

President Barack Obama: The Inauguration

By: SHIRA MOSKOWITZ

Congratulations students at CI! You have all witnessed history being made with your own eyes! On January 20, 2009, President Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States of America and brought to fruition the American creed, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal." People witnessing the inauguration of President Obama watched from all different parts of the world, but they were united with one universal feeling: hope. It was truly a significant occasion, unique to itself.



Members of the campus community watch the inauguration of President Obama

Photo by Ben Hipple

In his desire to bring all citizens together there were many diverse people taking part in the ceremony. Famous singers and actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Beyonce, and Oprah participated. Evangelical pastor Rick Warren participated as well as the openly homosexual bishop, Reverend Gene Robinson. Crowds of people waited for hours in the freezing cold in Washington D.C. to see their President and First Lady, Michelle Obama, in person. President Obama excited the crowds in the Inaugural Address, by assuring people that the challenges they face

"... will be met." For those citizens who fought the long hard battle for civil rights, this day holds a special meaning. In his speech, Obama stated, "... and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass." How ironic, that the day after the most recognized civil rights leader was honored by observing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President Obama was sworn in making Dr. King's "dream" a reality for us all. Only forty years ago, there were

places in our country where an African American person would not be served at a restaurant due to the color of their skin. Today we have our first African American President. No matter what your political party is, there is no denying that history was made and our country can hold its head high with pride.

This day was not only significant to African American people, but to people of all races, and ethnicities all across our nation and around the world. Over 10 million people across the globe watched with us as President Obama ended his speech

saying, "... we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the remaking of America." This is not only our dream here in the United States, but that of many countries across the world that look to us as a world leader. The world is welcoming in the change and hope that President Obama has brought with him. Rosanne Cash once said, "The key to change is to let go of fear." For many people across the globe, our country and even many students, faculty and staff at CI, President Obama has taken what were once our fears and has turned them into hope again.

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Letter from the Editor

By EVA KLEIN

Dear Campus Community,

I sincerely hope that you have noticed and enjoyed the changes that we have made to our campus newspaper this past semester. With a full semester down and four issues under our belt, our staff would like to fill you in on some of the new editions that we have made to our entity. Last semester we worked very hard with our past managing editor and 2008 CSUCI graduate, Shawn Mulchay, to create our very own custom newspaper stands. These attractive stands not only allow for easier access to our paper for students, but they also serve as a staple for the CI View for years to come. The stands are not just a pickup point- no; they serve as a recycling receptacle as well. CSUCI continually strives to ensure that our campus stays innovative in the world of sustainability, so we as an entity of this University feel that we can contribute as well. You'll notice a slot towards the bottom of each stand. This slot will allow students to drop off their old newspapers so that they may be recycled. Our staff will make rounds and pickup these newspapers from the stands. Lets work together to keep our campus as green as possible! Haven't had a chance to see one of these stands around campus? You can find one of our 10 stands at the locations listed below. If you are interested in advertising in one of the advertising slots on the news stands, please contact ADS@ADSPECTRUM.COM or call (805) 312-0375.



News Stand in the Bell Tower

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Letter to the Editor

I Found Big Brother in the Server Room
By: ANONYMOUS

Imagine this: your favorite local indie band has just released a new record. You are excited about it, and soon find out that it has been released for free under the Creative Commons license. The band has posted a link to a BitTorrent on their site, and they prefer that you use it to help cut back their server bill. You open the torrent file in your favorite torrent client, and the next time you go to check BlackBoard you are confronted with a warning screen that says you've "been involved in the unauthorized transfer of copyright protected files... in violation of the network use policy".

Now stop imagining things. This is real, and it's in our server room. Over the winter break, I.T. installed a box between the Internet and your computer called AudibleMagic. It looks at everything you do on the Internet, and if it seems suspicious and related to file sharing, it bans you. It's not cheap either- I'd estimate the cost of the license and/or hardware to be in the five-figure range. At the time I write this, I have been banned once, for 15 minutes, for attempting to download an open-source program using BitTorrent.

AudibleMagic was installed, near as I can tell, to comply with CSU Executive Order 999, which states in no uncertain terms that illegal

fire sharing is bad and it should be stopped on the CSU networks. This is not new - we all know that piracy is illegal. Blocking BitTorrent is not blocking illegal fire sharing - it's blocking a vital part of the Internet.

While there are some protocols that should be blocked, (Gnutella, Soulseek, Kazaa, etc.), BitTorrent is not one of them. Those protocols are almost exclusively used for illegal things; BitTorrent is not. BitTorrent allows small organizations (like the aforementioned indie band) to share vast amounts of data while keeping their bandwidth costs down. It is a tried-and-true legal method of moving content that happens to be ideal for illegal file sharing, and the method used by AudibleMagic to block BitTorrent always assumes you are downloading illegally.

There are many reasons you should be concerned about this. I.T. is potentially looking at everything you do that is not encrypted. The AudibleMagic box was installed without warning, without your knowledge or your consent, and at a great cost to you. I.T. has not explained how it works, or what it blocks. In a telephone call, I.T. Help Desk was dismissive and could not answer questions about the technology, other than "it's not supposed to block legal stuff," which it clearly is doing.

Even if you don't use any sort of file sharing program, it is dangerous. It can potentially block all transfers of video and audio files. If it were to be correctly configured or compromised, it could monitor and intercept any sort of traffic. The box has the ability to censor the Internet, block addresses, and deny access to any sort of content the administrator(s) deem 'unworthy.' Any suspicious activity is logged, possibly forever.

Even ignoring all these privacy issues, the device itself is not the most effective thing at blocking peer-to-peer traffic, legal or not. The method it uses to stop transfers (forged RST packets) is akin to constantly interrupting a conversation with an air horn until the participants give up, but it only works if the conversation is in English (unencrypted). Switch to another language or build a wall between the air horn and you, and it does not work. It also does

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Pick up your papers at the following locations:

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The Cove Bookstore
The Patio Entrance to Islands Café

something on the packet level (false outgoing RST packets) that can be best described as impersonating you. There are ways to fix this, but AudibleMagic will charge I.T., and in turn you, for them if they are developed.

Since AudibleMagic was installed, the I.T. Helpdesk has been swamped with complaints, which they are, of their own admission, ill-equipped to handle. Indeed, some first-line phone-answerers were unaware that the system even existed. After numerous calls and emails, I was finally able to get in contact with the administrator of the system (who shall remain nameless). AudibleMagic's offensive behavior was caused by a rather foolish, but innocent mistake.

The device was installed in the out-of-box default configuration, which was several orders of magnitude harsher than planned. Since then, the device has 'been reconfigured' to allow legal BitTorrent traffic, and block illegal activity. It still, by nature, looks at packets, but I was told that the packets are not logged, only a record of encountering them. Also, the ban list was reset. However, there are no provisions to overturn bans, aside from the "go see Judicial Affairs" third-offense message that at least one professor received.

Even though the system has been tweaked, I'm still afraid to tempt the box with a legal torrent. The administrator does not know how the legal/illegal distinction is made, and there are only two ways. To spare readers the technical explanations, one is fast, dangerous, ambiguous, and daft. The other is clever, slow, and impossible. Knowing there is, at least at this time, no way of overturning bans just makes me even more worried. At least, according to the admin, the box does not touch "normal" traffic beyond what's needed to determine it is normal. So, in theory, Web, standard HTTP/FTP file downloads and Email traffic are safe. In theory.

To sum up, AudibleMagic is potentially dangerous, potentially Orwellian, almost certainly ineffective, and a dubious thing to allot tens of thousands of dollars of the nonexistent budget to. And only time will tell how bad the system really is.



Photo by Jessie Randall

Theft at the Bookstore

BY TRISTAN CASSEL

Recently I had the always interesting experience of buying books at our one and only bookstore. The first week or two at the bookstore is always busy, and as usual I put my messenger bag (complete with a stitched on Strong Bad from homestarrunner.com---so cool!) next to their little cubby hole system. I've always been wary of doing it, and if you don't, you get yelled at, and really, who wants that? Moving the story forward, I bought my one book, perhaps my last at this bookstore, and proceeded to grab my bag. Lo and behold it was gone! Yes Ladies and Gentleman, it had happened. My bag had been stolen. After looking around just in case I had misplaced it, I quickly notified the staff that it had been stolen. I was greeted by shock, and the helpful staff informed me that perhaps I should call the police. Now wait a minute. My bag was stolen. On their property. After following their regulations.

Opinion

Shouldn't it be on them to stop what they're doing for five minutes, call the police, and see to it that everything works out? I guess not. So after going outside and scouting the surround area for a couple minutes with my friends and finding nothing, I walk back in the bookstore, cause, you never know right? I guess I must be the invisible man, or just another face in the crowd, because when I walked in again they had already completely forgotten who I was. It was then that I heard possibly the most ironic question one could hear in that situation: "Can I help you find something?" Wow. Really? To top it all off, after I left again some of my friends came back in and warned people not to put their bags down as mine had been stolen. The manager apparently tried to do some damage control and denied it, saying (and I'm paraphrasing here,) "Nothing ever gets stolen from

the bookstore!" Luckily, my bag-nappers came back a short while later and ditched my bag, probably realizing that my collection of old essays and notes from last semester weren't worth much on eBay. So with all this in mind I have a few suggestions for the bookstore. 1.) Get rid of that cubby hole system and have students check in their bags behind the counter. You give them a ticket, they find their stuff they want to buy, and then they give you the ticket and get their bag back. 2.) Install some cameras already. You've been there almost a year and your security is basically nil. 3.) Actually try to help out your customers when they've had personal belongings stolen, it makes you look good. I encourage readers to write or call the bookstore and tell them to start making some changes. Otherwise, there's always Amazon.

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Spotlight Jaimie Hoffman



By: EVA KLEIN

Jaimie Hoffman is an esteemed member of the CSUCI staff and faculty working not only as the Coordinator of New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs but also as an active Lecturer in the Communication Program. Jaimie has had a long history in education before becoming a member of the Dolphin family. Jaimie has a Bachelor of Arts in Music from California Lutheran University, a Master of Education in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Arizona State University, and is currently working towards a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of California Los Angeles.

Jaimie chose Cal State Channel Islands because, she says, "It just felt like home." She feels like it is a place where the mission truly resonates with her personal philosophy. Throughout her three years in working at CSUCI, Jaimie has won several awards and has been a part of numerous committees helping to make student life at CSCUI top notch. Her personal approach in working with students and developing their leadership skills can be seen throughout campus as she is very well respected amongst student leaders who genuinely appreciate her character, kind heart, tenacity and experience. One of Jaimie's most famous projects amongst the students at CI has been her extensive work on the Block Parties that are held in between Stanta Cruz and Anacapa Villages once a month.

Something that the CI family may not know about Jaimie is that she grew up in Ventura County but was born in England and still uses her English accent around her close friends and family. When she is not at work, Jaimie enjoys working towards her weight loss goals. She is an active member of a boot camp fitness program which helps her to train for the half marathon that Jaimie plans on completing. Of course, in addition to working towards her personal goals, spending time with family and friends is one of her favorite pastimes as well. Jaimie strongly believes that, "Achieving more than you thought you ever could is one of the most rewarding things about life. Give yourself permission to believe in yourself."

If The Price is Right...

By: TRISTAN CASSEL

Recently, a group of students from CSUCI, including this reporter, went on a trip to the television game show, The Price is Right. We all had a great time and one student even got called to the stage. Students showed up to the CBS studios at around 12 P.M., but the process to enter the studio didn't start until around 3pm. It was then that studio staff supplied name tags, took each audience member's photo, and checked social security cards and I.D.s (in case they were called up to the stage and won a prize). Super Senior Alyssa Bremner, who organized and headed the trip, thought the waiting was worth it.

"I remember we did the C.I. chant. A lot. I think it was pretty funny but I think some people were really annoyed...and when they finally called our group a huge cheer went out. Everybody was really nice, all the other contestants were cheering for everybody; there were high fives, there were rival chants... it was a good time, that whole two hour process...waiting to get to the interview process."

The interview process went smoothly, with studio staff talking to people in groups of 12, and briefly

asking each person a few questions to decide who got called up. After that we went through security who took all of our cell phones, just in case we wanted to record anything.

When we finally made it to the studio set, it was much smaller than people expected. It was completely reminiscent of the 1970s, but in a nostalgic, fun way. The staff briefed us on what to do and one man even went around with a cup collecting gum from people's mouths. The studio made sure to make it fun, blasting such hits as YMCA and songs from Queen.

Once the show got started it was so loud you couldn't actually hear what was going on. Staffers had to hold up cue cards with contestants names on them since you couldn't hear them announced.

"One person from our group was chosen to go on the show, but they really didn't go up they sorta just bounced in place for awhile until someone pushed them and they went up," said Bremner.

The student proceeded to talk to host Drew Carey throughout, and thinking our school name was CSI, he even cracked a joke about the "crime solving college students."

While we can't tell you what, if anything our representative won, we can tell you they had a great time and is ready to do it all over again. You can catch all the action when the episode airs Monday, February 16 at 10 AM on CBS.

Students who went to The Price is Right

Photo by Alyssa Bremner



CSUCI Lacrosse Team Plays First Game at CLU

By: ERICA ROUNDY

The sun was shining, the teams were warming up, and the crowd was eagerly anticipating the start of the first CSUCI lacrosse game. Held on the green fields of the California Lutheran University campus, the CSUCI Dolphins played fiercely against the CLU Kingsmen on Saturday January 30th at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The Dolphins were sadly defeated, 6-0, but it was the outpouring of support that was the real story of the day.

Both CLU and CSUCI have about the same number of students enrolled, but when it came time to support their respective lacrosse teams, CSUCI fans far outnumbered CLU fans. Almost the entire crowd section was filled with CSUCI students dressed in red and silver. There were also multiple decorated signs of varying sizes all rallying for CSUCI. Cheers from the crowd consisted of "Go Dolphins!" "Come on, CSUCI!" "Beat CLU!" and more. A CLU faculty member even expressed his compliments to CSUCI student Matt Hostetler and exclaimed that the CSUCI team was doing incredibly well for their first game.

CSUCI's lacrosse team was started in Fall 2008 by Team Captain, Jordan Rigburg. The team has no coach, but instead relies on the knowledge of Rigburg and on the cooperative learning experience of the 23 players. The lacrosse team has multiple games lined up for the remainder of the semester:

March 1, 2009 @ Marymount Junior College at 2pm
 March 7, 2009 @ Long Beach State at 1pm
 March 14, 2009 @ UCSB at 2pm
 March 15, 2009 @ Pepperdine at 2pm
 April 19, 2009 @ home against Marymount @ 2pm
 May 2, 2009 @ home against CLU @ 1pm

Arts

Spanish Rain

By: NICK RESTER-ZODROW

Lit pieces bleeding smoke
turning black with the pouring rain
I watch you through the window
holding the brown tipped cigarette
between your thin fingers
The rest of the world goes on
but we've stopped
Your small body is shaking
drenched in a yellow pea coat
I know you're scared
no matter how much
you tell me you're not
because you told me
you would never smoke again
I think of time lost
months gone, days forgotten
and every step of the way you were
there
laying with me in my bed
telling me stories of where we would
go
when this was over
Home

You told me Spanish rain is sweet
nothing like our rain here, cold and
relentless
You told me that our rain pushes
people away
but there, it gives people the excuse
to duck under an awning
or run into a bakery together
You told me about the thick smell of
fresh bread
we would wake up to every morning
You told me about the ancient city
archways lit by the moon like light
spilling through the planks of a

boardwalk
You told me about the people and the
crowds
the nightlife and clubs
You told me about the all-night bars
the coffee shops that never close
You told me about the musicians
playing on the street
the artists who don't care about money
You told me we would walk the Riviera
stopping to write and muse
at the perfect blue of the water

You told me I'd go with you one day
but I always heard the uncertainty in
your voice
You told me this would be more than
just stories
but I knew it wouldn't
You told me I would get better fast
You told me this was temporary
You told me we could get through
anything together
You told me we were stronger than this
You told me your stories
and gave me your hope

You hold me like I'm already gone
But I'm here beneath the hum
of the fluorescent hospital lights
The thick perfume of smoke on your
hands
The smell of rain on your neck
Amongst the tears of loss
Just for a moment
Pressed against you
I smell the faint scent of freshly baked
bread

Sonnet, on Love

By: SEAN COLLETTI

Is love not like the flea? From every
inch
it sucks the life until it swells and
pops
and all you think is how it'd be a cinch
to kill the bastard right before it
stops,

so it could feel the same depravity
of pure fulfillment. Yet, it steals
away
that which it seeks, defying gravity
in bouts of bouncing, mocking you
in play.

But love can claim a difference from
such
an insect dark: when all is said and
done,
the flea will cease to be and need no
crutch,
while love remains. And when the
end's begun,

the love will suck the life until it's
through.
Now *there* is something to look forward
to.

Valentine's Day Stories: Good and Bad

By: SAMANTHA NETZEN

Valentine's Day. February
14th. Singles Awareness Day.
We're all aware of this one
day of hearts and flowers and
chocolates, whether you are
with someone or not. There
is a diverse population here
at CSUCI, and their stories
are just as varied. Some have
fond recollections of previous
Valentines, while others have a
more cynical view.

Sophia Nichols is one of the
more optimistic viewers of
Valentine's Day. "I have
always seen Valentine's Day
to show appreciation for those
you care about in your life. It
doesn't have to be a boyfriend
or a girlfriend. There are so
many different types of love,
friendship being one of them.
I would say that my best
Valentine's Day would have to
be at the school last year, where
there was a bracelet making
event, and my friends and I got
to make bracelets together."
Sophia is a sophomore Liberal
Studies major.

Others, like Ross Aitken, a
freshman and soon-to-be Art
major, have a different view on
the holiday and its practices.
"Valentine's Day is a date that
attempts to schedule love, but in
truth love cannot be scheduled.
At its core, it is something
that occurs in an instant and
spontaneously. Valentine's Day
is simply a date that celebrates
couples and lets those who
have no one aware of their
loneliness. If you truly care for
someone, don't give them a gift
on Valentine's Day - give it to
them the day before because
love cannot be scheduled. I gave
my first girlfriend her gift on the
13th. We hadn't been together

long at that point so I simply
gave her a box of chocolate and
a card."

However, one cannot deny
the wonders of a romantic
Valentine's Day. Juliet Naulin, a
nineteen-year old theatre major
had the fortune of experiencing
one such romantic time last year.

"My fiancé is in the ARMY and
this past Valentine's Day I flew
down to see him in Colorado.
We went out to a fancy dinner
and (without my knowledge)
while we were there his friends
were busy putting rose petals
and gifts for me in our hotel
room with the key he had given
them. We left dinner and drove
back to the hotel. Right before
we walked inside he told me
"Happy Valentine's Day" and
I opened the door to the cutest
thing ever. I think his friends
had more fun decorating than
they would admit because the
rose petals were everywhere -
including the bathtub.
It was a wonderful end to a
wonderful Valentine's Day."

Others have donated their tales
of this day of pink and red,
including such stories as:

A junior female who had to
drive her boyfriend to the store
so he could buy flowers for
her, because he did not have a
driver's license.

A woman who felt scorned by
a previous lover, spent sixty
dollars on a bouquet of black
roses for the one who spurned
her.

A first-time boyfriend and
girlfriend exchanged cards - and
hers had a picture of the Twin
Towers on it, complete with
airplane mid-crash that said "I
am falling for you."

Whatever your story, have a fun
and safe Valentine's Day this
year!

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The Price We Pay: "Textbook Prices Were a Killer This Semester"

By: EVA KLEIN

It happens every semester. You have finally registered for all of your classes, and they all fit perfectly around work schedule and your social life (yeah right). But wait, there's one last thing for you to do on your semester prep list. There's just one thing that you need to accomplish before you are truly ready for the new semester to start: Textbooks.

Why is it that we pay so much in tuition fees to turn around and get slammed by textbook prices? Well, there isn't too much to do but hope that you have a few professors who sympathize with students regarding those pricy books. Or is there?

Many college students have come to realize that the price of textbooks for each semester can really add up, so they have discovered ways of obtaining the same textbooks that they typically buy at their university bookstore for cheaper prices. All you have to do is know where to look.

There are several ways that you can save dollars on your books in today's academic society. For those that are computer savvy, try visiting websites such as www.textbooks.com. At this site you are able to search for new and used books by keyword, author,

title or even the ISBN number. Some of these websites offer a guaranteed buyback when you purchase the textbook, and will sometimes disclose the exact guaranteed buyback amount for the book you are purchasing.

There are other sites on the web such as www.cheapesttextbooks.com, which act as a search engine to help find the most competitive prices. At this site you can search by title, author, keyword or ISBN as well, and it will give you the various price comparisons that it has found throughout several sites. All you have to do is hit the "select" button located next to the price you like, and it will lead you to the site where that book is being sold. A great thing about this search service is that it also shows you the shipping costs associated with each site, so you know in advance what the total cost will be. Believe it or not, some of these sites even offer free shipping if orders are above a specified dollar amount.

Another option that you have when scouting for cheap books is to visit the on campus bulletin boards. Often times on these boards you can find postings by students trying to sell their old books. Not only can this allow you to find a cheaper book, but this method is also a great way to network with students who have taken the class before.

Sometimes students enjoy the convenience that is associated with buying their books at the university bookstore, but if you are trying to save some cash, putting forth the extra effort to search for cheaper books is definitely worth it.

2009: Make It Your Best Year Ever!

By: SHIRA MOSKOWITZ

2008 has come and gone, and now 2009 has made its way here! Every year on New Years Eve, people make New Years resolutions that usually are related to trying to change something about themselves for the next year to come. Many of these resolutions include getting straight A's, trying to eat healthy, or not skipping class. These resolutions are excellent suggestions, but I am going to tell you how to really make 2009 your best year ever. I don't mean trying to loose weight or ace every test—I am talking about real significant changes in the way you think and feel.

1. Be truthful with yourself. Do not try to avoid the truth. No one is perfect. If there are certain qualities that you are not proud of, do not be afraid to face them. Take a piece of paper and fold it in half. On the left side, write down all the qualities that you don't like about

yourself. On the right side, next to each bad quality, write down a way that you are going to try to avoid acting on that quality.

2. Forgive. Forgive those who have hurt you or done you wrong in the past year. Start fresh with a clean slate. Look back on the bad, learn from it, and then put it in the past. It's time to move on to year 2009.

3. Have a Goal. On a piece of paper, write down one challenging goal that you would like to achieve this year. Write it down in big writing on a piece of paper and tape it somewhere that you will see it multiple times a day. (i.e.: the bathroom, over your bed, or on the door).

4. Tell Someone! Whatever your goal may be, go ahead and tell someone who you trust and who you know has faith in you! By saying your goal out loud and to someone who you know has faith in you, it will make your goal seem more achievable.

Let's make year 2009 a year of change for all of us. 2008 is now in the past, and we each have the opportunity to make this year full of happiness and self fulfillment!

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On-Campus Housing Rates on the Rise for 2009-2010



Anacapa Village

Photo by Chelsea Archer

By: TIMOTHY ALLEN

On-campus housing rates are rising for both Anacapa and Santa Cruz Villages for the upcoming school year, but meal card amounts are actually going to see a reduction. The total costs for on-campus housing are seeing a 5.7% to 8.8% increase, with Anacapa Village receiving the largest of the increases. Additionally, housing expects a higher demand for on-campus housing, despite no significant influx of students. Current plans to handle a high demand for housing involve placing 100 students in Santa Cruz Village in tripled-up rooms, and 25 students in Anacapa Village doubles. Residents in triples can expect to see a \$100 monthly rebate, and those in doubles can expect \$50 per month off their rates.

According to the fee proposal that was submitted by housing for the 2009-2010 academic year, housing rates "must increase by a projected 38%" between now and the 2012-2013 academic year, when the next phase of housing is expected to open to students. Additionally, the proposal states that the price differential between single residency rooms and

shared rooms is currently "not sufficient," thereby explaining the higher increase of rates for Anacapa Village compared to Santa Cruz Village, and also implying a higher growth rate for fees for single rooms beyond the upcoming year.

The reasons given for the fee increases are many, and center mainly on increasing operational expenses. The increased revenue will go toward new furniture, grounds keeping, painting, and other major repairs and standard maintenance that arises as the buildings age. Additionally, housing will be increasing the amount of cash to cover debt from its current buildings. Meal card reductions are taking place because there is decreased pressure on housing to contribute to the revenue requirements in place for on-campus food services by Sodexo, due to increased on-campus catering and demand from summer conferences.

| | | 2007-2008 | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Village | Room Type | Room | Board | Total | |
| Anacapa | single | \$8,100 | \$1,200 | \$9,300 | |
| Santa Cruz | double + double | \$7,000 | \$2,800 | \$9,800 | |
| | single + double | \$7,250 | \$2,900 | \$10,150 | |
| | single | \$7,500 | \$2,900 | \$10,400 | |
| | | 2008-2009 | | | |
| Room | Board | Total | Room | Board | Total |
| \$8,600 | \$1,100 | \$9,700 | \$9,550 | \$1,000 | \$10,550 |
| \$7,300 | \$2,900 | \$10,200 | \$8,180 | \$2,600 | \$10,780 |
| \$7,600 | \$2,900 | \$10,500 | \$8,590 | \$2,600 | \$11,190 |
| \$8,000 | \$2,900 | \$10,900 | \$9,040 | \$2,600 | \$11,640 |

Note: Board is the amount on the meal card that residents receive

Reservations for Two

By: BROOKE SHAFER

With Valentines Day around the corner, many are contemplating how to spend the evening with their special someone. While candlelit dinners and sharing conversation over delicious food may be romantic, the wait time and crowds are not. Camarillo offers many charming, small, self-owned restaurants that may be less crowded for the occasion. Cucina Isabella offers a beautiful outdoor patio, candlelit tables, and authentic Italian food for a perfect date. If you don't believe me, the owners proudly show off their many framed restaurant reviews to prove it! The restaurant has planned a special menu for Valentines Day and offers 20% discount to students upon showing their school I.D. Cucina Isabella is located on 455 Carmen Drive in Camarillo.

In the mood for something exotic? Try Thai! Sawadee has a "hole in the wall feeling" that will soon turn into your cuisine of choice. Their Pad Thai is full of flavor and may be your new favorite dish. Sawadee is located on 217 Arneil Road in Camarillo.

However, staying in for Valentine's dinner may be your best option. If you really want to impress your date, try making dinner yourself. There are tons of easy recipes that won't burn a hole through your wallet. Making dinner together can also be a fun and romantic way to spend the evening without the stress or expense of going out. To make the day even more memorable, Ventura offers plenty of beaches for a picnic that don't require reservations or a wait time. What's better than showing your loved one that you care by making a delicious dish yourself?

Student Programming Board's 2009 Events

Condoms & Candy - 150-300 students

Thursday, February 12, 2009

11:30-1:30 p.m. At the Bell Tower Mall; c: Dana

Receive free condoms, lubricants, and candy from SPB to celebrate Valentine's Day. Meet with representatives from Campus Crusade for Christ or the Health Center to gather information on how to have a safe Valentine's Day.

Block Party - 200-400 students

Friday, February 13, 2009

9:00-12:00 a.m. Location: TBA; c: Josh

Come enjoy poetry, free food, live entertainment, and more during this interactive event every 2nd Friday of the month!

Ice Skating and Broom Ball - 200-300 students

Friday, February 20, 2009

10:00-2:00 a.m. at Oxnard Ice Skating Rink; c:

Tim

Break out those pads because SPB is taking you Ice Skating. Come on out and enjoy free ice skating from 10:00-12:00 a.m. Followed by an exciting game of broom ball! This event is free to all CI students!

SPB Retreat Open to All Students -

Friday & Saturday, February 20-21, 2009 the Hub; c: Melody

In preparation of chairing your own event, the SPB Members Retreat will include an education of event planning, team building, and an overview of what Student Programming really does. In addition, we will be preparing and brainstorming awesome events for the 2008-2009 school year.

Los Angeles Kings Hockey Game - 75-100 students

Thursday, March 5, 2009

7:30pm at Staples Center

Discounted professional sports tickets to a local Los Angeles team. \$10 per ticket w/CSUCI student ID (\$20 per 2nd ticket and for non-students). Come out and wear your CI colors to represent CSUCI.

Hypnotist- 200-250 students

Thursday, April 2, 2009

8:00-10:00pm at the Hub; c: Wendy

Come be spellbound by the unique workings of Dr. Trance.

Block Party - 200-400 students

Friday, March 13, 2009

9:00-12:00 a.m. Location: Ventura Street; c:

Melody

Come enjoy bands, free food, live entertainment, movies and more during this interactive event every 2nd Friday of the month!

College Clash: Battle of the Majors during Dolphin Days -Week of April 13th - 17th 2009 c: Melody

Who's going to reign this year? Battle of the Majors is a competition between all the majors on campus. All students are welcomed to participate in this exciting competition.

SPB Annual Picnic Festival: Concert and Car Show -

Saturday, April 18th, 2009

BT Mall 12-5pm; c: SPB

Come to SPB's biggest event of the year! The Picnic is an end of the year celebration for CSUCI. With a large concert, food, rock climbing, and more...