Horticulture Club

“We’re all about gardening and getting people acquainted with plants,” said K.T., vice president of the Horticulture Club. “This year we have a vegetable garden project down at the Horticulture Department. All are welcome.”

Jewish Student Union

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Encuentros

“Encuentros is a club on campus that focuses on empowering the community through higher education. The A.S.G (Associated Student Government) had a goal of getting 1,000 hours of community service last year and we provided 200 plus hours and received more than anyone else. We’ve done high school outreaches and other events. We’re not just focusing on one race or gender, we’re trying to empower the whole community,” said Ruben Cuevas.

F.Y.E.

“Our club’s name stands for first year experience,” Vianey Galindo said. “We help students and show them the different recourses on campus. We volunteer at elementary schools and teach the importance of further education” Yeraldi Budar said.

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Ladies Basketball

Last year, Ladies Spartan Basketball participated in the Pacific Coast Conference. “We brought women’s basketball back about five years ago,” Coach Tom stated. “Anybody that’s interested should cover over to the gym and contact us. Go Spartans!”

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Black Student Union

“It’s a sense of community. You meet new people and learn new things that are going on at campus, said Suzie Woldah.

Campus crowded with student activities

Justin Morris
Copy Editor

Last Thursday at noon, College Hour featured a smorgashord of student clubs which set up booths and tables on the main lawn of the Oceanside Campus. “It’s an opportunity for clubs to showcase what they’re about, encourage students to get involved, and promote their activities and the services they provide,” stated Nessa Julian, Student Center Manager. Club Recruitment Day happens once every semester, and we hold Club Recruitment Day at all three sites – at Oceanside, San Elijo, and the Community Learning Center,” Julian said. The Inter-Club Council purchased pizza through Cusimano’s Pizzeria for the students who attended the event.

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Students connect with tutor online

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At the start of the fall semester the college began offering a new online tutoring service for students at all three campuses, alongside the on-campus academic support currently available at the Oceanside campus, such as the Tutoring and Academic Support Center, Writing Centers, Math Learning Center, and Language Resource Center.

Many of the subjects supported by the new online tutoring service include math (developmental through trigonometry), Microeconomics, Office, physics, Spanish, statistics and several other subjects. Engineering and psychology will also be available to students in October. The college also plans to ramp up its own online tutoring for writing in 2013.

This new online tutoring service, students have the ability to access live tutors throughout the week, as well as on weekends. Both the college website and online tutoring site provide a full list of the subjects offered, as well as weekly schedules that show the availability of each tutor in the different subject areas. The schedules displayed will be on a two-week basis, showing the current week as well as the following week. The online tutoring site also offers a chat-box feature allowing students to use headsets with microphones during their sessions rather than talking. The site also gives suggestions as to where inexpensive headsets can be purchased.

Students can also submit subject questions offline at any time and receive a tutor’s response via email from the online tutoring site.

In Brief

What’s your major?

On Wednesday, September 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., a workshop will be held in the Computer Lab of the Career Center, Room 3105. Because the workshop is designed for students who have not decided on a major, students will be able to explore majors and related careers that might be of interest.

Spartans sport it up

All students, clubs, classes and program offices are encouraged to participate in the college’s first Spartan Cup (a sportsmanship tournament including basketball, volleyball and ping-pong). This sports event will take place on Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the gym on the Oceanside Campus. Members of the winning club that participate in the competition will receive a MCC Athletics T-shirt and free admission to MCC’s men’s and women’s basketball games.

To receive more information about this event, contact the Athletics Director, Paul Carlson at pcarlson@miracosta.edu or (760) 757-3123 ext. 6242.

Pen Pal Project looking for pen pals

The Service Learning and Volunteer Center is conducting a search of 20 students interested in creating individual pen pals with children in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade throughout the semester. The college is partnering with North County Lifeline, a social service organization that provides various support services to families in North County. A celebration will take place at the end of the semester in which the pen pals will get the opportunity to meet. To learn more about this event, visit the Servicing Learning and Volunteer Center in building 3300 or contact Airways, Carol Williamson at cwilkinson@miracosta.edu

Can’t find your iPod, cell phone or wallet?

It could be sitting in the Lost and Found located at the Campus Police Station. To see if it’s there, call Campus Police at 760-755-6640. Or you may go into the station located across from the Theatre on the Oceanside campus.
Tuition-free universities are for real, but they come with a catch

By Erin O’Toole

Art Director

The Democrats and Republicans have now wrapped up their 2012 conventions, and the numbers could not have been more different from the stage to the message, they had been supportive throughout the entire convention. A RNC speaker revealed no cohesive or clear message other than to blame Obama for all of the country’s problems. There was little mention of the war on veterans, and only former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice’s speech offered a rare reminder that at some point in history there existed something called the “Bush Administration.” Additionally, there were not any specifics as to what the Republicans would do better, or differently once in office, other than cutting taxes on the rich, spending more on the military, and somehow magically not impacting the middle class.

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RNC is stuck in the past

By Justin Morris

Copy Editor

One of my favorite quotes comes from the film “Good Will Hunting.” After outwitting a snobby Stanford grad, the brilliant (and uneducated) Will Hunting unleashes the following one-liner: “You dropped $150,000 on a fucking education you couldn’t get for free. What were you thinking? The Public Library.” Hunting makes a good point. Education has strayed too far from the film “Good Will Hunting.”

So fire him and put us back in. “At the RNC, speaker after speaker worked on the event since last spring in Oceanside. The discussions around the country’s only former candidate Rice’s speech was more concerned with advancing his own political careers than nominating a Mormon candidate. (Does anybody really remember Jon Huntsman?) Even the keynote speaker, an angry old man yelling at an Obama that only he can see. New moving over to the Democratic National Convention, their messages were not only unified by their expression and unifying theme of education, but also by the complete withdrawal of War in Afghanistan as well. The Democratic speakers attacked Mitt Romney and his running mate Paul Ryan for wanting to take this country back to an era that few Americans recall, an era of limited voting rights, concentrated wealth in a few people as intelligent adults and was easily the best supporting argument for the reelection of Obama. Overall, the Democrats had a clear message with a diverse lineup dedicated to the vision Obama has for the future of America, whereas the Republicans were hard pressed to nominate their candidate Romney, instead focusing on the up-and-comers in their party and their general dislike of President Obama’s message. From a national media note, RNC attendees also seemed to agree that the question for this election is: Forwards or Backwards?

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Like most revolutions, a dismal disappointment

Justin Morris
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Last week I found a show on Hulu called “Revolution,” a post-apocalyptic sci-fi drama produced by JJ Abrams. “Revolution” comes close to being decent, but ultimately fails to deliver. The premise is certainly an interesting one. “Revolution” describes a future in which all electronics suddenly cease to function. Car batteries go dead and jumbo jets ground to a halt. America is forced to adapt to a lifestyle without technology; computer programmers become farmers, and horse-drawn wagons race back in style. Society breaks down, and the United States breaks up into a bevy of mini-national states, each vying for power. It was very close to the election. It was very difficult for me to take this show seriously after Evil Obama walked on-screen. While certainly watchable, “Revolution” is not a show I’m willing to devote my rapidly-decreasing time to watching. “Revolution,” like a high school prom queen, is swimming with self-importance. It’s one of those shows that seem full of themselves, that think they’re more dramatic than they really are.

A pair of wacky candidates push the limits of comedy

Erin O’Toole
Art Director

“The Campaign,” written by Chris Henchy and “Eastbound & Down” writer Shawn Harwell, stars Will Ferrell as Cam Brady, a factless congressman from the a small district in North Carolina. Cam Brady has run unopposed for the past four elections, but has recently seen his support in the polls slip due to some public indiscretions. After yet another public gaffe from Cam, two corrupt ultra-wealthy businessmen, thinly disguised as the real-life Koch brothers, the Mottl brothers (Dan Aykroyd and John Lithgow) see an opportunity to enter a rival candidate in the election and put the district back in their pockets. Their man: Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis) is a strangely effeminate, God-fearing family man who works as a tourism director. Being a conservative Republican, he has political ties through his father Raymond Huggins (Brian Cox). Marty’s scheming campaign manager (Dylan McDermott) was set up through the Mottl brothers to reinvent Marty’s image as a successful entrepreneur. Marty’s popularity then begins to rise as Cam’s continues to fall. Fearing he might lose the election, Cam steps up his campaign by running far-fetched attack ads depicting Huggins as an Al-Qaeda sympathizer. In retaliation, Marty exposes Cam as a fake Christian by making him recite the Lord’s Prayer to which he gets about half the words wrong. Then in one of the funniest scenes of the movie, the two candidates fight over an opportunity to kiss a baby at a political event and Cam Brady (Ferrell) ends up punching the baby in the face. As the two candidates vie for election, their campaign tactics escalate quickly, and the result is a series of political encounters that only Ferrell and Galifianakis can make laughable. While The Mottl brothers are one of this season’s most over-the-top actors together in a satirical film that eerily seems to parallel today’s political climate, you end up laughing at it more than you thought, even if it is just at how ridiculous the whole scenario is. If you’re a fan of Will Ferrell movies, or even if you aren’t, “The Campaign” is a film that will surely keep you entertained throughout its entire run.
I call “fall denial.” “Fall denial” is the annoyance that I was able to calm the hyperventilation that was fogging up my goggles. It’s hard to be relaxed when surrounded by leopard sharks; after all, they are the pinnacles of evolution when it comes to swimming, swimming into their midst no longer sink my toes in the sand, peer out over the ocean, and come back. Just a brief glance at that vast blue expanse does something out of you; kayaking gives you a world of good.

Snorkeling

Snorkeling is probably the cheapest hobby on this list. You can get a set of flippers, goggles, and a snorkel for $45 at Play It Again Sports. You can also rent a set for $25. La Jolla Cove is the best spot for snorkeling. In the summer, you have to share it with the tourists that arrive in droves and clog the ocean with their kayaks and neon orange helmets (“I’ve never understood the rationale behind the helmets. Are they expecting a baseball to fly at them at any moment out on the ocean?”). But now that August has passed, the tourists’ migration season has come to an end. Which means: plenty of parking. Oh my god, yes. And there is simply no substitute for the sublime experience of swimming through schools of Garibaldi, watching the kelp forest sway gently in sync with the tide, feeling like you’re inside of an aquarium. Words don’t do it justice. Of course, I don’t really need to sell you on the beach; it basically sells itself. The tricky part lies in shoe-horning all of these activities into your schedule. Here are a few tips for finding time to kayak, snorkel, and surf your way to health and happiness:

Put the laptop away

I talk to a lot of people who claim to be insanely busy, but somehow have time to fret their lives away on Reddit, Facebook and Twitter. If you have space in your schedule to scroll through pictures of “LOL CATS”, you are not busy. Get in the water.

Keep it short

There’s no need to make your visit to the beach an all-day ordeal. Even a 10 minute jump in the water can wash away the day’s stress. The beach is just a 30 minute bus ride away (just take the 302 West), so sometimes I head over in between classes just to sink my toes in the sand, peer out over the ocean, and come back. Just a brief glance at that vast blue expanse does you a world of good.

Surf and socialize

If you don’t have time to go to the beach and hang out with your friends, do both at the same time. Invite them along. Become that annoying friend who’s always badgering everyone to get out into the sunshine. That way you 1) have someone you can con into paying for parking, and 2) you don’t have to be out on the open sea alone, because you know, that’s a bad idea. Just because school has started doesn’t mean you have to say goodbye to the sand and the sea. There are plenty of things to do in North County that don’t require spending gigabucks, giving up sleep, or sacrificing grades. Snorkeling is cheap, kayaking is good exercise, and surfing enriches your psyche. You can fit your daily dose of ocean into your schedule by bringing your friends along, keeping it short, and boycotting online time-wasters like Reddit. And to all you haters, I was totally rocking the pink flippers.
Vets continue to support each other on campus

Aamirah Syed
Editor in Chief

With a veteran population that equates to approximately 10 percent of the entire student body, MiraCosta College’s Veterans Services work to provide the appropriate assistance to veteran students and their dependents who may be eligible for various education benefits.

A few of the services granted to veteran students include veteran peer advisers, a Veteran’s Club chaired by Victoria Gonzales and advised by Veteran’s Counselor Nancy Diaz, and a Veteran’s Information Center known as the Vet Lounge and located in building 3000. The Vet Lounge offers information regarding G.I. Bill benefits, student services and community organizations committed to the assistance of veteran students.

The Vets Food Bank is a new service jumpstarted this fall by Diaz and another veteran student. “We were able to start this thanks to the gracious donation of a local resident,” the veteran student said. Because the G.I. Bill has changed the terms of the gap pay allotted to veterans per month, they are receiving less from it since now their allotment is based on the days they attend school rather than a constant monthly basis. “I just wanted to do something to help them out,” the student stated.

A few veteran students also noted the support they received from their veteran professors and other adjunct faculty provided 30-45 minute presentations on many topics from the dangers of plagiarism and not “work[ing] smarter” to research skills and public speaking tips. “It made me realize I was doing research completely wrong,” stated Kimberly Holmes, a returning veteran student, referring to Professor Lynne Miller’s and Bob Turner’s lecture “Research and Thesis Development.” Aside from this seven hour day full of transfer information and food for thought presentations by respected professors, HSP is experiencing growth and prosperity for the 2012-2013 year. Although HSP said goodbye to 45 certified honors scholars this past semester, this semester the program has welcomed back a multitude of new and returning members. Since the end of summer, 59 students were accepted into the program, which brings the grand total to 177 active members. With 26 courses offered this year, HSP faculty and members are looking forward to a great semester this fall.

The MiraCosta College Volunteer Fair

Storm Marquis
Contributing Writer

At 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, coastal Oceanside was already hot and sticky. While most MiraCosta students were either sleeping in or preparing for a long and luxurious day at the beach, Honors Scholar Program members gathered at the back entrance to the Honors Lounge waiting for their day to begin. This was the start of HSP’s first inaugural Boot Camp. Over 100 students showed up for a spiffy Honors T-shirt as well as access to invaluable information that will be used at MiraCosta and beyond.

New students entering the program were given general information about HSP and were introduced to HSP leadership and faculty. New and returning students alike benefited from a variety of seminars geared toward college success. In between the seminars, students had the opportunity to chat and socialize with one another.

Over 100 students attend HSP Boot Camp

Learn about study abroad opportunities

Sept. 4 12-1 p.m. OC1202
Sept. 20 12-1 p.m. SAN 203
Nov. 9 5-6 p.m. SEC 308
Nov. 7 5-6 p.m. SEC 308
Dec. 4 12-1 p.m. OC1202
Dec. 5 12-1 p.m. SEC 308

Study Around the World Expo

Want to learn about Study/Travel programs from one-week to one-year? Don’t miss this event when vendors from around the world share their programs with you!

Oct. 25 11-2 p.m. SEC (Student Center Sidewalk)
Internship Opportunities
Office Assistant/Accounting Intern, The Foot Comfort Store, Vista. $9.00/hr. 20 hrs./wk. The intern will enter financial data into Quickbooks; communicate with customers, patients and vendors. The intern will also be asked to do daily organizing and cleaning.

Real Estate Intern, La Costa Real Estate, Carlsbad. 6-10 hrs./wk. Home based Broker seeking intern to work in all aspects of real estate sales, rentals, lease options, property management, short sales and foreclosures.

Studio Photographer Intern, Hobie Cat Company, Oceanside. $12/hr. 18 hrs./wk.

The intern must have knowledge of photography, lighting, and PC/Excel. Responsibilities include photographing parts and accessories of varying sizes, setup lighting, cataloging photos.

Content Developer Intern, I Drive Safely, Carlsbad. $9-12/hr. Ensures course content is in compliance with all state legislatures. Researches statistics and laws as needed. Develops existing content for course material. Works with editors and images, formats chapter end quizzes and final exams. You will work hands-on experience in an e-commerce/learning environment.

Job Opportunities
Office Assistant, Hammer & Associates, Carlsbad. Hourly Wage: $11-13 Part-time. Proficient in Word, Excel, and internet. Quickbooks a plus. Must be detail oriented and have excellent computer skills. Experience in data entry a plus. Email resume to alex.hammer@hajcp.com

Zumba Instructor, YMCA, Encinitas/Hourly Wage: $15.60-20.30 Part-time. Teaching group Zumba and Zumbatomic classes. Instruct participants in conductive safe, effective enjoyable fitness classes. 2 years teaching Zumba classes.

MiraCosta College - OSHIER FALL 2012 Scholarship. This “renewable” scholarship will be available each Fall and Spring semester. If you missed the deadline date, review the criteria and be ready for the spring application. Renewable scholarship at MiraCosta for student who continue to meet the eligibility criteria, up to $3,000 max. Eligibility Criteria: Must be receiving a 2012-13 Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BGFW). Must have completed 24 degree applicable units at MiraCosta at the time of application. Be enrolled at MiraCosta for the Fall semester in six or more units. Complete application and essay statements. Award is based on seminar enrollment: $500 full-time (12 units), $375 three-quarter (9-11 units), and $250 part-time (6-8 units).

MiraCosta College - Friends of DANCE Fall 2012 Scholarship (Eligibility Criteria: Must be currently enrolled at MiraCosta College, completed at least six (6) units in Dance at MiraCosta College, Majoring in Dance at MiraCosta College or October 1, 2012 if chosen to continue. Scholarship Application: Deadline: October 2, but submit the application early to better your chances.

Jack Kent Cooke (JKC) 2013-14 TRANSFER Scholarship: for exceptional students with financial need. Awards up to $30,000 a year, up to 3 years, to complete a Bachelor’s degree. JKC scholars have distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom, performing valuable community and public service, often while holding full-time jobs. Eligibility: community college student with sophomore status by December 31, 2012, plan to transfer fall 2013 and attend full-time at a 4-year institution; 3.5 GPA required; have significant unmet financial need and insufficient student/family income to meet education costs. The online application will be available on the JKC website in October (date tbd) MiraCosta College cannot nominate students until the online application has been submitted, which includes: online application, transcripts, financial documents, essays, and two letters of reference. To be nominated, a student must meet each area on the nomination checklist and have submitted the online application. Interviews will be conducted prior to fall 2013 and attend full-time at a 4-year institution; 3.5 GPA required; have significant unmet financial need and insufficient student/family income to meet education costs. There are times I encounter people who are not fully aware of the wide range of duties a police officer performs. Many people are familiar with some of the functions, such as writing citations, arresting people, and going to court. There is much more involved in these duties and in the basic duties of a police officer. An officer while on patrol may encounter activity that appears suspicious or out of the ordinary and may monitor, investigate, and/or provide written documentation of the activity. In terms of making arrests, there are many tasks and duties an officer must perform. A couple of these are determining what laws are being broken and what classification the crime falls under. For example, some crimes cannot be arrested can be made by citation. When this happens a person signs a citation promising appearance in a specified date and time. The person is then released without being processed into jail. If a situation requires an arrest where the person is taken into custody, the officer prepares the paperwork for booking and then transports the person to jail. Officers write detailed reports involving arrests and later may have to go to court and appear before the judge. The officer may even have to take the stand to answer questions.

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Available at Oceanside and San Elijo For information or to set up an appointment call Health Services (760) 795-6675
Oceanside Campus
Building 3500 Room 3326 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
San Elijo Campus Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
San Elijo Campus Student Center Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
760-794-9444 x7747
Dear Aphrodite,

Okay, so I’m having a little problem with my sex life. Don’t get me wrong, my boyfriend makes me super crazy horny all the time and knows how to take care of business. The sex is amazing. My problem is that I’m afraid to talk dirty. I think all kinds of dirty thoughts, but feel self-conscious when I actually try to say them because I worry about sounding stupid. I’m afraid of my own voice, Aphrodite. Help!

~Tongue-Tied in Oceanside

Dear Tongue-Tied,

What you need is some mojo! Dirty talk is a great way for you and your boyfriend to take it to the next level. This is an opportunity for adventure! Although it might feel awkward at first, you’ll get more comfortable with yourself, and then you and your boyfriend can start having some real fun! You don’t need to be afraid of your own voice. Sometimes, getting exactly what you want at exactly the right time is amazing, and there’s no better way to get it than to ask for it. Or even demand it.

~Aphrodite

Come get down and dirty with the Goddess of Love, people. Send an email to AphroditeAnswers@hotmail.com, or leave a note in the Submission Box outside the Chariot Newsroom. I wanna talk about sex, and I wanna hear absolutely anything that you have to say about it. Do you need advice? Do you have an opinion or a rant? Let’s start a conversation.

Students SPEAK

What class would you like offered at MiraCosta College?

“Astronaut training classes or how to build robots 101?”
- Julie Bacnegra

“I’m majoring in Marine Biology. So something along those lines, more Bio classes.”
-Josh Deerman

“Technical production. Separate drama classes, with more of an emphasis on Stage Theater.”
-AJ Avials

“I would love to learn how to fly, just kidding. NLP- Neuro-linguistic programming, brain stuff!”
-Jason Hunter

“Classes on how to study better and more language classes”
-Melissa Devitt

“They already offer the ones I like but, some bible classes”
-Nico Fernandez

“Life lesson, classes. Classes where you talk about real life situations and how to get through them. Like getting through a financial crisis without relying on your mom and dad.”
- Omar Canales

“Plan making classes, or how to read Braille, that’d be pretty cool!”
-Damares Toress

“Animal training or animal rescue classes”
-Coral Varona

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