THIS #RESISTANCE LOOKS LIKE
ANGER CANCELS GOOD JUDGMENT

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Recent riots at United States universities have given reason to question the status of free speech in the nation’s colleges, and we as local students should consider how free or unfree we are on this campus. To gauge the status, consider how you react to political opinions that differ greatly from your own. While I feel thoughtful dialogue is the logical choice to anger, I’m noticing a violent undertone growing among those who claim to be peaceful yet say, “It’s okay to punch a fascist.”

A Sister Souljah lyric goes, “Anger cancels good judgment,” and it is completely correct in analysis of modern political discourse. Polarizing an argument makes it go into good versus evil, which is far from the truth, because if you with all your human fallibility can declare yourself good and your opponent evil, then they can likewise do the same. Further, setting things in such a stark perspective means there is no capacity for compromise. After all, when a person is defined as inhuman, it means others feel they have the right to treat that person like an animal.

It seems irrational to think a person could treat another person as being worthy of being spit on, punched, or even battered to the ground. After all, CSU Monterey Bay is a peaceful campus with peaceful protests. But we share something in common with the three sites of recent college riots: We value the virtues of diversity, but we are diverse only in appearance, with such a strict adherence to far leftist ideals, that anything to the right of that position is seen as racist, homophobic, sexist, fascist, etc. Once we sling those insults and declarations, how long until we devolve into violence?

I would hope the answer is never. Yet the past month has included three college riots against politically right-leaning guest speakers. The highest profile event being the Feb. 1 riot at UC Berkeley which shut down a talk from Milo Yiannopoulos, a senior editor at Breitbart News. There was also the Feb. 2 riot at New York University against Gavin McInnes, co-founder of Vice Media, and an earlier Jan. 20 riot at University of Washington, also against Yiannopoulos. All three began as peaceful protests, yet turned violent in short time, with pepper spraying, beatings, destruction of property, death threats, arson, and even a shooting. While many accounts blame outside Antifa groups, ground footage and eyewitness accounts prove student protestors cheered at the violence and laughed at victims. Protestors and rioters alike shouted angrily at students who said they wanted to hear what Yiannopoulos or McInnes had to say.

My sincere hope is that such a violent outburst doesn’t happen here. And I hope you agree. But I’ve already heard a professor this semester laugh off the violence in Berkeley, and in a prior semester heard a group of students in class discussion say they would stab then-candidate Donald Trump if they met him.

Consider if you ran into Yiannopoulos, McInnes, or one of their fans. Would you be willing to listen to them? Would you declare them a monster? If someone intended to punch them, would you support or oppose such violence? If we avoid polarization, we’re able to treat each other as people, and then open ourselves to discovering why rational people have such vastly different ideals.

I believe diversity is an important asset in our society, and support the campus mission statement that we should strive toward inclusion. I hope you will also consider dialogue as the superior choice to anger.
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University Police to crack down on Promontory’s pesky parking problems

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 Calling all the residents who own a car! Feeling the pressure of finding parking? It is time to be careful when you park around Promontory. University Police Department Parking Manager Valerie Tingley said, “We are starting to notice the issues of parking around the Promontory lots and are going to begin taking protocols to the cars without permits.” The parking spaces are becoming increasingly impacted with cars. Students are starting to park anywhere there is a space: handicap spots, loading zones, and even across the street from Promontory on a barricaded road closed by the city of Marina. The police are going to start checking the lots and areas more regularly and be more strict with car parking regulations.

Ana Carrillo, a Promontory resident, said, “It’s not so much the problem that there aren’t enough available parking spaces, most of the problems come from other students; possibly in main campus that park in this area.” In order to fix the problem of finding parking in Promontory, police officers are going to start, “paying more attention to designated park spots around the facility and patrol the areas students’ have recently created parking spaces in.”

Carrillo also mentioned how, “reckless people drive in the parking lots, causing [her] to worry as she walks the parking lot area.” For the students who drive around the parking lots, be sure to follow the driving regulations because more speed bumps and caution signs could be heading in the direction of Promontory. For all drivers, be smart; the last thing you will want is an expensive ticket on your windshield.

Whose University?

CSU students protest proposed system tuition increase at Cal State East Bay

Approximately 200 students made themselves heard at a protest in California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) on Feb. 2 against a 5 percent tuition increase. Students travelled from Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB), San Francisco State, and San Jose State to express solidarity and strength.

Governor Jerry Brown established a tuition freeze in 2012. However, the $274 increase - a fee separate from the one students pay to fund CSUMB’s expansion, will likely be implemented by the CSU Board of Trustees this Fall, if other funding options fail.

Students chanted “Whose university? Our university!” all the way to CSUEB’s Administration building. Police told students who made it inside the building to get out. A protestors reminded police that students paid for the building, so the building belongs to students.

When students demanded that the CSUs promise to be sanctuary school, Chief-of-Staff, Derek Atkin and Vice President of Finance, Debbie Chaw, reassured students, “We will protect you, and the state of California will protect you.” Gladys Noseworthy, 1st year Global Studies student, said “I’d be affected by a tuition increase because I’ve been here two semesters and I’ve already taken out $5,000 in loans.” Noseworthy is one of thousands who wrack up debt, despite having a job.

Professor Nicholas Baham of CSUEB reminded protestors that CSU staff stands with students. Students stood with staff last year when the California Faculty Association faced budget cuts. Baham declared, “As CSU has gotten broughner, funding has gone down.”

The next protest, supported by the Students for Quality Education (SQE), will be held in Sacramento on March 21.

Inter-Garrison Roundabout Nears Completion

Recent rain among the many factors causing the construction delays

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For East Campus residents, it is time to find another excuse to be late to class. The roundabout construction on 8th Avenue and Inter-Garrison is expected to be completed at the end of February, after weeks of delays. The construction has diverted traffic from the optimal route to campus and been an inconvenience for some.

The construction was originally slated to begin on the 23rd of May, 2016, a part of the year in which rain delays are not expected. But due to the area falling under three different derestriction properties, delays did arise. Cal State Monterey (CSUMB), Monterey County and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) share the property and had to be in communication during the project.

“Our main goal was to keep traffic open,” stated Pamela Lapham, Project Manager of Campus Planning & Development. “So [Monterey County] had to do this bypass road.” The road that East Campus residents are now familiar with runs through county property. “[Monterey County] had to review and bless it, and that took longer than anticipated.”

Monterey Peninsula Engineering of Marina, the contracting company working on the roundabout, is trying to expedite the project wherever they can. “They might be working longer days and possibly some weekends,” said Lapham. “We are kind of at the mercy of the weather,” referencing the recent storms that have hit California with drought-ending rainfall in many locations. The rain has currently delayed the projects by two weeks.
Micro, But Detrimental, Aggressions

Associated Students begins campaign to bring awareness to microaggressions and to end their presence at CSUMB

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According to a campus climate survey compiled last year, "a substantial number of students report that they have experienced discrimination and bias while at CSUMB." Microaggressions are just one prominent form of this. The Cultural Enrichment Committee in Associated Students (AS) have made it their goal this semester to end microaggressions on our campus through their new campaign called Empower Each Otter.

Ryan Haynes, a Cultural Enrichment Commissioner, defined microaggressions as "a subtle and offensive comment or action directed at a subordinate group, coming from a dominant group. This can be intentional or unintentional and reinforces a stereotype." Haynes developed the idea for this campaign after observing tensions on this campus. "There have been many students, staff and faculty that have felt subtle, or not so subtle, sentiments focused on their identities."

Olivia Warren, the Cultural Enrichment Senator who is overseeing this campaign, says the goals of this campaign are to "educate and empower students across campus about the power of words" in hopes of bringing awareness to microaggressions.

To kick off the campaign, AS will be hosting the Empower Each Otter Kick Off Event on Monday, Feb. 20th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the West Lounge of the Student Center. They will introduce the goals of the campaign, talk about what they are planning, and have free food and a giveaway. The hope is to make students excited for what is to come, like conversation couches, a photo series, and a graffiti board on campus. Warren talked of her hopes for Empower Each Otter by saying, "Microaggressions affect people differently and I hope this campaign will bring to life the power of words, but also empower students especially at this time in our country."

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The Kelp Bed hosted an unparalleled competitor this past Saturday, as the NCAA Division II’s best defense Sonoma State came to town. For the majority of the low-scoring 52-39 defeat of the Otters, many could have found it impossible to tell what basketball team held the prestigious title.

The ball was shot poorly from the floor as only 28.9 percent of the shots were made, explaining for the season-low point night. The Otters, only managed to put up 39 points on the scoreboard, and with no player over six points aside from the team’s leading scorer freshman guard Kevin Warren who tallied 13 points. The numbers display the effects of playing the nation’s best defense, but the Sea-wolves’ 34.8 percent from the field and 52 points throughout the game as well resembled the Sonoma-esque defense performance by the Monterey Bay squad.

Both teams mimicked each other’s playing style: lockdown defence with an inefficient offense. A swirl that will deliver proximity, but will deliberately snooze-out high-scoring game lovers.

Coach Rob Bishop looked past the flaws and admitted that battling CCAA top-seed contender and nationally recognized Sonoma State only benefits the tender Otter team. Coach Bishop said, “Even though this is disappointing, even though we are all frustrated, this is something that he is (Warren) going to be able; the other guys in the locker room will be able to build off for the next two to three years.”

This Monterey Bay squad is as youthful as collegiate teams get. Everything indicates that sights are set for the upcoming season, in which the Otters will hopefully display a much more experienced and healthier squad.

The men’s Otter team will take the floor three more instances this season. First, they will travel to North San Diego County to take on Cal State San Marcos on Feb. 14, and will wrap the season up with a two game homestand at The Kelp Bed: Stanislaus State on Feb. 24 and Chico State the following night.
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This spring there is no excuse to be an isolated Otter. For students seeking to be involved in leadership development, recreation, Greek life, community aid, or animal rights, there are clubs for those. In fact, there are more than 100 student organizations to choose from.

Cyrus Bautista, an officer of the Mixed Martial Arts Club, describes Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) clubs as such: “Groups and clubs are for fun and for people passionate about specific subjects.”

The organizations at CSUMB range from spending time outdoors with the Environmental Group, or in Star Wars galaxies far, far away with the Saber Society, or with a team like Dance or Rugby, or within one’s own community through the Community Service Club. Each club is designed to bring students together whether they’re looking to learn a new skill, play a sport, help others, or just have fun.

Not only are clubs looking to bring students together, but certain organizations are also seeking to educate students through discussion and analysis. The Real Food Advocates Club teaches students about where to find healthy, organic food vendors. They are also looking to make a larger impact within the school by educating students on how to voice their opinions about having healthier food providers on campus. The Music Artists Club provides students with an insight into how the music industry operates. This club also gives students a chance to perform with other musicians with the goal of putting on a concert at the end of the semester.

A list of clubs can be found on the CSUMB website at csumb.edu/clubs, or on the student org database, Community. Along with the list of clubs is the name of each club president and their contact information for prospective members.

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Jacqui Grallo, pictured above, is the HCOM and CART resource librarian. There is a librarian for every major at CSUMB who can provide students with tools for learning, including the resources already paid for through tuition. Photo by Kimberly Haley/The Otter Realm
GOING GREΣEK: 
IT’S NOT LIKE THE MOVIES

Breaking the stereotypes of being a part of a fraternity or sorority

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The beginning of Spring semester can only mean one thing: Rush Week is here. During the third and fourth week of school, Greek organizations go out to the main quad and recruit new members. They hold events for students to get to know what Greek orgs are and do.

There are 14 multicultural Greek organizations on campus, with eight sororities and six fraternities. Every org contribute to a wide variety of values and cultures. These students are leaders both on campus and in the community. According the CSUMB website, Greeks gave 1,554 community service hours to Monterey County during the 2015-16 academic year. This means in their busy schedules, the Greeks on this campus find time to give back to the community. This is one of the many things that people do not see: all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

The only knowledge that most people have on Greek life is based of movies like Neighbors or Animal House. Those movies just show that Greeks do nothing but party and haze their pledges. Which could be far from the truth. What is rarely seen is all the work that Greeks give back to the community or the money they raise for their philanthropies. “We are not what is portrayed to be like in the movies,” Lusenda Landon said.

Something that people also do not realize is that the people in the organization become family. When asked several Greeks to describe Greek life in one word, majority of them had similar answers. Those were support, family, sisterhood or brotherhood, and opportunities. “Being Greek has opened up so many doors for me, within and out of the Greek community,” Alyssa Arasawa said. Any Greek will say that their brothers and sisters are there for them no matter what. It is a support system like nothing else, and this is not something that happens in college. These people become their brothers and sisters for the rest of their lives.

There is a lack in education about the Greek community. What they need to see that it helps both one’s professional life as well as personal. Things like time management and networking happen throughout any Greek organization. Greek life is not like the movies; it is a way for people to create new skills and find new family that will stay for life.
Although we have been back at it for a couple of weeks now, I would like to formally welcome you back to campus. I hope you all utilized your winter breaks and syllabus weeks to treat yourself and rest up for the coming semester.

Your Associated Students have a few exciting things happening this semester for you. One of our first things you will be seeing around campus is the “Empower Each Otter” campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to educate and empower students across campus about the power of words through conversation couches, in-housing dialogues, website, graffiti board and other events. The kickoff event is February 20th from 7-9pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center.

The second thing we have been working hard on is the AS Food Pantry. Since the National Hunger on Campus report was released in October of 2016, we discovered that the rate of food insecurity among students with meal plans is actually higher than the rate of food insecurity amongst those without meal plans. For this reason, we have opened the Food Pantry up to all students and not just those without meal plans. Our next pantry date is February 28th from 9am to 11am. Bring a reusable bag if you have one!

Finally, I am very excited to announce the return of the AS Box Office. Starting on February 20 you will be able to purchase tickets from the AS Administrative Office in room 109 of the student center Monday through Thursdays 1-6pm and Fridays 10am-2pm. Look out for more information in our marketing. And yes, because we love our students, there are Disneyland tickets!

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.

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Visit the AS Office in the Student Center, Room 125!
To celebrate Black History Month, the Otter Cross Cultural Center and Associated Students of Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) brought to campus the revolutionary and renowned activist and author, Angela Davis, to speak in the UC Ballroom for the All Black Gala formal event on February 12.

Davis is a living witness and protagonist of historical struggles dating back to the multiple social movements and Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. She focused her speech on the importance of Black unity to honor Black History Month. She highlighted the need to reimagining black lives in America: a life without the prison system, a life of solidarity and social justice.

The evening began with a short reception and the singing of the Black National Anthem. Angela Davis framed her discussion around the celebration of black history and with that the inevitably story of resistance. Directing her speech to students she spoke about the importance of our younger generation and the power it holds in social change, change that is rooted in passion and creativity.

Davis used the term “sustainable activism” to describe what is needed in carrying out her lifetime of work. As civil participants in our present culture, Davis explained that it is our duty to not only fight for justice around the world today, this month, or even this year, but continue throughout our lifetime to fight for social change and equality wherever our passions may take us.

“Everything she shared made me feel like learning and reflecting mindfully about others, and this was a great feeling to share in such a large space. She promoted the idea of solidarity by showing solidarity, while fostering humanity in the audience. Truly beautiful,” said B. Kingsley Iwuanyanwu, a senior CHHS major.

The Otter Realm was able to ask Angela Davis in a private exchange, what the best piece of advice she would give to young adults fighting for social change during a time of political and social backlash. She responded, “I would encourage young people to find what they love, then use that to work towards social justice regardless of what they are arguing, and where they are, and to create arenas of struggle for injustices wherever they are.”

A Night With

Angela Davis

The historic Civil Rights activist speaks for intersectional feminism, prison reform, and social justice to hundreds of CSUMB community members

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Just a month after the inauguration of the Trump's administration, hundreds of marches, thousands of demonstrations, and countless resistance groups have sprouted across the nation. Many of them are concerned about racism, authoritarianism, denial of climate change, repealing of affordable healthcare, erosion of public education, conflict of interests, influence of big oil, and influence of foreign countries to our democracy.

“Scientific progress is built on diversity and innovation and only works when we encourage openness and contribution from everyone - scientists of different genders, races, classes, creeds, cultures, and perspectives.”

- Letter from 500 women scientists

“California is not turning back. Not now, not ever.”

- Jerry Brown, Governor of California

“We are particularly concerned about the impact it is having on our families, children, and our communities, including the psychological impact and the real victimization, rise in hate crimes, bullying and harassment.”

- The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda

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This is what #Resistance looks like on our campus

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Chancellor’s Statement

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Our university police departments will not honor immigration hold requests; and

Our university police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being — or suspected of being — a person that lacks documentation.”

- California State University
Chancellor Timothy P. White

Links & Resources

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Women’s March 10 Actions 10 Days
womensmarch.com

Black Lives Matter
blacklivesmatter.com/getinvolved

PolitiFact Fact Checker
politifact.com

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La La Land
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There have been many gems throughout the history of filmmaking that shine a spotlight on the classic Hollywood musical, yet none have successfully captured the modern-day era like La La Land. When the lives of aspiring actress Mia (Emma Stone) and struggling jazz pianist Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) collide in a multitude of scenarios, the magic of the world’s movie capital comes alive. From an opening dance number in the middle of the 405 to the intimate duet between the two leads, the musical elements are nothing less than spectacular.

Director Damien Chazelle has already found success in the Oscar-winning film Whiplash, but that has not stopped La La Land from winning seven Golden Globes and being nominated for 14 Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Though overall well-received by critics, the lack of ethnic diversity was definitely noticed; the few people of color in the film are in supporting roles, if one could even call the small parts supporting. Considering that this film surrounds jazz, a music genre created by African Americans in New Orleans, and Los Angeles, one of the most diverse cities in the U.S., one would hope there would be stronger roles for minorities.

The usual Hollywood whitewashing aside, music virtuosos will find solace in the jazzy tunes, movie lovers will awe over the artistic camerawork decisions, and LA natives will most likely gleam at the local spots and landmarks where Sebastian and Mia fall in love. Though the Academy has yet to decide, La La Land is definitely the movie of the year.

Black Mirror
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While binge watching the dark, satirical, and tech-themed anthology, Black Mirror on Netflix (everyone’s beloved midnight guilty pleasure), I found myself emotionally conflicted: completely dumbfounded, terrified, at times disgusted, but mainly captivated by its revolutionary description of modern society. Each episode, with its modern scientific and fictional influences, can dry out your pupils from the lack of blinking and keep you sweating at the edge of your dorm room couch until 3 in the morning. Many critics like to describe it as a contemporary ‘Twilight Zone’; each episode containing different cast members, a unique story line, and distinct innovative realities aiming to alter the minds of the viewer. After completing the series, I found myself questioning my own apparent reality and the corruptions that inhibit it. It is absolutely a show worth watching if you want a quick glimpse into the possible near future as it offers a curious and novel television experience. If you have already watched some of the anthology and were not quite fond of its diverse and ridiculing essence, then I will say you might not have found the right episode for you; each chapter brings new and thrilling story lines to the table ranging from artificial intelligent bees, social media hierarchy, revolutionary virtual reality, war dramas, and a variety of others. These are only a fraction of the many plot twisting alternative themes that leave you itching for the next, making up three seasons and twelve episodes in total, each ranging in time from around 45-80 minutes per show. Viewers are sure to reflect on their own surrounding world and perceptions through each mind turning story that Mirrors creates, the types of moralistic values each of us deal with daily in this intensifying 21st century we presume to understand.
Let’s Review: Ferdi’s, Seaside
Cajun cuisine made for the common Californian

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If you are sitting in a restaurant that has chili peppers on its drapes, you might get a hint that you are in for a spicy meal. Ferdi’s, located on Broadway in Seaside, is a great (and cheap) spicy taste of the cuisine from the bayou.

“I make Cajun for Californians,” Tom Good, the owner and chef of Ferdi’s, says. The restaurant currently has a four star rating on Yelp, and will celebrate 32 years of operation on April 1st. Good practiced his craft in Carmel, working at two different French restaurants. But Good adds hints of Mexican food to his dishes.

“I love the spiciness.” When asked about balancing out the spice with the sweet, Good looks confused. “I don’t really do sweet.”

The jambalaya ($12.00), the keystone of any creole restaurant, is a must try for newcomers, it is simply delicious. Good walks your plate over to you, in a big bright plate that screams energy and music. The mix of sausage, chicken, shrimp, and calamari beckoning. The jambalaya is served over rice and comes with sliced bread covered, sprinkled with a pesto sauce (perfect for sponging up any leftover sauce). A perfect filling meal that leaves you feeling all warm inside for those wet and cold days still ahead.

A fan favorite is the blackened chicken sandwich ($8.39). The sandwich is a deliciously different meal. The chicken is blackened to give it a satisfying crunchy outside. Good blackens the chicken prior to opening so that he does not smoke out his customers.

The spicy barbecue chicken sandwich ($8.39) is also a good choice, be prepared because its taste lives up to its name. A tangy, sweet, but satisfyingly spicy mixture of the sauce hits your face and won’t let go. You will be sniffing your boogers up for the following minutes of satisfaction.

This small Deli/restaurant deserves the attention of students, and should be thrown into your rotation of lunch destinations.

CHIEF EATS: Pavel’s Backerei, Pacific Grove

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From the outside, Pavel’s Backerei does not look like, well, a bakery. It looks like a garden store. There are planter boxes bursting with succulents, giving such an impression. However, walk into the Pacific Grove establishment, and the aroma will immediately correct this. Rarely does your humble reviewer laugh with delight upon entering a bakery. This was an exception.

Pavel’s is a place where the diner wants to settle in and stay. While the inside is quite small (only a table and a few chairs at the counter), the bakery feels as though it wants you to sit down. But then, sitting down is a good idea, considering the size of the pastries. The donut this critic witnessed was of such immense size as to be intimidating to the hungriest teenage boy.

Gargantuan is a fitting term here. However, a mocha and a chocolate macaroon (the coconut variety, not the cookie) held the fate of the bakery.

Today, fate smiled on Pavel’s. The mocha was sublime; the chocolate and coffee perfectly balanced each other, and there was not grainy mess at the bottom. The macaroon was delicious. While slightly more crumbly than other examples, the taste was spot on. For those who steer clear of coconut or just want another sample of Pavel’s, the friend accompanying your reviewer ordered a chocolate eclair. While she did not make any verbal comment, she smiled the whole day after the treat.

To sum up this review, there has been a decision; after earning a 4 / 5 from Chief Eats, Pavel’s Backerei will most certainly become a favorite.

Pavel’s Backerei is located at 219 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove. It is cash only.
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Over 80 employers across various industries will be participating in the Fairs, which are great opportunities to gain hands-on experience and network with employers.

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Culture Shocked!

International Otters share their stories about cultural barriers

International students take the ultimate leap when studying abroad, leaving the comforts of home and facing obstacles during their journey. Questions and doubt boggle the mind before leaving. Nervousness of the unknown is an inevitable factor of freefalling out of one’s comfort zone. When the student finally makes it to their host country, the uncertainty does not stop.

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The term “culture shock” is a very familiar phrase to twenty-two year old degree-seeker Israel Gizaw, and twenty-four year old Justice Khor spending his semester here at Cal State Monterey Bay. Global Studies major and Norwegian native Israel has been an Otter for the past two years, but still remembers when she first arrived to the US. “The biggest shock for me was how friendly strangers are here,” Israel says with a smile. She explains how in Norway, a person wouldn’t think about greeting or complimenting someone they barely know in passing. Now however, it is her favorite part of our culture. Her bubbly personality enjoys making those connections through our greetings.

Cinema Arts Major Justice, has traveled all the way from Malaysia only two short weeks ago. His shock has already been felt in the classroom. Speaking up in class and the overall interaction between students and professor is something that is not a part of his familiar lecture setting. “I was nervous to say my opinion,” Justice explains. He describes the classroom atmosphere to be personable compared to the “robot” lecture learning of Malaysia. “I love it here!” He belts with a big smile.

Because of the media, there is often discussion about cultural barriers and generalization of different cultures. A person will not truly understand a culture until they experience it firsthand. The biggest lesson to learn among International students as well as Americans is that differences in culture is not “wrong” or “right”. It’s the differences that make each culture special.

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Supporting the Dreamers

“The goal is to build a more inclusive community on campus, to educate and inform all on the academic, financial, legal and community resources available to undocumented students.”

Approximately 130 students identify as dreamers. Victoria Ordez is a second year student majoring in Molecular and Biology, and a DREAMER at CSUMB. She has been advocating for immigrant rights and wants to apply those skills on campus, “I’m not afraid to be a dreamer. I’m proud from where I came. I’m here to speak up.”

An update since Dec. 20 2016 from the California Student Aid Commission stated that the California Dream Act is a state law and is separate from the federal DACA program. According to Deputy Director, Catalina Misler, from the Program Administration and Services, this means that students who lose DACA status or students who are not DACA certified are still eligible to apply for financial aid. The California Dream Act Application is used to determine for state financial aid and is not shared with federal government or immigration. The California Student Aid Commission will protect the status of DREAMERS.

More than 900 people—faculty, staff and students of Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) signed a petition that asks for the protection of undocumented students facing an uncertain future under the President Trump’s administration.

The students, called DREAMERs (Development, Relief, and Education, for Alien Minors) fear that their authorization to work and study in the country may be revoked by the new presidency. Currently, thousands of undocumented immigrants stay in the U.S. under the protections of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, signed by President Obama in 2012. Their status may change if DACA is repealed.

The petition includes: providing guidance and counseling services to DREAMERS, guaranteeing student privacy and safety from immigration law, and increasing the tenure-line for faculty of color.

So far, President Ochoa and the administration have not signed this petition. There will be a follow up by the end of February. If signed, Sarait Martinez, program coordinator for College Assistance Migrant Program, hopes to establish an Ally Training on campus. “The goal is to build a more inclusive community on campus, to educate and inform all on the academic, financial, legal and community resources available to undocumented students,” says Martinez.

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“Shocked!”

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Victoria Ordez, pictured above and below, is one of the many DREAMERS on campus.
Opinion

“Tom Brady has cemented himself as the greatest player in NFL history.”

Why *Tom Brady* is amazing, period.

Merriam-Webster defines ‘great’ as, “having or showing exceptional knowledge, experience, or skill in a field of endeavor.” There is no denying that if that field of endeavor is a football field, than he who has demonstrated the most knowledge, experience, and skill, is New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. With the Patriots overcoming a 25-point deficit to win their fifth Super Bowl earlier this month, Tom Brady has cemented himself as the greatest player in NFL history. Yet his greatness is still questioned by some, and downright refused by many. In fact, unless you’re a Patriots fan, it has become commonplace to hate the team and their star quarterback in recent years. But if this season (and this Super Bowl) didn’t turn even the most Brady-hating skeptics into believers, I don’t know what will.

A few months ago, I was one of many nervous and frustrated Green Bay Packers fans. The Pack was sitting in next-to-last place in their division at 4-6, with a next to nothing chance of making it to the playoffs. However, in a time of such despair, the classically cool quarterback Aaron Rodgers led his team to win the final six games of their schedule and finish with a 10-6 record for the season (in spectacular fashion, I might add) and valiantly marched on into the playoffs. The Packers then went on to win their next two playoff games and advance to the NFC championship game, only to be one win away from playing in the Super Bowl. I thought to myself, “if Aaron Rodgers pulls this off, gets to the Super Bowl and wins, he’ll go down as the greatest quarterback of all time.”

Not only did I have the season wrapped up, but I sealed Rodgers’ entire legacy before the championship game even began. But in the blink of an eye, my dream was dashed, as the Packers season was brought to an end by a fierce Falcons team. “Aaron Rodgers & His Miracle Season” was no longer a possibility, but a thing of fantasy. A fairytale; and a beatdown by the Falcons was a harsh reminder that fairytales don’t exist…

While I was living in lalaland, writing Aaron Rodgers’ fairytale ending in my head, Tom Brady was out on the field making his fantasy a reality. He threw for a record-breaking 466 yards while succeeding in the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history. When no one wanted him to do it, and when no one expected him to do it, he made it happen. He overcame the odds and disregarded all doubts. And as I sat there watching Tom Brady perform the impossible, I realized that this game, this player, was better than any story I could write or dream I could conjure. All of a sudden, I believed in fairytales again.

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LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR
“What did people think would happen?”

MERDAN AKKILIC
BUSINESS MAJOR
“Tragic.”

JENNIFER GOTTLIEB
HCOM MAJOR
“I feel the same way about Trump’s first month as I did when I found out he got elected, fearful for my country.”

BRANDIE JIBBY
HCOM MAJOR
“It divides him from a majority of the country.”

KIARA JONES
BIOLOGY MAJOR
“Trump’s first few weeks have been chaos.”

CINDY POSADA
CART MAJOR
“I feel worried for our future and how he’s trying to make us fear people who are different than us.”

ERIKA PEREZ
HCOM MAJOR
“Democracy died with thunderous applause.”

ALEXANDRIA VALVERDE
LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR
“Throughout all of the chaos, he’s helped unite people of different faiths, ethnicity, and sexuality to show him that’s what makes America; Americans who stand together.”

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