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Students Will See Larger Fees

By Ronnie Sullivan

Eight percent; to the common scholar, eight percent is eight out of one hundred. Percentiles run on that common ratio. For eight percent, it could also be sixteen out of two hundred or twelve out of one hundred and fifty. Numbers, they're simply numbers. A mathematics teacher somewhere in the world is teaching his or her students that mathematics is easier to understand when thinking about numbers in the terms of money. Money, it's simply numbers. If you are to receive eight percent of one hundred dollars, you'll have eight dollars. Money, it's simply money. These are the simple mathematics that the common person should know.

Here is a mathematics problem. It incorporates numbers with money and uses percents. Without lab fees, Associated Students, Inc., and other variables involved, the student fees for the 2005-2006 academic year at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) are \$2,520.00. What is eight percent of \$2,520.00? Using the ratio of eight out of one hundred, turn the fraction into a decimal and it becomes .08. Multiply the decimal by the annual amount and the answer is approximately \$204.00.

What makes \$204.00 important? What does this have to do with anything?

On October 27, 2005, in Long Beach, California, the California State University Board of Trustees voted 13-1 to raise student fees within the California State University (CSU) system by eight percent.

Now everything becomes clear. Starting in Fall

2006, student fees for CSUCI (and every other CSU) will be raised \$204.00 for all students.

Corey Jackson, the lone student trustee on the Board of Trustees, cast the only vote against the fee raising. In a statement made before the vote, Jackson claimed that the fee raising was more of a "student tax" and that the CSU and California State Government were making the students pay for the lack of funding the CSU system receives from the government.

In attendance at the meetings were over 100 students representing all 23 universities within the CSU system. According to a student representative from Humboldt State University, the distance from Humboldt to Long Beach is the same as the distance from Humboldt to Vancouver, Canada. With their dedication, they drove through the night and upon arriving in Long Beach, they slept on the lawn of the CSU Office of the Chancellor. Representatives from CSU Monterey Bay were present during the entire duration of the meeting but were hasty in their departure due to a campus-wide event later that evening (CSU Monterey Bay is a 5-6 hour drive from Long Beach). Whether one student represented their school or entire armies were present for their university, all 23 CSU campuses were present to make one statement: "Vote no on raising student fees!"

However, despite the strong rallying and emotional speeches from the students and their representing trustee, the Board of Trustees as a majority voted to raise student fees by eight percent.

The eight percent student fee raise is approved but there are two more fee raises on the bill, looking ahead to the future of trustee meetings. By the end of the three year raising spree (assuming the three fee raises are voted for), student fees will have risen by 28 percent. That's an extra 10 percent each year over the next two years. Once again a mathematics problem: What is 28 percent of \$2,520.00? Exactly like the first question. Take the ratio of twenty-eight over one hundred and turn it into a decimal: .28. Multiply the decimal by the current fee charges. Answer: \$705.60. Yearly totals for student fees in the CSU (not including our own internal fees like Instructionally Related Activities, lab fees and Associated Students, Inc.) will amount to \$3,225.60 per year.

CSUCI will have the same fee increase as every other CSU in the state. One of the four CSUCI student representatives at Long Beach was Student Government President, Anneka Busse. Since that day in October, she has been the one to inform the students that their fees will be going up next year. She has said that the news of the fee increase is, "one of the toughest things I've ever had to tell people."

Still, the fee increase does more for CSUCI than given credit for. While CSUCI students will pay more, the welfare of the school relies on these funds. As a newer school, the campus doesn't have the resources to actually fundraise like established universities. Student Programming Board President Meghan

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Cedric Dempsey gives a speech as NCAA president. He held the highest position in collegiate sports for nine years.

CSUCI Gets Help from Former NCAA President

By Brendan Malloy

Although many new schools will take small steps toward developing a collegiate sports program, Cal State Channel Islands decided to take a giant leap instead. This leap happened when President Dr. Richard Rush hired former National Collegiate Athletics Association president Dr. Cedric Dempsey on October 27th as a consultant for the committee responsible for establishing CSUCI's first athletics program.

Compiling over 50 years of experience, Dr. Dempsey served as president for the NCAA from 1993 until the end of 2002. Before his tenure, Dempsey was the Athletic Director for University of the Pacific, University of Houston, San Diego State, and University of Arizona. Dempsey has served as a consultant for other young universities and universities that wish to start a new program since his retirement. His illustrious career has brought him national fame and recognition on all levels of collegiate and professional athletics.

"He has unparalleled credentials as a person who ran the NCAA for a number of years," said Rush. "He knows its inner workings. He has contacts at every level throughout the country."

Rush continued, "I want our program to be of very high quality, as are our academic programs, but I want a program that is going to be competitive."

Along with Dr. Dempsey's experience and Dr. Rush's determination, the rest of the members of the founding athletic committee bring their own credentials. Committee members include Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. William Gregory Sawyer, Publisher and President of the Ventura County Star Tim Gallagher, and owner of Steve Thomas BMW Steve Thomas Sr. among others.

This committee engaged in exploratory talks about which sports CSUCI wanted to explore, the feasibility and timeline of establishing an athletics program, where the teams would compete, and the possibility of reaching Division 1-A or 1-AA status. These talks have not reached any final conclusions, but they allow for a brainstorming to see what CSUCI's future could be in athletics.

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Letter from the Editors

We are writing to you this month with solemn hearts. On the morning of October 16, 2005, a member of our CSUCI community passed away in a traffic accident. Cynthia Scott was in her first year here at Channel Islands and was pursuing a degree in computer science. She was a resident of nearby Simi Valley.

Neither of us knew Cunthis Scott. Neither one of us had the chance to meet her, speak to her, or have a class with her. However, she reminded us of one of life's most important lessons. She reminded us that life is too short to get overly wrapped up in problems with school, relationships, work, or finances. Life is too precious to waste on anger, greed, or stress. Cynthis reminded us to embrace life with everything we can.

A group of CSUCI students, faculty, and staff members were able to attend the funeral services. We are thankful that our campus community has the strength to support Cynthia's loved ones during their time of need and we hope that our community as a whole will continue to do so.

It is with greatest sorrow that we reflect on her passing and our thoughts are with her family and her friends. We are thankful that she was able for a short time, to be part of our community and we are thankful for the lives of those she touched while being part of our life as a united campus.

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Homeless for the Holidays

By Angel Chitnatham

Ventura County is known as one of the richest communities in Southern California. Like all communities, however, the homeless live amongst us. You see them on the curb, pushing a cart full of belongings, or perhaps even living from their car. The fact of the matter is they're there and no matter how much you look away or how much you pretend they don't exist~they are still going to be there when you turn around.

Last winter on a particular night, 525 homeless people were surveyed in Ventura County. This growing problem is in part due to the high cost living in Ventura County and the lack of cheap rental housing. Decent, safe and affordable housing should be a right to every citizen of Ventura County. People are homeless because they are poor and because rental housing at a reasonably cheap rate is not available. Growing numbers of the homeless population are single women and women with children.

Some of us may not be returning home for Thanksgiving break. That in itself should be heart-wrenching, but imagine not having a place to live for the holidays. This is a reality the homeless face everyday.

Fortunately, there are local hospice rescue centers within the area that can provide food, shelter and clothes for those in need. Such shelters serve as an essential entry point off the streets for those whose lives are so broken they cannot make the direct move into rental housing. Year-round emergency shelters offer a starting place for people to regroup and connect with services. Shelters also offer an answer to business owners and others who want the homeless people off the streets. Simply put, if people are expected to move off the streets, they need someplace to go.

All of these sheltering options should, of course, lead to permanent housing - a place to call home. Housing subsidies often make the difference between being housed and being homeless. Tragically, the federal government continues to cut the subsidy programs. Less than one-third of those eligible for subsidies receive them and waiting lists are three to five years long. That is a very long time if you are sleeping outside or in your car.

How can we help? We're just poor college students living out of the cafeteria. What these homeless shelters really need are volunteers, a lending hand and a bright smile. So when you find some time instead of heading to the mall-call the rescue mission. Volunteer your precious hours and maybe even get some community service hours.

There are no quick fixes to the issues of poverty and homelessness. However, there many ways that we, as the next generation can show that we care and can help those in need, even if its just one person at a time.

These are just a few ways that all of us can pitch in and help:

- " Organize or participate in a can food drive
- " Buy food in bulk and donate the excess to the shelter
- " Donate your old clothes to a Goodwill Store
- " Bring warm coats and blankets to the shelter
- " Volunteer your hours to the Rescue Mission

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Our History: Part 2

by Brendan Malloy

Everything seemed to be going perfectly for Camarillo State Hospital in the late 1960s. Enrollment was at a near all-time high with just over 7,000 patients in the facility; hospital officials were now treating a wide range of disabilities including developmental disorders like autism and organic brain disabilities; the Adolescent Division had just been re-organized into four separate units with a school.

However, the hospital encountered a series of obstacles beginning in 1969 when the Lanterman Petris Short Act went into effect. This law forced the judicial review of every patient in state hospitals and eliminated any "indefinite" sentence placed upon by a court. The Act also required hospitals to reconsider any involuntary sentence each year and allowed many CSH patients to be released. Partly because of the government's restrictions, the cost of treatment increased while the quality and accuracy of treatment decreased.

The Lanterman Petris Short Act placed several restrictions on state mental hospitals, but the progression of science and technology proved also costly for state hospitals, specifically for Camarillo. Many researching institutions found many ground-breaking discoveries about the brain that led to the development of several different prescription drugs and at-home treatment methods. CSH formed a partnership with UCLA in which researchers from the university found ways to more accurately diagnose patients and find triggers in the brain that lead to suicide.

These drugs and treatments began to lessen the importance of mental institutions and, with the combination of the Petris Act, caused a significant drop off in the number of patients for CSH. Patients underwent reviews annually, and the cost of housing and treatment for a state hospital could not compete with the simplicity of living a near-normal life at home with the help of prescription drugs.



Dr. Why, Did You Say You'd Quit Your Job If CSUCI Developed a Sports Program?

A: I was pissed. I felt like the vision of this campus had been abandoned.

Q: Why? Aren't sports good for students? Didn't you teach us about the Greek ideal of a sound mind and body?

A: Playing a sport is good for us all. But an intercollegiate athletic program involves only a very few students. The vast majority don't participate, they simply sit and watch others play.

Q: What have you got against school spirit and competition?

A: Nothing, in and of themselves, but what they engender undermines academics.

Q: How?

A: What do sports fans want from their teams? What increases school spirit? What is all that cheering about?

Q: Winning?

A: Exactly. Sports teams are expected to win. Imagine little CSUCI competing against more established campuses. We're going to lose for many years before we develop a competitive program. And all that losing only increases the pressure to win. First from students, then from alumni. And when alumni want a winning team badly enough, what do they do? They raise money and pressure the President to hire better coaches and recruit better players.

Q: But doesn't a winning team bring in money for the campus?

A: Rarely. Athletic programs never make money, the cost of equipment and travel, the size of the squads, and the overhead of a stadium make athletic programs even at the most successful schools a costly proposition. Even basketball costs have skyrocketed in the last decade because of rising medical costs and travel. The year UNLV won the NCAA tournament, the basketball program broke even. Every other year, it cost the school hundreds of thousands of dollars. That's UNLV.

With the many restrictions and technological advances that fell upon CSH in a 20 year span, the hospital began to change as well. In the 1980s, CSH initiated innovative treatment techniques in order to allow more freedom and a more beneficial experience for patients. The UCLA/CSH partnership developed programs in which patients were to be treated away from their living quarters and attend various educational, therapy, and social group sessions. This style allowed each patient to receive individualized treatment based on his or her needs and strengths.

The hospital eventually allowed patients to participate in Special Olympic events, perform in hospital plays, and organize hospital events. CSH even hired many patients to work on the facility and established the Cantana (now the HUB) as a place where patients could socialize and be included in a community. These innovations allowed CSH to change drastically into a place where patients could be successfully treated and then placed back into society.

Despite all of these beneficial changes, Camarillo was unable to save itself from closure. In 1991, then-governor Pete Wilson raised taxes, subsidized services, and cut pay for psychiatrists and hospital workers. Then in 1993, CSH had to begin making layoffs and eliminating programs for patients because of lack of funding. The closure seemed almost definite.

It was in 1996 when Camarillo State Hospital had to permanently shut down when a government-appointed task force found that the hospital only housed 870 patients with a capacity of over 7,000 and each patient cost the state about 114,000 a year. With these factors, there was no other choice but to close the hospital down permanently.

A few years later, a state committee was assembled to decide what was to be done with the Camarillo State Hospital buildings.

How much more will it cost to build a program from scratch?

Q: Shouldn't a university provide a sports program for its students?

A: Is that part of our mission?

Q: No, but don't students deserve something to do on weekends?

A: That's a pretty feeble reason to spend millions of dollars and undermine academics.

Q: How does a sports program do that?

A: By drawing support away from programs other than sports. Right now, CSUCI's generous donors support academics-helping pay for new buildings or new equipment, supporting student scholarships or developing new programs. Once we have intercollegiate teams, a significant portion of that money will go toward sports teams, which means less will go for academics.

Q: Isn't it worth it? Won't it add something to our campus?

A: Oh, it'll add something alright. It'll bring semi-professional athletes to the campus, those hoping for a career in professional sports.

Q: Aren't they students like everyone else?

A: Hardly. Intercollegiate athletics means recruitment programs. It takes special scholarships and under-the-table offers to persuade gifted athletes to come to a tiny school with a losing program. And when they arrive, they won't be thinking about academics. They'll look for soft courses, they'll request classes at special hours that don't conflict with practice, and they'll need personal tutors.

Q: Personal tutors?

A: Part-time teachers and graduate students who are paid very very well to make sure their star athletes pass all their classes.

Q: That's not fair to other students.

A: Nor to the athletes. The tutors do the bulk of classwork for the athletes. They prepare study guides, do research, write papers, so when and if those athletes graduate-and jock graduation rates are typically quite low-they are woefully unprepared for any career except professional sports.

Q: Write their papers? You're making it up.

A: I had an officemate many years ago who supported her family writing papers for the men's basketball and women's softball teams.

Q: Whoa. Any way to avoid these problems?

A: Stick to intramural athletics. The NCAA is a quagmire of corruption and financial loss. Avoid it like the plague.



Dan Borgstrom at his wedding.

Friendly Faces with Dan Borgstrom

by Alyssa Ervin

His name is Dan Steven Borgstrom and he is quite the character, a real nice guy. His first name comes from the bible (Daniel), and he shares his middle name with his dad. Growing up he got along well with his parents. They were really close, and life was good (he was an only child).

In high school he got decent grades, wait... good grades. He got C's... well actually more B's. In school he said his worst subject was math, yes, definitely math. He was voted class clown in high school (he's a funny guy).

Dan graduated from the police academy in 1998, so that makes it seven years in the business now. He's the third generation of police officers on his fathers' side; hopefully he'll be able to keep up the tradition. He worked at the sheriffs dept. before working at CSUCI. He hasn't ever shot his gun, but he has pulled it out on what he calls "hood rats". He's seen bank robberies, huge fights, typical COPS stuff, but he says he isn't in the business for the excitement, he's in it to see the positive impact he can make on society and I think that's really awesome. He's even delivered a baby!

Working at CSUCI is different from working in the city, he says. It's quieter, and the job is less stressful. Here it's more about keeping the bad guys out, not so much getting people in trouble. But he does say he catches intruders in the abandoned buildings on campus all the time (Especially in the morgue) But he enjoys the small setting because he is able to follow-up on calls. That was a definite bonus of working on campus.

Although he doesn't have his own dog, he does work with K-9's, (he's the one in the suit who gets bit). He's hoping that within the next year or two, he will have a police dog of his own. Dan does have his own dog back home, Buddy. He's half Shepard, half husky and quite loveable. Also, back home is his wife, Devon. They have been married for a year and a half, and got married at Disneyland. (If you want to check it out it's at www.DanandDevon.com, really cool!)

He likes to snowboard, and play baseball. He works out 4-5 times a week, any more than that would be a lie. He likes the color blue for no apparent reason and his favorite animal is a dog, mans best friend. He has seen the raccoons on campus, and doesn't believe they pose a threat. Overall, he's a really great guy, and next time you see him driving by, remember to say howdy.



A group of Chemistry professors.

Chemistry Department

by Keith Gross

This month's spotlight on a new major is one of the broadest on campus, Chemistry. With sub-disciplines in Analytical, Inorganic, Organic, Physical Chemistry and Biochemistry, among others, students who decide to major in chemistry will have no problem enjoying what they do. Such was the case of Assistant Professor Simone Aloisio; he became interested in the hole in the ozone layer and thought it would be interesting to study the environment using chemistry and how chemistry related with the atmosphere.

There are two degrees offered which are the Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, and the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. The Bachelor of Arts is meant to be a broad preparation in the Chemical Sciences for students wanting to go into pre-professional careers. These are careers such as, pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy and pre-veterinary. The Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry is necessary for a student who wants to become a teacher of Chemistry at the High School and Middle School levels. The Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree offers a wide-range of preparation for students wanting to procure a position in the chemical or pharmaceutical field or for the student wanting admission to graduate school in Chemistry or Biochemistry. Students wanting to obtain the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry can either select the general Bachelor of Science in Chemistry or the Bachelor of Science with the Biochemistry option. The Biochemistry option has many of the same classes as the Biology minor so students are encouraged to obtain the Biology minor along with the Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry Option.

With so many different sub-disciplines it would be very hard to study them all in a short 4 years, so the chemistry major here at Channel Islands focuses on the fundamentals of chemistry such as thermodynamics and kinetics. By focusing on the fundamentals it insures that whatever application the student decides to pursue he or she is going to have a good foundation on which to build on. While in the chemistry program learning the fundamentals will seem irrelevant, but then near the end everything comes together in one awe-inspiring moment making one expect to hear the voices of angels sing and a spotlight to shine from the sky. Alright so maybe it won't play out exactly like that but you get the point.

The Chemistry major has grown in its first semester here at Channel Islands. Already it has 15 students declaring it their major and numerous others thinking about it. There are three tenure track chemistry professors, 1 full-time and several part-time lecturers. All of the people involved in the chemistry major are dedicated researchers and teachers.

Right now the Chemistry field is a good field to get into. The unemployment rate for people with a degree in Chemistry is at 3.1% while the national unemployment rate is at 5%. Many jobs involving Chemistry have good pay and the job market in the Chemistry field is growing. All in all with such a great staff and programs set up students wanting to Major in Chemistry will leave Cal State Channel Islands with confidence in their degree.

Bow Down Wins Second Straight

by Raquel Landin

The North Quad was filled with excitement and cheer as Recreation and Leisure Services held their second annual Channel Islands Football League Championship on Saturday, October 22 at 2 pm. In the end, it was Bow Down who defeated The Wieners 42-18 in the title game.

With eight teams battling it out during pre-season and season games, only two teams made it to the Super Bowl. The Wieners and Bow Down went head to head in the game that challenged their abilities the most. The Wieners whose team consisted of Max Moreno, Ian Caldwell, Bryan Trowbridge, Ryan McCormick, Jason Aneell, Jason Lee, and Bryan Easterly played very well and attempted to steal the title.

"They tried their best. It was hard for us, because they played psychical, but they didn't have enough players. They need eight players

to take us out," commented Junior Cleavant Derricks, player of team Bow Down. Quarterback Austin Dias, Nick Amalifitano, and Ryan Fox each contributed to give Bow Down the edge.

Different organizations on campus helped make this event possible, and with family weekend occurring, the teams were being rooted on the sidelines by family and friends. RLS Head Flag Football Supervisor, Ryan Mc Carthy stated, "we really appreciated seeing all the players go out there, show their skills, as well as participate and show their interest in being part of a school event. It was great seeing all the fans and teams show good sportsmanship. Hopefully we can get the same outcome next year or even better."

The game was intense and lasted roughly about 55 min, with a 20 minute half. All the boys hustled and gave it their all, and the score certainly did not reflect the competitive nature of the game. Each team found success using deep routes with their tall wide receivers.



Both teams, as well as the other teams who didn't make it to Super Bowl, are now plotting their strategies and plans for next season.

"We're definitely going to be ready for next season. We're already talking about recruiting new players. I'm pretty sure the teams will be getting bigger. We'll be looking into some of the new freshmen who we believe have what it takes to help us carry on the tradition," remarked sophomore Bow Down's Dias.

This was an unforgettable Super Bowl and will continue to be an event to look forward and prepare for as the years come.

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Dempsey, though, pointed out that a transition to Division 1-A could possibly be a more expensive and time-consuming feat than CSUCI is able or willing to attain

Even though nothing is final, committee members are confident that Channel Islands is ready for the task.

"President Rush doesn't want to go into this thing unprepared. He wants to win," remarked sophomore student committee member Cris Powell. "It's awesome. We get to have the opportunity to make decisions that will last forever."

Despite the optimism, several questions still remain as to whether or not CSUCI will be able to maintain and provide a base for athletic teams. Already the university has admitted to being financially and physically unable to establish a football program. There seems to be limited space for seating in the Hagerty Gym and Fitness Center and limited space on the campus overall. In addition, state budget cuts make it difficult for any new program to be successful.

Still, it is apparent that CSUCI is poised to have success in its endeavor. With the hiring of an experienced NCAA official in Dr. Dempsey, Channel Islands seems serious and determined to bring a productive and exciting collegiate sports program to Ventura County.

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Ciuffetelli, after a long pause, claims that she has, "a feeling of disappointment.

Nobody wants to actually pay more to get more. However, CSUCI needs the money. We're still a start-up school and we don't have very many alumni in the Alumni Association to help us through some tougher times. So, for now, we need students to help us."

An argument from one of the trustees who voted for the fee increase was that the CSU is simply under funded by the California State Government. Raising student fees is a means to receiving more funding for keeping the CSU a top establishment for education. His final statement was, "We want the degree you walk away with-to really mean something."

A student presenter's rebuttal was a simple question: "At the expense of others not being able to afford it?"

An Opportunity for Motivated Students

By Raquel Landin

CSUCI has many clubs, organizations, and departments that help students out, but which one has excelled the most since the beginning of this year? E.O.P, which is an educational opportunity program, has assisted many students on campus with the college experience, math tutoring, as well as counseling in any field they need assistance in.

It seems to be working.

Freshmen E.O.P Student Louie Valdivia stated, "I think E.O.P is a great program for students here at CSUCI. It gives us all a chance to seek the help that we need to make it through our first years and through college. We have mentors and advisors that stay on us and push us to make sure we stay on the right track, and that we make it through this time in our life."

E.O.P which allowed students to be apart of this past two week summer bridge program, was designed to give first generation college students, who are low income or come from disadvantaged backgrounds, extra support to help them succeed in college. The E.O.P program at CSUCI has been running for two years and will remain a resource for students in need of help.

One of those students, freshmen Lisa Segura, commented, "this program benefited me a lot. Summerbridge is a great experience, and helps you meet people with different personalities and interests that will grow with you through your college years. Over Summer Bridge, a lot of us were taught how to manage our time wisely and have all our assignments in to meet deadlines. That's a key in achieving your college goals."

E.O.P is managed and coordinated by Lisette Rodriguez, advised by Maria de la luz Flores, and Nicholas M.Crisosto is the E.O.P Supplemental Instruction Facilitator for developmental math. With these staff members and mentors, the E.O.P students will be more then likely to surpass any struggles they might encounter through out their college career.



London Stage Actors Visit CSUCI

By Ben Gallagher

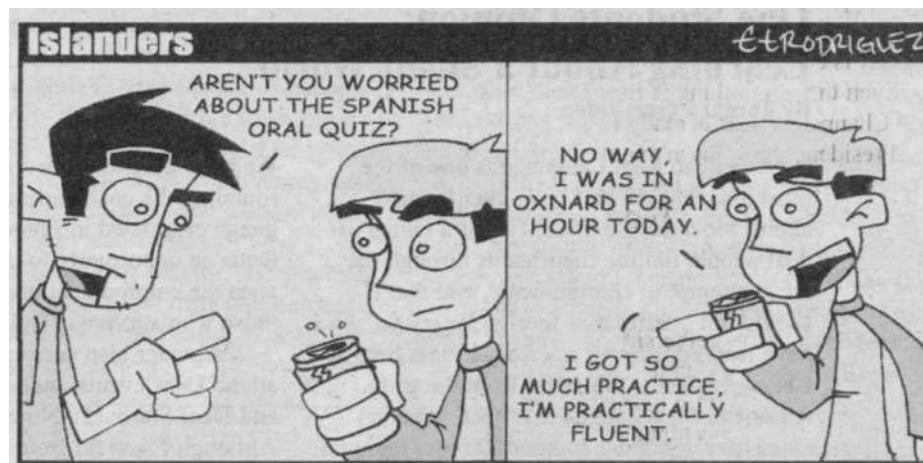
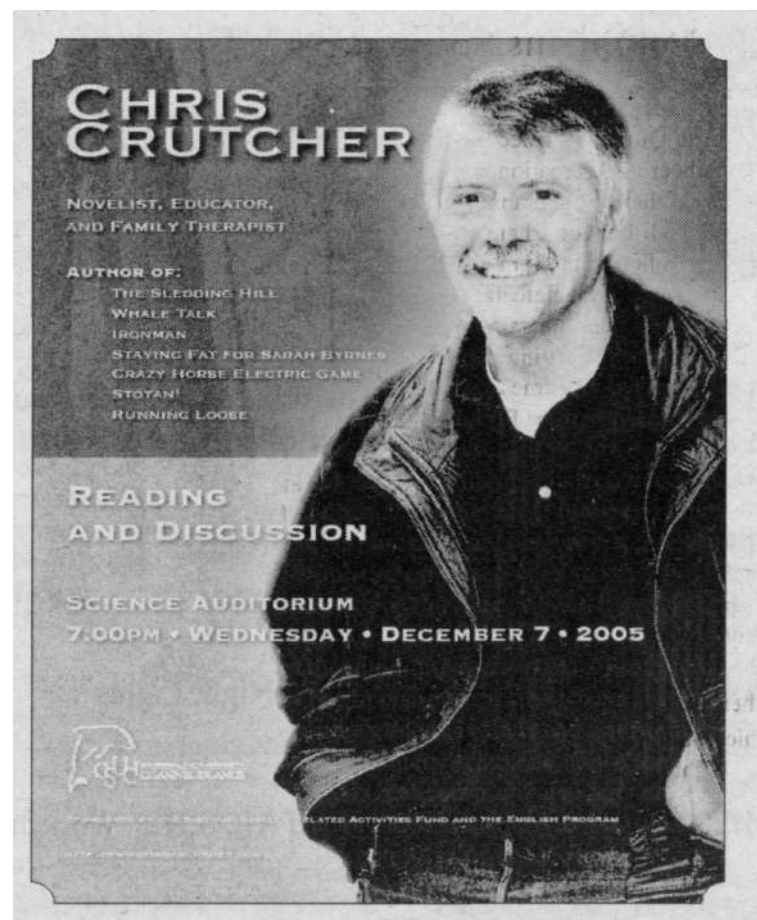
CSUCI was recently visited by a group of traveling actors known as The Actors from the London Stage. This assortment of two female and three male actors came from London to perform in the states, as they do for the majority of the year. This year they were performing a Shakespearean play entitled *The Twelfth Night*, a comedy about the trials and tribulations of love, and the ride that such a feeling can take you on.

The Actors from the London Stage have visited our school in the past, however each time they come, the group features new faces. They are sponsored by a theatre company based in London who hires actors to travel to the states and perform a variety of plays. They travel light, bringing only one suitcase full of props. Their costumes consist only of hats and scarves to distinguish one character from another, and their props include a coat rack and a few umbrellas, which are used for a variety of purposes; a cane, a sword, and even a gun at one point in the play. The object of this approach is to guide the audience into focusing on the meaning of the playwright's words, rather than elaborate costumes and props.

I had the opportunity to attend a performance that the actors held on campus. They performed a few scenes from the play, and filled in the blanks for the scenes that they did not perform. The performance ended without the audience being able to see the ending, however many students who attended that night also attended their performance the next night at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts plaza where they were able to see the performance in its entirety.

The actors brought a range of talent to the play. They were all very experienced in theatre and most of them have performed on film and television as well. It was clear that the actors had a great understanding and appreciation for their work as well as for the work of any playwright whose play they perform. They answered questions, explained their reasoning behind their decisions as actors, and even told stories about past performances and their own lives.

The Actors from the London Stage and their performance helped to enhance the diversity of interest in our campus community and will most likely be returning next year. If you did not get the chance to attend their performance this time, then you will hopefully be able to see them next time around.



London Stage Actor Chris Donnelly performs in front of President's Circle

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11/1/2005 through 12/15/2005	The Giving Tree	Begins at 12:00 pm (Office of Student Leadership/Community)	Student Life Lounge
11/15/2005	Native American Heritage Monthly Event	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Mwg center)	Multicultural and Women's and Gender Center
11/17/2005	The Role of Symmetry and Physics in Nature	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm (Professor Geoff Dougherty)	Science Building Auditorium
11/17/2005	Coffee House	8:00 pm to 10:00 pm (Student Programming Board)	The University Hub
11/18/2005	Friday Night Fights	TBD (Student Programming Board)	The University Hub
12/1/2005	World AIDS Day Workshop	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Mwg Center)	Multicultural and Women's and Gender Center)

One Students Opinion: Learning About a Silent World

by Tamara Gershater

American Sign Language is one of the most amazing things I have ever learned about. Most people think it's just a bunch of deaf people flailing their hands through the air in attempt to communicate, and that it should not qualify as a foreign language. As I have learned through my ASL 1 class here at Channel Islands, this is far from the truth. American Sign Language in fact, contains classifiers, assigned conjunction use, regional and national vocabulary words, and even a structure all its own. It is not just a language, it is an entire culture.

Professor Marilyn Carpenter teaches her American Sign Language classes about appropriate facial expressions, mannerisms, and what is considered "rude" behavior in deaf communities, to fully prepare her students for communication with those who are deaf and hard of hearing. For instance, in a social setting with one or more deaf persons, it is important to sit at a round table or stand in a circle so that everyone can clearly see who is speaking and what signs they are using. We were also taught that it is polite to thank them and use their signs for the duration of that conversation rather than become defensive or feel insulted when a deaf person corrects a hearing person's signing,.

We learn all about the controversial debate surrounding the cochlear implant and how the language originated in France. The class gives students an opportunity to understand and experience the communication that occurs amongst those who survive in a silent world.

Carpenter also encourages her students to attend Deaf events, including Silent Weekend and Deaf Starbucks Night in Porter Ranch. Although I was far from fluent, I decided to attend Deaf Starbucks Night. I was so blown away at how quickly and effectively all of the people there were communicating using only their hands and facial expressions. Carpenter introduced me to a girl my age that was deaf and blind. The girl put her hands on top of mine and felt the movement of my signs and surprisingly, understood and responded perfectly. It was the most incredible experience. Watching this girl and being able to converse was something that I will never forget.

The class has truly enriched my understanding and respect for the Deaf community and given me many new perspectives on their culture, and even my own. ASL 1 is one of the best and most powerful classes I have taken here at CSUCI and I strongly encourage students to enroll in this experience for the Spring semester.



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