On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Corpus Christi’s city council had the first reading of the Distracted Driver Ordinance, which was approved by the mayor and members of city council. This new ordinance will make any hand-held use of a cell phone, while driving, illegal. Violators of the city ordinance will be fined at the officer who pulls over the driver’s discretion.

According to distraction.gov, around 3,331 people were killed in crashes due to a distracted driver in 2011. Texas does not have a statewide ban on driving with a cell phone but the National Department of Transportation recommended that such a law be passed to reduce the number of car accidents. University Police Department sergeant Ramon Casares said that while does not have official word on whether students will be affected, most likely they will have to adhere to the ordinance when on campus.

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“Eventually it would get to the (University) President, and go through legal until it would pass,” said Lillian Rojas, Corpus Christi Council member at-large. While the city already has a ban on using hand-held cell phones and texting in school zones, Corpus Christi hasn’t yet had a law which bans all hand-held cell phone use at all times. Violators of the ordinance can be fined up to $500 or would have to take a defensive driving or aggressive driving course. Floyd Simpson, CCPD Police Chief, explained to city council that the new ordinance will allow officers to pull over anyone they see using their cell phones while driving. Simpson says whether or not the officer gives them a ticket is up to their discretion.

Islanders weigh in on impending city ordinance to ban driving while using a cell phone.
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Let the countdown begin.
ON THE ISLAND
at a glance

Health fair in Dugan Wellness Center
The Dugan Wellness Center saw an influx of students and community members during the Hispanic Health Fair, which was held Tuesday, Sept. 23.

The event was a part of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. The fair included free health screenings provided by nursing students from the University and focused on diseases and conditions including diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol.

Professor on a mission
Dr. Phillip Rhoades is the director of social sciences at A&M-Corpus Christi and is currently exhibiting a presentation to decrease drowsy driving.

Rhoades is currently giving several presentations on drowsy drivers and has done so since the beginning of the fall semester. His presentation is called “The Dangers of Drowsy Driving” and is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Emergency response exercises conducted
The Texas A&M University Engineering Extension Service and Texas A&M University System Office of Risk Management collaborated to prepare for potential threats or emergencies.

Emergency response tabletop exercises were conducted to anticipate a threat or incident realistic to each campus involved helping university administrators and personnel keep staff and students safe in an emergency situation.

The exercises are designed to work out various scenarios in difficult circumstances to coordinate responders from both on and off the campus and include scenarios relating to natural disasters or suspected shooters on campus.

Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto
The Title V STEM Outreach, Access and Retention Program, also known as SOAR, held their Hispanics in Higher Education event on Sept. 28 in the University Center ballrooms.

The event featured various organizations showcasing their remotely operated vehicles, which were built on site.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s Chemistry Club present endothermic and exothermic reactions as well as teach the crowd of onlookers about the importance of understanding household items.

Crime

On Sept. 2 at 4:14 a.m police responded to two Class C minors in possession of alcohol in Marina Hall. The cases are cleared.

On Sept. 8 at 4:30 a.m police responded to a Class C criminal mischief ranging from $50-$500 in the Cutlew parking lot. The case is still active.

On Sept. 12 at 10:50 a.m police responded to a Class B theft ranging from $50-$500 in the Dugan Wellness Center. The case is still active.

On Sept. 16 at 10:45 p.m police responded to a Class C criminal mischief less than $50 in Surf Hall. The case is still active.

On Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m police responded to a Class A burglary of vehicle in the Camden Miramar lot 6. The case is still active.

On Sept. 21 at 10:50 p.m police responded to two Class A possession of marihuana in Harbor Hall. The case is still active.

On Sept. 23 at 12:30 a.m police responded to possession of marihuana less than 2 oz. in Miramar building 800. The case is still active.

On Sept. 23 at 10:30 a.m police responded to a Class B criminal mischief ranging from $50-$500 in the Coral parking lot. The case is still active.

On Sept. 24 at 6:45 p.m police responded to a Class B theft ranging from $50-$500 and State Jail Felony credit/debit card abuse in the University Center. The case is still active.

On Sept. 25 at 8:45 a.m police responded to a Class A theft ranging from $500-$1,500 in Corpus Christi Hall. The case is still active.

On Sept. 27 at 4:30 a.m police responded to a Class B criminal mischief ranging from $50-$500 in Surf Hall. The case is still active.

On Sept. 28 at 1:16 a.m police responded to a Class B criminal mischief ranging from $50-$500 in President’s parking lot. The case is still active.

On Sept. 29 at 9:51 p.m police responded to 2 degree felony in arson in Miramar Lane. The case is still active.
car accidents in Texas

by the numbers

- The fatality rate increased by 9.3 percent in 2012 from the previous year on Texas roadways. This translates to 1.41 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled.

- Texas saw 63,610 serious injury crashes on its roadways in 2012 with 87,087 people who sustained serious injuries.

- In 2012, 838 people were killed in car accidents that occurred in an intersection or were related to an intersection.

- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways, with one person killed every two hours and 35 minutes on Texas roadways in 2012.

- Pedestrian deaths increased by 13.2 percent in 2012 from the previous year, with 481 pedestrians killed in 2012.

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Islanders cross country team moves up six spots in latest regional poll

by STAFF REPORTS
goldlander

After an impressive first-place finish over the weekend at the Islander Splash, the women’s cross country team moved up six spots in the NCAA South Central Regional poll today, the largest jump by any team in any region in the nation. The men’s team maintained its spot in eighth place after a successful first-place finish at the Islander Splash over the weekend. "The women’s team had a tremendous race at the splash and the results of the poll reflect the effort they put forth Friday night," Head Coach Shawn Flanagan said. "We are moving in the right direction toward our long term goal which is to be a force to be reckoned with on the national stage. We are moving in the right direction we just have to keep going." The women’s team improved its regional ranking after securing the title at the Islander Splash. The team collected a score of 44 and was led by Cecilia Jones, who clocked a second-place finish with a time of 18:21.2. The team holds the top spot in the Southland with Sam Houston State (No. 8) and Lamar (No. 9) sitting behind the Islanders in the poll.

Women’s 5 km Run Team Division I Results:
1. Rogers State - 22
2. UT-Brownsville - 53
3. TAMU-Kingsville - 59
4. Texas A&M-International - 84

A&M-Corpus Christi Individual Women’s Results:
1. Cecilia Jones 18:21.2
2. Brandie Garcia 18:41.8
3. Rogers State 19:23.8
4. Sam Houston State 19:31.7
5. Lamar 19:57.8
6.Texas-Pan American 20:39.7
7. Prairie View 19-17
8. Texas Southern 20-4

Men’s 5 km Run Team Division I Results:
1. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi - 31
2. Houston - 38
3. Sam Houston State - 95
4. Texas-Pan American - 106
5. Texas State - 107
6. Texas Southern - 175
7. Prairie View - 179

Men’s 8 km Run Team Non-Division I Scores:
1. Rogers State - 22
2. Houston - 38
3. Sam Houston State - 95
4. Texas-Pan American - 106
5. Texas State - 107
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The men’s team stayed strong, holding the eighth spot in the South Central Regional poll and currently sits in fourth place in a very competitive Southland League. The Islanders are behind Stephen F. Austin (No. 5), Lamar (No. 6) and defending Southland Conference Champions McNeese State (No. 7). "The men’s team’s steady ranking reflects a solid performance from the splash and now both teams will get the opportunity to improve their rankings at the regional meet at Terre Haute, Ind. on Oct. 19," Flanagan added.

The Islanders will next be in action on Oct. 12 at the University of Incarnate Word Cardinal Invitational in San Antonio. Both teams will then head to Terre Haute, Ind. for the NCAA Pre-Nationals on Oct. 19.

Women’s USTFCCC
South Central Regional Rankings:
1. Arkansas 2, Texas 3, Texas A&M 4, SMU 5, Baylor 6, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 7, Rice 8, Sam Houston State 9, Lamar, 10, UT Arlington, 11, UTSA 12, Arkansas State 13, Central Arkansas, 14, Texas Southern, 15, Stephen F. Austin

Men’s USTFCCC
South Central Regional Rankings:
1. Arkansas 2, Texas 3, Texas A&M 4, Stephen F. Austin, 5, Lamar, 7, McNeese State, 8, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 9, Arkansas 9, Little Rock 10, Houston, 11, Central Arkansas, 12, ULM, 13, UT Arlington, 14, UTSA, 15, North Texas

by ALEXIS DE LEON
sports editor

A s students, we all hope to someday make enough money to support ourselves and our families. So we often find ourselves extremely busy. I find myself between going out and staying in. However, when the opportunity is too good to pass up, sacrifices must be made in order to move my academic/professional life forward.

I was recently sent to San Diego, California to attend a conference hosted by the Marine Technology Society. It was incredible to say the least. Having to miss three days of labs, classes and extracurricular activities though, is certainly not the ideal. I was able to find a way to just see how far someone would go to advance his or her career.

No one sacrifices more than Olympians. Their time, bodies and social life all must be sacrificed for the greater good. Three years ago, at the age of 14, Gabby “flying squirrel” Douglas left her mom, her three siblings and her two dogs and moved from Virginia to Iowa to work with an Olympic caliper coach, Lang Chow, who coached Shawn Johnson to Olympic gold in 2008. When Abby Johnston’s diving coach moved from Columbus, Ohio to North Carolina to coach at Duke University, Johnston went with him. The Olympic silver medalist in synchronized diving got an apartment and took online courses, missing all of the awesomeness of her senior year. The pursuit of an Olympic dream also impacted the family and Johnston’s two sisters, with vacations planned around diving meets. Sometimes, even holidays played second fiddle to diving.

Beach volleyball player Jennifer Kressy is now well into her thirties and still sacrificing for her Olympic team. After missing the 2008 games by 10.5 points, Kressy spent the next set of four years living out of her suitcase and training every single day. Every single day, regardless of the events and having to Skype date her boyfriend, who is a French volleyball player, are some of the sacrifices Kressy has made for her career. No Olympian has sacrificed quite so much as weightlifter Sarah Robles. Though Robles is the highest ranked weightlifter in the United States, she was forced off of the June 2012 weightlifting, up until 2012, Robles would live off food stamps and anonymous donation to make ends meet so that she could continue training for the Olympics. Often with no place to stay at all, the Islander University make sacrifices in order to be better. They often begin their workouts before the sun rises and end their days well after the sun has set. That schedule sounds a lot like the life of a STEM student and so we are all brought together by the sacrifice to find the scintillating for the unforgettable.

While students and athletes alike are out on the hunt for a better future they should always keep in mind that compromise and sacrifice can be a helpful tool to reaching goals, but one should never sacrifice for who they are for what they think they should be.
**Islanders Broadcast Crew**

**by ALEXIS DE LEON**

**sports editor**

The Islanders Broadcast Crew is an organization responsible for broadcasting all of Island University’s sporting events as well as producing biweekly sports shows. Senior Communication Media Studies major and Vice President of the Cheer, Soo Soup Films, Erick Cantu explains what happens behind the scenes while everyone else is watching the game.

“I started in fall of 2012,” Cantu said. “We started out as a group of students who were passionate about sports and media-related affairs. We were recruited by Matt Brady; he told me that he as a head of a media team to be able to broadcast all the university’s Games. As time progressed throughout the fall semester I realized the potential for the group to become an official student organization on campus. I spoke to Matt Brady and he agreed it would be a good idea.

Cantu is currently the President of the IBC and his range of responsibilities varies quite a bit. Ultimately he is responsible for all aspects of the live broadcasts, which includes ensuring all cameras, microphones, switching directors, and personnel are in place and ready for quality broadcasts.

The IBC is also responsible for filming and producing the bi-weekly short videos for the Islanders Insider which is a sports talk show that includes coaches and players and airs on campus in Houston.

“In Spring of 2013 I began the process of building a team from scratch to bring the organization and Islanders Broadcast Crew officially to campus. As president, Cantu is also held responsible for all business related responsibilities for the organization which include reaching out to and training new members, partnerships developing the incentive program, finding ways to make the equipment more efficient, and continue to grow the organization to provide elite broadcasts.

There really is no typical day for the Islanders Broadcast Crew,” Cantu said. “This is what makes working with this group so exciting. We are a very active organization. I will try my best to explain this as one moment for Islanders Broadcast Crew can see in no typical day other being that it is full of excitement and opportunities to learn more.”

Cantu admits that though his responsibilities remain the same, he is not able to perform these tasks without the help of a solid team. The IBC is currently comprised of 14 members including four officers: Vice President Teddy Medina, Speaker of the House Orlando Narvaez, Treasurer Dixie Renfrow and of course Cantu as president.

“The fun thing about IBC is we have a team member who is interested in another area such as editing, but may not be very experienced with it, we will teach them,” Cantu said. “If they have the potential, I will put them on the rotation and teach them. We will not shut someone out because they lack experience. This is why we focus on creating opportunities they may have otherwise never have had.”

Cantu feels the hardest part about the job is generating interest in the organization around campus. The Broadcast Crew looks for students who are, above all else, available. The IBC believes that daily interactions with each other in what makes the group so special. Students looking to get involved with the IBC are more than welcome to apply by visiting goislanders.com/ibc.

“I feel Islanders Broadcast Crew is essential to TAMUCC because we are dedicated to our goal of producing high quality broadcasts and boosting our Athletics program and universities exposure, while at the same time, developing students to possess the necessary skills for valuable careers in the broadcasting industry,” Cantu said. “We want to showcase Texas A&M Corpus Christi as a beacon for setting high quality standard of broadcasting amongst universities.”

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**Islanders clip Cardinals in five-set thriller, 3-2**

**by ALEXIS DE LEON**

**sports reporter**

The Islanders answered back to win the second set, 25-19, before the Islanders captured the set 25-19. The Islanders were down early with a first-set loss, but after an Islanders timeout, junior Ashley Phelps (1), Brink (2) and Baresh (1) answered with four impressive kills to help power the Islanders to a 15-12 final set win. Junior Brianna Brink (2) and Baresh (1) answered with four impressive kills to help power the Islanders to a 15-12 final set win.

The teams went back-and-forth until Lamar scored three consecutive points to knock the Islanders isad one at 15-23. After an Islanders timeout, the teams traded points before Lamar tied the set at 24-24 on a pair of hitting errors by the Islanders. However, the Islanders finished the set on consecutive errors by the Cardinals to win 26-24.

The Islanders were quick to keep the momentum going with a 25-19 third-set victory. Texas A&M- Corpus Christi outlasted the Cardinals 235-159 and out-blocked the home team 4-1. Brink and Sanchez each tallied four kills and Barensh tallied six digs. Parker and Barensh also managed three blocks apiece. The Islanders jumped out to an early 3-2 lead and held the lead through the whole set. Lamar was quick to answer at 19-14 with a 4-4 run to pull within two. Barensh, Bourque and Sanchez re-tangled with a kill apiece and Lamar committed an error to pad the Islanders lead to 23-17. After forcing eight total points by the Cardinals, the Islanders finished the set with back-to-back points to win the set 25-19.

Lamar, unwilling to give up, answered back in the fourth set to win 25-11 and even the match at 2-2. The Cardinals hit .423 in the set and out-blocked the Islanders 4-1. The home team opened with an 11-7 lead before putting things away at 13-5 to win 25-11.

In the fifth and final set, the Islanders fell behind 7-4, before Brink put down a kill and Lamar committed an error to cut the deficit to one. After amazing rallying back-and-forth, the Islanders scored straight points to knot the set at 9 and force a Cardinal timeout.

Following the timeout, Bourque and Parker teamed up for a block assist and Lamar committed a hitting error to put the Islanders ahead 11-8. The Cardinals rallied to tie the set again, but the Islanders put the game on ice as Lamar committed a hitting error to put the Islanders on game point at 24-21. Bourque and Sanchez each tallied a high point and the Islanders won the set 25-21.

Johnson Sits Second Through First Day of ORU Shootout Junior Vanessa Johnson shot a two-round 148 (76-72) to sit in second place through the first two rounds of the ORU Shootout, presented by Bob Multi Auto Family. A&M-Corpus Christi golf team sits in a tie for eighth with a 623 (310-313) through 36 holes of action.

“It was really great to see Vanessa bounce back after a rough start to her season last time at Nebraska,” head coach Carol Blakemar said. “She looked more like the golfer she was a year ago. And Ana had a really solid day for us as well. We just need to develop more consistency and get everyone going at the same time, and hopefully we can do that tomorrow.”

Johnson is one of four players tied for second with a 149, as that quartet sits one back of leader Sofie Kuarnstrom of Arkansas-Little Rock. The Islanders are currently two shots back of the help of two second round rounds by Taylor Stoval and Wenny Chang of Lamar in addition to Abigail Lake of Arkansas State.

Ana Pavolos, a freshman from San Antonio, had a solid opening round 38 holes in which she was out of her career, going 76-78-104 on the first day of the Shootout to sit in a tie for 25th. Lindsay Biehler posted a 77 in the opening round, but fell back with an 81 in the afternoon to sit in 42nd with a 158. Krista Fenniak (82-80—162, 64th) and Claudia Galindo (92-81—173, 86th) rounded out the scores for the Islanders.
Karaoke, meaning empty track, derives from far away in Japan and somehow found its way over to the United States so Americans everywhere can have their momentary glimmer of stardom. For some, karaoke is an activity that is only participated in when liquid encouragement is involved, but for others, karaoke is a remedy for boredom.

“I love doing karaoke when I’m bored at home,” stated freshman Theatre major, Jamison Williams. “I just go to YouTube and turn on some karaoke and just go at it for hours.”

This was Jamison’s second time participating in Karaoke in the UC and says, “I love to sing. I love being in front of groups. I am so patient.”

Spoken like a true karaoke king. He says he sings karaoke to improve his skill and that it is a fun thing to do when he is bored. Jamison has a tip for any aspiring karaoke singers that are worried of what others might think.

“Just get over it; people are going to say what they are going to say,” said Jamison. “As long as you’re having fun, who cares what everyone else is saying.”

Karaoke in the UC started in the spring semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Megan Klingler, Event Coordinator of the UC and Student Activities, said that the karaoke system that they use “is called the karaoke channel. It’s an online website that we have purchased. It’s a yearly subscription. You just subscribe to it and then you have access to all the songs. We are actually looking into a new online subscription system that has more up to date songs.”

Klingler also told me that at “on average we have about 25-30 people sign up to sing. If we keep getting a good turn out like we are we will definitely be planning to stay up with it.”

When asked why Student Activities chose to do Karaoke in the UC and how it is affecting the faculty and staff that work in the UC, Klingler answered, “we wanted something that was fun for the students, something that they could enjoy to relieve stress. We’ve actually had a lot of students tell us that they enjoy it because it’s such a good stress reliever for them. It’s also good for entertainment while you’re eating lunch. A lot of the other departments here in the UC love it. If you watch you’ll see them come out of their offices and stand on the second and third floor and watch and eat lunch. We’ve actually gotten a lot of really good feedback from them.”

There you have it, so whether rocking out to your favorite sing along is your thing, or just enjoying some good old fun observing, karaoke in the UC is an event to check out.
Mike Henneberger receives an Emmy award in the category of Outstanding Interactive Program for "Night of Too Many Stars: America Comes Together for Autism Programs." The 2013 Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards ceremony was held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Nokia Theatre LA LIVE in Los Angeles.

Mike Henneberger

Alumnus and former Island Waves entertainment editor receives Emmy award following undergraduate internship

by SAMMY ALCORTA reporter

"I work at Comedy Central Digital, where we handle all things web related for Comedy Central. Specifically, I work on the shows "Workaholics" and "Tosh.0," and also this year I worked on the "Roast of James Franco.""

What was different about working on "Night of Too Many Stars" as opposed to other programs you work on?

Working on this show, it was great to see all these celebrities come out and raise money for a good cause. Seth Rogen auctioned off a chance to go pee with him and Tina Fey and Amy Poehler auctioned off a chance to be their best friend for the night. People in the audience actually bid $45,000 and there for those opportunities. Katy Perry performed "Firework" with Jodie Sweetin from "Fuller House" who is a 31-year-old girl with autism. That video can still be found on YouTube and anyone who watches it will cry. I cried maybe 10 times already.

What was your involvement on "Night of Too Many Stars"?

I worked my butt off for two weeks with the preparations. Then the one week between the taping and airing, I worked 91 hours. I was in the office making sure everything online was up and running correctly, checking that YouTube clips with links were directing people to correct web pages, updating the online auction featuring celebrity items. Nick Offerman from the show "Parks and Recreation" did a strip tease where the more money raised, the more he would strip. So I was constantly uploading videos for that.

How did you get started working at Comedy Central?

I did an internship with Viacom (BET, Comedy Central? MTV, Nickelodeon, Paramount Pictures, Spike, TV Land, VH1 and Viacom International Media Networks). I worked for "The Colbert Report" on the digital side, and worked my ass off. Right before I graduated, I emailed everyone I knew there, got a couple of interviews and got hired. I started off as an production assistant and now I am a production coordinator.

What is one thing you would like students to take away from learning about your experience?

We might feel inferior to others who go to bigger named universities, but it is not impossible to move on to great things after college. When I interviewed at "The Colbert Report" I spent a day on a video shoot with Berry White for "The Daily Show," and I walked into the break rooms to find a large poster board with photos of all their interns with the schools they attended like Yale, UCLA, Harvard and Columbia. On the refrigerator door a note said, "Attention interns, this is the new soda distribution chart." These people from big named schools who were passing out soda and getting mail. It doesn't matter where you come from, it only matters what you do when you are there. You can be from anywhere and make just as good of an impression.

For more information on "Night of Too Many Stars" visit comedycentral.com/shows/night-of-too-many-stars.
RAPE ON CAMPUS

by KATHLEEN RAMIREZ features editor

In light of the media’s recent attention on the two sexual assault cases that occurred at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Island Waves investigates the number of sexual assault cases that have occurred at A&M University-Corpus Christi.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network website at rainn.org, one out of every six women in the United States “has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.” Additionally, one out of every 33 men in America has experienced an attempted or completed rape within their lifetime.

“Our statistics for rape that have been reported are very low,” Melissa Wright, support service lieutenant for the University Police Department said. “Of course that’s just what’s been reported to the police department, not to say it doesn’t occur. From what we’re aware of, our rape statistics are very low.”

The most recent sexual offense incident that occurred on A&M-Corpus Christi property took place in 2011 at the Islander Art Gallery, Corpus Christi property took place in 2011 at the Islander Art Gallery, located in the Hamlin Shopping Center.

“If we have property [off campus] we have to report that also,” Wright said. “The last one reported was from off campus, but we have in the past had one or two a year occur [on campus].”

Sonya Cortez, associate vice president and dean of students, says in most of the reported incidents, the people involved have known each other.

“Most of the situations that we’re familiar with have been where people have known each other, there have been somehow connected in the past, or are friends or acquaintances through groups,” DeGaish said. “It hasn’t been a complete stranger taking a person somewhere and raping them. It’s been more situations that have evolved into that.”

Under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, university police are required to publish an annual report that contains campus crimes for the past three years.

According to the most recent A&M-Corpus Christi Clery Act, there were a total of two reported cases of forcible sexual offenses from 2010 to 2012.

Forcible sexual offenses, as defined by the Clery Act, are “any sexual act directed against another person forcibly and/or against that person’s will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent.”

“We are a fairly safe place, but you still have to be very cautious,” DeGaish said. “With the date rape drugs being introduced, there are just more opportunities for people to be put in that situation. Be aware of your surroundings, be on guard, watch out for your friends and just be very cautious. Do not share a lot of information when you first meet somebody, don’t put yourself in a situation that could be compromised.”

“Make sure it’s reported, if not to the university police department, then there are other resources here on campus; there’s the counseling center, the health center and our student affairs division,” Wright said.

“There’s other places that people can report it if they’re not comfortable coming to the police department, but we do encourage them to report it. And if it’s not them, if it’s a friend, if they’ll just come forward and let us know so we can investigate it.”

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT:

by TINA LENTZ features reporter

After his first year of graduate school, Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta became the director of the University Core Curriculum Programs and professor of political science, realizing that he was going to be a university professor. Up until this point he had no idea what he was going to do with his political science degree, and was in the same boat that many college students find themselves in now.

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“Office hours and visits can become a little more of a challenge; even so, I still make it a point to spend time with students,” said Dr. Huerta of his, typical, 200 to 250 student classes. “I value that.”

Dr. Huerta confessed that he knows it can be hard for students because they have other things going on. He also understands that it can be difficult for students who are away from home.

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“It’s an awesome responsibility, when I stop and think about it the impact we’re having on our students,” said Dr. Huerta.

“Judicial affairs has started a step-up training program where they’re going out and encouraging people to intervene,” DeGaish said. “There’s been a show on TV with 20/20, [called] ‘What Would You Do,’ and it’s kind of based on that. Some of the shows they use in the training are directly from that, where they show scenes in clubs, and people intervening to prevent the girl from leaving with the guy.”

University police also encourages students to report any incidents to the proper authority.

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“Judicial affairs has started a step-up training program where they’re going out and encouraging people to intervene,” DeGaish said. “There’s been a show on TV with 20/20, [called] ‘What Would You Do,’ and it’s kind of based on that. Some of the shows they use in the training are directly from that, where they show scenes in clubs, and people intervening to prevent the girl from leaving with the guy.”

University police also encourages students to report any incidents to the proper authority.

“Make sure it’s reported, if not to the university police department, then there are other resources here on campus; there’s the counseling center, the health center and our student affairs division,” Wright said.

“There’s other places that people can report it if they’re not comfortable coming to the police department, but we do encourage them to report it. And if it’s not them, if it’s a friend, if they’ll just come forward and let us know so we can investigate it.”

Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta

Melina Ortiz, a Biomedical Science major, and student of Dr. Huerta’s introductory class, said, “He’s really passionate about what he’s teaching, and usually when professors are like that you get more out of the class.”

Dr. Huerta teaches an introductory class to political science, state and local politics and U.S. government politics and, on occasion, the senior capstone for political science majors.

“I want to get in the zone before I go teach class,” Dr. Huerta said.

One way he prepares for class is visualizing what he wants to accomplish for that day. How ever, he said, “If it goes a different way than I intended I’m not going to say, ‘Well, the lecture didn’t go well’ ever, he did say, “If it goes a different way than I intended I’m not going to say, ‘Well, the lecture didn’t go well.”

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“Professor humor” is just as much a learning experience for him as it is for the students, he likes to joke about using “professor humor” in class in the hopes that it, Cortez said, “I think he’s really cool,” said Laura Ramos, a nursing major, “and he makes the subject interesting.”
Being fully utilized.

Despite the University's attempt to curb the parking problem, the Momentum campus is not Corpus Christi's Newest Club

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THE BEARD

by KATHLEEN RAMIREZ features editor

No Shave November has come early this year to Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi Facial Hair Club, which held its first get-together in July, has a membership that includes both males and females.

"Why not have a club like this?" Kyle Bauer, Corpus Christi Facial Hair Club president said. "I feel it's important because I think that we don't have enough men growing their facial hair out and being proud of it, and this club allows a way to do that. We won't make fun of you. The idea is to promote the growth of facial hair and the camaraderie that surrounds it."

While there are many facial hair clubs all over the world, each one is different in the way they operate and the events they host. The Corpus Christi Facial Hair Club is just getting started, but they already have plans to help out the community.

"Our club will do what our members like and what they want to happen," Bauer said. "I like local things, so everything we do will be to help people locally. If we need shirts made, I'm not going to go online. I'm going to make friends with someone who makes shirts and give him or her some business. So the idea behind this club is to be local."

Necati Öztürk, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Computer Science major, says he is unaware of the club, but is a fan of facial hair.

"I like having some facial hair," Öztürk said. "As a matter of fact, I would be glad if I could grow thicker facial hair. I'm not a huge fan of mustaches, but I like growing a beard on my chin area."

Business majors, and facial hair growers, Michael Galindo was also unaware of the club, but says he would be interested in joining.

"I didn't know there was a facial hair club, but I would like to join, it seems funny," Galindo said. "I think you look a lot more like a man if you have facial hair and I personally think it looks really cool."

As of now, the Corpus Christi Facial Hair Club has about 20 to 30 members. In addition to hanging out together and hosting meet and greets, the club has volunteered in a beach cleanup. Members of the club have also participated in various facial hair competitions.

"We drink beer, laugh and talk about facial hair beauty tips," Bauer said. "Girls are welcome, we can't do this club without them. Our Secretary, Anne Pfeiffer, has won numerous competitions throughout the United States with her many types of beards, including shaping her dreadlocks that she saved into a beard."

Even though the club is just starting up, Bauer says they already have plans for the future.

"In December, the group is going to be heading to Dickens on The Strand in Galveston, TX, to be a part of the Beard Parade with the Austin Facial Hair Club," Bauer said. "In April, we will be having a facial hair competition. It will have different categories, including full beard and mustache, and there's even a women's category."

As of now, Bauer isn't sure if any A&M-Corpus Christi students are involved with the club, but says he does encourage anyone interested to join.

"I think there might be some students in the club, but I haven't gotten to know everyone yet," Bauer said. "We're just starting out, and even if we were full blown, we still need new faces. You can do whatever you want with your facial hair. If you want to join us and drink a beer with us, great, the more the merrier."

For more information on the Corpus Christi Facial Hair Club, or to get involved with the club, visit facebook.com/CCFHC.

"We don't have any set requirements as of right now, other than showing up and contributing to the growth of the club and the growth of your facial hair," Bauer said. "I hope to get a few of our members to grow their hair, go to competitions, and eventually, we'll send someone to Europe to attend the World Beard and Moustache Championships."
WHAT: The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education will sponsor Mark and Christine Robbins’ Oral History Project: Hispanic Farm Labor Communities in South Texas History
WHEN: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
WHERE: University Center, Lone Star Ballroom 142A

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 and Rock CC invite you to come out and join a local music showcase by the Chickas Rock and Turntable Academy students
WHEN: Noon
WHERE: Stripes Headquarters, 4525 Ayers St.

WHAT: Sherri Shepherd, Comedienne, Actress, and Co-Host of the award-winning daytime show “The View,” will speak on diabetes awareness.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Performing Arts Center

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 joins the Downtown Management District’s Art Walk of Corpus Christi
WHEN: 5:30–8:30 p.m.
WHERE: La Retama Park, 601 N. Water Street

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 invites you to “Meet Your Trainer: Fitness A’La Carte”
WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: The Center, 2021 Agnes St.

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 welcomes Corpus Christi’s first Bridge Walk
WHEN: 7:30 a.m.
WHERE: Heritage Park, 1581 N. Chaparral St.

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 and the Corpus Christi Water Gardens invites you to join in a community “Water Gardens Re-energized: Clean Up and Painting”
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WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 and the girls from Hurricane Alley Roller Derby (HARD) invite you to come learn more about the Roller Derby phenomenon during “Play H.A.R.D.”
WHEN: Noon-1 p.m.
WHERE: Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013, Young Business Professionals of the Coastal Bend, and Leadership Corpus Christi will host “World Class City: Building Corpus Christi’s Global Impact through High Level Leadership”
WHEN: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Corpus Christi Town Club, 800 N. Shoreline Blvd, 6th floor

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 welcomes you to the “Find Your Career Compass: Lunch and Learn” event
WHEN: 12–1 p.m.
WHERE: Coastal Compass, 5488 S. Padre Island Drive

WHAT: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present an FYI writing exhibit
WHEN: Daily from Monday, Oct. 7, through Friday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: University Center, Legacy Hall

WHAT: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s Islander Cultural Alliance and University Center Commons Programming will host a big game of Loteria
WHEN: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
WHERE: UC Commons
Corporations weigh heavy on environment
Environmental disaster predicted, consumers expected to solve issue

The International Panel on Climate Change recently released their strongest warning on climate change stating that if humans do not make drastic efforts to curb emissions, the global temperature will increase by 3.4 degrees Fahrenheit. The panel put a limit on carbon emissions that can be burned if humanity hopes to avoid a climate crisis. This warning alarmed global communities, due to the fact that it seems that most people are trying to go green lately if trends are correct. Everything from bag bans to a push for more gas efficient cars to the decrease of use in plastic bottles, green is in and seems to be a permanent fixture on everyone’s mind.

Unfortunately, this may be a combination of “too little too late” as well as putting the blame in the wrong hands. When we see such a strong warning coming from the IPCC, we have to wonder if moving to recycled spirals this school year was ever enough. While consumers play a strong role in shaping policies, we have to look at the creator of these goods and their practices. In their warning, the IPCC also noted that more than half of a trillion carbon has been burned since the Industrial Revolution, an observation that should help put into perspective the amount of waste that land, a peculiar phenomenon, as well as the clearing of trees to make room for the pipe, putting the blame on consumers for the reason that carbon emissions are increasing is at the very least untruthful. Since global warming became a hot topic and trend piece, it’s become practice to make people feel guilty for their “wasteful” lifestyle and then offer a relief for this guilt with the purchase of a new, green product.

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Hate speech on campus should not be allowed

Your item regarding the LePelle confrontation at the Garcia Plaza on Sept. 19 merely parrots the school administration’s rationalization for giving the preacher prior approval for coming on campus. Your blurb briefly touches on Mr. LePelle’s themes, but fails to recognize that his diatribe included specific hate speech addressed directly to a student who may have been Middle Eastern, cursing him as a Muslim who will go directly to hell. He also attached me, when I had identified myself as gay. Again, he repeatedly cursed me and attacked me for my gay. Again, he repeatedly cursed me and attacked me for my gay. And yes, he repeatedly cursed me up and down the block.

Finally, if his demeaning comments about women were not hate speech, I don’t know what is, and the women in the crowd clearly believed themselves the targets of his insulting and offensive remarks.

Page 102 of the 2013-14 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, defines banned harassment, and certainly seems to cover Mr. LePelle’s speech, which may have been free for him but costly to every student he systematically attacked. Does this code not apply to Mr. LePelle because he is not a student and had no business on campus? IW is well known for its hard-hitting editorials and cogent arguments, but I believe it should revisit the LePelle incident.

-Hank Reddick