation. Building checked and found secure. Cause of activation unknown.

INCIDENT
Medical aid/illness
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Frederick Park II
Summary: Officer responds to complaint of loud party and possible fight. Upon arrival, the party was breaking up and attendees dispersing.

INCIDENT
Suspicious vehicle
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 201/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer assists in booking individual arrested for being drunk in public and transports that person to be lodged at county jail.

INCIDENT
Suspicious person
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Parking lot 12
Summary: Officer contacts persons in parking lot who appears disoriented. Finds that one individual is assisting his inebriated friend home.

INCIDENT/ALARM
Intrusion/burglary alarm
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 201/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer responds to fire alarm activation. No fire found. Cause of activation undetermined.

VC VIOLATION
Skateboarding or rollerskating
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Residence Hall Quad
Summary: Officer responds to anonymous complaint of skateboarding in unauthorized area. Three students contacted and advised of university policy.

INCIDENT
911 telephone call
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 203/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer responds to 9-1-1 call box activation. Upon arrival, no caller or problem found.

VC VIOLATION
Driving the wrong way on one way street
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Residence Hall Quad
Summary: Officer responds to anonymous complaint of skateboarding in unauthorized area. Three students contacted and advised of university policy.

INCIDENT
Suspicious vehicle
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Residence Hall Quad
Summary: Officer responds to anonymous complaint of skateboarding in unauthorized area. Three students contacted and advised of university policy.

INCIDENT
Suspicious vehicle
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: 204/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer assists highway patrol in search for person flagging down cars.

VC VIOLATION
Unsafe speed
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: Residence Hall Quad
Summary: Officer observes violation, stops vehicle and cites driver for speeding and straddling the center lines.

VC VIOLATION
Driving the wrong way on one way street
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 203/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer observes violation, stops vehicle and cites driver.

INCIDENT
Suspicious vehicle
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: 201/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer responds to anonymous complaint of skateboarding in unauthorized area. Three students contacted and advised of university policy.

INCIDENT
Suspicious person
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: 201/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer assists in booking individual arrested for being drunk in public and transports that person to be lodged at county jail.

SERVICES
Room/building opening or closing
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: Archaeology lab
Summary: Officer responds to anonymous complaint of skateboarding in unauthorized area. Three students contacted and advised of university policy.

SERVICE
Student conduct code violation
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: 201/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer investigates report of unauthorized use of alcohol and marijuana in the residence hall. Two students found to be under the influence.

LARCENY-THEFT
Motor vehicle parts/accessories
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: Parking lot 84
Summary: Officer investigates weekend theft of tire and wheel from a university vehicle.

SERVICE
Keys locked in vehicle
Aug 26 2002-Monday
Location: Parking lot 82
Summary: Officer responds to assist driver who is locked out of vehicle.

SERVICE
Emergency notification
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 208/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer locates student in residence hall with message to call home for a family emergency.

VC VIOLATION
Driving the wrong way on one way street
Aug 25 2002-Sunday
Location: 203/Residence Hall
Summary: Officer observes violation, stops vehicle and cites driver.
**Otter Sports**

**Women beat up on Oregon Tech 3-0**

**BY: KHI-MIN JUNG**

On Sunday September 8, the CSUMB Women's soccer team beat Oregon Tech University 3-0, after losing two in a row, which pushes them to a 3-3 record in pre-season play.

Sophomores forward Britanni Donnachie and Mandi Higi each scored a goal as well as junior Crissie Lukacs.

Their record reflects playing in a very competitive pre-season schedule against Division II, Division III and NAIA Division I schools. This only prepares them even more to get their game on point for conference play.

With head coaches Heidi Covington and Erin Roberts, the team is off to a good start and hopes to improve on last year record. The girls finished 3rd in conference and lost in the first round of play-offs against their rival Dominican University. The players are excited about competing.

Freshman Tracy Hackaby said, "The new coaches are cool. They are young too, so I can relate to them more."

There are a lot of freshman and transfer students that give the women's team many new faces.

Captain Britanni Donnachie plain and simple states, "We plan to win conference."

Many have stated that they respect all of their opponents, but do not fear any of them.

The women's Otters play a special brand of soccer that is new and creative. To take advantage of their strong mid-field core of players, they play with only three defenders, five mid-fielders and two forwards in the line-up.

This is not the conventional (4-4-2), 4 defenders, 4 mid-fielders and two forwards, line up that most teams use. The Otters have exceptional defenders that are fast and smart. The athletic mid-fielders are the strength of this team.

The next game is on Saturday against Christian Heritage at the Otter Sports Complex that happens to be a double header with the Men's team.

**Men's Soccer team loses 1-0 in sudden death overtime**

**BY: KHI-MIN JUNG**

CSUMB Men's soccer team fought hard and viciously all the way to the end of the 102nd minute in their second overtime. Unfortunately they were defeated 1-0 by Division I, San Jose State Spartans.

The Otters, with a record of 1-3 for the season are improving game by game.

Newly acquired coach Artie Cariel said, "Our weekly goal is to be no less than .500 by the end of the week."

He was disappointed in the loss but was proud of his player's effort and their advancement so far this season. CSUMB fans came out and gave tremendous support to the team, which was held in San Jose. Coach Cariel as well as the players appreciated it and hopes to see more of the same at home games.

After a 1st round loss in the playoffs last year new and returning players are confident in having a successful year. The Otter's are in the midst of a tough pre-season schedule and are very optimistic about upcoming conference play.

Coach Cariel expects "the players to be as good as players as he is a coach." This could be a challenge because he has coached on every level from youth, to High School, to Community College, to Division I Universities, and has coached 3 youth teams to national championships. All on top of currently being a scout for the U.S. Soccer team.

Some keys to being successful this season according to Coach Cariel are "staying healthy of course, having the players believing in the system, and I want the players working hard for each other."

All of these keys are attainable and CSUMB students should be looking forward to an exciting season this year. Come and support the Otter's at each and every game, especially the home games.

**CSUMB hosts Otter Classic**

**BY: GLENN CRAVENS**

The Otter volleyball team will take it as a learning experience.

The squad went 0-4 during the Otter Classic Friday and Saturday at CSUMB and Monterey Peninsula College. Their record is 1-8 overall as of Monday.

The Otters dropped their first match to Westmont 30-27, 30-16, 30-21 on Friday. Lindsay Molinaro and Hilary Heath combined for 12 kills for the Otters.

In match two of the day, Fresno Pacific, the No. 3 ranked team in the NAIA Conference, swept the Otters 30-16, 30-17, 30-11.

The team showed improvement Saturday against Cal Baptist winning the first game. However, it was not enough as they lost 26-30, 30-19, 30-22, 30-23. In match two of the day, Seattle swept the host team 30-19, 30-24, 30-19.

"It was a tough format, and we had four teams all nationally ranked," said CSUMB Coach Jerry Gregg. "This was a very tough format."

To win its lone game against Cal Baptist, the Otters had to hold off a late charge. Up 19-12, the Lancers went on a 12-6 run to cut it to 25-24. But outside hitter Jaime Weiler delivered an unreturnable kill to put CSUMB up 26-24.

The Otters took the next four points to seal the deal.

In game two, Cal Baptist would lead by as much as nine before shutting the door and tying the match at one game apiece.

The teams traded points in the game three. After a time out with Cal Baptist leading 17-15, it prevented the Otters from scoring more than two points in a row the rest of the game.

Otters Middle blocker Hillary Heath stepped up in game four, keeping the team close with stuffs and kills. But the team was able to get on a streak only once in the game when they scored three straight times. Despite the streak, the team managed to stay within six points at 27-21. The teams, however, would trade points the rest of the way.

Against Seattle, the Otters got into large deficits early in all three games. They got back into striking distance, but could not win a game against the Redhawks.

The Otters' senior captain Megan Jager said the team will try not to be down because they played schools not in their conference.

"We were challenged in a different way," Jager said. "This was a tough weekend. We learned about the attitude we need to have coming up."

The Otters next play host to CSU Hayward at 7 p.m. Sept. 18. Hayward has not lost an away game since 2000.
Car Marketing and Communications. "In Environmental Protection Agency's Air
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Strange but true

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER

In 1982 a man in suburban Los Angeles tied 24 weather balloons to his lawn chair in an attempt to fly. A pretty successful attempt too—he made it to 16,000 feet, alarming air traffic controllers and pilots in the process.

There is a kind of parasitic wasp that uses a spider to aid in reproduction. A week after the egg is laid on the spider, the wasp larva causes the spider—its unclear how—to weave a hammock where the larva can cocoon and pupate. Once the hammock is ready, the spider gets a lethal injection and is consumed by the larva.

A single ear of corn contains about 800 kernels.

The huge snake of South America, the anaconda, breeds in an unusual way. A single female mates with several males at once, and their bodies become intertwined—this is called a mating ball. And a mating ball can last as long as six weeks before the participants disentangle themselves and go their separate ways.

An average person will spend more than 15 full days every year doing nothing but eating.

Worth Repeating

Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped. —VUI PROVERB. LIBERIA

If you have tried to build castles in the air, your work need not be lost—that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them. —HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Never "for the sake of peace and quiet" deny your convictions—DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

• Paula Yates once said, "Brains are a handicap for a blonde." She may have been a woman, but you can bet she wasn't a blonde.

• John Paul Jones, the famous hero of the Revolutionary War who was famed for saying, "I have not yet begun to fight," didn't end his military career in the United States. After the war, he became a Russian admiral and was met by the name Kontradmiral Pavel Ivanovich Jones.

Thought for the day: "Reading the fine print may give you an education—not reading it will give you experience."—V.M. KELLEY
Person on Campus
BY PHIL MCKENNA

“How have the events of September 11th affected you?”

Clint Hoffman
SENIOR, TMAC
“I think it made it a little more difficult to travel. Not really difficult, but scary, they kind of freak you out at the airport. Other than that I haven’t really seen it affect my life that much.”

Christina Luza
SOPHMORE, MIE
“Every time I fly I think about September 11th and whether or not our plane is going down or if our pilot is in control... I was in the World Trade Center a week before [September 11th]. Just thinking about if it happened a week earlier [I wonder] where would I be, what would I be going through... I definitely value life and family more. I don’t want to be that far from family and friends.”

Remberto A. Nunez
SENIOR, SBSC
“It has helped me understand a lot of things about the country we live in.”

Michael J. McLain
JUNIOR, TMAC
“September 11th has made me more appreciative of life in general and not taking things for granted. I’m more aware of what’s going on. Its definitely got me involved with the community more. I’m now acting as [a volunteer] for the Boys and Girls Club in Seaside.”

Megan Jager
JUNIOR, HCOM WITH PRE LAW EMPHASIS
“It was sad. It was a sad event. It was awful and it was scary. It brought out fear in me, but it also brought out a huge hope that, obviously, we can make our nation better and we can support each other and we can come together.

Bobby Castor
JUNIOR, TMAC, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
“September 11th pissed me off. I spent 4 years in the army. I like my country. When someone does something like that, it kind of gets to you.”

Allison Hine
SOPHMORE, ESSP
“I’m Afraid to live, I get really scared just thinking about it. But it makes me want to take advantage of every day that I have. I value every day a lot more now. I want to be outside more. I want to do things, not just sit around and watch TV.”

LOCAL E.A.M.
Davie, Rene, & Steve
“The hip hop community has definitely been touched by this event. I think it [has] been uplifting that we’ve come together as a cohesive unit and tried to rise above everything.”