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Cassidy Starfire Fights Discrimination at CSUMB

By Caroline Musto

At an emotional meeting on Thursday, October 26th in President Peter Smith's office a group of people gathered to examine the situation of a deaf, wheelchair bound CSUMB student named Cassidy Starfire. President Smith called the meeting in response to an overnight protest Cassidy held in the Quad the weekend of October 20th expressing her concerns of disability and access needs not being met at CSUMB.

How can you expect a student with multiple disabilities to catch up within ten months with a full load?

Cassidy Starfire

In attendance were: the Administrator in Charge of Student Affairs Lucha Ortega, News and Public Information Officer Holly White, President Smith, Student Voice President Jason Sanchez, Cassidy, her partner, and an interpreter. Cassidy also invited the Otter Realm to this exclusive meeting.

Since transferring to CSUMB three semesters ago, Cassidy has been faced with problems with wheelchair accessibility in the classrooms and bathrooms on campus. She lives in Frederick Park with her partner and her two sons, ages three and four, and cannot use her own bathroom and sleeps in the living room due to the fact that the apartment is not one of the four in Frederick Park, which is wheelchair accessible.

She claims that the problems she's incurred with her housing and her accessibility in and to classrooms, has caused her to fall so far behind in her studies that she feels she cannot make up her past Incompletes by the end of the Fall 2000 semester. Deficient units on her transcript from last Spring 2000 semester are already affecting her academic standing, which has a direct impact on her financial aid.

Peter Smith called the meeting in an attempt to offer what he saw as solutions to her problems; problems, which she says, affect more people on campus besides her. He started out with a personal apology to

Cassidy for her suffering. He then laid out some options for Cassidy's living situation for the next month and how to go about salvaging her financial aid.

Her first academic progress and Financial Aid option is to stay enrolled, working to have the "majority of the work" completed by August 2001.

University records show that she is enrolled in 13 units fall semester 2000. She entered fall semester on financial aid probation with a cumulative unit deficiency of eight units. If at the end of fall semester, her deficient units exceed 12, she will be placed on financial aid disqualification. All students are provided with the opportunity to appeal the disqualification in writing, and if approved, will receive aid for Spring 2001.

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Withdraw from her Fall 2000 classes, which would change her financial aid status and may also include a provision that would require her to repay a portion of the aid she received Fall 2000.

Cassidy feels that she should not be responsible for repaying the loans. "This semester has really hit me hard. I have several W's because classes were not accessible to me and I had to withdraw because I could not get in, because of a disability-related issue. If the University has caused me to not be able to take advantage of my financial aid then I feel it is the University's responsibility to pay back the grants and the loans and allow me to be able to finish. The only reason it happened this way is because of the University's policies and the way the University set it up."

"How can you expect a student with multiple disabilities to catch up within ten months with a full load?" she asked.

Cassidy plans to talk to the Federal Financial Aid office herself to get current legal information regarding the extension time for completion of deficient units in both regular and extenuating circumstances

"This is not the way, these are not viable options," she said. "There is nothing [here] that I could not have done myself."

Peter Smith admits that it has been a dif-

ficult situation for Cassidy and for the University. "What we are trying to do is find a way within the structure of the rules to make it right. We are all in a collective jam here and it's a tough one. It's tough in a different way for Cassidy and I don't, for a minute, misunderstand that," President Smith said. He went on to say that he feels the University has been responsive to her academic needs by moving her classroom, trying to get materials better prepared for her learning disability needs, and renovating the apartment.

It is not my intention to sue the University. I know that only students would be hurt by a lawsuit that takes money from the University. Students lose services and quality teachers.

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Cassidy's options for housing in the three to four week period in which her new apartment is being renovated are:

Option I. Remain in the current unit with the rental of a smaller wheelchair

Option II. Temporary Move on Campus into Residence Hall 204 while her family remained in the old unit.

Option III. Temporary Move off Campus into the Monterey Bay Residential Care facility in Seaside while her family remains in the old unit

All of these options are based on the assumption that the university forgives, for the month of November, 2000 the cost of the rent in the currently occupied unit and that Cassidy remains engaged with CSUMB as a student.

After discussing her housing options Cassidy felt that none were satisfactory. "I refuse to be separated from my children," she said. President Smith agreed that he felt neither a Residence Hall nor a residential care facility would be appropriate for young children. Cassidy currently remains in her apartment that is not ADA compliant.

Talk of lawyers did come up at the meeting but Cassidy has no intention of filing a lawsuit. In an email dated October 26, Cassidy wrote, "It is not my intention to sue the University. I know that only students would be hurt by a lawsuit that takes money from the University. Students lose services and quality teachers. I am aware it does not change anything from the administrators' point of view."

In response to the question of why reasonable housing accommodations had not been taken care of sooner Bev Woods, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning and Development, told the Otter Realm, "Improvements were planned for Cassidy's current apartment very soon after we found out about her needs. However, those plans for improvements had to be altered once there was a change in her wheelchair dimensions. We will continue to work with Ms. Starfire to solve the difficulties, and fortunately in this case we are able to respond within a short period of time. We are hoping to improve our ability to identify these issues as early as possible, and in particular where physical construction is needed. We must also comply with public contract law and be sure that we are following the appropriate procedures for implementing solutions."

Student Voice President, Jason Sanchez, suggested that the University put the \$775 of the forgiven November rent towards temporary residence for Cassidy and her family in an ADA accessible hotel. Jason said he'd be willing to do the fundraising for the remainder of the amount necessary to rent a hotel for the three to four weeks pending the completion of her new apartment. The Otter Realm is also willing to assist in the fundraising. The next step is for Cassidy to get the rates of three different accessible hotels in the area and give them to Jason Sanchez.

What Cassidy really wants to come out of these issues are:

- "1. A formal public apology in regards to this lack of accommodations and a public written commitment to the entire university community that not only will I be accommodated from here on out but all qualified students with disabilities will be fully accommodated in the future. Demonstrate actions and attitudes that show that all equal access issues are being addressed as top priority. It is my feeling that CSUMB does not need a cafe, new administrative buildings, another presidential housing facility, science building or pool until all of students are provided with full equal access and can use the facilities we already have.
- 2. A real solution to the temporary housing issue until the unit is renovated.
- 3. Financial accountability with regards to lost financial aid.

That would be a nice start."



Cassidy Starfire fights for the equal treatment of people with disabilities at CSUMB

In This Edition

"Games"

The TAT 390 class: Introduction to Theater Production-Acting, recently put on a short play called Games by George Houston Bass, directed by Benny Sato Ambush.

This was a highly active play, in which the cast members danced and jumped around while telling rhymes and playing children's games. The cast members, who played children excluded a girl throughout the play. The girl asked the other children if she could play with them but they wouldn't let her because they thought she was different. At one point a cast member said to her, "can't you see you're not our kind." The children act very cruelly to her and even violently.

Mellissa Dellens, the stage manager for the performance says, "The play is a terrifying picture of an outsider trying to be one with the crowd. It depicts what happens to both the group and the outsider when the outsider is victimized by the group. It reminds us all that at one time we have been on the outside, reminds us what that feels like, and reminds us that we too have been on the inside holding someone else back."

Director, Benny Ambush, says, "The tale touches upon grown-up issues but is told through the innocence of kids, a nice juxtaposition."

This play ties into current events. In relation to this Ambush says, "Just read the headlines nationally and internationally about clashes between different people, the attitudes toward difference, (and difference could be defined in a variety of ways), how habits and

values are picked up by the young from influential sources and then practiced later on and perhaps one can see how humankind's capacity for xenophobic cruelty has always been with us."

This was a very powerful play. It made the audience think and offered some new perspectives. The play is reminiscent of how cruel kids can be and that they don't try their best to include everyone. After each of the five performances there was a discussion between the audience, the cast members and the director. One cast member pointed out that when some people grow up they still play these games but at an adult level. When kids are around anger that's what they're going to act out.

Ambush went on to say, "The ancient definition of theater was 'a place for seeing'. Games is a mirror to our global societies and asks viewers to see themselves, to see 'the other', and to reflect upon our attitudes, values, and treatment of each other." What Ambush hoped people would take away from the play is "an entertaining experience that also inspires

thought, introspection...and maybe internal growth."

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Student Voice: Student Government CSU Monterey Bay Style

By Jason Sanchez

Student Government Meeting Times and Locations

Student Voice BOD (Board of Directors) meetings are held every Monday from 12:15–1:50pm in the University Center room 114. Agendas for every meeting are posted on line one week in advance in the Student Voice FirstClass folder. There is also an opportunity for the public to address the board at every meeting. Feel free to come to Student Voice meetings to give your feedback and to bring up new topics and concerns.

Who are the Students on Student Voice?

There are eleven officers on Student Government. They are called the Board of Directors and they are: President Jason Sanchez, Financial Director Farah Hussain, Judicial Director Tamara Murphy, Public Relations Director Gerardo Salinas, Academic Senator Matt Fiori, Environmental and Campus Planning Senator Claire Porter, Events Senator Cenan Pirani, Multicultural Senator Ethan Brown, Residential Life Senator Rebecca Rosenthal, Technology Senator Hoss Koch. Currently the Student Voice chairperson is being appointed.

Good bye to a Student Voice Chairman

Former Chair Kevin Miller announced that he would vacate his position by early November. We would like to thank Kevin for being our Student Voice Chair for this semester and wish him well in all his future endeavors. His determination to make our meetings work and his courage for standing up for what he believes in will be missed.

CA State Representatives

Our Representatives to the California State Student Association (CSSA) are Tamara Murphy and Christine Svendsen. The CSSA is an organization that represents all the CSU campuses across the state of California and over 340,000 students. They influence policies of the CSU and laws that affect higher education system in our state. The CSSA is a respected organization that has a strong voice in Sacramento to the state government.

What has Student Voice done for you lately?

- We have assisted the Child Development Center to receive \$40,000 more in funding.
- Voter Registration Day
- Resolution against University President Peter Smith's decision to structurally change the Student Affairs Division and the process of how the decision was made.
- We have allocated money to the Events WorkGroup and the Inter-Club Council (ICC).

What have we been working on?

- Forming a Student Union committee and beginning the planning and development of the BBC
- Address the disability needs of all students on campus
- Continuing to define students' roles in decision making on campus and filling campus committees.
- Establishing a paper use policy and recycling program for the campus.
- Event planning.
- Advocacy on student life and housing issues.
- Redrafting and analyzing the way Student Voice is organized.

State of Events on Campus...

We all know that there is a need for events. Student Voice and many other student run organizations have been working to put on campus events including some weekly events like Rinse, a techno music night, every Tuesday in the University Center Living room, and Open Mic, a free speech event held every Thursday night. Work on the Winter Formal is also going on. Still not satisfied with the events that are happening on campus? Do you have any good ideas for events that would benefit students? You can submit a proposal to the Student Voice Events WorkGroup. If your proposal is approved then you can receive funding for the event, coordinate it, and make it happen! Contact Cenan Pirani or attend one of the WorkGroup meetings, which are every Thursday at 6:00 pm at the DC to find out more information.

Want to know more about Student Clubs and Organizations?

Go to the Student Activities and Career Development (SACD) Office, located in Building 44 on 6th Avenue, or go to an Inter-Club Council (ICC) meeting. You can find out what clubs currently exist on campus and how you can get involved. As a student you can also create a club; all the procedures are explained in the SACD Office. The ICC makes it possible for clubs to receive funding for the events they put on and also is a great way to get to know students who are in clubs. The ICC meets bi-monthly.

Organizing Justice in Student Government...

There is a Judicial Committee meetings in the Student Voice Office, located in building 14. They meet almost every Wednesday night from 8:15–9:30pm and sometimes have surprise refreshments! If you are interested in the Student Voice Judicial Committee please contact the Judicial Director Tamara Murphy.

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HOROSCOPES by Karli Agroe

Scorpio (October 23-November 22)

You may have to deal with a lot of changes today. Even though you dislike change it could turn out to be positive in the long run. So just go with the flow.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 20)

Something that you have been working toward for a long time will finally fall into place. It may be various goals that you have been trying to pursue.

Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

You tend to worry a lot about things. You will soon realize how much easier life is when you start to loosen up more. Stop worrying and go out and have fun.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Your indecisiveness may get you into trouble. It's time to start dealing with making some serious decisions instead of just putting them off.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

The aggressive side of you will be at its strongest today. Use this power to get what you want. Use your charm and you will be successful.

Aries (March 21-April 20)

For all you single Aries out there you may meet someone new. So keep your eyes open and don't

rule anyone out. It may be someone unexpected, which could be a good thing.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Have your pockets been empty lately? Don't worry. A new job opportunity will soon come your way. Just be sure that you're on the lookout.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Something has been holding you back lately. Luckily whatever it is will soon vanish. This will let you to start enjoying yourself more and enable you to go out and have fun.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your stress load is higher than ever. You will be ready to blow if you take on anymore. Try to avoid doing more work that you don't have to do. Just concentrate on finishing what you have now.

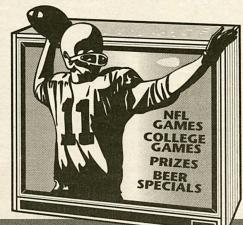
Leo (July 21-August 21)

You will be more alert to your instincts and intuitive skills. If you use them for impressing someone you can do a lot to improve you status.

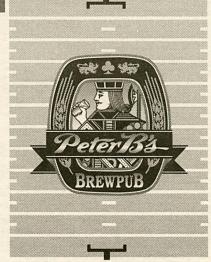
Virgo (August 22-September 22)

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Graduate and Professional School Day

Recruiters Impressed with CSUMB Students

By Gabriella Lopez

Did you go to the Graduate and Professional School Day on Tuesday, October 17th? If not, then you missed the 60 graduate schools and professional programs that attended this event. Between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, representatives from law schools, medical schools and many other programs were there to talk to students who may be interested in continuing their education after CSUMB. Along with talking with graduate school representatives, students who went to the fair also had the opportunity to win door prizes. Kendia Herrington, co-coordinator of the Graduate and Professional School Day, said that students seemed to enjoy "talking to the recruiters. One of the recruiters was actually an alum, so students, including myself, could talk to him about how CSUMB has prepared us and what we need to do to get into that school."

"Our office put flyers up in all the classrooms, called all the professors, and told the student clubs. It was hard to advertise, since the fair was the Tuesday after fall break," said Kendia. But despite the difficulty to advertise, the Graduate and Professional School Day brought in 150 students this year. Kendia, who helped organize this event for the second year thinks the event was very successful. "Lots of students told me that it went well because they were able to sit down and talk with the recruiters to get a better feeling of what they need," she said.

Most of the recruiters were pleased with the event. According to Bonnie Burnell, Student Activities Coordinator, "the majority of the schools said it was a well organized event. The representative from the Monterey College of Law was impressed by our students."

"According to the evaluations, most of the schools were very impressed with CSUMB and its students overall." Said Matt Kritscher, Director of Student Activities and Career Development. "One recruiter even mentioned that we had as much attendance as UCSC, even though our neighboring university is 5 times the population of CSUMB. The recruiters also mentioned that the students seemed very bright and well prepared with questions, etc. Many however, expressed desire to see more student in attendance from all of the majors."

The majority of students who went to the fair were also pleased with it. Some students said that the graduate fair was very informative. Both Bonnie and Kendia also said that some of the students they spoke with wished that there had been more schools that offer graduate programs in majors other than just law and medicine. "If students want a particular school to come, we need to know who to invite." said Kendia.

"If a particular school or program is not represented, it is likely the program is impacted and does not need to recruit students as the applications already exceed the number of students admitted and the application process is very competitive." Matt Kritscher said.

If you did miss the graduate school but would like more information, the Office of Student Activities and Career Development invites you to stop by their office for grad school information packet. The office is open M-F 8am-5pm. The Graduate and Professional School Day is an annual event, so look for it Fall 2001.

Say What? Otter Baseball Club By Jennifer Golomb

Otter baseball has kept great tradition up over the past six years as the longest running club sport and bringing many wins to our school. The baseball club was started in 1995 by Artie Morfin.

This semester they are working on game time experience against Humboldt state. They are currently practicing three days a week. They have a 20 game schedule planned for next spring, as well as, playing division three and NAIA schools. They have an opening for their official game in February against Menlo college. The first home game is a double header on February 16, against Simpson college.

They currently have two players coaching, senior Jon Martinez and Junior Rob Russell. Martinez works on scheduling, ICC matters, and on-field decisions. Russell helps with skills and instruction. The team also receives help from the Alderte Baseball Academy.

According to Martinez, they have a very solid team. "I like the depth of the pitching, Thomas Dekleer is our main pitcher and David Lease, will also have a big impact on the team. I like the commitment of our out-fielders Patrick Kelly, Brain Laatsch, Andy Kihn, and newcomer Vito Triglia."

Comparing this year's team to last years team returning player sophomore Thomas DeKleer replies, "Last year we had a lot of guys with experience and heart. This year we got a lot more players coming out looking to play games and win."

According to new comer and a promising player, sophomore David Lease, "I just want to play the game... and whoop a little ass. Can I say ass?"

Pool Anyone?

By Tracy Anne Burke

Though we do have the mother of all swimming pools right in our own backyard, some CSUMBers are looking for something a touch warmer than the chilly Pacific Ocean. Chances are you've heard something about some pool, somewhere, someplace around here. Well, not quite yet but it is on its way.

Preliminary plans for the pool began a while back, placing it adjacent to the WAC (Wellness Activity Center) and near the Sports Fields complex. This plan would make it possible to share some of the current facilities located at the WAC. The locker room, showers and some office space could be shared, for example. This original plan therefore called only for the actual pool, costing somewhere between \$1.3 and \$1.7 million dollars. It was discovered however that some drainage and engineering difficulties existed in that location. Also, sharing locker room space would make it just too crowded at the WAC, thus the bill was getting elevated to a level in which CSUMB no longer had the resources to go ahead with the plan.

The planning committee started looking for another site. They "re-sited" the pool and moved it over to the back end of the former Fort Ord Football stadium, in the sunken area currently occupied by iceplant. There is also an existing "field house" in that location, which can be utilized in the Pool Complex. With the relocation of the pool site and new plans under way, it was found that with the money CSUMB had available, less pool was going to be built. The original plan of a 50meter pool (which is Olympic sized) had to be scaled down to 25 yard by 25 meter.

This new plan concerned some of the members of the planning committee. Their goal was to develop plans for a pool, but they had to make sure they were serving the school community, and potentially the greater community of the Monterey Peninsula. Bill Trumbo, Director of Athletics and a member of the pool advisory board (which consists of approximately 12 members, including community members, faculty, university staff, dis-

ability representatives, and construction design project team members) stated, "With the smaller pool you know, realistically it is water, and people can swim in it, but you limit how many people you serve and the future potential use. We don't have an aquatic team so it's not like a competitive pool. But even for lessons, classes, for lap swimming, for kayak and scuba lessons and teaching, in a 50 meter pool you can do all those things, divide it into thirds and have all those functions going on at the same time. And revenue potential from a 50 meter pool comes far closer to covering the operational costs: heating, electrical, staffing-which probably will be close to a quarter of a million a year."

With all these things taken into consideration, the planning committee began looking at how to go about the construction of a 50meter pool and look for outside financial support. Though the new design left CSUMB in need of about \$1.5 million, they decided to send the planning committee on it's way to develop the plans for a 50meter pool in the new location with all of the amenities, including a handicap accessible therapy pool, decking, fencing, lights, locker facilities, office space, bath house, etc.

Now here's the deal. The design folks, from a design and architectural firm, Ellerbe Beckett, are underway in making the final plans for construction of the pool but CSUMB is still short some money; about \$1.5 million. The "construction documents" are set to be in place for this Aquatic Center in December, which means the final plans will be completed so that construction on the pool can begin in February, with a completion date set before students begin the Fall semester, 2001. If CSUMB thinks that by December, obtaining the \$1.5 million from private sector contributions is realistic, the plans can get underway.

"That's what I have been working on," begins Trumbo, "trying to find those people in the community that have an interest in aquatics, that understand and would support the build out of an optimum pool...and that they believe it is the right thing to do. If they believe it enough, then they should put the money up."

There are no other Olympic sized pools anywhere in this area save for the one at Hartnell College. This Aquatic center would be very exciting, not only for the CSUMB community but the larger Monterey Bay community as well. For CSUMB it would allow for lessons, classes, recreational and lap swimming as well as the future potential for competitive aquatic sports. For the Monterey Bay community it can offer the same uses as well as a community resource for youth groups, swim clubs, families looking to spend the day at the pool and so much more.

Now there are future plans for a full-out Aquatic center with the big pool, a therapy pool, a smaller recreational pool with a sun area, and an enclosure for the whole center, but that totals over \$11 million. Even though CSUMB doesn't currently have that money, the pool will be built in phases to ensure the future potential of the aquatic center.

"One of the things that attracted me here is that the Monterey Peninsula has world class amenities," says Bill Trumbo. "It has world-class marine science and aquatic research, aquarium research, they have the world-class language institute, the world-class golf courses and world class this and that. And I think our university could take on that same kind of initiative here. As we change this from a military training base and we acquire new facilities that become that of an educational institution, I think we should take that extra step and make them also first class...And our students now and in the future will be the beneficiaries if we do things in a real first class manner."

Bottom line: CSUMB is going ahead with the plans for the pool even though it doesn't have all the money yet. Those in charge are hopeful they will find private sector contributions and the pool should be ready to swim in next fall, 2001.

Person Street By Greg Newhall

Q: If you could ask one question to one of the Presidential candidates, what would it be?



Aimee Sanchez, LS
"What I would like to know
is, where do they stand on
abortion and the death
penalty?"



Umar Abdur-Rahim, HCOM "Are we going to War?"



Adam Bumgardner, HCOM
"How can you guarantee that
public schools will receive
adequate and equal funding
for the years to come?"



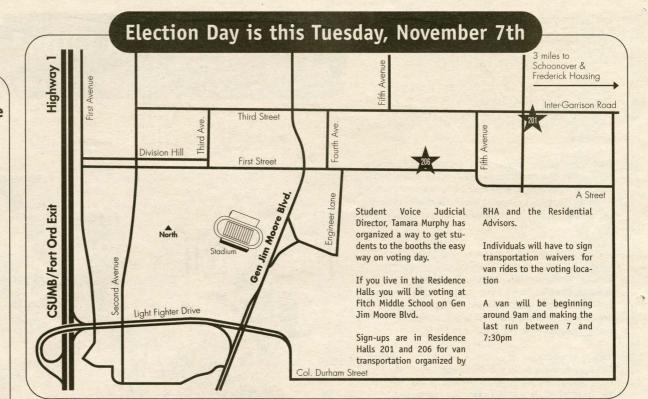
Jared Bocachica, IMIE "How long have you wanted to be President?"



Dana Lacono, HCOM "George W. Bush, why do you have to be so evil?"



John Coleman, SBSC "Have you ever changed your own oil in your car?"



California's Public Universities Called on the Carpet for Crime Activity Reports

Part I in three-part series on Crime and Discipline Issues on Campus

by Kechia Smith-Gran

Criminal homicide. Sex offenses. Aggravated assault. These are but a few of the categories of crimes committed on college campuses across the nation. Students, staff, faculty, administrators and visitors to campus should know what is happening on the campus grounds. However, the correct information does not always become available. According to the October 12, 2000, issue of USA Today, the U.S. Department of Education "will investigate complaints that California's public universities are underreporting campus crimes, including rapes."

Because of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Police and Campus Crime Statistics Act, enacted to law by Congress in 1990 as the Campus Security Act and was revised in 1998, all colleges and universities are required by federal law to report their annual crime records, as well as their security policies. The colleges and universities also must disclose the programs that they use to promote campus safety and security. After a series that was published early October in the Sacramento Bee, which was later picked up by larger newspapers, the announcement was made that the investigation was occurring.

What does this mean for the CSU? It means that the federal government is looking into the crime statistics reports from all nine of the University of California campuses and well as the 23 California State University sites, which includes CSUMB.

The Otter Realm was unable to get statistical data for the University of California campuses, but was able to obtain data for

the California State University system. Police Chief Joe Maltby of the University Police Department at CSUMB provided crime activity data for both this campus and the entire CSU. In a memo dated July 12, 2000, from Michael Lordanich, police administrator for the CSU, addressed to campus presidents, the 1999 annual report of crime statistics was detailed. The report represented a compilation of crime data reported to the Chancellor's office by 22 campus police departments and the Maritime Academy Public Safety Department. The report, the memo says, is "intended to offer a broad perspective of criminal activity occurring both on individual campuses and throughout the system generally." The report is a "basis for compliance with legislatively mandated campus safety reports which must be published and made available to all students and staff."

Chief Maltby also provided a 1999 annual report put out by the California Department of Justice, a division of Criminal Justice Information Services and Statistics Center, which has a crime report, by jurisdiction for actual offenses reported and cleared. The report showed that for CSU Monterey Bay, there were 106 reported offenses, including robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. There is also a supplementary report that discloses the monetary value of these crimes. Of course, with physical and sexual assault, there is no dollar amount assigned. Another report generated from the same statistics center gives a breakdown of each specific offense based on age and gender and disposition of case.

The CSUMB public safety brochure includes the 2000 Crime Statistics Report, providing an overall view of crime from January 1st through December 31st for 1997, 1998 and 1999. On September 1st of each year, the Report is updated and includes statistics from three previous calendar years.

Readers wanting to request more information regarding crime trends at CSUMB should contact the University Police Department directly. The telephone number is to (831) 582-3360, and they are located in building 82F off of Third Avenue. The UPD can also be reached on FirstClass in their conference folder or at http://police.monterey.edu.

To access crime statistics for over 4,200 colleges, go to the Web site provided by the U.S. Department of Education, at http://ope.ed.gov/security

To access information for CSUMB public safety records, see http://police.monterey.edu

Part 2 of a three-part series looks at crime and discipline issues on campus. The Otter Realm sits down with the UPD and looks at crime on campus and an interview with Women's Self Defense instructor Christine Derr about women and personal safety.

In Part 3 of the series, we will look at Residential Life and Student Conduct to see how the system doles out punishment for offenses on campus.

The Chim Chim club is one of the newest groups to be officially recognized as a club at CSUMB. The club is for Anime enthusiasts and is named after a chapter of a Northern Californian anime club. Anime is Japanese Animation.

Some Anime geared towards a younger audience had made its way into the American mainstream like Sailor Moon, Dragon Ball Z, Pokemon and Digimon. "We generally watch a wide genre of Anime ranging from comedies to the serious dramas," said David Held, Vice President on the Chim Chim Club.

Much of the Japanese Anime that the Chim Chim club views is not made for children and contains some graphic scenes. "Sometimes there is violence and sometimes there is sexual situations, but we never watch just amine porn," said Chim Chim President Sheyne Fleischer, "Everyone is welcome but be prepared to watch something more mature than Pokemon (most of the time)."

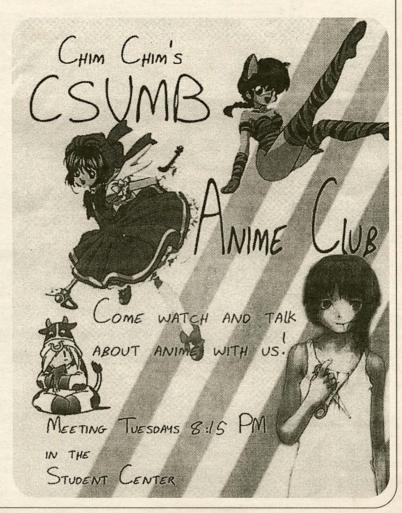
Most of the films are in Japanese with English subtitles and have another purpose besides entertainment. "They are, of course, entertaining, but more than that, they are the unintended Japanese export and since they were never meant for non-Japanese audiences, they let us look into the Japanese psyche in a way that no other form of media provides," said Tom Abbot, faculty advisor to the Anime Club

The Chim Chim club meets every Tuesday at the Student Center. The meetings start at 8:15pm and they watch Anime till around 10:30. To become a member, all you have to do is show up and watch the films. If you would like to be added to the Chim Chim email list, you can contact Sheyne Fleischer on First Class.

As for the future, Chim Chim is planning on having a table at Kelp Kraze where you can talk about anime and get more information and they are planning on going to Fanime March 30-April 1. Famine is an Anime convention is San Jose. They are also hoping to have an Anime film festival here on campus one day.

Can I get a Chim Chim?

Ry Robert DelaRosc



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SEAL Damage By Rudolph J. Heuser

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On the weekend of October 20th, a quarter of the students' accounts went offline on SEAL, CSUMB's storage server. The cause of this failure was two storage drives within the server itself. Thanks to a tape backup, however, very little information was lost from the drives. Introduced almost five years ago, the server is responsible for hosting not only the main campus page (http://www.monterey.edu) but also a wide variety of pages and information including campus clubs, sports, and department information. Josh Callahan, one of two administrators for the SEAL server was willing to admit the server was "slated for replacement."

By Thanksgiving of this year, it is expected that the "SEAL" server will no longer be just one machine, but several. Potentially, this means little downtime for not only SEAL, but also for other network based programs such as FirstClass. This server upgrade is one of many steps the IT department will be taking in order to make computing easier, faster, and overall better for the students.

WASC Uuuup-date By Salina Dilorio

The Extension of Candidacy Visit concluded with the Exit Interview Friday morning, with a good turn-out from the campus community. President Judith Ramaley, the WASC team chair, shared the team's observations about the progress CSUMB has made since the 1997 visit, and offered some preliminary suggestions about areas CSUMB still needs to work on.

The team will now write its report based on the visit. It will be submitted to President Smith in Draft form in November to be reviewed for factual errors only. The Report will be finalized and become public early next year.

The next step for CSUMB in the accreditation process will be to prepare for the initial accreditation reviews in 2002/2003. We will be revising our Self-study Proposal to be submitted to WASC December 1. Then work will begin on the self-study, which will involve building portfolios of analytical essays and evidence to show that CSUMB meets the WASC standards for Capacity and Educational Effectiveness. The self-study process will involve participation from students, staff, faculty, and administration.

The WASC conference on FirstClass will remain active. Please check it out for updates on the Self-study process.

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Men's Soccer Team Defeated In Conference Playoffs

By Chris Lee

The CSUMB Men's Soccer Team made the conference playoffs, but lost in a semi-final game to Cal State Hayward. Failing to capitalize on early scoring opportunities, the Otters were defeated 3-0.

The loss ended a 2000 season which the Otters finished with a conference record of 4-3 and third place in the CAL Pac Conference. The year had its ups, such as first-ever victories

against Patten and Dominican Colleges, and its downs including a 10-game (non-conference) losing streak

In the end the Otters achieved a team goal by making the conference playoffs, coming just short of victory in a big game against CSU Hayward.

The season marked the end of a career for seven seniors on the CSUMB Men's Soccer Team.

Pedro Gonzales, Levi Hanzel-Sello, Jose Martinez, Ernesto Pacleb, Oscar Renteria, Brian I. Rutherford, and Saul J. Schulman, have all played their final game for CSUMB.

Replacing the skill and leadership of these departing seniors will be very hard to do, but next year's program hopes to build on the positive momentum of a second consecutive playoff season.

A Successful Season Comes to an End

By Chris Lee

The Women's Soccer Season came to an end with a 3-0 playoff loss to Dominican College of San Rafael. The game was played in San Rafael, with a couple of small mistakes costing the Otters in a big way.

Although the Otters lost, the season was a success as the team finished with a 6-2 overall conference record, including a string

of three consecutive victories.

After an impressive year, in which the team established themselves as contenders finishing third the CAL Pac Conference, the Women's Soccer Program is definitely headed in a successful direction. Big things are expected of the Women's Soccer Team next season, as many of the team's young players now have a

full year of college-level experi-

Coming into this season one of the teams main goals was to set a solid foundation which the CSUMB Women's Soccer Program could build on for years to come, and the team definitely achieved that goal by making the conference playoffs.



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\$60.00 adults. All seats are general admission, open seating at the Otter Sports Center.

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Women's home opener is on Thursday, Nov. 9 against Cal Baptist at 7:00 p.m.

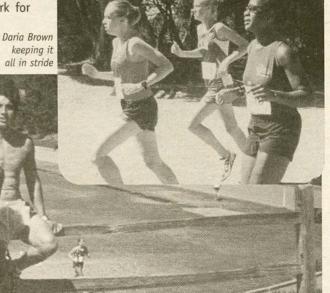
Men's home opener is on Friday, Dec. 8 against Cal Baptist at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 582-3015.

Mens Cross Country Wins Conference Title

The CSU Monterey Bay Mens Cross Country Team took the league title the weekend of October 27 in the championship race at Pacific Union College. Congratulations guys!

The team: Javier Alonso, Dan Olney, Miguel Gomez, Jose Herrera, Aaron Avila, Erik Uppman Congratulations also go out to the Womens team, and Christy Clark for medaling in her race.



The 2000 CSUMB Cross Country Team with coach Yi Mao

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Happenings By Jen L. Reeves

If you need disability or interpreter accommodations to attend these events, please promptly contact the event sponsors. If you are planning an event open to the campus community, and would like to announce your

event in Otter Happenings, please contact Jen L. Reeves via First Class.

November 1-November 6 What: Dia de los Muertos altar display

When: During Library's open hours Where: Library Learning Complex For more information:

Complex
For more information:
Please contact Maria Zielina
via First Class

November 1 What: The Stuart Outcomes Site Visit and Meeting

When: 7:45am-2:30pm
Where: Institute for
Community Collaborative
Studies-Bldg. 86D
For more information:
Please contact Jerry Endres
via First Class

November 1 What: Women's Problem Solving and Support Group

When: 12:00pm-1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center For more information: Please call Sharon Riley at 831-582-3969

November 1 What: Inter-Club Council Meeting

When: 6:15pm Where: Student Activities and Career Development For more information: Please call 831-582-3845

November 2 What: Ten Principles for Welcoming Diversity

When: 9:00am-Noon Where: Building 2 Conference Room For more information: Please call Julie Juarez at 831-582-3731

November 2 What: Piecemakers Quilters Group Meeting

When: 12:00pm-1:00pm Where: MLC, room 171 For more information: Please contact Lynda Haddox via First Class

November 2 What: Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) main event

When: Face painting at 5:30pm Procession to Divarty Quad at 6:30pm Aztec Dancers, Altars, Music and Refreshments in Quad Where: Meet for procession

Where: Meet for procession at VPA Building 71 For more information: Please call Elizabeth Ross at 831-582-4330

November 3 What: CSUMB Outdoor Recreation Event-Kayak Surf Zone

For time, location and more information: Please contact Robert Alexander via First Class

November 3 What: African American Men's Forum

When: 12:00-1:00pm Where; Personal Growth and Counseling Center (Building 99)-Conference Room For more information: Please contact Mel Mason at

831-582-4437
To serve as a support group for African American male students with a focus on goal setting, problem solving and mentorships with African American male faculty and staff.

November 3 What: MultiCultural Lesbian Film Festival Feature Film: 'The Watermelon Woman'

When: 7:00pm
Where: World Theater (Bldg. 28)
For more information:

For more information: Please call Ethan Brown at 831-582-4067 x3

November 4 What: CSUMB Outdoor Recreation Event-

Bike Fort Ord
For time, location and more
information: Please contact
Robert Alexander via First
Class

November 4 What: Catholic Mass and Newman Community

Newman Commun When: 11:00am Where: Building 44 For more information: Please contact Matthew Fiori or Debra Rivera via First Class.

November 4 What: Women's Volleyball v. Menlo College

When: 7:30pm Where: WAC For more information: Please call 831-582-3015

November 5 What: **Pianist Daniel Glover**

When: 3:00pm-4:30pm
Where: Music Hall- Bldg.
30-Room 100
For more information:
Please call Shirlene
Campbell at
831-582-3009

November 5 What: Book Festival 2000 When: 10:00am-6:00pm Where: Montarey County

Where: Monterey County Fairgrounds \$2 tickets at the door For more information: Please call David Kimball at 831-625-2417

November 7 What: Early Focus- a time for Bible reading and prayer

When: 7:00am
Where: Steinbeck Room of the DC
For more information:
Please contact Anton
Prange via First Class

November 7 What: Financial Aid Loan Counseling

When: 11:00am
Where: Bldg. 29-Room 114
For more information:
Please call the Financial Aid
Office at
831-582-3518
Students must complete
one loan counseling session
before receiving their
Financial Aid check.

November 7 What: Campus Health Center presents: Hepatitis B and Meningitis clinic

When: 1:00pm-7:00pm Where: University Center Ballroom Cost: \$75/Meningitis; \$65/Hepatitis B For more information: Call the Campus Health Center at 831-582-3965

November 8 What: Women's Problem Solving and Support Group

When: 12:00pm-1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center For more information: Please call Sharon Riley at 831-582-3969

November 8 What: Teacher Preparation Informational Meeting

When: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Where: Bldg. 3 conference room For more information: Please call Lydia Martinez at 831-582-3638

November 8
What: Leadership
Development
WorkshopCommunity
Development

When: 6:15pm Where: SACD For more information: Please call SACD at 831-582-3845

November 9-December 9 What: Photo Exhibition: Visual Images of Latin America: A Study at Sea Exhibition -by ESSP senior Holly Lopez

When: During Library hours Where: CSUMB Library For more information: Please contact Holly Lopez via First Class

November 9 What: Piecemakers Quilters Group Meeting

When: 12:00pm-1:00pm Where: MLC- room 171 For more information: Please contact Lynda Haddox via First Class

November 9 What: Press conference concerning the Child Development Center When: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Where: Child Development Center For more information: Please contact Kevin Miller via First Class

November 9 What: Women's Basketball v. California Baptist University When: 7:00pm

Where: WAC For more information: Please call 831-582-3015

November 10 What: Touch the Future with Joseph Chilton Pearce, Michael

Mendizza and Stuart Brown When: 9:30am-2:00pm Where: Music Hall For more information: Please contact John Pomeroy via First Class

November 10 What: African American Men's Forum

When: 12:00–1:00pm
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99)-Conference Room
For more information:
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at
831-582-4437

November 10 What: MultiCultural Lesbian Film Festival Feature Film: 'Fire'

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For more information: Please call Ethan Brown at 831-582-4067 x3

November 11 What: Catholic Mass and Newman Community

When: 11:00am
Where: Building 44
For more information:
Please contact Matthew
Fiori or Debra Rivera via
First Class

November 11 What: Second Annual Kelp Kraze Day Entertainment~Food

~ Music~Family~Fun~ "Edu"tainment~Kraz ed Events~and More!

When: 11:30am-4:00pm Where: Sixth Street For more information: Please call 831-582-4723

November 12-17
What: Hunger and
Homelessness
Awareness Week

For more information: Stay tuned to Open Forum and General News

November 14 What: Early Focus- a time for Bible reading and prayer When: 7:00am

Where: Steinbeck Room of the DC For more information: Please contact Anton Prange via First Class

Novemer 14
What: Interprofessional
Competencies and
Educational
Continuum

When: 11:00am-3:00pm Where: La Scuola Ristorante in Castroville For more information: Please contact Jerry Endres via First Class

November 14 What: Career Development Workshop -Resume Writing

When: 5:00pm-6:30pm Where: SACD For more information: Please call SACD at 831-582-3845

November 14
What: All in the Family
Bowling Night
When: 8:00pm
For location and more
information: Please contact
Ethan Brown via First Class

November 15 What: Women's Problem Solving and Support Group

When: 12:00pm-1:00pm Where: Personal Growth and Counseling Center For more information: Please call Sharon Riley at 831-582-3969

November 15 What: Visiting Artist: Defining Public Space through Cultural History: Gerald Kelly, Belfast Muralist

When: 6:30-8:00pm Where: Musical Hall Auditorium (Bldg. 30) For more information: Please call Amalia Mesa-Bains at 831-582-3766

November 15 What: Free Food & Game Night When: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Where: 7:00pm-9:00pm Where: Saratoga Annex For more information: Please contact Beatrice Gonzalez via First Class

Women's Rugby practices are held every Monday/Wednesday from 12:15–1:30pm and Tuesday/Thursday from 3:15–4:45pm. Please contact Carolyn Drouin via First Class for more information.

Workouts with the International Martial Arts Club occur every Monday and Wednesday, 5:00-7:00pm in the WAC annex. Please contact George Baldwin via First Class for more information.

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2:00pm-4:00pm: "Blue
Mondays" with Ian

Sardegna-Stephens 4:00pm-5:00pm: "Live

Wire" with Cosmo and

Vespera Tuesdays

12:00pm-2:00pm: "Altered Radio" with Michael B. and Eric Flores 2:00pm-4:00pm: "Real Time" with Chris and Genaro 4:00pm-5:00pm: "Tropicalisimo" with Silka

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12:00pm-2:00pm: "Random
Noise" with Yuri Jimenez
and Amanda Wollard
2:00pm-4:00pm: "The
People's Show" with Carlos
4:00-5:00pm: "Black Star
Liner" with Evan Wynns and
Kyle Squyres

Thursdays

10:00am-12:00pm: "En Efekto- Rock en Revolucion" with Chuy Ramirez 12:00pm-2:00pm: "Pop Rocks Cubed" with Keith and Bob 2:00pm-4:00pm: "RADIO-RAP" with Bob 4:00pm-5:00pm: "Better Living Through Circuitry" with Tammy Albino and Dylan Hart

Fridays

12:00pm-2:00pm: "What's Happening?!" with Brian Kees and Jan Janes 2:00pm-4:00pm: "The Real Student Voice" and "Broadway on the Bay" with Malinda and Robin 4:00pm-5:00pm: "Gruv Nation" with Raul and "Speak, Scream and Destroy" with D-Vaneh