To climb the Academic ladder, a professor must educate in the classroom, conduct research, write and document on that research and publish successfully.

At some Universities, an educator without research and publications is unlikely to be promoted, given tenure or even keep his or her job.

One key measure of the excellence of a University is the quality of its faculty and their scholarly achievements. At CSU Monterey Bay professors do have a responsibility to publish.

Dr. Juan Jose Gutierrez, professor of Anthropology in the Social, Behavioral, and Global Studies division at CSUMB, described three levels of higher learning.

The first is the University of California system where research is top priority, the second is the California State University system where education is the primary focus and the third is the Community College system that focuses on preparation for the next step in education.

Gutierrez emphasized that although CSUMB does put its focus toward education, a professor must publish to be here. However, a professor does not have to publish book after book or journal article after journal article. A professor just has to have a prominent piece of published work that translates and depicts their content area of knowledge in their specific field to others.

Gutierrez describes publishing as a means to assess faculty to see if they are aligned with the University values. Producing new knowledge and disseminating that knowledge is the responsibility of professors.

Dr. Maria Villasenor of the Humanities and Communication division has been working at CSUMB for a little over one year.

She said that “teaching and research are very important,” and it is important to prioritize the meeting of students’ needs but at the same time recognize that research has a pedagogical function.”

Villasenor also shared that “it is a reasonable expectation that faculty contribute to their academic/intellectual communities, as it is important for the university to have faculty who are considered experts in their fields.” She explained that published work is equitable evidence for being considered an expert in a particular field.

Dr. Angie Tran of political economy in the Social, Behavioral, and Global Studies division at CSUMB said, “I believe that teaching and doing research go hand-in-hand and reinforce each other. I appreciate the fact that at CSUMB, the notion of scholarship is broadly defined so as to accommodate different ways of doing research, different learning styles, different types of intelligences and knowledge, above and beyond the traditional models in other campuses.”

Tran incorporates her scholarly works into her classes and maintained that since teaching here she continues to be active and productive in her scholarly work both in the U.S. and abroad. Tran presents and shares her findings with colleagues in the U.S. and global conferences and disseminates her published work worldwide.

There is an absolute pressure to publish at other universities. Villasenor said, “I have heard a colleague at another university state that she does not get paid to teach.”

Villasenor describes her colleague’s statement as a reflection of the incredible pressure felt among some at other universities to publish. Villasenor also said that, “in some ways, being in a university like ours, with more reasonable expectations about publishing, is a luxury.”
So-Cal Fires Hit Home for Some Students

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Wildfires erupted in Southern Calif. on Oct. 20, burning through land between Santa Barbara and the Mexico border. There were several small fires that were started by a combination of arson, downed power lines and a big-rig accident. The warm Santa Ana winds also helped to fan the flames.

According to a variety of major news sources, over 1,500 homes and seven people lost their lives in the blaze.

Officially, the fires lasted until Oct. 31, with containment beginning six days earlier. The emotional effects have been felt by current and former CSU Monterey Bay students.

"I was scared for my family after hearing about the fires," said Tiffany Castle, a CSUMB Sophomore in Biology and Medicine.

As a resident of Orange County, she recalled that she was unable to go back home because she had to maintain her studies. She worried about not just her mother and siblings, but also for her grandmother and cousin who live in San Bernadino.

Laurin Castle, a former undeclared CSUMB student with no relation to Tiffany Castle, currently resides with her family in San Diego. She and her family were evacuated from their home on Monday, Oct. 22, two days after the fires broke out.

"The fires were very close to my house, so we went to a hotel by the beach," Castle said. "[Firefighters] told us that the fire was out of control and there was barely anything firefighters could do because of the strong winds."

Fortunately, though, two days after evacuation, Laurin Castle and her family were allowed to go back to their home which remained untouched by the blaze.

Current and former CSUMB students were not the only one affected by the fires. Local firefighter Justin Davis has just returned from his "second trip this season". A year-and-a-half firefighting veteran, Davis returned Nov. 4 after a two-week stint in Southern Calif. Davis had a personal stake in helping to do the best he could in containing the fires. His parents and brother live in Santa Clarita Valley, which was one of the threatened areas in the path of the fires. Fortunately, there had been no need for Davis' family to evacuate.

"One day we'd be in the middle of [fighting a fire]," Davis said in a phone interview. "Then on another, we'd be protecting houses of helping local fire departments in answering emergency calls."

As of Nov. 7, all but one of the eight fires are completely contained, thanks to the efforts by more than 6,000 firefighters, including units from the US Armed Forces, US National Guard, and fire teams out of Tijuana and Tecate, Mexico. Normally, the Santa Ana Winds continuously scour the land in the high double-digits. They help fuel the fires to nearly uncontrollable levels. The winds died rapidly and firefighters battled tirelessly, causing a total containment of all the fires.

There is still emotional healing. In an interview, Tiffany Castle said that she would like to "choke the son of a bitch that started the fires."

NBC nightly news reported that 950,000 people have been evacuated and displaced because of the fires, having been displaced to elementary school gymnasiums and hotels in areas unaffected by the fire or to stay with family in other parts of the state. This number is similar to those of both Hurricane Katrina and Rita combined. A final tally of the monetary worth of the property damage is forthcoming, but it is estimated to be several times greater than what was destroyed by Katrina alone.

End Hostilities, Oscillate Tranquilities

On Saturday Oct. 27, a student group of 25 people, led by Statewide Affairs Representative Emerald Mayo, departed CSU Monterey Bay on a bus to San Francisco. The event coincided with protests in six other major cities across the country, totaling over 100,000 people. ANSWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) had organized the protest marches against the war in Iraq.

"It was an honor to be a part of such a large movement and I'm so grateful for the opportunity," said Mayo.

ANSWER Coalition had organized the many protest marches against the war in Iraq. "I started a chapter of ANSWER at CSUMB in hopes that students would become more aware of their voice and the impact it can have," continued Mayo, the CSUMB chapter president of ANSWER.

"It was something that could be looked at as a small step in the right direction of a big problem," quoted CSUMB student Benet Harrington. "One of the most stressed subjects however was the way to make change," he continued.

The group arrived at the Civic Center, stepped off the bus, entered the streets, and merged into a gathering filled with 30,000 voices that were all overflowing with ideas. On the main stage in front of City Hall, leaders of groups such as Code Pink, the Campus Anti-war Network, as well as representatives from several Bay Area labor unions were making speeches. They voiced their opinions and told others that they can make a difference in this difficult time.

The sound of deep thundering drums bellowed from Navajo Indians leading the crowd. Standing on the corner of Grove St. and Van Ness Ave. an seemingly endless entourage walked wearing clothing

that stated opinions like "Oil Wars Fuel Terrorism" and quotes about the Bush administration and Iraq such as, "Drop Tuition Not Bombs" and "Terrorists run my country."

Hundreds of riot police ran in formation holding night-sticks and taking position near the protesters to keep protestors in check. No one was beaten or arrested in the protest, but in the past, many have been arrested for acts of civil disobedience and expression of their ideas.

The drums grew louder and the populace started the march down Market, one of San Francisco's busiest streets. People were holding signs of all colors and sizes representing the collective idea that our government has strayed from the intentions of the founders by acting in the interest of capitalism, lobbyists, power, and money. Signs urged readers to "Refuse Illegal War" and "Get Out Of Iraq, Stay Out Of Iran," while others were aimed at certain demographics like the colorful "Grandmothers Against The War."

At noon the human Die-in began. The bullhorns echoed through San Francisco as 30,000 people fell down in the middle of Market St. in remembrance of the nearly one million slain Iraqi's. Nearly everyone present participated in the Die-in, which lasted for a full five minutes.

The diverse march of young and old activists ended in the middle of warm and grassy Mission Dolores Park, overlooking the Bay Bridge and downtown San Francisco. Ideas and rhetoric flowed from two main stages, as well as from the several information booths. They educated and informed the attendees on current issues ranging from Iraq, to the Jena 6, as well as

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the impending threats of a US invasion in Iran, global warming, and US sanctioned torture.

"The way to make change is to talk about it everyday; if you’re at work, at school or just with friends or family,” said Michael Sheehadeh, founder of Common Ground Relief. “The way to make change is to get as many people involved in the cause as you can,” he continued in his speech at Dolores Park.

“I think when people are willing to do something out of the ordinary it raises the question in other people, ‘Am I doing as much as I could be doing to stop this war?’” said Daniel Ellsberg after being arrested at a Die-in last March to Sfgate.com. Ellsberg was the informant that leaked the so-called “Pentagon Papers” to the New York Times and upcoming President’s Speakers Series presenter.

The noted peace activist Daniel Ellsberg is coming to speak at the World Theater on Nov. 28. After the United States invaded Laos during the Vietnam War in 1971, Ellsberg leaked the now famous “Pentagon Papers” to the New York Times, Washington Post and 17 other newspapers.

“I often speak on issues of free speech and First Amendment rights,” Ellsberg said in a telephone interview. His current writings and speeches call for “a new Pentagon Papers as we face a probable war with Iran and an ongoing war with Iraq.”

The contents of the 7,000 page anthology uncovered long believed lies that were promulgated by four presidents. The papers tell of American aggression and escalation in Indochina that ran contrary to what was being reported in the press based on information from the Eisenberg through the Nixon Administration.

Those revelations and the administration’s efforts to punish Ellsberg became part of a scandal that led to Nixon’s resignation in 1974.

His expertise in decision making under pressure and crisis led him to have unprecedented access to information from the RAND Corporation, as well as the State and Defense Departments. Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs John T. McNaughton told him that if “you want to study crises; Vietnam is a continuous crisis.”

He faced 115 years imprisonment for his disclosure of the top secret information. The charges were later dismissed after Nixon’s aides were found breaking into his psychoanalyst’s office. This scandal, amongst a slew of others, ultimately contributed to Nixon’s resignation.

After 30 years this conscientious objector is still making waves in the political community.

As was the situation for Ellsberg, there are people that have access to classified information about the faulty intelligence used by President Bush. He is urging those representatives and public officials that have access to those documents to “uphold their oaths to defend the Constitution by disclosing the papers” that tell the origins of the Iraq conflict and “a probable war with Iran.”

Congress has not been able to access those documents that also describe the United States torture program, despite several attempts at doing so.

“The obvious reason that the white house is sitting on these is that they are incriminating, they literally show criminal liability as well as unconstitutional acts and grounds for impeachment,” he said.

“It is useless waiting for the president to approve, for Congress and the public, the information,” because it is incriminating. “It should be made available by the officials that have access to those documents, [so that] they might be prosecuted by the attorney general.”

Those attending his speech should be ready for an eye-opening discussion that is heavy on First Amendment rights and Constitutional Law.

Daniel Ellsberg will be speaking at the World Theater on Sixth Ave at 7 p.m.


If you are interested in how you can do more to stop this war and the many inhumane atrocities in today’s age, go to Answer pephost.org for information on news, meetings and upcoming events all over California and the United States.

Daniel Ellsberg will speak Nov. 28 at the World Theater.
CSU Monterey Bay mountain bikers and hikers are going to start having to go a lot further to reach their playground. From Claymores to Bounding Anti-Personnel Mines, hand grenades to spent casings, Fort Ord has it all and that is about to change.

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority entered into an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) with the Army in order to remove any unexploded ordinance in seven years instead of the projected 15.

The “remediation” of ordinance will affect bikers, hikers and anyone else who uses the land. The area beginning at 8th Avenue and going east past the roadblock on Inter-Garrison will be off limits until 2011.

“It is a big deal for us,” explained Biology Professor Trish Sevane who came to CSUMB with her husband and Kinesiology Professor Kent Adams. “We walk the dogs, go hiking and ride bikes…it is important for students and for faculty,” she explained while they were walking their chocolate and latte colored Swiss Mountain Dogs, Furya and Bodie.

Trails operated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will remain open and being thanks to special “access corridors.” These corridors will be begin at Giggling Road, 8th Avenue, and Parker Flats Cutoff. At print time, it was considered likely but not definite that the trailhead at the road block on Inter-Garrison will remain open as a corridor.

ESCA will post plastic signs around the trails that are due for closure. They are plastic so that they do not become highly collectable trophies and are due to begin showing up later this winter.

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Cell Phone Savvy, Portable Emergency Alerts

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College students tend to think they are invincible, but as the recent Southern California fires and last spring’s Virginia Tech. tragedy proved, a crisis can occur when least expected.

OTTERalert, an on campus emergency alert system for CSU Monterey Bay, hopes to prepare and protect students from campus emergencies such as criminal activity, natural disasters and anything else that could endanger their safety.

After a student signs up for OTTERalert they will be able to receive text message warnings sent out by University Police in the case of an emergency, and will only receive messages under these circumstances.

“Generally, OTTERalert will be reserved for incidents where information needs to be sent expeditiously when a safety hazard or threat exists, and/or when an action is required by the public,” said Earl Lawson, Lieutenant of CSUMB’s University Police Department. “[In the text message] we intend to tell the community what has occurred, what they need to do or how they are affected, and where to go for more information.”

Students will also not have to worry about junk-text messages, privacy invasions or about other sources obtaining their phone numbers.

“We really want students to know that there will not be any spam or even general CSUMB news sent out,” said Henry Simpson, head of Information Technology (IT) and part of the OTTERalert project. “Emergencies only,” Simpson promised.

However, OTTERalert was originally intended as a form of communications for social services and group networking.

Originally called OTTERmobile it was meant to be tool of general communication between faculty, staff and students. Then the shootings at Virginia Tech. occurred and college campuses everywhere, including CSUMB, were shaken up.

“What happened at Virginia Tech. was a real wakeup call for us, and we realized that we needed to protect our campus from experiencing a tragedy like that,” said Arlene Krebs, director of Technology Development and director of the Wireless Education and Technology Center.

OTTERmobile then became OTTERalert and will not only be utilized in the situation of a campus crisis.

“Before the shootings at Virginia Tech.,” said Krebs, “their campus’ safety and technology departments were sitting on the idea of a similar campus alert system for about three or four months, but nothing had yet been enacted. And then the shooting happened…”

Krebs believes that OTTERalert has the potential to protect students from a similar situation and would be beneficial because students could receive a warning about where the danger was taking place.

Students living on campus could know to stay in their dorms or if they are driving to class they would be alerted to stay away from campus.

Currently, only 20 percent of CSUMB’s 4,000 students have signed up for OTTERalert, but Krebs’ goal is to have 100 percent of students signed up.

Krebs hopes that not only students enroll themselves, but they get a friend to enroll with them.

“After all,” Krebs said, “a few seconds could save your life.”

To Sign up for OTTERalert visit csumb.edu/otteralert.

The Long Road Home

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The busiest travel day of the year is coming, roads and airports will be packed with anxious travelers rushing home for the holidays.

Students who are visiting home have two options, they can fly or drive. The closest airports to CSU Monterey Bay are Monterey Bay Peninsula Airport (MRY) and San Jose International Airport (SJC).

According to American Airlines website a round-trip “economy saver” flight that leaves on Nov. 16 and comes back on Nov. 25 from MRY to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) costs nearly $400. A similar flight from SJC is going to cost more than $250.

If flying home for the holidays, make sure to check what time the airport would like passengers to arrive. SJC recommends arriving two hours before the flight and if flying outside of the United States three hours.

Due to long lines and crowded planes, check in times have the potential to skyrocket.

Security concerns by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) require that all liquids, gels and aerosols in your carry-on bag must be in three-ounce or smaller containers, otherwise they will not be allowed on the plane.

For the month of October, New York Mercantile Exchange’s website has the price for crude oil listed at an average of $90 per barrel, and the average price of gas per gallon at about $3.

“I think that it sucks to have to pay so much for gas, but hopefully the raised prices will decrease traffic,” said CSUMB Business major and senior Alex Boost.

In order to save money, many students carpool. Requests for a ride home begin trickling into CSUMB’s Open Forum discussions in the days before the start of fall break. “Carpooling is a good idea if you know people who live close to you. I just always hear that carpooling is a nightmare because sometimes people get left behind or miss their ride,” said Boost.

Most insurance companies have travel pointers that recommend checking tire pressure and windshield wiper blades before leaving home. State Farm Insurance agent Laura Charloff tells travelers that “the roads are always busier this time of year, so allow yourself a little extra time to get where you are going and don’t forget to buckle up.”

For a full list of what is permitted and not permitted on planes, visit TSA’s website at www.tsa.gov and click on Permitted & Prohibited Items.

For up-to-date information on road closures and highway conditions visit CA department transportation’s website at www.dot.ca.gov/ or call them at 1-800-427-ROAD.

To find out what the price of gas in the cities that you are going to be traveling through visit www.california gasprices.com. They have hourly updated information on all gas stations in California.

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California Price of Gas for the Past Six Months

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Standing tall and bronzed with messy blonde hair, Todd Endris lives with a day-to-day attitude while spending as much time surfing as he can. Endris nearly lost his life when a 15-foot great white shark bit him last August. He has now founded his own nonprofit organization with the mission of making it safe to go back into the water.

The International Shark Attack Research Fund (ISARF) will sponsor, according to Endris, “educational research to further understand dolphin, human and shark interaction.” ISARF will collaborate with experts on the issue of human and marine interaction.

The ultimate goal of the joint venture between Endris and the International Wildlife Veterinary Service, is to create a “cheap, light, organic, sanctuary approved product” that can give water adventurers a “peace of mind.” There are no immediate ideas that stand out, but ISARF is expecting to bring a better understanding of animal and human interaction, allowing for safe enjoyment of the open sea.

Surf photographer Matt Freeman thinks ISARF can be extremely useful, “anything we can do [that] saves lives is good.” Even with continuing research, Freeman wants all ocean enthusiasts to remember, “anytime we enter the ocean, we are in the home of creatures that can react much faster in water.”

Endris was bitten three times, twice in the abdomen and once in the thigh. Fortunately his board was sandwiched in between him and the shark, which helped to save his life.

Endris credits the heroic acts of fellow surfers Joe Jensen, Wes Williams, Brian Simpson, and Zane Hawley who witnessed the attack and quickly got help. Even more amazing was the effort by a pod of Bottled Nosed Dolphins that came to Endris’ assistance. They frantically flipped around Endris creating a “wall” around him. He now feels that the dolphins saved him from the shark.

The amazing effort from the dolphins has kick started a website entitled Saved By Dolphins. Sheila Gale helped set up the website in order to study and show the importance of dolphin and human interaction. A video showing Endris’ story, complete with photos of him immediately after the attack, starts when the webpage is accessed.

Endris is hopeful about the future prospects of ISARF because, “I never want what happened to me to happen again.”

On the morning of Nov. 8 Endris explained ISARF on The Today Show along with a full description of the foundation. Videos of the performance should be available on YouTube. Pictures and an exclusive interview can also be seen on www.savedbydolphins.com and www.isarf.org.

New Semester, New Classes

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With the stress of trips home for fall break and final projects approaching, students ranging from freshman to senior have registration deadlines adding to this already busy semester.

CSU Monterey Bay Students must remember an important few dates if they plan to be enrolled or qualify for graduation in Spring 2008.

Priority registration started Nov. 12 while continuing students began registering November 14. Priority registration applies to students with disabilities and CSUMB athletes. The specific date and time that a student may register is posted on planner web within their own page.

Those in need of help with their planning their upcoming school schedules, many staff members are available for students to insure a speedy registration process.

Sheila Hernandez, CSUMB’s registrar explains some behind the scenes on registration. “The student affairs department has been looking at ways to streamline and overall improve the registration process for students,” said Hernandez.

Some students are very happy with these changes the Registrars office made last year in regards to the tuition payment deadline. “I think the change in payment deadlines is great because it provides students with more time to make decisions, save money and for some figure out what type of loans they may need to take out,” said Ryan Cruz, Business major and senior.

Students were required to pay their tuition before registering for classes but no more. Payment for Spring semester is due on Jan. 7, 2008, leaving a few extra weeks for students to muster up the cash. Spring courses begin Jan. 22, 2008.

Those almost finished with their undergraduate education, who wish to graduate this spring, have several extra dates to keep in mind. Graduation applications are due, at the latest, 5 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2008, which includes a $40 application fee and an additional $20 late fee.

To meet with a graduation counselor students can either make an appointment with one of the four graduation counselors, or choose to go in during drop-in hours. Those students who have already turned in their applications have less to worry about, a graduation counselor will contact them within time. Drop-ins are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting with a counselor is only one of the tasks to help students on the road to graduation.

“Keys to being successful at CSUMB include knowing what each academic program involves, meeting with an advisor regularly and being aware of deadlines,” commented Hernandez.

The website, www.better.schedule.com, is available to students for assistance in making schedules that will meet the desired Major Learning Outcomes (MLO) or University Learning Requirements (ULR) that CSUMB requires.

According to the website, “it’s a place where you can search for a course the way you want to.” This website is not officially recognized but it can help students find a class. The makers of the site update their database every day to keep it as accurate as possible. It does warn that, “this site is not official, use the ‘check the schedule’ link for every course to see if what you see on this site is accurate. And above all, no website, no matter how useful, can replace the guidance of a competent academic advisor.”

Also when in need, important deadlines to remember are located at, CSUMB.edu. Clicking on the “Calendar and Events” link along the left side will highlight the registration dates. Flyers detailing the process and registration staff can be found in building 47.

Finishing up this semester is a priority for all Otters, but so is ensuring that ever so important slot in classes next semester.
With major elections coming up in 2008, it is time for everyone to get informed on the process in order to qualify to vote when the time comes. Not just anyone can vote, there are criteria as to who is eligible to vote.

According to California Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s website, the people who can register to vote must be U.S. citizens, residents of California and the person must be at least 18 years of age (by the date of the next election).

In order to register people have to fill out a voter registration form. Once the form is complete, seal it and drop it in the mailbox.

“Associated Students (AS) has started a campaign to get students registered,” said Emerald Mayo, the Statewide Affairs Representative for AS and junior Social Behavioral Science major. “They handed out voter registration forms at floor meetings held by North Quad housing and are hoping students return them to the AS office,” she continued.

According to Mayo, “[AS] set up drop off boxes in the AS Office, Student Activities, and in the lobbies of dorms: 206, 208, 302, and 303. We encouraged students to fill out their registration cards, return them to a drop box, or if they bring it to the AS Office, a free candy bar would be handed to them.”

People could also find these forms at local county elections office, libraries, U.S. postal offices or the Department of Motor Vehicles. People could also fill out a form online and then it is sent to them and all they have to do is sign it and return it to the address on the form.

If a person moves, they have to register again. A voter’s registration should always reflect their current address. For most students this means re-registering to vote every time they move from one dorm to another.

“It’s difficult to vote being a college student because of our unstable living situation,” said Brittany Stellin, a fourth year Liberal Studies student. If a potential voter changes their name or their political party affiliation they have to re-register as well.

According to the Monterey County Election’s (MCE) website, students who want to use absentee ballots need to fill out the section for absentee voting. They will then receive an absentee ballot before the next election and if they fail to vote in two consecutive elections, their absentee voter status will be revoked and they will have to reapply for permanent voter status again.

According to the MCE website if someone chooses to be an absentee voter but later changes their mind, they have to bring their un-voted absentee ballot and give it to a polling place worker before voting on a regular ballot. If one happens to lose their absentee ballot, they can still vote provisionally at a polling place but this way it cannot be counted until it’s proven that they have not voted by absentee ballot.

It is important to not only get registered and vote but to get involved in political campaigns or important causes.

“Voting will come if students get involved on an issue that is important to them” said Dr. Gerald E. Shenk, Associate Professor of Social History. “Getting involved in causes that are important to students will help motivate them to vote and become effective participants of civil life.”

Information on where to find the Voter registration form online
- www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

Information about Monterey County Elections
- http://montereycountyelections.us

Although youth has been depicted as sex-crazed debaucheries in moves such as “Kids” there has been a move towards abstinence within youth culture.

Centers for Disease Control’s National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, spanning from 1991 to 2005, showed a 7.3 percent decrease in teens that were having sex. The rates represent a new trend among youth to stay celibate until marriage, or at least until meeting the “right” person, which more often than not does not happen in high school.

For Hayward resident Trevor Cherry, the decision to become celibate came to him after he lost his virginity.

Cherry stated, “Now that I know what sex is like, it’s not this super duper fantastic thing, so I don’t feel like I need it to survive.”

In Wendy Keller’s “The Cult of the Born-Again Virgin: A New Sexual Revolution,” the reasons for women becoming born-again virgins vary widely. The reasons can range from wanting control over your own sex life to needing a spiritual awakening.

The book argues that many times women lose their virginity at a young age, not understanding much about the experience, and continue to have sex without really considering why they continue.

Cherry seemed to have this same thought on sex that after his virginity was lost having lost it was not reason enough to continue having sex. Cherry also stated that not having sex as a priority in a relationship forces him to examine his partner and why or why not he is with them.

Piety may be another reason for the increase in abstinence amongst youth. LifeWay Christian Resources created True Love Waits, a campaign to encourage young people to stay abstinent until marriage in April 1993. On their website they boast that over a million “covenant cards” contracts promising to stay abstinent, have been signed.

True Love Waits represents the religious response to what some religions see as a sex-obsessed society. In “The Cult of the Born-Again Virgin” Keller also stated that “an alien dropping in at the grocery store and scanning our tabloids would believe we are a nation obsessed with sex.”
Thanksgiving Treats

For The Active Otter
Nov. 15 — Dec. 5

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Thursday, Nov. 15
Spelling Bee at the Ol' Factory Café
6:30 p.m./sign-up; 7 p.m./Bee starts.
1725 Contra Costa St., Sand City.

Spelling Bee challenge for adults? Heck yeah and it’s only for those 18 and older. This Sand City hot spot serves up a variety of beers and ales from all over the world, ranging from $4 to $22 and a plethora of local wines.

Sunday, Nov. 18
Worm Composting at Marina’s Farmers’ Market
Noon – 2 p.m. 215 Reservation Rd.

Turn kitchen waste into one of nature’s best fertilizers with the aid of earthworms. This Everyone’s Harvest Certified Farmer’s Market event helps to keep the community green. For more information contact 384-6961.

Monday, Nov. 19
Fall Break at CSUMB

It starts today and lasts all week for CSUMB students, faculty and staff. Enjoy these well needed and deserved days off and take this time to accomplish some homework, visit family or plan a fabulous road trip out of town.

Friday, Nov. 23
Monterey International Film Week Opens
6 p.m./reception; 7 p.m./movie begins. 417 Alvarado St. $10 each day

This year a Terry Gilliam double feature kicks off this year’s movie festival celebrating 13 countries. The well known classic “Monty Python and the Holy Grail,” is one of Gilliams directing masterpieces and starts the screening. Enjoy the King Arthur inspired story and stay for Gilliam’s futuristic story “Brazil.”

Friday, Nov. 23
Cannery Row Tree Lighting
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monterey. Free.

The holiday season blossoms early this year with the 13 annual tree lighting ceremony. A winter wonderland masquerades this Monterey tourist oasis with music, lights and the arrival of the big man in red. For all the details check out canneryrow.com

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Clint Black at the Golden State
7 p.m. Golden State Theatre. $69 - $125

With over 19 million albums sold, 20 songwriting number one hits and 10 Grammy nominations, this country music staple brings some good ol’ fun and an impressive resume to a Monterey stage. He plays guitar, drums, harmonica and bass guitar and hopefully tonight fans get to see him jamming on all four. For more information about Black visit clintblack.com
Friday, Nov. 23
Ice Skating in Monterey County
Noon-10 p.m. 2259 North Fremont St. 372-5863. $10-$12

Just because it doesn't snow in Monterey County doesn't mean that ice skating shouldn't be a part of the holiday festivities. For over a full month, visit the Fairgrounds for a solid workout on some frozen water.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Slightly Stoopid and Fishbone at the Catalyst
7:00 p.m./doors open; 8:00 p.m./show starts. Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz. $20/advance; $25/door.

Slightly Stoopid has been playing together for more than a decade and its sixth studio album, Chronchitis, offers more dub-tastic tunes for audiences around the country. Bands Capitol Eye and Fishbone add to another unforgettable night in Santa Cruz.

Sunday, Dec. 2
PacRep Presents, “The Full Monty”
2 p.m. Golden Bough Theatre; Monte Verde, Carmel. $7-$38, depending on seat location.

This theater production and critically acclaimed blockbuster hit shakes up the sleepy Carmel stage. The story of six unemployed steelworkers turned dancers is not only hilarious but touching. This production contains brief male nudity, adult language and situations and continues until Dec. 29.

Saturday, Nov. 24
Volunteer Gift Wrapping
Noon-8:00 p.m. Del Monte Shopping Center.

Spend two hours of the weekend wrapping holiday presents for the over 4,000 local seniors. Shifts start at Noon and end 6 p.m. Dress warmly for this outside volunteer opportunity presented by The Carmel Foundation.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
President’s Speaker Series with Daniel Ellsberg
7 p.m., Sixth Ave. Free; registration encouraged at csumb.edu/speakers.

Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, famous for leaking the classified Pentagon Papers to the New York Times, visits CSUMB, promoting his book tonight. An answer and question session and book signing of “Secrets: A memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers” commences after the lecture. This free event offers a rare look inside government and war over the last forty years.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Holiday Parade of Lights
6:30 p.m. Various Locations from Salinas High School to Main St.

A bevy of attractions fill this year’s annual Salinas holiday event. For stories and music, head over to the Steinbeck Library 350 Lincoln Ave. Dickens style singers, in period costumes, wander the streets of Old town before the parade starts, belt out themed tunes. Dress in some warm clothes and grab a hot beverage for this celebrated community event.

Friday, Nov. 30
Annual Carmel Tree Light Ceremony
5 p.m. Ocean Ave. and Davendorf Park.

Other Monterey County cities have started celebrating the holidays and tonight Carmel is no different. This annual tree lighting ceremony is a do not miss of the season. The already picturesque Carmel turns into a winter-land dream with the lighting starting approximately at 5:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3
Associated Students Senate Meeting
Noon – 2 p.m., Building 29, Room 115-116.

Attend this public gathering that discusses topics revolving around important issues at CSUMB. Update ears and get voices heard at this weekly political event.
Emotional, Visual, Driven and Precise: Carrie Mae Weems

Carrie Mae Weems, a visual arts artist and an award-winning photographer shared her vision with CSU Monterey Bay as she collaborated with students and faculty for her latest creation.

Weems is currently visiting different Universities to work on a photography project that will be presented this summer in an art exhibit in Atlanta.

CSUMB was the first school honored with the opportunity to work with the renowned artist on her new project.

On Oct. 23 Weems met with the students who would be working with her on the project. Weems shared that she is inspired by other artists and that she uses her body as a muse and an instrument to understand the world.

Dressed in a black long sleeve top and black pants wearing gold earrings and golden sandals with her hair swept up in a bun and her curly bangs sitting perfectly across her forehead tucked behind her ear, she spoke freely with her hands, almost as if she were on stage, reciting her favorite poem.

Wednesday night Oct. 24 during her week long stay Weems spoke at the World Theater. Weems shared her work and added life to her creations as she spoke. She also expressed her joy to be in Monterey working with CSUMB students. During her presentation Weems announced that she will be donating a $5,000 scholarship to be allocated annually for VPA students in photography.

The scholarship is for students to be able to do their work and also encourage students of color to pursue their work in photography.

Weems, full of vitality and spirit, spoke and moved like poetry. Emotional, visual, driven and precise, she did not hold back as she expressed her passion for art with such eloquence.

Connecting the dots and standing in for something that is more than yourself were the two central points Weems discussed as she spoke about her work. These same two points were also the motivation behind another project she was working on with CSUMB students.

On Oct. 25 Weems and her group of CSUMB students went to work filming and shooting in the Telecommunication Arts and Technology department from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. With young women dressed in simple black dresses and men dressed in nautical long-sleeved shirts the students used their bodies to portray a variety of emotions and moments that Weems captured in her photos.

Junior Humanities and Communications major Lauren Owens described her experience working with Weems as once in a lifetime. “Doing work with her for the photo shoot was so great that it made me question if the career I am pursuing is the one I truly want,” Owens said.

Once the day came to an end Weems was moved to tears explaining that this was the best group of students she had ever had the privilege of working with. Her emotional reaction also moved students to tears as they thanked her for working with them and coming to share her story and her work with the CSUMB campus.

“Her grace in communicating ideas and emotions to the participants made many of us feel like we captured a part of her and she as well with us,” Owens said.

Weems was not just an honored guest but a presence that moved many at CSUMB and her return is highly anticipated.
South Pacific opens Nov. 10 on the Western Stage at Hartnell Community College. "South Pacific is a story of love and racism set during World War II. The play takes audience members on a journey to the South Pacific where they will meet two love torn couples Emile and Nellie, Liat and Joe. The couples find themselves faced with bigotry, racism and deep-seated prejudice. Will love be able to prevail?"

The stories take place on and around the beautiful shores of the Solomon Islands and the Coral Sea; a perfect setting for romance. The play is full of beautiful, classic music that is recognizable and draws people in such as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "I'm Going to Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair."

South Pacific opened almost 60 years ago on Broadway in 1949. "South Pacific is more than just a World War II drama. It's an exploration of a topic that is still as relevant today as it was 60 years ago," said Dan Tarker, The Western Stage Literary Associate who talked about the relevance that this play still has today. "Can two people overcome the boundaries of race to find true love?"

The Western Stage was founded in 1974 as a place to perform summer plays at Hartnell. Since 1985 the theater has been running full time providing theater programs to entertain and educate the local people.

The Western Stage is particularly excited about the casting of South Pacific. "We were able to cast the play multi-culturally, having many Asian cast members. This was so exciting and really made the play come to life," said Dawn Flood, Publicist/Customer Service Manager.

South Pacific will be playing on the main stage from Nov. 10 to Dec. 8. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are $30 for adults and $20 for juniors (under age 25). For more information contact the Western Stage box office at Hartnell 831-375-2111.

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CSU Monterey Bay's First Play of the Year

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The clock struck eight, the lights dimmed, and act one began for CSU Monterey Bay's first theatrical performance of the year. As masked characters paraded on stage one face prevailed, representing honesty and openness. CSUMB portrayed this universal theme in its first theatrical performance, "The Good Woman" written by Bertolt Brecht.

This play is about the young woman Shen Te, the good person, who is forced into poverty since the beginning of her life. Surrounding Shen Te are supporting characters, all masked, that symbolize their want for nothing in the world besides wealth. In poverty Shen Te is discovered by three Gods who see her as the only person not filled with wickedness in her small town.

From beginning to end, the three Gods "settle on Shen Te who echoes the central cry of the play, 'How can we mortals be both good and rich?" according to the director's remarks on "The Good Woman" pamphlet.

The production was directed by Will Shephard, CSUMB professor of music and performing arts. Shephard is not only a professor of theatre, but is a "professional actor, director, playwright," according to Shephard's biography. In addition he is a "performance artist with a broad range of professional experience from New York's Off-Off Broadway theatre to regional theatre and films."

Inside Fort Ord's chapel CSUMB's first production came alive and filled with silence as each character spoke their lines. Complimenting the dialogue were the costumes and props, a mixture between antiques and contemporary pieces.

Shephard used his directing abilities in "The Good Woman" by using the environmental surroundings, meaning the production involved the audiences with the actors.

"I enjoyed the actors interacting with the audience. They stayed in character the whole time and did a wonderful job," said Alisa Caggiano, Liberal Studies senior.

"The Good Woman" is a play that relates to the general public today. From start to finish the play branches off into rap songs, each song reflecting the universal theme that everyone has the opportunity to either be themselves or a masked figure.

The main actress, Maggie Wunderlich, believes that this play makes people ponder about the differences between what is moral and immoral.

"I like theatre that makes people think. That is why I got involved," said Wunderlich. "This play gives us a chance to think on how to change the world and talks about things that I believe in."

Shephard believes CSUMB's first play was a successful hit and a good start to a successful theatre program. "This play deals with social justice and how can we be both rich and good," Shephard said dramatically.

"The Good Woman," is an example of people doing what they love and expressing their passion through art and dramatic speech. "If you do something you love, good things will happen," added an enthusiastic Wunderlich.

Students Make a Three Minute Film in 24 Hours

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On Saturday, Oct. 13 at 6 a.m. the apple.com Insomnia Film Festival officially got underway. While it may sound like a get together where movies were screened for an audience, this festival was far from it. Amateur movie makers had only 24 hours to create a short three minute movie from scratch and have it back to Apple. Though it may seem easy to make a short film in a day, Apple made it interesting by not revealing what special props, dialogue or settings needed to be used by the film makers until the 24 hours started. It was this very competition that left many CSU Monterey Bay students without much sleep and empty energy drink containers when they were finished.

"It was fun, but stressful," said Dane Bergerson, a TAT major and contest participant. "We had to make sure that three elements were included, and we also had to fight the daylight, since we only had a limited amount of it. If for whatever reason we missed a shot, unless we caught it early, we would be unable to get it."

TAT junior Morgan Arnold was part of another team that entered the contest, and his experience was similar to Bergerson's.

"I'm glad I did it, but it was really stressful. It was obviously difficult to create a film in 24 hours, but it was even harder to make something good that made sense," Arnold said.

On Nov. 9 the top 25 highest rated films were screened by industry professionals, including Barry Sonnenfeld, James Mangold, and Nora Ephron. "Now is your chance to have your film viewed by seasoned Hollywood filmmakers responsible for such hits as Men in Black, 3:10 To Yuma, American Psycho, Hotel Rwanda, and You've Got Mail," boasts the Apple Insomnia webpage. In addition to the professionals viewing the films they are able to be seen by almost anyone with Internet access, something that is exciting for aspiring filmmakers.

"It was the first contest I'd done, the first time something I had worked on would be viewed publicly, potentially world wide," Arnold said.

Two groups will be chosen as winners, one for the highest user ratings and one that the professionals enjoyed the most. These winners can receive a multitude of prizes, the feature being that each winning group receives five Mac Book Pros, as well as many different kinds of film-making software, but even for those who do not win the main prizes the contest was a good experience for the students.
Nowhere to go for the holidays? Don’t fret; there is plenty to do around the area. Students looking to stay on campus this Thanksgiving weekend can enjoy the Harvest Fest dinner that will be held on campus.

The dinner will include the traditional fare but will also have vegetarian options for those not feeling for turkey. The dinner will take place in the University Ballroom on November 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. The dinner is $10 per person or one meal block. Shuttles will be offered to take students in East campus apartments to and from the dinner.

Additionally, there will be holiday themed activities for students to participate in, such as raffles and movies.

Alyssa Carlson, a senior Environmental Science major who currently resides in North Quad is not going home to South Dakota for the holidays. When asked if she would be interested in going to the Harvest Fest dinner she said, “Yes, we would definitely go. There are a couple of us staying here so we’re looking for something to do.”

Students looking to head off-campus for dinner can depend on local restaurants such as The Chart House on Cannery Row. Natalie McKeen, a Chart House employee, states they will be serving a “traditional Thanksgiving dinner at a moderate price of $24.99 which includes everything.”

Another option for especially hungry students would be the Portola Plaza Thanksgiving buffet. Though a little more pricey at $36.99, it is an all you can eat extravaganza. The first seating starts at 11 a.m. and the last at 3 p.m.

Those looking to really practice the “give” in Thanksgiving can volunteer. There are plenty of places around the peninsula that need help. The Monterey Country Fair Grounds is once again teaming up with the Kiwanis Club to put on their annual Community Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers can donate their time, their food or their supplies in order to make another person’s Thanksgiving a special day. Those looking to volunteer can contact Michael Fields, who heads up the event every year.

“It’s an interesting opportunity for students who want to volunteer, it’s a very loose structured operation,” said Fields.

Students can show up in the morning to help with any job that needs to be done, and they can stay as long as they choose. The dinner will take place on Thanksgiving Day at 8 p.m. in the Monterey room of the grounds.

Last but not least, students hoping to celebrate their day of thanks with their friends can throw a Thanksgiving dinner themselves. It may sound impossible but with a few tweaks, students can make a dinner for as little as two people.

Buying a turkey can be tricky, when it comes to how big and how much, overestimating is usually the case.

If you are not cooking for an army, one alternative is buying a chicken; they are cheaper, smaller and much easier to cook. In many grocery stores they can be bought precooked which saves the chef from doing any work at all.

Sides are easy, they can also be as “home made” as you want them to be. Everything now-a-days comes in already cooked forms so it is up to you how authentic you want to be. Here is a basic menu that can be modified depending on the gourmet savvy-ness of the cook:

According to www.food.ivillage.com, this menu has the most “traditional menu items without the fuss or unnecessary expense.” Instructions for the recipes can be found on the site as well.

- Buttermilk White Bread
- Brown Butter Sweet Potato
- Roast Turkey
- Classic Bread Stuffing
- Peas with Mushrooms
- Perfect Pumpkin Pie

No matter how the holidays are spent, giving thanks and having fun with your friends or family is key.
AGAINST THE ODDS: A GOLFER'S ROAD HOME

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After a disappointing golf season, CSU Monterey Bay's sophomore John Jackson received a call that would forever change him.

In the midst of summer after reviewing the previous year's statistics, head coach Bill Paulson made an executive decision. With an average of 80.1 for two tournaments and nurturing a broken finger in the later part of the season, Jackson knew his game was not up to his personal standards. Even so, the call took him by surprise.

"Improve substantially, or I will have to cut you," Paulson explained to Jackson. With a vision of the following year and some heavy recruiting, Paulson informed Jackson that he did not have a secured spot on the team and that he would have to try out for one.

Jackson not only took that comment to heart but he continued to make one of the largest turnarounds in CSUMB men's golf history. With a fire deep inside, Jackson took the proper steps that would allow him to not only make the team but become a leader and a living example of the results of hard work and dedication.

Jackson moved back to San Diego for the summer and started a process of rebuilding with San Diego Golf Institute instructor Bob Townsend.

"It was like completely starting over. We spent two weeks on just posture," said Jackson.

Jackson spent another couple of weeks hitting baskets of balls with just half swings to feel the proper positions he and Townsend had been working on. After much practice, Jackson decided to enter a Golden State event at Carlton Oaks in San Diego. Golden State events are notorious for having quality nationally ranked participants.

After an unexpected first round of 81, Jackson bounced back with a final round of 72 and moved from almost last to fifth place. When asked about that performance, Jackson stated, "the hard work was starting to pay off."

Jackson could not be more correct as he set foot on the course for the fall season. After competing in practices and qualifying as number one on the team, Jackson lowered his average from 80.1 in two tournaments to 72.8 after completing all four tournaments in this fall.

Coming into this year, Jackson had two main goals. Jackson envisioned the tasks of "shooting under par for a tournament and to shoot in the 60's in a tournament." Jackson wasted no time with these two goals and conquered both in the second tournament of the year.

The Grand Canyon Fall Invitational in Goodyear, AZ, Jackson finished first for the Otters and tied for fifth overall. Jackson posted 72, 69, 70 concluding with a score of five under par and a sense of achievement.

Fellow teammate and senior Auvira Hampton spoke highly of Jackson's accomplishments. "His hard work and dedication has really shown through his tournament play and at times has rubbed off on other members of the team."

Paulson put it simply when describing Jackson, "His performance is not a fluke. I have no doubt he will continue to do well next semester." Jackson feels similar as his new, consistent, simple and repeatable golf swing will propel him to his next goal of a college victory and a high national ranking.

PRACTICE PLAYERS RECRUITED FOR WOMEN'S TEAM

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Hall and Ronald Odunickan, would have to be eligible under NCAA rules, meaning enrolled full time, have a 2.0 minimum GPA and eligibility left to play.

This is not the first time Magnner has put out a call for male practice players, and it is not uncommon at other universities to have males practice against and with the women players.

Division III schools cannot use male practice players but Division I and II can. According to the NCAA regulations, the male practice players must be certified to play and the male practice players are held to the same rules and regulations as the team players. Coach Magnner said that "it takes away opportunities for the women players" as she described the controversy that arises about having male practice players. However, Magnner disagrees; she considered the practice players an asset.

CSUMB has a smaller team than most of the other teams in their division. Magnner explained that "the males are faster and stronger and will force the women players to play faster and stronger and play better." Magnner emphasized that in practice the women players get the same reps, they do precise and specific drills, and play scrimmages in a controlled situation. Magnner said "the girls will have to work harder."

Magnner also explained that, "the guys understand [that] their role is to prepare the girls to play their best."

The male practice players will not take away their opportunities but rather help the women's team grow and play to the best of their abilities.

Team player and Junior Mikeshaya Edwards, who is currently sitting out due to knee injuries, said that although we may not be as tall as our competitors, we are strong in other areas. We are quick and move well on the court. Edwards explained that the male players would help the team develop in precision and defense.

Magnner plans to take the offense of their competitors and have the male practice players run that offense so that the women's team can work and practice on their defense. This strategy will prepare the women's team to play the best defense against their opponent.
**Beloved Turkey Trot, Bound for Spring?**

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The Turkey Trot marathon, a 10 year tradition at CSU Monterey Bay, has pulled up lame this year due to lack of funding.

"Basically, it's a business decision," CSUMB Athletic Director Howard Gauthier said, "as a fund-raising event, it just wasn't bringing in a return."

The 4.8 mile run, which began during CSUMB's Kelp Kraze in 1996, was a way to bring the community to campus and let them see what the University was all about. Each year students and nearby residents eagerly trotted the cross-country course with a prized turkey awaiting the winners.

Participants had the option of running the full 4.8 mile trek or walking a shorter 3.1 mile course. Coaches and staff were on hand to direct the trotters, record finish times and hand out prizes. Runners and walkers were given an hour to complete the course and long-sleeved T-shirts were given to everyone who finished.

"We are very sad to not have the race this year" said CSUMB Cross Country Coach Yi Mao. "The entry fee is very low as a way to include the community, but the lack of sponsors makes it rely on the administration for financing."

"If we could find a sponsor, it would offset the cost factor," said Gauthier. "Between overtime for staff and the cost of shirts, prizes and travel expenses, we have to find a way to make it work."

If moved to the spring, would a new name be considered, perhaps the Ham Trot? The administration and coaching staff are open to creative suggestions that would save the event, the Turkey Trot.

"I think the Turkey Trot is really cool," said CSUMB senior Brynn Wenskay. "It's a great way for people to get out, enjoy the campus and do something fun."

"I had a really great time running the turkey trot last year and I am really sad that they are not having it this year," said CSUMB student Ashley Chavez. "I thought it was a great event and was a good tradition that CSUMB needed to keep up."

Other events people can participate in are the Walk-A-Thon, a women's sports fund-raising event scheduled for Feb., and the President's Cup, an 11-year golf tradition that helps fund CSUMB's intercollegiate athletic teams.

People interested in volunteering can pledge their time to the Otter Backers, which is, according to Gauthier "a booster-club that raises money for specific sports or general fund scholarships."

"If students are still looking to support a fun-run, like the Turkey Trot, just give me a call and I can help them redirect their ideas to Student Activities or a Running Club," said Gauthier, "that way we can identify the real purpose of the event."
Volleyball:
11/2 CSUMB beat CSU Stanislaus 3-1, home
11/3 CSUMB beat Chico State 3-2, home
11/9 CSUMB lost to CSU Los Angeles 0-3, away
11/10 CSUMB
Over all record: 12-18
Upcoming games: season ended

Women's Basketball:
10/31 CSUMB lost to University of Santa Clara 61-83, exhibition, away
11/3 CSUMB lost to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 57-88, exhibition, away
11/12 CSUMB lost to UC Santa Cruz 66-49
Over all record: 0-1
Upcoming games:
11/16 Hope International University, away 5:30 p.m.
11/17 Cal Baptist University, away 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball:
11/9 CSUMB lost to Santa Clara University 49-66, exhibition, away
11/12 CSUMB played University of San Diego, exhibition, away, scores not available at time of press
Over all record: 0-0
Upcoming games:
11/16 Seattle Pacific, away 7 p.m.
11/17 Western Washington, away 3 p.m.
11/19 Western Washington, away 7 p.m.

Sailing:
11/3 CSUMB raced in the PCCSC Team Racing Championships against University of California Los Angeles, results unavailable at the time of press
11/10 CSUMB raced in the PCCSC Fall Championship against UC Santa Barbara, results unavailable at the time of press
Upcoming races:
None scheduled until spring

Men's Soccer:
11/2 CSUMB lost to CSU Dominguez Hills 0-1 during the CCAA Championships, Carson, Ca.
Over all record: 9-8-3
Upcoming games: Season ended

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Opinion

Laura the Explorer
Funny Bones and Friendships

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As I walked over to see my friends for our weekly visit, I realized how lucky I was to have such important people in my life. I thought about how others may not have the support and love that I have in so many different places.

When I got to the house, Karol, Deb and I started talking like we saw each other just hours earlier, when really it was four days ago. We talked about how much fun the weekend was and what we were planning for Halloween; girl stuff.

We went out for a “comfort style” dinner and finished the night at their house continuing to talk and laugh for hours. As I walked home, I thought again about our friendship and what we all meant to each other and in a group of multiple girls, we have full support and love for each other. I also realized that I forgot to call my boyfriend an hour earlier for our movie date.

It made me wonder, is there a difference between love and friendship? And how does a person fit love for a spouse in all this mess?

Recently my friend and I both turned 21 and it was time for us all to celebrate with our group of five.

The night was set in our calendars for weeks, and although I had gone out and celebrated with my boyfriend earlier, I felt that my birthday was not complete until my four closest friends went out for a night on the town.

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Dear Otter Nation,

This past issue we received a complaint from a reader that we had not printed a specific letter that had been written to the Otter Realm.

Again, we would like to remind readers that have your letter printed it must be sent directly to Otter.Realm@CSUMB.edu labeled letter to the editor and not OtterRealm@CSUMB.edu. Also, letters should be under 500 words, and submitted earlier than the Monday before next issue release date.

Crossword puzzles have also been a new edition to the paper. Staff members hope to expand the paper with numerous other activities like the crossword puzzles in the future. For aspiring photographers, the Otter Realm is accepting photographs for a new series highlighting different pictures taken by students. Each issue one picture will be chosen as the "photo of the week." As of yet there have been no submissions.

Staff would like to express their condolences to those affected by the Southern California fires. Readers will find information on the new Otter Alert System as well as an article regarding the fires.

Sincerely, Mary Freeman
Assistant News Editor, Staff Reporter

Otter Oops

Cover: Animal Acquaintances: Adoption A Companion For Life should be Adopting.
Page 6: In the Sexual Healing column “maculating” should be “masculating.”
Page 8: In the Dia de Los Muertos article Mexico is in North America.
Page 10: In the Events Calendar on Nov. 4 it should be family-fun.
Page 13: The Macheath Masser article was cut off and should continue with: in-laws.
Page 18: in the WWW.OtterRealm.net the B.B. King concert was held at the Golden State Theater.
Page 18: Volleyball game listed as 11/13 was actually on 11/3.
Page 18: The second heading of Men’s Golf should have been Men’s cross Country.
Page 19: Staff Reporter Chris Brunetti’s name was misspelled.
IF YOU COULD PROTEST FOR A CAUSE, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

- ELECT NADAV PORINGER
  - Sociology, Junior
  - "The legalization of marijuana would be my cause. I don't think it's anything harmful, you can't hurt someone sitting next to you by smoking a joint but you can if you're smoking a cigarette."

- FREE MARCO ANTONIO ACEVEDO
  - "I would protest against war-protests because I support the war and the troops."

- SAVE BRIANNA DENNISON
  - "I would protest the use of Surveillance Cameras at intersections. I got a ticket for having no front license plate. I just think it's something an officer should have input on not a camera that's looking for someone running a red light."

- SUPPORT CHRISTINA PIXLEY
  - "It would be for animal rights. People should be good to animals and not abuse them or use them for testing. I think they should give harsher punishment to offenders."

ARE YOU A SMART PERSON ON CAMPUS?

Down
1. Chief of the University Police Department.
2. Small town that is home to the Ol Factory Cafe.
3. Blade-like devices molded into special boots make this winter sport possible.
4. This three day holiday from classes at CSUMB is looked highly anticipated by students.
5. These fast food sides were introduced to Americans when President Thomas Jefferson served them at the White House.
6. This Dr. leaked the Pentagon Papers during the time of the Vietnam War.
7. Co-Director of Monty Python movie.
8. Addition to car tires to help with combating the snow.
9. The average American eats almost 60 pounds a year of this tasty starch.
10. Country music beau taking a Monterey stage this month.
11. In this month U.S. President Truman proclaimed emergency crisis caused by communist threat.
12. New information system implemented at CSUMB.
13. Stella McCartney, Daughter to former Beatle Paul McCartney, let the public know what she really thought of her ex-stepmother, Heather Mills, by referring to her as a manipulative ___ , in a confronta

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2. Elect Nadav Poringer
3. Support Christina Pixley
4. Save Brianna Dennison
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6. elect
7. free
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9. across
10. down
11. Stella McCartney
12. 60 pounds
13. emergency crisis
14. manipulative