Dust off your devil horns or witch hats and strap on your dancing shoes, the SMC Halloween Monster Bash is back October 26th and more terrifying than ever.

In past years, the event was held in Bechtel Hall and was host to a cornucopia of Samuel Merritt’s scariest including an early evening all ages affair.

After the witching hour, things got more mature and students from around campus enjoyed fine food, drink and hip hop music well into the night. With the anticipation of a record crowd in 2007, partiers can expect even more food and drink, a professional DJ, state of the art sound and lighting and a dance floor rivaling Saturday Night Fever.

CSPM’s Alpha Gamma Kappa chapter is hosting the event and promises to produce.

The doors open at 7pm for the young ghouls and goblins but grandpa’s ol’ cough medicine starts flowing at 9pm so we ask the crowd to be of drinking age at that time.

Prizes will be given for best single and group costume so dress to impress, but when the clock strikes 12am Bechtel Hall will turn back into a pumpkin so make like a ghost and disappear. Hope to see you there!  - Kevin Blue

Roman Emperor Peter Barbosa and accompanying scholars.

Alli Della Maggiora & Richelle Engbreton in their Halloween finest.

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**Halloween Dance**

**Student Body Association Activities**

The Student Body Association (SBA) meets regularly on Thursday afternoons from 1-2 pm in the SBA office. The following meetings will be held on: October 18, November 15, November 29, & December 13.

**Activities for the upcoming Months:**

Mediterranean-style food to be served for a campus-wide event in November. Raffle prizes to be offered to the SMC community. More information regarding time and day will be announced.

**Finals Week Goodies:**

Goodies will be provided during Finals week. Select areas on campus will have snacks, pencils, and other fun toys for the taking. First come, first served!
Fall BBQ: A Smashing Success!

Each semester, the SBA throws a campus-wide BBQ. This year, on Sept 27th, it was a smashing success!

On the menu was Great American BBQ’s ribs and chicken, followed by salad greens, veggie platters, fruit, chips and dip, desserts, and rockin’ music piping out of the public address system. Students, staff, and faculty came out to enjoy the great food and the beautiful weather.

In addition to the meal, students, staff, and faculty were offered the opportunity to enter a raffle. Prizes ranged from Starbucks and Jamba Juice gift cards to iPOD shuffles.

$10 Starbucks Gift Card Winners:
Jennifer Watkins
Cydne Shapiro
Andy Moon
Jill Emerson
Visoth Chan

$10 Jamba Juice Card Winners:
Helen Huynh
Sian DeLuca
Traci Brinkman
Wendy Stafford
Shalini Jeyakumar

iPOD Shuffle winners:
Mher Vartivarian
Monieka Thompson

Congratulations to the winners! Hope to see you next semester!

Diversity Day

This is Samuel Merritt College’s Annual Celebration of the richness of our community. This program, in its 11th year, is an opportunity for us to showcase our familial, racial, ethnic, and religious culture. This year’s event is Thursday, November 1, 2007 from 11-2, to correspond to La Dia de Los Muertos. This is a wonderful event and gives us a chance to gather around food and community, and find the meaning of our community in a personal and rich way. Food is provided free of charge and this year will be having a live performance by Women of the World from 12:30-1:15.

We ask that you come, and that you share a part of who you are with all of us. Please bring some food that is meaningful in your family or culture to share; please bring a cultural artifact to display that will help us better understand your traditions.

Contact Kira Allen in the Office of Student Services at kallen@samuelmerritt.edu for more information.

-Craig Elliott II

1st Annual Harvest Festival/Halloween Party

The 1st Annual Samuel Merritt College Harvest Festival/Halloween Party Tuesday, October 30, 2007 in the Bechtel Room From 4-8 pm

Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, FREE community event where we can all bring our children and our significant others to P-A-R-T-Y! The night will include:

A Costume Contest including 8 prize winning categories: newborn to age 2, 3 to 9, 10 to 13, 13 to 18, 19 and over; plus staff, faculty and students will each have their own categories as individuals and as small groups!

Various other contests including: The Silliest and the Scariest Pre-carved Pumpkins and a Halloween Limbo!

Trick or Treating through the Departments from 4 to 5 pm!

A Super Scary Haunted House in HEC 204 from 5 to 8 pm!

Face Painting, a Spider Ring Toss and a Piñata!

Snack foods being sold as fundraisers for various student groups!

-Kira Allen
Many may still address this professor as Doctor Fred Feuchter, but with his kick back demeanor, staff and students can simply refer him “Fred.” Since 1994, Fred has worked for the Samuel Merritt College (SMC) dedicating his venerable hard work educating students, specifically in Anatomy and Neuroanatomy, to become wonderful professionals. He is the charter member of the Occupational Therapy Department. However, what you may not know is that two years ago, he also moved to the Basic Science Department, which means that he is in your department as well. He plans to update SMC’s lab with awesome “Plastination Models,” just like Body Worlds in the near future. So, if you ever bump into Fred, make sure to thank him for his contribution.

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching?
A: “Being able to watch students mature in their field and since most students are like my children’s age, it’s like playing with my kids again.”

Q: What kind of food do you enjoy most?
A: “Breakfast is my favorite, especially when my wife and I have our own fresh farm eggs from our chickens in our backyard. Nothing beats it. Otherwise, if I had to choose it would be Italian food.”

Q: Who would you vote for the United States President?
A: “I can’t see myself voting for anyone who’s running for President for the 08’ election. I’m more of an issue voter and if I must choose, I guess I’ll have to go with the democrats.”

Q: How do you feel about the adult learning model (apparently, our school is based on that)?
A: “I think it is great. It allows students to be responsible and figure out what to learn in their own pace and it gives the students opportunities for self-assessments.”

Fun Fact: As for pets, Fred has 4 horses, 4 cats, 1 dog, 1 African grey parrot, 24 chickens and hens. He jokes, “and 10 thousand fleas…”

-Vinnie Cheung MOT

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Halloween Word Search

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Scholars In Service Program

Scholars in Service Program (SISP) will have its next meeting November 15th and November 19th from 12-1 pm. Nominations for club officers are now being accepted. If interested, or to put forward a nomination, please contact Kira Allen at kallen@samuelmerritt.edu.

College Catalog and Student Handbook

You can now view a hard copy of the College Catalog and Student Handbook at any Samuel Merritt College site. Copies are available in the Reserve Section of the libraries in Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, and San Mateo. At Saint Mary’s Medical Center, a copy is maintained by the Administrative Assistant to the Dean.
-John Garten-Shuman

Cirque du Soleil Discounted Tickets!

San Francisco, October 11, 2007 --- Cirque du Soleil is inviting college students to experience KOOZA for the first time in the U.S. at a special price. Category 3 tickets are offered exclusively to college students for all performances in San Francisco and San Jose at only $31 (regular price: $55) and can be purchased at www.cirqueadosoleil.com/baystudents. A valid student ID must be presented. This discount is not available on previously purchased tickets.

KOOZA will make its U.S. premiere under the Grand Chapiteau in San Francisco on Friday, November 16, 2007, followed by a limited engagement in San Jose that begins on Thursday, January 31, 2008. KOOZA is the 20th Cirque du Soleil production and joins the 13 other shows currently performing around the world.

The Show

KOOZA is a return to the origins of Cirque du Soleil that combines two circus traditions — acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. The show highlights the physical demands of human performance in all its splendor and fragility, presented in a colorful mé-lange that emphasizes bold slapstick humor. Between strength and fragility, laughter and smiles, turmoil and harmony, KOOZA explores themes of identity, recognition and power. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement.

KOOZA performance schedule for San Francisco:
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 8pm
- Fridays and Saturdays at 4pm and 8pm
- Sundays at 1pm and 5pm

KOOZA tells the story of The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world. Between strength and fragility, laughter and smiles, turmoil and harmony, KOOZA explores themes of fear, identity, recognition and power. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement.