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A First Person Account of Life in New Orleans

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Spring Break, a group of 11 CSUCI students and 1 professor made their way to New Orleans to contribute to the Katrina Relief efforts. We did not know what to expect and could not have been prepared for what we found, learned and experienced. We met Americans, exactly like us, without homes, cars, jobs or schools, desperately trying to restart their lives with very little assistance from anyone.

Campus Crusade for Christ set up a camp for college students in the Ninth Ward, one of the worst hit areas. It was a gutted building that had over 1500 cots, porta potties, mystery meals, and PCP pipes with cold water for showers. We struggled through the first night at camp until we saw how the residents around us were living their lives. The people of New Orleans are living in trailers and tents in front of their destroyed mud, junk, and mold-filled homes. They cannot work, their jobs are gone, and they are struggling to feed and clothe their children. Later in the trip Jason Kirkendal stated that, "We are a team in every way I know a team to be." These people are in need and the CSUCI team was anxious to help in any way needed.

The first day, we set out to help make food and begin gutting a house. However, God had something different in mind. Due to a bus problem, we did not

have transportation to reach our planned destination. While waiting, we ran into a pastor that had a van and was looking for people willing to help. We immediately joined him and went to serve at a distribution center in the K-Mart parking lot. A group of pastors had set up this center to help citizens that were affected by Katrina. Daily they give food, clothes, meals, and necessities to over 800 people. Most of the people working at the center were local residents that had themselves lost everything in the storm. Getting to know them blessed us in many ways. We spoke with a woman named Stephanie who told us of her son's struggle of leaving his life behind after all their positions were swept away. We felt her emotions when she shared the struggle and pain her family endured and their fear for the future.

People from all walks of life came through the large tent. All of them are extremely grateful for provisions of any kind. I talked to an 89 year old lady that was afraid to use gas in her FEMA trailer. Because she had no one to help her, she was living in a brand new trailer without heat. Her trailer does not have running water, a flushing toilet, or a working kitchen and sits in an area that is still completely destroyed.

Another woman we spoke to had a baby two days

before the hurricane hit, she left the hospital in pain and completely lost her home and all her possessions.

On Tuesday, we began working on the house that our group was assigned to clean and gut. Our task, which we accomplished in three days, was to clean and remove everything, including the drywall, from the 3-bedroom house. It had been sitting for six months, filled with mud, water, mold and everything that had been in the house when the storm hit. This was hard, smelly, work, but what motivated us was remembering the family that had lived there and what they were going through. It is humbling to know that this house and the people that lived in it are only one of thousands like them.

A group of people from a church in Tennessee that were working on the house next door told us the story of Lacye. When the hurricane came, Lacye, her husband Paul and her three children evacuated to a church in Tennessee. While they were at the church they became a part of a larger family. Before the hurricane, Paul had been diagnosed with cancer. He passed away on January 7th of this year, leaving Lacye and her three children under the age of five with no house, no job and no money. The Tennessee church, with the help of a radio station, has gathered enough money and volunteers to completely rebuild **Campus Crusade continued on page 5**

Lewis Road Gets a Facelift

by Brendan Malloy



A tractor waits to resume work on Lewis Road.

In 2004, Californian voters rejected Measure B, a bill that would have allowed for a 1/2 of a cent increase on Ventura County sales tax to spend toward repairs for the 101, 23, and 118 freeways along with Lewis Road. The rejection was only fuel for California State University Channel Islands.

University officials, along with representatives from the state, city and county, gathered at Pleasant Valley Road on Friday, March 24, to

commemorate groundbreaking on the widening of Lewis Road into a four lane road, extending from Pleasant Valley to Hueneme Road in the first phase. The second will extend the four lanes to Ventura Boulevard next to the 101 freeway. The widening will also improve the existing potholes, cracks, and bumps in the original two lanes.

"This really is the realization of a dream for us," said Dr. Richard Rush, university president of CSUCI. "We all know what Lewis Road looks like. It's a country road, but it's also a dangerous road."

A dangerous road is certainly an accurate description. Many students have complained about the inability to see while driving at night or in the rain and dozens others have found it difficult to drive on the narrow road during times of high winds. In addition, the California Highway Patrol reported a dozen accidents, including four that resulted in serious injuries, on the road in 2005.

Nima Rad, a CSUCI student, experienced the difficulty of Lewis Road when his car careened off of the eastbound side and into an irrigation ditch last spring. Rad's sedan lost control after dipping into a pothole and slid on the gravel adjacent to the road.

"It (Lewis) doesn't let you screw up at all," said Rad. "You have to drive perfect every time and pay close attention. Most students don't know how to control themselves on a bumpy road."

In order to keep the road accessible and safe as the university's enrollment grows, the repairs were inevitable. With a \$5.8 million contribution from CSUCI, state funding will provide \$23.5 million to the county for the \$48 million process. The first phase should be completed in 18 months.

The widening of Lewis is, if nothing else, a certain implication of the plans of CSUCI's continual commitment to increasing enrollment and accessibility.

Letter from the Editors

Hey guys and welcome back. We hope you had a fun and safe spring break. We only have one more issue coming out before summer vacation so we're going to try to hit you with some more crazy, off-the-hook news just like we always do. In this issue we feature an article from the elusive Dr. Why and his views on virginity, the latest on the road widening project out on Lewis road and Elliot Rodriguez has once again treated us with some Islander's humor in his infamous comic strip.

There will be a lot going on in the next couple of months as the school year draws to a close, so stay on your toes. ASI elections are nearing so make sure to get out there and vote for your favorite candidate. Sorry guys, we're not elected officials so you can't kick us out of office yet. We'll be back next year for two more semesters of wild and crazy fun.

The end of the year is in sight, so make sure not to start slacking. It's easy enough to start letting school slide and missing class, but remember it's cool to stay in school. We do it, and if we can, then anyone can. Anyway, here's to hoping that this year was a successful one for everyone and let's close it out on a positive note. Remember that no matter what happened over the past couple of semesters, you made it through and that's one more year under your belt. Take it easy guys, and stay out of trouble.



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Taking Education Out to Sea

by Ben Gallagher

Have you ever thought about saying goodbye to all your troubles for a while? Have you ever wanted to take a vacation from normality if only for a brief period in time? Well I have, and I decided to do it. This summer, I will be embarking on a journey across the ocean; I'll be heading to Asia.

You might ask how I am going to undertake a trip like this. The answer lies in a program called Semester at Sea. Through this program, students like myself are able to travel the globe while at the same time, earning university credit. This summer's program, the one that I will be part of, happens to be traveling to Asia to visit countries such as Japan, China and Vietnam.

I will be living on a cruise ship for a period of just over two months and docking in various countries over that period of time for four or five days each. I will be taking classes on the ship and earning credit towards graduation.

Programs like Semester at Sea are available to any student interested in studying abroad. There are many other programs like it and financial aid is available to qualified students. There is even a financial aid package available through the Semester at Sea program in which students can arrive early to the voyage and help prepare the ship for the summer and work a few hours during each week in return for a grant which goes toward tuition and other fees.

Study abroad programs are a great opportunity for students and, if possible, should be taken advantage of by anyone who seeks a little adventure and wants to discover more about the world and themselves. I hope to come back next year refreshed and a little wiser. So stay tuned for next semester. I'll be back and ready to tell you all about it.

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Speaking Out Against Virginit

by Dr. Why

The Sexual Revolution was the most dismal failure of all the so-called "revolutions" to emerge from the Sixties.

While many college students of my generation read the Marquis de Sade's bizarre tales of twisted sexuality and Henry Miller's trilogy of sexual liberation, Nexus, Plexus and Sexus-our sexual behaviors were confined for the most part to good old-fashioned, never-out-of-style, fornication, masturbation and fellatio. Even cunnilingus was outside the purview of most of us.

Once the Pill was made available, there was no stopping youthful hormones. It was open season for shagging, balling, banging, sucking and other forms of diddling. Nothing could be more natural.

All that came to an abrupt end. The Revolution, if there ever was one, was lost. The forces of order and decency and sexual inhibition won, through no effort of their own. AIDS put the fear of death into young people and shut the Revolution down in the late 80s.

One sad consequence of the AIDS epidemic, among many tragic losses, is that sex is no longer the most popular participant sport on college campuses, right? Wrong. Just wander through a college dorm some time-better yet, hang out over in Anacapa Village and watch the youth of America barter for sex. What my generation called "doin' it," this generation calls "hooking up." Where we were public and demonstrative and in-your-face, they are more discrete and cautious. Where we carried rubbers to prevent pregnancy, they use condoms to save their own lives. But behind closed doors it's the same old human economy: I scratch your erogenous zone, you scratch mine. We all itch.

Nothing could be more unnatural. It's bad for the species, bad for the social order, bad for your psyche, completely disruptive of a healthy sexuality, and it'll make hair grow on the palms of your hands. Victorians made a virtue of virginity, and theirs was one of the most repressed and sexually deviant cultures in Western history. Female virginity remains a prized commodity in patriarchal societies, where young woman are the property of their fathers before marriage and their husbands after, but liberated societies no longer stone deflowered girls. "Virgin" was one of the most scurrilous insults that could be hurled at you in Elizabethan England, and you can be certain Shakespeare wasn't celebrating virginity in Romeo and Juliet or Midsummer Night's Dream.

Of virginity Dorothy Parker said, "There's a disease I hope never to catch again." And Mark Twain said the only good that comes of virginity "is the getting rid of it."

Yet virginity is enjoying a comeback among the young. Virginity clubs, ceremonial vows of celibacy, and the silly notion that some kinds of sex are not really sex and don't "count" (thank you, Bill Clinton, for that hypocrisy) are all signs of a generation troubled by its own sexuality. There are even teenagers claiming they can return to virgin status after sexual activity-but they're just in denial.

Virginity is temporary, a developmental stage children go through on their way to mature sexuality. To artificially extend it into adulthood is perverse. On behalf of the Free Love Generation, I apologize to American youth for not campaigning harder for the Sexual Revolution and not bequeathing a healthier, saner attitude toward sex. To paraphrase the Surgeon General, practice safe sex ... but practice! practice! practice!

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may," the poet Robert Herrick wrote-and he wasn't talking about flowers.

The Future of Business

by Austin Dias

Don't you love to listen to commercials when you are watching TV? I know that I really enjoy it when I am into a show and then the advertisers bombard me with offers. If you think that I am serious then you probably believe in the Easter bunny. Truthfully, I do what most people do and change the channel when the commercials come on. This trend is not only seen in television, but in most of the other traditional forms of marketing. People have, as Richard Poe writes in his book Wave 4, developed "a fortress mentality." In all aspects of life, people are building up their walls. There is, however, a tidal wave that has also been building and is crashing over those walls. The wave is called Network Marketing.

Most have heard of NetWork Marketing and your parents probably say, "Oh that is just one of those pyramid scams." The fact is that pyramid scams are illegal and Network Marketing is making millionaires left and right..legally and intelligently! It is sometimes described as "Franchising Individuals" and empowers anyone to be their own boss. So how does this idea crash over these walls. It is as simple as this: people will listen to someone that they know over an ad any day.

Network Marketing has many attractions. First off, the richest people in the world have built networks. Network Marketing is a lucrative chance to build residual income (earning money while not working). This can be done by building your own personal network that also strives to build their own network and at the same time building their own residual income. Each person sells the product of the company, but also works to build their network.

Big business is being forced to recognize that they will need to use Network Marketing to survive in the next century. Individuals are finding that a home-based business has great tax benefits and that Network Marketing gives a valiant opportunity to reach financial goals for a minimal investment. Watch and see as, "word of mouth," excuse me, Network Marketing proves to be the most cost effective form of marketing for years to come.



Professor Simone Aloisio competes in the Battle of the Majors at last year's events.

Dolphin Days Provide Week-long Events

provided by the University Hub

Dolphin Days is a fun filled week that you won't to miss! Each day of the week there will be different themes and fun advent to attend. From In-N-Out to volleyball to line dancing there is something for everyone! These free events are a great way to have fun and hang out with your fellow students!

Monday the Hub Hoedown begins at 4:00pm. The Hoedown will feature a mechanical bull and line dancing lessons, and the In-N-Out truck will be serving burgers from 6-7:30. Save room for mini donuts and kettle corn too! Wear your boots and come on down to Boot Scoot and Boogie!

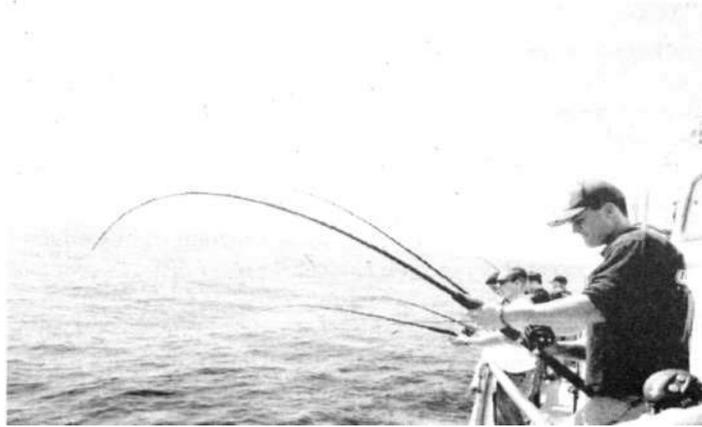
Tuesday the fun begins at 11:15am with B.O.M. relays at The Hub and a home run derby and giant book slalom by the Library. Sign-up to help your major claim the title this year! At 8:00pm support your major at the B.O.M. tug-o-war and prove that your major has what it takes. Following the tug-o-war watch the epic surf documentary "Step Into Liquid" on a 52' big screen at 8:30pm.

Wednesday come to the faculty ice cream social at 12:30 to mix and mingle with your favorite professor and friends. Once you've had your ice cream, support your major in the B.O.M. trivia game at 3:00pm. Both events will take place in the library courtyard. Let your inner performer out at the karaoke and coffeehouse at The Hub 7:00-10:00pm. Bring a friend, grab some coffee and jump on stage to show everyone what you've got!

Thursday is Beach Day at Portrero Field. Grab your towel and head across the street for grass volleyball, sand castle building, nachos and frozen lemonade, live music and a surf simulator! If that isn't enough, you and your friends can challenge each other in a Dance Dance Revolution and get your pictures taken in the photo booth. The fun starts at 11am. See you there!

RLS Gives Plenty of Opportunity

By Neal Spearman



RLS & Ema B Sport Fishing will be hosting the 2nd Annual "RLS Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing Trip" on Friday, April 21st 2006. Leaving Port Hueneme Harbor at 5:30am, students will fish until mid-afternoon and return to campus by 5:00pm. The cost of the trip will be \$40 for the first twenty participants and \$60 thereafter. This event is open to all student, faculty and staff members and the registration deadline is Wednesday, April 19th. Payment forms and Trip packets can be obtained in the Recreation Center and actual payments will be made in the Police & Parking Services Office.

Campus Crusade

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Lacye's house and fill all of her cabinets and drawers.

During the week we were there we were able to share with and get to know our Tennessee volunteer neighbors. They invited us to lunch, "moon pie" breaks (which we highly recommend), and dinner, which was like a thanksgiving feast with a "church" service in the house they were re-building. "Their hospitality and love never ended. We will keep in touch with these volunteers and never forget the memories we made, and the things that they taught us about loving others with Gods unconditional love." -Tammy Terzian

Although these people have been through a lot and have lost everything, we were very surprised at their up-beat attitudes. The people are overflowing with hope and love. Jessica LaRoe stated it perfectly when she said, "every person has so much faith and is so uplifting." Everywhere we went people would pull over and stop us on the street to tell us how thankful they were we were here. They are not getting help from the government and desperately need the help of volunteers to get back on their feet. One woman told us that she did not know what the people would do without the volunteers that were coming to help.

One of the hardest things for the people of New Orleans is the waiting. They do not even know if they are going to be able to rebuild or not. Even so, they are working hard trying to clean up and hoping to be living a normal life again soon. Regardless of the drawbacks and the events taking place, they have hope and faith that God will rebuild their lives, families, communities, and way of living. "By the end of the week we had all overcome so many obstacles, and we all found some strengths that we weren't even aware of, most importantly we showed Gods love by helping these people who are so desperately in need." -Diana Cantero

Although we left New Orleans dirty and very tired from the hard work, both mental and physical, we were each touched, and blessed by each individual we came in contact with. We have learned and grown and will forever be changed - by our experiences in New Orleans, spring break 2006.

"Now that we have returned from New Orleans and have had a chance to get back into the swing of things here at school, I find myself pleased with what we accomplished over there. We ran into so many people down there, all with a different story, but with the same outlook. All were living day by day, and each day was getting better for them. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done down there, but what we did was amazing and we really got to see the effect of our hard work. I will never forget the people I met or the experiences that we all had. God is working wonders. Even through all the destruction and loss, no one has lost their faith." - Jenn Meikle



Intramural Sports are in full swing in the Recreation Center. On Wednesday evenings we are presenting the CIBL, also known as the Channel Islands Basketball League. Starting at 5:00 pm we showcase two highly competitive basket ball contests that include officials, score keepers and full statistics, both team and individual! This season the Wieners are on top of the league boasting a 3-0 record. This team of high flyers is headed by Jason Angel and Ryan McCormick. Come support the teams during the playoffs and championship game, on Saturday April 8th during the Annual Picnic.

The Parking Issue

by Angel Chitnatham

It's five minutes before class and you're on the desperate search for a parking spot. So you get desperate and end up settling for reserved or staff parking. Of course, you return to your vehicle to find a blue envelope slapped to your windshield. Don't be mad, you are not alone.

According to the statistics of CSUCI Parking Services, averages of 12 citations are given out per day. Apply that to the number of school-days in a month and you get 240 tickets per month. That number may seem a little over the top if you look at it from the monthly perspective but compared to other Cal States, the number of citations given out here at CSUCI are minuscule. Parking may not be so much of an issue now but what about coming years when incoming students to CSUCI are expected to grow exponentially? What about the on-going construction for the new library that fenced off a parking lot with the capacity for 124 cars? Are there plans in the works for an expansion of parking lots or are we destined to wander campus aimlessly?

"Absolutely not," was what Mr. Ray Porras, Director of Transportation and Parking Services told me.

"The idea of expanding parking spaces has already come to the attention of the board. The field behind The Hub is being set aside for possible parking lot expansion and the Town Center, scheduled to be open during Fall 2006 will provide additional parking spaces."

But I have to ask Mr. Porras, what happens to the fees collected from the parking citations? What fund are these fines going towards?

"All the money collected from parking citations and related matters go into a restricted, separate fund dedicated solely for transportation related fund that finance such things as the off campus shuttle service or carpool, said Mr. Porras."

The fact of the matter is CSUCI is still growing as a college. Renovations are still coming to our campus and perhaps one day when overcrowding finally hits CSUCI, parking would be the least of our "issues." So for those of you who get frustrated in the morning looking for an open slot, sit tight more is on the way.

Those with any suggestions or comments are welcome to contact Mr. Ray Porras in the Transportation & Parking Service building located across from Sage Hall or email: parking@csuci.edu



Maria Shriver, benefactor of scholarships, speaks during husband Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign.

California Women's Conference Gives Scholarship

by Jeff Marowitz

California First Lady Maria Shriver put out the call to California's female undergraduate students to apply to become a California Women's Conference Scholar and receive \$25,000 each to help pay for the completion of their college education.

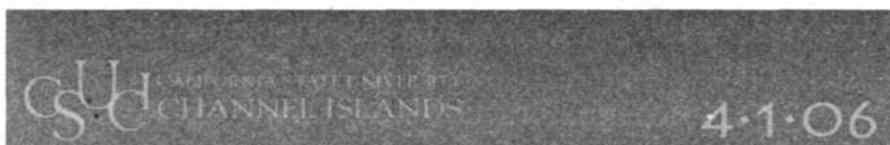
Established by the California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families, and administered by Scholarship America, the California Women's Conference Scholars Program helps California women complete their undergraduate college education. Each California Women's Conference Scholar receives up to a \$25,000 award for their final two years of undergraduate study and will be recognized at the 2006 California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families in Long Beach on September 26, 2006.

"The California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women on Families is dedicated to inspiring California women to be architects for change," said Maria Shriver. "The California Women's Conference Scholars Program furthers this goal for our next generation by helping California undergraduate women complete their undergraduate college education and realize their personal and professional dreams, while giving back to this great state through community service."

The California Women's Conference Scholars Program is open to all female California residents completing their second-year in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year California college or university. Applicants must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing, business, math or science, or special education (with plans to be a special education teacher); and must submit a one-page essay describing their community service involvement over the past two years. For additional information and to apply, please visit www.californiagovernorsconference.org. Completed applications are due May 1, 2006.

Scholarship America will evaluate applications and determine 24 semi-finalists. The Women's Conference Scholar Review Committee will narrow these 24 semi-finalists to eight finalists. The four California Women's Conference Scholars will be selected by First Lady Maria Shriver, and will be honored at the 2006 California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families in Long Beach on September 26, 2006.

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Edison International Awards \$150,000 Grant to CSU for Preparation of Math and Science Teachers

by Clara Potes-Fellow

Math and Science education received a boost today by an Edison International's \$150,000 grant to the California State University Foundation for developing a program to prepare prospective teachers of science and mathematics.

Edison's New Era Awards For Excellence in Higher Education recognized California State University's Early Assessment Program (EAP), which helps high school mathematics teachers prepare students to meet college-level math standards.

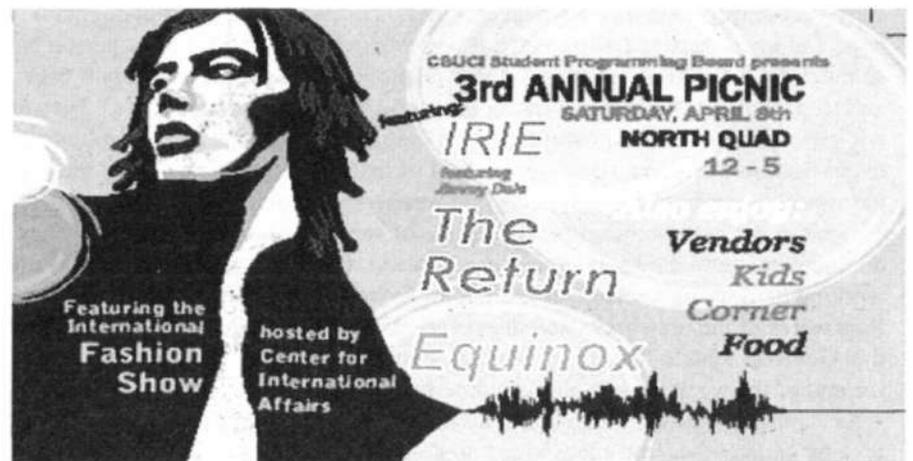
EAP, a collaborative effort by the State Board of Education, California Department of Education, and California State University, helps provide students with the mathematics skills needed for employment in the energy and utility sectors.

The Edison grant will underwrite nine regional two-day training sessions over two years for approximately 450 high school math teachers in nine counties within Southern California Edison's service area. The New Era award also will leverage a \$50,000 grant from the Boeing Company as participating teachers are provided with instruction and materials that are used to train other teachers.

"Helping Southern California students attain the academic and technical skills necessary to succeed in a competitive job market promotes economic success for Edison and for the region," said John Fielder, president of Southern California, an Edison International company. "Work force readiness has been identified as one of Edison's most important business concerns."

"With thousands of high school graduates entering the California State University under prepared to handle college-level math, there's clearly a need to prepare teachers to provide a better math foundation," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "Edison's grant promotes better teaching and supports the Early Assessment Program, which is recognized as the nation's most innovative in aligning K-12's instruction to college standards."

Edison's New Era Higher Education Awards fund innovative programs that support math, science, technology literacy and professional development for teachers.



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Campus Spotlight - The Village

by Keith Gross

In the corner of campus, there is a place unlike any other. Only 15% of the students of CSUCI are allowed to enter at all times. Strange happenings occur here such as designated times when one within these walls must be quiet, named adequately named "Quiet Hours." I am speaking of course of Anacapa Village. Even though it is a place where students lay their head at night, it is a place of great fun and adventure.

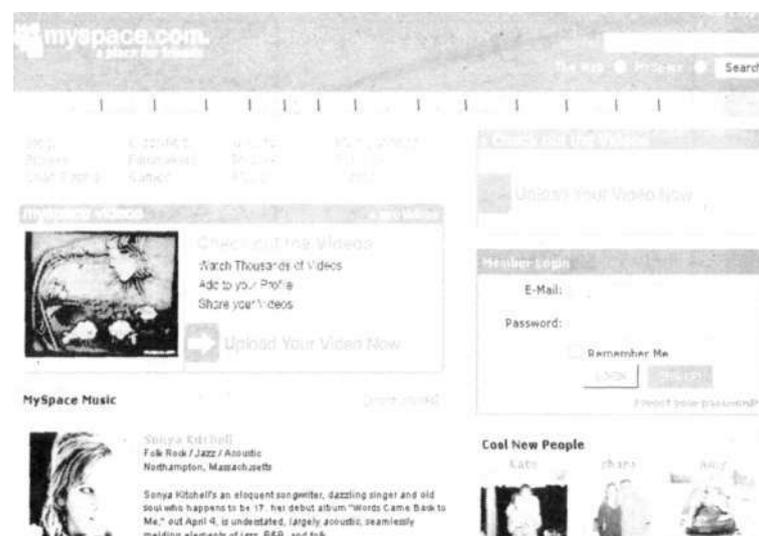
When I first walked into the place, I had to call home. I did not have a clue as to what my roommates, dorm-mates, apartment-mates, call them whatever, would be like. Sure I had talked to them over the internet, but the internet can only show you so much of a person. I punched in my five-digit secret code to the lock, and opened the door to not only my room, but a door to a fantastical nine month journey. After finishing unpacking my belongings, I hung out with my soon-to-be friends. I was glad to find that my roommates had the same interests as me and the same sort of awkward humor that I have. New friends are not the only thing Anacapa Village has bestowed upon me this year.

With an organization delicately named Residence Hall Association planning events for residents and the Resident Assistants planning events, there is rarely a week with out something to do. Events such as Yoga, Pilates, and Moonlight runs give opportunities to residents to stay in shape and avoid the "Freshman 15." September 11th discussions, discussions about the documentary "Invisible Children," and other discussions open the eyes of residents to their surrounding world and give them chances to go out and help the world they live in. Of course not all the events in Anacapa Village are quite so serious. Spaghetti Night, where a spaghetti dinner was served for residents to enjoy a home cooked meal away from home, highlights some of the non-serious events. A large event that will be a blast is Anacapalypmics mainly because I am the chair of it. Subtle hints of how great and cool I am aside, events like a relay race where participates have to run through obstacles including an obstacle where participates must trade heavy winter type clothes in the pool are sure to make for a great day-long event. RHA doesn't only have events for housing even though that is what many of their events are. The Spring Gala, which is coming up in the end of April, is open to all of CSUCI and is being held in courtyard outside the Science Building. The event is being hosted by RHA and RA Cris Powell.

Other than an enjoyable environment for residents, Housing offers a great study environment. With multiple computer labs and study rooms even if a resident doesn't own a computer or if their computer is spitting out computery bits all over the place, there is access to a computer 24 hours a day. If a resident's roommates are being too loud and studying is near impossible, they can head to a study room which after 10pm are designated silent rooms. The RAs are always willing to help out where they can.

The staff of Anacapa Village creates a fun environment for residents and looks out for them. If there is a problem in your dorm room, RAs are willing to help. If you are sick and need to go to the Health Center, RAs are willing to help. The RAs of Anacapa Village are more than an authority figure; in fact, they are more of a friend than anything else.

Housing is a fun, enjoyable place to be. This year has been a blast in housing and I plan to have a blast next year as well.



Too Much Space

by Tamara Gershter

These days, Tom from Myspace seems to be well more known among high school and college students than political bigwigs, even celebrities. Why? With his creation of popular website, "Myspace," millions and millions of people are "friends" with him on a space that exists only on our computer screens. For the few of you who are not familiar with Myspace, it's a network where you can create your own profile consisting of pictures, personal information, even your band's music, show updates and postings at no cost. Unless your profile has been set to private, anyone in the world can see your pictures and read about you at the click of a mouse. On your page, you can acquire "friends" who also have Myspace profiles and leave each other comments that are visible to everyone who is connected to your network as a "friend."

Although Myspace has its advantages and disadvantages it receives more hits than any other website today, and continues to provide advanced communication and new updates for its users. Many users enjoy Myspace because it connects them to old friends, classmates, and relatives all over the country. Others argue that these profiles are "glorified personal ads" and that Myspace is nothing but a largely accessed dating service and a waste of time. Either way, it has become so popular, that stores like Hot Topic carry shirts that say things like "Don't I know you from Myspace?" "You looked better on Myspace", "Your mom is in my top eight", and "I heart Tom."

Myspace can be easily accessed by going to www.myspace.com and logging in with your username and password. It takes less than five minutes to create a profile and start requesting friends and posting pictures. However, such easy accessibility leads to fake profiles, hate profiles, and pornography on the network. It's amazing how many people are on Myspace and even more amazing how much time they spend on it per day. I have several friends who actually had to delete their profiles because they were playing on Myspace instead of doing their homework. What really surprised me is how many adults have profiles, including many of my friends' parents, uncles, and aunts. With all the hype about Myspace, I am interested to see what the future holds for this controversial new trend.

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| April 12 | ASI Meet and Greet Candidates | Bell Tower Lounge 12-1 pm | SPB/SG |
| April 13 | ASI Meet and Greet Candidates | Bell Tower Lounge 6 - 7 pm | SPB/SG |
| April 15 | Annual Campus Picnic | North Quad 12-5 pm | SPB |
| April 18-April 19 | ASI Elections | Various Locations | SG |
| April 20 | Career Fair Prep Workshop "Interview Techniques" | TBA 2 -4 pm | Advising |
| April 20 | Unity Jam: Hula Performance | Salon A 5:30-9:30 pm | Multicultural Women's and Gender Center |
| April 21 | Maximus Awards | Student Conference Room 5:30-9:30 pm | SG/ SPB |
| April 25 | Discuss about Darfur Diaries | N/A 8:30 pm | Campus Library |
| May 4 | EOP End of the Year Celebration | The University Hub 7- 10 pm | EOP |
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