

A Single Vote Changing the World

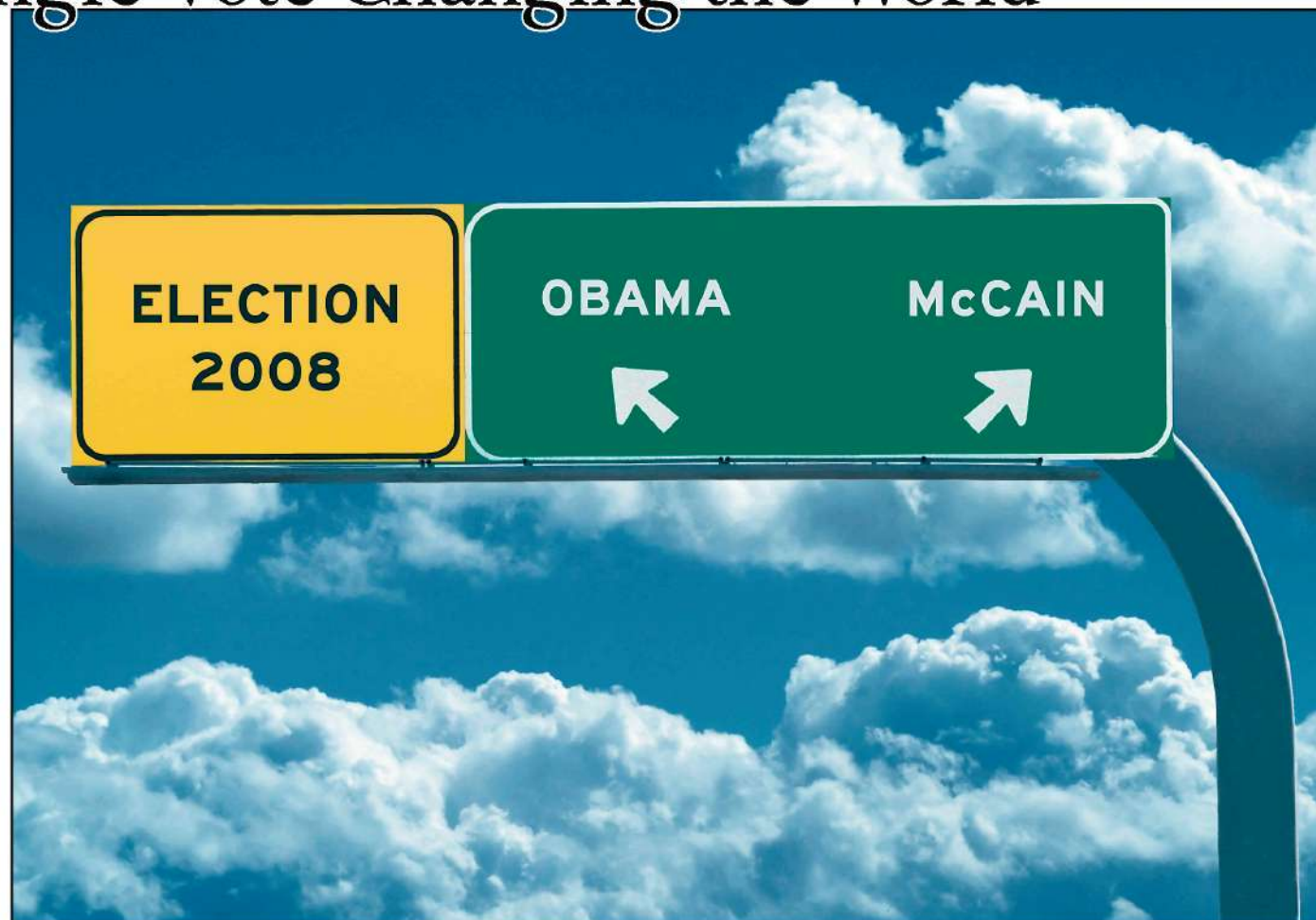
The 2008 Presidential Elections

By SHIRA MOSKOWITZ

Every four years America follows the Democratic and Republican parties very closely, watching, analyzing, criticizing, and waiting. This 2008 presidential race has certainly marked its place in history. America is now on the verge of knowing whether we will have our first African-American president, or our first woman vice president in office.

Senator Barack Obama and Senator Joe Biden Jr. make up the Democratic ticket this presidential election. Senator Barack Obama is a fresh face, which makes him appealing to many younger people. Student Heather Dangler said, "I plan on voting for Obama because it would be the first African American president. In times such as ours right now, I feel that we need change, and McCain is against change." If Senator Obama and Biden are elected, one of their first plans of action will be slowly removing soldiers in Iraq over a period of 16 months. Senator Obama stated in North Carolina on March 18, 2008, "I will end this war... because it is the right thing to do for our national security, and it will ultimately make us safer." Senator Obama and Biden are pro-choice when it comes to abortion, want to strengthen domestic violence laws, and plan to fight for equal pay for women. Lastly, Senators Obama and Biden plan on the government providing full health care coverage for every American, no matter what their circumstances are.

Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin are the two candidates who make up the Republican ticket this election. Most can recall the notorious shock when Senator McCain chose Governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin as his vice presi-



As election draws near every voice matters, which direction will you go?

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dential running mate. Many people believe that McCain chose Palin to capture the female voters, as well as the more conservative voters. A large number of people feel that Palin is not experienced enough to take on the duty of vice president since she was only the mayor of a city with less than 7,000 people. Others, however, are supportive of her. Freshmen Sophia Cotsis states, "As a woman, I feel McCain was very crafty to choose a woman vice president, when American had such high hopes for its first woman president." McCain and Palin strongly disagree with withdrawing troops from Iraq because they feel it is America's duty to stay in Iraq until the Iraqi people are safe. Senator McCain and Governor Palin feel that Roe V. Wade is flawed, and as President, Senator McCain states that he will "Nominate judges who understand

that courts should not be in business of legislating from the bench," meaning that the decision of abortion should be turned over to the individual states instead of the Supreme Court itself. Senator McCain and Governor Palin also plan on reinforcing the laws concerning sex offenders, stating that all sex offenders would have to register in an online account, which would be available to the law enforcement. Senator McCain says that once elected, he will reform health care, making it easier for families and individuals to obtain insurance, but does not believe the government should provide health care for everyone.

Every four years when the Presidential election comes, there is always the huge misconception that your vote will not count. People, especially young new

voters, tend to think, "It's just one vote, it won't even matter." But this assumption is extremely false. Every vote counts. Freshman Bianca Acosta states, "I truly feel that my vote will make a difference, and voting should be more talked about on campus." According to the Universal Voter Registration, 30% of eligible voters are not registered to vote. Let's not make CSUCI part of that statistic. If you are not registered to vote, you can go to www.rockthevote.com and register online. If you are not sure who to vote for, don't worry! You can visit <http://blogthings.com/shouldyouvoteformccainorobamaquiz> and after answering a few questions about your own political views, it will tell you which candidate is a possible best choice for you. Remember that it is a privilege to vote, not a right. Let your voice be heard this November 4, 2008, and vote!

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Tristan Cassel is a senior art major and the Graphics Editor for the C.I. View, and has also spent time working for the Nautical Yearbook and the Student Programming Board. He has had a wireless chip installed in his brain so he's never disconnected from the Internet, and he likes to play ice hockey and design artsy things that look good. His favorite color is #0072bc.

**Eva Klein, Editor-in-Chief**

Eva Klein is going into her junior year at CSUCI. She is majoring in Liberal Studies and has been interested in journalism since high school. She worked on her high school newspaper staff for two years and is happy that she can continue to pursue her interest in journalism here at Channel Islands. Eva has many goals for the paper this year and is very excited to see them all come to fruition. In her spare time Eva likes to workout, go to yoga class, hang out in the New Student Center with her friends, or go back to her hometown, The Antelope Valley, to visit her family. Eva worked in the New Student Center in the fall of 2007 as a peer mentor and also worked as an orientation leader for the last 2 summers. As a resident of Anacapa Village, Eva hopes to be able to address issues within the paper that reflect CI and the happenings that affect students, faculty and staff members. If you are interested in working for the CI View this year, feel free to contact Eva as she is always excited to speak with students who share the same passion for journalism that she has.

**Michael Williams, Business Manager**

Michael Williams is currently a senior communication major here at CI who is excited to be graduating this year. Michael joined the CI View to become a better journalist as well as to help students have their voices heard. In his free time Michael likes going for coastal drives, playing volleyball, and watching MTV. Michael is super excited this year and hopes that students enjoy this year's publication. In the future he would like to work at the state capitol or somewhere in which he can truly make a difference in people's lives.

**Erica Roundy, Managing Editor**

Erica Roundy is entering her fourth year at CSUCI, and will graduate in May 2009 as a Psychology major and a Business minor. She has lived on-campus in Anacapa Village for the past three years, and feels that living on-campus is the best way to meet new people and to get involved. Besides working hard on schoolwork, some other school activities that Erica is involved with include being a Senator for CSUCI's Student Government, being the Treasurer for the Gamma Beta Phi Society, and being an active member of both the Psychology Club and Psy Chi. She feels that her involvement on campus has broadened her horizons and expanded her social network in ways that she never could have imagined. During the times that Erica is not busy working or volunteering, she enjoys working out at the gym, being with her friends, dancing, going to the hot tub, shopping, listening to music, and consuming mass quantities of peanut butter. She is currently in the process of applying to California Lutheran University's Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy, which she will enter in the Fall of 2009.

**Eric Suliga, Layout Editor**

Eric Suliga is a senior here at CSU Channel Islands. He is graduating in December with a degree in Studio Art and in Communication. His journey here at CI started 4.5 years ago as a Freshman coming from the nearby city of Simi Valley. Since he has been here at CI he has gained a lot of different experience and had some great memories. Eric started the Nautical Yearbook with Shawn Mulchay and was a Resident Assistant for three years in Anacapa Village. He has brought his technical skills of photography and design to the CI View for one reason: to make the CI View a must read and make it look good in the process. If you get a chance to meet Eric in person do not be surprised with many of his nerdy tendencies and feel free to enjoy them as much as he does. In the future Eric plans on attending Notre Dame for grad school in the design program. He one day hopes to be the lead designer for an advertising agency, with specific goals of socially conscious design and socially responsible products that he can be personally proud of and support.



Thank You for Smoking?

By APRIL BURGER

Housing residents moved in this semester to friendly faces, welcoming staff and...no smoking section. Over this summer, Housing and Residential Education decided to close the smoking section located near the A building of Anacapa Village. As a Student Government Senator and Resident Assistant in Santa Cruz Village, I can say that there is now a major smoking issue. Representing my constituency in Santa Cruz Village, I sought to answer the questions of the students.

I sat down with Cindy Derrico, the Director of Housing, to find out what the reasons were for closing the smoking section and what is currently being done to address this issue. Ms. Derrico said that there were several reasons for closing it but the main reasons were cleanliness of the area, not wanting to promote an unhealthy habit, addressing the complaints of residents from A building, and to deter illegal activity that had taken place there.

As for what is currently being done, this issue was brought to the attention of Dr. Sawyer, Vice President of Student Affairs and has been addressed to the President's Cabinet. Currently, a smoking task force is being created so that the campus can decide what smoking policies will remain, change and be enforced. As of right now it stands that CSU Systemwide Policy Statement Regarding Smoking on University Premises (Executive Order 599) states that smoking is prohibited in all California State University Channel Islands work locations and buildings, including but not limited to meeting rooms, conference facilities, classrooms and student des-

ignated buildings such as housing. Designated smoking areas are those areas that exceed 50 feet beyond any inhabited structure on the campus.

I went around campus and to find out what the overall feel was from students about smoking on campus. When asked how they felt about the smoking issue, commuter student Hannah Markham said "It isn't an issue for me; I didn't even know there was one." She later on went to say that finding a place to smoke is not difficult for her. Then I asked a Santa Cruz Village housing resident what their thoughts were on the subject. Resident Julia Clayborn said, "I feel bad seeing cigarette butts in the grass or at the tables. I think some sort of citation should be given to people who litter their butts." She also talked about the need for trashcans that smokers can put their butts in. The overall feel from students is that commuters don't believe the smoking issue is bad. They choose to smoke outside, commonly by the Bell Tower entrance and the South Quad (which, technically is not in compliance with University policy). With housing students, some simply want to know where they are allowed to smoke and others want a designated smoking section.

The future look of smoking on this campus remains to be seen but it's encouraging to know that the issue has been made aware of and that steps are being taken to resolve it. Whether it means just keeping policy as is or having designated areas created and changing campus policy, the campus is taking steps to resolve this issue in a fair and timely manner.

Sustainability on Campus

By BAILEY DONAHUE

Lately, sustainability has become a buzz word and a marketing tactic like its sister word "green." I am sure you have often heard things like sustainable building, sustainable agriculture, and sustainable fisheries. What does sustainability mean and why is it important? Put plainly, it is the ability to meet our needs without jeopardizing the needs of future generations. There is an old Kenyan proverb that states "treat your earth well, for it has not been given to you by your parents rather it was lent to you by your children." With this in mind we have to change our perspective, realize our resources are finite, and adjust our actions in order to sustain, if not enhance our planet.

This is not always easy. However, there are things all of us can do in order to better our environment. Throughout the school year we will provide you with the knowledge, understanding, and opportunities to make choices that will maintain the health of our community. We will also look at what our school, community, and you can do in an effort to become more sustainable. We have a responsibility as humans to make wiser choices that will provide our future generations with the same benefits, resources, and environment that was bestowed upon us. My goal is to instill a sense of accountability among our campus because with social change will come environmental change and that's all this environmentalist can ask for.

As a "green campus" I believe we should make more of an effort to protect our environment and preserve it for future generations. An easy first step would be for our campus to band together and help in the removal of litter on our local beaches. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at bailey.donahue950@dolphin.csuci.edu.

Letter from the Editor

By EVA KLEIN

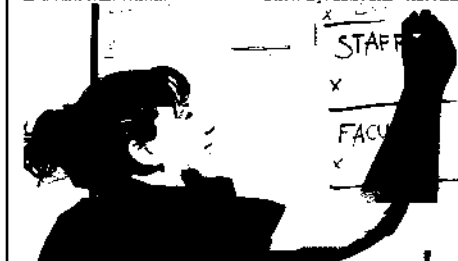
First off, I want to say welcome back to the students, faculty and staff of California State University Channel Islands. As the new editor-in-chief of this student publication, I have the honor of writing an editorial each issue. When I began thinking about this particular issue, I found myself saying, "Well, what better topic to address than the controversial election that is rapidly approaching?!" So here it is, my two cents on the upcoming election, and no- I'm not going to tell you who to vote for or who I want to be the next president. I simply just want to tell you, the students, the future, to actually get out there and vote.

The fact of the matter is this: if you don't vote, you don't have a voice. It's plain and simple. If you do not vote, you do have the right to complain about something that the government is doing that you do not agree with. I understand that there has already been popular campaigns that encourage the youth of America to vote—such as the "Rock the Vote" campaign—and you may be thinking, "Eva, why are you writing about this? We've heard it all before."

Well, I am writing to you because I want to motivate you to empower yourselves. Actions speak louder than words. So instead of promising to me (or yourselves for that matter) that you are going to vote this year, make it happen, and put forth the action. Take the initiative to look into the issues, make informative decisions and take that small step to vote that will make a big difference, because at the end of the day, every vote counts.

Eva edits some content

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Spotlight Meet Marilyn Carpenter

By EVA KLEIN

If you have ever taken American Sign Language at CSUCI, you have definitely had the opportunity of meeting Professor Marilyn Carpenter. Professor Carpenter has a rich background in sign language and has been signing for over 30 years. She has earned degrees in Communicative Disorders—Speech Pathology from CSU Northridge as well as a degree in Education, Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in Curriculum from California Lutheran University. Professor Carpenter also has a national qualified certification from the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Teachers Association.



When she isn't busy being the Lead Sign Language Interpreter for the deaf at Moorpark College or teaching her various American Sign Language classes both at Moorpark College and at CSUCI, Professor

Carpenter loves to snow ski, water ski and ride horses. Professor Carpenter also enjoys traveling all over the world, and has been to 32 different countries within the last 15 years! Something that most people may not know about Professor Carpenter is that she is a Licensed Cosmetologist, a certified Travel Agent, and devoted 10 years as a volleyball and basketball coach for girls in her community from ages ranging from 12 to 18 years old.

Why is Professor Carpenter at CI? Well, she felt like it was a great opportunity for her to expand the exposure of cultural diversities by utilizing her experience and background to the students of a new emerging campus. Professor Carpenter says, "It has been an absolute pleasure being a part of a new campus, and I value the opportunity I have been given to pass on years of my experience and passion to our future leaders." With a husband, two daughters, and five grandchildren, Marilyn Carpenter continues to be an amazing teacher to all who have the pleasure of knowing her and taking her classes.



Element Coffee scheduled to open mid October

Photo By: TRISTAN CASSEL

Got Coffee?

By EVA KLEIN, AMIRA ELKASHEF

Its 8:45am and you have just gotten to school after a long night studying for your exam that you completely forgot about until late last night. If you're like me, then you need a quick pick me up, i.e. — you need coffee and you need it now! Well, now that the Java Hut is closed, many students question where to go for their coffee needs. The good news is, that there is a new coffee shop opening up on campus! Element Coffee shop located in the Broome Library will soon be your next one-stop shop for everything coffee.

Owner of Element Coffee, Zach Bancorost, is excited for the new shop to finally open on our very own campus. "We treat our coffee as a culinary art, and serve it with a smile," says Bancorost. All of the coffee that is served at Element is organic and roasted by the 4th ranked best roaster in the country. When it comes to quality, Bancorost believes it is a top priority and explains, "We offer fresh baked pastries and bagels daily and all of our baristas are trained very well to offer the best service." Element's dedication to quality extends into the very components of their drinks, as they make all of their own vanilla and chocolate sauces

on site. "We are just passionate about what we do," says Bancorost.

It seems perfect that Element is opening up on our 'green' campus; especially considering their commitment to sustainability. "All of our cups are made with biodegradable materials and we try to limit our use of plastics by using glass bottles," explains Bancorost. They even offer stainless steel, reusable containers with their logo on them for purchase.

The environment of Element is sure to be very inviting. There will be tables and chairs and even a conference-type table. The overall atmosphere will fit in with the industrial look of the Broome Library, but the feel will be different. Element will be sure to offer students, faculty, staff and community members a place to come get coffee and relax. If you want to get a preview of what is to come, you can visit the original location of Element which is located at 2364 Ventura Boulevard just minutes away from campus and keep a lookout for the grand opening of Element Coffee here at Cal State University Channel Islands.

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Campus Crisis

By NATASHA BAKER

Parking. Parking. Parking. It's what we have all been talking about since the first day of school. As students, our main focus should be reading and studying for our classes, but instead we are worrying about finding a place to park in order to make it to class on time. At times, it seems as if there is virtually no where on campus to park. Our campus is growing at a rapid and unexpected speed, and our parking lots are filling up faster than ever before. Our campus community is aware of the parking issue and is doing all that they can to help with this parking crunch. In a collaborative effort, Student Government, OPC, and Police and Parking Services, are doing everything in their power to make this situation bearable for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. First, OPC is cooperating by minimizing the construction impact on parking spaces by taking a step by step approach. For example, if we lose fifty spaces, OPC will add at least fifty new spaces. Gravel is being laid down for construction of temporary (and well-lit) lots that will lessen the burden of reduced parking spaces. Second, Police and Parking Services are promoting alternative modes of transportation including the VISTA bus, carpooling, and Park and Ride. Since September 24th, The VISTA bus shuttle cards have been available to students, faculty, and staff for \$16.75 for the remainder of the semester. Alternatively, carpooling groups can be set up on the CSUCI website under Police and Parking Services, or students/faculty can simply form their

own carpool group with nearby classmates/co-workers. Also, Park and Ride participants can meet and park at the Lewis Road metrolink station (including the Dawson side), and then drive to campus from there. Think of the spaces saved if four cars parked at the metrolink station and only one car entered our campus to park!

For those of you who already have a parking permit, you can still take advantage of these opportunities. If you choose to surrender your parking permit, Police and Parking Services still has some incentives for you. If you turn in your parking permit, you will receive 50% of the original price you paid as your refund payment. Also, the first 100 students and the first 100 faculty/staff will receive gift certificates from one of the following locations: Target, Tony's Pizza (across from the Metrolink Station), In-N-Out, or Edwards Cinemas. To return your parking permit, stop by Police and Parking Services to choose an alternate mode of transportation, return your permit, complete a refund permit form, and then pick up your gift certificate!

Despite the rumors you may have heard, the campus is not sold out of parking permits nor is it revoking them from students who have already purchased them. It is your choice whether or not you keep your parking permit. However, this parking crunch can not be solved without the help of our entire campus. It is up to you to minimize this parking crisis!

Parking lots full during middle of day

Photo By: TRISTAN CASSEL



New Student Union



Students head to class in the Belltower

Photo By: TRISTAN CASSEL

A Groundbreaking Event

By ERICA ROUNDY

The New Student Union, once only a distant dream, is finally becoming a reality. The official groundbreaking ceremony—complete with hard hats and shovels—is tentatively set for Thursday, November 6.

Along with the actual groundbreaking, there will be informational speeches regarding the planning and progress of the Student Union, food, and giveaways. Students will also have the opportunity to fill a glass jar with inaugural dirt from the Student Union ground site.

"It's exciting to see it finally happening!" exclaims Chelsee Benté, Associated Students, Inc. Chair. "I remember hearing about it as a sophomore and thinking 'what is a student union?' and now it is actually here!"

The development of the Student Union began in 2005 when an outside consultant was brought in to see what could be accomplished with the space formally occupied by the old library. Work continued into 2006, including presenting the location to the Physical Master Plan Committee and the University Planning and Coordinating Council in Fall 2006. The location for the new Student Union

was approved by both entities, which permitted ASI to continue with the referendum and planning process. In November 2006, students voted on the issue and the referendum passed by an overwhelming 73%. With the referendum passed, ASI was approved to begin the planning and design process which lasted from 2007 into 2008. Currently, the Student Union is being furnished and a food vendor is being selected. The Student Union is scheduled to open in Fall 2009.

The Student Union is going to be complete with a coffee bar, food vendor service, a large programming space for events, convenience store, game room, lounge space, study space, and a revamped courtyard. The ASI suite (Student Government, SPB, The Nautical, and the CI View) will also be located there, as well as clubs and organizations.

"The bottom line has been that there has been a lot of energy put into this all over campus," continues Benté. "Staff, students, faculty...everyone has contributed to this effort and have been really forward-thinking to make it a great place that students will want to be!"

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Top 10

Costume Ideas
as suggested by the CI View Staff

- 1) The Joker (from The Dark Knight)
- 2) Human Big Mac Sandwich
- 3) Pirate/Pirate Wench
- 4) Hanna Montana
- 5) Jackie Moon from Semi-Pro
- 6) Indiana Jones
- 7) The "I'm going as myself!" look
- 8) Borat "Mankini"
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Alumni Notes: Appreciate the hard work

By Krist Wilbur
Alumni '08

They (whoever "they" are) tell you to enjoy college, to have fun. So I did just that. In fact, I enjoyed it so much I went straight back into a graduate program at CLU to earn my MS in Counseling and Guidance, College Student Personnel. At first, I was nervous about the program and the amount of work I would be expected to do, but now that I'm a few weeks in, my fears have been assuaged. CSUCI really prepared me for the next step in my life. Even though my classmates sometimes complain about the amount of reading and writing required of us, I never do. While I was a student in the English program at Channel Islands, a lot was demanded from me and I hoped it would be worth it.

Let me tell you, it's worth it. Know that your hard work and effort will be put to good use when you graduate.

My advice for the current students at CSUCI, both the ones who have been there for a while as well as the ones who are new to the dolphin family this semester, is this: make the best of your time in college. Appreciate the hard work (because it only gets harder!). Make friends. Don't be afraid to try new things, to take risks. While I was at Channel Islands, I challenged myself to do things that were once hard, like speaking up for what was right and doing the right thing even when no one was looking, and those things gave me the ability to be confident and proud as I transition into the workforce and into the world.

My other piece of advice? Take lots of pictures. I can't transport myself back in time, but I've got the pictures to prove that even though it was hard, it was amazingly, crazily, awesomely fun in the end.

Smells of Campus A Peek at Our Campus' Unique Olfactory Experience

By TRISTAN CASSEL

If you've ever walked around the CI campus, then you're well aware that we have some pretty unique smells. There's the pungent scent of onions, the musky odor of cilantro, and the wonderful smell of rotting vegetation—all courtesy of the surrounding agricultural fields. Sometimes you can even catch a whiff of ocean breeze! Then there's the University Hub, where our own CI View offices are located. On a good day, if you're lucky, you get to experience some fresh air. Most of the time however, the place smells like you just walked into a sewer. According to Tim Allen, a senior business major who also happens to work for the Student Programming Board, "Working at the Hub loses its glamour the first time you walk here and smell that wonderful processing plant." The University Hub is located by a processing plant and local fields, both of which contribute to the unique smell.

However, not all the smells on campus are bad. "I was in the 88 parking lot by the Bell Tower last spring, and they've got some sort of plant there that when you walk by it, it totally makes up for the sewage smell," Allen says.

On top of that, most students would agree that the smells wafting out of the Islands café smell pretty delicious. "There's some good smells like when you're walking towards Islands café...amazing!" says Wendy Morrison, a senior English major.

Raymond Ballesteros, a senior psychology major, echoes those sentiments. "The school has an intense variety of smells. Most preferably I like to go to the Caf, because it's just the smell of fried food that makes me hungry during lunchtime," Ballesteros explains.

So look around and follow your nose. You might just smell something worthwhile.

Short Description of Image Above

Photo By: TRISTAN CASSEL



Tortillas Grill and Cantina Opens Its Doors to CI

By **TIM ALLEN**

If you're an individual that drives in to campus, sleeps through class, and then immediately drives home, you might not be aware that there's finally an alternative to the on-campus cafeteria known as the Islands Café (provided by Sodexo). After all the hassle surrounding the Town Center's construction, the first restaurant has moved in...and it has a shiny new liquor license! Local brothers George and Henry Pantoja are at the helm of Tortillas Grill and Cantina, with additional hands-on support from family members.

Tortillas fully opened their doors to the public in early September, with a soft opening in late August. The food menu is approximately ten items large with choices such as burritos, quesadillas, salads, nachos, tacos, and even a churro. Prices are on par with Sodexo but with much higher quality food and service. Tortillas currently has three beers on tap: Pyramid's Hefeweizen and Dos Equis at \$4.00 per pint, Red Trolley for \$3.50 per pint, and a local microbrew on the way for a planned \$4.00 per pint. The restaurant also has a wide selection of bottled beer and, best of all, margaritas are coming soon.

I ordered the Del Mar Burrito with shrimp, a more premium item, and the total came to \$10.23 with a soda. If you're looking for less expensive options, vegetarian nachos and quesadillas are \$5.50 and \$5.25 respectively and tacos start at \$2.45 each. The chips that come with these items are more than sufficient, especially with the generous fresh salsa bar. Bottom line: the CI population now has a legitimate dining option other than the cafeteria. So, if you're looking to pay prices on par with Sodexo but with a quality and service upgrade, I recommend making the trek to the other side of the library to check them out.

You can visit their official website at www.tortillasgrill.com, but unlike the restaurant, it's still under construction. Hours are currently set for 11-9 Monday through Friday and 10-8 for Saturday and Sunday, which is great for the residents who can't make the brutal 7 PM closing of the cafeteria on weekends. Catering and breakfast options are coming soon, along with a possibility of delivery. You can give Tortillas a call at (805) 445-9696.

Residence Halls at Capacity

By **TRISTAN CASSEL**

If you've noticed that the lines at the Islands Café seem longer, your classes seem fuller, or that there just seems to be more people around, you're not alone. The Residence Halls are full this year, with 798 out of 804 possible bed spaces filled. According to official Housing and Residential Education figures, 22.6% of all undergrads live on campus, including 68.5% of all freshmen. The impact on lines at the café and class size has been noticeable, but what about the rest of the campus?

Nathan Avery, Coordinator of Campus Recreation, said that the facilities at the gym haven't been too badly affected. "We would like to have more students come by the Rec Center to look at our schedule... but we don't see where there's too much participation... In the past commuters would just go home but now we see more participation on the weekends."

With student housing full, not everyone is fully adjusted to the change. Amanda Estrella, a senior English major who lives in Anacapa Village, thinks that housing parking should be restricted. "Housing is really full and there are a lot of parking problems, and I don't think freshmen should be allowed to drive."

Freshmen of course, might not agree with that statement, but it seems to be a growing sentiment within Anacapa Village. Another student still getting used to the changes around housing is Clifford

Hughes, a junior art history major who also lives in Anacapa Village. "There's way to many people...It's turning into just another CSU...With growing schools of course you get the benefits of more classes and all that, but I like the small classes."

So how did the Residence Halls wind up being so full this year? Cindy Derrico, Director of Housing and Residential Education, was able to provide some insight on the situation. "Our numbers (compared to last year's) were going neck and neck until the first week of August when our contracts and application began to take a bigger increase."

"In the last two weeks we had such a surge in applications and contracts that we had to fill every one of those spaces, we had to fill the RA unit, we had to put people in a staff unit, we had people coming in check-in weekend that did not have a contract...We just did everything possible to accommodate people...In the first week of school I think we had three or four people on the waiting list, and now we've now gotten all those people in except for one female," Derrico continues.

Housing expects the remaining female to be moved in next week. With all of the bed spaces filled in both Villages, many students look forward to the benefits of increased on-campus residential life. The negative effects of less parking options and longer lines in the Café are small prices to pay in exchange for the continued growth of campus.

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