

Channel Islands View

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Why You Should Vote

By Angel Chitnatham

For over a decade now, an organization called Rock the Vote has made appeals to young people to vote by taking advantage of celebrity endorsements and by advertising on MTV. Such infamous slogans as "Vote or Die" have been widely advertised to encourage the younger generation to hit the polls. According to the 2004 Presidential Election statistics, voters between the ages of 18-24 years of age are less likely to show up on Election Day whereas senior citizens over the age of 55 have an estimated voter turnout of over 75%. To further our concern, before the recent 2004 elections youth participation in the polls averaged at a measly 36%, it wasn't until the watermark election of 2004 that youth voters increased a drastic 11%. Why are these two demographics so drastically different? Do adolescents and college students not care about politics as much as senior citizens? Are we not affected by state and federal laws as much as everyone else?

These days the media is flooded with news on the continuing war in Iraq, many of us have family and friends who are enlisted and overseas. They are fighting for their country and the many freedoms we have in America that we take for granted, freedoms that those in other countries hunger for.

In 1960, the average age of US soldiers in the Vietnam War was nineteen yet they were not allowed the right to vote, political outcry overwhelmed Washing-

ton, "If we're old enough to fight, we're old enough to vote."

The slogan seemed reasonable enough and as a result, The Voting Rights Act of 1970 finally recognized youth voters and our rights as American citizens to participate in state and nation-wide elections. With the newly instated Twenty-sixth Amendment the Constitution now proclaimed "the right of citizens of the US, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the US or by any state on account of age."

Even after we were given this great privilege by the US government, it only took a few decades for young voters to easily dismiss their rights by not participating in elections. Why has this happened? Political Scientists attribute low participation in voters to satisfaction in their current political system or simply these voters don't feel as though their vote counts. If any of these reasons have crossed your mind then you should seriously reconsider your reasons for not voting.

We have yet to perfect our form of government and as recent elections have shown, every vote counts. As the generation that will be the most affected by the civil unrest in the Middle East, we are growing up in the midst of the "great war against terrorism", gay marriage, abortion legalities, stem-cell research. These issues are monumental to the future outcome of America. We are the future of America.

List of November 2006 Propositions

- 1A - Protection of Transportation Funding
- 1B - Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security
- 1C - Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006
- 1D - Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006
- 1E - Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act of 2006
- 83 - Comprehensive Registered Sex Offender Laws (popularly known as "Jessica's Law")
- 84 - Bonds for clean water, flood control, state and local park improvements, etc.
- 85 - Parental Notification before Termination of Teen's Pregnancy (second attempt at Proposition 73)
- 86 - Increase on Cigarette Tax
- 87 - Funding for alternative forms of energy
- 88 - Property Parcel Tax to fund for Education
- 89 - Campaign Finance Restrictions, including a corporate tax increase
- 90 - Eminent Domain Restrictions

These propositions will be further discussed and analyzed in next month's issue.

Campus-Wide Thought Spots Become Hot Spots

By Brendan Malloy



Students, faculty and onlookers alike have certainly noticed and dealt with the massive annual facelift to California State University Channel Islands. However, one of the most significant changes to CSUCI for the 2006-2007 school year does not involve sand blasting, street paving or annoying noon-time lunch horns.

Rather than a physical change, CSUCI students seemed to have become much more apt to openly discussing personal beliefs and social opinions through strategically placed "Thought Spots" throughout campus. The University Hub, the cafeteria and several other Bell Tower locations have seen anonymous, outspoken students express their beliefs on weekly topics that appear above a large sheet of white paper. Past topics have included illegal immigration, community outreach and a woman's role in the workplace. With new issues arriving every week, students are sure to receive their fair share of topics to respond to.

More often than not, an initial student will make a posting and students will write several messages responding to the initial post. This conversation typically spans the entire week and, quite surprisingly, does not normally include any personal, ethical or racial attacks.

What is interesting about the upstart in the "Thought Spots" is that many students have inferred that the entire campus should be treated as one. This was seen after a poster for the CSUCI Campus Crusade for Christ was initially written on by an anonymous student, criticizing the club for its use of the word "crusade." The anonymous student then printed out several sheets of paper explaining his argument against the Crusades and why the name of the club is unjust. This prompted an unexpected battle of words between passing students and the club's officials. The argument spread from the changing of the club's name, to the criticism of having a campus-endorsed Christian club, to the Church's place in politics.

This sort of involvement should be an important part of Cal State Channel Islands transformation from a commuter campus to a more student-driven hub of activity.

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Letter from the Editors

Hello again from the most prestigious and successful student newspaper on campus. That's right. It's the October 2006 issue of the Channel Islands View. You may not agree, but this could possibly be the best issue ever. Ever.

This month, we have a whole series of pertinent articles about our growing and evolving campus. First off, Student Government has provided us with information about the upcoming Student Union Election, complete with information session times and polling dates. Also, be sure to check out the column by the magnificent Dr. Why in his Fall 2006 debut.

Dating Tips

by Nima Rad

Dating is essential in life because it enhances social experiences and relationships. There are certain rules that I abide by when I am considering going out with someone. First of all, I always bring presents on the first date to show that I am romantic and feel passionate towards my date. It is essential to demonstrate how much you care for your date. Some presents that I usually bring are red roses to compare to her soft skin and beauty, a box of fine chocolates for the simple fact that every woman needs to indulge in chocolates every now and again, along with writing poems to show her that she is special to me.

Secondly, I have made it a rule to never stand any ladies up no matter what the circumstances are, such as not being cute or having many imperfections. I just take it as a sign of disrespect if anyone ever stood me up. So, it is basically the golden rule that we learned when we were kids; do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Simply, treat others like you want to be treated. It is imperative not to keep the ladies waiting, a woman scorned is never good.

Next, just be sincere. Contrary to what most people believe you don't need to lie to impress your date. Just be yourself and if he/she likes you for who you are then I tip my hat to you. If your date is just trying to use you and have you buy her things, the relationship won't last. Find out what interests you have in common and build on them. You don't need to play games. Honesty truly is the best policy.

Dressing to impress is an intricate part of dating because to be honest, many people want to show their dates off in public and in the privacy of their own homes to their family, friends, and colleagues. You need to respect your date in order to be successful in most aspects of dating. You have to love yourself before anyone can love you.

Setting the mood is significant to having a successful date. In the past, people utilized chivalry in order to court their ladies and have a good time. Chivalry could constitute but is not limited to opening doors, giving compliments/gifts, and being respectful. Setting the mood for dates could be seen as having romantic candlelit dinners, walks on the beach, looking at sunsets, kissing, massages, great music, and even better company. Find out what her favorite foods are and take her to the best restaurant or be original and cook her favorite dish. If you are a good cook, then she will definitely invite you for a second date.

This semester, we have made a big effort to make sure more and more of you pesky students to get involved with the View. Here's your chance. We are looking for the best and gnarliest (yeah, it's a word) ghost stories that you have personally experienced here at CSUCI. We know that there is a ton of them, and we would love to get a few of them in writing. As always, send your submissions to ciview.editor@csuci.edu.

That should do it for this time. Stay out of trouble, guys.

The beach is one of the most romantic places. You could compliment her and be natural by saying that the beach and sunsets are beautiful but they are in no comparison to her beauty. Look into her eyes because the eyes are truly the windows to their soul. I know from personal experience if a woman has beautiful bedroom eyes I could get lost in them forever. Kissing is an intricate subject because if you are a great passionate kisser then you definitely have an advantage. The best kisses in my opinion are the slow, deep, long, passionate French kisses. Women have equated dancing and kissing to making love so if you've got the right moves you will be eternally happy.

Music is crucial. The art of seduction helps when you have Barry White and Miles Davis on your side serenading them. Do not be afraid to serenade your date or show her some of your dance moves. Take a chance and it will be worth your while. Sadly, the times are changing and what matters to most people, is how many people you have slept with, what you can get from them, and how much money you have. Many people nowadays believe that chivalry is dead. However, I do not agree. I have been the same romantic, loyal, and passionate person for 25 years.

Lastly, love and relationships aren't easy. If they were then everyone would be experiencing them to the fullest. Consequently, that is what makes love and relationships so precious. You have to overcome adversity if you want to have a successful loving relationship. Don't let mean people bring your spirits down. I have been hurt many times but that won't stop me from being happy. I have been cheated on by two different ex-fiances on my birthday in the past. I gave them \$5,000 rings and they cheated on me on my birthday. The excuse I received was that they had to hurt me before I hurt them, which really never made any sense to me. They also said I was too good to be true. When you have something special why would you throw it away? However, I will not let them have the satisfaction of seeing me alone. That is why I won't give up on finding that one true love and neither should you. Remember to be true to yourself and not let anything hinder you from working hard to get what you want. The payoff which is everlasting love outweighs the trials and tribulations of life, love, and messed up relationships.



MBA Program In China

By Mary Fleck

Unbelievable! In March 2006, the first MBA cohort of California State University Channel Islands went to China for 10 days on a Graduate International Study Tour. Richard, our Chinese tour guide, met us at the Beijing airport gate. His favorite English word was "Unbelievable" and that is how we found ourselves feeling. The tour itself was the last course for the CSUCI MBA students. Elements of international business are carefully woven throughout the CSUCI MBA curriculum to prepare students to excel in today's global work environment. This Study Tour is a culmination of the learning by experiencing the culture and history of another county, the business environment, and business principles from another perspective. To explore the culture and history, the Study Tour included tours of historic sights such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Emperor's Palace and the Grand Canal. The business environment was explored through tours of businesses such as the Volkswagon China, a private securities trading firm, a silk factory, and an agricultural commune. The Study Tour also included time in class: business lectures given by Chinese professors at three different Chinese universities. The tour covered Beijing, rich in history and traditional values, and the more modern Shanghai. The contrast

within China showed the growing business evolution of this country. The students saw business and economic principles come alive as they studied this country's journey toward a free market society.

Not every CSUCI MBA class will go to China. Our cohort-based MBA program provides a structured learning community of 25 members. The program is geared toward working adults that have had business experience. The cohort has insight into what country they explore during their last course. All Study Tours will explore another country's culture and history, tour businesses, and attend university lectures. This first MBA cohort graduated May 20, 2006, armed with knowledge and skills obtained in a challenging MBA program but also keenly aware of the global challenges and insights needed to succeed in today's market.

For more information on this innovative, integrative, and international program, contact Dr. Mary Fleck, Associate Director, MBA at 805-437-3269.

Student Government Report

by Whitney Blundell

October is Voter Registration Month here at Student Government!! We will be registering students to vote at the following times and places so be sure to register! We mail the forms in for as well, so all you have to do is fill out your information and we do the rest. We also have some exciting events occurring this month a Towns Meeting, and the Initiatives Debate. Come to the Towns Meeting to find out more about parking and construction at CSUCI. The Initiatives Debate will address the issues of Proposition 1D. Come get informed about these issues and more, you are the voters of today, use your power and make a difference. Also check our Myspace.com page for up to date calendars of events and do not forget to see us in the Hub!!

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th: Voter Registration Week

Monday 9th: Towns Meeting 4:00-5:00 PM

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th
Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th :Registration Tabling

Monday 23rd: Initiatives Debate
12:00- 2:30
IT Center

Which Channel Islands?

by Austin W. Dias

"Are you actually out on the Islands?" As a student at CI most of us have had this question pushed our way after we say proudly, "I go to Cal State Channel Islands." The funny thing is that very few of us have ever been on the islands. Out in the distance on a clear day we spot Anacapa and Santa Cruz, two of the four northern islands that make up half of the total Channel Islands. For adventurers, seeing outline of the mountains in the ocean bring about a need to visit.

The main way to travel to the islands is by boat. There are two companies that will take you out. They are located out of the Ventura harbor and Santa Barbara Harbor. If you want to get there even quicker you can go by plane out of the Camarillo Airport, but you can only land on Santa Rosa Island. Of course, anyone who has their own boat is free to visit any of the islands when ever they want.

When people are asked which island is best, most say Santa Cruz. Anacapa is very rocky and not very interesting (to most) after a couple hours. Santa Rosa and San Miguel have very rough waters, making them difficult to boat to. The National Parks Service who is in charge of the islands just redid their website and it can be viewed at www.nps.gov/chis.

Our school is named after the islands, and every student should try to make it out there at one point or another to see why we were named what we were.

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CSU Students and Faculty Deserve the Best

CSU students and the faculty at our 23 campuses need and deserve a learning environment that is conducive to providing quality education. That is why the CSU is disappointed that the California Faculty Association bargaining team did not allow its members to evaluate the most recent proposal put on the table by the CSU, which includes:

- A 24.87 percent salary increase over four years, beginning in 2006/07, contingent upon funding of the Compact with the Governor and an additional 1 percent augmentation for compensation
- Continuation of the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP), reducing the number of years from five to four
- Incentive and equity pay program for full professors and tenure-track professors
- No changes to faculty eligibility for PERS retirement
- Health and dental benefits above the standard for California and other universities
- Attractive lecturer rights
- Gradually increased parking fees for faculty so at the end of 4 years they pay the same parking fees as students

The CSU hopes these issues can be resolved soon so that our faculty can receive the salary increases they deserve, and our students can continue receiving the quality education they expect from the California State University.

For more details please visit the CSU web site at <http://www.calstate.edu/bargaining-status/>



Sheep, Beer, and the Fountain of Knowledge

By Dr. Why



A fragment of a previously unknown Platonic dialogue was unearthed recently. In it, Socrates and his student Grammarius discuss the important role beer plays in education.

GRAMMARIUS: Students are like sheep, they need to be led to the richest fountains of knowledge and compelled to drink.

SOCRATES: I've heard that horses can be led to water but not forced to drink. I assume the same applies to sheep.

GRAM: So how do you get students to learn?

You're a famous teacher, Socrates, how do you make your students understand your teachings?

SOC: Never confuse teaching with learning. I don't engage you in dialogue to teach you, I do it to learn something myself.

GRAM: But you're famous for leading students to new ideas.

SOC: Perhaps some of my students are famous for what they've discovered during these conversations, but surely I had nothing to do with it.

GRAM: You're being modest.

SOC: You must understand the essential character of your subject before drawing conclusions. Nothing about me is modest.

GRAM: But surely—

SOC: Imagine a world beyond the mountains to the east. A dry land fed by seasonal streams flowing down from snow covered peaks. In this ideal land, travelers and residents alike gather at the springs to refresh themselves and exchange ideas. Imagine a young man, not unlike yourself, who, after a long and dusty hike across the desert, has stumbled upon such a spring by accident. He leaps joyously into the water and swallows as much as he can as fast as he can. When he has slacked his bodily thirst, he wades into a conversation with other travelers. He is as thirsty for information and conversation as he was for water.

GRAM: I know the feeling.

SOC: Now imagine a slave, dragged to the same watering hole by his master. His journey too has been dry and dusty. He too hungers for human conversation. But when his master orders him to "Hurry up and drink," the slave spits the water from his mouth. And when a stranger tries to strike up a conversation with him, the slave turns away. Why?

GRAM: Because no one likes being told what to do.

SOC: You are wise beyond your years. So you will see that what is true of the slave is also true of students.

GRAM: You mean, if they're forced to drink the waters of wisdom they will resist?

SOC: Which is why teaching can have nothing to do with coercion. And learning is all about self-motivation.

GRAM: But what if beer were flowing out of the spring instead of water?

SOC: You ask the strangest questions, Grammarius.

GRAM: I'm sorry.

SOC: Don't apologize. It's a sign of intelligence.

GRAM: If knowledge were like beer, students could get drunk on it.

SOC: Don't jump to hasty conclusions. Remember, in this Land of Ideas, this Nirvana of the Sierra Nevadas, even the beer is ideal. It clouds not the brain, but feeds the soul. It has no calories but the calories of wisdom. And it is available to everyone.

GRAM: You don't need an I.D. to buy it?

SOC: You cannot buy it. An ideal world would not tolerate commerce. Beer, and everything else, would be free.

GRAM: Wow. Sounds perfect. But, Socrates, would the beer still taste, you know, like mule's piss?

SOC: I'm afraid so. That is the essence of beer-ness.

Dear Campus Community,

There are more hungry people today in the United States than ever before and about 100,000 of them live in Ventura County. As a part of Citizenship Week and in preparation for the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement is asking you to help the less fortunate by donating canned food items that will be given to FOOD Share, a regional food bank that is dedicated to ending hunger in Ventura County.

Members of the CSUCI campus community will be able to donate canned food items October 2-October 6 at the following campus locations:

- ▶ Bell Tower Entrances
- ▶ The Hub
- ▶ Anacapa Village
- ▶ Library

You can also donate when you attend the Oxfam Hunger Banquet on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 6:30 in Malibu Hall 1.

For more information, contact Pilar Pacheco, assistant director, Service Learning and Civic Engagement, at ext. 8851

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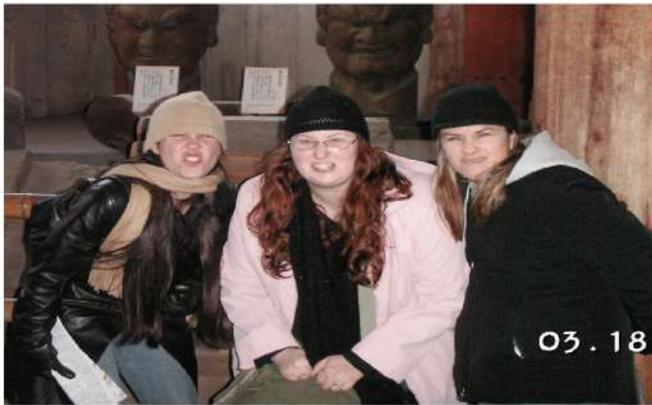
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Group Photo at Osaka Steel Works. Front, Right to Left: Barbarita Figueroa, Roger Whitacre, Lisa Heath, Elizabeth Thomas, Heather Peck, Stephanie Pennington, Rosali Garcia, Kathleen Murphy. Second Row: Merivy Herrera, Lori Lang, Simone Aloisio, Amy Denton, Kellie Sheehan, Jadi Otto, Lisa Cox, Shelley Hull, Araceli Dominguez, Jennifer Morrison. Back Row: Phil Doyle, Dorothy Inman-Zedah, Kimi Elitzer, Laura O'Grady, Chris Murphy, Carleen Pitts, Lizz Sugleris. (Osaka)



Yasaka Shrine (Kyoto)



Students at Todai-ji Temple. Left to Right: Lizz Sugleris, Carleen Pitts, Reyna Espinoza (Nara)



Roger Whitacre (CSUCI Student) with Shinichi Enami (Kyoto University Student)



Paper Cranes at Peace Park (Hiroshima)



"A-Bomb Dome" (Hiroshima)



Students in Class. Front to Back: Araceli Dominguez, Jadi Otto, Lori Lang, Shelley Hull. (Kyoto)



Date	Event	Where/When	Contact
Thursday, October 12th	Creating Accessible Documents Workshop	TBA upon registration 9:30 - 11:00 am	Peter Mosinskis
Thursday, October 12th	Triathlon #2: Ping Pong	The University Hub 11:00 am	The University Hub
Thursday, October 12th	Healthy Lifestyles Fair	The University Hub 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	The University Hub
Friday, October 13th	Dolphin 6 on 6 Soccer Tournament	The Potrero Recreation Fields 2:00 pm	RLS
Friday, October 13th	The Condom Olympics	The University Hub 6:00 - 7:30 pm	The University Hub
Monday, October 16th	Fight or Flight Defense Class	Anacapa Village 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Curtis DeBoni (Resident Assistant)
Tuesday, October 17th	Tuesday Movies at the Hub	The University Hub 12:00 pm	The University Hub
Wednesday, October 18th	Sailing/Kayaking 101 Registration Begins	The Channel Islands Harbor 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	RLS
Wednesday, October 18th	Lunchtime Piano Concert	Library Collaboratory 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Library
Wednesday, October 18th	Pop Culture Jeopardy	Anacapa Village 8:30 pm	Marissa Allen (Resident Assistant)
Thursday, October 19th	Coffee House	The University Hub 8:00 - 11:00 pm	SPB
Friday, October 20th - Sunday, October 22nd	Family Weekend	Campus Wide	The Office of Student Leadership and Community
Friday, October 27th	Masquerade Ball	Salon A 8:00 pm - 12:00 am	SPB

One Student's Opinion

by Kelli McGuire

"Placing students at the center of the educational experience..." Never would I have imagined that the mission statement for California State University-Channel Islands could have been regarded as misleading. What do you think?

During a warm Thursday afternoon in September, approximately thirty students congregated together for a special meeting in University Hall to publicly advocate their opinion on the student union building referendum. Besides the several students who attended the meeting and the faculty and staff who supported the cause, hundreds of student signatures were gathered on a petition stating that CSUCI students desire the current location of the library to be renovated and used as the site for a future student union building. Considering that the library happens to be located in the exact center of the campus, the students would literally be placed "at the center of the educational experience."

However, a few faculty and staff members on the opposing side disagreed with the students' perspective and concluded that the space should be used for classrooms, labs, etc. to truly place students "at the center of the educational experience."

Upon entering the meeting, I had originally sided with the students' perspective, and due to my ignorance of the other side of the issue, I did not care to recognize the counter argument. However, in the meeting I was obviously faced with listening to the logic behind a perspective other than my own and I actually learned something: those opposed to the popular student opinion truly want the students of CSUCI to get the most out of their education by providing them with the proper resources to further their education such as more classrooms- they do have the students as their number one priority.

Adversely, those who literally want to place the students at the center of the educational experience

(in regards to the co-curricular aspect) also have the student's best interest in mind, but they simply have a different perspective.

Between the two differing opinions, I had to come to a conclusion of my own. Before entering the meeting, I had predisposed feelings and my opinion had been formed based on a one-sided argument. Yes, I still would like to see the student union building reconstructed in the library's current location, but now I know and respect both sides of the spectrum. "Placing students at the center of the educational experience" may have different meanings depending on the perspective. This meeting forced me to appreciate different points of view and I learned that sometimes there is no perfect solution. If a person is willing to at least listen to other's perspectives, it can make a world of difference in communication, which ultimately leads to positive action.

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what is a

Main Entry:

student union

Function: noun

: a building on a college campus that is devoted to social and organizational activities of the student body. The area may sometimes contain lounges, auditoriums, multi-venue food options, offices, and game rooms.

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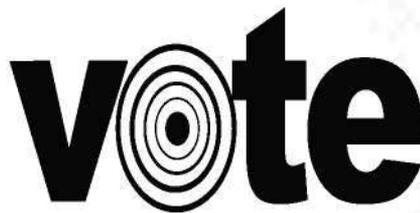
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As our campus continues to grow, we will need a Student Union to compliment that growth. The Student Union would help establish a stable *center* for student activities. We'll soon outgrow the University Hub, and then we'll need something **bigger** and **better** to accommodate the student body. Help us create that *center*. Help us plant that seed!



info. SESSION dates:

- Thursday, October 12th, 10-11pm at Anacapa Village and 3-4pm in the Collaboratory
- Tuesday, October 17th from 12-1pm at Islands Cafe
- Wednesday, October 18th from 5-6pm at the Hub
- Wednesday, October 25th from 8-9pm at Anacapa Village and 2-3pm in the Bell Tower
- Friday, November 3rd from 10am-11am at Anacapa Village
- Monday, November 6th from 7-8pm in the Library
- Thursday, November 9th from 12-1pm at the Hub

November 13-17 is Campaign Week.
November 28th and 29th is VOTING DAY!
Vote in the Bell Tower Lobby.