There are no changes like MCC changes

Nima Assad
Asst. Editor in Chief

MiraCosta College, serving nearly 14,000 students in its first week, has made some significant changes oriented towards improving students’ educational outcomes.

With multiple new classes, MCC is venturing into state-of-the-art technology to provide students with employment preparation through the Career and Technical education program. With the help of dedicated faculty and advisors who analyze and predict emerging trends, curriculums such as CS 134: Mobile Device Application Development have been made possible. The course involves students programming applications for Android smartphones and ultimately publishing their classroom projects on the Android app market. Another notable course includes Automotive Technology 296-1: Hybrid Vehicle Automotive Service and Repair, in which students obtain a hands-on education in diagnosing and repairing cutting-edge in the automobile industry. After a not-for-credit pilot run, the course was found to be extremely successful, yielding unprecedented employment rates for the students involved. The class raises the bar in MCC’s commitment towards providing students with education relevant to the field.

In addition to record high enrollment, online courses have experienced a 50 percent increase in demand. Currently serving over 1,200 students, MCC’s online classrooms have proven to be an effective substitution for students struggling to schedule time for traditional classes. While the online experience uses a different style dependent on self-discipline, Dr. Rodriguez assures us that classes behind the computer are held to the same standards as their conventional counterparts.

With the non-smoking policy enacted for the first time this semester, Dr. Rodriguez expresses a good feeling upon seeing the numbers. As an advocate for smoking cessation, Dr. Rodriguez claims that the “campus is responding remarkably well,” citing that not a single citation has been issued thus far.

MiraCosta College faculty have also received state recognition for two different projects. With the potential to save nearly 18,000 gallons of city water, the rainwater harvesting program, designed by Horticulture Instructional Associate Jason Kubrock as well as Facilities Director Tom Macias, has been implemented in the Horticulture’s Oceanside greenhouses in effort to incorporate sustainable design on campus. Project One Can, introduced by ESL instructor Debbie Hanley and Service Learning Coordinator Carol Wilkinson, encouraged students to donate one can of food each week towards the MCC food pantry. In addition, the Aug. 28 Run for the Money fundraiser at the Del Mar Race Track turned out to be a success, raising $6,000 for the pantry. Assistance from the pantry is available to all students through the Service Learning program, Health Services or EOPS, all located in the Student Center on the Oceanside campus.

Dr. Rodriguez states that he is "proud of the wonderful diversity of students who are here and the work of staff, faculty, and administration" in serving the region with a great deal of integrity. He also is proud of the wonderful partnerships that MiraCosta College maintains in the community and ultimately strives to “keep economic pressures as far away from the classroom as possible and have students focus on their primary goal: an exemplary education.”
The Chariot

To preserve the freedom of the human mind then and forever, every spirit should be ready to devote itself to martyrdom; for as long as we may think as we will, and seek as we think, the condition of man will proceed in improvement.

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On Friday, September 9, a new parking machine was installed in lot 3C. The machine will benefit students by saving them up to $4 a semester. However, it will also benefit the college in the long run.

In late July, the MiraCosta College Board of Trustees approved the introduction of new parking machines at all of their campuses. The machines cost $36 a semester and will be available for those students who wish to use them. Students who would usually spend $36 a semester for parking will be able to save $32 a semester. That may not seem like a lot of money but a potential $4 a student adds up quickly.

In the next few months, students can expect to see more parking machines located throughout campus parking lots.

It will take a semester or two before students take full advantage of the new parking system that the Oceanside campus offers. Students just need to realize that the new parking program is there for their benefit, and that they should not hesitate in utilizing the service.

“Coming soon”

to the MCC Theatre

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs
Written and Directed by Traci Williams
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 6, Oct. 7, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2, Oct. 8, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.
Preview performance Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Theatre Building 2000, Oceanside Campus
General Admission $12, seniors/staff $10, Students $8
Preview Night, all seats $8.

“Important dates”

Sept. 23
Last day to apply for pass/no pass option
Nov. 11
Veterans Day (College closed)
Nov. 18
Last day to withdraw from classes without a grade
Nov. 24-25
Thanksgiving (College closed)
Dec. 12-17
Final Exams
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 College closed

“What's on campus”

MiraCosta College’s Oceanside campus is implementing a new parking system for students. As of August 22, MCC students have the option to pay for parking at two new machines, one located near the north campus clock tower, and another at the entrance to parking lot 3C. The current price of the semester long permit has increased to $36 and will still be available for those students who wish to buy it. The parking machines take either cash or quarters and charge students $1 a day for use. This allows for students who come to class one or two times a week to save money on parking during the semester. Students who attend class more than two times a week will benefit from the semester long pass. Those students who need to come to class but can’t afford a pass can still get the temporary free pass from the police kiosk as needed.

This parking system is new to the San Elijo campus. The San Elijo campus has had the program for six years, and the Community Learning Center has had the machines for eight years. The police say that the convenience of parking with these new machines will benefit the pockets of students and not the college. It will mean that MiraCosta College students will no longer have to pay the college’s hidden cost to keep them running. Students who would usually spend $36 a semester for parking will be able to save $32 a semester. That might not seem like a lot of money but a potential $4 a student adds up quickly.

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Capital punishment: murder or deterrent?

It’s the human way

Chris Neufeld
Staff Writer

I am going to start this week’s political debate by cutting straight to the point. I support capital punishment. There are several reasons why I support the death penalty as a form of punishment.

The first argument that many people throw out against the death penalty is that life in prison will be much more humane than taking another human being’s life. Well, what if that person killed someone while in prison? What would their punishment be then? The only punishment available for them is to lengthen their sentence or put them in solitary confinement. Since the first option is not available because the person is already serving a life sentence, then the latter is the only one available. Many people would say that if you lock them away in solitary confinement for their whole life, then the problem is solved. Executing is just too inhumane, is what people say. What’s inhumane is locking someone up in a cage for the rest of their animal.

Another argument that many people have against the death penalty is that it doesn’t allow for rehabilitation. As of right now, someone may only be faced with capital punishment if they are convicted of first degree murder. If someone commits a premeditated murder, there is very little to no hope of ever rehabilitating that person into a functioning society.

Capital punishment offers a very real punishment that people must consider before they take someone’s life. This leads me to my next point, and it is that the death penalty actually deters crime. Now, before you go and discredit my claim, as opponents to the death penalty would do, just hear me out. The studies that opponents to capital punishment use are all studies that are based in the United States. Using the U.S. as a point of study to see if the death penalty is deterring crime is flawed because the amount of actual executions compared to the number of people on death row is staggering. In Singapore, for example, the death penalty is almost always carried out when it is assigned to someone. In that country, there are far less serious crimes committed per capita than in the United States. Now, if we look at this fact, it seems to be that the fear of the punishment of death itself is deterring serious crimes in other countries. Here in the U.S. the average wait time is 11 years before the actual punishment is carried out.

The final thing I want to do while talking about why the death penalty should be allowed is to debunk the myth that it’s racist. Many ignorant people believe that capital punishment is unfairly targeted at non-Americans, and that the punishment is given to them more because of racism. This is false. The fact that 55 percent of the people who are on death row are white, and 45 percent are African American. It’s true, look it up.

While these arguments are only a few, they give a glimpse into the truth that we do, in fact, need the death penalty as a form of punishment in the U.S.

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

Capital punishment is morally wrong and should be banned federally. I don’t believe that we, as humans, have the right to take away something we did not give. We do not give life. I don’t need to take Human Sexuality. What I mean is that if I believe humans are not the ones who give life, God gave us life. He should be the one who takes it, it is not up to us to determine. At the same time I want to make it perfectly clear that if my life were in danger I would take a life to protect my own life or the life of someone around me. You come into my house with a knife saying you are going to slit my throat and hope that the police get there before I do, because you sure as hell wouldn’t get to him. When someone is already in jail they are prevented from committing another crime. There is no immediate danger and no need to take that person’s life. I am also not saying that if someone killed my brother I wouldn’t want him or her to die with every fiber in my body. What I’m saying is that just because we want them dead doesn’t mean it will make it better. A few of you have already started arguing with me in your head, but I ask only one thing (or at least the only thing all sides should agree on), leave religion out of elections. Since the Second Amendment has come through virtually unscathed from attacks by folks just hoping for a little restraint (or at the least, accountability), I am confident the First Amendment will continue to be perceived as justly separating church and state. Since we are trying to elect leaders who will represent all citizens, not just Christians, citing Bible verses in a political debate declares an issue on which the debater is biased and therefore any debate concerning he/she uses to come to conclusions should be rendered invalid.

Education Benefits.
This means
Brandon Hawley
A Concerned Veteran

“Lockup” too. This is a true and heartbreaking fact I cannot overlook. If put in jail and the person continued to kill, then I suggest putting them in “The SHU.” This is where inmates are allowed to go outside for an hour but must must house alone and have no contact with any other inmates at any time or contact with guards when he or she is not cuffed. It sounds as though it is immoral, but don’t you think taking away someone’s life is worse?

While someone is in jail, believe, we need to get them into a rehabilitation program. I know that my Republican partner in crime, Christopher, believes that rehabilitation doesn’t work. I agree with Christopher that it could be difficult to rehabilitate that person into a functioning society, but that is not what I’m advocating for. If we could rehabilitate them into being able to function in a jail setting instead of living their life in the SHU or not living their life at all, isn’t it worth a try? I do not believe that when we put someone in the SHU that we are treating them like animals. Instead, we are trying to ensure the safety of other inmates. It is not possible to keep a murderer in a situation where he or she will murder. I’m not stupid.

In the end I do believe we need the death penalty. Murdering people who murder people to show that what people say. What’s inhumane is locking someone up in a cage for the rest of their life and treating them like animals.

The numbers are also off, and the statistics on students’ plans on attacking other people’s beliefs are just regurgitated from the original posted information). The quote from the President and the statistics on students were just regurgitated from the President’s newsletter in April of this year, prior to the Fall semester and are in no way indicative of the current situation (A simple google search of Veteran’s Benefits and Miracosta will direct you to the original posted information). The numbers are also off, and the Veterans Services office will tell you readily that they have nearly 800 veterans students this semester, not the 540 from the newsletter, thus the difference is not 40%, but closer to 15% over these last 3 years. With such a huge flood of new students, did the administration hire extra staff? No. The administration’s solution was to pull someone already working in another department to work part-time, regardless of this other employee’s lack of knowledge about Veteran’s benefits.

If anyone needs further proof of the next national election will be the only vote you need to read David Salyer’s editorial in the 8/29/11 edition of The Chariot. While the last national election was certainly historic, this election will go even further to bring out the worst of way too many people. While I applaud Mr. Salyer’s obviously being what MCC’s Professor Chira would refer to as a member of the “attentive public,” it is unfortunate that he has come to the conclusion that attacking other people’s beliefs is an appropriate response to something he disagrees with. Attacking may be the theme of the next 14 months – Rick Perry plans on attacking the Constitution, Michele Bachmann plans on attacking porn, and I have no doubt Sarah Palin plans on attacking Perry & Bachman. And everyone will continue to attack President Obama, of course.

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Julia Morrow
Boys, it’s time for us to take a stand. Ass-kickers are chicks! Step aside. Good think about this film: the main are actually on the same team. Another of fairy-tale stories that have been. First one, I still laughed. It should be. Don’t remember anything about the. Though it’s a sequel. Seeing how I. Like to think of it more along the lines. Smarter than the average bear. Even. Some of the jokes are quick and. To really be able to laugh throughout. Be in the right frame of mind though. It. Wicked awesome inside jokes in the. It with and you will have some pretty. Feel like the people you are watching. Lambs.” You know those movies. Lines such as “I’m the prettiest ballerina. Funny movie. They have ridiculous. Characters who want to spend their birthday at. Someplace other than Vista Public Park or Chuck E. Cheese’s. This facility offers specials for individuals who are having a birthday party. One of their specials includes a two hour birthday package that is fully loaded! This includes three games of laser tag per guest, a designated party room and a host, pizzas and soft drinks, an arena Marshall and a free game pass of laser tag for the birthday child. The price includes a party that includes all of this up to nine players is $199, and $19 for any additional players after that. Now I know that most of the students her won’t have a birthday party at this place, but that doesn’t matter because there is a lot of fun to be had by college aged people at Invasion Laser Tag. The price for an individual game is $7 per person, with a special of $18 for the group. The closest indoor laser tag facility that offers the same amount of fun is located the all ways in San Diego. Now people don’t have to spend so much mony as gas just to go and play a quick game of laser tag. So, if you are looking for a great way to spend some time with friends or family, then I highly recommend Invasion Laser Tag.

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**Tag you’re it**

Christopher Neufeld
Staff Writer

Laser tag is awesome, let’s face it. Now, there has been a lot of speculation that there is no laser tag to be played here in North County. I, Christopher Neufeld, am here to tell you differently. A new laser tag facility opened up on Aug. 15 in San Marcos. Invasion Laser Tag is a family owned business. The couple that, as the newly established facility is a married couple named Kevin and Browny Caster. For those of you MiraCosta College students who don’t want to spend a whole lot of money, you are in luck. If you love the thrill of running through a maze and not knowing where you are, with enemy teams shooting at you, Invasion Laser Tag is for you. This place has it all: smoke screen makers, black lights and all the different game styles you could ask for. From team death match to free for all, to capture the flag and everything in between, Invasion Laser Tag has something for everyone.

This place has so much for people who want to spend their birthday at Invasion Laser Tag.

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**Watching**

Winnie the Pooh
It isn’t

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

“Hoodwinked Two” is a pretty funny movie. They have ridiculous lines such as “I’m the prettiest ballerina in the muffin basket” and even made references to “The Silence of the Lambs.” You know those movies where you watch it and you can just feel like the people you are watching with and you will have some pretty wicked awesome inside jokes in the end! This is one of them. You have to be in the right frame of mind though. It takes a certain, absent-minded feeling to really be able to laugh throughout the whole thing. Don’t get me wrong, some of the jokes are quick and smarter than the average bear. Even still it is an animated movie so keep that in mind. As far as bringing your little ones, it is no “Winnie The Pooh.”

I like to think of it more along the lines of “Shrek.”

You don’t have to know much about the first movie to watch this one, even though it’s a sequel. Seeing how I don’t remember anything about the first one, I still laughed. It should be noted, though, that this is a collection of fairy-tale stories that have been pushed all together and definitely skewed along the way. For example, the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood are actually on the same team. Another good think about this film: the main ass-kickers are chicks! Step aside boys, it’s time for us to take a stand and go on our own adventure.

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**Watching**

Don’t know what to do with this. Wilfred. Everything has to do with everything. Ryan.

Dolin Animation and Drawing by DK. Pictures Inc. is featured in “App Store Essentials Painting and Drawing.” It is a drawing and animation tool that is available for $3.50 from the Apple App Store. The hardware requirements for this are an i-Pad running iOS 3.2 or later. The current version is rated at 4+ stars out of 5 at the APP Store.

This app can do animation right from the moment you start using it. You interact with a simple menu to select a pen or a brush to work with, set the color and start drawing with your fingers. It has a good lineup feature where you can send animations and drawings right to your private site or to the DoInk site where you are able to offer your artwork for sale to other users. When you are sketching, you are drawing vector graphics which can be exported to professional programs like Adobe Illustrator. It supports exporting the animations as 32 bit video up to 1024x768 in size. In addition to the flip book animations which are simple, but crude, it offers more advanced animation features such as paths, fill and vector manipulation and copying. You will get a lot for a small amount of cash with this app. Sketch, paint and animate at your fingertips with your i-Pad.

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**Watching**

Hey what are you DoInk?

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

You may think you are too old to have fun at Disneyland but either you’re not or I’m in denial. I’m not in denial. I suggest an annual pass. I agree, annual passes are expensive, but they now have a special program that you can pay monthly instead of all at once. No need to sell a kidney. Did you know that there is a hidden Mickey Mouse on each ride? When you go, try looking for some. I’ll start you off by saying that the hidden Mickey in the Haunted Mansion is located in the Dining room.

Disneyland also has some pretty serious pin traders. People are hanging out in select spots, especially on Sunday, with nothing but bags, briefcases and lanyards full of pins, pins, and guess what? More pins. To make matters worse, there is a lot of fun to be had by college aged people at Invasion Laser Tag. The price for an individual game is $7 per person, with a special of $18 for the group. The closest indoor laser tag facility that offers the same amount of fun is located the all ways in San Diego. Now people don’t have to spend so much mony as gas just to go and play a quick game of laser tag. So, if you are looking for a great way to spend some time with friends or family, then I highly recommend Invasion Laser Tag.

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The Horticulture Department, located across from staff parking lot 3E in building 7000, is an isolated and often underappreciated oasis on the outskirts of the Oceanside campus. Surrounded with a diverse garden complete with orchards and vineyards in addition to multiple greenhouses and hydroponic systems, horticulture offers students a hands-on approach towards learning.

Earlier this month, the Horticulture department’s Jason Kubrock and the Facilities Director Tom Macias received state recognition for their development and integration of a rainwater harvesting program, in which rain landing on the rooftops of the greenhouses is diverted and reused for irrigation. Mrs. Claire Ehringer and Mrs. Megan Fairleigh of the Horticulture Department claim that rainwater is actually the best water available for the plants in that it has a prime pH and is void of potentially harmful totally dissolved solids and minerals common in tap. While storage of the water is relatively expensive at roughly $1 per gallon, the innovative concept none the less reflects the department’s emphasis on water conservation and renewable energy design.

In addition to their rainwater harvesting program, the Horticulture Department has partnered with the Oceanside campus cafeteria in attempts to demonstrate the use of sustainable design on campus. Compost materials from the cafeteria, such as coffee grounds, unused lettuce and vegetable trimmings, are given to horticulture, who in turn provide the cafeteria with fresh herb, including parsley, paisley and chardons. Ehringer and Fairleigh tell us that their goal is to nourish the herb garden on 100 percent organic tea compost, which would make it one of few in the country.

One of Horticulture’s recurring projects on campus is the flower installation around the fountain across from the library. The students of Hort 121: Landscape Management, partnered with Grounds Maintenance, design the arrangements and plant the flowers every Spring. In addition, Hort 110: Basic Horticulture and Grounds Maintenance are responsible for replacing the turf grass with the low-water Mediterranean and California native plant concept garden surrounding the Architecture display near the 4500 buildings. Still to be implemented is a design by Hort 230: Landscape Architecture, in which a flower bed will be placed along student lot 4C. Horticulture also designed its own landscape, a hillside full of flower gardens on the path to the department building, with a high degree of student involvement in planting, propagating, and designing the project. Horticulture will be partnering with Q’ero, an Encianitas restaurant, to provide Peruvian peppers from imported seeds in exchange for buy-back at market price and the opportunity to eat the produce that the students yield.

The department has also taken students on a variety of field trips, ranging from Petco Park for Hort 132: Turf Management, to organic farms, industry offices, botanical gardens, greenhouses and irrigation manufacturers. Horticulture will be partnering with the Architecture Department this semester to create an interdisciplinary event for students to visit the Getty Museum in Los Angeles and interpret landscape, as well as architectural, design.

Hort 116: Plant Science, offers transfer students an opportunity to experience the full breadth of Horticulture while satisfying the Life Science with lab general education requirement. Another opportunity to get involved with the program is volunteering. Ehringer and Fairleigh tell us that there is always work to be done for students who are willing, inviting students to come down to the front desk of the horticulture building for openings.

As part of the Career and Technical Education Program, the department has a strong emphasis on job preparation. Fairleigh, having worked years in the field before teaching, claims “my job is to get my students jobs.” She emphasizes the need to teach information that is “relevant and current; applicable to industry.” Horticulture alumni have gone on to work at the Hotel Del, Legoland, Disneyland and the Botanical Garden. The department is also home to the only viticulture program in San Diego County and has educated many figureheads in the wine-making industry.

The Horticulture Nursery, key in financing horticulture’s supplies and experiments, showcases student work and is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
The sound of music makes “mischief in my soul”

Music makes my life feel normal sometimes because it is a universal language. It is the way I tend to sync my mind with my body. It is such a strong package of feelings that are involved with every note, and I’m sure that I’m not the only one who feels that way about it. When I hear music I feel a rollercoaster of emotions. I think it is capable of making you feel things you haven’t even felt before in your life. Music can make anyone feel like they are in love or like they are brokenhearted. If we were all to relate love to a song, I am sure every human would have a song picked out — no matter what culture or belief.

Different notes can make me feel different emotions. Low pitched notes really make me feel like I could go crazy with pain and sadness. Great rhythms can make me feel like life is freedom. The music that people dance salsa to has a great rhythm. When I listen to salsa, I am just really thinking about how happy everyone is making mischief on my soul. Good harmony is like a sweet giraffe; it’s soft and warm. Low notes make me think of colors that feel friendly. High pitched notes really make me feel like I am getting a call from a lover; I pull on my heartstrings. Hearing music while writing makes the flow between my brain and my body. I truly think that music preserves my sanity because it keeps me in rhythm.

Twice a month I have a Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT) session. NMT is the therapeutic application of music to cognitive, sensory, and motor dysfunctions due to neurologic disease of the human nervous system. This helps my brain organize the different parts of my body (i.e. the crown, the neck, the back, etc.). The importance of NMT for me is that the different parts of my whole body frankly behave like they are separate, and the different parts seem to me to listen to the beat to be able to move together like other people’s bodies do. The NMT therapist helps me find my inner cadence.

I truly believe that great music needs to be evenly balanced to keep my interest. Evenly balanced music is composed of great rhythm, lots of guitar and drum beats, and hardly any high pitched notes. Really, the best music is very kind to the ears, just being present but not intruding upon your thoughts.

The company is based out of San Luis Rey and has an entire studio to come in and use. The facility offers aspiring artists a chance to use a modern broadcasting studio, state of the art equipment, commercial and voice over recording and a chance to promote themselves and get their music out in the public spotlight. You’re probably asking yourself right now, “That’s great, but how do I get to this one spot?” The website worldtunedradio.com has shows that are easily accessible through podcasts, live webcasts, iPhone apps, Windows Media Players and more. There is something for everyone to enjoy at World Tuned Radio. All genres of music, talk shows and sports broadcasts can be heard from this one website. The website is unbiased and has a one hour time slot everyday for Christian based shows and music.

If you are an artist that wants your voice to be heard, you should do what so many other people just like you have done and contact them through this website. So, if you have been waiting for an opportunity to share your music or voice with the world, or just want to hear some fresh new music from local artists, check the station out. You wont be disappointed.

MCC students offer H.O.P.E

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think “Spring Break?” I am sure visions of lounging on the beach, cocktails with umbrellas and perhaps a cruise to some exotic location are top in most people’s mind but for some of your fellow classmates spring break brings to mind thoughts of paint brushes, drywall mud, tabors and waffle houses. This is where our story of H.O.P.E. begins.

Ocean Springs, Mississippi, may not be a typical travel destination for most spring breakers but for some very special MCC students and faculty, the idea of continuing MCC’s contribution to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort sounded like just the right kind of adventure. On this week long trip they help rebuild a house that was damaged in the hurricane, pulled debris out of the wetlands and even planted an edible garden at the community center that will be used as an education tool for the children in the local elementary school. It was a physical labor job that was taxing, and sometimes the food was bad! But the rewards far outweighed the tough work. Seeing Miss Anne’s face when she looked at her newly painted house was overwhelmingly gratifying.

Upon arriving home and returning to school, work and “real life” the memories and feelings from the trip inspired the creation of a volunteer club on campus. The H.O.P.E. Volunteer Club’s mission is to reach out in our community and beyond through direct service and socially responsible action. This is just a fancy way of saying we want to Help Out Everywhere. The club plans to return to Mississippi in the spring and we also have ideas on how to help out locally throughout the year. Last semester club members assisted the Cottonwood Creek Conservancy with invasive plant species removal in Encinitas and over the summer some of the club members traveled to Oregon and built a bridge with the Pacific Crest Trail Association. This is where you come in. If you are the type of person who wants to do something more but don’t quite know what that means, why not join our email list and get some ideas. For more information send an email to MChopeclub@gmail.com.

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Intramural Sports Schedule

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Everyone is welcome. Join the fun.

September 6, 2011
MiraCosta College
Did you know?
UCD is now offering four ways to transfer. Please be aware of all September deadlines and changes. For more information visit the transfer center website or stop by the Transfer Center.

Online TAG applications and UC admission applications are submitted separately. Please note there are two different applications and two different deadlines. For more information please stop by the transfer center.

Application workshops will be available to assist you in completing your college application. The transfer center will provide several workshops over the course of October and November. Stop by the transfer center and pick up a flyer with the dates and times this week.

Questions and answers
Question: How do I know if I need to see an academic counselor or a transfer counselor, should I see both?
Answer: Good question, it is not necessary to see both. An academic counselor and transfer counselor will create an educational plan and address your concerns. It is up to you which counselor works for you; however, it is a good idea to meet with a transfer counselor if you are transferring. Transfer requirements are always changing and it is important you receive the most accurate information as possible.

Question: Are international students eligible for ULINK?
Answer: Unfortunately, international students are not eligible for ULINK.

Check out the Transfer Center’s page on Facebook.

Scholarship Info
Scholarship Tips
Check out this information on www.miracosta.edu/scholarships.
• Scholarship Scams – warning from the Federal Trade Commission
• Tips on How to ask for a Scholarship Letter of Recommendation plus a Letter of Recommendation Student Checklist
• Tips on Completing a Scholarship Application
• Tips on Writing a Great Scholarship Essay and where to go for assistance
• Scholarship Personal Statement Outline – a new form to assist with listing your ideas before you finalize your personal statement.
• Thank You Letter – template on how to write a thank you letter to receive your scholarship

Scholarship Websites
There are many scholarships available through a variety of sources, including the Internet. Websites that provide free scholarship information:
• www.fastWEB.com - create a personal profile and scholarships are e-mailed to you
• www.Scholarships4School.com - good tips on How to Organize the Scholarship Process
• www.finalfacts.org/scholarships.htm
• www.CollegeBoard.com/pay
• www.Scholarships4Students.com – lists scholarships by categories: high school students, college students, minorities, majors, etc.
• www.Fastweb.com
• www.scholarshiphelp.org
• www.scholarships.com
• www.edupass.org/final - financial aid for International Students
• The Princeton Review

Have you ever looked through a real telescope?
Are you interested in learning more about the stars and planets? Miracosta College’s astronomy program will take place 8-10 p.m. on the first Friday and Saturday of the month (October 7 & 8; November 4 & 5; December 2 & 3). The viewing will take place at the Miracosta baseball field, weather permitting. For cancellation information, directions and maps, visit http://www.mirayuri.com/kcj04 or call (760) 757-2212 ext. 6201.

Dear Readers,
Are you taking precautions to prevent “crimes of opportunity” from happening? Sometimes we think of crimes happening because someone planned it, but there are crimes that happen simply from there being an opportunity. For example, you are at the library and place your cell phone on the desk next to you. You finish your work and are off to enjoy the rest of your day, only later you realize your cell phone was left behind. Gone when you go back to get it. These types of this happen frequently. Cell phones, wallets, backpacks, and other items are often reported stolen. Can you think of some ways to prevent this? Let’s think about other property you may bring to campus with you. A bicycle? A car? A purse? What ways are you preventing these items from being taken? Sometimes taking a few minutes to think about how to prevent an “opportunity” from taking your things can save you a lot of time and headache. Here are a few ideas to start you thinking…

Hopefully you can come up with some of your own. Put your cell phone in a carrying case and attach it to what you are wearing. Always check the area where you were before you leave to ensure you have all of your belongings. If you ride a bicycle, make sure to bring a lock with you and lock it up. (Locks with keys are better than combination locks- either is better than none.) If you drive your car, lock it when you get out and DO NOT leave valuables visible, such as on the front seat. If you have items you do not want to take with you at all times, leave them at home or if you must bring them, lock them in the trunk. If you carry a purse, keep it with you at all times. Do not leave your purse at a desk or other location “just for a minute”- it takes approximately 1-2 seconds to “walk off.” Many people like to “bling”- and people notice, meaning- you have it, then leave it, it’ll be gone. In essence, keep your belongings with you and lock them up when you aren’t there to watch them. Have a fantastic week!

Submit your law enforcement related questions to “The Fuzz,” Officer Rebecca Ahmad 760-757-2213 x 6591 or via email: randi@miracosta.edu

Kids club counselor, The Children’s School, La Jolla
$10/hr. Part Time. Care for students before and after school. Preschool through kindergarten and first through eighth grade. Promote a positive environment for children at all times. Must be 18 years of age or older. Six months experience in a similar program. 6-12 ECE units required. To apply email a cover letter and resume to activities@tcsl.org.

Transfer Center
Internship Opportunities
Media Integration Consultant Intern Better Business Choices, Oceanside Intern will get exposure to the media industry, Magazine, Web, Radio and TV. Will assist in integration of media, and public outlook.
Intern, KPRI Radio, San Diego Intern will assist in radio programming, production, marketing & sales. Internet web development. Intern must be poised, creative, self-motivated and reliable. Must have strong computer and writing skills.
Production Intern, In-Flight Media Associates, Encinitas Intern will get hands-on production experience with digital video formats, including digitizing the inflight library, maintaining tape logos and inventory. Reviewing scripts, working with editor as needed on editing projects.
Comm, Marketing and Customer Service Intern, North County Transit District, Oceanside Intern will assist with media research, social media outreach. Updating the organization’s website and press notices. Must be energetic, organized and proficient in Microsoft Office. Have strong knowledge of social networks.
Job Opportunities
Executive Assistant, Hooters Restaurants, Oceanside Hourly wage: Based on experience, flexible schedule Part Time. Assist CEO with various projects. Must have previous experience as an office manager/executive assistant, who is detail oriented. You will need to be able to prepare correspondence, make travel arrangements, and deal with confidential information. Email resume to ahertmann@hootwinc.com

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Workshops this Week
Resume Review, Thurs., 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. outside plaza during college hour.
The Career Center is located in Bldg. 3700 on the Oceanside campus.

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I can’t emphasize enough the importance of dark denim. It is essentially the backbone to any casual outfit and complements any blend imaginable. A variety of single tops are fundamental to a cohesive closet. Floral prints make some of the prettiest blouses and make a nice combination with boyfriend blazers. Some cute day dresses. I like full skirted dresses, personally, but maxi dresses are just flat out gorgeous. The white dress and twill combination, a Greco-Roman inspired 21st century rendition of the robe, is also becoming quite the classic.

An all-around bag, and a clutch is vital if you’re into that kind of thing. For the former, I would recommend a Longchamp tote bag because I am absolutely in love with them. As for a clutch, vibrant colors are just sprightly.

As for shoes, I commend Steve Madden for amazing wedges, but for casual outfits, I would recommend Madden for amazing wedges, but for casual outfits, I would recommend...