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## Campus Reading Celebration brings famous author to CSUCI

You'll find it tucked under the arms of people walking down the hallways. You'll see it poking out of bookbags and being read in student lounges, in the residence halls, all over campus. You'll hear about it in classes and during impromptu discussions before and after class. It's Victor Villasenor's *Rain of Gold*, CSUCI's selection for its first- ever Campus Reading Celebration.

Campus reading celebrations have become tradition at many colleges and universities. The idea is for the entire campus community to share a common experience by everyone reading one book. That book becomes part of campus life, with events and discussions centered around it.

"The Campus Reading Celebration is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and administrators at the University to share, along with interested members of the community, a common intellectual experience," says Renny Christopher, professor of English and chair of the CSUCI Academic Senate.

"We hope that there will be animated conversations in the hallways, along with interactions in the formal venues, all



during the fall semester. And people will have a chance to meet the author, as well, which, I think, is something that really humanizes a book for its readers."

Victor Villasenor was born in Carlsbad, California. He struggled with what was later diagnosed as dyslexia, along with cultural and language barriers, according to the author's official website. He dropped out of high school his junior year and moved to Mexico. At the age of 20, he returned to the United States,

where he sold his first book, *Macho!*, in 1973.

*Rain of Gold* tells the story of Villasenor's family, beginning in Mexico during Villa's revolution. At first the stories of his mother and father are told in separate chapters, but as their worlds begin to intersect, so too do their stories. At some points, the narrative switches back and forth between paragraphs.

The book has been provided free of charge to the campus community through the University Foundation. Members of the community at large are also encouraged to get the book and participate in the events.

Villasenor will be on campus September 14-16 to participate in a number of events relating to the Campus Reading Celebration. During that time, he will visit classes, hold a book talk, and will sign copies of his book following a reception. For a complete calendar of events, go to page 8.

The program aims to unite the campus community through a common experience, but the personal growth of individuals is a goal as well. "The diversity of responses people will encounter in their discussions will help them understand how other perspectives differ. They will gain a deeper understanding of themselves and others," Dr. Christopher said.



# Letter from the Editor

What happened? I was only gone for a couple of months. I come back, and I see the new residence halls with their new residents, soon to be expanded dining options, new faces and new classes—Not to mention entirely new room numbers that have made us old CSUCI veterans feel like new students again—our young university is growing up, and we all get to be a part of it. In this issue of the *Channel Islands View*, we're focusing on student perspectives on the beginning of a new school year.

Speaking of new, my name is Josh Seale, and I am the new editor of the student newspaper you now hold in your hands. Now, assuming that you



are holding this newspaper in your hands, know that I'm somewhere on campus heaving huge sighs of relief that I managed to get it there. You'll probably find me in the east Bell Tower, room 1852, our new office and home base for your student newspaper.

We have big plans and changes for the newspaper this semester. The print edition will

come out monthly, on the second Tuesday. Look here for features, editorial, reviews, your comments, creative pieces, and more. This issue is a bit light, but with your input and ideas, we'll have more than enough to fill these pages. To fill in where the print edition leaves off, check out our website

at <http://ciview.csuci.edu>, where you'll find current campus news, events, and an archive of previous articles.

I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the voice of the CSUCI student body. I could not have done much of this without the help of our previous editor, Jennifer O'Toole, whose input and

expertise have proved invaluable in getting this newspaper back off the ground. I hope I can do as good a job as she did when she sat in the editor's chair.

And so: freshmen, transfer students, and returning students, welcome (back) to CSUCI. I hope it's a great year for us all, and I hope we all choose to take on our roles in defining what this university is, and what it can be.

If you're interested in helping out with the *Channel Islands View*, please contact me at [ciview.editor@csuci.edu](mailto:ciview.editor@csuci.edu).

## New dining option, but bring cash for now

By Xuan Ryan

Tucked away next to the Art Complex and across from the A-7 parking lot on University Drive is a new dining facility called Cafe a la Cart. The facility is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The cafe is more like a quickie mart than it is a restaurant with pre-packaged sandwiches, burritos, salads, baked goods, yogurt, chips, coffee, and cold drinks, all for under \$5. The idea is to pick what you want out of the refrigerators and then pay at the cash register.

I visited Cafe a la Cart on the first day of school around 6 p.m. after following a maze of signs in the South quad to the east building where it is located. As I finally found and entered the facility, I noticed an array of round tables draped with burgundy and white tablecloths, vases of flowers, and baskets of napkins. The north wall of the room featured posters with other appetizing dining options that

are supposedly soon to come, 155 Degrees, The Market, and La Cucina Del Leone. Lined against the front of the room were several refrigerators filled with pre-packaged food and drinks.

The first refrigerator I visited had a variety of gourmet-style sandwiches to choose from. For a couple of minutes, I debated whether I should try the pCsto-chicken salad sandwich or the grilled vegetable foccacia sandwich. I finally opted for the foccacia since it is something out of the ordinary for me and I thought I would be adventurous.

The next refrigerator housed a good variety of burritos, yogurt, and some cold drinks, but nothing I wanted to accompany my sandwich. Next to that was the coffee kiosk, which was closed at the time. Not a problem for me since I am not a coffee drinker anyway. Finally I saw a medium-sized rack of chips and grabbed a bag of Lays Baked Sour Cream and Onion.

As I headed to the cash register I

noticed a doorway leading to various rooms being remodeled for the 3 future dining facilities featured on the posters. On the opposite wall from the door, I saw a cabinet with two microwaves, plastic silverware, napkins, and condiments. I knew where I was headed after I paid for my food.

Once I arrived at the register I asked the cashier if they accepted debit or credit cards since I only had a dollar and some change in my wallet. Sadly, the answer was no and I had to grudgingly put away my food. As I left the building to go to the ATM in the Bell Tower, the kind woman repeatedly apologized for the inconvenience. However, once I found my way back to the Bell Tower, I was too lazy to walk back to Cafe a la Cart, so instead I opted to get some snacks from the Cove using my credit card.

(Editor's note: The dining facility does plan to take debit and credit cards in the near future.)

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*(Editor's note: We'd like to continue the View's tradition of featuring the creative works of students at CSV CI. To that end, represent two essays on the beginnings of a new school year: One, by a new student teacher; the other, by a freshman. To submit your own work to be considered for publication, e-mail it to [ciview.editor@csuci.edu](mailto:ciview.editor@csuci.edu).)*

**Student Teaching Jitter**  
**By Xuan Ryan**

I have this recurring dream. It's my first day of school and I'm 15 minutes late. As I near my classroom, I hear the chatter of a morning activity. I try to quietly enter the room so that no one will notice me; however, instead everyone stops mid-sentence and stares at me. The silence lasts for a few seconds, but to me it feels like an eternity. I know I am just having the first-day-of-school jitters, but this is totally different than any I have had in the past. I have been going to school for too many years than I actually would publicly admit, so the first day of school is no longer nerve racking for me. However, this fall will be my first year in the Multiple-Subject Teaching Credential program, and my first semester of student teaching.

I have determined that student teaching is the bane of my existence, and the reason why I awake in a cold sweat. I fear that my supervising teacher will flunk me for not being prepared for a lesson, or for not having control over the classroom. Effective classroom management is the key to being a successful teacher. Without routines, procedures, rules, and consequences, it would be extremely difficult for a teacher to get through a lesson. Luckily, as a student teacher, the classroom management techniques are already put in place by the cooperative teacher (which brings me to my next fear).

I worry that I will not get along with my cooperative teacher, and that she will refuse to be my mentor. It is quite possible that we will have differing views on class-

room management, or that I will just simply rub her the wrong way. This potential problem has been discussed in my student teaching seminar class, and the advice that we have been given is to talk to our supervising teacher about the issue and to not feel like a loser about it. Where ever we go in life, there will always be people that we do not get along with and we just have to learn to deal with it in a constructive manner.

I also lose sleep just thinking about how I am going to pay my bills, or have a meaningful relationship with my boyfriend and family. Student teaching is an unpaid job within itself. For the first 8 weeks of the semester, student teachers only go to their assigned classrooms once a week while taking their methods classes 4 days a week. The last half of the semester they are working in the classroom Monday through Friday as a fully credentialed teacher would, but without the pay. It would have to take a really dedicated person to work while they are student teaching. And, I am beginning to worry that I am worrying too much over stuff I shouldn't worry about at all.

However, deep, deep, deep down, I know that once I get over my fears, I will succeed as a student teacher. This summer I had the opportunity to gain some invaluable experience as a science teacher at a summer camp. Each week was a new camp complete with first-day-of-camp jitters. So, if I can handle a summer full of first days, then I think I can handle my one and only first day of student teaching. Let's just hope my jitters won't last longer than a week, or a month.

**Freshman View**  
**By Vanessa Spurgeon**

Starting at CSUCI was very exciting for me, but I was nervous at the same time. In high school, my fourth year was the year that I finally felt on top and comfortable, but then graduation marked a whole new chapter in my life. I'm back at the bottom again, working my way up. I'm excited to be starting this new part in my life. Now I have the freedom to choose classes that I'm most interested in. I am also treated with more respect and looked upon more as an adult. However, the most exciting thing for me is the chance to meet new people and take part

in school activities that I never had time to before. School activities and clubs are a great way to be involved and meet the students and faculty around campus.

There is still a part of me that is nervous, though. I'm worried about how hard my classes will be, what my teachers will be like, and if I can make the grades. There will no doubt be stressful times, but there are always people around to help out. Teachers make themselves available to you when you need help, which is by far, in my opinion, the greatest part about CSUCI. I'm the type of person that always seems to have questions and the fact that I will be able to make an appointment to talk to a teacher

means that I will have the opportunity to have all my questions answered. That helps alleviate some of the stress and worry.

CSUCI is a beautiful campus and I enjoy walking around and enjoying the scenery. The view of the mountains in the background of the campus is relaxing, the breeze is calming, and the green grass is soothing to look at. All in all, I would have to say I'm more excited than nervous about this first year because there are more things to be excited about; the nervousness is forgotten when you have all these new things to see and experience.

# The Wave electric bus debuts, environment says "thanks"

Here's a riddle for you: What's big, yellow, and you can barely hear it coming? Is it: a) a banana thrown at your head, b) some ninja version of Sesame Street's Big Bird, or c) a new form of environmentally conscious transportation on campus to get you from lot A-whatever to the Bell Tower and back again in comfort and safety? If you said c), congratulations. Finals should be a breeze for you.

"The electric bus, which we've named 'The Wave,' will greatly facilitate transportation around our campus," said CSUCI President Richard R. Rush. "It also further extends the university's commitment as a green campus to support environmentally sound practices."



The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) coordinated the university's plans for an environmentally-friendly internal circulation service with federal funding support allocated to the Santa Barbara Electric Transportation Institute (SBETI) to test its advanced battery-electric transit bus, according to a university release.

The Wave will loop around campus Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., when it will take a break for an hour and a half to recharge. It will then continue the route from 3:30 to 10 p.m. The entire route takes about 15 minutes.

The route circles the entire campus, including University Glen. There are nine fixed stops on the campus itself, and riders can signal the driver to stop within University Glen.

The Wave will connect with the VISTA bus service in front of the Bell Tower, making life easier for VISTA users. Rides on The Wave are free. For the ultimate experience, read CSUCI's literary magazine, *The Wave*, while you ride The Wave.

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# Featured Faculty: Paul Adalian, Librarian

**By Josh Seale**

*As students begin a career at any college or university, one of the first things they should become familiar with is the school library, and the school librarian is a good friend to have from the get-go. With that in mind, I spent some time talking to Paul Adalian, CSUCI librarian, to find out how it's gone so far, what his plans are for the library, and what a student can do to make research more interesting.*

*JS: How long have you been a librarian?*

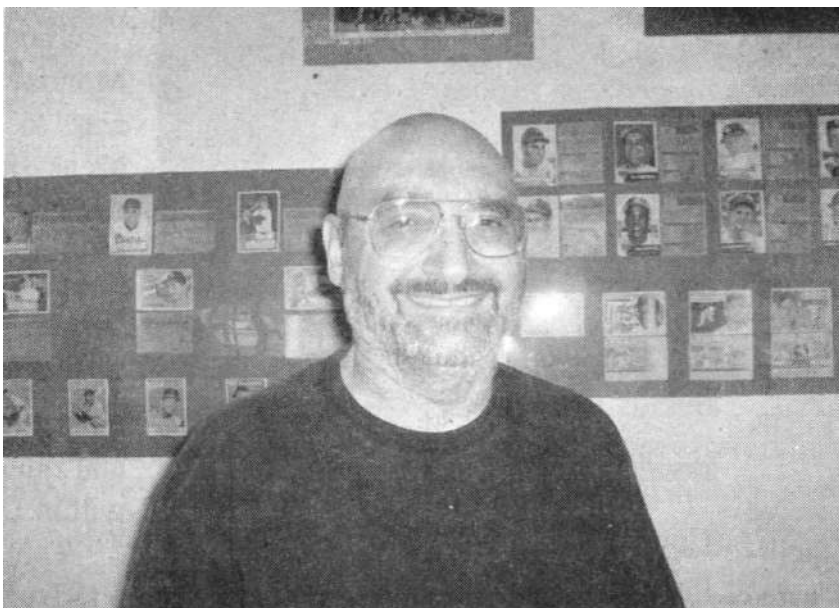
PA: This is my third year at CSUCI, but I've been an academic librarian since 1971.

*JS: What attracted you to CSUCI from Cal Poly SLO?*

PA: The opportunity to start a new library. We're starting here from scratch and so we can do a lot of things that other libraries don't do, such as doing more things electronically. You can eat in our library. It's not like people are saying, 'this is how we have always done things,' because we haven't.

*JS: What do you consider your top accomplishment so far at CSUCI?*

PA: Hiring a great staff. They're all very friendly and approachable; willing to help students. We've received very positive feedback on the staff, and



Paul Adalian and his famous baseball cards. Photo: Josh Seale

they're all working hard to help the new library develop.

*JS: What are your plans for the coming year?*

PA: We'll be opening an extension off of the library, in the west wing near the faculty offices. There's a hallway there that's going to be converted into a study area for students. The library can get full so it will be nice for students to have another group study area. We're thinking about opening the library 24/7 during finals and opening on Sundays during the semester. With the students now living on campus, we figure they'll take it easy on Saturdays, and study on Sundays. The plan is to be open 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and see how that goes.

We've also got a new plasma screen TV in the library. Our plan is to run four simultaneous news channels on about half the screen and the other half will be a

touch-screen interactive display where students can look at digital art displays or access the Internet.

We'll also be receiving five iMacs, so that students who prefer them can use them. We'll have photo editing software on them, so you can check out a digital camera, take your pictures, then come here and connect the camera and edit your pictures right here.

*JS: What does the timeline look like now for the new library?*

PA: The current plans are over budget, so we're going to go back in and see how we can save some money, maybe by not having so many customized features. We're hoping construction can begin at the first of the year, and will take two to three years to complete.

*JS: I know you say that research is "the search for the holy grail." Can it always be that exciting? What can a student do to*

*liven up the process?*

PA: Well, first of all, you have to be interested in the topic. You have to research something you're passionate about. You can't look at a research project like it's just something you have to do to graduate.

Research is a quest, and it can be very exciting to find out things when you're interested in the topic.

*JS: What advice would you give to the incoming freshmen, or the transfer or returning students?*

PA: Number one, don't be intimidated; ask for the help you need. The library staff and the faculty here are great about helping out students. There's nothing wrong with coming to one of us and saying, "I have a question and I need an answer," That's what we're here for. Use the Writing and Math Center and the Academic Advising.

Number two, get involved on your campus. There's a whole other aspect to college life apart from the academics. CSUCI is small, and so it's like a private school. It's not going to be like that forever. There's a lot of opportunity to get involved and start things. You start lifetime friendships during your college years.

## ***Spiritual Questing on Campus***

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Beginning Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a "Spiritual Questing" series for people of all faiths and spiritual seekers. Join us as we explore spirituality in an open and inclusive environment. (BYO Lunch). All members of the university community are welcome.

**MEETINGS ARE IN ROOM 1200  
BELL TOWER EAST, NOON - 1 P.M.**

DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Thurs., Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Julie Morris, St. Columba's Episcopal Church	Spiritual Moments: An hour of inspiration, contemplation, meditation, relaxation, and procrastination.
Wed., Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Bouldin, Sr. Minister, Camarillo Church of Christ	Spiritual Moments: An hour of inspiration, contemplation, meditation, relaxation, and procrastination.
Wed., Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Deacon Larry Modugno, St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church	Finding Spiritual Resources in Times of Stress
Wed., Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rabbi Mike Lotker Temple Ner Ami	What Really Happened In Eden? - Part One (A close reading using Jewish, Christian and Muslim sources)
Wed., Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rabbi Lotker	What Really Happened in Eden? -Part Two

***More interesting programs scheduled for October and November.***

For information, questions, or to submit ideas for future programs, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Morris [Juliehmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:Juliehmorris@yahoo.com)) or Rabbi Lotker ([lotker@aol.com](mailto:lotker@aol.com)) or visit our web site at [www.campusinterfaith.org](http://www.campusinterfaith.org).

## Library News

**Debi Hoffman  
CSUCI Library**

### **Online Database Spotlight: Academic Search Premiere**

This month's database spotlight focuses on one of the library's most comprehensive and well-used databases, **Academic Search Premiere**. Academic Search Premiere is designed specifically for university libraries, and is the world's largest scholarly and multi-disciplinary database. ASP contains over 4,500 full-text publications on a variety of disciplines including: social science, humanities,

education, computer science, physics, chemistry, language, arts and literature and ethnic studies. Academic Search Premiere can be accessed from the library home page (<http://library.csuci.edu>) by clicking on the *Articles & Databases* link.

Not sure how to get started, or which database is right for you? The library home page offers a link to **Resources by Subject & Major**, which allows students and faculty to locate databases specific to their majors or fields of interest. Simply roll over the *Resources by Subject & Major* link on the library home page to access the list.

Still not sure how to get started? Stop by the library and meet with a reference librarian who can show you which databases are right for you.

### **Book, Movie & Pizza Night**

At the end of September, the library will be hosting a **Book, Movie & Pizza** event. The library will be screening a movie that has been made from a book, and serving pizza to all attendees. Stop by the library for more details.

### **Flags of the World in the Library**

In keeping with the universi-

ty's mission to graduate students with multicultural and international perspectives, the library now displays 191 international flags representing all the nations of the world. The flags are displayed throughout the library, and are organized by continent and geographic region.



# Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact
September				
Tues 9/14	Victor Villaseñor Book Talk	2:30 - 4:30 pm	Student Lounge Courtyard	437-8548
Wed 9/15	Victor Villaseñor Reading	11:30 am-12:45pm	Science Auditorium	437-8548
Wed 9/15	Victor Villaseñor Reception	6 - 8 pm	Student Lounge Courtyard	437-8548
Thur 9/16	Victor Villaseñor Presentation	2:30 - 4:30 pm	Salon A	437-8548
Sat 9/18	2004 Coastal Cleanup Day	9 am - noon	Various Locations	1-800-Cleanup <a href="http://www.1800cleanup.org">www. 1800cleanup.org</a>
<i>october</i>				
October 7, 8	Fall Festival of Short Plays	8 pm - 10:30 pm	Conference Hall 3	437-8548 or 437-2786

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