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The Oxford Dictionary defines rape as; “the crime, typically committed by a man, of forcing another person to have sexual intercourse with the offender against their will.” Physical abuse is defined by Merriam-Webster as “physical maltreatment” (How specific). Difference between com differentiates emotional and mental abuse; mental abuse is the damaging of someone’s mental stability, and emotional abuse is the damage of a person’s emotions through manipulation, harassment, humiliation, neglect, etc. Digital abuse includes cyber bullying and stalking through social media. While some of these definitions cross over, the first step in raising awareness is educating yourself.

Now, why do college students need to learn one more subject on top of all their daily classes and challenges? You should know because your best friend, significant other, sibling, or relative might be suffering. If someone abuses you, you have a right to know what they did to you. You need to know because of high school students have been abused in one of these ways. You need to know because nearly half of all college women report having been in an abusive relationship. You need to know because 81% of parents don’t think dating abuse in teenage relationships is an issue, even though 58% of parents could not correctly identify the signs of abuse.

Cal State Monterey Bay offers the Personal Growth and Counseling Center, the Campus Health Center, Title IX Coordination, and Advocates from the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center as resources to students. All statistics pulled from loveisrespect.org.

As a decided feminist, I am passionate about helping the victims of sexual assault. There are many shocking statistics about college women experiencing this trauma. Their sisters and brothers who are experiencing abuse emotionally, physically, mentally, and digitally need to be recognised as well. Victims of abuse are not lepers to society - they are some of its most powerful voices. So little education is given about these situations that many do not know basic forms of abuse, so that’s what I’m here to help with.
Featured day, April 4th: National Equal Pay Day

Each year on a Tuesday in April, National Equal Pay Day brings awareness to pay discrepancies between women and men around the world for the same work. Tuesday represents how far into the work week a woman works to earn as much as a man doing the same job. Equal Pay Day first started in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity to bring awareness to demonstrate wage inequities between men and women. For more information visit www.pay-equity.org.

Wear red and use #EqualPayDay to share on social media.

03/16 New Tools for Weebly
10 – 11:50am
BIT: Rm 119
St. Patrick’s Plant Fundraiser
12 – 3pm
Starbucks

03/17 NAACP Tabling
7 – 9pm
Main Quad

03/18 MB World Language Project Workshop
9am – 3pm
World Languages & Cultures: North

03/19 STEM Clinic: Anatomy
12 – 1pm
Salinas

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03/25 APIA Dance Practice
12 – 2pm
Mountain Hall

03/26 STEM Clinic: Anatomy
12 – 1pm
Salinas

03/27 World Theatre Day
Study Abroad
101
12 – 1:50pm
Heron Hall: Rm 120

03/28

03/29 Coffee with a Cop
11am – 2pm
Student Center: East Lounge

03/30

03/31

04/01 April Fools Day

04/02 World Autism Awareness Day

04/03 FIDM Tabling Event
10am – 2pm
Starbucks

04/04

04/05 Decision Making Workshop
9 – 11am
Heron Hall: Rm 124

04/06 BANanas!
5:30 – 7pm
Student Center

04/07 Safe Zone Training
8am – 12pm
University Center

04/08 Startup Challenge Monterey Bay
8am – 2pm
BIT

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SUN 04/09
STEM Clinic: Anatomy
12 – 1pm
Salinas

MON 04/10
Tips for Professional Communication
12pm – 2pm
Library: Rm 2154

TUES 04/11
Queer and Trans Hangout
10:30am – 12pm
OC3
Breaking the Lens
12 – 1:45pm
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Cesar Chavez Day is March 31; during that week, the Catalyst Center at Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) will put on service events for students and organizations. The main purpose for this Week of Service Challenge recognizes all the work he did for the Farm Workers movement. Since CSUMB is so close to Salinas, where there are many field works that live there. Given recent political and social climates, this gives students a way to learn about what Cesar Chavez stood for and how it impacted farm workers. It is an opportunity to get involved in the community as well.

For some events, the Catalyst Center has partnered with local schools in Salinas, as well as holding competitions, workshops, and informational presentations about Chavez. The organizations, as well as individuals, go to as many events as they can to gain points. The winner of the Week of Service challenge gets a trophy. Events will be every day from March 27th to April 2nd. Register in advance in order to participate. Registration can be found on the Catalyst Center Website.
Seaside Main Gate Forum Postponed

The CSUMB Campus Planning and Development Office had planned a forum for students and staff to ask questions regarding the Seaside Main Gate project, but the City cancelled at the last minute. Matthew McCluney, Senior Planner in the CSUMB Campus Planning and Development Office, stated, “We’re working on setting up another date.”

The project, located directly adjacent to CSUMB, would “Allow for two main project components: an entertainment-based retail center and a hotel/spa/conference center,” according to the latest Specific Plan from 2010. The retail center would include “specialty retailers such as: bookstores, sporting goods, housewares, clothing stores, market/specialty foods, a multi-screen cinema (or alternatively, a department store anchor) and other entertainment uses.”

The Specific Plan is available on the City website.

Panel debates whether privacy in the digital generation is possible or ethical

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Students, faculty and community members attended the 15th ethics forum event, “Freedom vs. Privacy.” The panel heated up between two keynote speakers, David Brin and Lee Tien on Tuesday, March 7 held in University Ballroom at Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB). The debate aimed to provoke reflection on the ethical dilemmas of digital privacy. David Brin, author of The Transparent Society and Lee Tien, Senior Staff Attorney and the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), expressed their stance on the challenges of technology, information sharing, and the right to protect digital privacy.

The Colleges of Business, Science, Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities collaborated to organize the event with support of Associated Students. Dean of The College of Business, Shyam Kamath, stated, “The forum celebrates our university’s commitment to academic excellence, student success and regional development through intellectual debate and new ideas!” Before the debate, Dr. Ochoa mentioned the possible hackings of the president elections and the wikileaks.

President Associated Student, Lauren McClain, said, “I think events like this build a sense of community on our campus and help students understand each other, even when their views differ.” The goal is to inform and teach an audience of media users the issues of digital privacy affecting society and how to better prepare for the future.
Cal State University, Monterey Bay’s (CSUMB) 22-year-old starting catcher Hayden Duer has been the fulcrum of the Otters baseball offense this year. Only 18 games into the 2017 season and the Davis, The Human Communication major leads the team in: RBI’s (21), Hits (27), as well as in Home Runs (4). The numbers have been so impressive, that he has caught the attention of several Major League Baseball teams. I caught up with Hayden to talk about his approach, ups and downs, and tendencies that have aided his dominant play on America’s pastime.

You’ve been putting up emphatic numbers all across the board with the Otters in what is a still a young season. Who or what do you credit it to?

We have a great team with a lot of talent and everyone on this team pushes each other every day to get better and when you have a great group of guys that you play with, you want to play well for them. So I want to credit the entire team for the way we play and the attitude we bring to the field every day.

What has been the toughest point of your career? Your best?

The toughest point of my career was my freshman year when I had to redshirt because I couldn’t play and I had to watch the games from the sidelines. The best moment of my career was last season when I was awarded first team all league and hit the most home runs in the league.

What are some personal goal(s) of yours for the remainder of the season?

Some personal goals of mine are that I would like to help this program get to its first National Championship. For myself I’d like to win MVP of the conference and get drafted into professional baseball.

What player did you idolize growing up and why?

I idolized a couple of players, first is Joe Mauer a catcher for the Twins because I loved watching him play, and I idolized Josh Donaldson because he plays the game hard and smart every day.

Do you have any pregame rituals?

I like to arrive at the field early on game days, grab everything I need to play, including my foam roller, listen to the same 3 songs (With That by Young Thug, Back in Business by E40 and Honeycomb by Andre Nickatina) while I put on my cleats and roll out my legs with nobody around.

MUSIC MAJORS ARE PLAYING THE HITS

Students perform music’s most popular songs in the Music Department’s weekly recitals

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Student musicians and vocalists share a stage in a collaborative effort to cover some of music’s most popular songs. Through the exploration of musical genres, students are tasked each week to perform cover versions of well-known artists from a specific genre. It is through these performances that students get to share their love of performance, artistry, and music.

“Music is a very powerful thing that helps us bond with one another. It is important for students to come see their peers perform and maybe even get involved in some of the events.” Says Andrew Heinzman, music major at CSUMB.

The director of choral and vocal studies, Carlos A. Tottress, organizes the event with 22 students assisting in production. “Our Voice Recitals are another form of vocal training that ensures the growth and development of our Vocal I & II students as they learn to produce their best sound in terms of vocal performance, performance skills, and stage presence.” Says Tottress.

Last week the students performed popular country songs. The evening featured songs from artists such as: Johnny Cash, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Gabrielle Aplin, Martina McBride, Allison Krauss, Patsy Kline, Eddy Arnold, Brad Paisley, Emmy Lou Harris, and Drew Holcomb. Future events include songs from the musical genres of Classical, Broadway, and Gospel music.

The live concerts are held every Friday from 4 – 5 p.m. in the music hall on campus. All students are welcome to attend and admission is free.
Otter Rugby Terrorizes Tigers

As the Otters provided the pitch Saturday, March 4th, the University of the Pacific (UoP) Tigers showed up for a heavy dispute. The Otters came out sharp as they gained the edge early over the Tigers in a crushing 60-27 victory. Controlling the game from the start, the Otters played a hard fought game with demoralizing hits all throughout. At halftime Coach Steve Ball was pleased with the Otters’ game performance through the first half, expecting his team to keep up the fast pace through the final 40 minutes. Coach stated “Spread the ball out wide against them,” informing his team to use the full width of the field. As the Otters played a superb game as a team, there was one Otter that had a nose for the try zone. John Lancioni, who played the outside center position, tortured the Tigers all game long reaching an impressive hat-trick (3 Scores). As the Otters continued to break through the defense of the Tigers in the second half, Coach was extremely excited for his team. Coach told the team after the game “The lineouts were good, you were physical against a team that really liked to pick and go.” Coach said “The score reflects all the hard work you guys have put together. Today’s win was a full team effort.”

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Cliffhanger

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A MAN ON A MISSION

In this current world, eyes are blind- ed with constant hatred in the media. With battery and bullying to different race, religion and ethnicity, it is often hard to find human kindness.

Cal State, Monterey Bay alumni Daniel Troia is on a mis- sion to find such kindness. With a degree in Kinesiology, Troia is searching for positivity on his bicycle. The 2014 graduate is on a mission to show that there are a lot of good people in the world.

On a bicycle trip from Oregon to California, Troia ran out of food. He got off his bike and made a sign asking people to help him. He encountered a homeless man that offered Troia his food stamps. “A man who had nothing was still willing to give” he said in admiration. It was in that moment that Troia got the idea to search for the kindness in people.

Troia made a documentary that was viewed last Wednesday here on Campus. The is called Two Wheels to Freedom, and shows him biking across europe. Through this project he has learned and has been “able to see people in a different light”. The journey has also made him more appreciative of all he has.

Troia is now working on a new Documentary titled “Biking for Kindness”, where he will journey through our country on his continued search. He is hopping back in his bike, hoping for the same outcome as the outpour of Europe pos- itivity.

The Otter Realm will be covering a second screening of “Two Wheels to Freedom” on Wednesday March 29th. Pick up the next issue for part two of this Otter Cliff Hanger!

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WHAT WAS FORT ORD?

9 historical facts Cal State Monterey students may not know about the base that stood long before the University was created.

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Every student knows that there was a Military base here in the past, but that is where it stops. Students are not aware of the rich history that literally provided the foundations for Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB). Dr. Stephen Payne, Command Historian at The Defence Language Institute, helps in identifying answers to the most important questions students should know about the historic ground they study on.

1. **What was Fort Ord?**
   Fort Ord was an Army base mainly used for training, located where Cal State Monterey Bay now sits.

2. **Where does the name come from?**
   The base is named after Major General Edward Ortho Cresap Ord, a Commander of the Army in the final days of the Civil War, and first Commander of the base.

3. **From what dates was the base active?**
   The Army bought the land in 1917 naming it the Giggling Reservation after a local family. The site held that name as one of the largest training facilities until it became a formal base (Fort Ord) on August 15th, 1940. The base was then active until September 13th, 1994.

4. **Why was the base here to begin with?**
   Fort Ord was strategically placed here on the pacific coast as a defence for possible attacks coming in on the Coastline.

5. **How big was the base?**
   The base spanned approximately 28,000 acres.

6. **Were there any famous people stationed here?**
   Yes, Many people! Most notable being WWII Commander; Brigadier General Joseph Stilwell, Jimi Hendrix, even Clint Eastwood.

7. **Are there any monuments around for students to visit?**
   There is a large statue on Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. right in front of the chapel. The statue is of a Drill Sergeant, paying tribute to the many that served here over the years. The base was a big basic training facility. Drill Sergeants are responsible for training the soldiers, therefore they had huge impacts on the soldiers here in the Bay.

8. **Is there any Military presence left in Monterey Bay?**
   A lot actually! There is The Naval Postgraduate school, The Defence Language Institute, as well as Military community housing right up the road from Campus.

9. **Are there any original Fort Ord Buildings that CSUMB now uses?**
   Yes! The little chapel on Divarty Street which is now used as a meeting hall. Building 47; the Campus Services Building, as well as some of the older dorm halls.

Statue of a Drill Sergeant just off of General Jim Moore Boulevard and Normandy. Photo by Brittany Glassman/Otter Realm
The musicians of Quinteto Latino walked onto the stage without saying a word and started playing their first piece. They let the music introduce them, with each player having a small solo-like part. A quintet is a five instrument group; this one was comprised of the flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, and the French horn. These five musicians had one goal in mind - to spread the Hispanic culture.

The music that the Quintet chose to perform was all composed by Hispanic composers like, Arturo Marquez from Mexico, and Gerardo Matos Rodriguez from Uruguay. Throughout their individual studies they found that they had never played or really discussed the Hispanic composers that they knew existed. Thus, they want to raise awareness of the culture that is displayed through the music.

As an audience member I felt especially moved by a piece in the first half of the performance. I could hear many things: from a grooving bass line of the bassoon, to the whimsical, playful dancing of the flute and oboe harmonizing perfectly. The piece really characterized the dance of the Hispanic Culture. The bassoon and the French horn covered the bass line, sounding off like the brass in the traditional dance, The Guadalajara. While at the same time the flute and oboe acted as the free movement of the dance.

This quintet helped me personally visualize some of the rich culture that is shared through music and dance. Thus, really accomplishing their goal to raise awareness.
At Home

SPRING CLEANING/ORGANIZING

Get rid of junk you don’t need and stop being that roommate with a ton of clutter. Those graduating might want to get a little head start. You got less than 2 months left!

Find anything in decent condition that you don’t need? Donate to Last Chance Mercantile or Goodwill.

MAKE YOURSELF A DECENT MEAL

No one has time to cook (or clean up the dishes afterward), so we’ll usually resort to eating out and/or ordering fast food. Attempt to make a dish fully homemade or somewhat homemade. After all, the Dining Commons won’t be open during spring break.

WATCH SOME MOVIES OR SHOWS

Live on Campus? Too poor for Netflix or Hulu? Login to HBO GO with your OtterID.

Movies:
- Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
- The Danish Girl
- Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising
- Batman vs Superman
- X-Men Apocalypse

Shows:
- Big Little Lies
- Game of Thrones
- Westworld
- Silicon Valley
- Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

RESET WITH SLEEP

To those who have the luxury of not being scheduled to work or can take a break from early morning classes: Do your body a favor and get that 8 hours you need. But don’t tempt yourself with oversleeping the day before school starts up again!
Out & About

DEALING WITH A COLD BEACH

According to our Accuweather forecast (in this issue's calendar), the weather in Marina will stay around the high fifties with clouds. As many students are aware, our beaches aren't always the sunniest or the warmest. But you can still enjoy the beach even though you probably won't be able to show off that beach bod of yours.

SWEAT IT OUT!

Cycle down the trail at Lover's Point or jog by the shore at Marina Beach. The sunrise is gorgeous and there are plenty of photo opportunities. This is not only a way to warm up at a cold beach. It also gets your mind going and may even lead to inspiration as you surround yourself with some good ole nature.

TAKE A STROLL

Bundle up and listen to some music as you walk beside the waves, or have a real conversation with a friend. An added bonus is packing a toasty breakfast sandwich and cocoa or coffee. The earlier the better. You usually don't have to fight for parking and finding a spot. Would prefer sitting on a bench rather than sand? There are plenty of seating areas at Del Monte Beach.

OFF TO AN AQUARIUM DAY

If you have not yet, grab your free annual passes at the Student Center and plan a day out with friends at Cannery Row. Again, the earlier, the better when it comes to finding parking.

There are some closeby eateries after your aquarium visit. These restaurants usually cost $11-30 depending on if you dine alone or with a friend.

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TAPPING INTO THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

President Ochoa Accuses Former CSUMB President of Wiretapping

It all started early Saturday morning, when President of Cal State Monterey Bay Eduardo Ochoa shook the campus by making bold accusations via Twitter that former CSUMB President Dianne Harrison had his “wires tapped” during the 2012 CSU presidential campaign. Harrison, who is now the president of Cal State Northridge, is only the latest victim of a long list of people Ochoa has targeted on Twitter. Only a few hours after Ochoa’s unsupported accusation, he diverted attention from Harrison and onto Arnold Schwarzenegger, claiming that the former California governor’s short time hosting NBC’s Celebrity Apprentice was a “sad end to [a] great show.”

Ochoa’s claims, while seemingly unsubstantiated and childish in delivery, do raise questions about how much our campus really knows about our former leader. According to Harrison’s biography, she worked at Florida State University “where she served for nearly 30 years in various capacities” before coming to CSUMB. Various capacities. Interesting. What is it that Harrison actually did at FSU that her team doesn’t want the rest of the world to know about? It is also hard to ignore the fact that this timeline puts Harrison in Florida, the epicenter of political controversy, during the 2000 United States presidential election.

With Harrison’s past raising more questions than it does answers, it is still unclear what evidence Ochoa has to confirm his allegations as he has yet to provide any proof. But even with a lack of evidence, Ochoa certainly seems to believe there was foul play, furiously tweeting comparisons to our nation’s biggest scandals: “This is Nixon/Watergate.” Meanwhile, Harrison has issued an exclusive statement to The Otter Realm in response to Ochoa’s claims, saying “I deny ordering any such wiretaps. Preposterous!”

Despite one of the campus’s most bizarre political scandals in recent memory, President Ochoa has kept himself busy with numerous projects around campus, one of which being the construction of a new roundabout on Inter-Garrison & 8th. “It’s gonna be huge. It’s gonna be the biggest and greatest roundabout in CSU history.” As for plans after the roundabout, Ochoa will begin construction on a wall that will serve as a border between CSUMB and Hartnell College. The construction of the wall as well as recent travel bans of all MST bus lines going from East Campus to main campus are part of Ochoa’s attempt to “make CSUMB great again.”

TV SERIES: BIG LITTLE LIES

How many lies does it take to make a big one?

When the wave of news hit the Monterey County about a new series being filmed, it was only right to see if the lies were true! The new HBO series, Big Little Lies, starring the famous Hollywood stars Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, and Shailene Woodley; brought the original best-selling novel by Liane Moriarty to life in the areas of Big Sur, Pacific Grove, Monterey, and Casa Verde Beach. The dark comedy series focuses on the lives of three women who are dealing with marriage, motherhood, and murder.

David E. Kelley, the creator and writer of the HBO Series filled each episode full of information about the characters and mysterious murder that is in question. The show covers scenes of interrogations by police, flashbacks of scenes that lead up to the crime and some foreshadows. The way the shows are going so far, has been intriguing because it keeps you on the edge of your seat questioning how did the scenes and/or people lead up to the murder, who may have committed the murder at the school event and why.

From tuning into just three episodes so far, I have already fallen in love with these three musketeers, as I like to call them. Watching this HBO series has brought happiness, curiosity, and suspicion into my life. It is mesmerizing, seeing the places I see with my own eyes being the main location for the series and having great well-known actors playing some challenging and mysterious roles! Every episode leaves you wanting more but the only way to find out who committed the murder, is to pay attention to their perfect lives and hear the perfect
Maggie Rogers became an internet sensation after the viral video of Pharrell Williams’ hearing her first single ‘Alaska’ at NYU Clive Davis Institute Masterclass. Her effortless originality and uniqueness was enough to impress Pharrell and leave without any critique.

Maggie’s love of nature is prevalent throughout her five-track, 17-minute-long album. The opening song, “Colors,” begins with crickets chirping. It almost sounds as if she is singing at a campfire. The next song, “Alaska”, the track that nearly brought Pharrell to tears and in turn became her debut single, tells a story about hiking in Alaska that helped her move on from a past relationship. The folk style lyrics combined with the computer generated beats creates a unique yet enjoyable song. “On + Off,” the least folk track from the album, is a fun dance track that does not sacrifice vocals for a synthesized beat. “Dog Years” and “Better,” the last two songs on Now That The Light is Fading, shows off Maggie’s voice while successfully merging the folk and dance sounds.

After hearing Maggie Roger’s debut album, Now That The Light is Fading, my only critique is that I want more music. While it was more than likely not her decision for the album to have a mere five songs, it is difficult to not be left wanting more at the album’s end. With the presumable success of her first EP, I am sure this is just the beginning of a successful music career.
Chief Eats:
LILIFY & BRIGHT COFFEE

The idea of combining an artisan shop with a hipster coffee joint paid off.

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Your faithful review has returned to coffee shops for this issue! The adorable facade of Lilify and Bright Coffee was on the chopping block this time. The creative idea of combining an artisan shop with a hipster coffee joint paid off; Lilify refers to the artisan crafts half, and Bright Coffee, unsurprisingly, provides caffeine. The arts on display in Lilify and Bright include two walls of hilarious cards, along with furniture, pottery, and linens. The coffee selection is average; all the major espresso drinks and pour-over coffee. However, the prices for both halves are quite high; a small cup of black coffee costs just over $2.00 and a notebook was over $20.

It is, however, wonderful coffee. The flavors are strong without being too bitter or overwhelming, and the croissants were buttery and tender. The second drawback becomes apparent, however, when the food selection is examined. There were only croissants offered, which may not be what many are looking for. This combined with the prices gives Lilify and Bright a 3 out of 5 from Chief Eats. While your reviewer may not be able to purchase a mug, the coffee is certainly worth returning for!

Lilify and Bright Coffee are located at 281 Lighthouse Ave in Monterey.
AND THE AWARDS GO TO

THE OTTER REALM

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Third Place: Best Breaking News Story (Tori Johnson and Sarah Espinosa)
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Alison Wommack

I don’t consider myself a politically active person. I do the bare minimum: voting, reading up on current issues, listening to public radio. Admittedly, most of my news comes from predominantly democratic sources. I am in full support of environmental protection, free higher education, and affordable healthcare. I recognize that my beliefs may be more socialistic. But I find myself unable to not respond to the article “Why I Left the Left: And Why You Should Too” by Sean Roney. I found many things in the article disagreeable, however despite this, I am willing to have a “polite and logical” (para. 12) conversation.

My concern with Roney’s article starts with his statement “the divisive Marxist fundamentals behind the current left cause people to think they are nothing but their identity (...) and that all opposition thus disagrees with their right to exist” (para. 7). According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary the definition of Identity is “sameness in all that constitutes the objective reality of a thing,” [1] as such the literal definition of an identity is how a person constitutes all that they are as a human being. It’s the old adage of I think, therefore I am. And though discussion does promote progress, opposition against an identity is indeed disagreeing with someone’s right to exist. For example: When you deny the petition of a transgendered young man to be apart of the males wrestling team in his high school, and force him to wrestle with the gender that was on his birth certificate, is that not denying his fundamental concept of himself [2]? And then to call the ideals behind the liberal side of government Marxist can be equated to nothing more than fear mongering (para. 7). Marxist ideals are unfortunately unequivocally related to communism. Which in many minds is considered un-American.

Speaking of the American society, Roney declares that people with these ‘radical’ ideologies want to divide everyone into cultural boxes. A them versus us mentality. Is that not the rhetoric of our current President? Roney then brings up cultural appropriation and adds “which means only some get to keep t-shirts, to-gas, and loincloths” (para. 5) and I must ask: what on earth are you trying to say Mr. Roney? Cultural appropriation is, according to Oxford University Press, “the taking over of creative or artistic forms, themes, or practices by one cultural group from another. It is in general used to describe Western appropriations of non-Western or non-white forms, and carries connotations of exploitation and dominance” [3]. It is not some people being forced to ‘revert’ back to traditional wear. Cultural appropriation is wearing “Indian” Halloween costumes, it is decorating your home with a Buddha’s head, it is taking something from a culture halfheartedly and using it for your own purposes in a way that is completely disrespectful to its creators.

Furthermore, Roney’s statement that social justice groups such as ‘Antifa (Anti-Fascism)’ and Black Lives Matter” have “some leaders and members calling for the death and harm to their enemies” (para. 8) makes me seriously wonder where on the internet he is getting his information. We are not discussing fantasy novels where mortal enemies battle for power and the throne, we are discussing political issues that affect the lives of hundreds of thousands of US citizens. Black Lives Matter was started in response to the injustices members of the black community in some states were facing due to racism in the police force. Antifa is an international organization that is striving to end facism as a form of government on this earth and oppose people like Mussolini from taking power. Saying that organizations such as these are and promoting bloodthirsty behavior in their members is pandering and sensationalism.

Roney continues to state that The Left believe “all people are bad and extinction would benefit the planet” starting with white, Christian, males (para. 8). I feel that Roney is taking concepts of many social movements personal. White Imperialism has caused many cultures to suffer. Christianity has been the cause of many wars and has a long history of oppressing anyone and any other religion that did not align with their beliefs. And finally, men have oppressed women for centuries. In many societies they still do. These are not imaginary issues. Comparing them to the ‘bogyman,’ as Roney did, is infantile. What many people, including myself, take issue with is the want to look past the history. Roney said “being haunted by (the past)” is what The Left does. The Left does not look forward with a belief in a better future. I would say that we are not haunted by the past and incapable of looking forward, but choosing instead to acknowledge our mistakes and own up to them. That is what will make a better future.

As a final note let’s discuss an actual incident that occurred that does prove the attitude about political openness is lacking. On March 4th, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park near the UC Berkeley campus Pro-Trump supporters formed a rally. Anti-Trump supporters responded to the event with counter-protests [4]. Fights broke out between all protesters present and only worsened when supposed Anarchists who hid their faces proceeded to involve themselves. 10 individuals were arrested and seven were injured. All three parties are culpable to the incident [5]. It is clear that hostility does exist where political ideals diverge. Significant amount of it however, only comes from those who seek it. In this regard I agree with Roney. Instead of direct hostility there needs to be a level of tolerance among students and staff. There should be no attempts to invalidate someone’s concerns. At the same time it is wise to be well informed about the issues you choose to speak of. Discussion is necessary; pandering, sensationalism, and fear mongering are not.

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AN OTTER’S OPINION:
BASEBALL, TIME FOR A FIX

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Are you a baseball fan that is tired of time consuming games and innings, the high price to see the game in person, the rules changing, or the seemingly never-ending seasons?

Even if you are not a sports fan at all, what crawls under your skin about professional sports, and why? Broaden the audience and shorten the ads; the Major League Baseball fans want much more action and a lot less commercial breaks during games. The only problem is who’s going to lose out on money and who will gain from this?

Currently there is a clock that is set up in each stadium that makes sure that the game resumes play as soon as the commercial break ends. Even with this clock, a good amount of time is wasted because the pitcher will have already finished warming up by then, so the team will just be standing around before the inning starts up again. For any fan, this is a really boring aspect of the game. The one thing that helps drag these games on are the commercial breaks all the time. That’s probably asking too much to cut into the Major League Baseball industry’s budget because hitters now-a-days are paid to work deep into the count, attempting to expand the pitch count. The pitchers are now throwing much harder, with better ball movement, than the league has ever seen before. The bigger problem is expanding the business section of the game, which means attracting more fans.

Baseball will not touch on the biggest obstacle, because it would mean less money by a sizeable amount in their pocket. If we would like to make the game pace faster, we would need to trim every commercial break on TV by 20-40 seconds. This is very unlikely because of how much corporations pay to put their ad in the middle of stoppage time. The fans both at home and at the game would really enjoy shorter breaks. The point is not to shorten the game, but to decrease the downtime; keeping things flowing throughout the game. One thing said to become a rule in Major League Baseball in the near future would be the intentional walk process becoming automatic. So for those of you who have never seen this process, the intentional walk rule consists of throwing four balls outside of the strike zone, denying the batter any chance of swinging at a pitch to hit. This will then just give the runner the base instead of the pitcher having to throw the four intentional balls.

So rather than making the pitcher throw, the manager of the team will give a signal from inside the dugout and the umpire will send the batter to first base. Hopefully the Major League Baseball corporation could do something of such. It would take time to pay off for them, but worth it.

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Getting Ready for the AS Election

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If there is one takeaway from the recent presidential election, it is that every vote matters. Well, except for the 3 million more votes cast for Clinton over Trump that were null and void due to the electoral college. But that is a different story. Here at Cal State Monterey Bay, Associated Students (AS) holds annual elections for its student government, giving students the opportunity to vote for who they would like to represent them and fight for issues that they think are important on campus. And don’t fret, there is no electoral college on this campus to worry about, so every vote truly does matter.

According to their website, AS is an organization that “seeks to serve, empower, and represent students in all areas of student concern.” And now, there are nine candidates running for various positions who are looking to do just that. From April 17-19, students will be able to vote online to determine who will be granted a seat in CSUMB’s student government.

In order for candidates to run, they must first meet certain requirements: candidates must have and maintain an overall GPA of 2.0, be enrolled in six semester units per term while running for office (three units for graduate students,) must have completed at least one semester at CSUMB before the election, and candidates for the presidency must have at least one semester as an officer in AS. When elected, the president has a wide range of responsibilities including to serve as a voting member of multiple boards across campus, meeting regularly with the Dean of Students, and to “ensure the organization stays aligned with its Annual Stabilitu Plan and Five Year Strategic Plan.” A full list of responsibilities can be found on the AS website.

There are more open positions than there are students running this year, which raises an interesting question about how active our student body really is when it comes to our campus’s government. In fact, the majority of students are running unopposed, guaranteeing them a seat at the table. And with such a lack of participation from students, our campus fails to provide itself with many options.

Running for office is certainly not for everyone, but staying engaged and being aware of who these candidates are and what they stand for is something that everyone can do. Being knowledgeable and staying informed will lead to a student government that is better equipped to serve the needs of our entire campus. Being informed starts with attending the candidates’ speeches on April 3rd in the Student Center East Lounge at 8pm. There will also be a debate amongst all candidates on April 11th in the Student Center West Lounge at 8pm.

Hello Otters!

It’s midterm season and with it, comes spring break. I hope you all are working hard and studying but I also hope you are finding time to enjoy the beautiful area where we live, especially now with all the flowers blooming!

I am currently in Sacramento with 16 other students learning about the issues that our students face and how to fix them. We are gearing up to go sit down with our local legislators to tell them why they should fully fund the CSU system. It is an exciting and tumultuous time for higher education funding. On March 13, students from all over the CSU system are advocating and lobbying for more funding. This is followed by the university presidents at the CSU lobbying on March 14th for the same.

Following all of this lobbying, the CSU Board of Trustees will be voting on whether or not to increase tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year. This vote will be occurring in Long Beach on March 22. If the increase passes, we have received a promise from the Chancellor’s Office that if the state fully funds the CSU, the tuition will not increase and money paid towards the tuition increase will be returned. If you will be in the area and would like to get involved in some of the protests or advocacy work during the Board of Trustees meeting, I encourage you to reach out to our campus’s chapter of SQE or to myself.

The AS elections are also just around the corner! Candidates are campaigning now and you can find more information on the candidates on our website. Since there will still be open positions after elections April 17-19, stay tuned for our open recruitment. Contact Carlos Rivera at: operations@ascsumb.org for more information.

I look forward to continuing to serve you this semester and as a reminder, if you ever have any concerns or questions you can stop by the AS office or email any of our AS officers, whose emails are on our website at csumb.edu/as.

Thanks,
Lauren McClain

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Visit the AS Office in the Student Center, Room 125!

A.S. STANDS UP

Preventing Tuition Increases
It all began when my man brought home a little black paper bag. Inside: our first pair of handcuffs. Besides being instantly turned on, I felt a little embarrassed looking into the eyes of my boyfriend while holding furry metal props of domination. I promise to spare the gritty details of my life underneath the sheets, however, what I won’t spare you are the tips and tools I have come to know during my journey to self discovery in this topsy turvy Trump media and “alternative” fact frenzy.

We tried the cuffs that night, and you’d be surprised how a single toy can change the entire dynamic of love-making abilities. We were saying things we had never said and moving in directions we never thought we could. It’s a unique kind of high and I was instantly hooked.

As a student who works five days a week, studies 20 units, and reports for the school newspaper, I rarely have time to release endorphins or take part in a social life; things which balance me. If I have nothing to relieve my stress and anxiety, I routinely fight or flight— I begin to act on harmful impulsive behavior, or return to a depressive stagnant nature.

My lover and I have shared seven years of good company and support—three-fourths friendship, one-forth romance—now that we have finally begun investigating our sexual bodies together, we get this president that wants to defund the only way of continuing my newfound endorphin releaser. This won’t stop me. Because I’m too far in, too strung out. Too in love with my stout, squishy body to stop now.

The kinky acts of screaming, slapping, tieing, and pulling each night; the acts that take me out of my mind, have eliminated self-doubt, during a time of backlash and political crime. I gave clear boundaries for my partner and chose the safety word, “fuzzy.” We bought edible lube, ropes, costumes, and leashes… in result: I experienced my first orgasm in fetishes. I felt strong, empowered, and in complete control, while at the same time being dominated with toys and my boyfriends soul; a pleasurable paradox. This might sound crazy to some. Might sound a bit slutty to most. But when you’re in love and devoted, sex is more than lucid lust.

No, we do not watch porn or erotic sex tapes, nor 50 Shades of Grey, because watching those types of films I’ve learned takes the fun away. By mirror-ing them, we don’t view the world in a creative way, kind of like the media, creating false stigmas, society’s main aim.

It’s a taboo practice, I know, but I am living in a coping world. Defining a touch on my own terms, reawakening a tender self-love and confidence into my day-to-day world. A world fixed to suck the assurance out of me. Through executive orders and defunding. Through college fees and cheap labor responsibilities. So maybe, all we really need, to survive this topsy turvy moment in life… Is a little kingly, tasty, crafty affection… however you project it, because it certainly is subjective.
Would you rather always be 10 minutes late or always be 20 minutes early?

Would you rather lose all of your money and valuables or all of the pictures you have ever taken?

Would you rather be able to see 10 minutes into your own future or 10 minutes into the future of anyone but yourself?

Would you rather be famous when you are alive and forgotten when you die or unknown when you are alive but famous after you die?

Would you rather go to jail for 4 years for something you didn’t do or get away with something horrible you did but always live in fear of being caught?

Would you rather your shirts be always two sizes too big or one size too small?
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Sudoku #264 (Hard)

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“My best spring break was a couple years ago in community college, me and a friend of mine went driving all over the coast, ended up in San Diego with no money, snuck into a music festival, stayed with some friends, and had a blast.”

FADY ELLAHAM, ENVS MAJOR, 3RD

“My most memorable spring break was my sophomore year. Myself and three friends explored Costa Rica for a week! We toured the rainforest, the beaches, and even zip-lined!

NATALIE MAGANA, HCOM MAJOR, 4TH

“I was dancing with this girl on a boat party in Havasu, knee deep in water grinding our hearts away. Then a police boat drove by with a megaphone yelling at me and the girl saying ‘hey! Dance like your grandmother is watching’ and I laughed and gave him a thumbs up.

LAZZLO FINLAYSON, BUSINESS MAJOR, 3RD YEAR

The best spring break I’ve ever had was when my best friend and I drove down the gulf coast to Ensenada and went to La Bufadora Market. We rode horses on the beach and walked around Tijuana, ate tacos and drank margaritas.

HARLEE QUIJANO, BIOLOGY MAJOR, 2ND