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Student car vandalized during service learning

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Jessica Martelle was shocked to find that her car had been broken into on her second time working at Dorothy’s Kitchen as part of her Service Learning orientation.

“I knew that I wasn’t in the safest of neighborhoods but anyone would be surprised to find their entire back windshield in their back seat,” said Martelle, Liberal Studies senior.

Martelle and fellow CSU-Monterey Bay student, Kersten Kelly, ESSP senior, became victims in a string of vandalism that plagued Soledad Street in Salinas, as both students found their back car windows broken around 8:15 p.m. on Sept. 20.

It was Kelly’s first time at Soledad Street with her class to help the women staying overnight at the women’s shelter. When her friends told her about her car, a 2005 Honda Civic Hybrid, Kelly didn’t believe them at first. But when she finally realized what had occurred, her fear turned to anger.

“I was scared something else was going to happen,” said Kelly, “I felt like I was betrayed. We were there to help these people and in return, I have to replace a window in my car.”

Damages for Martelle’s car totaled $300 while according to Kelly, her deductible and the cost for the window and replacement totaled around $800.

The following morning, more acts of vandalism occurred as wheel barrel flower pots were scattered on the street and the tires of a van belonging to Dorothy’s Kitchen were found slashed.

[There is only speculation that all of it was done by an individual, possibly a drug dealer, who’s not too thrilled with the progress happening in Soledad Street.]

“In 10 years of Service Learning at Dorothy’s Kitchen, this kind of thing hasn’t happened,” said Pamela Motoike, assistant professor of Service Learning and the professor of both Kelly and Martelle.

“I felt mad towards the school for sending us there. But I think that the service given on Soledad Street is vital to helping the people down there. There are a lot of people that need our help and support.”

KERSTEN KELLY, SENIOR

“According to Seth Pollack, Service Learning Institute Director, the institute is working with the Franciscan Workers to help cover the damages for both students’ cars.

In result of the incidents, the Service Learning Institute decided to not have any students go to Soledad Street for a week to sort out the issues while setting some safety guidelines just for the semester.

The guidelines include having students only work on Soledad Street no later than 6 p.m., letting students choose other service locations, and encouraging students to be with a partner or group when going to Soledad Street.

“I don’t want the vandalism to stop our progress,” said Motoike, “We want to send a message we’re not going to be scared and we’re not leaving.”

Martelle has eventually decided to change service sites, but still hopes others will continue to help at Dorothy’s Kitchen.

“I don’t want my situation to take away the purpose of a place like Dorothy’s, and I think if comfortable, students should be allowed to work there,” said Martelle.

Kelly echoes the same message. “I felt mad towards the school for sending us there. But I think that the service given on Soledad Street is vital to helping the people down there. There are a lot of people that need our help and support,” she said.
Welcome back students abroad

It was hard for Lepe to come back to the United States because life abroad was more relaxing as he did not have to work, and he had time to travel. He said that everyone warned the students of culture shock when entering the new country however no one mentioned the shock of returning home.

Megan Comstock, Staff Reporter

CSUMB students traveled abroad last semester experiencing German, Spanish and Chilean life. Understandings of the different cultures they were immersed in were formed.

International Student Advisor Holly White said that there is a belief amongst students that studying abroad is “only for people with money.” In actuality, attending a university abroad for one year, costs on average, about the same as two semesters in California through CSU International Programs.

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One of his favorite memories was spending New Years Eve in a small Ukrainian village where many people told him he was, “the first American they had ever met.”
Unique anti-Arnold campaign creates state-wide student contest

Kristina Kendrick, Staff Reporter

A contest to win a year's tuition and spot on Comedy Central's The Daily Show takes only a 30-second video exemplifying Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's shortcomings, when it comes to the CSU system.

The contest is sponsored by The Faculty For Our University's Future, a political action committee associated with the California Faculty Association [CFA]. The CFA represents 22,000 teachers, librarians, coaches and counselors of the CSU system.

On Sept. 20, news conferences were held by the CFA with student leaders from two CSU campuses kicking off the Anti-Arnold Campaign. The conferences were held in Long Beach and Sacramento and served the purpose of informing the student population about this groundbreaking opportunity and contest.

Flunkarnold.com is the Web site which houses the contest, provides the rules, guidelines, and recent blogs about the contest and related links. It also shows videos already submitted and ones that are currently top rated.

John Travis, CFA president made the intentions clear: "Flunk Arnold, the first campaign of its kind, invites CSU students to make 30-second anti-Arnold videos."

Contest entries are due by Oct. 18 and the final round of voting ends Oct. 29. Ads should be creative and relevant to the topic of how Arnold has failed California's education system. Submissions deemed inappropriate will be excluded from the contest. A list of the other rules can be found at the Web site or by calling 916-491-0459.

While many students are excited about this opportunity, there are some CSU students that feel differently. On www.joinarnold.com, many positive facts about his run as governor are listed and are the basis to many Arnold supporters' arguments.

"In his 2005-06 budgets, the Governor invested $10,325 per year per each California student," the site stated.

When asked about the issue at hand, Christy Cozby, CSUMB's President of College Republicans, feels very strongly about the campaign against our current Governor.

"There are growing numbers of conservative students of campus who feel strongly about exposing the truth and are disheartened to see such a negative campaign being run on our campus and across the state."

Both sides reveal many discrepancies and students are left to choose which side they reside on. College Republicans on campus continue to stay positive and Cozby stresses, "We do not wish to engage in combative distrust with our university community despite the frustration of a campaign such as this."
As the Nov. 7 election nears, crucial attempts to make sure CSU Monterey Bay students are properly registered, begins.

"We highly encourage students who have had a change in party affiliation, name, or address to re-register," said Heather Frisella, who works with Registration Outreach Services for the Monterey County Election Department.

Frisella advises registering students "Students have two options. They can use their parent's home address until they graduate and become a permanent absentee [if their parents address is out-of-county/out-of-state] or they can register to vote in Monterey County." She added that the county now recognizes CSUMB's new mailing addresses. Students who choose to register under those addresses may also vote at CSUMB come election day.

Oct. 23 is the last day to register or re-register while Oct. 31 is the last day to request an absentee ballot. According to Claudio Valenzeula, of the Monterey County Election Department, voting will begin as early as Oct. 9.

Students can find forms to register or re-register in libraries, post offices, banks, DMV's, city and county offices, as well as the Monterey County Election Department located in Salinas on 1370 B South Main St. Online registration is also available, but must be completed 29 days before the election. Registration forms can be mailed or delivered to county election officials.

Zoe Carter 19 Statewide Affairs Representative, is in charge of the registration drive going through Associated Students. Events on campus will be held throughout October with music and booths where students can register. "We're trying to get 642 CSUMB students registered by Oct. 23," Carter said hopefully.

The upcoming general election ballot will have 13 different propositions for Californians to choose from, including one directly affecting college students. "I'm voting because I know that a lot of the stuff on the ballot is going to affect me, or at least someone I know," said Patrick Frost, 27, ISSM major. There will also be eight statewide and four local positions up for grabs, including Governor.
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Curtain closes for World Theater’s director

Kristen Halverson, Staff Reporter

Dawn Gibson-Brehon has announced her resignation from CSU Monterey Bay and the World Theater. Gibson-Brehon has been the Presenting Program and World Theater Director for 5 years. She came to CSUMB from Lake Worth, Fl. where she managed a 35-event performing arts series at Palm Beach Community College’s, Duncan Theater. The World Theater Web site lists her extensive repertoire.

She has received the African-American Achiever Award in the Arts category for making a difference in the community and improving the quality of life for South Florida residents. Since she has been at CSUMB, she has strived to keep the World Theater living up and sometimes beyond expectations. She has done this through her work in the performance line up and bringing the “Arts for Kids” program out to the community.

“Dawn brought a passion for diversity and a desire to create artistic experiences that both enlightened and entertained the audience and we are very sorry to see her go,” said President Dianne Harrison. “She will be deeply missed by our campus and community. I understand that she’s moving on to a wonderful opportunity, and we wish her the best.”

In her letter of departure to CSUMB she states that she will be moving to the east coast to accept a position at the Ronald K. Brown Dance Company in Brooklyn, NY. This is an experience that will "provide me with the opportunity to engage in long range and strategic planning for one of New York’s dynamic contemporary dance companies." Also in her departure letter Gibson-Brehon gives thanks to everyone who supported the World Theater programs and outreach.

Lovelock and roll

Prominent environmentalist speaks to CSUMB

Elliott Singer, Staff Reporter

The renowned climatologist James Lovelock spoke Sept.18 to a packed University Center. In his speech, the author of “The Revenge of Gaia” expounded upon his writings for most of the allotted two hours. Lovelock first published the “Gaia” hypothesis in early 1970s and is still generating controversy with his work, worldwide.

Lovelock was brought to CSU Monterey Bay courtesy of the Big Sur Environmental Institute, where he had also spoken immediately prior to arriving at CSUMB. He began a one and a half week book tour in Washington D.C. and ended it at Monterey State. Lovelock has received widespread acclaim for his work, including from our own Dr. Arias, who said "...he is the most eminent speaker to ever speak at any CSU campus in the history of the CSU." The presentation ended with a brief question and answer segment, followed by a small ceremony where Dr. Lovelock received a bouquet of flowers from two children.

In Lovelock’s eyes, all of the earth’s ecosystems are interconnected, and the world, although not an organism, is in fact, alive. “Gaia Theory” has a more holistic view of the environment and of climate systems in general, especially when contrasted with traditional science.

The basis for his theory is that the Earth has been prone to climatic fluctuations since there has been an Earth. A variety of reasons have contributed to these fluctuations: some man made such as automotive exhaust and some natural, such as the 37 percent increase in the sun’s luminosity.

“Gaia Theory” realizes that the whole Earth is interconnected. There is a relation to a glacier’s size and the relative levels of algae in the water as well as to the general health of the rain forest. Gaia sees the Earth as a huge, self regulating entity that can achieve homeostasis at different temperatures.

No ecosystem in the world is entirely unto its own. The rivers flow into oceans and all oceans flow into each other, just as air floats over the entire Earth. Lovelock feels that each of these unique ecosystems have evolved together, in ways to compensate for each other on a global scale.

Oceanic algae, a major producer of oxygen, thrives at a temperature of 10 degrees Celsius, where as many species of plant thrive at around 20 degrees Celsius. As global temperatures rise, glaciers melt, and the melting ice has a cooling effect on the ocean water which keeps the algae happy.

Those that disagree with Lovelock’s theory often feel that it is some sort of “creationist idea.” It is not implying that the world developed with some sort of blueprint, but rather that the individual ecosystems have evolved alongside one another and each depends upon having the other’s influence.

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Jonathan Lepe
Tübingen, Germany

Jonathan Lepe, BUS senior, committed to attending school in Germany for a year without knowing any German. He wanted to study in Denmark but the program was unavailable so he opted for Tübingen, Germany. Lepe traveled to Spain, France, Belgium, and Barcelona while abroad, however he really enjoyed life in Germany. He went out and made local friends and noted that, "the town is beautiful." Lepe noticed that the universities in Germany gave students more freedom while requiring more responsibility on their behalf. He would like to go back to Germany for graduate school. Of the trip Lepe said, "It helped me realize where I want to be, what I want to do." It was hard for Lepe to come back to the United States because life abroad was more relaxing as he did not have to work, and he had time to travel. He said that everyone warned the students of culture shock when entering the new country however no one mentioned the shock of returning home. "My experiences abroad were kind of like a dream," said Lepe.

Justin Baker
Tübingen, Germany

Learning the language, heritage and living somewhere different were a few of the reasons why Justin Baker spent last school year in Tübingen, Germany. However, Baker admits that attending the World Cup was a deciding factor; he went to two games. Upon arriving last fall, Baker was sent to a six-week intensive language program. He spent the first semester at the University of Tübingen taking courses in both German and English. The second semester was spent at the Reutlingen University of International Business studying in his major. While he enjoyed attending school he also packed in a lot of travel. Baker left for Germany with the goal of visiting twenty five countries and came back just short of his goal with twenty countries under his belt. One of his favorite memories was spending New Years Eve in a small Ukrainian village where many people told him he was, "the first American they had ever met." I asked Baker what his low points were and he replied, "Now I'm being serious, I really missed Mexican food." Baker suggests that anyone who wants to go abroad should do so. His whole outlook on life has changed and he said, "It was definitely the best year of my life."
Laura Veith  
Mannheim, Germany

"I'm addicted," says Laura Veith, Telecommunications, Multimedia and Applied Computing senior. She is not looking for a cure to her addiction to travel. The German born student has been in the US for eight years and decided to do a year abroad in her home country. Veith spent last year studying in Mannheim, Germany at the University of Applied Science. She chose this program because it gave her the opportunity to study computer science from a more artistic point of view than at CSUMB. Veith visited many countries while abroad including Italy, Netherlands, Spain, and Czech Republic. "With travel and being on your own you become more mature and independent," says Veith. After graduation she would like to do publication design for non-profit organizations and says the trip made her wonder, "where is the world going and what can we do to better it." Veith says that if you are willing to take on a challenge then studying abroad is worth it.

Tyler Evje  
Granada, Spain

Spain was the destination of choice for Tyler Evje, World Languages and Cultures senior, last year. He spent the school year in Granada studying, traveling and experiencing a different pace of life. "I like the overall Spanish lifestyle," said Evje when recalling the slower and more relaxed way of living in Granada. The goal he set for himself was to maximize his Spanish language ability and he came back close to being fluent. He noted that the Spanish in Spain is, "very different from the Spanish spoken in Mexico." Evje's favorite thing he did while abroad was visiting Morocco, "everyone needs to go there," he said. The Moroccan culture is very different from any other. The Granada program is different from others in the CSU IP system because the students are put up in a hotel for ten days in which they are supposed to find housing on their own and learn their way around. He said the differences between America and Europe have become much more apparent.

Heather Cryans  
Santiago, Chile

Heather Cryans, BUS senior, did not go to Santiago, Chile just for fun. This is a good thing because her classes were tough. Cryans went to Chile to study Business at a university where most of the instructors had gone to Harvard and liked to run demanding courses. "It was the hardest thing I have ever done, and not because of the language, I know Spanish," said Cryans of the difficult course load. Cryans also chose Chile for her study abroad experience because she plans to live there after she graduates with her Chilean fiancé. Cryans did find time to make a trip to Patagonia which is at the southern tip of Chile and very near the Antarctic, she says it is a must see for any trip to South America. According to Cryans, there was only one low point in the whole experience. "Christmas, I cried the whole day, I love Christmas," she said. The trip helped her learn how important family and friends are, as she missed having her support system around. "You find out who you are because you are not around the things you are used to," said Cryans.

If you are interested in studying in any of the places CSUMB students stayed last year visit http://international.csumb.edu.
A one woman excursion turned into a dynamic duo's escapade; on the hunt to uncover the most supreme deals of the Monterey Peninsula thrift shops.

We are both qualified with years of shopping experience and a knack for spotting quality vintage beyond the average thrift shopper.

Since Seaside and Salinas are the top two thrift shop havens in the area, we started in Salinas, the further of both destinations. The timing was perfect for this little voyage because we were both in need of some exquisite finds to replace the drab threads currently hanging, bored to death, in our closets.

The Monterey weather shone brightly as we simultaneously and coincidently, threw on our matching bargain-bin $5 shades. Thin Lizzy blared over the speakers in the periwinkle 4-Runner trekking us from campus to Blanco Rd., the golden road that led us to our first stop, Savers. The smell of produce and industry seeped into the car through the opened windows as we neared our final destination.

That final destination didn't seem to be coming as soon as we thought. The directions had become somewhat foggy for a moment but we managed to find our way without too much of a problem.

We approached North Main St. and turned left into the Pine Crest Shopping Center across from the Northridge Mall. Nestled in the corner next to a western wear shop, the red sign of Savers donned the front entrance turning potential visitors into return customers.

It only took about 15 minutes to get to the largest thrift store in Monterey County from campus. We popped out of the car and obliged to the beckoning of the purses and jackets.

The double doors opened to something comparable to the doors Willy Wonka opened to his factory. Except instead of candy, we were dealing with secondhand clothes, odds and ends, knickknacks, and bric-a-bracs galore.

Savers is laid out in a manner that is best described as ordered chaos. The shop includes sections (from right to left): Halloween, sporting goods, furniture, house ware, children's clothing, toys, purses, shoes, adult clothing, a massive book section, and jewelry.

The Halloween section was most impressive, featuring an “Instant Rapper Kit,” pimp canes, pimp bling, and thick, long, black wigs that could work for an Elvira or a Mortisha Adams costume.

Beyond the Halloween section and the men's department begins several aisles of house ware. Oversized vintage beer mugs featuring discontinued beers, out-of-business bars, and obscure Vegas casinos were 99 cents a piece and perfect for storing bottle cap collections.

As self-proclaimed thrift store goddesses, we both knew to check out the little boys' clothing section. The pace of our steps became faster as we anticipated finding the perfect fitting tee or handmade tweed coat for winter. Perhaps our steps became quicker because we feared the perfect fitting tee may be snatched away by another woman or even worse each other.
As we reached the glorified aisle of boy garments we knew we would come across some treasures. The focus of our journey was at its peak: we snatched, grabbed, smiled and scorned. Our baskets were chock-full of handmade vintage coats, soccer tees, worn in hoodies and early 80’s Dokken and Whitesnake concert t-shirts. Just past the used shoes, we made our way to the wall of purses, wallets and sexy neon pink and green fanny packs. It was time to try on our stacks of clothes that included a stellar handmade teal and powder blue flower jacket. Diligently, the employees helped customers check out items, attend to the jewelry counter, and offer assistance when needed. N'Sync and Maroon 5 played loudly on the store radio as customers jived to the beats. A few of the items we found fit a bit too tight as we tried squeezing into them with all our might, but we still bought them; they were cute and we didn’t want someone else coming along and getting them.

The blue, green, and yellow sailboat earrings for 50 cents, was our last find before checking out of the thrift store wonderland known as Savers. The ride back to Monterey was filled with recap on random sightings and observations of the Salvos mystic that entranced buyers of all ages. We were in a euphoric haze of sorts as we headed back towards our regular spots in Seaside: The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and Jenny’s Thrift, all located on Fremont Blvd.

THRILLS IN MONTEREY

Thrifty Shop

Salinas
Savers
1924 North Main Street, Salinas
Monday - Saturday: 9am - 9pm
Sunday: 10am - 6pm

Goodwill
1045 N. Main Street, Salinas
Monday - Saturday: 10am - 7pm
Sunday: 10am - 6pm

The Salvation Army
329 N. Main St., Salinas
Monday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm
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Seaside
The Salvation Army
1850 Fremont Blvd, Seaside
Monday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Closed on Sunday

Jenny’s Thrift
1697 Fremont Blvd., Seaside
Monday - Friday: 10am - 8pm
Saturday-Sunday: 10am - 7pm

St. Vincent de Paul
1269 Fremont Blvd, Seaside
Call for hours

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Secrets, lies, scandals, fires and outrageous initiations are all things encompassed within the casual conversations surrounding any secretive gentlemen’s society such as the Masons or perhaps the Rosicrucian Society.

Fred Flintstone dressed in animal skin, as a member of the Loyal Order of Water Buffalos Lodge comes to mind when picturing what these men look like.

“When I think about those societies I envision wicked ritual initiations, fire and antique leather bound books of incantations,” said David Antalek, a student at CSUMB.

Alvarado Street, in Downtown Monterey, is home to a plethora of historic buildings that have tales to tell spanning 90 years or more.

Between 1916 and 1917 the Regency Theater on Alvarado Street, originally known as the Strand Theater, was constructed to be the primary source of income for a fraternal organization dedicated to good deeds and many charities, the Monterey Elk’s Lodge.

The Elk’s Fraternity continues to be one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the United States. Dating back to 1868 the Monterey Organization of Elks was founded on July 24, 1912.

“It was the social club of the Peninsula. Members included city officials, mayors, merchants; it was a place for professional men to get away and have fun, throw parties and mingle with the whose who of Monterey,” said previous “Exalted Ruler” of the Monterey Elks, Cal Harris.

It took four years for the Elk’s Lodge to be built on Alvarado. When finally completed the building was three stories, with The Elk’s Lodge and clubrooms on the upper floor looking down onto Alvarado Street while the Strand Theater and two retail units were below.

“There were two dance floors. Our wives would decorate with streamers and such, we would dance all night long,” exclaimed Elk Member Emilio Cal Jr.

The Elks moved out of the Alvarado building and into a larger lodge in the 1960s.

The current Monterey Elk’s Lodge sits between apartment complexes and homes nestled into hidden head counters that may be easily missed when driving by. Approaching the lodge, echoes of voices emit from the bar where Elk men still gather around, share drinks, cigars and regale one another with stories of old.

Heading into the bar is a “member’s only” sign. In a casual meeting room the men were gathered around each other drinking coffee and eating donuts, engulfed in an overwhelming aroma of stale cigarettes and gin. Their amiable smiles and peaceful demeanor dispelled any notion of animal costumes, cloaks and fire. They were happy to meet a youngster interested in their history and presence in Monterey.

A tour of the lodge featured six Elk heads adorned into the lodge wall; one had even been donated by the late Bing Crosby.

The entrance leading to the Grand Elk Hall was lined with over 30 portraits, some dating back to the late 1800s, of previous “Exalted Rulers.” Each portrait appeared to be watching over the Lodge. The doors in the hallways were all shut.

When any door opened, a feeling of foreboding descended as the cold steely eyes of a dead Elk head glared back from the darkness. When the lights turned on the true nature of the room was revealed. The long hall contained four walls each with the head of an Elk and thrones for someone of high regard. A meeting place for local merchants and business owners or a sanctuary engulfed in covert operations? Joining is the only way to find out for sure.
New club has biblical proportions

Every Wednesday evening in the third floor lounge of the North Quad building 303, five female students sit on the floor, ignoring the couch behind them. It is the Women's Bible Study Group, though there is not a bible in sight. Instead the group draws from a stack of index cards with questions.

"We are a very little group but it is quality that counts," said Abby Michelsen, a Liberal Studies junior.

An energetic and talkative Michelsen joined the group last semester because "God has always been present in my life," she said.

Melissa Harper, who has long since graduated, formed the group in fall of 2005 but the group lives on thanks to Esther Rydzik. Rydzik, an SBS junior, takes the meeting and its purposes very seriously.

The brown haired Rydzik, a founding member of the group, said that the group started because "of interest during orientation day" last year. Since the group's initial draw, two more students have joined this semester.

"We are hoping for more," she added. To draw new members the group posted its meeting times and agendas for the next several weeks on the "Campus Activities" Web site.

The lounge is minimal, with a sole wooden table and single couch, but laughter, instigated mostly by the blonde Michelsen, fills the room with color and energy giving momentum to a 45-minute flowing conversation about the everyday occurrences students go through in their daily lives.

The meeting begins and ends in prayer and the distractions of people passing by continuously to use the stairs or elevator never diverts them from their meeting. Whether the dorm tenants are aware of what the students are doing or not, everyone is respectful. The index cards had questions written on them that each student answered.

"When was there a time that you were angry with God?" was written on the first index card.

One response recollected anger felt towards God upon the death of her grandmother. However, most of the conversations revolved around topics unrelated to God.

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candy-colored Castration

Viewers who already know that “hard candy” is an Internet idiom for an “under-aged girl,” will still not be prepared for the psychological hoax bestowed upon them in the shrewd thriller, “Hard Candy.”

The Internet and pedophilia have become synonymous sometime during our society’s recent and continual move into the age of wireless connection and infinite Web space. Hollywood reminds us of this plague over and over again in films such as the 2004 drama, “The Woodsman” and the 2003 documentary, “Capturing the Friedmans,” though some are actually great films, it’s becoming a bit plain to be reminded again and again that sick people like this really do exist.

David Slade’s and Brian Nelson’s debut feature film takes a completely different and much more round about approach to pedophilia in the age of cyberspace. “Hard Candy” is first and foremost, an edge-of-your-seat thriller that never tries calling itself a “social commentary.”

The film is loosely based on true accounts of Japanese schoolgirls who surf the Internet and attack men they find online who are seeking dates with underage girls.

The film opens with a series of provocative instant messages sent back and forth. The online dialogue ends with both parties, obviously strangers, agreeing to meet in person. We know nothing about either of them until they meet at their planned rendezvous, Nighthawks Diner.

Hayley (Ellen Page), a 14-year old schoolgirl (the viewer doesn’t learn her age until later), sits at the café’s counter indulging in chocolate treats. The slight, fair-skinned girl wears her black hair short and close to her head. Her overly tomboyish presence is attractively cute.

Jeff (Patrick Wilson), a handsome, 32-year old photographer, swoops in behind Haley just in time to clear a morsel of chocolate from the corner of her mouth.

An initial assessment of the blatant age difference is not a factor at this point. After all, Jeff is charming, good-looking, and seems to be successful, so “pedophile” isn’t a possible consideration. Hayley even tells Jeff, “You really just don’t look like kind of guy who needs to meet girls over the Internet.”

The two enjoy a cup of coffee and talk about who they are and what they do, but nothing beyond the surface or inappropriate. Hayley does tell Jeff in a jokingly serious manner, “Four out of five professionals say I’m insane.”

Jeff, obviously taken with the girl, decides it’s time to cut Hayley loose on account of her young age, but she persistently begs Jeff to let her go with him back to his home to listen to a rare CD he says he has.

Hayley seems to have walked into a possible inappropriate situation. We learn that Jeff shoots photos of erotic teen models that hug the illegal/artistic borderline; they hang all over the walls of his Hollywood Hills bachelor pad.

When he starts mixing drinks for the young girl we lose whatever trust we once had in Jeff and start to ponder whether he intended for innocent Hayley to end up exactly where she is. But it’s Haley who slips a “Mickey” into Jeff’s drink which sends him into a passed out oblivion. When he awakens tied to a chair, Hayley reveals that she had planned their whole meeting; she sought out Jeff and put out a bounty on him as an Internet predator. She says to Jeff that she is doing what she is doing to prevent any more children from being hurt by him.

But she insists that she will not kill him. Actually, Hayley’s intentions turn out to be much worse than death: an anesthesia free castration, in which she performs using a medical procedure book. She sets up a video camera pointed at Jeff’s scrotal area that plays through a connected television above Jeff’s head. This, according to Hayley will eliminate his sick urges.

While Jeff lays helpless with a bag of ice numbing his crotch in preparation for the operation, Hayley scours the house for Jeff’s “secret stash” of kiddie porn to help reiterate to herself that she is performing an act of justice.

Aside from the seemingly tasteless but legal photos splattered on the walls, there is still nothing that makes the viewer think that Jeff is actually a true pedophile, but the twist is brilliantly dim, and will leave you speechless after the unsettling conclusion.

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Smooth, sticky honey has been adding sensual flavor to love lives for centuries. In Ancient Greece, honey was thought to be the nectar of the gods and other ancient cultures have used honey to promote fertility and stamina.

Honey’s nutritional makeup may also contribute to its aphrodisiac associations.

According to Lee Ann Obringer at howstuffworks.com “Honey is rich in B vitamins (needed for testosterone production) as well as boron ([which] helps the body metabolize and use estrogen). Some studies have suggested that it may also enhance blood levels of testosterone.” Good nutrition can be associated to a good love life; honey has a high caloric count that helps sustain energy and also contains natural sugars that provide a boost of energy.

An alcoholic beverage made from honey called “mead” has been produced for centuries. Mead is a fermented concoction made of honey, water and yeast; it is still produced but not readily available at the local supermarket. This beverage was believed to carry the same aphrodisiac qualities associated with honey and subsequently this beverage is attributed to the term “Honeymoon”. This beverage was given to the bride and groom and consumed until the first new moon of their marriage, hence the word “Honeymoon.”

Honey is also a cheap way to spice up your love life. According to “Bee Culture Magazine” honey currently costs on average of $3.91 per pound.

Honey FYIs

Tips on prolonging your honey’s longevity provided by The National Honey Board

Store honey at room temperature. The Kitchen Counter or Pantry shelf will do just fine.

Storing honey in the refrigerator accelerates the honey’s crystallization.

Honey stored in sealed containers can remain stable for decades and even centuries, but for practical purposes shelf life is stated at 2 years.

If honey crystallizes, place jar in warm water until it becomes smooth again.
Bowling night to kick off homecoming week

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Imagine a once a month event with free admission, a laid back atmosphere where one can get a break from school work by hanging out with friends and playing their choice of bowling, air hockey or pool; while getting drinks from the bar all night. That event is the CSUMB's Intramural Bowling night, held at Monterey Lanes on Fremont Street in Monterey.

Figuring that bowling would be a fun activity for students since it requires no athletic ability; CSUMB Women's Basketball Head Coach Amber Magnier contacted the intramural program, who set up a deal with Monterey Lanes. With the intramural program picking up the tab, admission to CSUMB students is free as Monterey Lanes blocks off lanes and supplies students with shoes.

Beginning at 9 p.m., names are collected at the door until about 9:30 and if a person on the list doesn't show up, they lose their spot. With a maximum of six bowlers to a lane, students play two games for as long as they want as there is no time limit as to how long games last. "It depends on how fast you want to play your game and it can go until midnight," said Magnier.

However, since starting off strong, Magnier has noticed a slight drop off in interest of the event. "When it first started, a massive amount of people showed up," said Magnier. "Now, people sign up and don't even show."

Magnier is hopeful that through advertising and word of the mouth that more people will show up for the next bowling event, scheduled for Oct. 11, since it will be kicking off CSUMB's Homecoming week. "We are upping the sign up list from the usual 30 to 100 people and Monterey Lanes will be playing music, supplying pizza and using the black lights," said Magnier.

Senior business major and returning men's basketball forward Richard Jenkins added, "If someone has never been to bowling night, they can expect people laughing and having a great time. It's a chance to hang with friends and meet new people." Added teammate Juston Willis, "It's nice because you can challenge whoever you want to play and the music changes to hip hop right at 9 p.m. Normally, it's mostly students, so when your bowling, your surrounded by people who go to the school."

To get a spot reserved, students can sign up on the front door of the basketball office located inside the Otter Sports Center.

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RICHARD JENKINS, CSUMB MEN'S BASKETBALL
GRACE ON FIRE

I woke up the next morning aching. My entire body was sore from the day before. What I thought was going to be a calm activity turned out to be the most intense arm and back workouts I've ever had.

I visited Outdoor Recreation located on the Presidio of Monterey. The staff encouraged me to try one of their "adventures." Camping was first on my list of things to do but the staff hastily assured me I wouldn't be able to hang amongst the Presidio's finest military personnel. I thought long and hard about my hiking abilities and reluctantly decided to kayak and snorkel, something I've done before.

The day of the trip I lugged my kayak into the water. Once we made our final destination, Lover's Point, we would snorkel before heading back. I knew instantly this trip wasn’t going to be easy. Surrounded by strong-armed men, I set out into the deep blue.

My leisure kayak trip turned into an all out brawl for the finish line. I found myself in the midst of a speed kayaking race, knowing I would inevitably finish last. I'm not sure why we were going so fast but I wanted to slow down and take pictures of the beautiful scenery and sleeping otters. I tried to snap pictures while paddling to keep from getting left behind.

I ditched the kayak for the freezing cold water. I could hardly breathe in my skin tight wet suit. Snorkeling turned out to be a success once my body became numb to the cold. The excursion back consisted of my arms burning, sheer exhaustion and hunger pains overcome by the best view of Monterey sea life I've ever seen. Although I had unexpectedly joined a speed kayaking race, and lost, going for a second round wouldn't be so bad.

Outdoor Recreation is available to all CSUMB students, military personal and their families. It is the perfect place to get all the sports gear an outdoor enthusiast could ever need. They offer tons of adventures at super discounted prices.

Need a stove for camping? Boots for a snowboard or tickets to a Giants game? Outdoor Recreation pretty much has it all for a price that most college students could afford. If you can think of an activity, a place to go, or something outdoor related you may need, they assured me they have it at a discounted price.

I think Outdoor Recreation is an ideal spot for someone looking for a good time, just beware of who is on your "adventures" or you might not get exactly what you were looking or paying for. If nothing else you will get a stellar workout.

Sand castle magic performed in Carmel-by-the-sea

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Sand casts littered the beach on Sunday, Sept. 17 for the 45th Annual Great Sand Castle Contest held in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Carmel, known for beautiful weather, beaches and its clean atmosphere, is an accurate description of the contest's setting, held on the white sandy beach below Carmel Village.

"It doesn't get much better than hanging out on the beach under the beautiful sun building castles, barbequing, socializing and enjoying the amazing scenery," said Greg Montoya, a Santa Cruz local, who with a couple of his friends was building one of their own castles for the contest. From the contest's prime beach locale, views of waves were within reach; and a golf course, high-end shops and restaurants were all within walking distance.

The contest was free of charge and began at 8 a.m. The theme of this year's contest was "Pirates of Carmel." Many contestants came up with creative works that included: treasure chests, pirate face formations, shipwrecks, and "pie rats," a pie next to a rat. There were also castles with catchy phrases such as: "Yo-ho, Yo-ho a Carmel Life 4 me," which showed the local's love for Carmel.

Contestants were permitted to use sand to build the castles and any natural thing found on the beach such as seaweed, twigs and shells, to decorate. The event was family oriented; parents worked right beside their children.

The positive aura was induced by the weather, the views, the white sand and the overall friendliness of the people.

Hamburgers, glasses of wine and hello's were all generously offered and shared by all the contestants who gathered from all over the area including, Carmel, Monterey, Seaside, Apts and Salinas.

"This was a fantastic day at the beach," I brought some shorts, sunscreen, and

some good drinks and had an outstanding day," said Wyatt Meiggs, a CSUMB student in attendance.

The event organizers said this particular sand castle building event is one of the longest running in the world.

The event is co-sponsored by the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

PHOTO BY CHRIS BRUNETTI

-sports-
Cheerleading squad is back...and better than ever

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On Sept. 7 the CSUMB Cheerleaders held tryouts for the 2006-2007 season. To the surprise of the captains, fourth year HCOM major Sheena Staveley and second year ESSIP major James Bernard, there was an outstanding turnout. “We now have 13 new girls with a total of 26 on the squad; this is the largest team we have ever had in CSUMB cheer,” explained Staveley. The team now has five male cheerleaders including Bernard who stated, “Guys are here to strengthen the teams’ stunting and to add some diversity.” With such a large team, the season looks bright. “This is a great time for us to get involved with the college and to make an impression,” said Staveley. “I think that right now, the size of the team will have the biggest impact.”

The CSUMB cheerleaders will be cheering at the soccer games, including a homecoming routine, as well as cheering at the basketball games that start in Nov. They will be visible at the opening of the new softball field, organizing Late Night With Otters and Kelp Craze, a street fair with ethnic food and entertainment, and plan to be helping with sports like sailing, volleyball and cross-country.

“In the past people didn’t even know we existed or thought we were a joke. But this season, being involved with the college as a whole, people will know who we are,” remarked Staveley.

Many of the problems the cheer team had in the past were due to lack of money and commitment. Tami Laird, a forth year HCOM major and third year CSUMB cheerleader, explained that in the past, many did not stay on the team because they could not afford it. “Part of our problem is that we are a non-funded college team. We pay for everything ourselves with no help form the college, making it hard to find a coach and keep girls and guys on the team.” This season, there is still no coach but the team is in the process of looking for one.

Some of the teams’ improvements are due to a vigorous practice regimen. They hold practice twice a week for two hours, with stunting and tumbling practice once a week and every other Sunday. They also attended a United Cheerleaders Association cheer camp at the beginning of the semester to work on refining their cheer skills.

The teams’ plans are to work hard this semester and be very involved so that they can prepare to enter cheer competitions with other colleges next semester. “We are new and improved and ready to show CSUMB what we are made of,” stated Bernard.

Easier commuting with new bike path entrance on fifth street

Riding or walking the bike path is a great way to see different parts of the coastline that get overlooked while driving and the air is always fresh, blowing directly on-shore from the Bay.

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CSUMB cyclists will enjoy an easier commute from campus to Marina or Monterey this season. In early July 2006 an addition was made to the bike path (a cement path specifically for bicycle and pedestrian use that runs along the coast from north of Marina all the way south to Pacific Grove).

The addition is: a cement pathway that goes under Highway One where Fifth St. intersects, providing a safe way for cyclists to get to the other side of the highway where there never was before.

The addition eliminates the need for bicycle commuters to dangerously ride on the side of the Highway One freeway on-ramp, then carry or ride their bike through the brush to access the path like they had to in previous years. Besides being safer, the new Fifth St. access will cut a substantial amount of time off of one’s morning/evening commute. If stuck on campus without a car, the Fifth St. entrance to the bike path is a great way to explore the Monterey Peninsula.

It is roughly nine miles from campus to downtown Monterey, meaning it would take 20 minutes to an hour to get there, depending on your fitness level and bicycle. Riding or walking the bike path is a great way to see different parts of the coastline that get overlooked while driving and the air is always fresh, blowing directly on-shore from the Bay.
Injuries plague the 2006 soccer season

"We have had some quality chances to win games. We are playing hard and need to capitalize on the opportunities."

The win column may be empty so far this season for the CSUMB men’s and women’s soccer teams but it doesn’t reflect the amount of heart and passion both teams have shown despite being plagued with injuries to several players.

Specifically, the men’s team has lost eight players, including five starters, to injuries including staff infections, pulled hamstrings, quadriiceps and a broken leg. Among those injured have been sophomore forward Nate Torricelli, junior defensemen Jake True, senior forward Steven Masters and senior goalkeeper Matt Lege, who will have surgery on his face after being nailed with a knee that split his face along three inches.

The women’s team recently lost one of their key players when sophomore defensemen Elise Reid broke her fibula bone. Senior women’s goalkeeper Erika Ullfeder said of Reid’s injury, “It was a tough weekend without her but we have dedicated to playing the rest of the season for her.”

Despite the team’s winless records, both clubs remain positive that things will turn around. CSUMB Women’s Soccer Head Coach Erin Roberts explained that the team is still young, made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, and are not an easy team to beat. Women’s freshmen goalkeeper Jenya Jawad said the team is moving in a positive direction and is concentrating on their game so they can start to see results and feel good about all the hard work each lady has put in this season.

For the men, Head Coach Artie Cairel said, “We’re gaining experience and character despite the losses.” Freshmen defensemen Randy Rigali said, “We have had some quality chances to win games. We are playing hard and need to capitalize on the opportunities.” Added True, “The team is working together and is going to start winning more games in the future.”

![Soccer injuries, soccer woes.](photo by Evan Hatt)

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Golf teams drives into a new season

"Our team competition is tight, so every round I play must be solid.
Coach Paulson keeps us all on our toes to produce positive low rounds which will give us some more wins this year."

-BRIAN KECK

Four! It is that time of year again when the men’s intercollegiate golf team is hand chosen to play on the most pristine golf courses on the Monterey Peninsula, including Pebble Beach. Sixth year Head Coach Bill Paulson works his magic when choosing the team based on handicaps.

The basic handicap required to be on the team is a 2.4 index or lower, which translates to, averaging par of 70 through 73 strokes on selected courses, 18 holes per round.

“Coming off last year and having some of our guys win events, I feel very confident about our team this year,” said sophomore golfers Brian Keck. “Our team competition is tight, so every round I play must be solid. Coach Paulson keeps us all on our toes to produce positive low rounds which will give us some more wins this year.”

The Bayonet/Blackhorse Course is the home course for the Otters and is considered home to some of the greatest golf in the area. However, according to the Bayonet/Blackhorse Web site, for the 2006-07 golf season, “phase one of a multi-million dollar project of a 330 room, 4-Star Hotel, 25 Timeshares/Condos, 125 home sites and complete renovation of both golf courses has begun. Phase one consists of the complete renovation of holes one through nine of Bayonet and the construction of 30 Home sites.”

With construction going on, the team will need to be well aware of the mental capacity to “see right through the noise and other construction distractions.”

Along with Keck, the roster this year for the men’s golf team includes senior Nick Bell from Modesto; junior David Boyles from Morro Bay; senior Jonas Carlsvard from Sodertalji, Sweden; sophomore Grant Haney from Glendale; freshmen John Jackson from San Diego; sophomore Brian Keck from Sacramento; junior Kevin Noto from Gilroy; junior Daniel Rogits from Berlin, Germany; sophomore Ricky Stockton from Salinas and sophomore Brian Thompson from San Jose.

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Smitten with badminton

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I tossed the birdie into the air and as it fell my racket swooped up from an underhand swing. It went over the net, but only briefly before it was hit right back to me. Back and forth, back and forth, went the birdie. The rackets flew backhanded and underhanded; anything to hit that birdie. Then, it dropped. One point for the opponent.

Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm, the CSUMB gym is divided into two sections by a large net. On one side, there is intramural volleyball and on the other side is badminton. Badminton was first introduced to the intramural events during the 2001-2002 school year by new coach at the time, Amber Magner. It was soon dropped from the list due to a lack of participation. This semester, Coach Magner is giving the obscure sport a second chance. She is soon hoping to have flyers up around school about the intramurals but said, “Word of mouth is still the best.”

The game of badminton includes a racket, birdie, net and two to four players. The racket has a long handle, small net area and is very light. The birdie is cone shaped and looks like a bouncy ball with feathers. The birdie is what the players hit back and forth over the net, which is lower than a volleyball net but higher than a tennis court net. Each round ends once a player scores 10 points.

Due to the loss of badminton as an early intramural sport, all nets, rackets and birdies are still brand new. Unfortunately, the poles for the net are currently missing. In fact, the night I played, I had to wait as Coach Magner and an assistant unwrapped a new net and with great effort and enthusiasm, found a way to put it up. We ended up with two nets tied together, enabling two games to happen at once and more play time for everyone.

To play badminton all that is needed is a little hand-eye coordination, competent footwork and the willingness to try. It does not have to be an aggressive sport but it can be a good workout.

person on campus

What’s the most expensive article of clothing or accessory you own?

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Zach Kasow
Junior, SBS
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“My class ring from high school was $350, so that is definitely the most expensive.”

Lucas Siobal
Freshman, Music Tech
“My $50 Dickies jacket keeps me warm and it is aesthetically pleasing.”

Zoë Carter
Sophomore, Undecided
“That would be my $1800 MacBook; I love it. I don’t go anywhere without it.”

Sherise Onaka
Junior, Business
“My grandmother got me a Charles David purse. They’re about $300.”

Brandin Toliver
Freshman, SBS
“My tailor-made suit was $700. It’s dark blue three-piece with cuffs and I believe it’s made of silk.”