

# Channel Islands View

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The Voice of the CSUCI Student Body

## Student Union

By Ben Gallagher

As the 2006-07 school year begins, Associated Students Incorporated continues a campaign to bring a new student union building to the California State University Channel Islands campus. ASI (Associated Students Incorporated) is an organization on campus comprised of faculty, staff, community, and student members who in part, are helping to ensure that the union does indeed come into place on campus.

The organization has enlisted the help of Brailsford and Dunlavy, a facility planning and program management firm, to assist with assessment and planning of the new student union. The firm has conducted personal interviews, online surveys, and held focus groups with CSUCI students to determine best location for the building, along with what amenities should be included in the construction and planning of the building in a campus wide feasibility study. According to this study, the current library site is the most logistical and demanded site for construction. Whether or not this will end up being the final area zoned for construction, is still up for debate.

According to CSUCI student body president, Jessica LaRoe, this site would be ideal for a student union because, "It is truly the center of our campus. It is readily accessible to all of our students."

At least 47 students showed up at a UPACC (University Planning and Coordinating Counsel) meeting earlier this month to gain more insight on the current status of the student union. They donned matching red t-shirts, with the logo "Vote Yes on a Student Union", voicing their collective opinion. They were also in possession of 600 signatures from students in favor of the new student union building.

According to Student Programming Board president, Chelsea Bente, "It would be beneficial from a programming perspective to have a central, large venue to program events for our students." With over 800 new students expected to be living on campus next year, this seems to be increasingly more apparent.

With the best case scenario for students in favor of construction coming into place, the union would be on board within months of the completion of the new library in fall of 2008. The union might include such amenities as a coffee shop, large programming areas, computer labs, and a new bookstore.



The current controversial site for new construction would put the building much closer to classrooms and adjacent to many faculty offices. Thus far, no other areas on campus have been publicly discussed for utilization of construction.

## Proposition 1D to Benefit CSUCI

By Brendan Malloy

Prior to being voted into office, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vowed to improve a California school system that was overcrowded, overused and underfunded. This Fall, he will have his perhaps best chance at fulfilling his promise.

Proposition 1D, the Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, will be on California's November ballot, bringing with it a series of strong local implications. If passed, the proposition will issue a \$10.4 billion bond to provide various public schools with renovations and much needed financial relief. California State University Channel Islands would be a major recipient of the funds and will get \$62 million of the proposed bond to help with a variety of projects.

If Proposition 1D were to pass, CSUCI plans to use the funds to both restore existing structures and establish new programs and developments. Funds will be used on renovations and upgrades to existing facilities to account for university growth and to fund projects for making campus buildings more accessible

to individuals with disabilities. Proposition 1D monies would also go to improve 50-70 year-old infrastructure in campus buildings including water, electrical and waste lines. Also, it is expected that University Drive, the main campus entrance road, will be turned from a two lane to a four lane road.

Aside from improving on the existing campus-used structures, Proposition 1D would help pay for the renovation of unused buildings for classrooms and faculty office space. The additional classrooms are needed for a campus population that has consistently exceeded enrollment expectations, including a 221 student surplus this Fall.

Last of the hopeful renovations is the institution of the University's nursing program, scheduled to open in Fall 2007. Monies will be used to construct simulated lab stations and computer access for a program that has already generated a 200 student waiting list.

According to statistics gathered by Marty de los Cobos, Vice President of Advancement, the proposi-

tion will have a local economic impact aside from the direct impact for the University. "For every dollar the state invests in CSUCI, the local economy is enhanced by \$3.05. This economic multiplier will grow as long as the campus is able to continue to grow as well," writes de los Cobos.

Aside from CSUCI, several local and statewide schools will receive considerable chunks of the \$10, 416,000,000 sum for similar improvements and development.

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## Letter from the Editors

How's it going everyone? Well we're back again for another semester of exciting news and updates. We expected to be publishing a little earlier this month but ran into a few problems so we just wanted to apologize for the wait. We know your anticipation was probably unbearable.

Anyway, we hope everyone's summer was just as good as ours was. Send us some submissions about what you did this summer and we'll do our best to publish them in our next edition. Look for those stories and more in next month's edition including yours truly's account of my trip along the Pacific Rim over the summer. I'll tell you all about my adventures drinking snake's blood, riding motorcycle taxis in Vietnam and much more.

So we're glad to be back guys and we hope you are too. We look forward to hearing from you in our next issue.



## Credential Students Awarded Scholarships

By Patti Pulido

A warm congratulations goes out to the following CSUCI Credential students who each received scholarships to enable them to continue their education and fulfill their dreams of becoming teachers.

We are thrilled to announce three very deserving and outstanding students who received the EDISON International Teachers for Tomorrow \$5,000 scholarship:

Monica Carillo	(Single Subject English)
Carmen Lusk	(Multiple Subject)
Debra Lee Sawyer	(Single Subject English)

Two more outstanding students received the Laura E. Settle scholarship from the California Retired Teachers Association, \$1,000 each:

Jennifer Eaton	(Single Subject Math)
Sheala Jeffers	(Multiple Subject)

The CSUCI Teacher Credential Program was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the CSU Chancellor's Office to recruit math and science teachers into credential programs to address the shortages of teachers in these areas statewide. Additional funding from the Boeing Foundation was also awarded and earmarked for student scholarships. In Fall 2006 Math and Science Teacher (MAST) initiative provided \$8500 in scholarships to seven single subject math and science credential students. The awards were from \$500-\$2,000 each. Announcements and applications for Spring 2007 scholarships will be available in October. Any student enrolled in a credential program at CSUCI who is seeking a math or science single subject credential, add-on credential, or supplemental credential is eligible to apply for this non-need based scholarship.

(MAST) Scholarship recipients for Fall 2007:

Jennifer Eaton	(Math)
Summer Emens	(Math)
Peter Lorber	(Science)
James Dooley	(Math)
Bradley Pierce	(Science)
Veronica Richards	(Math)
Amber Gardea	(Science)

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## CSUCI Student to Study at Bristol

By Scott Deloach

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As construction of both the new library and new housing rolls on, the only thing that seems constant around campus is change (not to mention noise pollution). One of the biggest, if not the biggest, changes to take place this year will be the absence of campus fixture Christopher "Hoffy" Hoffmann, who leaves at the end of the month for a scholastic year abroad in Bristol, England as part of the CSU International Programs. A Political Science major, Hoffy has been an integral part of CSUCI's brief history, helping lay the foundation for such clubs and organizations as the Gay/Straight Alliance, Student Programming Board, the short lived Alpha Pi Zeta fraternity, as well as being a member of the distinguished Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society. Whether splitting time between classes, working in the library or making friends with majority of the student body, Chris has made his presence felt here at CSUCI with his distinctive blend of bona fide kindness and goofy antics. As one of Ventura County's brightest minds prepares to bestow his knowledge of politics at the international level, the CI View met up with Hoffy to get his thoughts about the trip.

**First off, what do you think will be the biggest difference between CSUCI and Bristol?**

One of the biggest differences between Channel Islands and Bristol would definitely have to be the on-campus housing rules. Compared to our school, which has very strict policy (i.e steps for alcohol), Bristol's orientation for incoming students, called "Freshers Week" consists of pub crawls, many having themes: pirate pub crawl, three-legged pub crawl, and "let's make that American kid do something he will regret in the morning" pub crawl. I will also have to adapt to a very different climate. I certainly will not be able to bust out my crucial camo shorts. Instead it'll have to be scarves, pea coats, and long underwear for this guy. Academically, Bristol is one of the best universities in the United Kingdom, along with Oxford and Cam-

bridge. Their final exam schedule frightens me. Finals are only at the end of the year so information from a lecture that I heard in early October won't show up on any test until the end of June. Blimey!

**Being a Political Science major, How do feel your ambassadorship will benefit, if at all, the political science dept. here at CSUCI?**

As the first Political Science major to study abroad from Channel Islands, I have a great opportunity to promote the CSU International Program, not only to political science majors but also to the entire campus. After talking to some faculty who benefited so much from the study abroad experience, I am so excited to bring an international perspective to campus and use this knowledge in my courses at Channel Islands.

**How has your education here at CSUCI prepared you to live and study in England?**

Learning from some life-changing professors, such as Sean Carswell, Corina Reyes, Bill Adams, and Scott Frisch, has given me a well-rounded, intelligent educational experience, something that I look forward to expanding on at Bristol. Although exam schedules and term lengths are severely different, my Channel Islands' education will serve me well.

**What do you hope to bring back to campus upon your return?**

To be honest, I really hope to bring back some British lingo to the states. I don't want to return with a faux accent that Madonna has, but just something to the effect of people stopping me during conversation with confused looks on their faces, asking me what the heck I just said. I hope to also work with international affairs and recruitment to promote the study abroad program. Only four students got accepted from Channel Islands this year and I hope to change that.

**What advice might you have for any students who want to study abroad?**

Start thinking about studying abroad now! I

decided to apply at the last minute and I am still getting stuff together in preparation of moving. For students interested in studying in the United Kingdom, be financial prepared. Due to the weak U.S economy, the British Pound is worth twice as much as our dollar, and although you will be paying the same amount on tuition as you currently pay at Channel Islands, housing, food, entertainment, and travel costs are insanely expensive. The CSU International Programs are very competitive - you will be going up against hundreds of students from 22 other Cal State schools. Make sure you keep your grades high and that you have completed all your lower division requirements in your major. Also, make your personal statement interesting! Mine was about British foods and wanting to take my dating life to the international level. Just make sure you stand out from the hundreds of other students who are also applying.



## Taking a New Path

By Alycia Obregon

At the end of every summer, a new school year begins. Typically, I'm returning to the same old school as the previous year and often times the year before that as well. I'm used to seeing the same faces along with a few new faces blending into the crowd on campus, and I tend to hang out with the same people. This year, I took a big leap forward and ventured out of my normal realm by choosing a fairly new college, CSUCI, away from home. I am experiencing a lot of change in my life with no old faces on campus, a new level of education, a new town to explore, new friends to make and a life away from my family.

Monday, August 28, 2006 was the beginning of a new chapter of my life. My first day of college and the day I was forced to meet new people and do things differently than I did in high school. Although I felt scared and unprepared, I was

excited at the same time. When it was time for my first class, I knew I couldn't turn around, pack up my things and leave. I knew if I did, I wouldn't be happy with myself so I stayed. Late that afternoon, a tiny tear drop ran down my cheek, but I knew I was in the right place and I knew it was a good change for me. I had been looking forward to this day since the day I sent my enrollment acceptance letter.

After thinking things over and realizing that I hadn't opened my mind to this new chapter of my life, I came to the conclusion that I would stay open-minded and think positive the rest of the week as well as the rest of the year. I would have to stop comparing everything in Camarillo to everything in my hometown, Oceanside.

Once I made the effort to stay positive, things started falling into place little by little, and I

started feeling more like myself again. Every day I work towards developing stronger friendships, my roommates offer to help me with things and take me places or go places with me. Each day I see a little bit of the same traits my friends at home have in my roommates. It feels like a part of home has followed me to Camarillo. I have also started attending volleyball internurals and working out in the gym. As the days go on, I am feeling more comfortable with the changes that are occurring in my life.

All in all, each day brings something new and better with open doors. I have learned to give almost everything a chance and not be so closed minded about things. By doing that, I have met more people and have gotten more involved, which as made the transition that much easier.





## Summer Sailing Creates Team Interest at CI

By Austin Dias

This summer I spent almost every Wednesday and some weekends racing aboard the 42ft boat "Lucky Dog" in the San Diego Bay. The "Summer Beer Can Series" consists of around 150 boats racing on Wednesday afternoons. All 150 don't start at once however, there are 10 different classes. We raced in the top class, A, against seven other boats. Staghound, a Tripp 50, was our toughest competition. Staghound is a very expensive race boat that even has some of America's Cup crew aboard. All summer we battled against the fleet and Staghound, coming up short, taking second every week.

The final race of the summer things went a little different. We began the race with our best start of the summer hitting the starting line with perfect position and speed. Staghound was to our lee (to the left of us.) Racing into the wind to the mark we tacked back and forth. The boats parted ways to the mark and we actually picked up some time by picking a better side of the course. At the mark, we were right with them. In sailing boats have different ratings, sort of like a handicap. That means that Staghound actually owes us time and they had still beat the whole fleet all summer. We don't even have to beat them boat for boat, just be close enough to make up for the handicap for a win.

Around the mark and then we head down wind with the wind coming from behind us. The spinnaker goes up since it is our biggest sail and we are hauling down the bay. Battling down wind with Staghound we made sure to block their wind as much as we could. At the last mark in front of the Convention Center we dropped our Spinnaker and put our jib back up (a smaller sail used for going into the wind.) Tacking back and forth

to the finish line against Staghound, who were stunned that we were still with them. At one point we called out starboard against them since we had the right of way. The other boats in our fleet, who were still on the down wind leg, actually started to cheer for us since we were putting up such a good fight. After that, Staghound received a favorable wind shift that lifted them in front of the aircraft carrier and they gained considerable amount of ground on us. Even though we didn't end up beating them boat for boat, we finished close enough to take the win. We pushed on sailing solid to the finish and a sweet victory after a summer of struggle.

Racing through the water at 15 knots (around 20 miles per hour) doesn't seem very impressive unless you are on a sailboat. Speed is relative in sailing terms. When you are doing 15 knots, you feel like you are doing a 90 in your car. This as well as many other attributes has brought a few students at CI together to work to start a sports club. When you read this article, hopefully the club will be official.

The sports club hopes to form and then begin racing other colleges around the country. The governing body for college sailing is the ICSCA and their website is [www.collegesailing.org](http://www.collegesailing.org). No surprises in sailing either, Stanford and USC are the top dogs in the division that the team would race in.

Sailors are encouraged to contact Ray, the unofficial Recruiting Officer, at 310.418.3850 if they are interested in participating. Inexperienced people are encouraged to take the free lessons through the CI Waterfront Program. For more info, go to the Gym and Fitness Center.



## Student Government Report

By Whitney Blundell

Welcome back CSUCI!!! This semester Student Government has a whole lot planned for you students. We are very excited to start this year with a great new team and a great new plan. Our four platforms or goals for this year are: communication, leadership & involvement, civic engagement and internal structure.

When I say communication, I mean communication with the students and the rest of the school. We will have a table out on campus with a Student Government representative every other week with information about campus-wide events, how to get involved, and anything else you may want to ask. We are also working on a website where you can come see all our events and information and even make suggestions. Last but not least, I will be writing an article in each issue of the Channel Islands View keeping everyone up to date.

Our leadership & involvement goal is to involve the campus through our internship program, a freshman outreach program where we go to all the freshman English classes and let them know what Student Government is all about. We will also be continuing with our progress on getting a new student union and holding our regular town meetings where you can hear what is going on around campus. This is yet another opportunity for you to come voice your opinion.

For civic engagement, we have once again done the Dolphin Discount program to give you discounts all over Camarillo. We are participating in Rock the Vote and attend numerous conferences with other student governments to improve our campus. We will also keep ourselves up to date on the statewide and local issues affecting us the students. We moved down to the Hub this summer so come and visit us as well as all the other ASI entities: CI View, The Nautical yearbook and Student Programming Board. Don't forget to check us out on Myspace.com; we will invite you to be our friend if we haven't already done so. You may even crack our illustrious "Top 8."

Welcome back CSUCI, stay classy!



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## Gym Events

### Flag Football

Welcome to the CIFL (Channel Islands Football League) excitement, Flag Football at its best! Women's, Men's and Co-Recreation divisions are offered. League games are played on Tuesday's on Portrero Field. Sixty players have registered and are playing in the Men's and Co-Rec divisions. The Championship game will be played on Saturday, October 21 during Family Weekend. Teams included in the leagues include: FYC, Spinal Tap, Bow Down, United States of America, Daggers and Oilers.

### Dolphin Volleyball

Congratulations to Smack Down for winning the 4-on-4 Dolphin Volleyball Tournament. Smack Down comprised of Brian McAlleney, Thien Truong, Russell Connick and Bess Glinka defeated the tournament field which included the Goonies, Set It and Forget It, Hit Face, Meat n' Cheez and Free Agents. The Championship game was exciting with Smack Down competing against runner-up Hit Face.

### Students vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball

Who will take the title this year? This popular sports event matches students against faculty and staff. Cal State Channel Islands takes great pride

in creating a fun competition for the students to interact with faculty and staff in sports competitions throughout the year. This Co-Rec event will be held Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30pm. Stop by the Rec Center for registration information. Note: the Faculty and Staff are the current champions! Will the students have what it takes this fall or will the Faculty and Staff come out on top again?

### Basketball Tournament

The CI 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament will take place on Wednesday, October 11. The tournament offers three divisions of competition for Men, Women and Co-Rec teams. Register as a free agent or team before the deadline October 9 deadline. Free Agents and each Team Captain (or a team representative) are required to attend the Captains Meeting on October 9 at 5:30 p.m.

### Waterfront

The RLS Waterfront program is underway, offering sailing and kayaking opportunities to students and Dolphin Passport holders. Stop by the Rec Center to learn more about this new and exciting program here at Cal State Channel Islands!

## Advising Center Updates

We have STAR appointments beginning on October 2nd...which is a student's first one hour appointment with an advisor.

Peer advisors are available for freshman!

Grad Pak appointment-If a student is planning to graduate in Summer 2007, they need to meet with an academic advisor by November 15, 2006.

For all of these appointments, please contact advising center for more details or stop by and check out our display case, which is located in the Advising Center.

Contact the Advising Center at (805) 437-8571, e-mail: [advisement@csuci.edu](mailto:advisement@csuci.edu), location: 1st floor of Bell Tower room 1552..

Also, the Math & Writing Center is open for business. The Math & Writing Center is located in room 1512. Contact them for more details about their services..(805) 437-8409.

## IT Helpdesk News

### IT Support for Students

By Jess Paredes, Mgr IT User Services

We're off starting a new school year and we are off to a busy start as we support our faculty, staff and students with their technology needs. The Technology Center is located in Ojai Hall. We are here to provide technology resources in assisting you with password resets for your MyCSUCI, Islands Domain and Dolphin email accounts. We also will assist you with connecting to our wireless network and any other technology needs you may have that are within our scope of services.

The IT Help Desk is open during the following hours:

Monday-Thursday	8am-10pm
Friday	8am-5pm
Weekends	Coming Soon

You can contact the IT Help Desk by sending an email to [HelpDesk@csuci.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@csuci.edu), calling us at 805.437.8559 or coming in person to Ojai Hall.

Visit our website to see all services we offer to students, faculty and staff at <http://www.csuci.edu/it>. This includes the Policies and Procedures for using IT resources and links to other services offered on campus. We are here to provide you a pleasant experience while utilizing the technology resources offered at CSUCI.

Please contact the IT Help Desk at (805) 437-8552 if you have any questions and again welcome to you all!

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On Thursday, September 14, students gathered in the library courtyard to decorate its walls. Armed with nothing chalk and pastels, many students took advantage of the opportunity with a wide variety of artistic creations including self-portraits, landscape and poetry. Despite the messy hands and ruined clothes, participants certainly endured the sacrifice to give the campus an inspiring mural. The art should be on display for as long as weather and conditions permit.

Shown below are some of the many highlights of the event:

1. Senior Kris Behr imitates his meditating panda.

2. Creating perhaps the most detailed and certainly the largest piece of all, Dylan Zmed puts the finishing touches on his monkey.

3. Nela Dunaway draws the outline of a soon-to-be elaborate scene.

4. Four of the many participants are hard at work.

5. Professor Pages used the event for her own inspiration. Here, she works on her painting of the completed courtyard.

6. Scott Deloach puts in a shameless plug for the University Writing Center.

7. JR Golen and Emily Gregg pose in front of a work they produced together.



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Date	Event	Where/When	Contact
Wednesday, September 27th	Be a Part from the Start- Club Fair	Bell Tower Courtyard 11:00 am	Office of Student Leadership and Community
Thursday, September 28th	Beginning of Triathlon- Pool Tournament	University HUB 11:00 am	OSLC
Thursday, September 28th	Book, Movie and a Pizza- Memento	Anacapa Village Commons 6:30 pm	University Library
Thursday, September 28th	Channel Islands Volleyball League begins	Gym and Fitness Center 5:30 pm	Recreation and Leisure Services
Friday, September 29th	Sport Fishing Trip	Port Hueneme Launch 5:30 am	RLS
Monday, October 2nd	Food and Facts	Front of Bell Tower 2:00 - 4:00 pm	Multicultural Women's and Gender Center
Monday, October 2nd	Pitchfork Battalion	Aliso Hall Room 150 7:00 pm	English Department
Tuesday, October 3rd	Tuesday Movies at the Hub	University HUB 12:00 pm	University HUB
Wednesday, October 4th	Vehicle Maintenance and Public Transportation	University HUB 12:00 - 1:00 pm	University HUB
Wednesday, October 4th	Guest speaker Secretary of State Bruce McPherson	Front of Bell Tower 2:00 - 4:00 pm	Student Government
Thursday, October 5th	Another Look at Religion and Homosexuality	To be announced	MWGC/ Campus Interfaith
Friday, October 6th	Hiking Trip #2	Point Mugu State Park 12:00 pm	RLS
Friday October 6th	Disco Rollerskate	Skating Plus in Ventura 11:30 pm- 2 am	Student Programming Board

## A Mismatch of Randomness

by Kieth Gross

Why does everything have to make sense? Do the gods cry when someone says something random and completely out of place? Nope, they don't, or he doesn't, or she doesn't. Everyone has their different beliefs and they all basically say that have to be nice to everyone else. But I guess not because everyone is always blowing everyone else up. It's funny how people can hold grudges for a super long time. It's not like I am all, "I hate you Rome, why did you have to throw the Christians into the Coliseum and have lions eat them? I hate you forever." I love saying random things, like "My day has been pretty bad, I got laid off from the Octagon factory," and such. Its fun, there is so much stuff just floating around in my brain. Well, I guess not floating because then I would have water in my head, but I don't have a brain which I guess is pretty mushy and such. If I had to guesstimate what a brain felt like without feeling one, I would say probably it would feel like a bag of sand. Gah, come on Keith, a bag of sand, you can think of something better than that. That was a "40-year-old

Virgin" reference if you didn't get it, see the movie or anything else. I recommend you go rent it, or find a friend who has it. It's pretty good. You know what's another good movie? "Grandma's Boy" it seems like a horrible movie before you actually start to watch it but there are so many one liners that my friends and I repeat all the time. Like, "I am a genius," or "Samantha you will be mine," all said in a robot voice. You have to say it in a robot voice or you will literally be banished from earth, not really, but it won't be funny. I am pretty sure that you have to see the movie before you will think any of the jokes are funny. Yeah, pretty sure. Geeze, I am typing this article on a computer which isn't mine and that stupid paperclip guy pops up and is like "Do you want any help?" and all I can think about is bending him back and forth until he breaks. But you can't really do that because he is a computery type thing and can't be broken in that manner, and also I'm pretty sure he is the devil in, "curved thin metal with paper binding type qualities," form.

So Ben, the editor of this fine word-filled piece of art work, and I were talking about what is the weirdest thing you would do if doing that thing would get you straight A's through college. I am wondering what other people would do if they could get straight A's. So send in your suggestions to [CIview.Editor@csuci.edu](mailto:CIview.Editor@csuci.edu) with the "Straight A's" in the Subject line. Don't worry we won't put your name in, unless you want us to. Send the most extreme thing you would do. I don't want "I would eat a tub of ice cream," because who wouldn't. That isn't even bad, who wouldn't want to do that to get A's. Dang, I have to eat a tub of delicious goodness in order to get a 4.0 in college, drats, what ever will I do. NO! If I see that it is going straight into the trash bin, unless it is dragon flavored ice cream with cat hearts and it is 5 gallons, it's all mine. But now you can't use that one because I said that. So get typing. Go, now. Drop your lunch/homework/muffincakes and go send us those emails.