Club Room renovation sparks debate

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Copy Editor

Earlier this year, on March 16, the ASC (Associated Student Government) formed the SCAC (Student Center Advisory Committee) to oversee plans to remodel the Student Center, including the Club Room. The area is available for all clubs to utilize. However, the offices located off to the side of the room are currently occupied by BSU (Black Student Union) and MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán).

Both BSU and MEChA have expressed concern regarding the renovation and its potential impact on their organizations.

“In the beginning of the year, ASC’s task was to create an ad-hoc committee, and develop a remodel plan. That goal came into direct conflict with MEChA and BSU members, because of a concern that that space would be re-allocated or taken away from the organizations,” stated Director of Student Activities Jim Gonzales.

“I think right now the issue is, ‘how do we create fairness by taking space away?’ That’s backwards thinking. We need to move forward. Instead of taking space away from clubs, I think the focus should be on how to create room for new clubs that are coming in,” MEChA member and former MEChA president Miguel Nunez stated.

According to Gonzales, there are no plans to evict MEChA and BSU. “No organizations are being kicked out of the Club Room. MEChA and BSU are not being kicked out of the Club Room,” Gonzales said.

According to a presentation given to both the Student Senate and the Advisory Committee about the history of the Student Center, the reason that MEChA and BSU possess this office space in the first place is because they are the oldest clubs at the college. In addition, they were the only two recognized clubs at MCC when the Student Center initially opened 22 years ago in 1990. Both organizations collaborated with ASC on the planning and development of the Student Center.

According to the presentation, the issue this year was precipitated in part by a misunderstanding between ASC, the ICC, and the two clubs as to how renovation decisions would be made. Additionally, there were rival interpretations as to whether the historical presence of BSU and MEChA garnered them a unique right to space in the Student Center.

“If this school knew most of the history behind the space, then I don’t think they would kick us out. There were boycotts and sit-ins for the space. So it’s not a space, per se. For us, it’s more of a piece of history. It’s really frustrating,” stated BSU vice president Jakel Harris.

“I think there does need to be designated space for BSU and MEChA, but I think their space should be incorporated and more welcoming to all clubs so that all clubs don’t feel like this space is just for BSU and MEChA. But given their history, I do think they deserve space,” ASC senator and SCAC co-chair Harmony Hodges said.

The issue partly revolves around disagreement regarding the status of MEChA and BSU.

“We’re not a club per se, we’re more of an organization. We bring diversity to this school. Some clubs get mad about us having this space, and say, ‘we should have space too,’ but our goals are different than other club’s goals. We bring community to this campus,” Harris stated.

Earlier this year, MEChA and the BSU presented a list of demands to ASC regarding the Club Room renovation. Among the demands made were requests that the two clubs be involved in any changes to the space that ASC officials take a “Cultural Competency” class, and that ASC train Student Ambassadors to include in their tours the history of BSU and MEChA’s involvement in the initial creation of the Student Center.

There was also a request that the artwork and room names in the Student Center remain unchanged. The ASC responded to these demands in the April 6 Student Senate meeting. According to the meeting’s minutes, the ASC agreed to institute the Cultural Competency classes and supports the history tours. The ASC also formed the Advisory Committee partly in response to some of these issues, most of which are associated with its predecessor, an ad-hoc committee that did not grant representation to the ICC and did not fully comply with the Brown Act.

“The SCAC has provided an open and transparent, regular and consistent process going forward. There are minutes of the meetings, agendas, and representation of the ICC and the Student Senate,” Gonzales said.

Both BSU and MEChA state that they are dedicated to promoting diversity, culture, and higher education at the college. “We strive towards educational excellence, diversity and creating a positive learning experience,” said BSU member Scottie Hope.

“One of the things we do is try and promote higher education for Latinos. We understand that for the Latino community, higher education is not always a priority based on the conditions they grew up with. So we try to go back to our community to try and promote higher education and to promote them to come here and get a degree,” Nunez said.

“I think MEChA and BSU made a very powerful, wonderful argument about what the space means to them, supporting learning, supporting diversity. And those are things that I know the college supports, ASC supports, and Student Activities supports. If we are committed to student success, and we are fair and equitable, we will find a solution to these concerns,” Gonzales said.
In brief

The Food Pantry to collect donations

Oct. 15 through 30, the MiraCosta College Food Pantry will be holding a donation drive. Donate unexpired cans (soups, vegetables, fruits). Donations may be dropped off at the Service Learning and Volunteer Center in Room 3306 on the Oceanside Campus or in the orange and black Halloween bins located around all three campuses.

Cash donations and grocery store gift cards are also accepted. Send these directly to the MiraCosta College Foundation Office. Please designate the Student Food Pantry as the recipient.

Hear students sing and see them dance

On Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the MiraCosta College Show Choir and Contemporary Vocal Ensemble classes will perform at the MCC Theatre, located in Bldg. 2000.

Enjoy creative features choreographed by Dave Musey with musical arrangement by Arlie Langager, along with special student-directed pieces with their own original choreography and vocal arrangements.

General Admission is $10; Seniors/Staff $8. MiraCosta College Theatre, Bldg. 2000, Oceanside Campus, 1 Barnard Drive

College to hold community breakfast

The college invites the public to join the “Community Leaders Breakfast” to present a “Report to the Region” at the Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, San Diego. The event will be held on Oct. 10 at 7:30-9 a.m.

Breakfast will be followed by a program focusing on MCC’s Annual Report, and acknowledging awards and honors to community members and corporate partners who have worked with the college and the MCC Foundation this past year.

Reservations should be made by Oct. 5. The event costs $15, or $120 per table of eight with breakfast provided.

Call 760.795.6645 to register or find out more information.

Student Government passes budget

Last month the Associate Student Government (ASG) unanimously passed a $157,000 budget at its weekly Student Senate meeting.

The ASG also committed $14,000 to bring the student voice to the state and regional level, along with increasing funding for the Emerging Leaders Institute to approximately $5,000 in order to train more MCC student leaders.

For a detailed breakdown of the budget, log onto mccga.miracosta.edu/governance/asg.
Do the debates really matter?

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Opinion Writer

From Jimmy Carter saying he doesn’t have to worry about many swing voters being against Romney (maybe more than they are for Obama). But that still leaves a very small percentage of the population who are still undecided (read: potential voters who have not been paying any attention to the race so far), and the debates could be their deciding factor.

There is this (approximately) 6 percent of the population; this middle ground that both candidates are vying for called the “undecided voter” (also known as the low-information voter). These elusive undecided voters (comprised mostly of white females lacking college education and making less than $25,000 per year) are the ones who may be the deciding factor in this election.

So let’s just assume that they are going to be watching the presidential debates. In that case, yes, these debates are going to be very important. These debates may just be the only time that these voters come out of the woodwork and pay any attention to the political world, long enough to figure out which candidate they hate the least and then vote for them.

Whoever comes out of the debate having convinced the largest amount of undecideds that they are the best choice may just clinch the election come Nov. 6. Then again, for many undecided voters, when it comes down to choosing between Obama and Romney, they may just opt to sit this election out.

Romney has been losing ground in the polls considerably since around Sept. 7, when he made his 47 percent comment. The gap has widened and the Romney campaign has been struggling to find their footing ever since. These debates could be that footing they need to energize their base and get the undecideds to take a second look at the Romney/Ryan ticket. They need to be telling voters about the shape of the economy (which is essentially their only solid debate point).

Obama on the other hand, needs to remind the electorate that he has been keeping this country from falling into a second major economic depression. He shouldn’t just sit back and wait for Romney to trip up again. He needs to take the offensive and really hit home to us Americans that a Romney/Ryan administration will lead us down the wrong road.

The debates are a chance for both candidates to get their message across to a large number of potential voters, and I think now, more than ever, these debates will make a significant impact on the outcome of the election.

Cafeteria prices too high? Here’s some food for thought

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Staff Writer

At first, writing this opinion piece seemed so simple. As an outlier, I accused the cafeteria at the college of ripping off students (such as special brands of chips or cereal). Because Premier Foods does not dominate the market the way Wal-Mart or Target does, they can only buy a certain amount of products to sell, which increases the prices, because they buy the products for the better to stay in business, they buy an item and raise its price, not because they want to rip anyone off, but because if they didn’t, they’d be losing money, which would eventually lead to no cafeteria at all.

In the beginning after buying a salad for $7 I’d think, “I could buy these same ingredients at the store and easily make this at home for less.” Then it clicked me that for students who are on a limited budget, they may only have $2 to spend on food, so this is something they have to think about every time.

Then there’s the issue with the apple for $1.25, but I’ve made an exception for that. If a student stuck on campus that’s craving fruit in between classes and does not have time to leave, think of this way: restaurants and diners typically sell apple juice for around $1.50 and maybe $2.50 if it’s freshly squeezed, so the price isn’t too unreasonable.

There are some products I still do not buy at the cafeteria, because I just can’t get myself to spend that much. However, I’ve now come to accept and find it a little more practical to buy some items that I would have never purchased before doing this research. This new mindset evolved after chatting with some of the Premier staff (all super nice) and doing research.

After comparing and contrasting the prices to other places, I’ve become enlightened and content with where the money goes.

I’ve come to conclude that the hot food and other meals are worth the price, but with the simple items such as fruit, bars and drinks, I plan to bring my own. In doing this, I’ll spend some money at the cafeteria, but not all of it. It’s all about moderation.

What would you like to see the cafeteria serve?

“More vegetables. It’s uncomfortable to [eat there] on a daily basis.”
Stephanie Korby

“I would like them to serve more healthy things like more of a variety of salads. They should have a salad bar.”
Nyla Harrell

“More protein bars or easy to go organic nut and fruit bars [because] all the ones they have are sugary and not gluten free. Other than that, the cafeteria has a varied array of healthy and satisfying food and snack options.”
Shelby Anaya

“Food that’s not expensive or unhealthy.”
Skyler Westby

“I like it. They have everything. They’re pretty expensive, it’s a school I don’t want to leave to go eat.”
Yudi Lopez

“The prices [and] they should also have breakfast all day and add guacamole to their menu.”
Genesis Villalva

“They need to make Asian food. The money that I spend is too much.”
Jerome Pansa

“The specials should be $3.50, and they need less white food. It’s usually white food or noodles or something like that.”
Julian Arelleno

“Italian all year round.”
Alex Abellana

“Middle Eastern food like shawarma and Italian food. More of a variety of food in general.”
Amy File

“The prices could be a little lower, like for fresh fruit.”
Sam Orcha
I was hungry, and had five dollars
six-dollar in the front as well as the
white words outlined in it stating
to dine at.
and dollar bills scrounged up in order
of food. Now there are times where I
was okay with this. Seemed like a
be done in ten to fifteen minutes. I
register said that my pizza would
38 minutes later. The pizza itself
was ready. I have to say I was quite
pleased with the crust. It was a good
pizza. I was hungry, and had five dollars
on me, so I figured I would give it a
shot. The price itself is comparable to
Little Caesar’s, but located closer to
my workplace. I figured for the same
price, I would get a pizza comparable to
it.
I paid the employee, at the cash
desk said that my pizza would
done in ten to fifteen minutes. I
was okay with this. Seemed like a
reasonable time for a freshly cooked
deli.
Los hispanos importantes

César Chávez (1927-1993)

He was born in Arizona of Mexican-American descent. During the 1960s he founded the United Farm Workers, an organization that led its members in the fight for improved working conditions. He was greatly concerned with solving the problems of the nation’s farm laborers. In 1952 he began working for the Community Service Organization. helping workers with their day-to-day problems, instructing others on how to become U.S. citizens, and encouraging all to register to vote. Later, became the director of the CSO in California and Arizona. He supported the National Farm Workers Associate that went on strike due to the harsh conditions under which they worked, and encouraged the American people to boycott the purchase grapes. He is now revered as a gifted leader and organizer who inspired thousands of people to better their lives.

Carlos Santana (1947-present)

Born from a Mexican family of musicians, this Grammy-award winning artist learned guitar at the age of eight and started off playing in nightclubs along the strip of Tijuana at 11. After moving to San Francisco, he continued to play music by performing on the street for change and jamming with others to get a band together, leading up to his formation of the Santana Blues Band. He and his band introduced the music scene a new sound that blended Latin rock with an Afro-Cuban beat. Although his rock records sold vigorously, he did not have a radio hit until after 1982. He has teamed up with various artists including Lauryn Hill, Dave Matthews, Rob Thomas, and Enrique Iglesias. Sonia Sotomayor (1954-present)

Sotomayor became the first Hispanic-American woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme. Born in New York and of Puerto Rican descent, she grew up in a housing project in the Bronx. She was diagnosed with diabetes at 8 years old, and after the death of her father a year later her mother stressed to her the importance of a strong education. She went to Princeton University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history. She later earned a law degree from Yale University. Serving several years as an assistant district attorney,
Student Success Workshops

Oceanside Campus

October 10, from 12 – 1 p.m., OC 1202

Minimize Stress, Calm Your Senses, Focus on Success presented by Edward Pohllert

Does stress get in the way of your academic success? Come and join us for an interactive workshop that identifies key stress relief strategies for college students. Do it now before midterms and finals take over your world!

October 17, from 12-1 p.m., OC 1201

Cite Right! presented by Glorian Sipman and Steen Deineh

Learn how to cite information sources using MLA/APA citation styles.

San Elijo Campus

October 11 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm SAN108

Aha! Articles! presented by Jennifer Paris

This workshop will teach you how to distinguish between scholarly and popular information as well as how to find great articles in the powerful MiraCosta College Library. Do it now before midterms and finals take over your world!

Come catch a falling star

Fall star gazing parties are planned for Nov. 2 and 3, and Dec. 7 & 8, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., weather permitting. The events are free and open to the public weather permitting.

Students may request proof of attendance for extra credit assignments.

For more info visit the Astronomy Program website at http://tinyurl.com/mccastro.
Internships Opportunities
This is the last week to apply for internships! Permanent for 8 week session: Oct 15 - Dec 17.
Veterinary Assistant Intern, Santa Fe Animal Clinic, Encinitas. 4 hrs/wk. assist the doctor in restraint of patients during exams, monitor anesthesia, assist in blood drawing.
Marketing Assistant, Solana Health, Del Mar. 16 hrs/wk. Develop marketing material to support our mission of educating our customers and help drive our growth strategy on the web.

Graphs/Social Media Intern, Namaste, Rancho Santa Fe. $10/hr. Manage brand graphic design and visual marketing. Skill in Illustrator, Photoshop, WordPress.
Social Media Account Manager Intern, Majestic Social Media, Oceanside. $500/700/month stipend. Manage social media accounts for established clients.

Job Opportunities
Model Drafting, Douglas Murdock, AIA. 4 hrs/wk. 6 months of experience to conduct model drafting of a new hang glider flight platform.


Transfer Center
Did you know?
Need help with your application? Attend a CSUC/U application workshop on Oct. 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Oceanside campus in OC 1201. Prior to attending the workshop you should establish your personal profile/password online. To get more information, visit www.csumentor.com for Cal State University or http://admission. universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/apply-online/index.html for University of California. You must be an official copy of your transcripts and Ed plan (if you have one).

UCSD (University of California, San Diego) Veteran presentation is a free info. session to learn about admission requirements, benefits, and the Student Veterans Organization on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. in OC 1201.

UCBS (University of California, Santa Barbara) representative will be on campus to highlight her graduate international student and transfer programs available at UCSC. Join in at Atria A/B on the Oceanside campus from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Question and Answers
Question: When I called the transfer center for an appointment, it said I would have to wait a month to get an appointment. I have a quick question for a counselor, what should I do?
Answer: We offer walk-in sessions. Walk-in sessions are usually around 10 min. and are reserved for quick questions. Please stop by the Transfer Center for dates and times. Any additional info. may require a full appointment.

Question: I’m planning to transfer to CSUSM, but I haven’t taken a 3rd semester of a foreign language, will this effect my admission to the university?
Answer: No, the language requirement for CSUSM is only required for graduation but not for admission in to the university. You have the choice of taking language classes here and maybe counts those toward your humanities requirement, or take the classes at the university once you have transferred. Still in doubt? See a transfer counselor on a drop in session.

Question: What are transferable electives?
Answer: Electives are courses which are not required for the major or general education, but are acceptable for credit toward a degree or other educational goals. An elective course may be in any department of a college as long as it is designated transferable.

Workshops this Week
Job/Internship Search, every Mon., 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. in Oxy 100.
Resume Review, Thurs., 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. during college hour.

News & Events
Career & Major Fair, Thurs., Oct 25, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Oceanside Campus Fountain Hub. For complete info. on jobs/internships, and career resources, stop by Bldg. 3700 Oceanside Campus, or call 760-755-6772. Staff will be at San Elijo Campus, Administration Building most Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - noon.

Scholarship Info
Jack Kent Cooke 2013-14 TRANSFER Scholarship
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MiraCosta College Deadline to submit application: Nov. 1.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund HSF offers a list of Scholarships for community college students. Scholarships range from $1,000 to $5,000. Eligibility: Hispanic heritage, U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a current permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551, 3.0 GPA, full-time student (12-units), must apply for Federal Aid and be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree. Application Deadline: Oct. 15.

Soroptimist, Int'l - Women’s Opportunity Awards
Scholarship Soroptimist
An organization of business and professional women united through volunteer efforts to enable women to live their dreams, to take control of their lives, and live according to their own values. Women’s Opportunity scholarships assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Application Deadline: Dec. 15.

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Showcase your talent to major design professionals and win a $5,000 scholarship. Download Application Deadline: Dec. 7.

dIsABLEdPerson Scholarship Fall 2012
A $1,000 scholarship award to college students with disabilities. Write an essay with no more than 750 words on how you are overcoming this challenge is due to fear of the unknown. Therefore, knowing what resources are available and instituting a support system allows for a healthier outcome. There are also many websites that provide in-depth information on domestic violence. Researching information on domestic violence is another way to gain insight and become equipped emotionally and mentally. This information can be used Building 5 personally to overcome abuse or to help someone overcome being abused. If you have not had an opportunity to get involved, is now a great time! There are many ways you can get involved. If you opt not to get involved just yet, I encourage you to find three things about domestic violence that you were not aware of. One thing might be the domestic violence circle or wheel. Another might be state assistance that is available to victims. If you or someone you know who like to talk with someone about domestic violence or would like to get involved with an organization, please feel free to contact me: Officer Rebecca Mahan, 760-755-6640 x 6419 or rmahann@mira cost.edu.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is aimed at bringing awareness to communities across the nation. Domestic Violence is violent and abusive behavior involving parties who are or have been married, lived together, or are family members. Many victims have a hard time overcoming domestic violence because they are not aware of the amount of resources available to them. Resources are available nationally, regionally, and locally. For example, MiraCosta Health Services is one resource. This resource provides a Domestic Violence Support Group that meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday through December 4th. To find out more about his opportunity contact: MiraCosta Health Services Department 760-755-6675. Reaching out can be a challenge for some. Part of this challenge is due to fear of the unknown. Therefore, knowing what resources are available and instituting a support system allows for a healthier Orange County Sheriff’s Foundation Scholarship Contest Deadline: Jan. 16.

Go to the MiraCosta College Scholarship website for more information and website links and apply today at www.miracost.edu/studentservices/scholarships/index.html

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For more information please call 760-795-6675

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Did you know that your Student ID card is one giant coupon?

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“From a guy’s point of view, we probably don’t wanna hear about it, but we’re not gonna ask questions about it. Unless the dude is insecure.” Kenny Obeso

“If you don’t act interested or jealous or mad, your girlfriend will think you don’t care.” Drew Obeso

“What are you gonna do? Keep them in a cave? They’re always gonna be around people. If you can’t let your partner have friends, it’s a sign that you’re insecure about the relationship. You can’t force somebody to be loyal to you. It only makes them rebel later.” John Stevens

“It can get weird if you don’t know the kind of people that your partner is friends with. It’s okay if you are familiar with your partner’s friends and their intentions and level of respect for you and your relationship.” Hillary Turner

“It’s cool if you trust your partner, but they shouldn’t talk or hang out with your partner more than they do with you. And they shouldn’t hang out with them alone. That’s too much of a tempting situation and you never know what’s gonna happen.” Jasmine Herrera

“Communication is important. You should be able to talk with your partner and tell them about all your friendships. And don’t lie, because if you have to lie, either you’re doing something wrong or you have communication issues with your partner.” Kaz Schneider

“It can be kind of uncomfortable if your partner has a better relationship with their ‘friends’ than with you.” Jimmy Collins

“People don’t like to be emotionally vulnerable and that’s why they take ownership of each other.” David Mcclow

“Some people need more security than others. You gotta have mutual respect.” Jane Myers

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