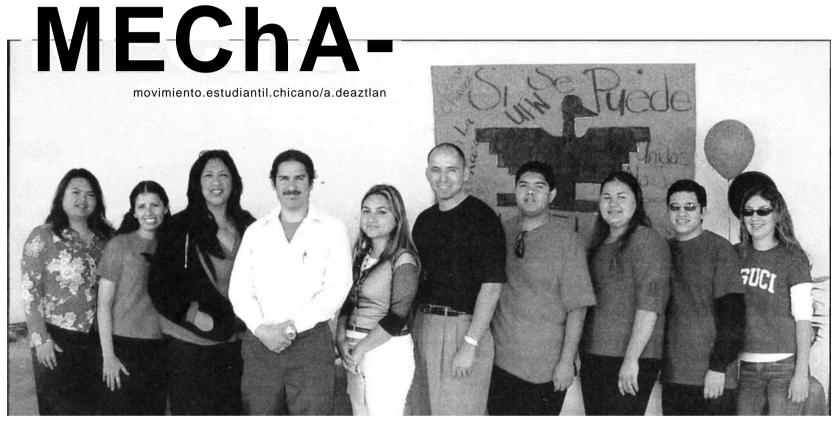
Channel Islands View

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The Voice of the CSUCI Student Body

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CSUCI MEChA members left to right as follows: Rosario Cuevas, Diane Padilla, Susan Carrasco, Prof. Elias Serna, Claudia Fernandez, Dr. Frank Barajas, Sergio Alvarez, Aida Jimenez, Jesus Herrera and Ariana Luquin Sanchez

MEChA Hosts Cesar E. Chavez Celebration

On Tuesday March 30th, CSUCl's newest student organization M.E.Ch.A (movimiento.estudiantil.chicano/a.de aztlan) hosted their first event, the Cesar E. Chavez celebration. The celebration was held in the science building auditorium, from 10am-2:00pm. Festiviteis included a film screening of "Stuggles in the Fields," a historical documentary of the United Farm Workers, and the grape boycott of the 1960's. A welcome by Dr. Frank Barajas, Professor of History, and MEChA advisor, a welcome by Susan Carrasco, MEChA chair, and a second film screening hosted by guest speaker Prof. Elias Serna of CSUN, followed by a reception.

Cesar E. Chavez was a civil rights leader who campaigned for better working conditions for farmworkers. He dedicated his life to this mission, and had even fasted for the cause. He is also the founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW), an organization that is still in effect today. The celebration was held the day before the March 31 holiday, which is Cesar E. Chavez's birthday. Cesar died April 23,1993 in Arizona, less than ten miles from where he was born.

MEChA would like to thank the Office of Student Development, Associated Students CSUN-CI, and the University Student Union Inc., CSUN, and West Coast Refrigerated Trucking, for helping to sponsor the event.

MEChA would also like to extend a invitation to the campus community; faculty, staff, and all interested students to attend the annual Cesar E. Chavez Commerative March held in Oxnard, hosted by the Oxnard chapter of the UFW. The march will be held on Sunday, April 18,2004 from 9am-1:00pm. The march will start on the corner of Brekke St.& Cesar E. Chavez St., and end at Oxnard Plaza Park. All are welcome, and free to participate.

A Few Words From the Editor

Welcome back to midterms and the final crunch of the semester. I hope you all enjoyed your spring break. The Channel Islands View is looking for students who are interested in writing, graphic design, and photography. We are also looking to interview students who are graduating this semester for the final issue of the academic year. The interviews will consist of a reflection on the past years at Channel Islands and highlight a student from each of the disciplines. If you are interested in being featured in the graduation issue or know someone who you think should be featured please e-mail us so that we can set up an appointment for an interview as soon as possible. For those who are interested in writing for the paper please e-mail me at Jennifer. o'toole@csuci.edu with your name and major and area of interest (features, news, editorials, opinion, comics, etc.). There are positions open for students who will be continuing in the fall.

Please submit all work electronically to Jennifer.O'Toolefficsuci.edu

Fan Mail

Pretzel-boy:

I saw your numbers on the Iraq war. I was dismayed to think you have not been able to find any other statistics than those you listed in the last edition of the *Channel Islands View*.

I noticed you mentioning the number of Iraqi civilian deaths, military deaths, U.S. trained Police deaths, U.S. military deaths, U.S. military injured, and accusations of sexual misconduct by U.S. military members. I also noticed you only cited one of the statistics out of the six you provided. ON that website, I noticed you left out the fact that you were citing the "maximum" number while leaving out the equally important "minimum" number. Convenient.

Additionally, I noticed a lack of statistics that might present a more accurate point of view or at least one that presents all the information available to the intrepid journalist-to-be. Come to think about it, I would have even settled for a commentary.

Besides, what is the point of putting up the particular numbers you did? Why are there not more? Why is it only present a negative view? Do you not see any good that has come out of the past year or are you of a different opinion? What is the purpose of the "And in World News..." piece? Do you have something to say or are you going to allow others to speak for you through statistics in the hope we are all too lazy to challenge what you've written?

It seems you do not support the idea that Iraq is free from Saddam or that the cost is too high. Is this true? Are you not aware of the life people in Iraq lived under Saddam or does it not fit your current agenda? It seems also that you are not bothered by the fact that Saddam was bankrolling terrorists who were guilty of killing innocent women and children. It does not seem to bother you that money intended to feed Iragis was spent on palaces and kickbacks to the UN and other countries (just look at the list of who opposed America and the UK and you'll see those being investigated for defrauding the Oilfor-Food program). You also do not seem to be very upset by those civilian deaths at the hands of Saddam - I'm sure they would appreciate a mention in your next "article.'

If indeed you do support the liberation of Iraq, then perhaps you can enlighten us all on what the purpose of maligning the work of thousands of American service members is? Do you hate the men and women who serve in your stead so much as to bask in their failures or shortcomings? Is it important to your message to point out that in the military, as in real life, bad things happen to good people?

If you are going to write about your view of the war in Iraq, then do so. If you want to take potshots at the military, I suggest you walk down the street in Port Hueneme and discuss your point of view with the numerous men and women who serve just down the road from us. I would wager you would not have to go far even on campus to find someone who has served in the military who would love to discuss your opinions. If you do not like the present political situation in this, or any other country, go for it. lust do not patronize your audience with little jabs at those whose lives are on the world stage while you sit behind your computer screen in a comfortable little room in suburban California and try to expound some moral judgment on others. Especially when you evidently have no base on which to stand.

I will leave you to chew on this article from an esteemed California State University faculty member at Fresno. I hope it opens your mind to some other truths in this world that are more easily proven than how many people have died in a brief, but necessary war, and find some glimmer of hope in this terrible, terrible world you live in:

Doom, Doom, and More Doom Should we trust facts or present hysterics?

By Victor davis Hanson

(http://www.nationalreview.com/script/printpage.asp?ref=?/hanson/hanson020703.asp)

Sincerely,

Ventura, CA

Dear PT,

I intentionally offered the statistics without comment. My intention was to enable the reader to reach their own conclusions, as you obviously did... therefore mission accomplished. I'm glad to see/hear that someone out there is actually reading/ingesting/considering and contemplating our world... of which Pretzel logic is but a small component... The content of Pretzel logic is not meant to be reporting or as you put it journalism, it is my humble (mis?)perception of the world and I like to share...

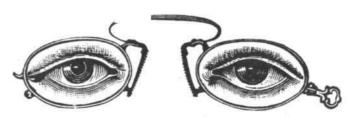
As I have stated in a previous issue, Pretzel Logic offers "shameless personal opinions, observations and food for thought." The statistics were offe'red as an example of the latter. Obviously, for every opinion or viewpoint one could assemble a host of statistics to reinforce a multitude of viewpoints... my statistics were lifted from the pages of The Santa Barbara Independent wholesale and without edit and/or comment, simply because I found them thought provoking.

I have the deepest sympathy for the civilian population of Iraq and feel and share their pain daily, I try to keep myself well informed. I am also a tremendously patriotic and devout supporter of those serving in the armed forces. I grew up during the Vietnam War, remember the body counts and feel compassion for those placed in harms way by corporations and governments. My inclusion of a short listing of a number of poignant statistics was in no way intended to belittle the contribution of my fellow man/woman -

Whether we like it or not we live in a world filled with lies, propaganda and deception it is the implicit obligation of an ethical moral civilian to question the world as we perceive it, I do so daily.

Thanks for the input,

Pretzel Boy





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Student Voices

Persephone

Each time she returns
The trees drop their cover
Branches stand naked and awkward
Shivering in their nudity,
Just as she once stood before him
As her heart poured from her mouth.

Each time she returns

Days pass

Without pause or recognition

Of her nudity,

With her bare arms stretched to the sky.

He does not see how the leaves shed at her feet are open protests to their, loss.

Each time she returns her pain forgotten. New leaves emerge, Their green filtering between branches She flourishes under his gaze and her arms grow heavy with promise.

And each time she returns to him her arms remember the weight of the loss, held strong in the rings of her center, And her arms grow weaker, Until she feels them break.

-Jennifer O'Toole

"Blackboard"

sung to the tune of the Beatle's "Blackbird"

(Birds chirping)

Blackboard postings in the dead of night

Take this broken grammar and make it right

All this time

You were just waiting for this moment to write

Blackboard typing in the dead of night

Take these sunken eyes and read what you see

All this time

You were only waiting for the moment just to be.

Blackboard and you type...
Blackboard and you write...
Into the light of the dark blackboard night

By Diane Padilla
CSUCI student
Liberal Studies of course!

Inspired after a midnight posting deadline for Judy English's class.



<u>Interviews with CSUCI Students on their view of the Passion</u> By: Amy Brookes

I saw Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* about a week after it was out and just before it had reached the top of the box office. Prior and following the movie, I listened to a few interviews with Mel Gibson and heard people in the media naturally talking about it, or criticizing it, one of the two. I found it interesting that people never really talked about it deeper than the movie as a film, yet the story is much more than just a "good" or "inspirational" story/idea for a movie. For me, it was a like a prayer. I believe this movie effected people much deeper than they knew how to talk about, and I wanted to talk to people about it. I began to wonder, "What do students at CSUCI think about the movie?" But I wanted to talk to people that I had not really met before, so I ventured through the courtyard, walked throughout the Bell Tower, "quietly" asked people in the library, and within classes, to find people who had seen the movie and were willing to talk with me about it. I had a great time interviewing four students: Kathryn Hickinbotham (Liberal Studies major, 47), Angie Perez (Psychology major, 21), Virginia Lopez (Psychology major, 21), and Enrique Rodriguez (Business major, 26).

Sit with me... let's see what some of our students have to say...

Kathryn Hickinbotham

What did you think of the movie?

It was breathtaking...moving...too big for words, and very brave.

Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?

No, it didn't change at all.

Would you see it again?

Probably not...we saw the things we were there to see...but maybe we would like to see the little effects...like when Jesus died [in the movie] his eyes dilated like they naturally would.

Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

Since when is Hollywood concerned with violence...but yes, it is graphic.

After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional? Not only do I think the story is historically accurate, but presently too...we have a choice...we all do.

Did you go into the movie expecting a change of heart?

No because I already believe the story.

If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?

At the minimum only deny him three times...1 hope I would be like Pilot's wife...1 would hope I would not be one of the religious leaders of the day.

Angie Perez

What did you think of the movie?

I really liked it a lot.

Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?

Yes...going to church can be redundant...but when they were beating him...no human can go

Student Scholarship Program Initiated at California State University Channel Islands

Camarillo, Calif., March 3, 2004 - California State University Channel Islands announces its first annual scholarship program. The program will offer \$1,000 scholarships to incoming freshman, returning, and transfer students, beginning in the fall 2004 semester.

The funding for the scholarships has been collected through the fundraising efforts of the CSUCI Foundation. Awards will be based on both financial need and merit, including extracurricular activities and leadership abilities. Applications will be reviewed by the University Scholarship Committee, a collection of CSUCI faculty, staff, and Foundation Board members, appointed by President Rush.

To apply for a scholarship, students will be asked to complete a scholarship application form, a personal essay, and submit two letters of recommendation. Scholarship awards will only be made to current students and to those who have completed the admission process at CSUCI and have completed the 2004-2005 Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in college or high school work to be eligible.

Applications can be obtained from the CSUCI Financial Aid office or on the Cal State Channel Islands homepage at www.csuci.edu http://www.csuci.edu http:

For more information, contact Nick Pencoff, Director of Financial Aid, at (805) 437-8530.

through that pain...it showed me how much he is human and divine. Would you see it again?

No. It's like an experience...if I were to see it again I would overanalyze it.

Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

I didn't think it was worse than any other horror movie...1 didn't understand what pain he went through until I saw it.

After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional? More historical...we got to remember that he lives!

Did you go into the movie expecting a change of heart?

Yes...1 expected it to drain me...1 expected to cry (and did)...1 hoped to have a better understanding, and I did.

If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?

I can see myself being Peter and denying him, but feeling bad about it out of fear for his own life...but I would like to say Thank you and I love you!

Virginia Lopez

What did you think of the movie?

A good representation... a good job on the movie.

Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?

I didn't change...but I think what it did was make me believe more. I saw him as different than they portray him in church...1 saw him as a person.

Would you see it again?

I don't think I would really need to or have to...some parts I couldn't look at.

Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

Not more violent...there is a lot of violence in movies today...1 think people felt it was more violent because Jesus is someone we feel so dear about...because of who he is and he took it all...you don't see people doing that.



Tomorrow Teacher's members; Seychelle, Diane Padilla, Kerry Norberg (Tomorrow's Teachers Chair), Fatima Chavez, Arasely Soto; pick out their favorite books to read to the students.

Tomorrow's Teachers Put on Pajamas for their First Event

On Friday March 5th, CSUCI's student chapter of the California Teacher Association (SCTA) called Tomorrow's Teachers, participated in their first event. The event was Pajama Reading Day, it was hosted by the University Prep School (UPS) library. Faculty, staff, students, and the members who participated were asked to wear their pajamas to school. The event was held from 8am to noon in the library. The members of Tomorrow's Teachers had a great time reading to children of various grade levels (first to sixth). Tomorrow's Teachers would like to thank Mrs. Strong, UPS librarian, for inviting them out to participate in this very special day!

CSUCI's SCTA is the newest chapter to the CSU system, for more information please visit their website http://studentweb.csuci.edu/kerrynorberg198/scta/

After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional?

Did you go into the movie expecting a change of heart?

Kind of because of what I heard about people crying...1 didn't come out feeling that way, but I came out with a different perspective about it.

If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?

I probably would have felt I had to protect myself...1 would probably hide and avoid the whole thing...I would want to say I'm sorry and it's not the was I really felt inside.

Enrique Rodriquez

What did you think of the movie?

It was good... it was nothing I enjoyed, but it was an experience. I went to experience something of the hible.

After seeing the movie, did you think the story presented was more historical or fictional? Definitely historical.

Did your view of Jesus change after the movie?

I think my ways of life changed...1 still love him [Jesus] and I still think he is our God...1 think it draws me closer to him...it's really easy to get away from him.

Did you consider it more violent than other popular movies?

No. I've seen worse. It was an amazing movie.

Would you see it again?

Oh yeah.. .many times...I'm going to buy it when it comes out on video.

Did you go into the movie expecting a change of heart?

No. I didn't know what to expect...but I did have a change of heart.

If you lived in those times what would you say to Jesus?

Change my way and make me like your apostles...you have to have an open hear to be religious (or with Jesus), and I hope I would have everything it takes.

Announcements

Earth Day Fair

Seventeen seniors are currently planning the first Earth Day Fair as their senior capstone. The fair will take place at CSUCI - "The Green Campus" on Earth Day, April 22nd. The fair will be held between 10am and 3pm in the mall area in front of the Bell Tower. Environmental organizations, governmental agencies and students will have booths with displays and information. Approximately 200 local elementary and middle school students will be attending the fair between 10am and noon on the day of the event. The students will enjoy various activities including touch tanks, recycle art, campus scavenger hunt/tour, local marine life film, and storytelling.

University students, staff and the community are invited to share the day in learning more about how we can all make a difference and be more environmentally connected.

The capstone students have contacted local companies, environmental groups and agencies, restaurants, organic farmers and others to participate in the fair. Students along with advisor, Dr. Steven Norris (Biology professor) have taken on a challenging task of organizing and putting on the Earth Day Fair in only a few months.

Come Join California State University Channel Islands for:

Earth Day

Thursday, April 22, 2004

10 A.M - 3 P.M.

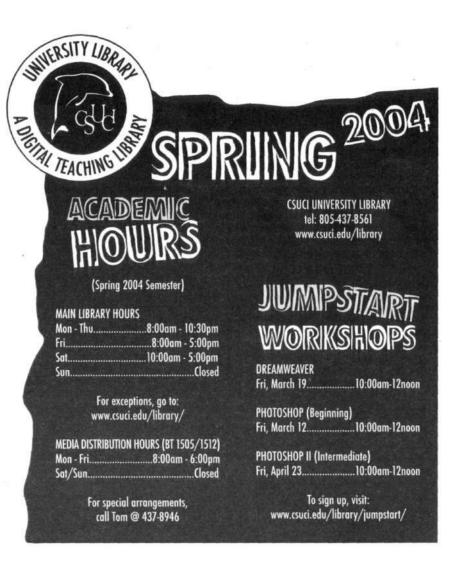
(§) Informational Booths (5) Refreshments (?) Live Music (§)

Fair is sponsored by California State University Channel
Islands
Earth Day Capstone

The capstone students are also asking for volunteers for the day of the fair. Volunteers are needed to help with kids' activities and more, so if you have a few spare hours or need community service contact the volunteer coordinator by email at: earthdayfair@csuci.edu.

The City of Camarillo is co-sponsoring the fair. "Funded in part by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the City of Camarillo."

Please plan on coming out and celebrating Earth Day at CSUCI on April 22nd from 10am to 3pm. If you have any questions, want to volunteer or are interested in having a booth, please email: earthdayfair@csuci.edu.



CA MINI-CORPS PROGRAM

We are actively recruiting CSUCI/CSUN undergraduates who are planning to become classroom teachers to participate in the CA Mini-Corps program. CA Mini-Corps is a program designed to assist future educators by providing them with paid field experience as teacher assistants and professional development prior to them entering the credential program. Mini-Corps serves the migrant student population in local public schools, and therefore needs teacher assistants who have experiential knowledge of the migrant lifestyle and who are bilingual.

CA Mini-Corps has been federally funded and state operated since 1967. It is founded on the same ideas as the Peace Corps program,

but focuses on the migrant population at the local and state level. The goals of the Mini-Corps program are to provide direct services to migrant children, to impact the number of teachers who are culturally sensitive to the language needs of children, and to increase the number of bilingual professionals who are sensitive to the needs of migrant children. Mini-Corps participants are advocates for migrant children.

Our office is located in Rm. 1243 of the Bell Tower Building on campus. Please feel free to stop by or call me at 437-8823 (x8823 on campus). I am also on the campus email: claudia.fernandez@csuci.edu or feel free to contact my supervisor julie.antilla-garza@csuci.edu.

The Second Annual Career Fair Thursday. April 29th Cactus Garden 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Find out about part time jobs, full time jobs, internships, summer employment, and career opportunities. This is also a great chance for students to make contacts and collect information about some of our top local employers. Over 70 companies and organizations are expected to attend the fair. Don't miss this opportunity and take action on your goals and make your dreams realized.

Visit the Career Development homepage for more information: http://www.csuci.edu/students/enrolled/service/careerdevelop.htm or contact Katie Metzger, CSUCI Career Counselor for more information: (805) 437-2745, katherine.metzger@csuci.edu.

Refine Your Resumes Thursday. April 20th Bell Tower Conference Room 1310 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Professor Christine Popok will be the guest speaker for this exciting workshop on how to make your resume stand out for all the right reasons. Learn tips on how to highlight your best qualities and skills. Find out how to market yourself when you don't have much work experience. This workshop may be used as a follow up to the Developing Winning Resumes Workshop, (Thursday, April 13 11:00 -12:30); however prior attendance is not required.

Contact Katie Metzger, Career Counselor for more information: (805) 437-2745, <u>katherine.metzger@csuci.edu</u>.

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CSUCI Calendar

DATE	EVENT	_	<i>m*\J\»f%</i> i IV^IX		
April					
Thur. 4/15	Battle of the Majors- Trivia Competition	Call for time	University Hub	Student Devel.	437-8998
Thur. 4/15	Casino Night	6 pm - 10 pm	Conference Hall 1	Student Devel.	437-8998
Thur. 4/15	Group Photo -	12:30 pm	South Quad	Student Devel.	437-8998
	Bring Your Dolphin Days T-Shirt!				
Fri. 4/16	Road Trip to Magic Mountain—	9:00 am (Subject	Meet at University Hub	Student Devel.	437-8998
	Students only \$10	to change)			
	National Volunteer Week - April 19-23				
Tues. 4/20	Refine Your Resume	2 pm-3:30 pm	Bell Tower Room 1415	CHAPs	437-8510
Thur. 4/22	Volleyball League Begins!	Sign up in Gym	Gym & Fitness Center	OSD	437-8902
Thur. 4/22	Workshop: Maintaining Fitness	12 pm-2 pm	Bell Tower 1415	CHAPs	437-8510
Thur. 4/22	Slam Poetry Jam	6:30 pm-8 pm	University Hub	OSD	437-8998
Thur. 4/29	CAREER FAIR	10 am-1 pm	Cactus Garden	CHAPs	437-8510
Thur. 4/29	Maximus Awards Ceremony	6 pm-8 pm	Conference Hall 1	Student Devel.	437-8998
May					
Wed. 5/5	Cinco de Mayo Celebration	12 pm - 2 pm	Bell Tower Mall	Student Devel.	437-8998
Sat. 5/8	End of the Year~ Concert	11 am-2 pm	North Quad	Student Devel.	437-8998
Wed. 5/12	Student Appreciation Day	11a-1p/5p-7p	Bell Tower Courtyard	Student Devel.	437-8998
Thur. 5/13	DAS Roundtable	2 pm-4 pm	Bell Tower 1415	CHAPs	437-8510
Thur. 5/13	"Drive-In" Movie Night	8:00pm (Subject	To Be Announced	Student Devel.	437-8998
		to change)			
Wed. 5/19	Stress Fest	12 pm-2 pm	Student Lounge	Student Devel.	437-8998
Week of 5/24: Finals Week - Good Luck!					

- > Yoga every Monday from 1pm-2pm in the University Hub. FREE TO STUDENTS! (Non-Cym members \$5)
- Navigating Online Career Resources: Every Monday from 10:30am- 11:30am, and every Wednesday from 2:30pm-3:30pm, in the Bell Tower, Room 1417. For more info, call CH.A.P.s at 437-8510.
- Dolphin Record Breakers Challenge, held the 1st Monday of every month in the Gym & Fitness Center. Those interested are strongly encouraged to sign-up ahead of time, as there is no guarantee that walk-ins will be able to participate.
- > "Spirit Day**every Wednesday. Wear your CSU Channel Islands attire and show your school spirit!
- > **DOLPHIN POINTS BOOKLETS:** Pick up your spring booklet from any Student Affairs area.

Drama Club (Q2Q Players)

Meets every Tuesday at 12:30 In the Dean's Conference Room. We are actively seeking anyone interested in acting, directing, costume and make-up, and every other aspect of the theatre. This is the a great opportunity to establish a dramatic presence on campus! We are currently working on a large project for next semester, as well as planning small performances for this semester.

Family PACT now available at CSUCI Student Health Center

Family PACT provides no-cost family planning services to limited-income men and women

Services include:

Birth control methods & supplies
Screening & treatment of sexually transmitted infection
Pregnancy testing and counseling
Hepatitis B immunizations
Individual education & counseling