In addition to the faculty threat to strike, another battle for better wages and benefits took place silently in the previous weeks. Union workers of the Dining Commons (DC), Out- ter Express (OE) and Monte’s Restaurant were about to call for a strike vote, but the same day as the faculty, they reached a tentative agreement with So- dexo, the on-campus provider of food services.

After the expiration of their contract in October last year, the union struggled for a new contract, including an increase in wages and affordable health benefit plans. April 8, Sodexo employees and management met once more, in hopes of reaching an agreement. Unite Here Local 483 representative stated that the deal proposed was the best yet. “What I can say is that Fri- day’s negotiation was a positive step towards increased wages, better insurance co-pays, pensions, sick leave, parking and benefits. However, this is a ter- A tentative agreement was reached. At the end of a work- day everyone just want to be compensated, everybody here works hard.”

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Valerie commented and stated Montay’s is consistently understaffed. He is also worried about the student workers well-being who are not untrained and may feel the pressure to cover shifts even with the workload of a college student.

Valerie believes a solution to the understaffing would be to hire more full-time union workers to take the pressure off of students. Valerie acknowledges that there has been slow progress to getting more full-time union workers.

Affordable healthcare plan for him, Valerie has a son and is able to afford the healthcare plan offered through Sodexo, and worries for the health of herself and son. Currently, in less than 9 out of 41 union employees have health insurance through Sodexo.

Finding a purpose at the DC:

“I really like the safety, they are super up on safety,” said Harvey Chapman, dishwasher for DC. Chapman stated that the best perk of the job was the free food offered to him during his breaks and lunches; however, Chapman believes an increase in wages and lunches is needed: “wages, just wages, and the parking thing.”

After 11 years of working for the post-office, Chapman, 37 years old, retired and became a truck driver. He expressed his love for trucks very heavily.

But when his wife became ill in 2008, he had to leave his dream job as a truck driver to take care of her. Chapman’s wife passed in 2011. He experienced loneliness and loss of purpose during that time, which led to his decision to get a new dream job as a truck driver. He expressed his love for trucks very heavily.

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Letter from AS President Emma Richardson

By George Worthoy

AS President Emma Richardson

I may not be the oldest student on this campus but I assure you that there is no one more passionate about the rights of the underserved in our community. Nothing gives me more satisfaction than knowing that, if you haven’t grown up by the time you’re sixty, you don’t have to.

I was the first time I heard of rape. I was 17 years old and was being taught a writing class at a women’s detention center. My father warned her and told her that there is no love after. I wasn’t too sure if I can take the next step of being a writer. I often had to put in the backseat. From that point on, it felt like a show, and I didn’t have a chance to direct the show because I had been involved in a few guns in my gang and violence, and my father revealed that he had prostate cancer in Summer of 2012. On the second day of the semester, I went looking for a fresh start, but I got a phone call that a friend had a car crash. I panicked and felt death was coming for me.

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CSUMB theater renews time with "Oklahoma!!"

By Leyla Ledwith

Mar 26, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Cinematic Arts department (CART) participated in the Outside the Walls festival, hosted by The Monterey Museum of Art (MMA). The department contributed a group of collective works titled "The View", following the festival’s theme of "Sustaining the Natural World".

The theme is meant to get viewers to experience and react to how the artists feel about the world around them. The intention was for the community to be involved in art at the museum, as well as relating to art in different forms around them.

The department was able to participate due to CART’s Department Chair, Frank Ryan’s connection with the museum. The museum had open calls for any local artist to attend and put forward their work. Soyeon Kim then asked if there were any projects that she would like to present at the festival. With Soyeon acting as curator, experimental films were submitted by professors, students and alumni but were all rejected equally as artists that shared their form of expression with the community.

Such works that were included were: Night Lights by fourth year CART student Robbin Weiler, 131 Russ and F-Line by Professor Rodrigo Ojeda-Black and Assistant Professor Silvia Tanem, Color Film by Assistant Professor Meghan O’Hara, Nightlife by fourth year CART student Dylan Lewis, Deep in the Woods by Assistant Professor Seyoon Kim, MAMAMI by Lee, Rodrigo Ojeda-Blacks and ZUSAMMENHALT by alumni Ross Daguio.

"It was a wonderful opportunity, this was the first event that the museum was doing off-site" said DeNicola. We Bare Bears, will screen performance.

These experimental films focused on relationships with humans and their environment. Some works involved memory and her relationship to anthropocentric structures, whereas O’Hara tackled the relationship to nature in a different way.

"The audience tries to make a connection with the museum," said Kim. "When a viewer puts together unrelated images and the words, it creates a whole new narrative, unrelated images and the words create a whole new narrative." The museum’s mission was to bring art to the community. "It gives us a different kind of view and you can enjoy a different one than just simply the cinema."

The musical’s cast was not only broadened to a larger audience, but it also gained a larger following. The next musical is "Oklahoma!" all semester and to showcase their skills, DiNicola stresses that skateboarding can transform any space with a board or a ramp roll into a playground. One of his favorite places to meet up with his crew and skate is at Manzanita Elementary School in Salinas. Produced with the intention to showcase their skills, DeNicola hopes "we will provide something new for the kids and build up Monterey’s canted skate culture.

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Be on the lookout for "Bermuda", which is scheduled to premiere at the end of April. A concern from the Music Department is already a success! "We are excited to perform something that will be different for the museum," said Tottress.

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What does the agreement mean for faculty?

Once discussed by the union membership, the tentative agreement needs to be ratified and will be voted on by the CSU Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 24 and 25. Both parties, union and CSU administration, agreed the public release of the agreement is a financial support from the state government.

For more details about the tentative agreement between CFA and the CSU, Kevin White, head of the bargaining team, will answer questions April 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the University Center Reading Room 114 and 115. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit http://www.calfac.org/tentative-agreement/

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Behind the Scenes: Otter Athletes

By Justin Umera

The life of a student athlete is not just going to school, practicing on a regular basis and having games throughout the week. Sometimes athletes need breaks, time to unwind and take their minds off of the sport. Here’s a look at what some California State University, Monterey Bay athletes do off the field.

For Noriega, her pastimes include going to the beach and hanging out with friends. During offseason training she will: “hit everyday, pitch at least 3 times a week and go to my personal trainer every morning,” said Noriega.

Away from the court, Zeller supervises intramural. His offseason training consists of “basketball, weights and getting up more shots in overtime,” said Zeller.

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Hometown: Ventura, CA
Year in School: Junior
Major: Kinesiology
Sport: Softball
Jersey Number: 55
Position: Pitcher
Number of Seasons: 3 Seasons

Name: Callum Carlstrom
Hometown: Buena, Sweden
Year in School: Senior
Major: Business Admin.
Sport: Golf
Number of Seasons: 1 Season

Name: Evan Zeller
Hometown: Mission Viejo, CA
Year in School: Senior
Major: Business
Sport: Basketball
Jersey Number: 13
Position: Guard
Number of Seasons: 3 Seasons

Name: Jake Chutney
Hometown: Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
Year in School: Redshirt Sr.
Major: Communication
Sport: Baseball
Jersey Number: 35
Position: Left-handed pitcher
Number of Seasons: 2 Seasons

Name: Kuilei Wheelock
Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA
Year in School: Sophomore
Major: Liberal Studies
Sport: Volleyball
Jersey Number: 15
Position: Libero
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Outside of the course, Carlstrom likes to “spend time with my teammates, like biking.” Occasional day trips to San Francisco and the beach are also common activities.

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Ortega’s splash toward championship

By Roque Devina

As spring is upon us, the Women’s Water Polo team is building through the season. With lots of travel, the girls are working their way towards the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) Championships April 29 and continues through the weekend.

The California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Women’s Water Polo team played a doubleheader April 2 at Sonoma State in Rohnert Park. In a losing effort in their first game against University of California, San Diego, the Otters gave it their all against the No. 10 ranked WWPA team. With a final score of 6-21. On the same day, the Otters took victory over Sonoma State going into overtime with the final score of 14-13. “Our coaches helped our thinking to a more competitive mindset, every player stepped up and played their best,” said junior Kienolony Luxury. CSLUMB trailed 6-9 after half-time, the Otters then scored five goals in the fourth quarter. With 40 seconds left and behind by one point, junior Tyrina Veloso scored her fifth goal sending the game into overtime. The Otters scored twice in the overtime period, leading 15-12.

Sonoma State scored again, sending the game into sudden death overtime. Junior, Adrianna Craft broke through by scoring against Sonoma, leading CSUMB to victory. Women’s Water Polo is excit- ing to head off to Hayward April 27 to kick off the WWPA Cham- pionship. “There are many good teams in our conference and coming off from a win against Sonoma gives us a new found confidence to play competitively in the championships,” Wheel-ock said.

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Cycling In the Sun

By Adrian Valdez

A four-day “Celebration of the Sea Otter Classic” is regarded as the world’s largest cycling festival. Part recreational biking, competitive event, festival, and expo, the Sea Otter Classic returns to Monterey April 14 to 17. The Classic’s 2016 Gran Fondo (Italian for “Great Endurance”), offers two fully supported road rides. One presents a 55-mile Coastal route, and the other a 92-mile Carmel Valley route. Saturday, April 16, the Coastal route first runs coastal trail, and passes through places such as Cannery Row. The Carmel Valley route first runs through the agricultural fields of Salinas Valley, then through Carmel Valley’s wine country. “I like bike riding because it’s more relaxing, allowing you to enjoy the scenery around you, even if you’re just riding for a few miles.,” said recreational bike rider, Gustavo Hernandez.

The Classic is intended for all ages, including courses designed to grow skills and build confidence. The Bike Play Zone allows kids to test building skills on age-appropriate obstacles. Young girls (ages 8-13) can also join the Little Bellas, which will be a mountain bike day camp just for them!

But not all of the fun to be had is just on two wheels. Younger children also have a carnival and seasonal egg hunt open to them. For those 21 years of age and older, many can enjoy relaxing and taking in the view from the beer and barbecue garden. If that wasn’t enough, there is an all-op- tional international food court too.

Anyone looking for new bike equipment can check out the Sea Otter Classic Expo. Especially with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) giving away your bikes are becoming a more popular form of transportation.

Exhibitors will show off the latest in technology, clothing, and gear for better bike riding.

To get to Laguna Seca Raceway is located at 1032 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908.

The Classic admission is free to all four days for children twelve and under, as well as registered athletes. Discounts are also given to those of the military and to members of the same family. Tickets range at the moment, but check accordingly. For more specifics, visit the Sea Otter Classic website.
Caption Contest

Each issue, the Otter Realm will feature a photo that needs a caption. Send your caption to us, and we will post the winner at otterrealm.com.

Any CSUMB student and resident of Monterey County may enter their captions. Good luck!

Send your submissions to otterrealm@csumb.edu
In celebration of Earth Day, Marina’s 10th Annual Earth Day Festival will be April 16. This year demonstrates widespread support for environmental protection and preservation.

Attending the event will be entirely free. The event will also be held live music by Bag O’ Tricks, painting, arts and crafts, as well as interactive learning booths.

Six different service projects in Locke Paddon Park will be held to help preserve and maintain the park for local residents. Return of the Natives will host projects starting at 9 a.m. at the Seaside Circle near Marina Library. Projects include planting native plant species, trash clean-up, painting over graffiti and weeding and walking along the coastline.

Lauren Kromer, coordinator of the Return of Natives service projects, states the significance of the Earth Day celebration is to empower a sense of “mindfulness of preserving and protecting our outdoor spaces for generations to come.”

A pressing issue for Marina wildlife is the invasion of foreign plant species. The Earth Day event will allow volunteers to work on reducing invasive weeds, which will gradually help native plants to grow. Natalie Zayas, coordinator of the event and CSUMB environmental instructor said that “native plants bring better diversity of insects and other wildlife.”

Making a positive change for Monterey County is the basis of this event. Local companies that take an initiative on being eco-friendly will be at the event. The sense of community on this day is also really important as participants can bond over topics of the environment and help in unity to restore the ecosystem through service projects and even separating trash. Taking a step in sustainability, all waste will separated for recycling and compost to create a zero waste event.

Food scraps will be composted and dishes will be washed with eco-friendly soaps. These steps to zero waste allow residents to become more conscious about reducing their waste. Things like ditching single-use plastics will be replaced with reusable dishes and cutlery.

For questions, contact Natalie Zayas, citizens for sustainable Marina coordinator of the event. Parking will be available at Calvary Baptist Church, 160 Seaside Ave. across from Locke Paddon Park.