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In shadowy corners, all over the CSU Monterey Bay campus, remnants of the former Fort Ord have begun to accumulate, but these pieces of documented history are in need of a home. The Fort Ord Museum and Archive (FOMA) has plans to archive these pieces and a lot more.

In 1996, the Fort Ord Alumni Association was founded to "preserve and honor the history of Fort Ord and to support CSUMB students," according to their website. Now the Alumni Association has combined with the campus to form FOMA.

Along with a handful of faculty, staff and students, Dr. David Anderson, Chair of FOMA, has begun to collect and professionally curate special remnants of the military base's past.

Hidden across campus, in a variety of buildings, personal closets and garages are valuable artifacts that have been collected, including items such as sculptures, murals, shell casings, letters, and even whole doors.

Among the assortment is a large collection of books similar to yearbooks, which contain the names and photos of soldiers trained, their Commanding Officers, and action shots of their activities and leisure time.

"We know there's a lot of rich history here, and it is disappearing as it gets torn down and focused as a university," Anderson said. "We hope that someday it becomes a resource; an education center for the region."

Dennis Sun, FOMA photographer and Library Circulations Manager is passionate about the project and continues to preserve the base history through his photography and labor.

"It's important since Ford Ord has been such an influential part of the local community's history," Sun said. "There is over half a century of symbiotic relationship with this base and community."

Although the project has certainly seen progress since its formation, both Dr. Anderson and Sun agree that there are obstacles ahead.

"A big challenge right now is finding space to collect and preserve materials," Anderson said. "The cost of renovating is enormous and finding resources to upgrade space is hard."

Sun also recognizes another challenge they face; the lack of a permanent team to work on the project. "We don't have a group specifically here for the support of FOMA," Sun said. He also added that current volunteers see this task as a labor of love.

FOMA was recently awarded a $14,000 "historic preservation grant" by the Community Foundation of Monterey County, which Dr. Anderson said will be used to help create the much needed facility.
CAUTION: Construction Continues

Mary Freeman Staff Reporter

This upcoming semester, members of the CSU Monterey Bay community can expect business as usual with four distinct, ongoing construction projects.

This construction is just another aspect of CSUMB’s “master plan” to transition from a small, young campus into a well-established, large community that is able to accommodate a growing number of students.

Anyone visiting the CSUMB campus will notice the construction of the 136,151 square feet, multi-level building, located diagonally from the Chapman Science Academic Center on Fifth Avenue and Divarty Street.

The large structure is the greatly anticipated Tanimura-Antle Library. The library has a projected completion date of Sept. 2008.

Located south of the library will be a new walkway edition. Named for its shape, The Crescent will function as a border near the meadow and will serve as a landscaped transition into the natural environment.

The campus construction will also continue on the new softball and baseball fields. Fans of athletics and sports will be excited to know that according to campus architect Kathleen Ventimiglia there are still a few more “fixes,” but students can expect to see the softball/baseball fields and the field house opened around the end of Sept.

This will finally allow CSUMB to have home games on campus.

Construction will also continue in the improvements of landscaped areas and dormitories, which will close vital campus roads.

“It’s so hard to get used to driving a certain route and then having to change it every time a road on campus closes,” said senior HCOM major Jay Punkar, “But I understand that it will only make our campus better.”

As a part of a utilities improvement project Divarty Street and part of General Jim Moore Blvd. are closed and will be followed by closures of Fifth Street and then finally Inter-garrison Blvd.

Also, those who remember last winter’s demolition of dorm 207 can expect a similar process in the upcoming destruction of Divarty Street’s dorm 209, and four other wooden structures located on third Street. Currently the projects are in an abatement period, but as soon as certain insurance issues are resolved the demolition will proceed.

Those interested in the continuing construction should take the initiative to keep themselves posted on changes and detours at the “You Need To Know” section of FirstClass. According to Ventimiglia, “you’d be amazed how many people just ignore it and think they can drive straight through, around [the construction].”

With campus construction becoming a part of CSUMB vernacular, Ventimiglia reminds us that, “it’s a slight inconvenience for now, but in the long run it’s just the process of growing and improving on what we have here to make the campus look better and function better.”

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Wii Console Proves Worth the Wait

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From Pong to Ms. Packman and original Nintendo to XBOX, the video game world has gone through many changes; most recently the Nintendo Wii has taken over as the hot new console to have.

For those who don’t have access to a Wii or have been living under a rock for the last year, the vast complexity of this machine is astonishing.

Not only does it play video games like Zelda, Tiger Woods PGA Tour and Rayman Raving Rabbids, but the Wii allows users to organize personal photos, check the weather and news and have access to the World Wide Web.

With features like these, it’s no wonder finding a Wii to buy might be more difficult than one might think.

“I tried for a week and a half, calling seven different places until I found one,” said Sam Myers, junior CSU Monterey Bay TAT major.

Retailers like Best Buy, Circuit City, and EB Games carry the console, games and the many accessories but they rarely know when they will get a shipment in until very soon before it hits the shelves.

“We usually know we are getting a shipment only one day ahead of time,” said Seaside’s EB Games manager, Aaron Cranson. “It’s on a first come, first serve basis, those who walk in when we have some get lucky.”

Cranson has witnessed many crazy incidents involving the Wii. One person he dealt with spent over $1000 in one visit on Wii products. It’s not only kids that are into these games either.

“Most of the people I see are parents buying for themselves and their kids,” said Cranson. “It’s so interactive, making it different than the other consoles.”

Those still looking to find a Wii are encouraged to get to retailers right when they first open for the day.

Calling the stores is a start but by the time a store has them in stock, they are already gone; which could be part of Nintendo’s grand scheme.

“I was more stoked when I finally got my Wii because I waited so long to get it,” added Myers, who has owned a half dozen other consoles.

While the Wii involves many interactive qualities, this might be at the expense of cutting edge graphics like that of the XBOX 360 and Playstation 3. With this said, the cost of the Wii is about half of the other two.

For more information about the Wii, including tech support, software updates and uploaded videos from Wii users, check wii.com.

Buying off the internet is another option by visiting, buy-wii-online.com, which gives availability and prices for many retailers like Amazon, E-bay and Wal-mart. The console runs around $250 and games go for around $50 a piece.
Summer vacation is rapidly coming to an end and it is time to start planning the next academic year. But whether ready to face school or not, CSU Monterey Bay always has different academic and social programs that can help students get involved.

The Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC), formally Lower Division Advising (LDA), is always ready to help any CSUMB student who walks through their doors. The UAC is located in building 44 and helps who are not quite ready to jump into their major, with their advising.

The Student Support Services (SSS) is located in the first floor of building 47 and is one of the programs that has helped many first-generation and low-income students. Jesus Clemente, Retention Advisor for the SSS program said that “the goals of SSS are to assist students achieve their maximum potential [by] exposing them to social and cultural events that enrich their lives.”

If Clemente is busy with one of the 160 students that SSS serves, there are also peer advisors that are assigned caseloads of students. Clemente said that “advisors are trained as paraprofessionals, acting as professionals so [that] when students come into the office to see a peer advisor, they can find that they are dealing with peers and professionals.”

Their main focus is to help students with their 2-year plan and all undergraduate work. After the SSS advisor guides the students, they are then encouraged to talk to their major advisors for additional help.

Also on the first floor of building 47 is the Migrant Student Support Services (MSSS). The MSSS program was brought back to CSUMB after two years of not being funded. Carrie Gonzalez Lujan, temporary advisor for MSSS said, “MSSS provides services to students with a migrant background. We also provide a support network.”

For a non-academic experience, the Adventure Connections has a calendar full of activities that students can participate in such as hiking, surfing, and snowboarding. Even though these activities cost money, the excitement of participating is priceless.

Caitlyn Lombard, a kinesiology major has utilized Adventure Connections in the past and “went surfing once and it was cheap and easy to get everything I needed.” The activities can take away stress classes, midterms or life.

Students can also start their own club on campus with a minimum of eight people. The Student Activities office located in building 8 has more information on starting and joining clubs. Students can also stay involved by applying for an on campus job in building 44.
From Gunshells to Seashells

Reuse Plan Brings New Life to Dunes

Appearing untouched and unadulterated, the sandy dunes sitting along the coastline of the former Fort Ord Military base are scheduled to soon become the Fort Ord Dunes State Park.

The new Fort Ord Dunes State Park will consist of four miles of coastline and rolling dunes, an area that the military had used as a small arms range during the time the base was open and fully operational.

“Don’t have a definite date,” said Ken Gray, a state parks planner in Monterey. “We are now just waiting for the federal government to turn it over to the state, then it’s a go.”

According to Gray the conversion of the former arms range into a state park has been approximately a 17 year process, but the plan had not been officially decided until the passing of the Fort Ord reuse plan in 1997.

“I foresee the transferring of the land from federal to state within six months, yet you never can be sure,” said Gray.

The initial plans do consist of a parking lot with approximately 55 spaces, and designated trails leading through the dunes to lookout points and the sandy beach below.

Vehicles will be restricted to the stretch of road between Eighth Street and the parking lot. Bicyclists and walkers will have access to all trails and the beach.

“The initial plans for this state park do not include campgrounds or day-use facilities, yet eventually we hope to see that existing upon this site,” Gray said.

Designated trails serve to assist in preserving the dune habitat.

Once opened, the new state park will serve as an easily accessible beach for CSU Monterey Bay students and the surrounding community. Currently CSUMB students have to travel beyond the Fort Ord area to reach the beach, which means a trip in a gas guzzling vehicle.
MARINA GEARS UP FOR NEW BIKE PATH

Promotion of bicycling has been a main aim for the County of Monterey for years in an effort to decrease pollution and to promote healthy living of its inhabitants.

The newly restored bike path built upon Fort Ord is just one more example of this commitment.

Bordering Highway 1, stretching from the underpass near Fifth Street, down to the future University Villages along Imjin Parkway, lies the newly renovated bike path.

The bike path consists of smooth asphalt, light posts and a dotted yellow line to separate the two lanes of travel for fast movers.

According to the City of Marina, the renovation was a collaborative effort by the Monterey Regional Unified Air Pollution District, TAMC and the City of Marina. The renovation plan became a reality at the cost of $320,000.

The path, after going underneath the highway, connects to the already existing bike trail that runs the from Marina down through Monterey and into Pacific Grove.

"It’s great for the people who utilize their bikes to get around," said CSU Monterey Bay Business Major Wyatt Meiggs. "It also impresses me how this area is willing to invest in a project that promotes bicycle use and provides safety for its users, for example the lights."

Bicyclists coming northbound from Seaside will now have easy access to the long awaited University Village shopping center and to CSUMB; even if it happens to not be during night time hours.

For more information on the bike path visit the city of Marina’s website at ci.marina.ca.us.
Justice For Alberto

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"What are we raffling today Deb," asked HCOM professor Rina Benmayor.

"Nothing, we don't even need to do those," laughed HCOM professor Deb Busman as they continued to pass out the red carnival tickets for the suggested donation of $5.

The donations they collected at the Justice for Tovar Benefit Concert held at the Of' Factory Café in Sand City raised just over a $1,000 for recent Humanities and Communication graduate Alberto Tovar.

For someone that has been described as apolitical and quiet, Tovar is mired in a huge political debate. He was arrested June 24 at the Salinas Sports Complex, while at the Dia de la Familia celebration with his girlfriend and her little brother.

Alberto saw a Marine recruiter handing out pamphlets to children that were well under 18, the legal age for enlistment.

Alberto's senior capstone was about Counter Military Recruitment and it explored ways in which recruiters over glorified and under horrified the realities of military life.

When he saw the recruiter handing out the material to the children, he became upset and confronted them. He has since been charged with possession of a deadly weapon, as well as drunk and disorderly conduct.

During the process Tovar never submitted to a breathalyzer nor did he submit a blood sample. At the time of his arrest, he was wearing a spiky bracelet, made fashionable by punk bands such as The Sex Pistols, Thursday and Green Day. Due to his fashion tastes, he is now being charged with possession of a deadly weapon.

Tovar also has the support of Manuel Bersamin, the current Mayor of Watsonville.

In a written statement, Bersamin wrote, "I do not believe that Alberto defied any law enforcement officers in the incident that happened." He also wrote "I respectfully ask the judge to dismiss this case or to act with mercy in this unique situation."

Tovar's capstone consisted of a small poll where Tovar managed to create a survey that was filled out by 47 students at Alisal and Alvarez High schools in Salinas. According to his Capstone, 37 students had similar stories, "they all said the recruiters would either explain all the benefits the military has to offer or how they would get money for college."

Tovar also said that the recruiters failed to mention that they could possibly go to war. There were also instances where recruiters had told enlistees that they would qualify for citizenship sooner, which for one veteran, has not materialized four years after his active service ended.

"I am not against the military," Tovar said in an email. "I am really against the methods used to lure people into the military and the way people are treated."

He entered a not guilty plea through his lawyer, Miguel Hernandez, on July 20 and he is awaiting trial on Aug. 24.

For anyone interested in making a donation to the Alberto Tovar defense fund, email Alberto at Alberto_Tovar@csumb.edu.
Communal Living: The Good, the Bad and the Messy

For the 60 percent of CSU Monterey Bay students living on campus, this is incredibly convenient, but it is also an experiment in figuring out how to live with dirty bathrooms, scary roommates, and creative cooking arrangements.

Housing options include dormitories, suites, apartments, and houses. Regardless of which option a student chooses, they are able to enjoy free internet and cable access, close proximity to the school, the beauty of living a mile from the coast, and the thrill of living on a so obviously haunted campus.

A problem that all housing options share is that living anywhere except for the top floor expect to hear a herd of elephants crossing above any time upstairs neighbors decide to move around.

Where these options differ is where things really get interesting.

As it should be, dorms are the lowest ranking residence on the totem pole of housing at CSUMB. While they still retain most of the benefits of living on campus, such as being able to walk easily to class after a heavy night of partying, dorm residents must live in fear of Residential Advisors, life without elevators and random destruction of televisions and ceilings via mops.

*PHOTO PROVIDED*

"The walls are too white... and you wonder why they say they provide you a kitchen when only half of the cooking gadgets work, if you are lucky," said Fran Tuttle, a former dorm resident.

Life in the North Quad Suites is not so bad. With the exception of the occasional fire alarm, it’s basically dead at night, so if studying and sleeping are on your list of priorities, this is definitely the place for you. Unfortunately, the kitchen scene is still semi-lacking in buildings 302 and 303.

"One of the major disadvantages is the inability to easily make your own food in your own room. George Foreman’s are not allowed... it’s difficult if you want to bake a frozen pizza or make spaghetti," said Dietrich Struble, a former dorm and North Quad Suites resident.

As far as bathrooms go Tuttle said they, “will always seem dirty, no matter how much you clean them, but it helps to spruce it up with rugs and lots of wall decorations.”

Dietrich offers up some advice for truly utilizing and enjoying you’re bathroom experience, “Those whom enjoy inhaling combusted plants should use the bathroom, because the fan makes sure that nothing escapes.”

East Campus housing, located in the desert-like barren wasteland 5 miles off campus, is an oasis of freedom, privacy, and the occasional party. Here students can actually stand a chance at having something to do after midnight.

It seems like it’s every students dream, that once they pass their fifth or sixth year at CSUMB they too might make it to Frederick Park. The only real problem with the East Campus is that it is set up so that parking is virtually impossible without having to pay a huge fine.

Regardless of parking, East Campus housing seems to have it all. “They are cheap and conveniently close to school, and have all utilities included in the rent,” said Nichole Piazza, former East Campus resident.

As Piazza put it, “If it wasn’t for the family housing, I would never be able to go to school.”

All in all, any student that has visited another campus’ housing knows that CSUMB’s is better than most, regardless of the ghosts, scary RA’s, and dirty bathrooms.
Thursday, August 16

Third Thursday at The Monterey Museum of Art
Freel 559 Pacific St., Monterey. 5-7pm

Every month the MMA hosts a free event, fitting nicely into the strapped student budget. Enjoy the laid back atmosphere while sipping Blackstone winery wine, munching on goodies by Moveable Feast and checking out the current displays. Don't miss out on the Henri Matisse Jazz display and the Scene of the Old West, selections from Ralph K. Davies. For more info check montereyart.org.

Peter Pan at the Outdoor Forest Theater
$10 with student I.D. Carmel. 622-0100. 7:30pm

Returning to the Forest Theater after a five year absence, is the classic story of a boy who just won't grow up. Adapted from the book by Sir James M. Barrie and set to a musical score, the land of Never Never Land, lost boys and Captain Hook is as real as ever. Bring a blanket and enjoy a hot beverage while watching the flying effects and captivating performance of J.T. Holmstrom as Hook. August 16 is the first showing and it runs through September 23. For ticket information visit pacrep.org.

Tony Miles at The Del Monte Center
$10 donation Monterey 5:30-8:30pm

Continuing the 11th annual musical marketplace series is entertainer Tony Miles, the "one-man reggae band". Guzzle quality wines, listen to some seriously rocking beats and nibble at culinary goodness from Del Monte Center Restaurants. Tonight's proceeds benefit the Dance Kids program.

71st Annual Monterey County Fair
$8 Entire Monterey
Fairgrounds Noon-10pm

This is one of the oldest running events in Monterey and it continues the celebration through this weekend. Country star Pam Tillis entertains crowds at 7:30pm presented by KTOM 92.7. A wine tasting event also headlines today's festivities with all the other fair goodness like gooey foods and the assorted farm animals. The fair ends Sun. Aug. 19.

Friday, August 17

Johnny Wadd and The Stiff Sheets at Monterey Live
$5 (21 and over) 301 Alvarado St., Monterey. 9:00pm

The name says it all. This band means business, the kind that involves rocking instruments like a stand-up bass, washboard and the cowbell. A mix of genres with influences including Johnny Cash, Jason and The Scorchers and Old 97's and The Blasters, has this band appealing to all music addicts.

The Western Stage Presents "Nickle and Dimed"
375-2111 for tickets. 156 Homestead, Hartnell College 8:00pm at the Studio Theater

This stage adaptation by Joan Holden from Barbara Ehrenreich's bestselling novel joins convincing humor with the status of minimum wage in America today. This play proves useful for one who might find "Nickle and Dimed" required reading material for a CSUMB course.

Saturday, August 18

Rad Movie Double Feature at The Golden State Theatre
$8 417 Alvarado St., Monterey. 7pm

Spinal Tap meets A Mighty Wind in this perfect pairing of two absolutely hilarious music/movie motion pictures. Rock and Folk music fans, don't be put off by the mocking style, these fake documentaries pack a real comedic punch.

Sunday, August 19

Macbeth at the Circle Theater
$10 Casanova Street between 8th and 9th Ave., Carmel. 7:30pm

Shakespeare is always celebrated in Carmel and this year is no different. This years haunting tale blends bloody daggers, nasty witches and ghoulish creatures all pestering the title character in this intimate theater setting.

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
Corner of Ondulando Rd and Stevenson Dr., Pebble Beach. 8am-6pm

It's been going on all weekend but today marks the last day of this cartastic extravaganza. Most of the events at the resort are pretty pricey but there are alternative ways to see these classic cars and the goodies that come inside them. The Pebble Beach RetroAuto is in its third year and auto enthusiasts shouldn't miss it. Head down to the pedestrian entrance of the Concours and check out the many vendors from the automotive industry bringing historic automobile artifacts, parts, fine arts, photography, posters and luxury items to accompany any motorist lifestyle.
You Here

Excerpts From This Otters Black Book

Tuesday, August 21

Monterey Farmers Market
Alvarado St., Monterey. 4-7pm
The streets are lined with vendors selling fruit, vegetables and almost anything else you can think of. The big grocery stores are few and far between in this area so maximize this time to get some fresh foods. Don't forget to stop and tip the guy playing tunes on his banjo. Quality happy hours can be found at spots like the Mucky Duck and Peter B's. Mingle through the crowds and enjoy this year-round Monterey event.

Wednesday, August 22

Open Mic night at East Village Coffee Lounge
$3 Monterey. 8pm.
This weekly poetry slam and open mic night showcases local talent and is free for participants. Share in others happiness and pain through the spoken word medium. Grab a yummy coffee drink or scrumptious baked goodie while the artists do their thing.

Rock Bands at Monterey Live
$5. 301 Alvarado St, Monterey. 8:30pm
Monterey Live keeps scheduling quality bands and the people keep showing up. Tonight three bands, Hate For State, Albatross Kneck and Give Her the Gun take the stage. Hate For State has been playing shows up and down Calif, and brings their loud riffs and fast words to a Monterey crowd tonight.

Thursday, August 23

Drink Specials in Downtown Monterey
Three local bars host drink specials tonight that can't be missed. Club Octane features dollar well drinks from 9-11pm with two rooms playing music from hip hop to techno. The Mucky Duck features $2 Sierra Nevada beers with an outside patio dance floor that's usually packed. The last stop on the college pub crawl is Doc Rickett's Lab with $2 drafts and well drinks from 7-11pm.

Friday, August 24

Rock Wars Finale at the Lava Lounge
Free! Inside Club Octane. 9pm
It's been going on since the beginning of July and its finale commences tonight with an old fashion rock off. Every Friday bands have been working their instruments in hopes to be named this year's winner. Tonight's feature bands Cylinder, Bull Sessions and Mnemonic Devise all go it for the same prize.

Saturday, August 25

Mick Beck and The Bohemian Saints at East Village Coffee Lounge
498 Washington St., Monterey. 8-9pm
Local powerhouse Mike Beck and Tom Ayres come together for a night filled with some great music. This local hot spot features beer and wine to accompany this night filled with some of the best the county has to offer.

Matisyahu at the Catalyst
$35 1011 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz. 8pm (doors open); 9pm show starts
Sometimes an Otter has to get out of the Bay and see what the rest of the coast has to offer. Tonight is no exception with the progressive reggae sounds of Matisyahu accompanied by Blue Scholars. Matisyahu has been on the road touring, spreading his message to crowds along the way. Tonight he will make his mark on a lucky central coast audience.

Sunday, August 26

My Fair Lady at Golden State Theatre
$8 Alvarado St, Monterey. 2pm and 7pm
Ladies and gentlemen, who get dragged there, celebrate this last night of freedom from school watching Audrey Hepburn in this academy award winning musical. Like so many other movie classics, the plot centers on a bet to make someone what they're not. Don't forget to admire the breathtaking costumes in this story about faking it.

Wednesday, August 29

The First Tee Open at Pebble Beach
Free through Thursday; $30 Fri-Sun each day. 2400 Portola Rd, Pebble Beach. 7am-7pm
Today marks the first practice round of this annual golf affair. The event pairs one junior, one pro and two amateurs; making 78 foursomes ready to swing the irons for a good cause. Professionals Fuzzy Zoeller, Tom Watson and Nick Price are just some of the pros ready to tee it up. Tickets for Friday, Saturday and Sunday are $30 at the gate. For all the information about the event go to thefirstteepb.com.

Monterey Bay Reggae Fest
$25 today; $75 all weekend; Monterey Bay Fairgrounds. Fri 3-10pm; Sat/Sun 11am-10pm
Labor Day is a lot funkier with the sounds of artists from all over the globe. Relax after the first week of school with friends and enjoy the music playing all weekend. Tonight features legendary artist Kingston born Eek A Mouse performing his roots reggae music. The festival runs through the weekend and do not miss Barrington Levy tomorrow singing crowd favorites like Too Experienced, Black Rose and Under Mi Sensi. For a full list of artists stop by mbayreggafest.net.
Recently I traveled alone to Paris, France as a summer vacation to visit my cousin, who currently lives there. I had nine days and 300 euros to see museums, eat French food, shop and take in the French culture.

After arriving into Paris the most cost efficient way of getting around is by the metropolitan. A one-way ticket inside Paris runs at about 1,40 euros, however, for a week or longer it is better to purchase a five day pass for 26,65 euros. More information on prices for the Paris metro can be found at http://www.bootsnall.com/europetravelguides/paris/may02metro.shtml\#top.

While the metro is underground and not visible from the outside, it is an excellent way to grasp French culture.

For the traveling student on a budget, 26 years and younger are considered to be youth and receive discounted tickets for a lot of museums and famous sites and 18 years and under are free. Students (or 26 and younger) receive a discount of three to four euros off of entry fees.

The best way to save money and see the attractions is during free nights. Cathedrals are all free for visitors. The Louvre is free every first Sunday of the month, and on Friday and Wednesday nights for youth.

Pariscope Magazine shows all of the exciting happenings in Paris for the week and explains what events are free. During the summer months there are a lot of festivals and celebrations which are free or inexpensive for people as well.

Eating on a budget is not as hard as I originally thought. Traveling with a local is helpful and the experience showed me the best money saving tips.

First, it is best to buy food from the markets and little sandwich shops. A baguette sandwich and drink is about five euros, and is healthy. While cafés are fun and fancy, it can get expensive. However, it is important to experience eating a café croissant and coffee.

Shopping boutiques are a good way of purchasing less expensive clothes and shoes, and allowed me to buy more than I could have if I shopped larger stores on the fashion avenues.

What are some must sees?
One should not leave Paris without viewing the Mona Lisa and the Madonna on the Rocks at the Louvre.

The beautiful architecture, gardens and history of Versailles also can not be missed.

The Notre Dame is of course a must see. Chills run down the spine as one views the personal detail within and outside of the church. Even feeding the small birds cookies by hand on the bushes outside of the church is an amazing experience.

The largest hill in Paris, Montmartre, may be hard to climb, but the views of Paris, Sacre Coeur and Painter’s Square are amazing.

Lastly, one must visit the best view of Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower, especially at night. Here, the lights of the entire city look like jewels, and the city of romance comes to life.
No more Quidditch tournaments between Gryffindor and Slytherin house. No more witty banter between Ron and Hermione. No more about “the boy who lived” period.

This was the sickening truth and it drove Harry Potter fans mad. From his birth on pages in 1998 to his bittersweet end, flying off shelves starting July 21, the geeky, glasses wearing hero rode his broom through the hearts of both children and adults alike.

In the visually numbing society filled with reality television and plastic surgery, this children’s literature series emerged above the rest, turning illiterate into literate; opening the imagination of millions to a wizardry world capable of endless possibilities.

The first six books in J.K. Rowling’s Potter series have collectively sold 325 million copies, making her the highest earning novelist in literary history.

Impressive statistics, and this doesn’t include the movies and merchandising money that goes along with the pop culture conglomerate.

The seventh installment, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” pits our underdog hero one last time against his nemesis Lord Voldemort, in the last 784 pages that readers devoured about the boy with the lightening bolt scar.

The timely debut of the fifth book turned movie, “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” on July 11 wet the Potter pallet for many followers, making the release of the seventh book even more significant.

For previous Potter books, people pre-ordered from retailers like Borders and Barnes and Noble who hosted book parties in celebration of the midnight release. Activities like costume and trivia contests were just some of the entertainment waiting for those who attended the Potter party for the last time.

“It’s always fun for both kids and adults,” said Borders employee Connie Kennedy. She hasn’t seen a series quite like this before in her 20 years experience working with books.

“It’s sad,” continued Kennedy. “(Harry Potter) got kids back to reading.” Not only did Potter get kids back to reading but it opened the door for other authors.

Kennedy works in the children’s literature section at Borders and has noticed a huge surge in children’s books and more specifically books featuring mythically themes.

But it’s not the same. It’s not about Potter and his gang from the Hogwarts School of Magic and Wizardry.

The seventh book’s pre-ordered sales for both Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble have already exceeded a million each; a small drop in the “Deathly Hallows” bucket.

It is the largest first printing of any book with 12 million copies, a smart move by publishers, making this a “major literary event,” according to Jeanne McCombs of the Monterey County Library.

With 24-years of library experience she confirmed, “there has never been a book like this.”

McCombs credited the positive themes woven throughout the series for its success. “There are so many good messages,” said McCombs, “its keeping kids engaged during a time when their usually not.”

It’s hard not to see the Potter praise if you watch television or shop. From chess sets to briefcases and candleholders to clocks, every corner of the market has been Potterized.

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So maybe Cioppino is not French, nor is tempura, but that is OK because neither is Chef Hisayuki “Max” Muramatsu. In fact, if you call him a chef he might stop you and tell you that he is a player.

He’s not a player like Wilt Chamberlain or Snoop. He’s a player in the sense that he makes everything in his restaurant from the ciabatta, and lamb shanks to the mango mousse cake and he truly enjoys it.

The Tokyo born Max got his first taste for French food and wine when he worked at Maxim’s of Paris’ branch in Tokyo. The famously hedonistic establishment also gave him the opportunity to establish a reputation that named him Tokyo’s best chef twice in the 1980’s.

The charismatic player sometimes comes out from the back to talk to and greet guests in what can only be described as a personal style that combines the finer points of Japanese, English and lots of delicious food.

“I move to Monterey because it has the best,” he said eagerly.

“We have freshest produce in Salinas,” he said with a finger pointed towards the Valley.

“We have freshest seafood,” he said now looking over towards the bay, even though we were inside his kitchen.

The sunset menu features some of the dinners at a slightly reduced price, $14.95, and includes either the soup of the day or a salad.

The soup of the day that day was a mushroom and port soup. The port, a wine that can be made from over 80 different grapes and fortified with brandy, added a velvety consistency to a hearty and otherwise creamy soup.

The butternut squash and mozzarella stuffed ravioli came with a tomato butter sauce that was creamy, rich and somewhat like a mild and well-done tomato bisque.

CSU Monterey Bay student and steak lover Nick Devours said of the bistro fillet, “It was the best steak I’ve had from a restaurant,” quickly and firmly followed by, “and I’ve had a lot of steak from a lot of restaurants.”

The meat was buttery, tender and seemed to melt when eaten. It came with a mustard sauce that Devours said, “simply tastes like delicious.”

“I want my French food to taste French,” said Max while he was piping lady fingers onto a baking sheet. He tries to keep each ethnicity’s food true to its roots and does not try to blend the flavors.

“My Japanese tastes Japanese,” he quickly and proudly added. Max prides himself on desserts such as baked brie, crème brulée and mousse. The mango mousse cake is remarkably creamy and smooth. It also came with a slightly crispy lady finger crust that offered a nice texture contrast. Although deluxe, the $5.95 price tag for the desserts had us shying away.

With over 50 wines, Max’s Grill can handle it; whether it is a dinner date or a place to go with the parents, the experience speaks for itself.
Thinking Beyond the White Space

An introverted and reserved man from Lucia, Calif., Dan Cronin exudes the epitome of an artist, something he’s more than comfortable with. Fascinated with art since he was a young boy, he now pursues art much more seriously and currently he has an exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art.

"They say you don’t choose to become and artist, but are chosen," Cronin said, "that’s how it was for me."

Raised on the East Coast, Cronin came to Calif. in 2005 to further dedicate himself to his art. He describes himself as a spiritual man, and he relies on his "inner life" for inspiration.

"I’m usually not afraid to confront situations, good or bad, and a lot of times that’s where I get my motivation from." Cronin said.

In 2006, Cronin held the first public display of his work in Pacific Grove, a show which he describes as being overtly “cathartic.” He admits being unprepared for the emotional reaction he received from the public, something he tried to avoid with the new exhibit.

In his new series Cronin decided to go in a new direction utilizing only basic geometric forms, specifically the sphere. With the exception of one piece in the entire series, Cronin chose to work only with a flat white color, a decision, he says, he struggled with many sleepless nights.

"I knew that the material was speaking for itself, and if I added any color at all it would add to the story." Cronin said. "I wanted to keep the purity of the sculptural form without analyzing or interpreting."

Aaron Peterson, ISSM senior and art enthusiast was caught off-guard by the abstract pieces he found within the collection.

"It is a really unique exhibit. The entire series flows, but each piece is even more different than the last," said Peterson. "They’re not sculptures in the traditional sense; they’re very distinctive."

Helaine Glick, Curatorial Assistant for the Monterey Museum of Art loves the installation and believes Cronin’s use of spheres and minimal color was a very brave decision.

"Because they’re on the wall they seem like paintings, but they’re definitely sculptures." Glick said. "It’s different than anything I’ve seen before, here or anywhere."

Inside the exhibit the dimensions of each piece combined with the frost white color can be overwhelming, but only seconds later the intricacy of the series is revealed. For many of the pieces further interpretation can be difficult, an intentional move by the artist to avoid oversimplification.

"Once people compartmentalize art they can dismiss it." Cronin said. "I wanted people to stop from doing that, and just go deeper."

Dan Cronin describes his art as extremely personal, nothing short of "intimate self portraits of different aspects of life." His new series is on display at the Monterey Museum of Art through September 26 and it is a true reflection of his own life’s peace and contemplation.
Just because school is not in session does not mean CSU Monterey Bay athletes take the summer off. From tournaments to summer leagues, these Otters play all year round.

CSUMB baseball players are participating in a number of summer leagues around the US. One CSUMB standout, Dan Barras, played for the Monterey Bay Sox and was able to stay close to school and the infamous summer fog.

Others traveled as far as Hawaii for their summer baseball season that keeps them conditioned during the off-season.

Baseball players were not the only ones staying active over the summer. The men’s golf team has more than one individual frequenting the driving range this summer.

Newcomer Billy Moon’s stroke has been heating up the summer, along with returning Otter and Salinas native Ricky Stockton.

This will be Moon’s first year at CSUMB but he has already made an impression on the area. Winning the Salinas City Amateur and the Tulare County Amateur prepares this new Otter for his season to come.

His teammate, Stockton, red-shirted last year but has not stayed away from the golf course.

“I actually beat him in the finals,” said Moon about his win over Stockton at the Salinas City Amateur. “He wasn’t too happy because that’s like his home course.”

Both are part of the Northern California Golf Association and both will be golfers to watch for in the upcoming golf season.

One CSUMB team that practiced together this summer was the Women’s Volleyball team. The annual Hawaii-Hilo tournament will kick off the girls’ season on August 24 with their new interim head coach Jody Garry.

School will soon be in full swing and more then just CSUMB athletes need to let off some steam. The university offers many intramural sports that are not only free for students but are also a great way to meet other students.

Indoor soccer and volleyball will mix with basketball at the Otter Sports Center during the course of the Fall semester.

“Basketball was fun; there was quite a few people watching,” said ISSM major Ronald Odunikan, who has participated in the intramural soccer as well.

Occasional bowling nights at Monterey Lanes are also a part of the intramural sports providing fun off campus.

The first 30 students get two games and shoes free and it is another great way to mingle with fellow Otters.

In addition to intramural sports, the aquatic center, drop-in fitness, sports clubs and outdoor recreation offer a number of ways to stay fit and interact within the campus community in the upcoming semester.

For more information regarding intramural sports contact 582-4646 or stop by...
An Oasis Away From Civilization

Elliott Singer, News Editor

Arroyo Seco is a place where high jumps, warm water and seemingly endless supply of crawdads are a reality.

Arroyo Seco can be an oasis away from civilization and the throngs that congregate at Big Sur hotspots such as the Big Sur River Gorge and Andrew Molera, the water is also deeper. The Gorge at Big Sur River has had a record year for accidents, with one fatality and several injuries due mostly to a particularly dry year and shallow water.

Arroyo Seco has pools that are so deep that a diver can't touch the bottom without fins or special equipment.

A potential jumper should always check their landing before plunging off anything and know not to accept every dare to go higher than before.

"Arroyo Seco? That place is bad ass!" exclaimed an excited Stephen Davenport, CSU-Monterey Bay Earth Systems Science Policy senior. He says that there are, "friendly people and a lot of tourists, (but) not a lot of locals" at the park.

A relatively short trip down Highway 101 towards Greenfield and down Arroyo Seco Road, past the acres of rolling vineyards takes travelers to the promised gorge.

Once at the gate, guests are required to pay $7 for parking and the gate person might deny any knowledge of the gorge's existence.

There are multiple parking lots but to find the best parking, one needs to take the entrance road all they way to the back, past the ten foot sign that points towards the trailhead.

The trail is a dirt fire road that meanders several hundred feet over the river and finally comes down to a large, warm pool that is populated with small fish and crawdads.

The pool has a water slide carved into the rock, which during rainy seasons can give someone an intense and wild ride but the current dry season has left it rather meek and a shell of it's former self.

The rocks that enshrine the pool, tower as high as 40 feet over the water and divers can hurl themselves off into the deep abyss.

A defining feature of Arroyo Seco is that it is a series of independent pools connected by a slow flowing stream. Going down stream a traveler will find a crevice about five feet wide filled with clear, warm water that seems infinitely deep.

It then opens into a large, round pool that faintly resembles the Grotto at the Playboy Mansion.

There are tattered remnants of a swing hanging from a line that traverses the pool. The nylon entrails calmly sway over the pool, which somehow seems like a fitting symbol for a place that feels eternal.

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An Arroyo Seco visitor leaps from one of the massive rock cliffs. (top) Serenity is found in the many rock incaved pools. (bottom left) The sun heats the pools making swimming here an enjoyable ocean alternative.

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Finally Division II

CSU Monterey Bay coaches are now holding their heads much higher with the announcement of their elevation to Division II status for the 13 men’s and women’s athletic programs.

CSUMB athletics will officially become accepted as an active member of the NCAA Division II effective September 1. This will allow teams to contend for conference and national titles, which was not possible during the past 13 years of CSUMB’s existence.

"Being accepted into the NCAA’s Division II is more than just an elevated level of competition, it aligns us with reputable institutions such as Chico State, San Luis Obispo, and Sonoma State to name a few," said CSUMB’s Athletics Director Howard Gauthier. "With the elevated status, CSUMB will also now be on a level playing field in regards to recruitment and funding. Our program should also gain some immense visibility within the state of California," continued Gauthier.

The standard amount of time it takes to become accepted into NCAA Division II is four years, yet through determination and strict adherence to NCAA standards, the CSUMB athletics department was able to acquire the membership into Division II in only three years.

“Our department has been pursuing division II status for three years, and now it’s paying off,” explained Gauthier.

Some of the requirements from the NCAA to become accepted into Division II included raising $250,000 for scholarships, providing annual reports and self-studies detailing the athletics department’s growth, upgrading athletic facilities and the creation of a more diverse and well-rounded staff.

The NCAA’s Division II focuses on the academic success of its student athletes and believes that athletics benefit the academies within student’s lives and the campus community as a whole.

“We want to be in an arena that really balances students athletics and education, which division II does just that,” explained CSUMB President Dianne Harrison. “Division II is the only division within the NCAA that has a very well thought out strategic plan and intention, and of which runs fairly congruent with our institutions vision statement."

According to the NCAA, members of Division II should believe that a well-conducted collegiate athletics program is a proper part of the educational mission of a college and that the educational welfare of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

With the new facilities, the acquiring of elite athletes, and the CSUMB’s otter spirit, this year is bound to be a great one for otter sports.

Sports Schedule

August 24- September 9

Men’s Soccer
Tuesday, August 28, Vs. Fresno Pacific (Exhibition)
Seaside, CA at 4:00PM

Saturday, August 25, Vs. Alumni
Seaside, CA at 1:00PM

Friday, September 07, at Chico
Chico, CA at 7:00PM

Sunday, September 09, at Stanislaus
Stanislaus, CA at 3:00PM

Women’s Soccer
Saturday, August 25 Vs. Alumni
Seaside, CA at 1:00PM

Friday, September 07, at Chico
Chico, CA at 4:30PM

Sunday, September 09, at Stanislaus
Stanislaus, CA at 12:30PM

Women’s Volleyball
Friday, Aug 24 - Sat, Aug 25,
Hawaii
Hilo Tournament at Hawaii

Fri, Aug 31 - Sat, Sept 1, Otter Classic Tournament

Friday, August 31, Vs. Notre Dame de Namur
Seaside, CA at 11:30AM

Friday, August 31, Vs. Seattle Pacific
Seaside, CA at 6:00PM

Saturday, September 01, Vs.
Saginaw Valley State
Seaside, CA at 1:00PM

Saturday, September 01, Vs.
University of Tampa
Seaside, CA at 5:00PM

Friday, September 07, at CSU San Bernardino
San Bernardino, CA at 7:00PM

Saturday, September 08, at Cal Poly Pomona
Pomona, CA at 7:00PM
Garry Sets Up As New Head Coach

This summer CSU Monterey Bay scrambled to find a new women’s volleyball head coach after losing Jerry Gregg.

After the Spring 2007 season came to a close it was announced that Women’s Volleyball Head Coach, Jerry Gregg, would be unable to re-new his contract.

After coaching six out of the eleven years that volleyball has been a part of CSUMB, Gregg came out with a compiled 66-99 record. His best season was recorded in 2003 when the team made it to the Cal-Pac Conference playoffs.

Athletic Director, Howard Gauthier and the Human Resources department were unable to explain the reasons for the non-renewal of Gregg’s contract.

Jody Garry was named interim head coach for the Fall 2007 season. Gauthier, in welcoming Garry to CSUMB said, “She brings a wealth of experience, having coached at the collegiate level for 11 years, most recently as the top assistant coach at Washington State University.”

Garry moved to the Monterey area when her husband, Kirby Garry, was hired as CSUMB Director of Marketing and Sports Camps. Her plan was to take a break from coaching to spend time with her two sons, two-year-old Noah and seven-month-old Benjamin.

While keeping Noah from eating sand, Garry explained, “when I was offered the head coaching position I was honored,” but Garry originally turned it down, still wanting to spend time with her children.

“The Athletic Department has been amazing”, she stated when reflecting on the compromises they have made to work with her and her family.

Garry has a BS in Kinesiology from North Dakota and a Masters in Education from Saint Mary’s College.

Between the ten-year period of 1996 and 2006, Garry has coached all over the country. She has been an assistant coach for Golden West College, University of South Dakota and Idaho State University.

Garry was a volunteer Assistant at University of North Dakota, Head Coach at Adams State College, and Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator for Saint Mary’s College, Calif. Her last position was Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Washington State University.

With 16 players on her new squad, Garry started practices Aug 5. Garry, having coached and played division II volleyball feels, “there is more to division II than just competition; there is camaraderie.”

While recognizing the team’s strong points, she finds the teams constant commitment is something she plans on improving. The team’s season will start with the Hilo-Hawaii tournament that will be played in Hawaii.
How do You Feel About the Recent Campus Developments?

Meghan Aslanian  
BIO MAJOR, JUNIOR  
"I'm surprised it hasn't come further and I'm surprised General Jim Moore is closed but I'm stoked about the new university."

Vibby Ventura  
BUS MAJOR, SOPHOMORE  
"I think it's a good thing that the university is growing as a community"

Bethany Raymond  
HCOM, JUNIOR  
"I like to sleep in but the construction woke me up at 7 every morning. There should be a rebate when the environment is crappy and construction is a part of daily life."

James Bernard  
ESSP, JUNIOR  
"I'm glad they decided to do it over summer; they are bringing life to Monterey"