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A farewell to Dean Moroh

Founding faculty and College of Science Dean retires

By **Achelle Reynoso**

"Dean Moroh has been a compassionate leader and tireless advocate for student success across campus," said Doug Smith, professor and chair of the Division of Science and Environmental Policy.

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) will be bidding farewell to College of Science Dean, Marsha Moroh, as she will be retiring after 20 years of service to the campus.

Moroh began her career by receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. She continued on to receive her Master's of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from New York University.

Dean Moroh headed to California and began working at CSUMB in January 1995 and was a part of the founding faculty. She became the Dean of the College of Science in August 1996 and has worked tirelessly since.

Moroh said: "I came to CSUMB because of the incredible challenge of starting a new university and for the promise painted by the CSUMB Vision statement of what kind of campus it would be.

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Dean Moroh in front of the Chapman Science Center.

Photo provided by Anne Baldwin.



Students and staff rally outside of Library cafe.

Achelle Reynoso/Otter Realm

The CFA "Fight for Five" continues

By **Achelle Reynoso**

On Nov. 17, California Faculty Association (CFA) members gathered in front of California State University, Monterey Bay's (CSUMB) Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library in solidarity for the ongoing battle against the California State University (CSU) system.

The CFA has been fighting for a 5 percent salary increase, as well as a 2.65 percent Service Salary Increase.

Also that day, CFA members and supporters from throughout the state met in Long Beach to rally outside a CSU trustees meeting.

These rallies were the result of the ongoing contract dispute.

On Nov. 12 it was announced that CFA members had voted in overwhelming favor to support a strike authorization.

"Having faculty who are paid at least market wages will help as far as the students are concerned, and more importantly we hope that the California State

system and also California taxpayers recognize and understand the importance and the value of public universities for our students," said Diana Garcia, professor in the Division of Humanities and Communications.

The rally at CSUMB went on for an hour and a half as CSUMB students and faculty gathered with picket signs, shirts and handouts drawing attention from those who passed by.

"The biggest challenge is making sure that we get a large mass from the entire California population recognizing and understanding the need to support us and get behind us. When considering we used to be one of the top public education systems in the country, and now we are close to the bottom of the heap," said Garcia.

Social Behavior Science major and senior, Lauren Stokes, was picketing as well. From a student perspective Stokes said: "We're just here to support them [the faculty] in their endeavors. We

know that it will help our professors in the long run. We support faculty and we also give support to adjunct teachers who deserve full time benefits."

Stokes also mentioned that 15 to 20 students have been helping the CFA with its ongoing "Fight for Five" campaign at CSUMB.

"We do a lot of behind the scenes work. There are some [students] printing posters, some printing petitions and informing other groups little by little," said Stokes.

Visual and Public Art major and representative for Student for Quality Education, Victor Osoria, said: "We do whatever it takes to support a better quality education for students all around. That also means we have to stand in solidarity with the faculty to get the resources they need, so that they can provide us the education we need to succeed."

CSUMB was not the only campus **CFA continues on page 3 »**

CSUMB Athletics exceed scholarship requirement, but still lags behind other CCAA schools

By **Katie Kishi and Aubrie Layne**

Student athletes at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) received \$492,000 in scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II requires a minimum of \$250,000 to be given as scholarships for players, said Kirby Garry CSUMB athletic director.

The breakdown was \$198,000 to 70 male athletes and more than \$294,000 to 88 female athletes. This ranks CSUMB ninth out of 14 schools in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) in amount of scholarship money given. "We are constantly raising money to increase our scholarship budgets," said Garry.

Not all student athletes received a scholarship. Of the 286 student athletes at CSUMB's 128 did not receive any funding from the Athletic Department.

Those that did, had to have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of just 2.0. This is a lower requirement than students who receive academic scholarships. The requirement there is a 2.5 GPA.

In order to remain eligible to play, NCAA Division II requires student athletes to maintain only a 1.8 GPA after 24 semester hours, a 1.9 GPA after 48 semester hours and a 2.0 GPA after 72 and 96 semester hours.

While on the road, players don't usually spend any money out of their own pockets. Scholarships and the athletic budget covers the necessary travel costs such as hotels and food. CSUMB doesn't want its athletes to have to spend their money because they are also paying for their education and want to provide them with everything they need to succeed in their respective sport, from shoes to playing gear. "We need to do everything we can to lessen the burden on their families," said Garry.

Athletics budget breakdown

Generally, many people believe that certain sports teams get a larger budget per year than others. This is not true, according to Garry. CSUMB sports teams all operate under one budget provided by the university. It is the numbers that determine how much money each team uses.

CSUMB spent approximately \$3.8 million on athletics from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. About \$2.3 million of this was state funded, and the remaining balance was

a mix of generated income from NCAA and CCAA revenue, student fees and University Corporation allocation. This total amount puts it at eighth out of 14 teams in the CCAA in total expenses.

Teams with the most players use the most money out of that budget, along with the teams that travel the most. Teams are not given a certain amount of money but rather take funds out of the larger budget as needed.

"Our budget revolves mostly around travel and competing within the CCAA," said Garry. Since some teams have more players to send to away games, more money is needed. Men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball use the most travel money because of the size of the teams, according to Garry.

Other than travel costs, budget money goes towards operational costs, which include equipment, uniforms and facilities. "Operationally, we are funded very well in comparison to our peers in the CCAA as well as in Division II," said Garry. CSUMB spent a total of about \$901,000 on operating expenses in the 2014-15 year.

Aside from the university providing money for the athletic program, sports teams do their own fundraising as well. Trips that aren't typically scheduled yearly are funded from money raised through events and camps. For example, the men's soccer team traveled to Hawaii this year, which is not a seasonal trip, so fundraised money covered the expenses.

CSUMB also generates revenue from ticket sales. Although students and faculty get in free, general admission costs for basketball games is \$7 and for all other sports is \$5. Revenue from tickets helps offset general athletics expenses rather than provide for specific teams. "We generated a total of \$16,000 from tickets last year, so it is a small percentage of our overall budget," said Garry.

CSUMB's coaches also get a portion of the budget. The average annual salary for the five head coaches of men's teams was approximately \$52,000 and for the eight head coaches of women's teams was just over \$53,000. The total amount spent on head coaches' salaries in 2014-15 was about \$625,000. Coaches' salaries are determined relative to the available budget and the job market.

CSUMB Colleges

Winter SCUBA diving class at CSUMB

Broaden your horizons and take your education under water

By Kendall Avila

"When I dive in Florida, or Fiji, or Belize I wear a three millimeter thick wetsuit because the water temperatures are in the 80's [Fahrenheit]," said Charmaine Robinson, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) dive instructor. "Here in Monterey, where the water temperature is normally in the 50's, I wear a seven millimeter thick wetsuit. We wear the same wetsuits here whether it is summer or winter because the water temperature is generally the same."

Don't let the temperature of the Monterey waters deter you from joining one of five different diving classes offered at CSUMB.

CSUMB's scuba diving courses are a great way to explore and learn more about the unique Monterey Bay underwater ecosystem.

"Monterey Bay is truly a world class place to dive and since our classes last the entire semester, students have the opportunity for great training and diving," said Frank Degnan, another CSUMB diving instructor and Dive Safety Officer. "If anyone is interested in the ocean, I encourage them to take the class. It is important to be reasonably fit and be able to demonstrate basic swimming skills."

Compared to average diving prices of around \$250, CSUMB is quite a bargain. The cost of the one unit course is \$140 which covers the use of all the equipment. Every student is required to have a physical which costs \$50, but it is valid for five years. The certification fee is \$20.

There are five different scuba diving courses offered: beginning, advanced scuba rescue, master diver certification, scientific diving techniques and capstone. There are three sections of beginning dive, while all the other courses have one section each.

The best part about diving are the beautiful sea creatures observed. "I have seen sharks, dolphins, mola mola, seals, sea lions, otters, diving birds and lots of fish and invertebrates. I have also snorkeled with whales, one time right off Del Monte Beach in Monterey. They are all pretty cool," said Degnan.

"The other day we saw a tiger shark while diving and that was incredible. Normally, we only see little crustaceans and crabs so seeing a tiger shark was really neat and shocking," said Brandon Elwin, junior Master Diving student.

Of course, as with most outdoor activities there are some potential risks. "The dangers of the class are minimal because we train, prepare and plan our dive activities thoroughly to reduce any risk," said Robinson.



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Fletcher publishes new book

By Samantha Gray

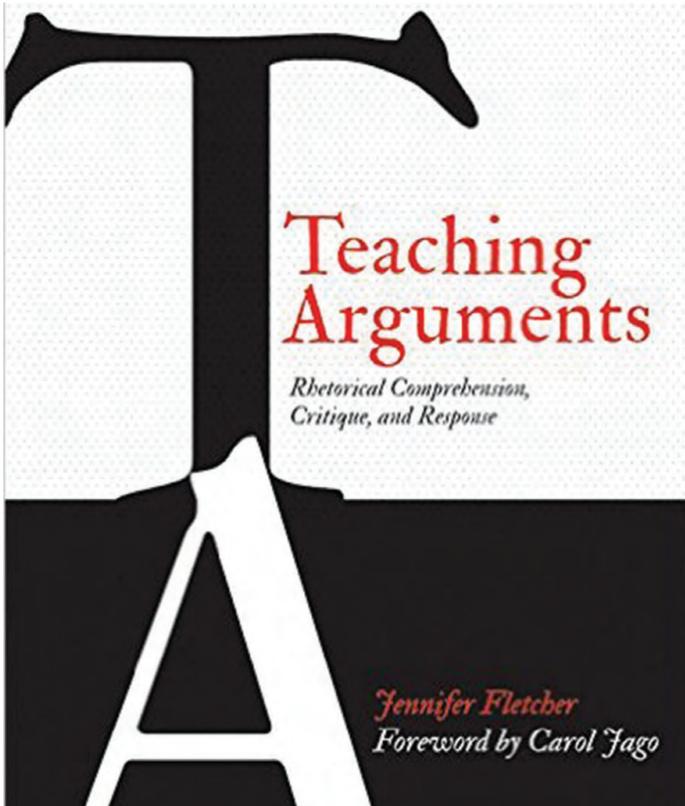
What sets apart California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is not only its scenery or its students, but its professors. The importance of professors at a university goes hand in hand with the curriculum. There are handfuls of professors on campus who have made a difference, one of these being Dr. Jennifer Fletcher.

Fletcher has been a Human Communications (HCOM) professor with CSUMB since August 2006, making this her ninth year with the school. She specializes in Victorian literature and teaches courses ranging from adolescent literature, to grammar, to Shakespeare. If she's not in class discussing linguistic patterns and rhetorical approaches to learning, she can be found keeping up with her active schedule. Her work includes coordinating and advising English Subject Matter Preparation students and writing for various publications.

Fletcher co-wrote *Fostering Habits of the Mind in Today's Students* with Adela Najarro and Hetty Yelland. More recently, she published a book of her own, *Teaching Arguments: Rhetorical Comprehension Critique, and Response* through Stenhouse Publishers. Both books revolve around furthering learning and comprehension in the classroom.

"The students I work with inspire me to be my best self, and I absolutely love when I get to be a co-learner alongside them," said Fletcher. "I'm privileged to teach students who are incredibly mature, both intellectually and emotionally." Her heart for the profession and school itself isn't only seen through her words, but in the classroom.

"Kind, patient, thoughtful and engaged, Dr. Fletcher cultivates a learning environment where you are not only encouraged to think for yourself, but are inspired to do so. She is simply sublime," said Megan Williamson, a senior at CSUMB.



Teaching Arguments: Rhetorical Comprehension, Critique, and Response was published earlier this year.

Building diverse skill sets to serve diverse communities

The Collaborative Health and Human Services major prepares students to serve communities with a vast array of needs through field placement

By Andres Hernandez

The Collaborative Health and Human Services (CHHS) major is not to be confused with the College of Health Sciences and Human Services (CHSHS), which it is hosted under. The CHHS major is the sole undergraduate program in the Health, Human Services and Public Policy (HHSPP) department of the CHSHS and offers four concentrations for students to choose from.

The concentrations include community health, public administration, social work and the all-encompassing, interdisciplinary concentration. Whichever path CHHS students decide to pursue, they are required to find a community partner to work with over a span of three semesters.

The major is unique in its innovative use of a Field Practice Program (FPP). The major requires a completion of 240 hours prior to graduation in community partner placement, according to the HHSPP website. The partners associated with the program reach across the Tri-County area from Monterey County to San Benito County and as far north as Santa Cruz County.

With an array of partners, students have options to work with action councils and community service programs such as the housing authority of Monterey County, various schools within the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, Monterey County Behavioral Health and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

"I would highly recommend [CHHS] because they set you up with an internship for three semesters while you're in school. And I feel like that is the perfect way to set up a college student and introduce them to [their field of interest]," said Betsaida Garcia, CHHS major and class of 2015 graduate.

Garcia is currently an after school program coordinator for foster youth at Peacock Acres in Salinas, Calif. after interning for the organization for two years. Peacock Acres has developed transitional housing programs since the

1990s as a service to youth who are cycling through the foster care system.

Garcia credits her field experience for her growth as a professional. Attributing her rapid growth to the challenges of applying coursework to the field, Garcia claims she transformed her emotional self into a passionate individual who is continually looking to empathize with her clientele.

Marion Martin, fourth year CHHS major, is currently an intern at Voices for Children (formerly Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Salinas, Calif. Voices for Children also serves foster youth, but they look to enlist qualified candidates to advocate for individual children in the foster care program. The goal is to mentor the child and stand in court on behalf of them until they can be placed in a permanent home.

As an intern, Martin is given responsibility over projects the organization feels serves its purpose. Martin is learning to write grants, organize community outreach events and deliver recruitment speeches across Monterey County.

Martin is just beginning her field placement and is looking forward to the prospects her time with Voices for Children will bring. Aside from her duties as a member of the organization, she also serves as an advocate.

"If I didn't have this experience, a career in the realm of social work would be pretty intimidating," said Martin. Martin looks to transition into a Master of Social Work degree program immediately after graduation.

Martin went on to say: "[Because of my field placement] I feel that I have an edge searching for acceptance into a master's program or a job in the field."

Both Garcia and Martin encourage students to keep in mind service when learning the various administrative and social skills provided by the major coursework and they can do anything their mind desires.

For a detailed list of community partners in the Field Placement Program visit the CHHS website.

Students check in to new Sustainable Hospitality Management major

By Aubrie Layne

New major in College of Business is first of its kind, offers unique opportunity

Within its first semester, the College of Business has exceeded its expectations with its newest major: Sustainable Hospitality Management (SHM). Earlier this semester Dean Shyam Kamath said: "This fall we launched a new UG [undergraduate] major which is the first of its kind in the world - the B.S. in Sustainable Hospitality Management focusing on the five elements of what we call a responsible business based on people, ethics, equity, planet and profit."

The program has about 40 students in it.

SHM places a broad spectrum of "hospitality, sustainability, leadership and management, operations, marketing

and information technology," according to the California State University, Monterey Bay website.

Theresa O'Gorman a senior SHM major said: "I originally was a Business major. I knew that I wanted to have a business of my own one day, so I figured that Business was the right way to go. I switched because Sustainable Hospitality seemed to fit in with my ideals."

This major offers two tracks: sustainability focuses on the eco-friendly practice of business by conserving the environment, cutting operational costs and even increasing revenues; hospitality is focused on the industry itself - hotels, resorts and restaurants.

O'Gorman's interest is specifically ecotourism: "With this major, there are many possible careers out there. I could do anything from tour-operating, eco-lodge managing, entrepreneurship or working with National Parks, just to name a few. The best part about it, besides the wide range of possibilities, is that many of these careers take me to beautiful parts of the world, like Costa Rica or South Africa."

O'Gorman's concentration of ecotourism management allows her to study deeper thoughts and topics in the industry of ecotourism, while covering basic business topics and environmental issues.



College of Business Dean Dr. Shyam Kamath

PEOPLE ON CAMPUS

What is your favorite memory from this semester?



ALYSSA WHITE
FRESHMAN, BIOLOGY

"My favorite memory was sitting with my cheer team learning cheers for the first time. We got to bond and we learned all the cheers and went over all the motions. We got to sit at practice learning it all, sweating our butts off, literally sticking to our chairs because it was so hot that day."



CHRISTOPHER SIDORS
SENIOR, HUMAN COMMUNICATIONS

"It's been work, work, work all semester, so I guess performing that's like always been a fun thing for me. I perform a lot but performing for the youth at Youth Now in Watsonville was pretty cool. I performed poetry, it was more lighthearted, it wasn't as heavy hearted as usual."



MICHEAL HABEEB
SENIOR, SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

"Just going to the beach and hiking on the beach at the dunes. I'll go with friends or by myself, it depends on my mood."



SAMANTHA AMCEYA-MEJI
FRESHMAN, COLLABORATIVE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

"My favorite memory is just being able to experience the campus and being new to the area. Probably visiting Carmel and being around the city more is pretty cool. When I moved to campus was the first time I came here."



ZECH SNEL
SOPHOMORE, KINESIOLOGY

"I'm on the cross country team, so my team had a great year. It was fun running. We got to travel up to Oregon and Oregon is just beautiful. I just love traveling and being a part of the team."

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"My favorite thing about the College is the people -- the amazing faculty and the great staff. I enjoy working with them every day, and am always impressed by the great work the faculty are doing in teaching, research and service to the community and the university. There are also many people I like and admire in all areas of the university. And then of course the students -- the reason we are all here!"

Even though Moroh has been the College of Science dean for almost as long as CSUMB has existed, she has had an impact on more than just science.

"She is one of the original group who created the framework of CSUMB," said long-time friend Ilene Feinman, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. "Legend, and probably truth, says that she arrived prior to a second founding faculty member, Josina Makau, to learn that the campus leadership was contemplating opening the university without the arts and humanities. She called Dr. Makau and told her to 'get here fast' to speak to the importance of a comprehensive university structure. This story, I think, is emblematic of the way Dr. Moroh has always advocated for the university as a whole. She is a tremendous ally and team player for CSUMB, with an unerring commitment to the founding Vision of the campus."

"Dean Moroh's extraordinary leadership fostered unparalleled, nationally recognized achievements in science and math pedagogy, scholarly inquiry, reciprocal community partnerships, external funding acquisition and student success," said Professor Emerita Josina Makau when describing just a few of Moroh's greatest contributions to CSUMB.

With the plans of her upcoming retirement, CSUMB will miss Moroh, more than she may know.

Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs, Bonnie Irwin, believes life at CSUMB without Dean Moroh will never be the same: "I cannot imagine CSUMB without Dean Marsha Moroh. As a founding faculty member and then Dean, Marsha Moroh has made numerous contributions not only to the university generally, but also to the success of dozens of faculty and hundreds of students. She has been one of the primary builders of CSUMB whose work will see us far into the future.



Opening Ceremony of CSUMB Fall 1995. Dean Moroh was one of a few Founding Faculty who were part of a lottery to get to meet with President Bill Clinton after the Opening Ceremony.



Photos provided by Anne Baldwin.

Marsha Moroh is a great ambassador for CSUMB and the unique education we provide our students; she is a role model for us all in her dedication, hard work and creativity."

Those sentiments were echoed by many faculty across campus.

"I will deeply miss Marsha as a friend and colleague. I doubt that the next Dean will invite me to drink hot tea at each of our meetings! I will also miss her institutional knowledge. Having been at CSUMB from

day one, she knows how the University works...who to call...(and who not to call!). She will be missed by many," said Smith.

"I wish her smooth sailing into retirement, many new adventures and joyful days. She is an irreplaceable colleague, and thankfully I don't have to say goodbye to our friendship, which is ongoing," said Feinman.

During her retirement, Moroh plans to travel with her husband,

spend time with her two daughters and play a lot of piano.

Moroh will still be living in Monterey and says she plans to stay in contact with CSUMB and is willing to help out where she can.

The search for the new Dean of the College of Science is ongoing. Candidates will be on campus through mid-December. Everyone is welcome to attend the multiple open forums to learn more about each.



Students supporting faculty at the CFA rally.

Achelle Reynoso/Otter Realm

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to have a rally. CFA members at all 23 CSU campuses held local events to bring awareness of their situation.

CFA's main rally was organized at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) where Chancellor Timothy White's office is located. CFA got together at 14 different CSU campuses to caravan, as one, to CSULB.

During the rally, CSUMB members were coordinating with members at Long Beach by sending pictures of how the rallies at both sites were going. There were more than 1,000 faculty and staff at Long Beach marching in solidarity, according to Ajit Abraham, CSUMB CFA press liaison and treasurer and lecturer.

If the CFA and CSU do not come to a settlement, a strike is planned for the future.

"We refrain from teaching and any other work we would normally do for the CSU on the day(s) of the strike and we would organize picket lines and rallies on the campus(es)," according to

the CFA.

On Nov. 19 CFA filed an unfair labor practice charge against the CSU. The CFA believes the CSU is bargaining in bad faith.

"The law requires that CSU management and CFA reach agreement on salary before the university system sends a budget request to the legislature and governor. For both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years, CSU management made support budget requests that included their plan to implement a 2 percent faculty salary increase," according to a CFA news release.

"This is point-blank wrong," said Jen Eagan, President of CFA and a Professor at Cal State East Bay. "It's a violation of the law governing our bargaining process, as well as an insult to the faculty, who day-in and day-out fulfill the core mission of the CSU by teaching students."

A fact-finding hearing was held Nov. 23, with a second one slated for Dec. 7. This is a time when both groups present their cases to a panel made up of one CFA representative, one CSU management representative and a neutral factfinder. "After the cases are presented and written



arguments submitted, the neutral panelist will write a fact-finding report that recommends how a settlement should be achieved," according to the CFA website.

Faculty members are not allowed to stage a walkout until after the fact-finding process is completed, according to the

Higher Education Employment Relations Act.

"[If] fact-finding ends without a settlement, at that point we go on strike," said the CFA.

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VACCINATE before infection



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*Think twice before you skip the shot.
 Vaccinations save lives in your home and your community.*



By Heather Audyski

I recall my mother telling me about when she was a child, if a classmate contracted the chickenpox, parents would throw "pox parties" in order to spread the highly contagious virus to all the kids. The parents figured it would be easier to get the disease over with rather than worry about the children catching it later as adults, when it's much more harmful to the immune system. Of course, the vaccination was not introduced until 1995, so many kids ended up with no other choice.

Being born in 1992 meant that I was unprotected for three years until the vaccine was introduced, which in turn led to contracting the chickenpox from my preschool before I could be properly vaccinated. My mom saw it as one less health issue for me to worry about later on in life, but unfortunately carrying the virus

inside my body ended up being more of a curse than a blessing.

The classic red, itchy, blistering rash known as the chickenpox is caused by the varicella zoster virus. Once a person is infected by the virus, it will forever stay dormant in their nerve roots. Some people are lucky enough for the virus to forever stay inactive, while others may deal with the virus awakening again due to the immune system being weakened by stress, disease or aging. Once the virus becomes active again, the person can contract the shingles.

Herpes zoster, otherwise known as the shingles is a painful skin rash which often appears as a single stripe of blisters that is usually characterized as a burning, shooting pain or itching, customarily appearing on one side of the body.

The rash turns into clusters of blisters which fill with fluid and then crust over. It takes two to four weeks for the blisters to heal, and they may leave scars. Some people only get a mild rash and some do not get a rash at all. Unfortunately, I was one of the people to contract a rash from the outbreak.

Last spring I was under a great deal of stress, when I noticed some painful red bumps appear on my neck. I thought that I was having a slight allergic reaction, which prompted me to visit my doctor who

told me that my rash was actually the shingles. She told me that I should expect blisters to start forming fairly soon. As the days went on, the pain on my neck grew worse and it constantly felt as if I was holding a flat iron to my neck while consecutively dousing it in rubbing alcohol, which was quite unpleasant.

I contracted shingles because I did not receive the chickenpox vaccination. This was one of the most painful experiences in my life. Other children do not have to face the pain I did; they should be vaccinated.

There are parents refusing to vaccinate their children due to worries about the safety of their children's health. The risk of chickenpox vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC recommends a mere two vaccines for children, adolescents and adults, which combined are about 98 percent effective at preventing the contraction of the chickenpox. Although some may experience fever, soreness or swelling at the injection site, or a slight rash after receiving the vaccine, the mild discomforts outweigh the risk of contracting shingles later on.

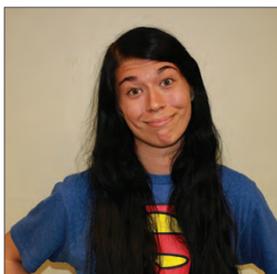
By being vaccinated, you are not only protecting your loved ones, but you are also protecting those around you who are unable to be vaccinated due to weakened immune systems or pregnancy.

Think twice before you reject the shot and realize that science has come a long way to keep our society rid of deadly diseases.



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Every women's right to Planned Parenthood services



By Zena McCartney

Despite recent controversy, Planned Parenthood is essential to women in the United States.

Why is Planned Parenthood so vital to women in America? One in five American women has used Planned Parenthood for health care at some point in their life. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America was created almost a century ago, to help women be educated on sexual health. It currently reaches out to 1.5 million young people and has more than 700 health care centers nation-wide.

The Affordable Health Care Act provides reproductive health care for women without charging a co-payment, meaning women have to pay

little to no money for contraceptive and abortion services. Approximately 99 percent of all American women have used contraceptives, but half of those women ages 18-36 struggle to afford health care services, according to a White House statement.

Stand with Planned Parenthood is a movement created as a result of the recent Republican effort to dismantle reproductive health care for women. This year David Daleiden, a reporter from The Center for Medical Progress (CMP), released videos that appeared to reveal Planned Parenthood staff in Costa Mesa, Calif. agreeing to sell fetal tissue garnered from abortions.

However, close scrutiny of the videos on behalf of the U.S. Senate, revealed there had been a high level of editing done and photos and interviews in the video were out of context.

The CMP wants to de-fund federal health care services so they can: "hold Planned Parenthood accountable for their illegal sale of body parts." The organization feels justified in its values which clash with Planned Parenthood.

I think the CMP is at fault because of the skewed nature and mal-

ice intent evident in the story about Planned Parenthood.

The CMP violated California Penal Code 632 which states: "Every person who, intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a confidential communication, by means of any electronic amplifying or recording device, eavesdrops upon or records the confidential communication, whether the communication is carried on among the parties in the presence of one another or by means of a telegraph, telephone, or other device, except a radio, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,500, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or in the state prison, or by both that fine and imprisonment."

California vs. Gibbons, 1989, extends the penal code to unconsented video recording of a person or company. The Planned Parenthood staff member in the video claims she was not aware she was being recorded. Clearly, the CMP violated this law and should be dealt with for deceptive and intrusive videos.

Planned Parenthood is a victim of bias and fabricated reporting.

The CMP and conservative Republicans are at war with Planned

Parenthood and Obamacare, and this is just another attempt to sway public opinion.

We need to take action now before conservatives take away a woman's right to utilize reproductive services.

How can we show support for Planned Parenthood? Sign the Stand with Planned Parenthood petition; I did.

Editor's Note:

This article was written and edited before the Nov. 27 shooting and standoff at the Planned Parenthood office in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Some Republican Presidential candidates are citing the video mentioned in this article, as a possible motivator for the shooting.

The Stand with Planned Parenthood website has updated its main page with: "The smear campaign and false accusations that motivated the attack in Colorado Springs must stop. Demand an end to the incendiary rhetoric demonizing Planned Parenthood doctors and patients."

Zena's editorial, along with this recent event, demonstrate the need to be informed of multiple views on controversial topics. If we only hear one side of a story the outcome can be fatal.



Lori Mackey
 Financial Literacy Advisor

Save on student loans

Student loans have become a rite of passage into adulthood. With seven in 10 seniors averaging \$28,000 in student loan debt, the sooner you get an understanding of what your options are in paying these back, the better.

First, you have to find out how much you owe. Log in to your Financial Student Aid (FASFA) (nsids.ed.gov). This will tell you what type of loans you have, the scheduled start of repayment and the loan beginning and end date. Most importantly it will tell you the interest rate, and if it's a fixed rate or adjustable. Once you have this information, you will see exactly where you stand and if it's worth it to start look-

ing at finding lower rates for your federal loans.

If you have private loans, follow the same process and gather all the information.

Thanks to technology there are several companies helping students save thousands of dollars with lower interest rates. StudentLoanHero.com allows you to compare repayment options and helps you manage your student loans. They allow you to sync both private and federal loans in one location. They will provide and in-depth student loan summary and financial analysis and give advice on repayment options.

Gradible.com is a free online student loan evaluation tool that

can help you find options for loan forgiveness, refinancing and repayment options. Gradible provides its members access to discounts, offers and opportunities to help accelerate repayment.

Lastly, don't miss your first payment and don't ignore your loans!

Ignoring your loans can have serious lifelong consequences. If you go this route you will pay more for your loans then you could possibly imagine. And most likely no one will even look at you if you have ruined your credit. Your credit is as important as your diploma.

Destroy Salinas stereotypes

"The problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story."

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

By Sarah Ontiveros

As a rich agricultural community, Salinas is known as the "salad bowl of the world." It is a city home to a diverse group of residents and a rich history.

Salinas is known for being the birthplace of Nobel prize winning author John Steinbeck. It also is known throughout the state as a place crippled by gang violence.

Being a resident born and raised in Salinas, I can recall the city being known as a town of violence and "a deadly place to live." Like other communities in California, Salinas has been dealing with violence for many years and has reached a critical level.

Violence is a major contributor to the weakening of families and the community. Poverty, homelessness, drugs and alcohol, and the lack of funds for education are all contributors. As negative stereotypes have built up through the years against Salinas, I strongly believe the city should be known for more than just violence.

Salinas is a great place to live. I take pride in my community.

Salinas Mayor, Joseph Gunter also believes in the community and is excited about its future.

"We have been named an All American City. We just leased a piece of property to U.S. Credit Union for 40 years which will pay to redo our El Gabilan Library and let's not forget to mention that California State University, Monterey Bay is the new owner of the Steinbeck Center," said Gunter.

Yes, it has its challenges just like any other city, but if we come together as a community, we can make

change happen.

Salinas continues to create different activities for families to attend, such as the Old Town Salinas First Friday Art Walk. This event takes place on the first Friday of every month. It offers art exhibits, light refreshments, dance performances and live music for all ages. This fun filled friendly event every month throughout the year, rain or shine is absolutely FREE!!

The Salinas Sports Complex is a premier venue that host events throughout the year including: the California Rodeo, Monster Jam, Central Coast Motorsports Spectacular and much more.

Twin Creeks Golf Course, home of the First Tee of Monterey County, is another quality place for all ages. Many children learn the game of golf, as well as good character building. It offers a 9-hole course open to the public for an affordable price.

The Community of Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP) organization was formed when leaders from 30 Salinas city and county groups teamed up to lower violence and improve community safety. CSAP is a highly effective program and has been keeping Salinas grounded and focused on building a "City of Peace." This program supports a deeper county-wide violence decline.

I believe that raising awareness and coming together as a community is how change happens. I stand united with my community and will work to fight Salinas stereotypes by promoting the many great thing happening in the city and its bright future.



Andre Sitolini/Otter Realm

Letter from AS President: Emma Richardson



Hello Otters,

Welcome back from Fall Break! Your Associated Students hope that you took time to yourselves and are ready to finish the semester strong.

Lately issues of race, discrimination and marginalization have surfaced on college campuses across the country. Although this has been happening throughout history, these issues are receiving the much needed attention that they have not received previously. Students at CSUMB have expressed concerns regarding race issues on our campus as well. As the official student organization on campus, the Associated Students want to learn how we can advocate for the changes that are needed at our university. We want to hear the concerns that students are facing and we welcome feedback from anyone who has suggestions on how we can best represent our students. Please reach out to any of the AS officers with constructive feedback and let us know how we can best serve you!

The Associated Students have several interesting programs and services that are continuing through the rest of the semester. We are hosting an art contest that will result in two students winning an iPad mini. Detailed information on the contest is available at csumb.edu/as. Also, OtterMedia, the radio show program that AS recently began working with,

will be back on air soon! Be on the lookout for OtterMedia news here shortly and reach out to Joshua Cash (jcash@csumb.edu) with any questions you might have. On the statewide level, AS has been attending monthly California State Student Association meetings. We are advocating for change through discussing relevant campus issues including shared governance, financial aid, sexual assault and CSU budget advocacy.

AS elections will also be coming up in January. There are several elected positions that offer our students the opportunity to be representatives, advocates and leaders in charge at CSUMB. Keep elections on your radar as packets will be out within the next several weeks. I would also like to make a quick note about the U.S. presidential election that is around the corner. The outcome of the election may have implications on universities across the county in terms of accessibility and affordability. Please register to vote and stay educated on the presidential race.

The Associated Students are so thankful for all of the CSUMB students. Together we are building this university and making change in the surrounding community. Go Otters!

Thank you,

Emma Richardson
Associated Students President

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Best of the OTTER REALM 2015



JANUARY



“Chasing a Dream”

Reporter: Miranda Squires
Issue: Feb. 12

California State University, Monterey Bay graduate Jesse Jordan was highlighted for her work as a Science Illustrator. Jordan was given the opportunity to create 10 to 15 illustrations for Dr. Laurie Marker from the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Jesse provided the *Otter Realm* with her impressive illustrations and pictures of some fast cheetahs!

AUGUST

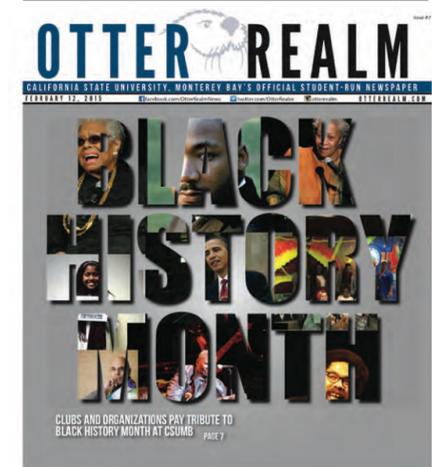


“Open for Business”

Reporter: Briana Mackey & Alex Hennessey
Issue: Sept. 3

The state-of-the-art \$44 million Business and Information Technology building opens its doors. The 58,000 square foot facility is home to classrooms, labs, graduate students work areas and faculty offices. The building is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certified due to its many “green” features.

FEBRUARY



“Black History Month”

Reporter: Nick Emanuel
Issue: Feb. 12

February is Black History Month. Black Students United (BSU) and the CSUMB chapter of the NAACP put on events honoring well known African American leaders and memorializing individuals such as Trayvon Martin. The “Black Out” silent march in honor of Martin was a success.

SEPTEMBER



“Community Reacts to Marina Shooting”

Reporter: Zena McCartney
Issue: Sept. 17

CSUMB student Aram Hami was shot at on his way home from work. Police had no suspects in the case, which involved multiple shots being fired in a residential area in Marina. Bullets struck cars and even homes. Community members were unsettled by the incident and upset by what they believed to be an inadequate response by Marina police.

MARCH:



“Jonah’s Journey”

Reporter: Jonah Worcester
Issue: March 12

Jonah was an international student from Ireland who spent his year abroad at CSUMB. In his opinion article, he compared CSUMB to his home college of Maynooth University. He noted the similarities of the universities as it comes to population size and establishment dates. He further reviewed how the locations of each campus have a rich history.

OCTOBER:

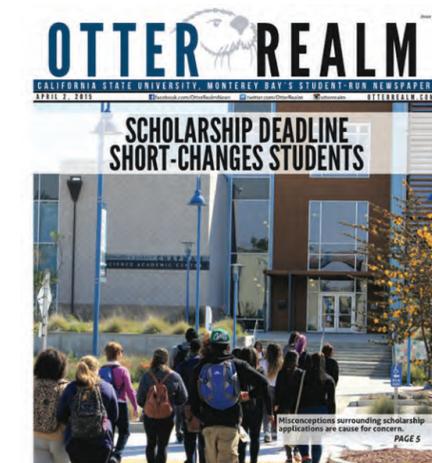


“OtterMedia: Please Stand By”

Reporter: D’Quan Stewart
Issue: Oct. 1

OtterMedia found itself at the center of a campus controversy after the one-unit course was canceled and operations were transferred from Cinematic Arts to Associated Students. Current and former student DJs were upset that the online radio platform was forced off the air during the transition and that there was a lack of communication from CSUMB. The potential for a future Low Power FM radio station was also wrapped up in the debate.

APRIL:



“Scholarship changes short-changes students”

Reporter: Alex Hennessey
Issue: April 2

The CSUMB Financial Aid Office changed the way students submitted scholarship applications to an online process, causing misinformed students problems. The article caused change in the Financial Aid Office, and informed students of the unorganized state of the Financial Aid Office.

NOVEMBER:



“CFA votes yes on strike authorization”

Reporter: Achelle Reynoso
Issue: Nov. 12

California Faculty Association members voted to authorize a strike, if a contract agreement cannot be reached with the California State University (CSU) system. The union wants a 5 percent salary increase, while the CSU is only offering a 2 percent raise.

MAY:



“Graduation Inflation”

Reporter: Briana Mackey
Issue: May 7

The Class of 2015 was the largest graduating class in CSUMB’s history. More than 1,500 students walked across the commencement stage on May 16. Students were also honored with Academic Honors and for their work outside of the classroom.

DECEMBER:



“A farewell to Dean Moroh”

Reporter: Achelle Reynoso
Issue: Dec. 3

CSUMB founding faculty member and Dean of the College of Science, Dr. Marsha Moroh retires after 20 years of service. The campus community reflects on her many achievements and wishes her well.