MEChA

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CSUCI MEChA members left to right as follows: Rosario Cuevas, Diane Padilla, Susan Carrasco, Prof. Elias Serna, Claudia Fernandez, Dr. Frank Barajas, Sergio Alvarez, Aida Jimenez, Jesus Herrera and Ariana Luquin Sanchez

MEChA

Hosts Cesar E. Chavez Celebration

On Tuesday March 30th, CSUCI's newest student organization MEChA (movimiento.estudiantil.chicano/a.de aztlan) hosted their first event, the Cesar E. Chavez celebration. The celebration was held in the science building auditorium, from 10am-2:00pm. Festivities included a film screening of "Stuggles in the Fields," a historical documentary of the United Farm Workers, and the grape boycott of the 1960's. A welcome by Dr. Frank Barajas, Professor of History, and MEChA advisor, a welcome by Susan Carrasco, MEChA chair, and a second film screening hosted by guest speaker Prof. Elias Serna of CSUN, followed by a reception.

Cesar E. Chavez was a civil rights leader who campaigned for better working conditions for farmworkers. He dedicated his life to this mission, and had even fasted for the cause. He is also the founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW), an organization that is still in effect today. The celebration was held the day before the March 31 holiday, which is Cesar E. Chavez's birthday. Cesar died April 23, 1993 in Arizona, less than ten miles from where he was born.

MEChA would like to thank the Office of Student Development, Associated Students CSUN-CI, and the University Student Union Inc., CSUN, and West Coast Refrigerated Trucking, for helping to sponsor the event.

MEChA would also like to extend an invitation to the campus community; faculty, staff, and all interested students to attend the annual Cesar E. Chavez Commerative March held in Oxnard, hosted by the Oxnard chapter of the UFW. The march will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2004 from 9am-1:00pm. The march will start on the corner of Brekke St.& Cesar E. Chavez St., and end at Oxnard Plaza Park. All are welcome, and free to participate.
A Few Words From the Editor

Welcome back to midterms and the final crunch of the semester. I hope you all enjoyed your spring break. The Channel Islands View is looking for students who are interested in writing, graphic design, and photography. We are also looking to interview students who are graduating this semester for the final issue of the academic year. The interviews will consist of a reflection on the past years at Channel Islands and highlight a student from each of the disciplines. If you are interested in being featured in the graduation issue or know someone who you think should be featured please e-mail us so that we can set up an appointment for an interview as soon as possible. For those who are interested in writing for the paper please e-mail me at Jennifer.o.toole@csuciedu with your name and major and area of interest (features, news, editorials, opinion, comics, etc.). There are positions open for students who will be continuing in the fall.

Please submit all work electronically to Jennifer.OToole@csuciedu

Fan Mail

Pretzel-boy:

I saw your numbers on the Iraq war. I was dismayed to think you have not been able to find any other statistics than those you listed in the last edition of the Channel Islands View.

I noticed you mentioning the number of Iraqi civilian deaths, military deaths, U.S. trained Police deaths, U.S. military deaths, U.S. military injured, and accusations of sexual misconduct by U.S. military members. I also noticed you only cited one of the statistics out of the six you provided. ON that website, I noticed you left out the fact that you were citing the “maximum” number while leaving out the equally important “minimum” number. Convenient.

Additionally, I noticed a lack of statistics that might present a more accurate point of view or at least one that presents all the information available to the intrepid journalist-to-be. Come to think about it, I would have even settled for a commentary.

Besides, what is the point of putting up the particular numbers you did? Why are there not more? Why is it only present a negative view? Do you not see any good that has come out of the past year or are you of a different opinion? What is the purpose of the “And in World News...” piece? Do you have something to say or are you going to allow others to speak for you through statistics in the hope we are all too lazy to challenge what you’ve written?

It seems you do not support the idea that Iraq is free from Saddam or that the cost is too high. Is this true? Are you not aware of the life people in Iraq lived under Saddam or does it not fit your current agenda? It seems also that you are not bothered by the fact that Saddam was bankrolling terrorists who were guilty of killing innocent women and children. It does not seem to bother you that money intended to feed Iraqis was spent on palaces and kickbacks to the UN and other countries (just look at the list of who opposed America and the UK and you’ll see those being investigated for defrauding the Oil-for-Food program). You also do not seem to be very upset by those civilian deaths at the hands of Saddam - I’m sure they would appreciate a mention in your next “article.”

If indeed you do support the liberation of Iraq, then perhaps you can enlighten us all on what the purpose of maligning the work of thousands of American service members is? Do you hate the men and women who serve in your stead so much as to bask in their failures or shortcomings? Is it important to your message to point out that in the military, as in real life, bad things happen to good people?

If you are going to write about your view of the war in Iraq, then do so. If you want to take potshots at the military, I suggest you walk down the street in Port Hueneme and discuss your point of view with the numerous men and women who serve just down the road from us. I would wager you would not have to go far even on campus to find someone who has served in the military who would love to discuss your opinions. If you do not like the present political situation in this, or any other country, go for it. Just do not patronize your audience with little jabs at those whose lives are on the world stage while you sit behind your computer screen in a comfortable little room in suburban California and try to expound some moral judgment on others. Especially when you evidently have no base on which to stand.

I will leave you to chew on this article from an esteemed California State University faculty member at Fresno. I hope it opens your mind to some other truths in this world that are more easily digested.

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Dear PT,

I intentionally offered the statistics without comment. My intention was to enable the reader to reach their own conclusions, as you obviously did... therefore mission accomplished. I’m glad to see/hear that someone out there is actually reading/ingesting/considering and contemplating our world... of which Pretzel logic is but a small component...

The content of Pretzel logic is not meant to be reporting or as you put it journalism, it is my humble (mis?)perception of the world and I like to share...

As I have stated in a previous issue, Pretzel Logic offers “shameless personal opinions, observations and food for thought.” The statistics were offered as an example of the latter. Obviously, for every opinion or viewpoint one could assemble a host of statistics to reinforce a multitude of viewpoints... my statistics were lifted from the pages of The Santa Barbara Independent wholesale and without edit and/or comment, simply because I found them thought provoking.

I have the deepest sympathy for the civilian population of Iraq and feel and share their pain daily, I try to keep myself well informed. I am also a tremendously patriotic and devout supporter of those serving in the armed forces. I grew up during the Vietnam War, remember the body counts and feel compassion for those placed in harms way by corporations and governments. My inclusion of a short listing of a number of poignant statistics was in no way intended to belittle the contribution of my fellow man/woman -

Whether we like it or not we live in a world filled with lies, propaganda and deception it is the implicit obligation of an ethical moral civilian to question the world as we perceive it, I do so daily.

Thanks for the input,

Pretzel Boy
Persephone

Each time she returns
The trees drop their cover
Branches stand naked and awkward
Shivering in their nudity,
Just as she once stood before him
As her heart poured from her mouth.

Each time she returns
Days pass
Without pause or recognition
Of her nudity,
With her bare arms stretched to the sky.
He does not see how the leaves shed at her feet
are open protests to their, loss.

Each time she returns
her pain forgotten.
New leaves emerge,
Their green filtering between branches
She flourishes under his gaze
and her arms grow heavy with promise.

And each time she returns to him
her arms remember the weight
of the loss, held strong
in the rings of her center,
And her arms grow weaker,
Until she feels them break.

-Jennifer O’Toole

"Blackboard"

sung to the tune of the Beatle's "Blackbird"

(Birds chirping)

Blackboard postings in the dead of night
Take this broken grammar and make it right
All this time
You were just waiting for this moment to write

Blackboard typing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and read what you see
All this time
You were only waiting for the moment just to be.

Blackboard and you type…
Blackboard and you write…
Into the light of the dark blackboard night

By Diane Padilla
CSUCI student
Liberal Studies of course!

Inspired after a midnight posting deadline for Judy English's class.

Interviews with CSUCI Students on their view of the Passion
By: Amy Brookes

I saw Mel Gibson's movie The Passion of the Christ about a week after it was out and just before it had reached the top of the box office. Prior and following the movie, I listened to a few interviews with Mel Gibson and heard people in the media naturally talking about it, or criticizing it, one of the two. I found it interesting that people never really talked about it deeper than the movie as a film, yet the story is much more than just a "good" or "inspirational" story/idea for a movie. For me, it was a like a prayer. I believe this movie effected people much deeper than they knew how to talk about, and I wanted to talk to people about it. I began to wonder, "What do students at CSUCI think about the movie?" But I wanted to talk to people that I had not really met before, so I ventured through the courtyard, walked throughout the Bell Tower, "quietly" asked people in the library, and within classes, to find people who had seen the movie and were willing to talk with me about it. I had a great time interviewing four students: Kathryn Hickinbotham (Liberal Studies major, 47), Angie Perez (Psychology major, 21), Virginia Lopez (Psychology major, 21), and Enrique Rodriguez (Business major, 26).

Sit with me... let's see what some of our students have to say...

Kathryn Hickinbotham

What did you think of the movie?
It was breathtaking... moving... too big for words, and very brave.
Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?
No, it didn't change at all.
Would you see it again?
Probably not...we saw the things we were there to see...but maybe we would like to see the little effects... like when Jesus died [in the movie] his eyes dilated like they naturally would.

Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?
Since when is Hollywood concerned with violence...but yes, it is graphic.
After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional?
Not only do I think the story is historically accurate, but presently too...we have a choice...we all do.
Did you go into the movie expecting a change of heart?
No because I already believe the story.
If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?
At the minimum only deny him three times...I hope I would be like Pilot's wife...I would hope I would not be one of the religious leaders of the day.

Angie Perez

What did you think of the movie?
I really liked it a lot.
Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?
Yes...going to church can be redundant...but when they were beating him...no human can go
Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

Not more violent...there is a lot of violence in movies today...I think people felt it was more violent because Jesus is someone we feel so dear about...because of who he is and he took it all...you don't see people doing that.

Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?

I didn't change...but I think what it did was make me believe more. I saw him as different than they portray him in church.. .I saw him as a person.

After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional?

More historical...we got to remember that he lives!

If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?

I probably would have felt I had to protect myself...I would probably hide and avoid the whole thing...I would want to say I'm sorry and it's not the way I really felt inside.

Virginia Lopez

What did you think of the movie?

A good representation...a good job on the movie. Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

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Announcements

Earth Day Fair

Seventeen seniors are currently planning the first Earth Day Fair as their senior capstone. The fair will take place at CSUCI - "The Green Campus" on Earth Day, April 22nd. The fair will be held between 10am and 3pm in the mall area in front of the Bell Tower. Environmental organizations, governmental agencies and students will have booths with displays and information. Approximately 200 local elementary and middle school students will be attending the fair between 10am and noon on the day of the event. The students will enjoy various activities including touch tanks, recycle art, campus scavenger hunt/tour, local marine life film, and storytelling.

University students, staff and the community are invited to share the day in learning more about how we can all make a difference and be more environmentally connected.

The capstone students have contacted local companies, environmental groups and agencies, restaurants, organic farmers and others to participate in the fair. Students along with advisor, Dr. Steven Norris (Biology professor) have taken on a challenging task of organizing and putting on the Earth Day Fair in only a few months.

The capstone students are also asking for volunteers for the day of the fair. Volunteers are needed to help with kids' activities and more, so if you have a few spare hours or need community service contact the volunteer coordinator by email at: earthdayfair@csuci.edu.

The City of Camarillo is co-sponsoring the fair. "Funded in part by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the City of Camarillo."

Please plan on coming out and celebrating Earth Day at CSUCI on April 22nd from 10am to 3pm. If you have any questions, want to volunteer or are interested in having a booth, please email: earthdayfair@csuci.edu.

Come Join California State University Channel Islands for:

Earth Day

Thursday, April 22, 2004
10 A.M - 3 P.M.

($) Informational Booths ($) Refreshments ($) Live Music ($)
Fair is sponsored by California State University Channel Islands
Earth Day Capstone
CA MINI-CORPS PROGRAM

We are actively recruiting CSUCI/CSUN undergraduates who are planning to become classroom teachers to participate in the CA Mini-Corps program. CA Mini-Corps is a program designed to assist future educators by providing them with paid field experience as teacher assistants and professional development prior to them entering the credential program. Mini-Corps serves the migrant student population in local public schools, and therefore needs teacher assistants who have experiential knowledge of the migrant lifestyle and who are bilingual.

CA Mini-Corps has been federally funded and state operated since 1967. It is founded on the same ideas as the Peace Corps program, but focuses on the migrant population at the local and state level. The goals of the Mini-Corps program are to provide direct services to migrant children, to impact the number of teachers who are culturally sensitive to the language needs of children, and to increase the number of bilingual professionals who are sensitive to the needs of migrant children. Mini-Corps participants are advocates for migrant children.

Our office is located in Rm. 1243 of the Bell Tower Building on campus. Please feel free to stop by or call me at 437-8823 (x8823 on campus). I am also on the campus email: claudia.fernandez@csuci.edu or feel free to contact my supervisor julie.antilla-garza@csuci.edu.

The Second Annual Career Fair
Thursday, April 29th
Cactus Garden
10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Find out about part time jobs, full time jobs, internships, summer employment, and career opportunities. This is also a great chance for students to make contacts and collect information about some of our top local employers. Over 70 companies and organizations are expected to attend the fair. Don't miss this opportunity and take action on your goals and make your dreams realized.

Visit the Career Development homepage for more information: http://www.csuci.edu/students/enrolled/service/careerdevelop.htm or contact Katie Metzger, CSUCI Career Counselor for more information: (805) 437-2745, katherine.metzger@csuci.edu.

Refine Your Resumes
Thursday, April 20th
Bell Tower Conference Room 1310
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Professor Christine Popok will be the guest speaker for this exciting workshop on how to make your resume stand out for all the right reasons. Learn tips on how to highlight your best qualities and skills. Find out how to market yourself when you don't have much work experience. This workshop may be used as a follow up to the Developing Winning Resumes Workshop, (Thursday, April 13 11:00-12:30); however prior attendance is not required.

Contact Katie Metzger, Career Counselor for more information: (805) 437-2745, katherine.metzger@csuci.edu.
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### Week of 5/24: Finals Week - Good Luck!

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**Yoga** every Monday from 1pm-2pm in the University Hub. FREE TO STUDENTS! (Non-Cym members $5)

**Navigating Online Career Resources:** Every Monday from 10:30am - 11:30am, and every Wednesday from 2:30pm-3:30pm, in the Bell Tower, Room 1417. For more info, call CH.A.P.s at 437-8510.

**Dramatic Record Breakers Challenge,** held the 1st Monday of every month in the Gym & Fitness Center. Those interested are strongly encouraged to sign-up ahead of time, as there is no guarantee that walk-ins will be able to participate.

**Spirit Day** every Wednesday. Wear your CSU Channel Islands attire and show your school spirit!

**DOLPHIN POINTS BOOKLETS:** Pick up your spring booklet from any Student Affairs area.

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**Drama Club (Q2Q Players)**

Meets every Tuesday at 12:30 in the Dean's Conference Room. We are actively seeking anyone interested in acting, directing, costume and make-up, and every other aspect of the theatre. This is the a great opportunity to establish a dramatic presence on campus! We are currently working on a large project for next semester, as well as planning small performances for this semester.

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**Family PACT now available at CSUCI Student Health Center**

Family PACT provides no-cost family planning services to limited-income men and women.

Services include:
- Birth control methods & supplies
- Screening & treatment of sexually transmitted infection
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Hepatitis B immunizations
- Individual education & counseling

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Student Health Center
805-437-8828