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Enjoy the New Year



## Letter from the Editor

By EVA KLEIN

As finals near, somehow I always find myself wondering, "What did these last four months mean to me?" I find myself trying to justify why I borrowed another semester's worth of student loans beyond the main goal of, "Getting that college degree," as my parents so often say.

As I was walking to class the other day I really started to think about what these last 15 units have meant to me. The subjects that I have studied this semester have opened my eyes to new perspectives in all aspects of the world. As students, we are all constantly learning new things whether this learning takes place in the classroom or out of the classroom. I feel that sometimes we have the tendency to fall into our routines of each semester and overlook the fact that we are indeed learning so much in each of our classes.

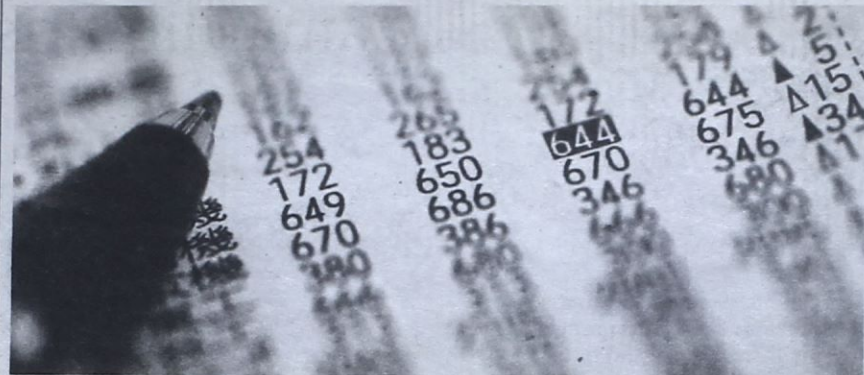
I'm sure you can all recall mid-terms-that stressful week where we wonder how we are going to make it through to the end of the semester. I remember myself saying the phrase that everyone turns to when class gets difficult, "I don't even know why I am taking this class!" The thing that I have come to realize after this semester is that even in the classes that we do not feel entirely connected to, we learn about the world that we live in, and we learn about abstract concepts that many people do not get the opportunity to learn.

My point is, even when it seems like school is monotonous or tedious, dreary or dull, think about the plethora of people in this world who do not have the opportunity of going to school or gaining the knowledge that you now have after spending another semester in school. With the immanent budget cuts looming over the CSU, it is certain that there are many students who will not have the opportunity to attend college who would have been admitted otherwise had the CSU been allotted adequate funding. So while you are enjoying your winter break, be thankful for the fact that you have the privilege of experiencing higher education.

With that said have a safe and relaxing winter break, CSU Channel Islands!



## Say Goodbye to \$31,000,000



By EVA KLEIN

On November 21, 2008, California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed held a media teleconference to address the recent system-wide impaction, the first such impaction of its kind within the California State University System. During the briefing, Reed addressed the current state of the California budget, and what it will mean to the CSU system in the near future.

The CI View was invited to that teleconference, and received information directly from Chancellor Reed himself regarding the issue. "This is going to be a rough year," said Reed. The CSU was originally allotted a budget of 2.79 billion dollars which is on target for what has been given in the past, but 215 million dollars less than what is needed to accommodate the anticipated growth of the CSU system. The CSU will also face a mid-year cut of 66.3 million dollars.

In most recent news, Chancellor Reed announced that an additional 31.3 million dollars will be cut, totaling a budget cut of 97.6 million dollars for 2008-2009. "It [the budget cut] is real; we have no choice," said Reed. As a result of the impaction all CSU campuses will have an enrollment cap that will be based on the current population of each campus with the application deadline for new students being no later than November 30th of 2008. Each campus will stay open until they meet their enrollment, but will remain open no later than November 30, 2008. CSU Northridge for example, is going to cut a total of 1,000 students from their enrollment growth.

"We are going to divide the cut in as fair of a way as we can," stated Reed. Along with the cap on enrollment

comes a plan to control student population by setting in place "service areas" for students. A service area university would refer to a CSU that is closest to a student's place of residence. The only exceptions for these service areas would be, for example, a particular major that is not offered at a student's service area campus, then they would be allowed to attend a CSU beyond their service area CSU. There are specific schools however, that would be considered "destination campuses" meaning that they do not apply to a particular service area. These schools would not have such limitations.

Chancellor Reed stated best, "We are an investment." For every dollar that the state invests in the CSU, \$4.41 is given back to the state of California through the graduates who enter the work force. This is a communication campaign that the CSU is promoting to increase awareness regarding the benefits of investing state dollars into the CSU.

The California State University System has set forth the precedent that their first priority is to current CSU students. The CSU is committed to protecting the quality of academics for all students. "The best case scenario for next year would be to keep the current budget, and to have the Governor and the legislature buy out student fees," stated Reed.

It is too early to tell what exactly the CSU will have to endure as a result of the budget cuts or if student fee increases can be expected. For more information regarding the system wide impaction, visit <http://www.calstate.edu>. For incoming students who need to apply before the deadline, please visit [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).