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DON'T STRESS OUT FOR FINALS!



HELP IS AVAILABLE!

The Math Tutoring Lab and University Writing Center Set Sail at CSUCI

We are excited to bring you the services of our Math Tutoring Lab and the University Writing Center. These centers are designed to provide you with the tools to improve your skills and make the most out of your learning experience here at CSUCI. Our process is collaborative—we work with you to encourage effective, independent learning, and to further your knowledge and understanding in a number of classes. To schedule an appointment, please call 437-8409 or stop by room 1301 in the Bell Tower.

Our Math tutors are there to help you step by step, and help you have a better understanding of your assignments. Our tutors enjoy

working with groups and often prefer walk-ins, but appointments are welcome as well. Check the display board in front of room 1432 in the Bell Tower, or in front of the Advising Center (room 1301) for updates and information.

Our writing consultants are available to help with editing, organizing a paper, and improving your writing skills. They can assist you with any step of the writing process, from brainstorming to creating your final draft. Appointments are at least thirty minutes, and can be as long as an hour. If you wish to have a quick consultation by phone, please call 437-8934.

The University Writing Center

Hours: 10-8 M-Th
12-2 F-Sat

Room: Bell Tower, 2253

Information/Appointment Line:
437-8409

Consultation Line:
437-8934

(during open hours)

The Math Tutoring Lab

Hours: M 11:30-12:30, 2-6
T 11-6

W 11:30-12:30, 1-6

Th 11-3

F 11:30-12:30

Room: Bell Tower, 1432
Information/Appointment Line:
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LIBRARY OFFERS LATE HOURS AND REFRESHMENTS

The University Library will be extending its hours for final exams. The Library will be open to midnight starting the week before finals on December 4th, Wednesday, December 5th, Thursday. During Finals Week the library will have extended hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

In addition to the extended hours the library will provide a break time for students by serving free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate along with some coffee cake every night during extended hours from 9:30-10:00 p.m.

Come to the library to study hard and take a well deserved break.

RELAX

A Candlelit Campus Tour

Exploring The Depths of Dementia

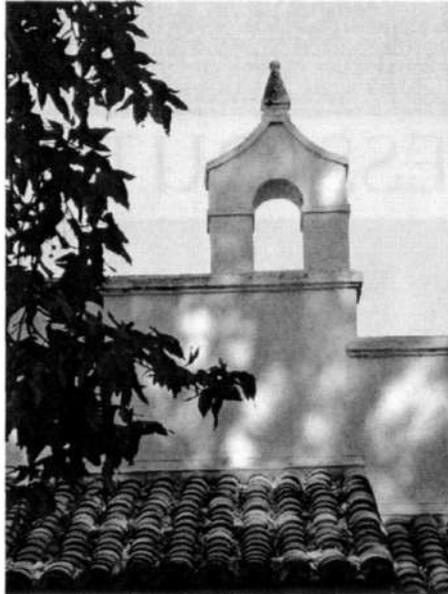
Submitted by Kimberly Magee

It's the day after Halloween and there is pitch darkness all around. The air is stale and warm. Nearby a door creaks, or is it a moan? There is dust everywhere... and oh, there is also a morgue. Someone laughs to break the silence and everyone is relieved. It isn't a haunted house and it isn't your typical university setting, but it is just one floor below classrooms on the campus of CSUCI.

This was a surprise to more than 200 students and friends who attended a special campus tour. It was organized by the Associated Student Body and history professor, Dr. Nan Yamane. "This is the third year we've led the tour and by far, it's the best turnout", she commented.

Three years ago, Dr. Yamane began teaching on the Camarillo campus and developed an interest in its history. She wondered, "If only the walls could talk..." Since then and with the help of research grants from CSUN and CSUCI, she has been compiling a history of the Camarillo State Mental Hospital. The tour was made possible largely because of her work.

Many students gathered outside the HUB holding flashlights and candles to await the evening walk through the past. They were led through campus buildings



that are usually off-limit to the public.

In each of the darkened buildings, actors recounted tales of life at the hospital during the 1930's- 1980's.

The group stood in former residence halls and laughed at the actor's

Speech and Debate Team Forming

Interested in a Speech and Debate Team? Are you a person who loves to talk? Do you like to challenge yourself? If you said yes to any of these questions then come explore the possibilities of being a part of the Speech and Debate team. Learn skills that will help you prepare to be successful in your future. Most of all; come to have fun!!

Where:

The Office of Student Affairs

descriptions of "forty demented women charging in and out of conversation". Later, many squirmed as they spoke of straightjackets, de-licing procedures and the graphic details of a lobotomy. Participant Alicia Gonzales said, "During daylight it's hard to imagine this stuff went on. But now in the darkness, it's easy to picture."

The former hospital was open for more than 50 years, with enrollment peaking during the 1950's. During this era, a renowned children's unit was

added. "This was a pioneering movement then," Dr. Yamane explained, "healthcare for children was a new concept". In

addition, a world famous behavior modification program for schizophrenia was developed. In the 1980's legislative reform caused budget cuts and enrollment steadily decreased until the hospital was completely closed in 1997.

Evidence of each period in the hospital's history can be found in the unique architecture of the different buildings. The group expressed surprise at gothic formations and the large number of murals painted by former volunteers.

The tour culminated with an anticipated visit to the morgue. Cold metal holding pins clanked as people opened them for a peak in to the past. The evening ended as everyone gathered for a yearbook style photo in the lime-green autopsy room.

THERE from the start *STMT*

CSU Channel Islands is the newest campus of the California State University system and it houses a new SCTA local chapter called Tomorrow's Teachers. Cal State Channel Islands opened its doors in the fall 2002 and before midterms Tomorrow's Teachers were already formed and active on campus.

During our inaugural semester we accomplished a successful book drive, which the students and staff were very generous in helping us collect over 300 books. On November 1st, we delivered the books to Rio Rosales Elementary School in Oxnard. We spent two hours at the school reading to various classes of different grade levels. We also participated in our campus's first annual Halloween bash and held a successful two-day bake sale.

We have weekly Executive Board meetings and have had three general meetings for students. These meetings included two informational meetings and one on the C-BEST, C-SET and RICA. On three separate occasions we have hosted tables in the campus courtyard recruiting new members.

There were four members who were fortunate enough to attend the Fall Leadership Conference in November. The Executive Board members who were in attendance were our President Sigifredo Cruz, our Vice-President Angelina Ortega, our Editor Elizabeth Cherry and our Secretary Carrie Oxender.

We were very inspired by the Teacher Panel and plan to invite local teachers from various grade levels to our school to have our own teacher panel for the campus students at our school.

We are proud to be a part of SCTA and are looking forward to growing along with our new campus.

Make An Impact In Your Community

The greatest opportunity to give back to your community is right in your own back yard! Habitat for Humanity of Ventura strives to eliminate substandard housing, making decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. We are committed to building and rehabilitating homes with the help of homeowners and volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity has built 24 homes in Ventura County since its inception in 1983. For the first ten years volunteers worked on repairing over 500 homes in the County, and after receiving our first land donation in 1993 Habitat has housed 25 families.

Habitat's success is achieved with the help and heart of local community support. Each and every Saturday morning our worksite is bustling with volunteers working together. The workday starts at 8:00 a.m. and continues till the afternoon.

Skilled or unskilled, young or old, people come together for the common vision of helping out those in need in our community.

If you would like to join our volunteers in making low income housing a reality in Ventura County, please visit the work site. For more information on the volunteer opportunities join us at the Orientation being held the first Monday of the month at our business office or the second Saturday at the Piru work site. Contact Cristin Walsh at 805-485-6065 X 106 and sign up today.

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Multicultural and Gender Center In the Works!!

As the first students at the California State University Channel Islands, it is up to us to develop an identity for our school. By supporting the Multicultural and Gender Center we will be supporting an atmosphere of acceptance and diversity on our campus. The centers will be a place where students can go to talk about issues of equality and diversity, and resources will be available for academic and personal development. The centers will bring speakers and hold events to CSUCI that will

increase awareness and unify the students. It will be a safe place on campus where students can study, engage in discussions, and just hang out. If this sounds good to you, help develop the centers and help create an identity for our campus! We need students from diverse backgrounds and professor input as well. Make your voice heard on campus- all people are welcome. Contact Becca Glazer at beccaj_13@juno.com or call (805)487-5571



Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer

This last Friday Dr. Sawyer was a key not speaker for the NAACP. A Harvard Graduate, Dr. Sawyer has been teaching for the last 25 yrs. To Cal State Channel Islands we know him as the Vice President of Student Affairs, but within the community his role is even bigger. Dr. Sawyer believes that people need to be enriched and engaged intellectually. During my interview with Dr. Sawyer the thing that really stuck out to me was his commitment to others and the community. He believes that every person has a purpose and it is up to them to fulfill it. Dr Sawyer and his wife do this by going into the community and doing anything possible to help people find their purpose in life. Dr. Sawyer spends much of his time outside of the university helping and encouraging "at risk" students in realizing their potential and furthering their education. Dr. Sawyer also has helped the schools that he has worked at in achieve academic success. He has been the leader of honor societies that are recognized as being one of the best in Florida. He lives for what he does and you can hear that the minute that he begins to speak. Dr. Sawyer is a person that we all strive to be. He helps to remind everyone that together we can make a difference.

Dia De Los Muertos

November 1, 2002

Submitted by Kimberly Magee

The sweet smell of mole and cheerful sounds of Latin folklorico filled the air at the CSUCI Dia De Los Muertos celebration on November 1. The holiday, translated as "Day of the Dead", is held to honor the memory of deceased relatives and loved ones. It was created in Latin America during the Spanish conquest and designed to help the native population cope with the high death rate during that period. Today it is still widely celebrated and has become increasingly popular in the United States.

Although the holiday name may sound morbid, Dia De Los Muertos is a happy occasion. Dr. Gabriel Meza Buelna of CSUN explains, "Dia De Los Muertos is not meant to be scary even though it is associated with death. For us it is a day to celebrate the concept of immortality, life after death. We use song, dance and poetry to give light to our deceased loved ones. In this way, many mourners are comforted and are reminded that death is a part of the cycle of life."

Another important part of the celebration includes placing "ofrendas" or "gifts" on grave sights of deceased relatives. The "ofrendas" are typically special foods prepared only for the holiday. Students attending the festival were able to savor these specialties. The buffet even included atole, a complex drink made from corn meal and water.

After eating, guests were treated to a lively show of song and dance performed by local Latin Folklorico dance companies. The music led many students to reflect on their personal experiences with the tradition. Betty Rubalcaba, a senior majoring in Sociology shared her memories, "My family celebrates this holiday when we visit Mexico. There are always a lot of mariachis and all of the songs mean something about the past." Another student, Tony Luna commented, "I don't get to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos much in California. It's nice to have a party on campus."

If you missed the festival this year, the Associated Student Body expects to continue the tradition next year.

